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THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE

Active homicide cases in Cullman County, part 2



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Top row, left to right: Bradford Neal Meeks, Jonathan Biggs and William Thomas Maddux; second row, left to right: Justina Freeman, Haven Andree McNeil and Donald Trammell; third row, left to right: Brett Steven Amerson, Charles Patrick Wayne Burgess and Walter John Cornelius III. » PAGE 7

COURTS

Case of man accused of killing Tommy Piper heading to grand jury with additional charges

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PET OF THE WEEK

You'll be D-lighted with Annie D!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Annie D.

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

Annie D. is a heeler mix who's a little more than 1 year old. She arrived at the shelter with skin issues, which have been tended to, and she's healthy. Ruttkay noted that, even while undergoing treatment, Annie D. maintained her sweet disposition. She's a laid-back, low- to medium-energy pet who likes to be close and get in some cuddle time with her humans. She's great on her leash and has the makings of a good companion, walking or hiking dog.

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

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

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

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Stadium, Oak Drives to reopen by Aug. 5

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Stadium Drive Northeast and Oak Drive Northeast are set to reopen by Monday, Aug. 5, just in time for the new school year, which starts Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Leanne West with the City of Cullman Mayor's Office said, "This week, they will be cleaning up and getting the striping crew ready to stripe the streets.

"The streets will be reopened Monday, Aug. 5, 2019 – if not sooner."

The streets have been closed for a sewer line repair project, named the Midtown Sewer Improvements Project by the City.

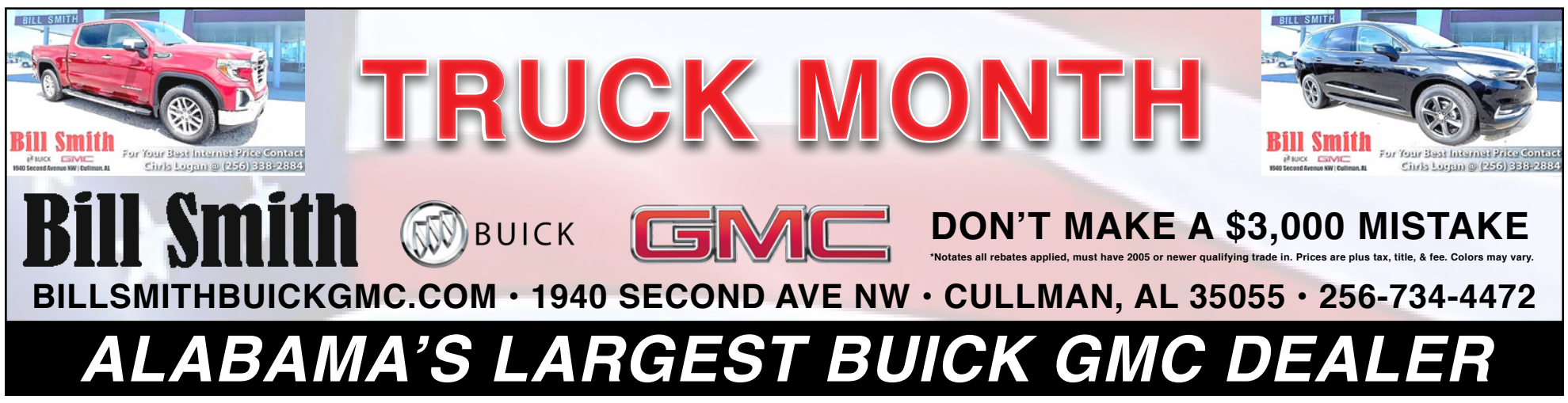
Construction began June 17 and was funded by an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) program grant administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

St. John & Associates, Manning Construction and the City of Cullman Engineering Department and Wastewater Department worked on the project, which involved replacing aging sewer lines and manholes and the relocation of sewer lines beneath Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium and campus.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Stadium Drive Northeast at Oak Drive Northeast, seen Monday, July 29, 2019



Arrests and incidents reported July 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 29, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 25

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1635
- domestic violence; CR 1480
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 587
- domestic violence; CR 1498
- theft of property; CR 1141
- theft of property; CR 437

July 26

- menacing, reckless endangerment, domestic violence; CR 1174
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 852
- harassment; CR 826
- theft of property; Beth St. NW
- criminal mischief; CR 656
- harassment; CR 426
- domestic violence; CR 1402
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Garden City Park
- burglary; Scott Dr.

July 27

- resisting arrest; Leonard Rd.
- domestic violence, harassment; Day Gap Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 925
- theft of property; CR 1742
- domestic violence, harassment; Pearson St.
- harassment; CR 1135
- harassment; CR 1114
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 69 N, CR 1763

July 28

- theft of property; Smith Lake Park
- burglary; CR 216
- burglary; CR 941
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Beech Ave. SE
- criminal mischief; CR 230
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- violation of a protection order; CR 1225
- domestic violence; CR 1235
- domestic violence; CR 1225

ARRESTS

July 25

Bailey, Jon Austin Hilton, 36
- second-degree jumping bail – possession of a drug paraphernalia
- second-degree jumping bail – illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree jumping bail – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Boyd, Lucas Andrew, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana – personal use
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Christiansen, Joseph Wayne, 33
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Curvin, Meshach John, 23
- FTA- possession of imitation controlled substance
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – menacing
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Drummond, Heath Lester, 28
- second-degree jumping bail – leaving the scene – misdemeanor
- FTA- leaving the scene – misdemeanor

Freeman, Allen Shane, 43
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Golden, David Gene, 44
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Goodman, Eric David, 49
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Gregory, Kayla Mashae, 24
- FTA- second-degree criminal mischief

Herndon, Wendela Marie, 60
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Linn, Rachel Anne, 35
- leaving the scene – misdemeanor
- reckless endangerment

Loyd, Erika Rose, 44
- writ of arrest – child support

Nicholas, James Joseph II, 27
- second-degree theft of property

Swindoll, Sammi Lee, 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Trotter, Robert Matthew, 47
- FTA- DUI – influence of alcohol

July 26

Abbot, Donna Mae, 59
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Anthony, Cory Daniel, 26
- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (6 counts)

Bates, Jeremy Chad, 47
- home repair fraud

Chaney, Christopher Lewis, 36
- probation violation – third-degree theft of property (3 counts)

Day, Jeremiah Lawson, 40
- probation violation – second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required

Hudson, Teresa Maner, 55
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Jackson, Keondrick Levan, 25
- FTA- failure to yield to emergency vehicle

Lenz, William Dallas, 48
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- FTA- violation of domestic violence protection order

McDearmond, Orie Shannon, 29
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Pennington, Brandy Nicole, 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Thomas, Callahan, 32
- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card
- third-degree theft of property

Thompson, Destiney Kiah, 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Tipton, Tyler Nelson, 23
- FTA- child restraint required

Woolbright, Christopher Scott, 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

