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CRIME

West Point man charged with sexual extortion, electronic solicitation of child

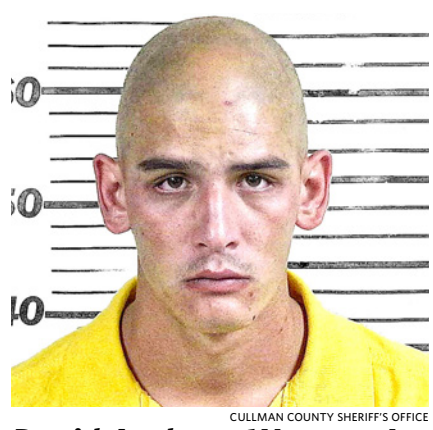
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies and investigators arrested David Anthony Watson Jr., 23, of West Point Friday, charging him with electronic solicitation of a child and sexual extortion.

According to the CCSO, the arrest came after a brief investigation and consultation with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office.

"I would like to thank all the deputies, investigators and also the Child Advocacy Center (Brooks' Place) for all they did to put this predator behind bars," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Due to this case involving a minor child, the CCSO cannot release further details. Watson is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $60,000 property bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

David Anthony Watson, Jr.

– LOCAL MUSIC –

Get to know Jesse Priest Music



WHITNEY MCANNALLY

Left to right are Jesse Priest, C.J. McAnnally and Aaron Chandler

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CULLMAN, Ala. – "Like any good, Southern musician, I started out singing and playing in church," local favorite Jesse Priest said of the origins of his musical journey.

The Holly Pond graduate went on to meet drummer C.J. McAnnally, of Fairview, at the Cullman Area Technology Academy. The two worked on cars, but bonded over their love of music. Eventually Priest met Aaron Chandler at a car show in Fairview and today, the three are simply known as Jesse Priest Music.

Priest has been playing music since he was 12.

Remembering his family's initial uncertainty, he shared, "I wanted a guitar one year and they thought it would be a passing thing. I took to it and took off with it. Eventually I did take some lessons and some singing lessons. I tried in the sixth grade, when they let you do the band. I got my little snare. I tried, but I could never read the music, but I could play it."

McAnnally started playing when he was around 11 or 12.

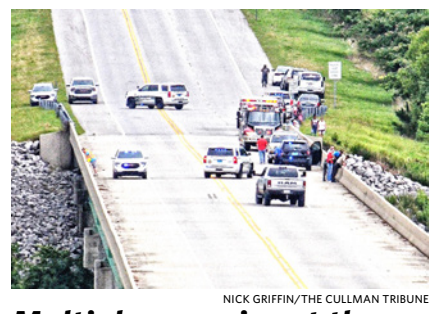
"In eighth grade, I was in the Fairview band," he said. "It kind of forced me to read the music and learn it. My dad played. He was in jazz bands when I was growing up. I saw him for the first time, and I picked it up and ran with it. I joined the band to get more familiarized with it."

Chandler, also a Fairview graduate, was a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) String Band during his junior and senior years.

He shared, "We made it to State my junior year and placed third. I played the guitar and that was the only musical thing I did."

Jesse Priest » PAGE 3

Body found at U.S. 278 at Kugler Bridge; autopsy to be performed



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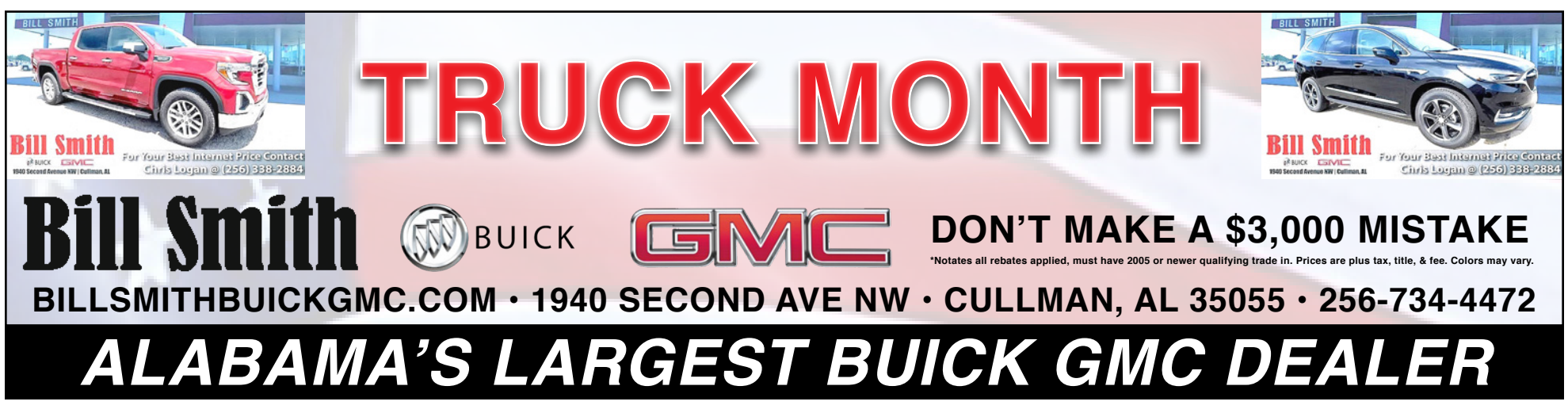
Multiple agencies at the scene of the incident Sunday, July 14 » PAGE 3

Cullman's Phyllis Hain crowned 2019 Ms. Senior Alabama



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Phyllis Hain, right, was crowned 2019 Ms. Senior Alabama in Birmingham Saturday night. » PAGE 3



Arrests and incidents reported July 15

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 15, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
July 11
- violation of a protection order; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- harassment; CR 9
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1559
- unauthorized use of a vehicle, disorderly conduct; Hwy. 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- assault; CR 831
- domestic violence; CR 1117

July 12
- domestic violence; Lovers Lane
- harassment; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; I-65 SB, 291 MM
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- violation of a protection order; Scott Dr.
- unlawful possession of marijuana, trafficking drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 1490

July 13
- domestic violence; Teem Road
- harassment; CR 248
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1670
- theft of property; CR 1606
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 157
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 1345

July 14
- trespassing; CR 813
- harassment; CR 1114
- theft of property; CR 845
- domestic violence; Colony Road
- burglary; Hwy. 278 W
- criminal mischief; CR 248
- harassment, permitting dogs to run at large; CR 222
- harassment; CR 1252
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 1193

ARRESTS
July 12
Callicot, Lonny Milton, 60
- harassment

Cox, Jessie James, 43
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Gorff, Brian Stephen, 29
- harassment

Hall, Matthew Raeshard, 21
- violation of a domestic violation protection order

Lowe, Brittney Shea, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

Miller, Bradley Lee, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pace, Kenneth Richard, 50
- illegal possession of alcohol
- improper lane usage
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
- switched tag
- trafficking in methamphetamine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Quick, Daniel Scott, 45
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Watson, David Anthony Jr., 23
- electronic solicitation of child
- sexual extortion

York, John Allen, 28
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- certain person forbidden to possess a pistol
- FTA- DUI – any substance
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – reckless endangerment
- FTA- felon registration – failure to register
- harassment
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- resisting arrest
- terrorist threats
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

