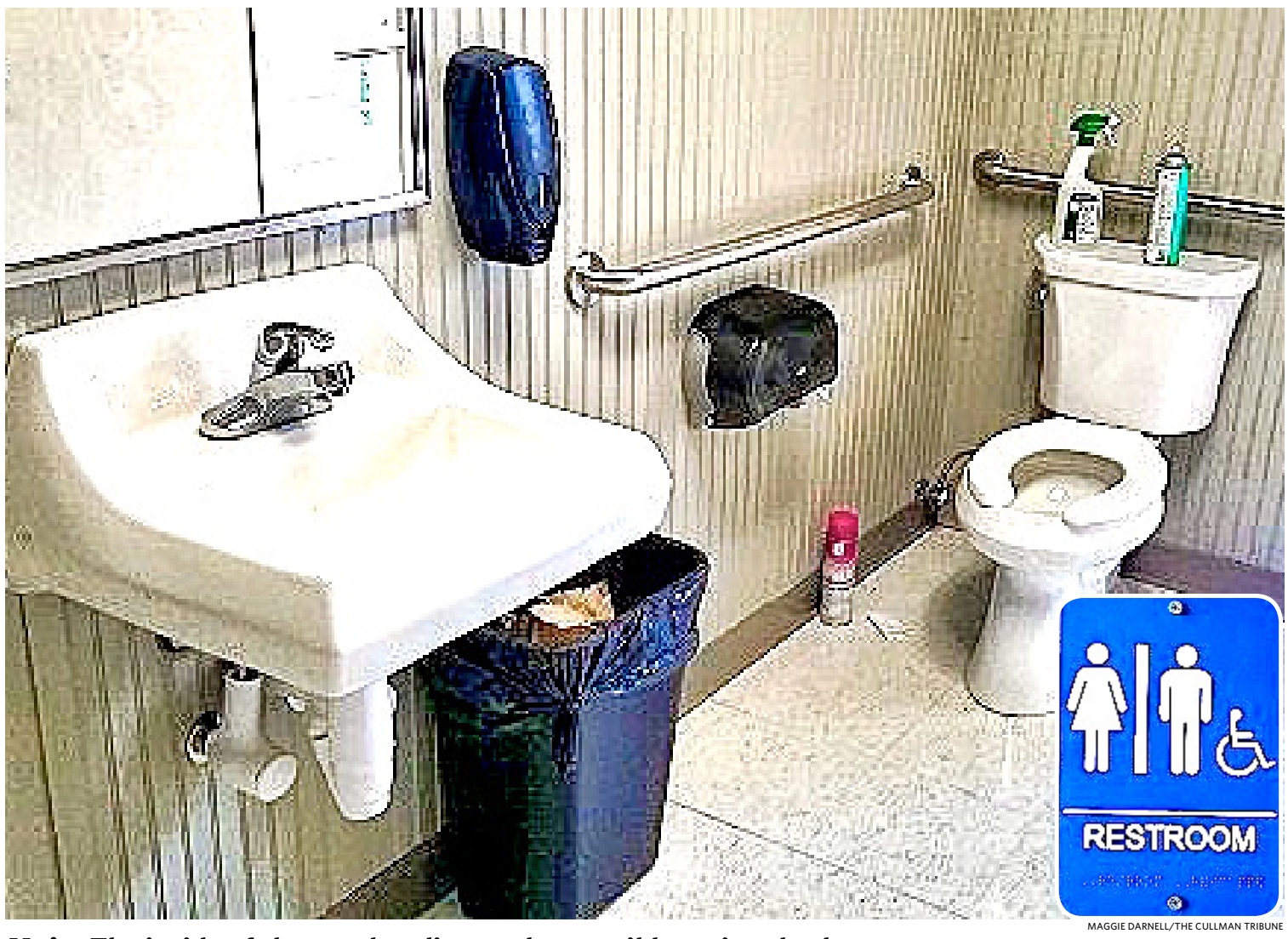
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City schools build 2 handicapped-accessible, unisex restrooms



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Main: The inside of the new handicapped-accessible, unisex bathroom at Cullman Middle School; Bottom right corner: The sign outside the new handicapped-accessible, unisex bathroom at Cullman Middle School

Christy Perry, Maggie Darnell
Tribune Staff

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson said Friday morning that the school system built two new restrooms this summer, one at East Elementary School and one at Cullman Middle School. She said the restrooms are ADA-compliant, meaning handicapped-accessible, and open for anyone to use.

"We have added a restroom at CMS near the office," Patterson said in an email to The Tribune. "The restroom is handicapped-accessible and can be used by anyone. We have also added a handicap restroom at EES to meet the needs of our students."

Parents took to Facebook Thursday expressing concerns that Cullman Middle School had added a transgender restroom, many saying that the new restroom was built for one student in particular.

As of press time, The Tribune has not been able to find any parents with personal knowledge of said student willing to go on the record about their concerns.

When asked directly if the new restrooms were built for transgender students, Patterson said, "I can't say anything past what I have written without talking to the (Cullman City Schools') attorney."

"It's just a handicapped-accessible restroom," said Cullman Middle School Principal Jake Johnson.

When asked if the bathroom was built for transgendered students, Johnson said, "I can't say that. I can say that it's for anyone; it's a need that we've had here for a long time. It is accessible to anyone that comes on campus.

"Not only does it allow parents to have a restroom, it'll also be accessible to any student, any visitor on campus.

"Anyone that's handicapped can use that restroom. We previously didn't have any restrooms on campus for handicapped people because there was no way to access."

Chamber welcomes 20th Youth Leadership Cullman County class



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2019-2020 Class Youth Leadership Cullman County class

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday night welcomed its 2019-2020 Youth Leadership Cullman County class. This is the 20th year of the program, which serves as an opportunity for students to learn about and get involved in their community. This year's class is made up of 24 students from Cullman area schools, including private and home school students.

Program Director Wesley Smith introduced the class to Dr. Tom "Big Doc" Williamson who helped found the program after completing the Leadership Cullman County Class in 1999.

"I was fortunate enough to be in the second class," said Williamson. "At the end of the year each class was supposed to develop a project that would hopefully help the community for years to come. Finally, they came up with this Youth Leadership class. There has not been another group that has come up with a more meaningful program. This is the 20th year. It has gotten bigger and better every year. What an honor it is to be a part of this program."

He continued, "When you graduate and you go elsewhere, to college or maybe leave the community for a while, but hopefully only a short while, you will come back and » PAGE 4

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NAFCO breaks ground on new access road, will create 30 new jobs

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CULLMAN, Ala. – "Let's keep moving Cullman forward!" Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker said at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new industrial access road for North Alabama Fabricating Company (NAFCO) Friday afternoon. Local and state leaders were on hand for the ceremony along County Road 222 at the NAFCO campus. With the construction of this industrial access road, NAFCO has committed to expanding its infrastructure and creating 30 new jobs.

The Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) explained » PAGE 6



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From left to right are Carson Clark, from the office of Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama; NAFCO President Ralph Parrish; Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs; Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker; Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer; Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Peggy Smith; NAFCO Executive VP Jim Smothers; and St. John & Associates Project Manager Dale Bright.



Cullman man killed in wreck near Johnson's Crossing

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JOHNSON'S CROSSING, Ala. – A Cullman man was killed in a two-vehicle wreck in the community of Johnson's Crossing Thursday evening.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victim as Kristopher Lyn Griffin, 34.

Kilpatrick said the crash happened in the 1600 block of County Road 616.

Alabama State Troopers said the wreck occurred at 4:30 p.m. when the GMC pickup Griffin was driving was struck by a Ford F-250 driven by Jacolby Connway Pitts, 30, of Hanceville.

Griffin was not wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead at the scene. Pitts was not injured.

Nothing further is available as ALEA State Troopers continue to investigate.