July 27

Black, Candi Tate, 35
- writ of arrest – child support

Campbell, Derrick Shane, 46
- third-degree domestic violence – menacing

Couch, Terry Nathan, 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication

Day, Deanna Rene, 42
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Drake, Jessica Jean, 37
- obstructing government operations
- resisting arrest

Elms, Roena Rodgers, 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Frost, Carla Marie, 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Marsh, Myron Clifton Jr., 55
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Peoples, Melissa Gail, 38
- FTA- public intoxication

Phillips, Benjamin Taylor, 34
- probation violation – second-degree forgery
- probation violation – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Sellman, Henry Ennis III, 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shipley, Robert Thomas, 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sumrall, Karri H., 47
- public intoxication

Vaughn, Delana Wynette, 42
- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance (2 counts)

Wilkins, Rachel Johnson, 45
- second-degree jumping bail – possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree jumping bail – second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- second-degree jumping bail – unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- second-degree jumping bail – second-degree jumping bail (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

July 28

Chasteen, Jerry Anthony, 57
- attempting to elude
- driving while suspended
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- reckless driving (2 counts)
- reckless endangerment
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Dauksza, Matthew Eugene, 37
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Hoagland, Hunter Allen, 21
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Hulsey, Taylor Blaine, 26
- first-degree criminal mischief

Quick, Jamie Danielle, 38
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Reynolds, David Jerry, 38
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 25

- third-degree domestic violence – harassment; person; Hwy. 278 E
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Hickory Ave. SW

July 26

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. NW; miscellaneous; $84
- fourth-degree theft of lost property; person; 1st Ave NE; phone; $400
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $213

July 27

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 6th St. SE; GPS; $130
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $160
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $185
- third-degree burglary; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW; furniture; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree domestic violence; person; 3rd Ave. NE

ARRESTS

July 26

Morrow, Steven C., 28
- FTA- insurance violation

Bentley, Amanda D., 41
- public intoxication

Sturgeon, Anthony M., 24
- fourth-degree theft of property
- obstructing government operations
- resisting arrest

Bates, Jeremy C., 47
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- insurance violation

Chaney, Christopher L., 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Putman, Brettly H., 37
- public intoxication

Farthing, Janna M., 25
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

July 27

Chickaway, Isaiah T., 21
- DUI

Smith, Daniel S., 24
- fourth-degree theft of property

Giumarro, Joseph A., 34
- public intoxication

Henderson, Elizabeth S., 36
- fourth-degree theft of property

Adams, Nicole M., 35
- fourth-degree theft of property

Wren, Mahalla N., 39
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Simmons, Joshua B., 42
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Zonneville, Jonathon B., 32
- DUI
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Ramirez, Edmar M., 25
- public intoxication

Woolbright, Christopher S., 33
- FTA- running a red light
- FTA- driving while revoked

Allred, Dustyn H., 24
- DUI – controlled substance

Hanners, Joshua E., 30
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- driving while revoked

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
July 30 - 31

TUESDAY, JULY 30

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. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Dr. SW

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 31

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.

Christmas in August Kick-Off Event

The annual Christmas in August Kick-Off 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 under-privileged children. This year, the backpacks will be delivered to the Mississippi River Ministry. The kick-off program will include Christmas music, a skit, a video of area that will receive backpacks, instructions on 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.

UPCOMING....

Meek High School Locker Rental and Registration

8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at the high school gym. Locker rental will be $15. All outstanding fees from the prior school year must be cleared before a locker will be rented. Students may pick up schedules and register for additional classes. Contact the school at 205-384-5825 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 69 S.

Sinyard Reunion

The Sinyard Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hanceville Moody Center. There will be plenty of good food and fun.

Dixie Echoes at Cross Baptist Church

The Dixie Echoes from Pensacola, Florida will be at Cross Baptist Church Friday, Aug. 16. The singing will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. A love offering will be received.

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Dinkin flicka!

The Ostrich hosts 'The Office' trivia night at Goat Island Brewing

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Fifty-six teams competed Saturday night in The Office Trivia Night hosted by The Ostrich at Goat Island Brewing.

The Ostrich, aka humorist Matt Mitchell, first began trivia nights at Tallulah Brewing Company in Jasper.

"I just enjoy trivia nights," said Mitchell. "When I found out there was going to be a brewery opening in Jasper, I thought 'Well this is a perfect place to have one.' So, I reached out to them before they had even really started like construction.

"They were redoing the building downtown and they were interested, but they had to get everything going. Once they did that, we set up a night and it went really well.

"I've been doing it pretty much for almost two years."

Mitchell said Goat Island Brewing contacted him about hosting a trivia night in Cullman.

"They had reached out to me because some of the staff from here who had traveled over to Jasper for 'The Office' trivia night and they enjoyed it, then they reached out to me and asked if I'd be interested in doing it here," he said. I said 'Absolutely.'"

Mitchell is optimistic about hosting another trivia night in Cullman soon.

"There's a lot of great places in Cullman to do it, lot of great big spaces, but yeah, if there's anybody that would like me to come out and do it, I enjoy doing it, it's fun."

He smiled, "Tonight was awesome, great crowd. Definitely some hardcore Office fans, but they were great.

"This was a lot of fun; the turnout was better than I expected. This was actually bigger than any crowd that I've ever had in Jasper, so this was cool.

"They beat the record in Jasper, as far as like number of teams."

So, who came away victorious?

Coming in in third place with 102 points was Team Rowan, in second with 106 points was Team Tan Everywhere-Jan Everywhere and with 114 points, Team Football Cream (father and son Brian and Patrick Westbrook) came out on top.

Brian Westbrook shared, "We live close to The Goat. We just always come in and bring our dog sometimes and Patrick's grown up coming here so it's just a lot of fun.

"This has been fun. I hope they do it again."

Brad Glenn of Goat Island said, "I think we might start doing this on maybe Wednesday nights once a month.

"I haven't decided what day yet. Obviously, people want to do it."

Glenn said he couldn't believe the crowd as he drove up to the brewery.

"We'll probably end up doing 'The Office' again, 'Harry Potter,' 'Friends,' just whatever the people want."

Find The Ostrich on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ALostrich.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fans of "The Office" gathered at Goat Island Brewing Saturday evening to participate in a trivia night hosted by The Ostrich, aka Matt Mitchell.