July 13
Brown, Jason Paul, 34
- expired tag
- improper passing within 100 ft.
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cornett, Julie Kay, 44
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Dean, Tonia Goodwin, 47
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hammond, Andrew Mark, 27
- FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Maddux, Felicia Nicole, 29
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (4 counts)

Smith, Justin William, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

July 14
Freeman, Abigail Brianna, 22
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Ryan, Jason Leon, 42
- fourth-degree theft of property

Young, Alisha Michelle, 32
- FTA- driving while suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
July 11
- fourth-degree theft of property; Billy Ray Taylor Auto Sales; Hwy. 157; light bar; $270
- fourth-degree theft of property; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; shirt; $18

July 12
- harassment; person; 1st Ave. NE

July 13
- fourth-degree theft of property; Walgreens; 2nd Ave. NW; general merchandise; $20

ARRESTS
July 12
Elliott, Jordan E., 27
- public intoxication

Gaydos, Lanea M., 38
- disorderly conduct

Mizelle, Jennifer A., 39
- second-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- third-degree that of property
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Nix, Joshua S., 24
- third-degree forgery (5 counts)
- third-degree possession of a forged instrument (5 counts)

Cunningham, Berry C., 50
- obstruction – using false ID

Gamble, Oliver C., 23
- DUI

July 13
Wagnon, John A., 28
- DUI

Gaydos, Lanea M., 38
- public intoxication

Strong, James E., 55
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swader, Joseph L., 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Edgil, Billy R., 56
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- improper signal usage
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- public intoxication

July 14
Pattillo, Justin C., 26
- DUI

Pearson, Jr., Henry D., 59
- FTA- public intoxication (3 counts)

Huey, Kenneth L., 40
- third-degree assault

Barnette, Alfred L., 53
- FTA- driving without a license

Elliott, Jordan E., 27
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
July 16 - 18

TUESDAY, JULY 16
Bingo at Hilltop Senior Center
Bingo at Hilltop Senior Center every Tuesday- Seniors age 60 and older will meet at the Hilltop Senior Center, 1545 Vine Circle SW, in Cullman from 8:30 a.m.-noon for bingo, a penny auction and meal.

Lunch at VFW Post 2214
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. 112 Veterans Dr. SW, 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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
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.

UPCOMING....
Fairview Class of 1963 Meeting
The Fairview Class of 1963 will meet at noon Friday, July 19 at the Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Notre Dame Children's Choir at St. Bernard Abbey
Friday, July 19, the Notre Dame Children's Liturgical Choir from the University of Notre Dame's Sacred Music Academy will sing at Mass and Vespers in the Abbey Church of St. Bernard Abbey. Mass begins at 5 p.m. and is followed by Vespers at about 5:35 p.m., ending at roughly 6 p.m. The choir will perform one piece prior to Mass, so arrival by 4:45 p.m. is recommended. The choir's contribution to the worship event will include:
- Before Mass: "Regina Coeli," Rheinberger
- During the Offertory: "A Grateful Heart," Mary Plumstead
- During Holy Communion: "Ave Verum Corpus," Elgar/ "Panis Angelicus," Franck – as time allows
- Between Mass and Vespers: "Phos Hilaron," Daniel Justin
- At Vespers: "Magnificat" setting by Daniel Justin
- Immediately after Vespers – "Ave Maris Stella," Rheinberger

Fairview High School Class of 1974 Reunion
The Fairview High School Class of 1974 will have its 45-year class reunion Saturday, July 20 at 5m p.m. at Whispering Cedars, 1244. County Road 730, Cullman, AL 35055. We will receive donations only for this evening of fun, fellowship and food. Casual dress. See you there. For info, contact Ray Hulen Wren at 256-412-7238.

West Point High School Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School Class of 1962 will hold its 57-year reunion Saturday, July 27 from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron in West Point. For more information, call 256-747-6883.

Christmas in August Kickoff Event
The annual Christmas in August Kickoff Event will be held Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church (1310 Katherine St. NW). Every year, the West Cullman Baptist churches collect and fill backpacks for underprivileged children. This year, the backpacks will be delivered to the Mississippi River Ministry. The kickoff program includes Christmas music, a skit, a video of area that will receive backpacks, how to fill a backpack and speaker Jonathan Reid of Sardis Baptist Church. Pizza will be served following the program. All ages are welcome to attend! Contact 256-620-0828 for more information and to RSVP.

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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Mopars at the Depot raises $2,500 for Secret Meals for Hungry Children

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Each year, on the second Saturday in June, Mopars (Chrysler-built vehicles) from all over the country fill Cullman's Depot Park to support Secret Meals for Hungry Children, a charity that serves students all around Alabama and north Florida by discreetly giving out meals for students to take home over the weekends. The car show, Mopars at the Depot, is hosted by Pentastar South Car Club and organized by Brenda and Robert Allison, aided by Alabama Credit Union (ACU) and Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram (the main sponsor). This year, the show raised $2,500 for the charity.

Said Brenda Allison, "With all the help we were getting, the show was due to be a success. However, the rain showed up and with a storm in the morning, a few hours of sunshine, and then a rainstorm in the afternoon, a few cars did show up.

"Not the usual turnout, but friends of Pentastar South showed up just because they did not want to disappoint the kids. If you are at all familiar with guys and their cars, getting them out in the rain is a BIG deal. Some of the cars that showed up had never been wet before, which really shows their commitment to the cause. Even though the money raised was not what the club had hoped to raise, they were able to raise $2,500 for this worthy charity."

Allison met with Scott Spitzer of Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Laurie Legg of ACU (which has run the Secret Meals program for more than 10 years) Monday afternoon to officially present the check.

This marks the fifth year Pentastar South has sponsored Secret Meals. According to Legg, $160 will feed a child every weekend during the school year, so $2,500 will pay for 15 children in the Cullman City and County school systems to eat over the weekend during the upcoming school year. She said Secret Meals feeds an average of 200 students around the county each year.

Additional donations can be made on the Secret Meals website, www.secretmeals.org/. Unfortunately, Secret Meals cannot accept food donations as regional food banks purchase the food packs in bulk or otherwise assemble them using products bought in bulk to keep costs low.

To decide how the meals are distributed, teachers and counselors work together, and sometimes with social workers, to identify students who may be coming into school hungry on Monday mornings or hoarding food to take home on Fridays. They submit a request to Secret Meals asking for the appropriate number of packages, then teachers discreetly slip the packages into students' backpacks or bags while students are out (which is why the charity is called Secret Meals).

Allison also thanked Pepsi-Cola for providing drinks and Big Easy Mopar Club for cooking Cajun Delights.



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Alabama Credit Union's Laurie Legg, left, receives a $2,500 donation from Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram's Scott Spritzer and Pentastar South Car Club's Brenda Allison Monday. The proceeds are from this year's Mopars at the Depot car show and will benefit Secret Meals for Hungry Children.

Bridge (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Multiple agencies responded to a fatality at U.S. Highway 278 West at the Kugler Bridge at Vest Creek Sunday afternoon. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victim as Ricardo Saucedo, 28, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Crews from Logan, Bethsadia and West Point worked to recover Saucedo from the ground under the bridge.