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 1-2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 1-2, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED AUG. 1
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Incidents
July 29
• domestic violence; 3rd Ave. SW Hanceville
• violation of a protection order; CR 1233
• criminal mischief; Colony Rd.
• unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1805
• burglary; CR 1101
• harassment; CR 781
• harassment; Wooley Rd. Hanceville
• domestic violence; CR 1402
• harassment; Welcome Rd.
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1242
• domestic violence; CR 437
• harassment; CR 1402
• theft of property; Main Ave. SW
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; New Hope Rd.
• domestic violence; CR 1114

July 30
• domestic violence; Hwy. 69 N
• domestic violence; CR 747
• harassment; CR 1490
• domestic violence; CR 1354
• domestic violence; CR 220
• violation of a protection order; CR 1225
• domestic violence; CR 425
• attempting to elude law enforcement officer, resisting arrest, theft of property; CR 1341
• harassment; CR 1564
• domestic violence; CR 359
• domestic violence; CR 109
• criminal mischief; CR 1809
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
• harassment; CR 1528
July 31
• domestic violence; Hwy. 231
• harassment; CR 447
• burglary; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence; CR 1408
• violation of a protection order; CR 1225
• burglary; CR 1718
• burglary; CR 1625
• theft of property; Hwy. 91
• violation of a protection order; CR 1225
• domestic violence; Megan Ln.
• harassment; CR 1583

ARRESTS
July 29
Armstrong, Adam Seth, 36
• probation revoked – trafficking illegal drugs

Butler, Larry Trebor, 31
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Floyd, Stephanie Marie, 34
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Garrison, Shana Danielle, 33
• third-degree domestic violence

Hamby, Cory Wayne, 31
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hyde, James Ellis, 41
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• FTA- resisting arrest
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jordan, Jade Moore, 25
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lenz, John Ludwig, 48
• third-degree receiving stolen property
• FTA- second-degree theft of property
• third-degree theft of property

Riggs, Britany Hope, 27
• third-degree theft of property

Roberts, Joshua Daniel, 38
• second-degree promoting prison contraband

Scott, Sheila Lynn, 58
• defrauding secured creditors

Tubbs, William Albert, 39
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

July 30
Bagwell, Dachery Dewayne, 27
• FTA- driving while revoked
• probation revoked – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Baker, Dustin Trent, 30
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Calvert, Tammy Renay, 47
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Crook, Rodney Dale, 46
• third-degree domestic violence – third-degree criminal mischief

Drinkard, Gregory Delane, 46
• FTA- improper lane usage
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hernandez, Elroy Lopez, 33
• GJ – second-degree assault

Humphries, Ashley Renee, 26
• third-degree domestic violence – third-degree criminal mischief

Hyde, James Ellis, 41
• first-degree bail jumping – possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Johnson, Jordan Andrew, 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jones, Johnathan Chase, 35
• public intoxication

Kennel, Brandon Christopher, 33
• attempting to elude
• resisting arrest

Lamb, Johnny Lee, 46
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- driving while revoked

Little, Lyles Samuel, 20
• contributing to the delinquency of a minor
• reckless endangerment
• probation violation – second-degree sodomy

McDonald, Shannon Alford, 38
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pena, Stephanie, 27
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Pugh, Justin Randall, 24
• probation violation – first-degree theft of property

Smith, Tommy Jacob, 31
• FTA- third-degree burglary

Watts, AnnMarie, 33
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Willoughby, Crimson Havin, 24
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

July 31
Baumgartner, Leonce Adolph, 57
• FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Dauksza, Matthew Eugene, 37
• violation of a domestic violence protection order (2 counts)

Elliott, Jeremy Zerock, 47
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Parker, Joseph Michael Jr., 36
• FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property

Powell, Nathan Allen, 28
• third-degree domestic violence – second-degree criminal mischief (2 counts)
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Steele, Joshua Lee, 34
• unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Whitehead, Larry Winston II, 43
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
July 31
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment; person; Morgan Ave. SW
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Main Ave. NW; damage to '18 Ford; $1,000
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; 12th Way SW; bicycle; $100

ARRESTS
July 31
Barton, Brian R., 38
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- failure to register vehicle
• FTA- driving while revoked

Rodriguez, Giovanni E., 21
• third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Uselton, Adam L., 29
• FTA- insurance violation

Byars, Jada C., 44
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Jones, Amy M., 35
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Collins, Stanley S., 39
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED AUG. 2
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
August 1
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $447
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $448

ARRESTS
August 1
Cockrell, Jr., James M., 42
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Thursby, Jessica L., 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• promoting prison contraband
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- expired driver's license

Brannon, Thomas J., 33
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• attempting to elude

Taylor, Anthony W., 34
• FTA- insurance violation

Tucker, Sr., Timothy W., 57
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (4 counts)

Brizendine, Christopher N., 44
• FTA- driving while revoked
• FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
August 3 - 6

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Summer Yard Sale at Heritage Park
Join us at Heritage Park for our summer yard sale within the baseball complex.
Gates will open at 6 a.m. for people to begin setting up.

Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting
• The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge.
• 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($10); 8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)
• This month's special guest speakers will be Sen. Garlan Gudger, Sheriff Matt Gentry and Rep. Randall Shedd.

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Cullman Caring for Kids
• 8 a.m.-noon at the Red Door Café (324 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman)
• For $8, breakfast includes: blueberry pancakes, sausage and orange juice, coffee, soft drink or tea
• Dine in or carry out

Back-to-School Bash hosted by Spring Hill Baptist
• 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Spring Hill Baptist Church (5400 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman 35057)
• The church will provide free food, water and water inflatables.

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.

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

Elks Lodge Drawdown
On Saturday Aug. 3, 2019, we will host our annual Lodge Drawdown. Tickets are available now for $50 each ($25 insurance also available). Each ticket will be entered into the drawdown and admit two people into the event, which includes a full meal and entertainment afterward. For tickets or more details contact the lodge at 256-734-9943 or see any lodge board member or lodge cashier. We look forward to seeing you at this fun-filled event on Saturday, Aug. 3. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

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

MONDAY, AUG. 5

Cullman City Planning Commission
5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

Victory Support Group
Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II. Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional. Victory Support Group recognizes that each survivor has a personal journey of recovery, and that survivors feel more comfortable consulting other survivors for information and resources. Survivor: Any man or woman who has been diagnosed with cancer. Co-Survivor: Anyone who walks alongside a survivor on his or her journey. This person may be an adult or child, caregiver, family member or a beloved friend. For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

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

Baileyton Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library Tuesday, Aug. 6

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

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

UPCOMING....
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.

Jack Aces/Branham Accessories 5th Annual Bike & Car Show
3:30-10 p.m. at the Festhalle; free admission
• $25 Registration fee for bikes and cars
• $20 vendor spots

50/50 Raffle
• $300 1st Place Bike and Car
• $150 2nd Place Bike and Car
• $50 3rd Place Bike and Car

Live music begins with Jesse Priest Music, followed by All or Nothing. All proceeds go to local charity, Cullman Police Department's Shop with a Cop.

7th Annual Roger Latham Memorial Horse Show
Walking horses will show on Friday evening at 6. Racking horses will show on Saturday evening at 6 at Baileyton Park Horse Arena, 600 Fire Station Rd. Admission is free. Concessions will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Parkside Jr. High and Fairview High School girls' basketball programs. For more information, contact David Latham, 256-572-1820.

Folds Family Reunion
The Folds family reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Senior Center. All friends and family are invited. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Kenny Folds at 256-739-4522.

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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POLITICS

Meet your legislators at August town hall meetings

Roger Steele
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center's Governmental Affairs Committee this month will host three community forums featuring Cullman's local legislative delegation. Each meeting will feature a local state representative in his specific district alongside Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman.

The first meeting will include Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, from District 11 and will be held in Holly Pond at the Guy Hunt Library Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 6-7 p.m.

The second meeting will include Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, from District 12 and will be held in Good Hope at Good Hope City Hall Thursday, Aug. 15 from 6-7 p.m.

The final meeting will include Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle, from District 9 and will be held in West Point at West Point Town Hall Thursday, Aug. 22 from 6-7 p.m.

For more information, call 256-734-0454.



CONTRIBUTED

Cullman County's state legislative delegation, left to right: Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle; and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman

LEGALS

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE Pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, Section 32-13-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders and other interested parties, the following described vehicle, to wit: Year: 2012 Make: Chevrolet Model: Cruze VIN: 1G1PF5SC6C7407665 Tag: TRS301 Abandoned Date: 12/04/2018 Was taken into possession and will be sold to the highest bidder for case at: 500 Second Avenue SW, Room 110, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Date of Sale: 9/16/19 Time of Sale: 10:00 a.m. The seller shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Contact J. Chad Floyd, 500 Second Avenue SW, Room 110, Alabama 35055, (256) 775-4878

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GENORA A. BROWN * CASE NO PC 2019-184
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: HOLLY BROWN WOODARD, JENNIFER ROLLO BALLENGER, BRANDON ROLLO, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will for the estate of Genora A. Brown has been set for the **17th day of September, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.,** before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

DONE this the 17th day of July, 2019.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
PAXTON PHILLIPS,) CASE NO. JU-2016-690.03
a minor child)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by David and Neci Hollenack and/or relief by August 29, 2019, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in regard to case number JU-2016-690.03, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 6th day of June, 2019.