Fairview band car show raises $3K for instrument repairs

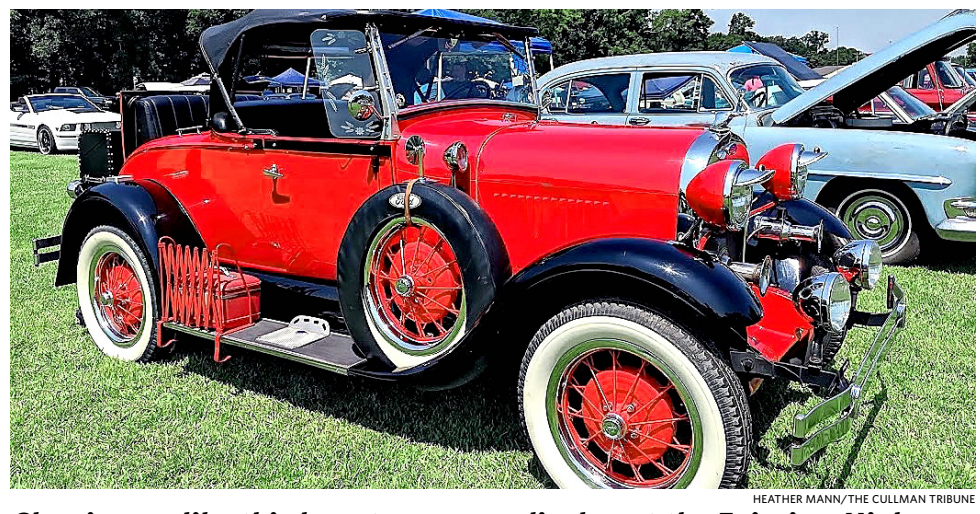
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Saturday morning, classic car owners and enthusiasts around north Alabama came together to raise money for the Fairview High School marching band at the band's 5th Annual All Wheel Show & Festival.

Along with viewing the cars, trucks and motorcycles on display, visitors enjoyed live music from Jesse Priest Music, tackled the National Guard rock climbing wall, perused craft vendors from all around Cullman County and shopped from food vendors from around north Alabama.

Since its debut, the show has benefited the band by raising funds for new uniforms, instrument repairs and equipment, and this year was no different.

Band Booster Michelle Watwood, who organized the event, said that she hoped this year would raise enough money to repair (or possibly even replace) music stands, drum equipment and instruments like tubas and sousaphones that are more than 20 years old. Ultimately, the show featured 50 different vehicles and raised roughly $3,000.



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Classic cars like this beauty were on display at the Fairview High School Band Fifth Annual All Wheel Show & Festival Saturday.

Choice Rentals' Cruise-In raises more than $1,600 for Curt's Closet

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's Choice Rentals on Saturday reached out to help Ashley Wilson and Curt's Closet, her local nonprofit clothing and accessory boutique that exclusively serves kids of families in need. The Cruise-In for Curt's Closet drew vehicle enthusiasts for a good cause.

Choice Rentals' Lashonda Yarbrough told The Tribune, "Choice Rentals, we've been open about seven, eight months, now. So, you know, we're new to the community, so we wanted to find a way to give back to our community. The manager's daughter, Mackenzie, actually went to school with Curt Wilson, so she knew Ms. Ashley. She knew about the organization, so we thought, because she helps so many kids in Cullman, that was the best one to go with. That's why we're doing it.

"We just want to give back to the community. We want to raise some money and give some kids in Cullman some back-to-school supplies and clothes. Whatever they need, whatever Ms. Ashley needs, we are here to do it for her today."

The show, which offered prizes for different categories of vehicles, drew in a mix of modern factory customs and special editions, small shop customs, as well as vintage and antique cars and trucks and a few motorcycles. Dog Gone Dogs was on-hand to feed exhibitors and visitors, while an Outlaw Sounds DJ kept the tunes coming. LifeSouth, which is currently facing a shortage, had a bloodmobile onsite.

At the end of the show, Choice Rentals presented Wilson a check for $1,642.

Afterward, Wilson told The Tribune, "Today was a huge success, I am truly lost for words.

"Choice Rentals put in so much hard work to make sure today was a success for Curt's Closet. So many beautiful vehicles were registered in the show. I appreciate every one of them that chose to come out and support Curt's Closet."



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Choice Rentals Cruise-In for Curt's Closet wowed with some true classic horsepower and modern customs.

United Way Stuff the Bus drive brings in more than 14,000 items

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CULLMAN, Ala. – United Way of Cullman County's (UWCC) Stuff the Bus school supply drive ended recently, with a total that Public Relations Manager Michele Dingler said Monday far exceeded last year's number of more than 11,000.

"We exceeded last year's total," smiled Dingler. "This year's total is 14,753 items, and we still have items coming in!"

The Stuff the Bus Drive recently received two large donations of more than 400 boxes from Wal-Mart Distribution.

Employees Katie Randall, Jennifer Harding, Amber Sandlin, and Sally Hamm of local accounting firm Warren Averett volunteered Monday to help UWCC count the donated items.

Dingler shared, "They all came in with arms full of donations and volunteered their time to count donations."

UWCC will continue to accept donations until the beginning of school.



MICHELE DINGLER

Employees of Warren Averett donated supplies and volunteered their lunch time Monday to help count all the Stuff the Bus drive donations United Way of Cullman County received. The employees are: Katie Randall, Jennifer Harding, Amber Sandlin and Sally Hamm.

Supplies needed include:

- Number 2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Index cards
- Graph paper
- Ring binders (from 1" to 3")
- Crayons
- Zippered pencil cases
- Hand sanitizer
- Colored pencils
- Composition notebooks
- Red, blue, and black pens
- Erasers
- Safety scissors
- Loose-leaf notebook paper

You can also mail a donation check to United Way of Cullman County, PO Box 116 Cullman, AL, 35055 designated for school supplies.

For more information, contact UWCC at 256-739-2948 or mdingler@uwaycc.org.

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ARCHERY

Vinemont's Sartin places 1st at NASP Championship; full local results

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The 2019 National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) season came to an end with the NASP Championships at the Music City Center in Nashville on Saturday and several local squads were there to compete. Cullman Middle School, East Elementary and West Point High School had archers in the field and Vinemont Elementary, Middle and High School were all in attendance as well.

It was a solid showing for each local team, but individually, no one had a better day than VMS' Alexis Sartin. Sartin finished as the Middle School Girls' Champion in this year's NASP Championship after posting a 295 with 25 tens, edging out East Muskingum's Brooklyn Wheeler by just one point. Sartin received a plaque, a new target and a Golden Championship Bow after her performance in Nashville.





PHOTOS COURTESY OF EAST ELEMENTARY, VINEMONT ELEMENTARY AND VINEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pictured top left: East Elementary Archery Team. Bottom left: Vinemont Elementary Archery Team. Right: Vinemont Middle School's Alexis Sartin.