According to Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, "We don't know how he got down there. It's early in the investigation."

Maurice Reynolds from Logan Fire Rescue said the body is being sent for autopsy.

Kilpatrick confirmed that Saucedo's body has been sent to Huntsville for the autopsy.

The time of the incident has not been confirmed, but authorities were called shortly before 2 p.m.

Responders from Cullman EMS and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office were also on the scene.

The roadway was closed for some time as the recovery effort took place.

Hain (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's Phyllis Hain, the reigning Ms. Senior Cullman County, Saturday night was crowned 2019 Ms. Senior Alabama. The pageant took place at Oak Mountain High School in Birmingham.

Hain was crowned by Donna Harris, 2018 Ms. Senior Alabama, who was also 2018 Ms. Senior Cullman County.

Hain competed with 15 other contestants from around the state. The women were judged on interviews, their philosophy of life, talent, poise, grace and evening gowns.

Said Hain, "It was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed meeting the other contestants and their families."

Hain, a published author and artist, focused on those abilities in the talent portion of the pageant. She performed a dramatic reading from her autobiography "Diamond in the Dark," while using three pieces of her artwork as a backdrop. She chose pieces from three different mediums: pencil, watercolors and oils.

Hain said she made a few adjustments to her wardrobe selections in preparation for the state pageant, sharing, "I went with a French painter theme."

Hain said she particularly enjoyed the fellowship with the other contestants prior to the pageant, saying, "We were all in the same hotel, and the hotel had a hospitality room for everyone to enjoy. We got to know each other a lot better before the pageant on Saturday. We met each other's spouses, children and grandchildren. It was just wonderful. The depth of the competition is not just beauty. There are mothers, grandmothers, professional women and strong, intelligent women from all walks of life. I am honored to have been a part of it. "

Many of Hain's friends and family members made the trip Saturday to support her. Her church's Sunday school group, as well as her husband, daughter and many others cheered from the audience. One of Hain's biggest supporters was Harris.

Hain said, "If it weren't for the Ms. Senior Cullman (County) pageant, I wouldn't know Donna. She and I have become such close friends and I feel so blessed. She is so amazing and has been a great supporter and friend."

Hain laughed as she spoke of her husband's reaction to the win.

"He was about to burst. He has such a great sense of humor and said he is now the Mr. Ms. Senior Alabama and wants his own sash. Of course, our daughter was very excited, too."

Hain will now begin the next step, which is applying for the Ms. Senior USA pageant, which will be held in 2020. She also wants to use her platform to promote victim advocacy, particularly to train advocates and raise awareness of senior and elder abuse.

Said Hain, "It's important to make sure our seniors, who have spent their lives serving and taking care of others, are now being (cared for) as they should. Time spent with a senior is the greatest gift."

Music (from Front)

Music pulls its musical inspiration and influence from many different bands/musicians.

Priest laughed, "My mom and them were rockers. She's like a little hippie mom. So, I listened to a lot of Def Leppard, AC/DC, Elton John and things like that growing up. Then, my grandpa loved the old country, the Outlaws. He also loved old rock-and-roll, like Elvis and Yakkity Yak and stuff like that. Every day, I was surrounded by music."

McAnnally added, "Ninety percent of the time, we play country and some rock, but 99% of the time, I listen to rock. I listen to Five Finger Death Punch and Nirvana and all that. I love rock music. I love Christian and I love country. Daddy grew up playing rock and jazz, but I got attached to the rock side of it more so when I got out of the Marine Corps."

Chandler is the pure country guy in the group.

"My grandma did listen to the 50s rock-and-roll like Jesse was talking about, and we would pull out those records when I stayed with her. I mostly listen to country, though."

Priest tried many times over the years to get a solid band together. His first band (called Taken) was formed while he was in high school. It was a hard rock band, but Priest began leaning toward Southern rock. He then formed a band called Southern Stitches, and after multiple attempts, the band fell apart.

This time, Priest said, "C.J. moved back and I had met Aaron and I told Aaron, I know a guy. He just came back. I'm going to catfish him. I'm going to post on Facebook that I need a drummer and does anyone know anybody. If he bites, I'll tell him to come on and he did. It was great to reconnect."

During the time Priest was struggling to keep a band together, he left music for a while.

He explained, "I started doing work in Birmingham for the Local 91. It's a union for plumbers and pipefitters. I worked doing that for four years and some change, and I just had an eye-opener one day that I didn't want to be there anymore. It was a great job and everybody there was like, 'You're crazy,' but I quit. I wanted to do music. I'd rather look back 50 years from now and think, I tried. I'd rather take the chance and see where I go."

Songwriting is a full-time process for the guys. Priest laughed about having notebooks everywhere just in case a lyric or idea pops into his head. The guys have a song called "Truck I Can't Afford" that came to Priest and Chandler while watching a Luke Combs video.

Priest said, "Reading the comments, this guy said, 'This song makes me want to drive around in a truck I can't afford.' Aaron's like, 'Do you think you can write something with that??'

"I have insomnia and that's most of the time when I do my writing, late at night," said Priest.

One song that came out of his late-night notebook entries is "Beers, Bonfires, and Backroads."

Priest said he hopes to have an opportunity to actually record some of the band's songs. He has one song available called "Buzzin" that he recorded with a label in Nashville, Badfoot Records.

He said of the song, "They released that song of (me). It's grown on me, but it's just one of those that they pushed me to write because they wanted something upbeat and catchy. That was the child that came out of that. If I ever found a label that would let me just be me, that would work because us three, you aren't swaying our opinion on things. We are hard-headed; we got redneck daddies that are mean as rattlesnakes. That's just how we were brought up. You don't back down. It's just hard if we gotta work with someone like that. That's why Nashville has pretty much classified me as "outlaw country." It's not like I'm trying to make any of it up. I'm just doing what Jesse wants to do. C.J. is going to do what C.J. wants to do. We write songs, like actual songs where you can relate and connect."

One thing that the band would like to see return to Cullman is The Battle of the Bands.

Said Priest, "Cullman's getting better about supporting local musicians. A few years ago, when Rock the South first started, they would do The Battle of the Bands, and the winner could play at Rock the South and that was awesome. They've kind of pushed away any local musicians."

Like most bands, Jesse Priest Music has seen its share of ups and downs as it has worked to build its fanbase. The guys described their fanbase as "amazing and supportive," and they hope to book shows in more areas this year. They are looking at places in Florence and Huntsville, as well as local venues.

Chandler said, "I would love to see us branch out into other states, even. Don't get me wrong, we love playing in Cullman, but I would like to see us travel to Georgia, Mississippi and maybe the Gulf Shores area."

The band has kept busy over the past year playing around Cullman, Hanceville and central Alabama, performing a mixture of cover songs along with originals.

Priest will be playing alone this Saturday at Valley Tavern and Grille, and the band will play Aug. 10 at the Jack Aces/Branham Accessories fifth annual Bike & Car Show. The band will headline the Rocket City Showcase Friday, Aug. 26 at Maggie Meyers in Huntsville.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/jessepriestmusic/.