Lisa McSwain
CLERK OF THE JUVENILE COURT

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY
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CULLMAN, AL 35055
256-620-0007

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO PUBLISHER: PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE, BEGINNING: 7/25/19

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELEANOR FRANCES CHRISTINE G. VEST, CASE NO.: PC2018-025
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: **THOMAS HIGGINS**
DANA K. VEST
CAROLE V. ADCOCK

Please take notice that Personal Representative, **Raymond A. Williams**, by and through his Attorney of record, Roy W. Williams, Jr., filed a Petition for Final Settlement, on the 28th day of June, 2019. A hearing on Final Settlement of the **Estate of Eleanor Frances Christine G. Vest, deceased**, shall be heard on the 27th day of September, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at which times you may appear if you so choose in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, Cullman County Courthouse, 505 2nd Avenue NW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

DONE this 17th day of July, 2019.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
PAXTON PHILLIPS,) CASE NO. JU-2016-690.03
a minor child)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the Mother and Father's whereabouts are unknown for service, and supporting allegations of being unable to locate the parents of the minor child; and it appearing that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights of said minor child, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, father of the minor child, Paxton Phillips, respond to the Petition by the 29 day of August, 2019 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered against him.

It is further ordered that notice of this Order shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in the CULLMAN TRIBUNE, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 6 day of June, 2019.

Juvenile Court Judge

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF JAMES HILL CASE NO: AD2019-051
AND TRACY HILL
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

N.F.G.C. A MINOR.
D.O.B 12-04-2017

NOTICE
PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF N.F.G.C. A MINOR CHILD BORN TO HALEY NICOLE COPELAND

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

DONE this 24 day of July, 2019.

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

Andria D. Sims
Attorney for Petitioners
300 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-006**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF A.A.P.
D.O.B. 12/12/2011
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **ANDREA LYNN TOLBERT PERDUE**
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY MARK ANTHONY PERDUE AND LORI ANN PERDUE, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF July, 2019.

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

J.Bradley Wilson
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-056**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF S.J.T.
D.O.B. 05/16/2017
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **STACI NICOLE CALVERY**
STEVEN EDWARD THOMAS
ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

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DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF August, 2019.

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

Nathan A. Brock
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223 22nd Avenue SW
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BILLIE JO MOTES, * CASE NO.: PC-2019-236
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to PATSY HOLLIS YOUNG as Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLIE JO MOTES, deceased, on the 24th day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Patsy Hollis Young
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIAM GLENN HIPP, * CASE NO PC-2019-222
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Amber Nicole Johnson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of William Glenn Hipp, Deceased, on the 18th day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Amber Nicole Johnson
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ROBERT WILFORD SPRADLING, JR., * CASE NO.: PC-2019-240
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to MICHELLE SPRADLING TOMLIN and BEVERLY POSTON as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of ROBERT WILFORD SPRADLING, JR., deceased, on the 1st day of August, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Michelle Spradling Tomlin
Beverly Poston
Co-Personal Representatives

Beverly Paschal Poston
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

EDUCATION

Teachers, administrators getting ready for school, part 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – It won't be long until kids- and the grownups charged with riding herd over them- head back to school. The Tribune is asking teachers, administrators and staff two questions:

1. What have you been doing to get ready for the new school year?
2. What are you most looking forward to this year?

They could give any answer, from a couple of sentences to an essay. Some folks gave specific answers to 1 and 2, while others just shared their thoughts. Both are welcome.

We'll be sharing here and there from now until school starts. If you'd like to take part, see below.

Kim Hall, principal, Cullman High School
1) "We have spent the summer preparing our campus and our buildings for the arrival of our students the first week of August. Our teachers have spent time resting and reflecting as well as participating in training and professional development related to their particular content specialization. Our counselors and administrative team have worked together to prepare for an outstanding school year filled with numerous opportunities for our students."

2) "I always look forward to our teachers and students coming back to campus. A school is just a building until the teachers and students arrive. That is when the magic takes place! I am excited to meet our incoming ninth-grade class. It's exciting to be a part of preparing our youth for their future and watching them grow into adults."

Jay Page, principal, West Elementary School
1) "Our teachers have participated in several professional development trainings this summer. Our English Language Arts teachers participated in a training title Structured Literacy that helps them to understand the science behind learning to read.

"We are excited about the new learning and the impact it will have on our students. Also, our math teachers finished training through AMSTI (Alabama Math and Science Technology Initiative) on the Ongoing Assessment Project, or OGAP.

"In OGAP training, our teachers learned how students struggle with mathematical concepts.

"Teachers learned about how to address student misconceptions about math concepts within the lesson and make adjustments to their lessons to help students understand the concept. We had two teachers and our library media specialist spend two days and become Google Certified Teachers to help them integrate technology into their lessons."

2) "Our fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms will now have one-to-one Chromebooks. This will be exciting for our students and teachers. Our students have had Google accounts and have used technology to complete interactive assignments.

"With the one-to-one Chromebooks, we feel that our students will have more access to ideas, the ability to conduct research on topics that interest them and the ability to broaden our learning beyond the walls of our classroom.

"We are excited to have the carpet removed from our classrooms. Our classrooms now have refinished hardwood floors or tiled floors, and we are thankful for the support of our central office in installing the new floors.

"With the different legislative mandates and a new summative test for our accountability scores, we want to 'rise to the challenge' this year. This will be the first year for our new summative testing in Alabama, and we want to have our students prepared.

"Also, we want to work to have all of our students reading at grade level. Most of all, we want to stress the importance of making daily progress. Improvement is the key to our learning."

David Wiggins, principal, East Elementary School
"EES underwent an extensive restoration project this summer. Carpet was removed from classrooms so that the hardwood floors could be restored to their original 1936 condition. In addition, carpeting was removed from the far east building and was replaced with VCT (vinyl composition tile).

"With retirements and transfers, we have a number of new faces on staff at EES, including the addition of a full-time assistant principal in Mr. Nic Gragg. He previously served in that position in a shared capacity at both East Elementary School and West Elementary School.

"Students will be welcomed by four new faces in EES classrooms as school begins: Mrs. April Dean, Mrs. Sarah Martin, Mrs. Jada Mitchell and Miss Alexandria White.

"We are excited to begin a new year with so many new faces, as well as some in new roles."

Sound off!
If you'd like to share with us, we look forward to hearing from you: teachers, administrators, counselors, band directors, coaches, Child Nutrition Program workers, bus drivers, SROs, central office, city, county, private...everybody! Check those questions and let us know what you've got going on.

Working on cool hallway or classroom paint jobs, decorations or setups? Send us pics!

If you're getting ready for something that's too big for two little questions, feel free to introduce us to what you've got.

Email craig@cullmantribune.com. If you've got something we need to come see or someone we need to talk to, let us know and leave contact information, and we'll be in touch.

Cullman County Public Library sees huge turnout to celebrate 'The Boy Who Lived'

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Inspired by one of the most popular book series of all time, the Cullman County Public Library held a birthday party for Harry Potter - not the series itself, but the actual character - Wednesday. Organizer Debra Reynolds said it was the first time the library has held such an event, but the party is likely to become an annual one based on Wednesday's incredible turnout. Some librarians mentioned they were expecting between 20 and 30 visitors; more than 90 attended.

Dressed in magical costumes, children and adults alike took part in several games and activities ranging from word searches and Pin the Tail on Fluffy to board games like Ticket to Ride, Potion Explosion and Chinese checkers, feasted on birthday cake and Hogwarts House-themed snacks (Slytherin gummy snakes, Gryffindor grapes, Ravenclaw Rice Krispies treats and Hufflepuff cheese puffs), got sorted into their Houses by Reynolds and shared their love of the series with fellow fans.

One girl in attendance was happy to give The Tribune a few words about her time at the party.

"It's awesome! Probably the best thing that's ever happened at the library in my lifetime, and I've been coming here my whole life with my great-grandma," said Emilie Gutowski, a soon-to-be fifth grader.

She was introduced to the series by her aunt and has been following it for about a year.

She said she's already looking forward to next year's party.

The library's common area was decorated with large cutouts of favorite characters, a replica trolley carrying luggage and a pet owl to Platform 9 3/4, a small tribute table to Albus Dumbledore and a center table towering with memorabilia from throughout the series.