IBO 3D CHAMPIONSHIP LOCAL RESULTS

EAST ELEMENTARY
1,561 (SIXTH PLACE)

- Reed Flores: 271 and 12 tens – 20th place elementary boys
- Jill Blocher: 265 and 10 tens – 30th place elementary girls
- Sarah Spann: 264 and 7 tens – 36th place elementary girls
- Carson Defoe: 258 and 8 tens – 61st place elementary boys
- Sophia Helms: 255 and 9 tens – 61st place elementary girls
- Cameron Yeager: 248 and 9 tens – 81st place elementary boys

CULLMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
1,665 (FIFTH PLACE)

- Forrest Calvert: 291 and 23 tens – 3rd place middle school boys
- Will Bolzle: 286 and 20 tens – 9th place middle school boys
- Ava Ray: 279 and 16 tens – 34th place middle school girls
- Julian Skinner: 271 and 11 tens – 71st place middle school boys
- Evan Dockery: 271 and 7 tens – 73rd place middle school boys
- Briana Willoughby: 267 and 8 tens – 86th place middle school girls

NASP CHAMPIONSHIP LOCAL RESULTS

VINEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL
3,318 (SIXTH PLACE)

- Alexis Sartin: 295 and 25 tens – 1st place middle school girls
- Rylan Mcrae: 285 and 17 tens – 35th place middle school boys
- Trinity Sartin: 284 and 16 tens – 42nd place middle school girls
- Bella Gingrich: 284 and 16 tens – 42nd place middle school girls
- Savannah Mann: 281 and 16 tens – 63rd place middle school girls
- Erin Anderson: 275 and 11 tens – 116th place middle school girls
- Tai Shurtleff: 274 and 12 tens – 125th place middle school boys
- Vance Powell: 274 and 9 tens – 131st place middle school boys
- Logan Ford: 273 and 10 tens – 139th place middle school boys
- Ashon Kelley: 268 and 12 tens – 178th place middle school girls
- Isaiah Jones: 265 and 10 tens – 220th place middle school boys
- Malicih Adams: 260 and 10 tens – 277th place middle school boys

CULLMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
3,280 (EIGHTH PLACE)

- Will Bolzle: 286 and 17 tens – 31st place middle school boys
- Evan Dockery: 285 and 15 tens – 39th place middle school boys
- Brayden Willoughby: 275 and 14 tens – 111th place middle school boys
- Jack Yeager: 274 and 12 tens – 126th place middle school boys
- Julian Skinner: 273 and 11 tens – 135th place middle school boys
- Amelia O'Neal: 272 and 9 tens – 140th place middle school girls
- Cole Carden: 272 and 9 tens – 150th place middle school boys
- Hayden Scott: 270 and 9 tens – 179th place middle school boys
- Ava Ray: 269 and 10 tens – 168th place middle school girls
- Maddie Lindsey: 269 and 9 tens – 171st place middle school girls
- Briana Willoughby: 269 and 7 tens – 173rd place middle school girls
- Brinley Hurt: 266 and 10 tens – 201st place middle school girls

VINEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3,040 (12TH PLACE)

- Tucker Robinson: 278 and 14 tens – 22nd place elementary boys
- Gavin Phillips: 269 and 12 tens – 58th place elementary boys
- Caroline Miller: 265 and 9 tens – 78th place elementary girls
- Addison Holcomb: 260 and 10 tens – 107th place elementary girls
- Andrew Landreth: 257 and 7 tens – 138th place elementary boys
- Jayden Friedrich: 257 and 6 tens – 127th place elementary girls
- Evie Floyd: 254 and 3 tens – 142nd place elementary girls
- Vayda Yarbrough: 253 and 6 tens – 149th place elementary girls
- Kaien Earnest: 238 and 5 tens – 266th place elementary boys
- Jagger Lee: 238 and 4 tens – 267th place elementary boys
- Halli Joiner: 236 and 4 tens – 229th place elementary girls
- Emily Coats: 235 and 6 tens – 233rd place elementary girls

EAST ELEMENTARY
3,038 (13TH PLACE)

- Reed Flores: 268 and 8 tens – 73rd place elementary boys
- Sophia Helms: 265 and 10 tens – 77th place elementary girls
- Ashley Cornelius: 261 and 6 tens – 105th place elementary girls
- Cameron Yeager: 260 and 10 tens – 116th place elementary boys
- Jill Blocher: 260 and 7 tens – 114th place elementary girls
- Sarah Spann: 253 and 6 tens – 148th place elementary girls
- Carson Defoe: 252 and 4 tens – 175th place elementary boys
- Jaden Judkins: 246 and 4 tens – 219th place elementary boys
- Karli Jo Ballenger: 245 and 3 tens – 191st place elementary girls
- Dylan Tisdale: 244 and 4 tens – 233rd place elementary boys
- Keyonna Puckett: 243 and 3 tens – 199th place elementary girls
- Maddie Seidel: 241 and 5 tens – 207th place elementary girls

WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL
3,264 (25TH PLACE)

- Ronnie Gentry: 279 and 15 tens – 95th place high school girls
- Cameron Haynes: 279 and 15 tens – 143rd place high school boys
- Lauren Taylor: 276 and 13 tens – 131st place high school girls
- Mattew Dunagan: 275 and 13 tens – 184th place high school boys
- Ava Moody: 274 and 14 tens – 157th place high school girls
- Skyler Rittenberry: 273 and 13 tens – 170th place high school girls
- Shay Sellers: 272 and 10 tens – 195th place high school girls
- Marshal Doherty: 271 and 13 tens – 228th place high school boys
- Mackinzie Pitts: 270 and 12 tens – 208th place high school girls
- Josh Campbell: 270 and 11 tens – 239th place high school boys
- Emma Tucker-Hillman: 267 and 9 tens – 241st place high school girls
- Shyann Tidwell: 258 and 6 tens – 318th place high school girls

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

- Cadan Welch: 282 and 16 tens – 107th place high school boys



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SWIMMING

Cullman Swim Team competes at State Meet in Opelika

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OPELIKA, Ala. – The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's (ARPA) final swim meet of the season was held at the Opelika Sportsplex this weekend and the Cullman Swim Team (the Tritons) had a big group of athletes in the field. The Tritons faced off against qualifiers from 28 other teams across the state. The boys finished seventh with a team score of 457.5 while the girls placed ninth with a 407. Several individuals took home medals in their events.

Individual medal winners (boys)

- CJ Arnold- (13-14) 6th Place 50-Yard Back,
- Griffin Berryhill- (6 & Under) 7th Place 25-Yard Back
- Chase Duncan- (11-12) 5th Place 50-Yard Free, 5th Place 50-Yard Back
- Mason Fuller- (9-10) 3rd Place 50-Yard Free, 4th Place 100-Yard IM, 2nd Place 50-Yard Fly
- Jonah Hilb- (15-18) 3rd Place 50-Yard Fly, 6th Place 100-Yard Free
- Charlie Long- (9-10) 8th Place 100-Yard IM
- Brody Schaefer- (13-14) 5th Place 50-Yard Breast
- Tate Tysinger- (8 & Under) 5th Place 25-Yard Breast
- Parker Wight- (11-12) 5th Place 100-Yard IM, 2nd Place 100-Yard Free

Individual medal winners (girls)