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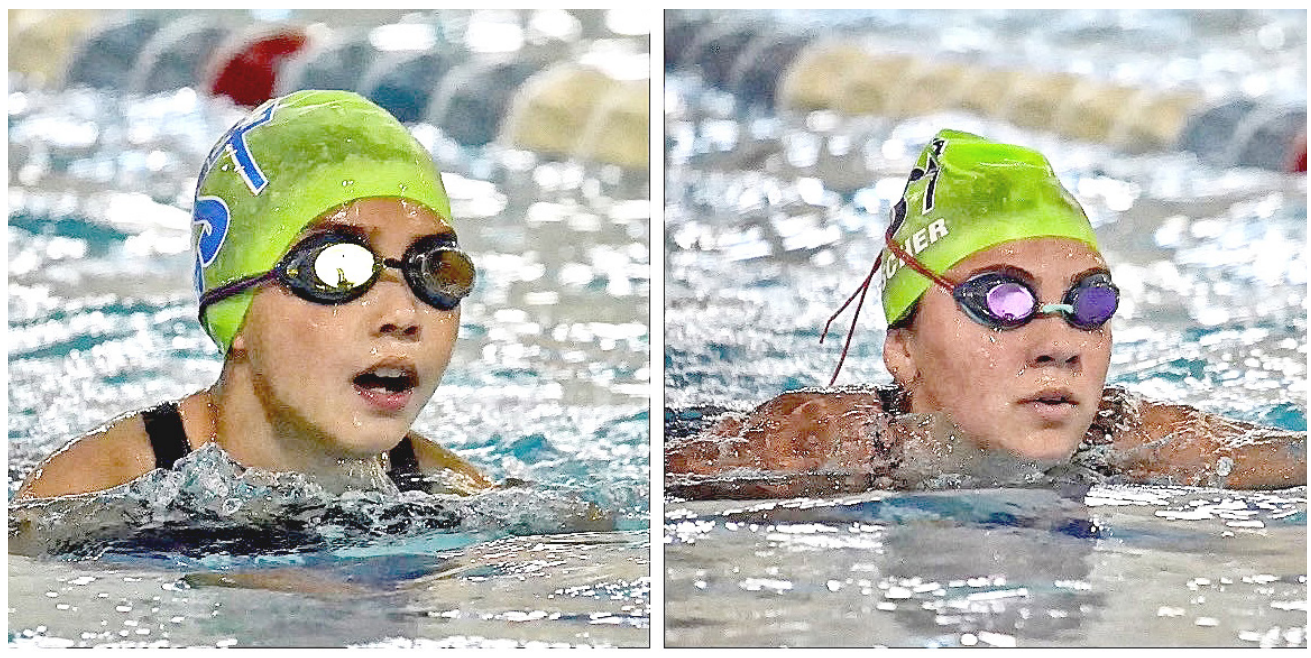
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CULLMAN, Ala. – This year's Alabama Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) District 2 Championship was hosted at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center and the Cullman Swim Team (the Tritons) was able to put together a fourth-place finish. On top of their team finish on Saturday, several Tritons earned district medals and nearly 40 qualified to advance to the state competition in Opelika at the end of the month.

Final team standings:
1. Madison
2. Boaz
3. Scottsboro
4. Cullman
5. Arab
6. Albertville
7. Guntersville
8. Decatur
9. Fort Payne

Cullman medal winners:
• C J Arnold (13-14) 2nd Place 50-Yard Back, 3rd Place 100-Yard Free
• Madison Clements (13-14) 3rd Place 50-Yard Back
• Georgia Dowdy (6&U) 2nd Place 25-Yard Free, 2nd Place 25-Yard Back
• Chase Duncan (11-12) 3rd Place 50-Yard Free, 2nd Place 50-Yard Back
• Mason Fuller (9-10) 3rd Place 100-Yard IM, 2nd Place 50-Yard Free, 1st Place 50 -Yard Fly
• Morgan Fuller (11-12) 3rd Place 50-Yard Back
• Aubrey Helms (13-14) 3rd Place 50-Yard Fly
• Jonah Hilb (15-18) 1st Place 50-Yard Fly, 1st Place 100-Yard Free
• Edie Hudson (8&U) 3rd Place 25-Yard Breast, 2nd Place 25-Yard Fly
• Ruby Hudson (13-14) 2nd Place 50-Yard Breast, 2nd Place 50-Yard Free, 2nd Place 100-Yard Free
• Brody Schaefer (13-14) 2nd Place 50-Yard Breast
• Parker Wight (11-12) 1st Place 100-Yard Free

Cullman Relay Team medal winners:
• Boys 11-12 200-Yard Medley Relay: 2nd Place, Chase Duncan, Parker Wight, Rhett Tysinger, Grayson Randall
• Boys 13-14 200-Yard Medley Relay: 3rd Place, CJ Arnold, Brody Schaefer, Aubrey Helms, Carsen Wight
• Girls 13-14 200-Yard Medley Relay: 2nd Place, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson, Anna Page, Madison Clements
• Girls 6&U 100-Yard Free Relay: 2nd Place, Oakley Turner, Emma Millican, Azlynn Florence, Georgia Dowdy
• Boys 9-10 200-Yard Free Relay: 2nd Place, Camp Smith, Griffen Wight, Charlie Long, Mason Fuller
• Boys 11-12 200-Yard Free Relay: 2nd Place, Parker Wight, Grayson Randall, Rhett Tysinger, Chase Duncan
• Girls 13-14 200-Yard Free Relay: 2nd Place, Madison Clements, Anna Page, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson
• The following swimmers have qualified to compete at the state meet after their performance at the district meet and will represent Cullman July 26-27 at the ARPA State Championship in Opelika, Alabama:
• Georgia Dowdy, Chase Duncan, Azlynn Florence, Cameron Martin, Emma Millican, Harris Crow, Griffin Berryhill, Andrew Windham, Tate Tysinger, Jacob Dunn, Edie Hudson, Madeline Dowdy, Ella Cupp, Claire McPhillips, Lauren Windham, Ace Boggin, Mason Fuller, Camp Smith, Charlie Long, Griffen Wight, Morgan Fuller, FK Kruger, Clare Windham, Peyton Arnold, Parker Wight, Grayson Randall, Madison Clements, Anna Page, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson, Aubrey Helms, Brody Schaefer, Carsen Wight, CJ Arnold, Kelly Warren, Reese McNeel, Jonah Hilb, Rhett Tysinger, Lily Helms, Samantha Olson, Oakley Turner and Clara Kate Watts.





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The Cullman Swim Team hosted this year's District 2 Championship Meet at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center.







Camp Liberty's Extreme Military Challenge graduates more than 100 cadets

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CULLMAN, Ala. – An estimated 150 cadets graduated from Camp Liberty's Extreme Military Challenge summer programs Saturday morning at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. The graduates hailed from 34 states and 18 countries. Among the graduates, five were from Alabama:

- Abigail Burnett of Owens Cross Roads, 3rd Platoon
- Zachary Caton of Madison, 3rd Platoon
- Sean Johnson of Chelsea, 1st Platoon
- Katie Parris of Mt. Olive, 2nd Platoon
- Colin Taylor of Birmingham, 2nd Platoon



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Command Sergeant Major Euripides Perez, XMC presents the graduates Saturday.