Signs for different Houses were also scattered about, and a birthday banner was strung across the front windows.

Upon walking inside, visitors could sign a large birthday card, joining other characters from the series in wishing Harry Potter a happy birthday.

Reynolds said the party was a team effort between all the librarians - planning, decorating, bringing snacks and games and setting up.

The celebration was meant to close out the month, as they celebrated the Harry Potter series all through July.

She commended everyone on the hard work that made the party as successful as it was, and said, "We will definitely be having more of these in the future."



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Emilie Gutowski, who will be a fifth grader at Sacred Heart this fall, said of the party, "It's awesome! Probably the best thing that's ever happened at the library in my lifetime, and I've been coming here my whole life with my great-grandma."

Savoring summer: good times in Good Hope

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The City of Good Hope held its annual back-to-school event Thursday evening, and the community gathered at Good Hope Municipal Park to take part in the festivities, enjoying one of the last days of summer vacation.

Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett said, "This is, we started this, I don't know, maybe five or six years ago or more, it's the Back-to-School Bash. We get all of our sponsors and they pay for all the activities and feed the whole community, you know everything's free; the music's free, bounce houses are free, it's just a community give-back deal."

The bash featured country artist Kyle Mercer and a football theme, with council members dressed as referees and the Good Hope High School football team tossing the pigskin with the kids. Also volunteering were the high school's Student Government Association (SGA) while firefighters and EMTs from Logan, Loretto, Trimble, Bethsadia and Good Hope had vehicles on display.

Bartlett felt good about the evening; smiling, he said, "(Councilman) Greg Brown is the community service guy, that's what I had for six years before I was promoted to mayor.

"We've got about seven or eight projects like the Christmas parade, 1,500 people we feed at Christmas, this being the Back-to-School Bash. You know, these are our community service projects that we do every single year.

"The parade, our parade and the Christmas in the Park, those type deals. We usually feed the community three or four times a year, and we don't charge anything; our sponsors do it all. We really thank them for that. The sponsors give $1,000 and with that $1,000, we go out and do stuff like this."



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kids enjoy one of their last days of summer vacation Thursday at the City of Good Hope's Back-to-School Bash.

Class (from Front)

you will really realize the impact of what a special place God has blessed us with."

Cullman City Clerk Wesley Moore, a graduate of the first Youth Leadership class, and Breana Posey, business director at Chick-fil-A Cullman, will be assisting with this year's Youth Leadership class. Moore credits the program with helping him decide his career path. Posey, who completed the adult class, will co-chair this year's Youth Leadership program with Moore.

This year, the class will participate in one group activity a month as well as complete volunteer projects throughout the community. The first activity will focus on team building and leadership. The group will spend a day at the Hulaco Youth and Family Camp. Other activities will include tourism day, business etiquette, public speaking, personal finance, agriculture day and meeting elected officials from the city, county and state.

The 2019-2020 Youth Leadership Cullman County class members are:

- Maddie Mitchell- Cold Springs
- Brodi Williams- Cold Springs
- Ashlen Heatherly- Cullman
- Kate Rains- Cullman
- Hannah Hoffman- Cullman
- Lizzy Anders- Cullman Christian
- Miles Warner- Cullman Christian
- Allison Frost- Fairview
- Lexy Gambrill- Fairview
- Alyson Williams- Good Hope
- Jackson Dillashaw- Good Hope
- Hank Radcliff- Hanceville
- Maggie Ramirez- Hanceville
- Austin Riddle- Vinemont
- Idalee Greer- Vinemont
- Andrew Tucker- West Point
- Wiley Littrell- West Point
- Anna Beth Guthery- St, Bernard
- Jackelyn Arteaga- St. Bernard
- John David Grey- St. Bernard
- Sara Barck- St. Bernard
- Parker Sellers- Holly Pond
- Camilla Chambers- Holly Pond
- Clay Johnson- Home School

This year, Youth Leadership Cullman County has created the Tom "Big Doc" Williamson Beyond Leadership Award. The award will be given to the student who "leads by example, is always there and always happy to be there, happy to serve others and treats Youth Leadership Cullman County like a priority." Chick-fil-A will also give the winner of the award a $500 scholarship.



EDUCATION

City school board makes last-minute personnel changes ahead of new school year

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City School Board held a special called meeting Thursday morning to take care of a few last-minute issues before the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Most of the late changes were personnel ones.

Valerie Parris was introduced by East Elementary Principal David Wiggins at the meeting.

Parris has been approved as the new special education instructional assistant at East.

Wiggins described Parris as, "reliable, dependable and driven."

A longtime substitute teacher at the school, Parrish said, "I love East and I subbed in the special about 30 times last year and I really liked it."

The school board approved the following items:

- Salvage select textbooks from West Elementary
- Cullman City Primary School to adopt "A Fresh Look at Phonics" by William Blevins to supplement reading instruction
- Revision to agreement dated July 7, 2019 with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood (Amendment 1)
- 2019-2020 CCS athletic and band supplement schedules
- 2019-2020 CCS head coach/band director contracts
- 2019-2020 CCS technology supplement schedule
- 2019-2020 Cullman High School non-athletic supplement schedules
- 2019-2020 CMS, East Elementary, West Elementary and CCPS non-athletic supplement schedules
- Resignation of Cassity Campbell- Disabilities assistant at Cullman City Head Start
- Transfer of Theresa Bryant from CNP worker at East to special education teacher at East and West Elementary
- Leave of absence for Ashley Garrison, first-grade teacher at CCPS effective Jan. 3, 2020
- Lois Lay to carry over unused vacation days
- Permission for Amy Sessions, West Elementary, and Jessie Justice Brooks, Cullman City Head Start, to miss Institute Day

Employments:

- Dreama Young- Child Nutrition Program director
- Valleri Ryan- CNP worker
- Vickie Buckelew- CNP worker at West Elementary
- Mary Catherine Marinakis- CNP worker East Elementary
- Perry Marcus Allbritten- custodian at Cullman High School
- Barbara Hendrix- special education instructional assistant West Elementary
- Valerie Parris- special education instructional assistant East Elementary
- Sara Williams- special education instructional assistant East Elementary
- Erika Lee- parent/family/community engagement manager at Cullman City Head Start
- Peyton Little- special education instructional assistant Cullman High School
- Mattie Barringer- temporary guidance counselor at West Elementary

The Cullman City School Board will meet again Monday, Aug. 19 at 4 p.m. for the first FY2020 Cullman City Schools budget hearing. The regular meeting will follow the budget hearing at 5 p.m. in the central office board room.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Valerie Parris, a new special education instructional assistant at East Elementary, was introduced by Principal David Wiggins at Thursday morning's Cullman City School Board meeting.

EDUCATION

Wallace State Occupational Therapy Assistant program pins 60 students

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The largest graduating class for Wallace State Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program participated in a pinning ceremony recognizing their accomplishments. Sixty students walked across the stage to receive their pin.

"Congrats, here we are — we're done; we're finished; it's finally over," said class president Mary Williamson. "In a matter of just three semesters, lives have been changed."

Williamson said the field of Occupational Therapy is a misunderstood profession, adding she thought she and many of her classmates didn't know much about it when they first entered the program.

"The treatment is diverse and individualized, but the goal is still the same," she said. "It's to give you independence in your desired occupation.

"Your life is made up of different occupations which we call meaningful, everyday activities," Williamson added. "We generally don't think about daily occupations until we have trouble doing them. I would go so far to say that our ability to take care of ourselves, to work and have relationships are taken for granted."

Williamson went on recount the story of a woman who was crying tears of joy because her son could ride the bus to school with other children, that he could keep up with other children and that her family came around more often.

"I was excited for her, but I didn't understand the weight of what she was saying or why she was crying about it," Williamson said. She learned the woman had autism, with major sensory issues and no social skills.

"All he could do all the time was scream and cry and his own family couldn't come over to hang out with him. He had to have a separate school bus to get to school and a full-time school aid. She and her husband were completely hopeless and down to their wits' end until they found a pediatric clinic that offered occupational therapy. That's when things change, and this is why we're here. This is why occupational therapy is important."

One her first clinical patients was a war veteran who had suffered a stroke. "He had fought for years for the independence of his country, but yet due to a recent stroke he had no independence of his own,"' Williamson said.

"You wouldn't think that watching a man put a sock on would be anything exciting, or entertaining or anything to shout about. But you should have seen the pride beaming on his face when he finally slipped that sock over his heel for the first time in weeks with a simple tool. This is why we're here."