- Madison Clements- (13-14) 5th Place 50-Yard Back
- Georgia Dowdy- (6 & Under) 6th Place 25-Yard Free, 2nd Place 25-Yard Back
- Madeline Downy- (9-10) 6th Place 100-Yard IM
- Azlynn Florence- (6 & Under) 6th Place 25-Yard Back
- Morgan Fuller- (11-12) 5th Place 50-Yard Back
- Edie Hudson- (8 & Under) 3rd Place 25-Yard Breast, 7th 100-Yard IM, 25-Yard Fly
- Ruby Hudson- (13-14) 7th Place 50-Yard Breast, 4th Place 50-Yard Free, 5th Place 100-Yard Free
- Lauren Windham (9-10) 8th Place 50-Yard Breast

Relay team medal winners

- Men (8 & Under) 100-Yard Medley: 8th Place, Harris Crow, Jacob Dunn, Tate Tysinger, Andrew Windham
- Men (11-12) 200-Yard Medley: 3rd Place, Chase Duncan, Parker Wight, Rhett Tysinger, Grayson Randall
- Women (11-12) 200-Yard Medley: 8th Place, FK Kruger, Clare Windham, Morgan Fuller, Peyton Arnold
- Men (13-14) 200-Yard Medley: 7th Place, CJ Arnold, Brody Schaefer, Aubrey Helms, Carsen Wight
- Women (13-14) 200-Yard Medley: 4th Place, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson, Anna Page, Madison Clements
- Women (6 & Under) 100-Yard Free: 3rd Place, Azlynn Florence, Emma Millican, Oakley Turner, Georgia Dowdy
- Men (9-10) 200-Yard Free: 5th Place, Camp Smith, Griffen Wight, Charlie Long, Mason Fuller
- Men (11-12) 200-Yard Free: 2nd Place, Parker Wight, Grayson Randall, Rhett Tysinger, Chase Duncan
- Men (13-14) 200-Yard Free: 7th Place, Brody Schaefer, Aubrey Helms, Carsen Wight, CJ Arnold
- Women (13-14) 200-Yard Free: 4th Place, Madison Clements, Anna Page, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson

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OPINION

Always Reforming: Life in Community (13)

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Correspondent

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

Our culture is immersed in anarchy. The prevailing attitude is, "I submit to no one for any reason." This is not the attitude of a true Christian. The text of Scripture commands us to submit to one another. There is a hierarchy in the Trinity and there is a hierarchy in all of life. Ephesians 5 & 6 provide clear direction and instruction on this principle. My readers will do well to read these chapters in conjunction with this article.

In our self-centered autonomous oriented culture, the word "submit" evokes an immediate and very negative reaction. The attitude of most people is such that they will not submit to anyone for any reason. Our culture has degenerated into a mind-set that borders on anarchy. This must not be true of Christians – ever.

Proposition: Submission to another believer demands "life in community" because submission demands trust. Trust is developed through frequent and diverse contact, not mere "assembly for an hour." We must know one another if we are to submit to one another.

Trust involves transparency and vulnerability. Remember, these are commands that all Christians are to obey.

A. The word is used to communicate subordination to persons worthy of respect (by virtue of position/role)

B. Wives to husbands – Eph. 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

C. Citizens to civil authorities – Rom. 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

D. Young Men (novices) to the Elders – 1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, (young men) be subject to the elders.

Voluntarily subordinate yourselves to one another because you live in community, your brothers and sisters know you well, and they speak to you to benefit your growth in grace and maturity in Christ – Transformation.

Submission in no way diminishes or demeans the one submitting. On the contrary, submission is a mark of maturity and value as this characteristic and behavior models that of Jesus himself.

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them (his parents) and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. The persons of the Trinity model this behavior. The Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are submissive to the Father.

Application:

1. The American church suffers under a profound lack of knowledge of the scriptures.

2. The American church suffers under a profound lack of "life in community."

3. The Solution is a recovery of both knowledge of and obedience to the text of scripture.

4. This includes submission to one another out of reverence for Christ – life in community.

So, how are you doing personally on obeying this command? How is the church you attend collectively doing on obedience to this command? Obedience indicates trust. Trust is evidence of genuine life in community. Obeying this command brings Holy Spirit led harmony and blessing to a local church.

You may reach me at 800-472-3764 or info@igniteus.net.

LEGALS

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LORA CORENE ROBINSON HIGGINBOTHAM * CASE NO.: PC 2019-218
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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.

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

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TIMOTHY LEE COLLINS) CASE NO PC 2018-367
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CHELSEA COLLINS
JADE MICHAEL COLLINS
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition of Tiffany Lynn Abbott to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Timothy Lee Collins, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 17th day of September, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Done this the 26th day of July, 2019.

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Deceased. *

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DONALD SCOTT GOODLETT and GREGORY LYLE GOODLETT as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of PEGGY SUE GOODLETT, deceased, on the 12th day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Obituary Announcements: July 26 - 29

Emil Florean Potor of Cullman, Alabama passed away on July 24, 2019. He was born on April 1, 1928 to Florea and Sylvia Potor in Anderson, Indiana. Mr. Potor leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Julia (John) Kinyon; sons: David (Debbie) Potor of Cullman, AL, Ted Potor of West Monroe, LA and Greg Potor of Houston, TX; grandchildren: Phil Potor, Ethan Kinyon, Alex Potor, Abigail Potor and Jacob Potor; and sister, Sylvia Potor of Indianapolis, IN. His parents and wife, Barbara Potor, preceded him in death. Visitation for Mr. Potor will be Wednesday, July 31, 2019 starting at 6 p.m. with a rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Thursday at 10 a.m. with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow services at the Catholic cemetery. To leave condolences for the Emil Florean Potor family please go to mossservicefm.com. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Jerold Dean Roberts, 85, of Cullman passed away Friday, July 26, 2019 at his residence. He was born Thursday, March 29, 1934 to Grover Cleveland and Dora Mae Byrum Roberts. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Georgia Roberts; and sons, Jerold Steven and Bryan Keith Roberts. Survivors include daughter, Ronda (Chris) Crawford; sons, Richard (Emma) Roberts and Jerry (Patty) Roberts; grandchildren, Jason Crawford, Jessica Crawford, Jacob Roberts, Megan (Justin) Powe, and Courtney (Chris) Howell; great grandchildren, Logan Crawford, Tristen Crawford, Symphiney Crawford, Jaxson Roberts, Jack Henry Howell, and Rylee Ann Howell; sisters, Girstelle Harper and Dot Cole; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Funeral services were Monday, July 29.