The graduation featured guest of honor Commissioner Tom Kilgannon of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service.

Kilgannon told the cadets, if they do not pursue a military path, to serve their communities.

He said, "As former President John F. Kennedy once said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for you country.' I want you all to reflect on that."

According to Camp Liberty, more than 250 young people, ages 13-17 from across the globe, call Camp Liberty in Battleground, Alabama home over the summer as they undergo two to six weeks of military training, ranging from Cadet Basic Training to Cadet Ranger School to Cadet SCUBA School, all based on U.S. Army standards.

The "Challengers" reported to the Cullman County Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 30.

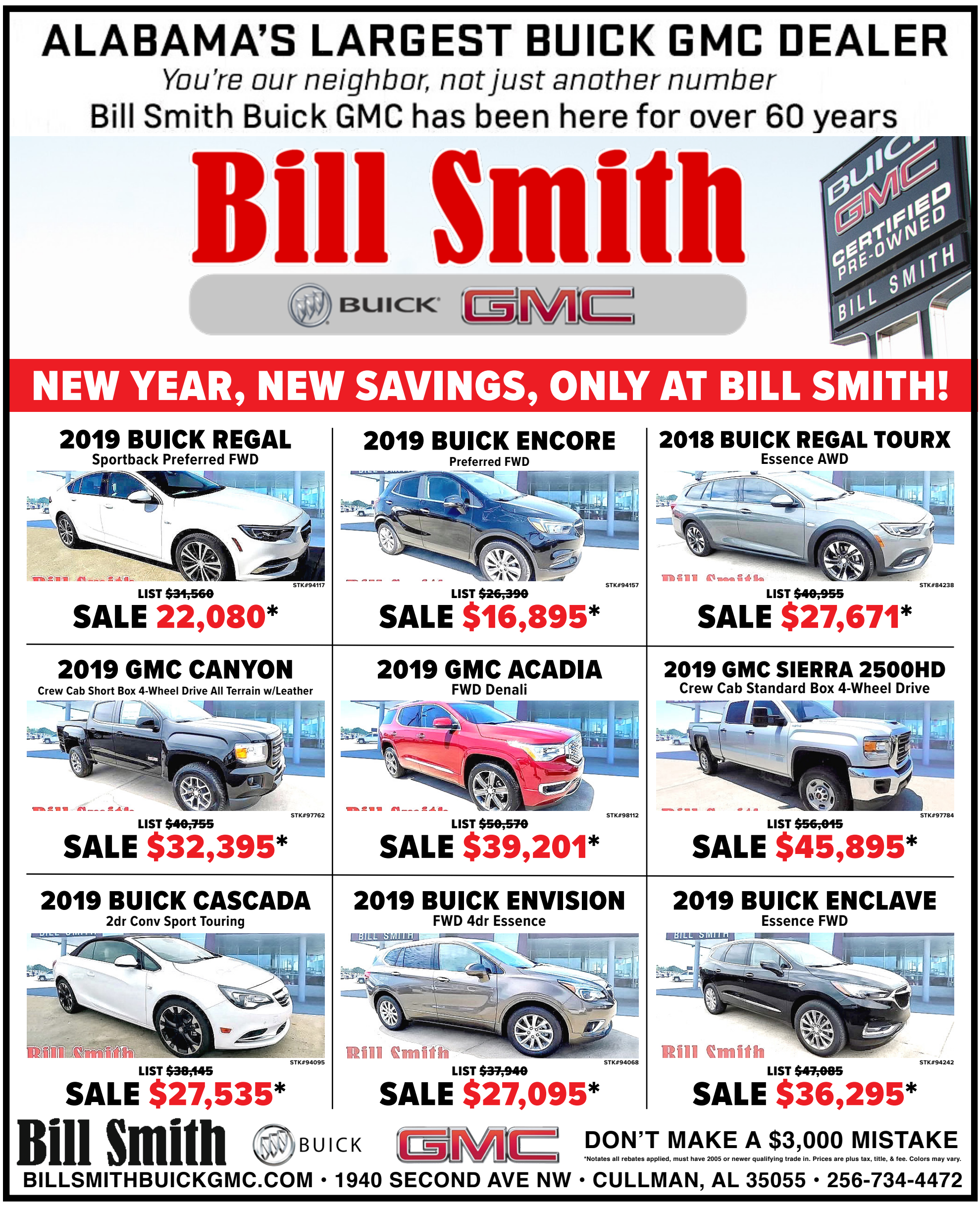
They attended training programs at Camp Liberty through the military-themed summer camp, Extreme Military Challenge!

Cadet Basic Training, led by actual military drill instructors, provided an introduction to military life, with training ranging from military drill to land navigation. For details, go to XMC-Camp.com.

Camp Liberty is a veteran-owned business. For more details, go to Camp-Liberty.com.







CULTURE / ARTS

Cullman Community Theatre presents 'Oklahoma!' this Friday, Saturday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Building on the success of last year's "The Music Man," Cullman Community Theatre returns this week with "Oklahoma!," the very first Broadway musical by the legendary team of composer Richard Rodgers and librettist/lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II. The story follows the simultaneous courtship of Oklahoma farm girl Laurey (played by Sarah Jane Skinner) by rivals Curley (Tyler Skinner), a cowboy, and Jud (Nick Shabel), a farm hand, in a competition of ever-increasing intensity.

Wayne Cook, who co-directs "Oklahoma!" with Melva Jackson, talked to The Tribune about the production, which shifted over the weekend from its regular rehearsal site at the Cullman Civic Center to the performance venue at Cullman High School:

"We're in there fast and furious, getting everything together. We've got our plans all together; we just have to put it all together now. We've been working. We had our first rehearsal there (Saturday morning), and we'll have rehearsals there the rest of the week. We'll be in there the rest of the week, rehearsing.

"It's gone well; (we've) got a lot of good folks involved, and I think they've had a good time."

What's the wow factor?

Cook said, "The exciting part is that people are going to love the old, the classic, songs that they expect from 'Oklahoma!,' and they're done really well in this production. You know, the things that they're familiar with from maybe watching it in former situations; you know, they're going to remember those songs. And, of course, they're classics, and they're done just as they will always be known and remembered.

"That's the wonderful thing about this performance, is that the music is very much an important part of 'Oklahoma!,' obviously, and has probably made it such the classic that it is. And anything from Annie doing her song entitled 'I Just Can't Say No' to the classic 'Oklahoma!'- the song, which is done traditionally with a reprise, because it is such a classic song that you do it all the way through, and then you do it again for a little bit! It's considered a reprise, and so it's written into the play. So, we have that. "The music's been just really beautiful. A lot of people have put a lot of energy and time into planning the sets and the costumes, and we feel like all of those details are coming together really well."

Credit where credit's due

Cook talked about some of the people and groups who have contributed to the efforts of Cullman Community Theatre:

"You know, we're appreciative of (Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism/CP&R) and their willingness to trust us in these ventures, because sometimes these kinds of ventures are expensive, and they're kind of risky at times, but they're so worth it for our community.