Instructors Rachel Gooch and Kelly Krigbaum congratulated the students on their accomplishments and noted how proud they were of them.

"Exactly 20 years ago I sat where you guys are sitting," said Krigbaum, who graduated from the Wallace State OTA program in 1999. "I had no job in sight and didn't know what the future held for me but knew that it would be bright because of this degree. I knew I would never be bored, because the field of occupational therapy never gets boring.

"I want to commend all of you for your commitment on obtaining your dream of pursuing a degree in occupational therapy," she added. "You have endured many long, stressful days to reach this milestone and I truly hope that it's a rewarding day for you to celebrate. I'm so proud of your accomplishments and can't wait to see what your future holds."

The Wallace State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program is a three-semester degree program, with two semesters of pre-requisite courses to complete before applying to the program. Applications are accepted each year from March 1 to June 1 for entry in the fall of year.

Registration is currently underway for the Fall 2019 semester and will continue through Aug. 22. Classes will begin Aug. 19.

Visit www.wallacestate.edu to register of for more information about this and other programs offered at Wallace State, or call 256-352-8000.







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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE • ALABAMA'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY PUBLISHED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

PIKE COUNTY

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Correspondent

"ECO-FRIENDLY GOLF" sounds like an oxymoron, like jumbo shrimp, tight slacks or a minor miracle. However, eco-friendlier golf is a progressive, PLANTS + PEOPLE idea being explored by engineering, environmental science and other students at Troy University in Pike County. Considering the international impact of this Alabama-based university with 60 teaching sites in the US and 11 other countries, discussions here of a more natural, golfing experience could have a global impact on the game.

Golf course design, engineering and maintenance are not traditionally known for being "eco-sensitive." The post-World War II boom in golfing popularity meant bulldozers and other landscape-obliterating machines carving play areas and putting plateaus out of the natural terrain. Elaborate, water irrigation systems and vast amounts of plant poisons were the 20th century, American country club norm.

However, many environmentally aware golfers are demanding courses be engineered for a lighter carbon footprint and greater sustainability. Hundreds of golf courses in the U.S. are now listed as plant and wildlife sanctuaries, many certified by the Audubon Society.

Here are some ways golf courses are becoming "eco-friendlier":

- Converting turf to native grasses
- Reducing water use and irrigation systems in areas outside the playing grounds
- Using indigenous plants, not exotics
- Emphasizing walking and opting for solar-powered carts
- Propagating plants and turf on-site to reduce the need to transport
- Reimagining environmental wastelands such as stripped-mined areas to become golf courses
- Designing for fewer water-wasting fountains and unnecessary lighting
- Adding bird nesting boxes
- Mowing less area and providing wildflower meadows for pollinators
- Planting ponds with aquatic vegetation

Many of us agree with the popular quip, "Golf is a good walk spoiled." But, at least so-called "eco-friendly golf" is aiming to make that walk spoil nature less. As the tree-huggers and the tee-uppers in Pike County help us look to the future, here's a forward-thinking quote from golfing legend, Ben Hogan, "The most important shot in golf is the next one."

Engineering eco-friendly golf courses and pondering walking such courses, lugging a heavy set of golf clubs, makes one hungry and got us thinking about what to eat after 18 holes of golf. Of course, a club sandwich, but not any ole club sandwich—A PERFECTLY ENGINEERED, ULTIMATE GOLF CLUB SANDWICH.

Here, created especially for "THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY," is the blueprint with exacting specifications for A PERFECTLY ENGINEERED, ULTIMATE GOLD CLUB SANDWICH created by Alabama engineer and cook, Laurie Johnson, and tips on other PLANTS + PEOPLE things to explore in Pike County:

- PIONEER FARMERS' MARKET- Bicentennial Park, Highway 21 and North Brundidge, Troy, AL 36081; June-November, Saturdays 7-11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7 p.m.
- PEANUT BUTTER FESTIVAL- (Brundidge) Last Saturday every October; arts and crafts, carnival foods and a salute to famous plantsman, Dr. George Washington Carver of The Tuskegee Institute; FREE family fun
- JOHNSTON PEANUT BUTTER MILL- (Brundidge) Opened in 1929 in this peanut-growing part of Alabama, the mill, now a museum, produced two million jars of peanut butter each year; FREE, open by appointment and on the last Saturday of October during the Peanut Butter Festival
- PIKE COUNTY FARMSTANDS- Fred Dubose, Banks, AL; Robert Dubose, Banks, AL; Michael Dunn, 160 County Road 7740, Troy, AL 36081, 334-268-1219; peas, butterbeans, okra, corn
- PIONEER MUSEUM OF ALABAMA- This is an ideal place to celebrate the 2019 Alabama Bicentennial; 248 Highway 231 North, Troy, AL 36081, 334-566-3597; one-room schoolhouse, horse-drawn jail, sugarcane mill, 1800s train locomotive; this is where Cortney Daniels of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Pike County) said she would take a landscape photographer to get a nostalgic view.
- THE JOHNSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS- 300 East Walnut St., Troy, AL 36081- Showcases Alabama arts and artists; many works celebrate nature and agrarian life in Alabama; FREE; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; FREE and open to all
- PLANTING AN IDEA- Explore "edible landscaping." We could take all the talk in Pike County of "eco-friendly golf" to a higher level. Golf course greens regularly have lots of sunshine and good irrigation. Some of the "playing greens" could be replaced with "edible greens" like herbs. We are living in an era of heightened awareness of ecology when vast swaths of green lawn seem dated to some other century. Today, we want zone-appropriate plantings with a purpose.

Y'ALL COME to Pike County on your 67-County Alabama Garden Party tour, where folks are naturally friendly and eco-friendly.

Many thanks to Alabama engineer and cook, Laurie Johnson, for A PERFECTLY ENGINEERED, ULTIMATE GOLD CLUB SANDWICH and to Cortney Daniels, Pike County, Alabama Cooperative Extension System 334-566-0985.

Building a perfect sandwich, specifically A Perfect Golf Club Sandwich, is all about advance planning and engineering. When building a house, you can't just throw bricks, wood and paint together and expect it to be a great home. When building a set of golf clubs, you can't just weld a bunch of steel together and expect to execute the perfect drive, chip or putt. Engineering a perfect sandwich doesn't mean there aren't choices – just that you need to think them through, have a blueprint and construct it for your taste and season.

1. First, consider structure and foundation. A traditional club sandwich has three slices of bread and two layers of protein, crunchy, fresh ingredients and window dressings. Choices for bread, include plain white, ciabatta, sourdough, whole wheat, marbled pumpernickel or a whole grain seeded bread. Whatever your other raw materials, make sure to layer them so you don't have two slippery ingredients adjacent to each other or the structure will slide around while eaten.
2. Protein! Bread is the foundation of the sandwich, but other building materials determine most of the flavor and style of your architecture. Traditional protein choices are sliced turkey, ham, chicken, roast beef or bacon. Two is generally enough!



The Alabama honeysuckle border was inspired by an 18th century, Southern applique quilt.

3. Now, on to crunchy and garden-fresh building materials. Lettuce and tomato are the obvious choices. There are many lettuces, but the reliable iceberg or romaine add the most crunch. Other "crunchies" include cucumber, apple, onions, peppers or sprouts.
4. Finally, choose the finishing touches or window dressings: ingredients that are used sparingly but add flavor and moisture. For the spread, mayonnaise, mustard or honey mustard are popular. You can pump up flavor with avocado, by adding barbeque, horseradish or pesto sauce to the mayo or using a salsa or seasonal chutney/relish (onion, citrus, cranberry, etc.). And oh, don't forget cheese; so many types of cheeses!
5. Find building combinations that are in season and complement, or are even surprising together, like an accent wall! All with your favorite bread, lettuce and tomato.

- **Spring** – turkey, ham, cucumber, honey mustard, spring onion, cheddar cheese
- **Summer 1** - turkey, chicken, salsa mayo, avocado, cilantro, pepper jack cheese
- **Summer 2** – chicken, bacon, barbeque mayo, red onion, blue cheese crumbles
- **Fall** – ham, bacon, cranberry chutney, mustard, apple slices, Gouda cheese
- **Winter** - roast beef, bacon, pepper strips, horseradish mayo, Swiss cheese

You get the idea – the combinations are endless. There may not be "The" perfect sandwich, but there is "A" perfect sandwich for you and your season!