Funeral Services for Joseph "Tommy" Hays, 54 of Hanceville will be held at noon on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in the chapel of Hanceville Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Mt. Grove Congregational Cemetery. Tommy's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday beginning at 10:30 a.m. The son of the late Thomas and Martha Sue Dowda Hays passed away Saturday, June 27, 2019 in Birmingham. He was an auto mechanic. He is survived by his wife Tammy; children, Dana Joe Hays of Hanceville, Alisha (Jarred) Jordan of Birmingham, Cody Hays of Hanceville and Justin Regelin of Falkville and stepdaughter, Stephanie (Shane) Markum of Pocahontas, AR. Also surviving are grandchildren; Decia, Della, Cross, Cain, Elijah, Lydia, Kirtsyn and Shane Jr. Brothers and sisters; Wanda (Terry) Gamble, Sheila (Paul) Yarman, David (Jennifer) Nix, Tim Nix, Richard (Sherry) Hays, Dorothy (Jason) Crow and Chrissy (Greg) Moore. He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Joseph Hays and a brother, Tommy Nix. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to help with burial expenses.

Eugene "Gene" Price Brown passed away on July 27, 2019, at the age of 85. Born November 15, 1933, to Price and Della Mae Brown in Trinity, Alabama. He moved to and lived in Michigan for many years before returning and making a home in Cullman, Alabama. He was always an extremely hard worker, and could best be described as someone who "worked hard and played hard." He worked at Speedring, now General Dynamics, for over twenty years, until he and his wife, Brenda, built Sportsworld Skatecenter in Cullman in 1978 and a second rink in Columbia, TN in 1988. They gave many teenagers their first jobs at the rinks while providing a fun and safe place for countless children, teenagers, and church/school groups to enjoy their birthdays, weekends and summers. They sold the rinks in 1998 and retired to their home in Cullman, where he enjoyed country living and being "Pawpaw." He and Brenda planted a garden every year and enjoyed canning their harvest. They also enjoyed having their grandchildren visit and teaching them how to fish in their pond, and how to ride go-karts and motorcycles. He was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide football fan and loved keeping up with all sports. He loved his dogs and riding his Harley on the open road to anywhere that sounded fun. He and Brenda made regular trips to the coast together where they would enjoy playing tennis, and spending time near the water. In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Dolores and Clay Smith, his brother, Bobby, and his beloved granddaughter, Elizabeth Volker. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Brenda, his sister-in-law, Joyce, the mother of his children, Marie Brown Walker, his children, Pamela Allen, Kathy (Mark) Volker, Sherry Patterson, and Roger Brown; his stepsons, Jim (Sherry) Jennings, and Dewayne (Barbie) Jennings; his grandchildren, Ben Allen, Kyle Pittman, Brian (Lauren) Volker, Patrick Volker, Shanna (Nate) Mead, Jonathan Birtley, Eric Birtley, Brittney (Jared) Hopper, Desiree (Austin) Harrison, and Jacob Jennings. He leaves four beautiful great granddaughters, Ella Mead, Peyton Mead, Adley Hopper, and Landree Harrison, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and extended family. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30 at Moss Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, at Cullman City Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama, with Pastor Wade Maynard officiating. Moss Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold Street NE, No. W1, Cullman, AL 35055, or Northbrook Baptist Church Caring Center, 1629 2nd Avenue NW, Cullman, AL.

Gwendold Gail Nelson, 82, of Hayden, entered into rest on July 27, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Gwendold was born on July 28, 1936, in Walnut Grove, Tennessee. Gwendold graduated from Immokalee High School in 1955. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years, which included time during the Vietnam War. He was a watch maker for 50 years. Gwendold was a loving and caring person who was always helping other people. He had a strong sense of patriotism and would be the first to address desecration of our nation's flag. Gwendold will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from noon until 1 p.m. at Kelly Mill Baptist Church in Double Springs, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Kelly Mill Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Bill Frank Wilson will officiate. Gwendold is survived by his son, William Nelson and his wife Vicki; daughters, Lisa Nelson Barnett, Tammy Nelson Lay and her husband Frank; brother, Bobby Neil Nelson; sister, Patsy Cohen; grandchild, Daniel D. (Anna) Nelson; nephews, Jeff (Diane) Wright, Greg (Angie) Wright; niece, Leslie Nelson; and a host of great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Katherine Louise Nelson; parents, Ernest and Velma Jo Nelson; sister, Wanda Wright; son in law, Brett Barnett; and niece, Scottie Ann Nelson.

Memorial Service for John Morice Hasenbein, age 74, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hasenbein passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2019, at Cullman Regional. He was born March 7, 1945, to John Maurice and Leona Hasenbein. Mr. Hasenbein attended school at Sacred Heart, Saint Bernard Prepatory, and Cullman High School where he was a member of the 1962 State Championship Football Team. He majored in Business Administration and Economics at Saint Bernard College and received a master's degree from UAB in School Organization and Administration. He served as the president of the Cullman County Teacher Association, chairman of the Alabama Education Association State Legislative committee for two years, president of the Cullman County Cattlemens Association for two years, board of directors for CCCA, thirty-year board member for Alabama Feed & Grain Association and served as president for two terms during that time. He taught school in Loretto, Tennessee and served as a football coach while there. He was a football coach and administrative assistant at Vinemont School and assistant principal at West Point. Mr. Hasenbein partnered with his best friend, Ronnie Donaldson, to form J & R Feed Service. Ronnie was more like a brother to him than a partner. He was the purchasing manager for Alabama Farmers Cooperative feed division for ten years. He joined Bunge Corporation as the facility manager for nine years. He retired from the River Grain Operations in Decatur, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Martha Ruth Hasenbein, who John said is "the best thing I ever did". Other survivors include daughter, Christie (Dale) Bright; son, Army Special Forces MSGT, John Jacob (Desiree) Hasenbein; daughter, Amber (Landon) Lyle; grandchildren, Blake (Allison) Bright, Caleb (Anna) Bright, Luke Bright, Abby (Chase) Mallard, Cody Hasenbein, Cooper Hasenbein, Breeauna Lopez, Avery Lyle, and Andrew Lyle; great-grandchildren, Bennett Bright, Barrett Bright, Ansley Bright, Greer Bright, Grant Mallard, and Baby Bright coming soon; and sisters, Lena (Jimmy) Augustin, Ann Augustin, and Clara (James) Laminack. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church music fund.

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Woodland Village's Ann Trucks crowned 2019 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home

John Matson
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Ms. Ann Trucks, of Cullman, was crowned 2019 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home during the Ms. Alabama Nursing Home Pageant held at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover Monday, July 29. She was crowned by Miss Alabama 2019 Tiara Pennington, who was co-host of the event.

Trucks, 76, is a resident of Woodland Village Rehab & Healthcare Center located in Cullman. She is a member of the Resident Council at Woodland Village Rehab & Health Care Center.

She serves as a resident activity volunteer which involves setting up activities and assisting other residents in participating.

She was married for 56 years and has three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"It's important to let people know that nursing homes are a second home," Trucks said after being crowned.

"If you go into it smiling, you're going to get so much out of it. I am so thankful God placed me where he did."

As Ms. Alabama Nursing Home, Trucks will travel to various nursing homes and community events to share her experiences.

During her reign, she will also serve as an ambassador for nursing home residents at several Alabama Nursing Home Association events.