"It's such an important element in this community. With so many things that are going on with so many things being done in the area of commerce and business, and thriving downtown, and business just booming, the arts are just a huge part of us becoming the community that appeals to the people we're trying to reach out to. I just feel like it's a huge thing, and I think that CP&R is doing the right thing by supporting an organization like this and partnering with Cullman Community Theatre and the city and supporting it.

"I want to tip my hat to them and to (CP&R Executive Director) Nathan (Anderson) and his crew, because they have stepped out. They've trusted us with this. And I know that, at times, theater work looks lofty, but it is so worth it, you know, it is so important. I hope that will continue: that relationship and that working, because it would be impossible for us to do this as a community venture without CP&R. There would be no way that we could accomplish it."

Cook also commended key players in planning and developing the production. Jackson, a retired theater educator with tremendous experience as an acting coach, who once lived and taught in Oklahoma, where stage productions of this show are common, co-directs many parts. Said Cook, "She knows this show up one side and down the other and has directed it before; we have co-directed in a lot of ways. I've given her a lot of responsibility and allowed her to do a huge amount. She just knows a lot of things that I didn't know, because I haven't directed it before. She's been fabulous, and it's been great to work with her. I'll tell you: she's a real asset to this community in the area of the arts, and I'm hoping that we can continue to use her and she can have an important part in community theater down the road.

"Cindy Pass has helped us a lot with the behind-the-scenes stuff. She's helped us with the business arrangements and helped us with the financial parts and things we needed to do on that, and promotion, and a lot of things that are things that I have to do that, having her, I don't have to do as much of it. So, it's helpful. I'm thankful to Cindy, as well. She's been a real asset.

"And then, Sarah Jane Skinner this year- she was our star last year- and then this year she ended up being in the show again, but she's also directing the music. She's our choir teacher at the high school (Cullman High School), and I've worked with her for years on the productions. She directed the music with her husband Tyler, and they've done a great job with the music.

"I need to give all them credit for helping us with so many things and being so involved in this production."

Sarah Jane Skinner and her husband/co-director Tyler Skinner both have roles in the production.

She told The Tribune, "We have both had a great time working on this show. We both spend so much of the year only on the director's side of the table that we really love the chance to perform ourselves. We enjoy working in rehearsals with Wayne Cook and Melva Jackson, as well. They are a wonderful team! We think everyone who comes will enjoy this fun, classic show, and we hope that community theater continues with strength in the coming years!"

Cast

- Domenico Brunetti - Mike
- Devon Campbell - Slim
- Lauren Chapin - Virginia
- Dawson Culver - Cord Elam
- Chandler Greer - Ado Annie
- Grant Holland - Fred
- Zac Jackson - Andrew Carnes
- Sam Jones - Ike Skidmore
- Gaven Mattison - Joe
- Morgan Montgomery - Sylvie
- Lacy New - Kate
- Olivia Noblett - Vivian
- Mary Claire Page - Ellen
- Kristen Phillips - Gertie Cummings
- Nick Shabel - Jud
- Sarah Jane Skinner - Laurey
- Tyler Skinner - Curley
- Caden Trelles - Ali Hakim
- Kim Trelles - Aunt Eller
- Rutland Turner - Will

Townspeople

- Mary Atchison
- Luette Benefield
- Dayton Brunetti
- Scarlette DeCicco
- Meg Glover
- Kathy Kinnison
- Anne Lunsford
- Jenn Netherton
- Kelsey Owen
- Ciara Parker
- Halle Robertson
- Cashe Seekers
- Amy Smith
- Willa Smith
- Eliana Stewart
- Heather Twilley
- Aiden Wisner

Dancers

- Chloe Carter
- Noehi Naehu
- Gracie Smith
- Brie Turner

Crew

- Wayne Cook – co-director
- Melva Jackson – co-director
- Sarah Jane Skinner - music director
- Tyler Skinner - music director
- Noehi Naehu - choreography
- Cindy Pass - business director
- Olivia Wood - stage manager
- Wes Ellard – co-assistant stage manager
- Kate Rains - stage crew
- Alyssa Tancredi - stage crew
- Claudio Ramirez - stage crew
- Anna Page - stage crew
- Dakota Brunetti - stage crew
- Jake Wachter - stage crew
- Emma Mansour - lighting engineer
- Chris Van Dyke - sound engineer
- Lyndsey Elrod - music engineer
- Claude Thomas - sound crew
- Emiley Gable - sound crew
- Annabelle Howze - spotlight

Cook said, "We hope people will come out and support it. Coming out to see 'Oklahoma!' is a vote toward continuing supporting the arts in this community. You may say, 'Well, I've seen 'Oklahoma!' before; I don't need to see it again.' Well, yeah, you do; you need to come out and support ventures like this, because when you do that, it opens the door for there to be more.

"The community needs to get behind these things and say, 'We want to see this in our community. We want to be a thriving community that supports the arts.' And, all around us, there are tons of little communities that are doing every bit of what we're doing, and we just need to be mindful of that and supportive.

"It's going to be a good show, and it's going to be quality. We're real committed to producing a quality product. They're not going to come and see something that they're going to be disappointed with, but I hope that they'll come out just because they also want to support and undergird the community effort."

At a glance
"Oklahoma!"

- Presented by Cullman Community Theatre in conjunction with Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism
- Cullman High School Auditorium, 510 13th St. NE in Cullman
- Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 20 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Tickets- $10 advance, $12 at the door; students $5 advance, $7 at the door
- Advance tickets available at Cullman Civic Center.

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Veronica Newberry, unit #530, 44 County Road 833, Cullman, AL 35057.

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IN RE: The Estate of
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Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Dana A. Gann on the 1st day of July, 2019, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Dana A. Gann, Personal Representative

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Judge of Probate

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to CHERYL ANN SMITH RASBURY as Personal Representative of the Estate of LORA CORENE ROBINSON HIGGINBOTHAM, deceased, on the 12th day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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THE ESTATE OF GARRY NORMAN MATZ, DECEASED.

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Keith Pattillo and Ronald Patillo, Personal Representatives

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
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OPINION

Always Reforming: Life in Community (11)

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Correspondent

Today in our series on the **One Another Commands** we focus on **Admonish One Another**.

This issue of admonishing other Christians demands that you are competent in Biblical Literacy. Recent research makes it painfully clear that this is woefully lacking in the Evangelical Church in America.

So, before you ramp up your admonishment of anyone, make absolutely certain that you "know what you're talking about!" Failure to do so will produce harm and not good in the life of the one admonished and the body of Christ.

The body of Christ is by God's design charged with the responsibility of instructing or admonishing "one another."

What does it mean to "ADMONISH" another believer? We will let the scripture answer this question for us.

Romans 15:14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Let me pose a series of questions you need to answer regarding this COMMAND to ADMONISH other believers.

1. What is your visceral (gut) response to another believer who admonishes or instructs you?

2. Is your response in alignment and harmony with the Word of God?

3. What should your response be to instruction and being admonished? (Prov. 15:32- Whoever ignores instruction despises himself.)

4. Are you qualified to receive and administer this essential element in the body of Christ?

5. What are the consequences, negative or positive, for the church in obeying/not obeying this command?

What are the pre-requisites essential to the exercise of this ministry?