Now, that the choices for your perfect golf club sandwich are crystal clear, use this blueprint for engineering your sandwich using fresh, seasonal ingredients. Enjoy it with crispy chips and a cool drink: Southern sweet tea, lemonade or a cold Alabama craft beer. By the way, combinations of chips and drinks are endless, but that's another story!

The Cullman Tribune is celebrating the Alabama Bicentennial (1819-2019) with statewide field reporting by Alabama Master Gardener/Botanical Artist Ben Johnson South. This yearlong feature, "The 67-County Alabama Garden Party," will spotlight different counties each week. Each county will get its own "quilt block," along with a historical profile, and we'll share a recipe specific to the area. At the end of the year, all 67 counties will be put in a book to commemorate the Bicentennial.





Pike County

A BLUEPRINT FOR "A" PERFECTLY ENGINEERED GOLF CLUB SANDWICH

(1 SANDWICH, ~ 2 SERVINGS)

INGREDIENTS: Generic ingredient listed first followed by specific choices for "Our Family Favorite"

- **Foundation** - 3 slices of whole grain bread
- **Protein** – about 6 ounces of thinly shaved deli turkey
- **More protein** - 3 slices of thick cut bacon
- **Crunchy** – A handful of romaine and leaf lettuce, torn into bite sized pieces
- **Fresh** – 1 large beefsteak tomato, sliced to 1/2 inch. Press slices with paper towel to remove excess moisture. Juicy is good, but too much will make the sandwich soggy and hard to eat.
- **More fresh** –1 ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
- **Window dressing, the spreads** - mayonnaise and mayonnaise mixed with homemade basil pesto
  - Basil pesto – in a food processor, whirl 2 cups fresh basil leaves, juice from a lemon, 3 garlic cloves, 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese, 1/2 cup pine nuts, salt and pepper into crumbles - followed by 1/2 cup olive oil (refrigerate for a few days or freeze for 3 months)
- **More window dressing** - 2 thick slices of sharp cheddar cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Lightly toast the bread in a toaster or an oven. Cool before constructing the sandwich.
2. Cut bacon slices in half, fry or bake until crisp and drain on paper towels.
3. Start with you first foundational piece of bread, spread with mayo and then layer 1/2 each of the turkey, avocado, lettuce, tomato, bacon and cheese (in that order). Top with the second slice of bread that is spread on its bottom side with pesto mayo and top side with plain mayo. Repeat the layering. Top with the third slice of bread with pesto mayo on its bottom side.
4. Press down lightly on the sandwich to compress and let the ingredients mesh. Hold it steady and slice with a sharp serrated knife, diagonally, into 4 triangles. Secure each with a long toothpick.
5. Enjoy your perfectly engineered and constructed sandwich with our favorites: crisp, ridged potato chips and a refreshing Arnold Palmer drink (a mixture of iced tea and lemonade)!

NAFCO (from Front)

how the project was made possible, saying, "NAFCO recently received an industrial access road grant for $324,000 through the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) Industrial Access Road and Bridge Committee. To be eligible for this grant, NAFCO had to meet a certain set of standards. One of the standards was 'the industry must be committed to new investment and the creation of new jobs.'"

NAFCO, which engineers, fabricates and installs structural steel, approached CEDA about available state funding for a new industrial access road. NAFCO currently uses one access road for all ingress and egress and shares that road with Topre America.

CEDA Director Dale Greer said, "We are very fortunate to have a large existing industry base here in this county as a whole. We do not just want to recruit these industries and that be it. A large part of our focus is, and always has been, the retention of our industry. By doing this, it is important that we address their needs whenever they arise so our existing industries can grow and expand here at home. Travis Kilgore of ALDOT's Guntersville office has been very helpful throughout the process."

Once the grant was ready to be submitted, it went before a nine-person committee.

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, a member of the ALDOT committee, said, "Existing business and industry makes up the bulk of a community's economy. It is very important for the leaders on the local and state level to listen to their needs and seek out answers.

"On a state level, we are very happy to have a source of revenue that allows for grants like this. Whenever we have the financial means to provide, and there is an eligible need in this district, I am going to do all I can to make sure those needs are met.

"Anytime you can assist in providing a means that will in turn create jobs and bring capital investment, that is a win for everyone."

Gudger was on hand for remarks at Friday's groundbreaking.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and the Cullman City Council were also instrumental in securing the grant. Since this will be a public street, they had to commit to assuming the care and maintenance of the road.

Jacobs said, "The biggest factor in our approval of this project was the commitment by NAFCO to create 30 jobs and add new investment.

"When there is an opportunity to create new, quality jobs in our community, and add new investment, the council and myself view that as a positive move in the right direction for Cullman. We stand behind our existing business and industry and are committed to working with them to the best of our abilities to ensure that our local economy continues to prosper."

Ralph Parrish, president of NAFCO, spoke to those in attendance about the variety of projects in which NAFCO has played a major role during its 20 years in Cullman.

"In the most recent history we did the Auburn scoreboard out of here. We did the NASA test stands to send our people to Mars in 2024. That came out of Cullman, Alabama," said Parrish. "Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta just this year and we worked on the Raiders Stadium. We are working on the baseball field for the Rangers in there in our shop right now. We are doing ammunition plants for the Army and we have built rides for a major amusement park in central Florida. Right here in Cullman, Alabama."

Last year NAFCO added $5 million in equipment, and it plans to expand this year with another bay for assembly and $1 million in additional equipment.

Gudger praised the hard work by everyone who played a part in making the industrial access road possible, saying, "This has a ripple effect that will make way for the creation of 30 jobs and will allow for a large capital investment back into the economy.

"These opportunities will be a positive impact on many individuals and families here in Cullman, Alabama.

"As long as we have a constant revenue stream to sustain grants, as this, we will be able to provide for those projects that are the most viable for our state and for its people."

Walker and Jacobs thanked everyone and recognized who cooperated to make the new access road possible.

Said Greer, "The road, we are talking about 10 to 12 months to get it bid and get it constructed and all of those things."



Funny Things from Yesterday: Old Bulger

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



As I was growing up, we had a pit bull dog and we named him Bulger. How we came up with this name, I will never know. As he got older we changed his name - we called him Old Bulger.

The first thing I can remember about Old Bulger, (I must have been 4 or 5 years old at the time) was Daddy and some of the neighbors cutting the little puppies' tails off.

They used a pocket knife, a hammer and a brick. They put the puppy's tail on the brick, placed a knife on the tail and hit it with the hammer. That seemed to be a tough way to lose a tail.

Old Bulger grew up with us children. He was a good dog, a very good companion, and really a great protector.

When Dale and I were in the 5 to 7 year old range, we were playing on a small branch that flowed through our pasture. We ran upon a snake and before we could bat an eye, Old Bulger grabbed the snake in his mouth and actually shook it's insides out. Little harm could come to us if Old Bulger was around.

At this time we lived down the hill from Uncle John Rushing's store. He wasn't really our uncle but everyone called him that. When Frances, my sweet sister, and I went to school we had to meet the bus at Uncle John's store. The store was about half a mile up the hill through the woods.

We had to walk up an old log road. Old Bulger went with us every day. In the afternoon, just before the bus would arrive, Old Bulger would come up the hill and be waiting for us to get off the bus. It was really a comfort to have him with us as we walked through the woods.

As I think back over the years that Old Bulger lived with us, the funny thing I remember was the problem Mother had when she needed to discipline us. Now being disciplined in those days was tough. It meant that you got stripped with a hickory switch. So when Mother tried to switch us, Old Bulger was such a good protector, he wouldn't allow it. Mother always had to shut him up in the house and switch us outside or shut him outdoors and switch us in the house. I sure loved that old dog for protecting us when he could.

We moved to town when Old Bulger was about 6 years old. We lived close to U.S. Hwy 3l and after a few years he was hit by a car and we had to lay him to rest. I will always remember him as our first dog and the finest dog we ever had.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

We had a wonderful birthday weekend

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



My grandson Drew and I celebrated birthdays this week. Drew hit double digits and I hit double old! Our birthdays are only two days apart – plus several decades. We wanted to do something special for our birthdays this year. Drew had mentioned he wanted to go to Six Flags over Georgia. I've been to Six Flags more times than I've been to Wal-Mart, but I haven't been to either much in recent years. That has been by design. Part of the reason is because of the long lines and my age. I've grown older standing in those lines.