The runners-up are:

- 1st Runner-up: Ms. Arlington Rehab & Health-Care Center, Eva McVay, Birmingham, 62
- 2nd Runner-up: Ms. Wiregrass Rehab Center & Nursing Home, Gwen Haney, Geneva, 80
- 3rd Runner up: Ms. The Oaks on Parkwood, Tracy Moore, Bessemer, 61
- 4th Runner up: Ms. Falkville Health Care Center, Carolyn Daniels, Falkville, 71

The top 10 finalists, selected from the field of 50 contestants, had individual interviews with the panel of celebrity judges before competing on stage for the crown. All other contestants in attendance were part of the Honor Court and were individually recognized during the pageant.



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2019 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home, Ann Trucks

Piper (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County District Court, with Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas as authorized acting district judge on behalf of District Judge Rusty Turner, on Monday found that probable cause exists to send the murder case of Charles Patrick Wayne Burgess to a Cullman County Grand Jury.

Burgess is charged with the Apr. 13, 2019 shooting death of Tommy Piper in Piper's home on Dripping Springs Road Northwest in Cullman.

Cullman Police Investigator Eric Cole detailed the police investigation of the shooting, and told the judge that ammunition found in the hotel room where Burgess was apprehended matched a shell casing found at the scene in brand and caliber, and that forensic evidence linked the shell casing to a firearm found in Burgess' room. Burgess now faces additional charges of burglary.

An investigation led by Cullman County Sheriff's Office Investigator Trevor Clemmons linked Burgess to burglaries at Smith Lake Park of campers belonging to Clark Loggins, Andrew Stinson, Kristy Cargal and Christy Timeo on Dec. 8, 2018.

DNA matching Burgess' was allegedly found in one of the campers, and a combination of pawn shop records and security camera footage allegedly show Burgess in possession of specific items reported stolen.

In these cases, Burgess faces four charges of third-degree burglary.

Nicholas declined to consider a request by Burgess to modify his bail to a minimal property bond.

The defendant remains in custody.

Justice (from Front)

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Editor's note: *All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Tribune continues its review of pending homicide cases in Cullman County, and reports on their current status and actions taken this year.

Bradford Neal Meeks - reckless murder of Curt Wilson in May 2017

Meeks, represented before Judge Gregory Nicholas by Johnny Berry and Brandon Little, was indicted Oct. 12, 2017 for reckless murder, two counts of driving under the influence, (improper) driving on roadways laned for traffic, driving on the wrong side of the road, open container and third-degree assault (for injuries sustained by Curt Wilson's mother Ashley Wilson). His case has been quite active this year, complicated by two other sets of charges.

Meeks was incarcerated in Madison County until late January for probation violation in an unrelated case there. He still faces trial in that case, but it will likely wait until the conclusion of the reckless murder case in Cullman County.

On Jan. 22, 2019, the defense filed notice of its intent to subpoena Verizon for Ashley Wilson's cell phone records for a range of hours that include the time of the accident on May 7, 2017. Two days later, the Cullman County District Attorney's Office filed a motion to quash the subpoena. On March 13, Nicholas quashed the subpoena, accusing the defense of going on a "fishing expedition" for anything it can use against Wilson. The judge did agree to review the records himself.

On Feb. 28, roughly a month after he was released from the Madison County jail, Meeks was arrested for third-degree domestic violence-harassment. Arresting officers discovered him in possession of methamphetamine, and he was also charged with possession of a controlled substance. Later that same day, Meeks' father Billy Meeks, who had signed a property bond in the murder case, filed a motion to withdraw as the bondsman in his son's case, writing, "Son is not doing right!" His request was granted and Brad Meeks's bail was revoked.

The reckless murder case is scheduled for the Aug. 12, 2019 trial docket. Meeks is in jail.

Jonathan Biggs - reckless murder of Tonya and Rhianna Busbee in March 2017

Biggs, represented before Judge Martha Williams by Decatur-based attorney Brian White, was indicted Oct. 5, 2017 for two counts of reckless murder, two counts of driving under the influence, reckless driving and (improper) driving on roadways laned for traffic. An Ohio resident, Biggs was extradited back to Cullman later that month. Released on bail, he had to agree to stay with relatives who live in Cullman County.

Biggs' case has been relatively inactive this year, except for three continuances: one in February and two in May. The case is not currently scheduled for trial. He is out on bond.

William Thomas Maddux - murder of Perry Shoemake in November 2017

Maddux, currently represented before Nicholas by Jason Knight, was indicted May 18, 2018 for murder in the death of his stepfather. Following the incident, he attempted to take his own life and was hospitalized for an extended period at UAB Hospital for treatment of his injuries and psychiatric care.

His case has been inactive this year, except for a continuance in March and the recent withdrawal of two previous attorneys: Michael Thornton and Wayne Fuller.

Justina Freeman - manslaughter of Blakelee Jayce Bryant in May 2012

Freeman was indicted along with co-defendant B.J. Bryant in 2013 for criminally negligent homicide, aggravated child abuse and manslaughter in the bathtub drowning of their 13-month-old daughter. The Cullman County District Attorney's Office alleged that Bryant, then 21, and Freeman, then 17, left the child unattended in the tub for an extended period of time.

Bryant pleaded guilty to aggravated child abuse in 2015 and agreed to testify against Freeman, receiving five years of probation.

Freeman failed to appear for a court date in April 2016, and her case has been inactive since. She was arrested a few months later, along with two other suspects, for a burglary in north Jefferson County.

Haven Andree McNeil - manslaughter of James Lee Sanson in May 2016

Represented before Nicholas by Champ Crocker, Robert Tuten and Nickolas Rowlan Heatherly, McNeil was indicted Aug. 22, 2017 for manslaughter, charged with "causing acceleration/deceleration head trauma" (a term often associated with shaken baby syndrome) to 2-year-old Sanson.

In February 2019, the Cullman County District Attorney's Office protested that the defense had not provided necessary documents to the state ahead of a scheduled March 18 trial date. The court ordered both sides to turn over all necessary documents.

In March, the state gave notice that it intended to introduce evidence from previous domestic violence cases involving an unrelated child and McNeil's wife. The defense objected, and the evidence was ultimately excluded.

Four continuances have been granted this year for defense attorney schedule conflicts, and one for a medical issue on the part of the defendant. No pending trial date is currently recorded in the system. Court computer records indicate that McNeil is in jail, but documents on file indicate that he is out on bond.

Donald Trammell - manslaughter of Logan Wayne Trammell in December 2017

Trammell, represented before Nicholas by Johnny Berry and Brandon Little, was indicted Feb. 15, 2018 for manslaughter in the shooting death of his son, who at the time of the shooting was driving a truck the defendant claimed he thought was being stolen by an unknown person.

Trammell was given bond, but that bond was revoked in January 2019 after he was arrested on multiple new charges, including drug possession, stalking and violating a protective order. His trial was set for mid-March, but the case has received three defense-requested continuances and currently has no assigned date in the system.