1. Change – In beliefs, judgments, values, relationships and behavior. It assumes sinful conduct.

2. Confrontation – The word implies warmth, truth and compassion for the one being confronted.

3. Concern – This process is remedial. This action seeks to restore the one confronted to a walk of obedience (Gal. 6:1).

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

We like the idea of having the opportunity to speak out against those things we think are wrong.

We often take the opportunity and justify our actions using the testimony of Scripture.

When we are given a duty or responsibility, we sometimes forget through whom we are supposed to be taking action.

We are told to speak the truth in love. Second only to the commandment to love the Lord your God with all your heart is that of loving one another. Our primary concern is to love God.

Our secondary concern is to love one another. Admonishing one another must be approached with this in mind.

Honestly evaluate your actions in the past and what you must do to be effective in the future.

Obituary Announcements: July 12 - 15

Sharon Sizemore, 67, of Vinemont, passed away at her home Friday, July 12. Sharon was born in Detroit, Michigan to George Kelly and Nell Dean Silvers Sizemore. She worked as a nurse's aide and cook. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors are two sons, Kelly Lamar Sizemore and Chris (Lisa) Brooks; brother, Rodney Wayne Sizemore; three sisters, Debbie Twilley, Kathleen Bohannon and Suzan Jackson; two grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Graveside memorial will be held in New Hope #2 cemetery. Time and date pending. Information will be added to Holly Pond Funeral Home website once time and date determined or you may call the Holly Pond Funeral Home. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sizemore family.

Franklin Delano Wood, 85, of Cullman, passed away Friday, July 12, 2019 surrounded by his family. Franklin was born Jan. 24, 1934 to Millard and Arminda Wood in Cullman. He proudly served for 32 years in active duty Army and National Guard, retired from AT&T, and spent the last 40 years of his life as a pastor. His selfless acts and love toward others were experienced by everyone he met; he will never be forgotten. He is survived by his spouse, Melba Lee Aaron Wood of Cullman, Alabama; children: Franklin D. Wood, Jr. of Panama City Beach, Florida, Rebecca Ann (Richard) Baxter of Cullman, Alabama, Veronica Lynn Wood of Cullman, Alabama; grandchildren: Zhon Patrick (Ashley) Wood of Panama City, Florida, Jessica Lee Coggins of Cullman, Alabama, Sarah Baxter of Cullman, Alabama, Annabella Wood of Panama City, Florida; six great grandchildren; his sisters: Betty Jean Williams of Jasper, Alabama, Charlene Stewart of Jasper, Alabama, and Lorraine Burson of Pell City, Alabama. The deceased is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: John Wood, Carlton Wood, Alton Wood; sisters: Mae Benson and Folmer Lay. Viewing will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama Tuesday, July 16 at 6 p.m. Funeral service will be held July 17, 11 a.m., also at Moss Service Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest at Pisgah Baptist Cemetery in Sipsey, Alabama. To leave condolences for the Franklin Delano Wood family please go to mossservicefh.com.

Thomas "Tommy" Weaver, 77, of Oneonta, AL, passed away July 11, 2019. Tommy attended Park Avenue Baptist Church faithfully. Preceding him in death were his parents E.C. and Lola Ingle Weaver; sisters Glenda Shelton and Barbara Land; brothers Ocie Weaver and Odell Weaver. He is survived by his wife Ruby Wilson Weaver; son Greg and Lynn Weaver; daughter Gwen and Jackie Curren; sister Betty Shelton; granddaughters Haley Weaver and Ashley and Michael Haney; nieces, nephews and a host of friends. The family will receive friends Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Lemley Funeral Home from 5:30-8 p.m. and Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Park Avenue Baptist Church Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2 p.m. with Bro. Bobby McCullough and Bro. Odis Epps officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery. John Wilson, Barry Hallman, Kevin Shelton, Michael Haney, J.J. Atwell and Gage Spivey will serve as pallbearers. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Lucy Lovell Stewart, 78, of Warrior passed away Saturday morning, July 13. She was born in Cullman County to Carlton and Lyda Littleton Lovell. Lucy worked for Social Security as a Claims Specialist and is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. She is predeceased by her husband, Rex Stewart and her parents. Survivors are daughters, Teresa Denise Stewart (husband David Joel Church), and Rexanne (Bobby) Prescott; sister, Martha Janice (Charles) Gorham; grandchildren, William Red Ellison, Christopher Ray Prescott, Jennifer Prescott and Crystal Prescott; great grandchildren, Nichols Guage Prescott, Vivian Prescott, Mary Kate Prescott, Chloe Ellison, Madison Claire Ellison; nieces and nephews, Charles Gorham Jr., Julie Ann Gorham. Funeral services will be in Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel at 1 p.m. Monday, July 15. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. until funeral service begins at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Holly Pond Cemetery. Donations can be made in memory of Ms. Stewart to: The Diabetes Foundation, 2112 11th Ave. S, Suite 520, Birmingham, Alabama, 35205. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stewart family.

It is with great sadness that the family of Jonathan Carl "Budrow" Givens, Jr. announces his passing Saturday, July 13, 2019 at the age of 33. Jonathan was a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. As a little boy, he loved playing outside in the dirt, fishing and anything outdoors. As an adult, he enjoyed doing these things with his children. He was a hard worker that was known for leading by example. He loved riding his motorcycle and was the leader of the Rocket Riders and was also a member of the Jack Aces Riding Club. He loved Bud Light and was lovingly known as "Budrow" to his friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Earlie Carden, Betty Lee and Thelbert Givens. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Melanda Jones Givens, children: Madison Pirkle, Cailee Givens and Hunter Givens; his mother, Gail Carden; father, Carl (Connie) Givens; grandmother, Linda Neese; sisters Amanda (Danny) Shuford, Mindy Dobbs, Carla Givens, Renea (Steve) Stricklin and Jessica Givens; brothers: Landon (Amber) Jones, Dustin (Brooke) Jones and Clint (Jordan) Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. His family received friends at Moss Service Funeral Home Monday, July 15, 2019 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be in the chapel of Moss Service Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 2 p.m. Burial will immediately follow at Good Hope Cemetery. Serving as his pallbearers will be his friends: Austin White, Cody Edmonson, Nathan Purdy, Dakota Scott, David Guthery and John Bray. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Graveside service for Mrs. Shirley Faye Calvert, 80, of Crane Hill, will be Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Shirley was born May 25, 1939 and passed away at Hanceville Nursing Home Sunday, July 14, 2019. Cullman Funeral Home directing. She was preceded in death by her parents Vernon and Hazel Williams McSwain and by her husband Derrell Calvert. She is survived by her sons, DeWayne Calvert, Doug (Tammy) Calvert, and Rick (Anna) Calvert; Sister - Edna Jo (J.R.) Dodd; Grandchildren- Kami Lynn, Kyle Lee, and Meredith Ann Calvert. There is no visitation planned.