The last time I went to Six Flags I thought I might need traction afterwards. I rode a rollercoaster called The Mind- Bender. I placed a card in their suggestion box that they change the name to The Spine-Bender. I made my first trip to Six Flags when I was eighteen. Jean and I were dating and I took her there on one of our first dates. I've never been good at riding things that spin in circles, but how do you tell a pretty girl who you want to impress that you can't ride the drunken barrel? I don't know, but I should have found a way. I prayed through the whole ride that I wouldn't throw-up...especially on her. After we stopped, I was so dizzy I couldn't walk straight. The world was still spinning. I don't know if the barrels were drunk but I certainly was - and I don't even drink.

When Jean had to lead me off the ride by the hand, I don't think I made a good impression. On Thursday of our birthday weekend, my family and I loaded up and headed to Georgia. I still can't believe that I somehow missed the Six Flags exit. I drove right on by and ended up in Germany! We spent the weekend there in a little German Alpine village called Helen. Okay, Helen is not actually in Germany but in northeast Georgia. The town does have the look of a southern Germany Bavarian town. Helen is far from being the largest city in Georgia, but it is the third most visited one in the state. Back in 1969, when scores of travelers and tourists zipped through the sleepy community on their way to the Smoky Mountains, the residents decided to try something to cause them to stop. They reconstructed their town to resemble the classic southern Germany style of architecture. They opened cafes that served German cuisine. Travelers did begin to stop. New shops, stores, motels, and restaurants opened, all with the Bavarian look. Today tourists aren't stopping on their way to somewhere else, Helen is their destination. We rented a little cabin, a few miles outside of town. We enjoyed drinking morning-coffee while sitting in rocking chairs on the porch and watching the sunrise over Appalachian Mountain tops. That was a little too mundane to suit Drew for long. The Chattahoochee River runs through the heart of Helen so we went tubing. The rapids aren't too swift and much smoother than most of the rides at Six Flags! The water is cold and yes, most of my family got wet, including the two birthday boys. Afterwards we picnicked on the banks of the river and watched others get wet. That evening, we warmed by a fire in the fire-pit outside our cabin as we made s'mores. The next morning, "they" went zip lining.

This has been a birthday weekend I will never forget and I hope Drew doesn't either. I thank God for another year of life, my family and time spent with them in Helen, Georgia...oh, and bypassed Six Flags exits!

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1903

The depot here was destroyed by fire on Monday morning, between 2 and 3 o'clock. The night operator, S.H. Johnson, discovered the fire, which some believe caught from sparks from a freight train, which passed some 20 or 30 minutes before the fire was seen. The loss will be at least $5,000.

I.O.O.F. Cullman Encampment Member 48 was organized, on Thursday night, with 15 members.

Officers installed were W.A. Hack, Chief Patriarch, R.I. Burke, Senior Warden, O.S. Roden, High Priest, George Stiefelmeyer, Junior Warden, J.D. Searcy, secretary, R.E. Lee, treasurer, John Allgood, inside sentinel and H.S. Lockhart, outside sentinel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Knight last week was a baby boy.

Josh Imbusch left for Germany on Wednesday.

Born on Saturday, October 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie York, was a son.

Born on Sunday, October 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller, was a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Richard are rejoicing over the arrival of another girl.

Misses Loretta Hays and Ruby Hanlin went to Birmingham on Saturday to see Barnum's big show.

The new accommodation from Birmingham will begin regular runs next month.

Mayor George Beyer and Miss Theresa Hoelscher attended the state fair and big circus in Birmingham on Saturday.

Miss Itasca Scott and R.E. Huff were married, at the courthouse, on Wednesday.

William O. Meisner, Colonel Cullman's right bower in the settlement of the colony, in 1873, stopped in Cullman, enroute to Birmingham, on Tuesday from his home in Courtland.

From The Files Of 1933

Reverend W.O. House, age 59, died on Sunday and only 48 hours later his daughter, Mozelle, died. Both had been ill only about a week.

Married this week were Mill Little Mae Craven and Cleve Williams.

Cotton is bringing 9 1/2 cents a pound on the street, today.

W.T. Chambers, age 61, picked 301 pounds of cotton, in his field on October 18th.

On the same day, in 1892, when he was 20 years old he picked 581 pounds, in the same field.

Herbert Wagner has been made manager of the Brothers Store, by Highway 31.

Married on Thursday were Miss Blanche Linton, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. J.T. Linton and Paul Burks, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Burks.

Poet's Corner

A Bright Spot

By: Randy C. Hale

I passed four or five times each week.
On the front porch, an old man sitting
would throw up his hand and wave.
I started looking for him.
His wave was often the brightest spot of my day.

One day I stopped to say hello.
He said that waving was meant to make
people's day better. It always did mine.

Not to long after the porch became
empty. I learned that he had died.

I missed his light.

Obituary Announcements: July 31 - August 2

Funeral Service for Amery Fae Dickerson, age 3 months, of Baileyton, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Preacher Joshua Gill officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Amery passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at her home. She was born April 23, 2019, to Jason and Elizabeth Brooke Dickerson. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, J.L. Charles Dickerson, and her great-grandfather, Clarence Baugh. Survivors include her parents Elizabeth Brooke and Jason Dickerson; sister, Lillian Vallene Dickerson; grandparents, Wanda Nichols, Steve Nichols, and Shirley Dickerson; great-grandparents, Velma Baugh and Shelby (Jean) Nichols; aunt, Victoria Madison Nichols; great-aunts, Wendy (Alan) Wilson and Charlotte Gibbs; and god-aunt, Kaycie Woitha. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

John Paul Bowling, 68, of Arley, Alabama entered into rest on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at North Alabama Specialty Hospital in Athens surrounded by his family. Mr. Bowling was born on January 19, 1951 in Alexander City, Alabama. He attended Cullman High School and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church for many years. John served in the Army during the Vietnam War and later in the National Guard. Visitation will be on Friday, August 2, 2019 from 6-8pm at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison with services on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church in the Helicon Community. He will lie in state from 1-2pm. Brother Greg Dollar will officiate. Burial will follow in adjoining cemetery. John is survived by his wife of 48 years, Martha Bowling; sons, Kevin Bowling and his wife Christi, Jason Bowling and his wife Lori, and Scott Bowling and his wife Miranda; sister, Maudean Lindsey; and mother-in-law, Collene Brown. He was known as "Papa" to his 7 grandchildren, Austin, Jaycey, Caleb, Callie, Claire, Briley, and Sadie. He was preceded in death by his mother, Inez Johnson McKee, and father-in-law, Herbert Brown.

Russell Monroe 'Butch' Godfrey, 72, of Cullman, formerly of Orange Beach, AL passed away July 31, 2019. He was born September 18, 1946 to Gilmer Rubin & Hilda Erna Hirsch Godfrey. He was a loving father and a devoted husband. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Judy Calvert Godfrey; son, Jon (Shelia) Godfrey; daughter, Susan (Ricky) Guthrie; brothers, Gilmer Godfrey, Jr., Keith (Lauren) Godfrey; sister, Patricia Godfrey; grandchildren, David Gardner, Aliyah Guthrie, Kalah Guthrie; a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cullman Christian School.

Funeral service for James Olen 'Sonny' Brown, 82, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Brown passed away Thursday, August 1, 2019. He was born October 21, 1936 to Barney & Maude Brown. He owned several businesses in the Good Hope area over the years. He was an auxiliary state trooper and county deputy. Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris Williams Brown and several brothers and sisters. He is survived by his son, Barry (Jamie) Brown and a daughter, Dana Brown; and many friends. Visitation will be Saturday at the funeral home from 11 until 2 p.m.