Brett Steven Amerson - reckless murder of Bradley Ray Patterson in December 2018

Amerson, represented before District Judge Rusty Turner by Sara Baker, was charged with manslaughter, (reckless) murder, homicide by vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident, felony DUI, failure to yield, improper turn and driving with a revoked or suspended license.

After his arrest, Amerson was found to be facing charges in Jefferson County and was transferred there. Earlier this month, that case was disposed and he was ordered to be returned to Cullman. Facing well over $100,000 in cash bonds in Cullman County charges due to an extensive criminal history, he is in jail.

Charles Patrick Wayne Burgess - murder of Tommy Piper in April 2019

Burgess, represented by Stephen Parker before Turner, was charged with murder after he confronted Piper at his home. After being disarmed and sent away by police, the defendant allegedly returned later with at least one more firearm, forced his way into the house, and shot the victim in the head.

In June, sitting in jail, Burgess requested a reduction of his bail to a minimum property bond, claiming that his incarceration under the current federal injunction violated his rights. At a preliminary hearing this week, Nicholas, sitting in for Turner, declined to consider the bond request, and added additional charges for multiple burglaries of campers at Smith Lake, which were linked to Burgess by DNA evidence, as well as pawn records and pawn shop security camera footage. He remains in jail as his case prepares to go to a grand jury.

Walter John Cornelius III- reckless manslaughter of Hannah Nicole Bates in February 2018

Cornelius, represented before Williams by Johnny Berry and Brandon Little, was indicted May 17, 2018 for manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and public intoxication in the death of Bates during an accident at Stony Lonesome OHV Park. This year, his case has been relatively inactive, having received four continuances, but it is listed on the Aug. 12, 2019 trial docket. He is out on bond.

How long does an average case take to go to trial?

Defendants have the right to a speedy trial, unless they waive that right. Many do, in order to provide more time for defense attorneys to prepare their cases.

In some cases, both prosecutors and defense teams have to wait for a year or even longer for forensic evidence and testing results to come back from a state crime lab. Regardless of what you see on TV, the average local law enforcement agency does not have its own lab or even its own dedicated crime scene technicians.

Local department investigators are trained in gathering and preserving evidence, and establishing a chain of custody for the evidence, until it can be delivered to one of the state's certified facilities. Cullman sends medical evidence to a medical facility in Huntsville that serves 22 north Alabama counties.

Drug chemistry, forensic biology and firearm and tool mark evidence are submitted to a second Huntsville facility that serves 13 counties. Toxicology evidence and fire debris from north Alabama have to be sent to the Birmingham regional facility, which has 22 central Alabama counties of its own to serve.

Examination of reports from multiple jurisdictions across the country in the last 10 years indicates that one- to two-year wait times are common in the most serious cases like murder, and that wait times of up to three years are not completely out of the ordinary. Most of Cullman County's cases are within that typical span, meaning that, though the wheels of justice turn slowly, they are not any slower in Cullman County than in other places.

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"I'm flat!" Stanley (Slade Turbyfield) grows impatient as clueless Doctor Dan (Dawson Culver) tries to figure out what's wrong.

ARTS

Flat-out fun! CP&R puts on 'The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley, Jr.'

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CP&R) on Saturday afternoon concluded its annual week-long summer theater camp with a production of "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley, Jr."

The show, based on the popular "Flat Stanley" book series, follows Stanley Lambchop, who longs to live a life of adventure. When he is flattened by a falling bulletin board, Stanley gets his wish, embarking on a whirlwind tour as a crimefighter (posing as a painting to catch an art thief), movie star (cast in a surfing movie as the board!) and human postcard, traveling the world via the postal system.

Cullman High School and Cullman Community Theatre Director Wayne Cook directed the production with assistance from Cindy Pass and members of both of his troupes.

He told The Tribune, "This is a theater camp that we offer; we've been doing it for about four years now, and we do it through CP&R now. They sponsor it. It's basically for kids that are junior high through- I think we have some kids as old as third grade here this week. We just kind of base it on maturity, whether they're ready for this. We have about 21 kids involved this year.

"They're doing a show called, 'The (Musical(Adventures of Flat Stanley, Jr.' is what it's called. It's a little play, about a 45-minute play; we've worked on it all week long. It's kind of crazy for doing it in a week. It's hard to pull a show together in a week, but that was the basis of the whole week's worth of work, is that program. It's got a lot of drama, a lot of music; there's singing, doing a little bit of choreography."

Finding blossoming talent

Said Cook, "I like doing these camps, because I get to learn about upcoming talent: who's coming up. You know, we get to start working with them some, getting to know them. Then, there are lots of time when we end up casting elementary kids in other shows, and so we like to know ahead of time who's out there. It's an opportunity for us to get to know kids, and to promote theater with a younger generation, and to continue to build the arts in the community.

"I like to participate for that reason, and I'm thankful to CP&R for allowing us to do it, and to Cullman High School for allowing us to do the camp here every year."

The CP&R summer theater camp is held in the latter part of July each year.

A little review

I don't usually engage in reviews of shows, but this one warranted a special bit of attention. For a production put together in only five days with a mostly kid cast, there were the little things you'd expect: the occasional line prompt or not-quite-precise dance step.

If you were there for the show on Saturday, though, what you really walked away remembering most were things some folks might not expect. The kids weren't shy; they went for everything they had to do with an energy level that was fun to watch. Now, kids have energy, but this energy was channeled just right, so that the actors hit their cues and sold their roles, the singers often sang like much more experienced vocalists, and they still got to be what they had to be for this kind of story and show to work: kids.

Cast

- Stanley Lambchop - Slade Turbyfield
- Arthur Lambchop - Aiden Wisener
- Mr. Lambchop - Rutland Turner
- Mrs. Lambchop - Abby West
- Sophie - Ariel Jacobs
- Caleb - Teague Petty
- Jackson - Will-Davis Simmons
- Jacob - Satchel Smith
- Mrs. Cartero - Willa Smith
- Bulletin Board Halle Robertson
- Doctor Dan - Dawson Culver
- Nurse Betty - Lillian Griffin
- Leader of the Cool Kids - Tegan Moss
- Hollywood Agent - Aubrey Duncan
- Samantha - Virginia Voss
- O Jay D'Art - Lauren Cherry
- Mona Lisa - Tegan Moss
- Napoleon - Will-Davis Simmons
- Sneak Thief - Teague Petty
- Wavecrest - Nik Fondren
- Kiki - Mary Atchison
- Bikini Wahini - Halle Robertson
- Assistant Director - Libby James
- Cool Kids - Lauren Cherry, Lillian Griffin, Virginia Voss, Halle Robertson
- Birds/Hollywood - Madelyn McCuiston, Bella Thornton, Adeline Hallmark, Anne Lunsford, Mary Atchison, Jessica Hayes

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