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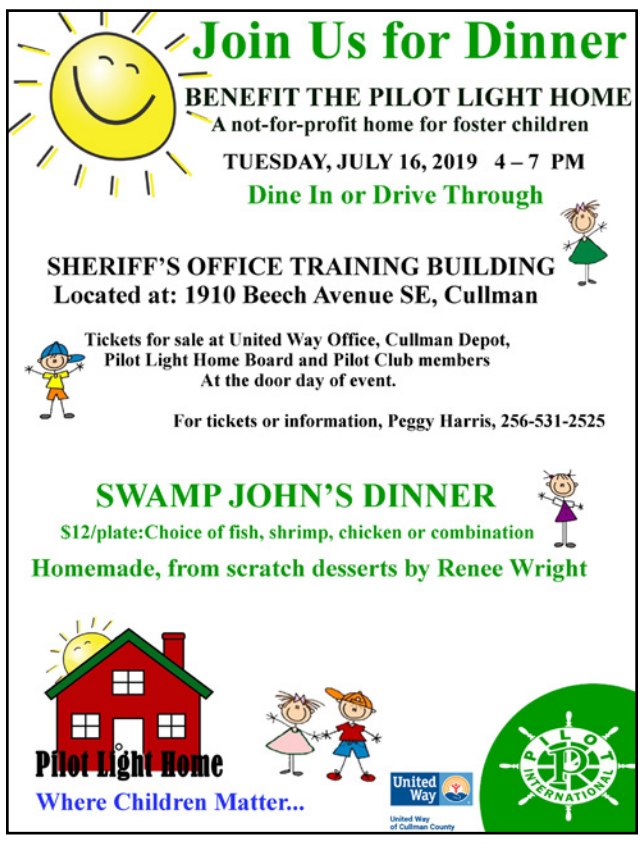
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FAITH

Notre Dame Children's Choir to sing at St. Bernard Mass this Friday

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ST. BERNARD ABBEY

Notre Dame Children's Choir

CULLMAN, Ala. – This Friday, July 19, the Notre Dame Children's Liturgical Choir from the University of Notre Dame's Sacred Music Academy will sing at Mass and Vespers in the Abbey Church of St. Bernard Abbey. Mass begins at 5 p.m. and is followed by Vespers at about 5:35 p.m., ending at roughly 6 p.m. The choir will perform one piece prior to Mass, so arrival by 4:45 p.m. is recommended.

The choir's contribution to the worship event will include:

- Before Mass: "Regina Coeli," Rheinberger
- During the Offertory: "A Grateful Heart," Mary Plumstead
- During Holy Communion: "Ave Verum Corpus," Elgar/ "Panis Angelicus," Franck – as time allows
- Between Mass and Vespers: "Phos Hilaron," Daniel Justin
- At Vespers: "Magnificat" setting by Daniel Justin
- Immediately after Vespers – "Ave Maris Stella," Rheinberger

Fr. Joel Martin said, "We're so happy to receive such a renowned choir joining the monks of the Abbey in praise of God. All are invited to attend."

This is a worship service, so admission is free. Attendees may make a donation for the choir if they wish.

The Notre Dame Sacred Music Academy's website provides this description of the Notre Dame Children's Choir program:

The Notre Dame Children's Choir (NDCC) is an ecumenical ensemble for Christian sacred music open to singers from birth to age 17.

In addition to learning healthy vocal technique, choristers practice the fundamentals of reading and expressing music.

Each season, the NDCC hosts a festival of sacred children's choirs, collaborates with important conductors and composers, participates in annual musical retreats, regional tours, and performs at a variety of churches. NDCC is free to all choristers.

Our mission is to educate the whole singer through music, spirituality, and community.

Initiated in the fall of 2013 with a twenty-voice choir, the NDCC has grown into a five choir program of over 120 singers.

The program regularly commissions new works of sacred music and invites guest directors to lead our singers.

It is our belief that young singers should be at the center of every church or community choral program.

The Liturgical Choir, led by Artistic Director Dr. Mark Doerries, assistant professor in the practice of conducting at the University of Notre Dame, and accompanied by Trevis Young, campus minister for liturgy and music at Saint Mary's College, regularly sings for weekly Mass and Vespers at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame and Church Of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's College.

FAITH

Cullman County Courthouse hosts 127th annual singing convention

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Saturday, shaped note Sacred Harp singers and traditional music fans filled Judge Kim Chaney's District Courtroom for the first day of the 127th annual Cullman County Courthouse Singing Convention. The crowd was still slim when the first song was called, but by late morning, seats were full and a few folks were even sitting out in the hallway just to listen. At noon, participants enjoyed a potluck lunch before they got back to singing; later they headed out to a fellowship dinner and a little more music at a local singing family's home.

Singers and fans ran the gamut. Young children played in the hall and occasionally joined in the singing, and 101-year old Ruth Duke, featured in The Tribune earlier this year (www.cullmantribune.com/2019/02/05/senior-spotlight-meet-101-year-old-ruth-duke/), enjoyed the music from a seat in the back. Plenty of Cullman area residents were around, but the crowd included singers from around the state, across the country and even overseas.

Katie Ahern from County Cork, Ireland and Joanna Bennett from Frankfurt, Germany showed just how large and widespread the Sacred Harp movement is.

Both are members of active shaped note singing communities at home and visited Cullman's singing, among others across the region, at the invitation of a local singers Tom and Linda Booth, who met them at a singing in Ireland.

According to Ahern, she came to the U.S. to sing at three Alabama conventions, and "of course, to visit friends, because I have such a lot of very good friends from the U.S. who visit us in Cork and I meet around in other conventions in Europe."

After the day's singing at the courthouse ended, quite a few of the singers headed out to the Booths' home in the Simcoe community for a big fellowship dinner and even more music.

Guest Juanita Beasley remarked, "We would not have a good singing if we didn't have good cooks!"

After dinner, convention participants talked about what it means to be part of the convention culture.

Greg Allred, sitting with his wife Susan Allred, said, "I wasn't raised in it, but what I've noticed is you don't have to be brought in by blood.

"You can be grafted into the vine, so to speak. If you come in and you enjoy it, and you sing- you've heard 'blood's thicker than water-' well neither are thick as gravy! And that's the way it works with this."

Susan Allred added, "My dad worked on him for a long time! My dad was Kenneth Fannin (a well-known name in the singing community, with a memorial event in Cullman County named for him), and he was from Double Springs/Addison Fannins.

"He worked on him all this time. He'd be so proud, because he's been singing, because he didn't give up."

Greg Allred continued, "It doesn't matter if you're 84 or if you're 8. If you want to sing and you're willing to get up and sing and lead and participate, then you don't have to have a pedigree."

Nicholas Thompson said, "I've been singing since I was 14 years old. The woman who started me singing is a fourth-generation singer and, you know, I just always tell people she's my aunt, because, really, everyone in Sacred Harp is your family."

Looking at the men and women around him, Thompson explained, "They're family, he's family, she's family. (Greg Allred)'s absolutely right. I've only been singing for eight years, but I've been treated like I've always been here.



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An Alabama tradition with international reach: as German singer Joanna Bennett (standing) leads, Alabama folks across the front row and Irish singer Katie Ahern (second row, far left) join in.

"They don't put lifelong singers above people who started yesterday.

"You know, we're all equal in this. It's all a shared experience, and they love you just as much if you walked into the courthouse today or if you'd been going there since you were a little girl. And I love that; I love the inclusiveness and the welcoming, and the 'We don't care where you're from or how long you've been here. You're here now; that's what the important thing is.'"