Funeral services for Anna Sue Dean, 90, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor John Bussman and Pastor Christopher Clark officiating, with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Dean passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at Falkville Nursing Home. She was born August 4, 1928, in Cullman to Alfred B. and Anna Allison Glaser. She retired after 36 years as a Linotype Operator and Printer from the Birmingham News, beginning the trade at The Cullman Tribune at the age of 14. She was a member of the Communications Workers of America/ International Typographical Union and Birmingham Typographical Union 104 and was a member of the Cullman German Club. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, W. Eugene Bowden, George L. McBee and Sam F. Dunn; daughter, Suzanne B. Sammons; brothers, Alfred R. and Edward C. Glaser; and sisters, Ruth Reid and Rosa E. Lee. Survivors include son-in-law, Ronnie W. Sammons; grandson, R. Barry Sammons; granddaughter, Melissa Sue Sammons-Gudis; sisters, Esther Kidd Williams and Marjorie F. Kreps; stepdaughter, Sammy Dean Lewis; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 10-11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Edith Ruth Daniel, 80, of Phil Campbell, entered into rest on August 1, 2019 at North Alabama Medical Center. Mrs. Daniel was born on March 10, 1939 in Lawrence County, Alabama. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Vance Hutton will officiate. Burial will follow in First Baptist Church Cemetery in Phil Campbell. Edith is survived by her husband of 63 years, Shirley Maxwell Daniel; daughters, Teresa Logan and husband Anthony, Rhonda Evers, Mitzi Mansell, and Jessica Molock and husband Drew. She was "Maw Maw" to 4 grandchildren, Chris James, Daniel Evers, Britt Mansell, Payton Mansell, and 4 great grandchildren, Kressley James, Cyrus Evers, Xylee James, and Atticus Evers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Voit and Lula Taylor; brothers, Murphy Taylor, Clayton Taylor, James Thomas Taylor; and sister, Edna Taylor.

Marlon Dale Pipkins, 63, of Haleyville entered into rest on August 1, 2019 at his Lakeland Community Hospital. Mr. Pipkins was born on October 4, 1955 in Haleyville. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2pm. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Dale is survived by his sons, Matthew E. Pipkins, Ashley D. Pipkins; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a sister, Carolyn Baker and her husband Dennis.

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Good Samaritan receives $5K from Cullman Savings Bank, announces 5th annual Caring for Cullman Concert

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The staff of Cullman Savings Bank on Thursday presented Good Samaritan Health Clinic (GSC) a check for $5,000 ahead of this year's fifth annual Caring for Cullman Concert.

In presenting the gift, bank Vice President Clara Kent told The Tribune, "The Good Samaritan Clinic performs a much needed service to our community. Cullman Savings Bank Foundation, the bank, its directors and employees are proud to support such a worthy organization.

"This will be our second year as a Platinum Sponsor for the Caring for Cullman Concert. I would encourage anyone who likes gospel music or music in general to attend the concert. They will have a great time and walk away with such an uplifted spirit of community and service."

GSC Executive Director Jolanda Hutson said, "We are grateful for Cullman Savings Bank's continued support of the clinic's efforts by being a Platinum level sponsor of our event again this year.

"It's wonderful to have partners that are so community minded and want to give back to their community.

"Each year, we have over 500 in attendance and anticipate this year being the best yet. It promises to be a fun-filled evening of laughter and inspiration, with all proceeds benefiting the uninsured right here in our community."

The fifth annual Caring for Cullman Concert

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, Good Samaritan will present the award-winning Triumphant Quartet and Christian Comedian Mickey Bell, at Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

In statements provided by GSC, two of the evening's entertainers shared their thoughts on the event:

Bell said, "As an artist, I get asked all the time to support various projects. While I can't do them all, Good Samaritan of Cullman will always be at the top of my list to help simply because I believe in their work.

"They are truly helping people when they need it the most and that it so important. The event is a fun evening that is not presented as a 'benefit.' It is a night of fun and great music.

"It just so happens that you are able to help others while having a good time as well."

Triumphant Quartet's award-winning bass singer Eric Bennett said, "Triumphant loves coming to Cullman, Alabama. We jump at the opportunity every year because we know we are gonna have an incredible time with incredible people.

"It's always good to get caught up with family and friends. We also really enjoy the fact that we can be a part of such a wonderful fundraiser. Come and see us, worship with us and let's have a great time."

Be a sponsor

Good Samaritan is still seeking sponsors for the Caring for Cullman Concert, at the Platinum ($5,000), Gold ($1,000), Silver ($500) or Bronze ($100) levels. Platinum sponsorships must be received by Aug. 13 from any sponsors who wish to have their names included in promotional materials.

"We invite businesses, churches and individuals throughout our area to show their support of our mission and the people we serve by becoming an official event sponsor," said Hutson. "Your sponsorship will assist us in providing quality health care for individuals lacking access to affordable health care services. Becoming an event sponsor is also a great way to increase awareness of your organization with each sponsorship level offering different recognition opportunities."

To become a sponsor, make a donation to GSC or for more information on the concert, call the event line at 256-255-5965 or email jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com.

At a glance

- Caring for Cullman Concert benefiting Good Samaritan Health Clinic
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 at Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Performances by Triumphant Quartet and Christian Comedian Mickey Bell

Tickets may be purchased in advance online or at one of these ticket outlets:

- Good Samaritan Health Clinic
- Yates Chance Bookstore
- Borden Family Pharmacy

All tickets are general admission; $15 if purchased at ticket outlets (beginning in September) or at door, and $18 if purchased online at www.goodsamaritancullman.com. A love offering will be received the evening of the concert.

FAITH

West Cullman Baptist Assoc. kicks off Christmas in August ministry

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As part of its Christmas backpack ministry, the West Cullman Baptist Association (WCBA) kicked off its Christmas in August drive at Northside Baptist Church Wednesday night. The drive starts in August and ends Oct. 28, ensuring there is plenty of time to deliver the packs to their intended regions and distribute them to children in need. The packs from this drive, sponsored by the Alabama Women's Missionary Union (WMU), will be sent to the Mississippi River Ministry to help underprivileged children living near the Mississippi River.

Bro. Dennis Trimble said he hopes Northside and the rest of the WCBA can put together at least 600 packs for this year's ministry.

The kick-off event hosted presentations from members of other WCBA churches, featuring a sermon from Rev. Jonathan Reid of Sardis Baptist.

In the sermon, Rev. Reid praised the backpack ministry and the good works that go into sponsoring it every year, saying, "Good works are proof of the faith we claim to be a part of."

In talking about the intersection of faith and good deeds, he cited James 2:15-17: "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well-fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

He related this back not only to the families in need that the ministry serves, but also members within the nearby community who may be struggling only a few hundred yards away from the church doors, saying that the Church is called to serve the community and spread the faith through love and action.

The backpacks being collected are sorted by gender and age range; 2-3, 4-7, 8-10, 11-14 and 15-17.

Suggested gifts include age-appropriate toys (with extra batteries included for toys that require them), art supplies, hygiene items (boxes of bar soap must be in a plastic bag in case the soap melts), a Child or Teen Bible, hard candy, non-perishable food items (ministry workers stated that a lot of kids were very happy to receive boxes of Pop-Tarts) and warm clothes.

Prohibited items include perishable food, food containing nuts, knives and items that can easily be broken or crushed. All backpacks and the items inside MUST BE NEW.

Special bands indicating the age and gender of the backpack recipient must also be displayed on the pack in order to be accepted, and a copy of The Christmas Story should be placed inside.

These can be ordered from the Alabama WMU website at www.alabamawmu.org/christmasbackpacks.

The backpacks can be brought to participating churches or to the WCBA office (601 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman, 35055).

The backpacks will be accepted through Oct. 28 and will be distributed throughout the Mississippi River region around the second week of December.

STATE

Ivey awards $419K to Brooks' Place

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded $419,214.21 to Brooks' Place, the Child Advocacy Center in Cullman.

Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview announced the award Thursday:

"I appreciate Governor Ivey and her team awarding $419,214.21 to Cullman Child Advocacy Center.

"In my role as Vice Chair of the Children & Senior Advocacy Committee in the legislature, I readily see the importance of our advocacy centers as they stand up for children.

"Thank y'all for letting me represent you in Montgomery!"

STATE

Gov. Ivey awards $390K grant to assist sexual assault victims across the state

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a $390,599 grant to support the Alabama Coalition Against Rape, a nonprofit organization that assists victims of sexual violence and conducts outreach and education to prevent others from being victimized.

The Coalition has provided legal, medical and counseling services to victims throughout Alabama since 1995. The organization is made up of more than a dozen agencies that provide regional services for victims.

The coalition also provides training for allied professionals and networks and maintains connections with other agencies to assist victims and address sexual violence issues.

"Professional help is always available for anyone who has been a victim of sexual assault," Ivey said. "I commend the Alabama Coalition Against Rape for their work in improving services for victims of these terrible crimes and for their outreach work in helping to prevent these crimes."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in commending the Alabama Coalition Against Rape for the important work they do to ensure that victims of these awful crimes receive the care and support they need in their recovery," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

Along with grants, the Coalition and its member agencies rely on private donations to ensure that these services remain available year-round.

Gov. Ivey notified Chandra Brown, the Coalition's board president, that the grant had been approved.

ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, victims' services, economic development, water resource management, energy conservation and recreation development.



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