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Good Samaritan Health Clinic announces 6th annual Caring for Cullman Concert, celebrates new mental health services

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Good Samaritan Health Clinic has announced the 6th annual Caring for Cullman Concert featuring the award-winning Triumphant Quartet and Christian comedian/author Mickey Bell on Monday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 State Road 157 in Cullman. Good Samaritan Executive Director Jolanda Hutson plans to celebrate the clinic's new mental health services supported by the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund.

"We started offering these services to our patients back in July 2020 and basically, if an individual qualifies for our clinic, then they have access to all the services that we provide," said Hutson. "Now, we're able to add our list of services onto that, mental health counseling."

Good Samaritan has already referred over 30 patients for counseling at Haven Counseling Services in South Vinemont.

Licensed counselor Mandy Wilhite, who operates Haven Counseling Services, said in October 2020, "Through tragedy, we have made numerous touches throughout our community, touches that would not be possible without the support of the Good Samaritan Clinic and the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund.

"Programs such as this are what makes Cullman among some of the most blessed places just to live.

"We are currently in a society where mental health assistance is often overlooked, not accepted, un-

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– EDUCATION –

CATA student earns Wallace State scholarship



MIKE BURKETT

Dakota McDaniel with one of his SkillsUSA gold medal projects.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Area Technology Academy graduating construction student Dakota McDaniel, from Fairview High School, has received a $2,500 scholarship from SkillsUSA and Fine Homebuilding Magazine's Keep Craft Alive program. McDaniel will enroll in the Wallace State Community College's Building Construction program this fall.

CATA Carpentry teacher Mike Burkett said that he is "So very proud of this young man and the obstacles he has overcome to get to this point.

"A great student and hard worker who whole-heartedly supported our CATA Carpentry program for the past three years, won several District SkillsUSA competitions and who exemplifies all the goals and values we try to teach students at CATA."

According to skillsusa.org, "Fine Homebuilding will be awarding scholarships to SkillsUSA high school or college/postsecondary students continuing their education or certification programs in construction-related fields such as architectural drafting, carpentry, cabinetmaking, electrical and residential wiring, HVACR, masonry, woodworking and plumbing.

"In the spirit of the #KeepCraftAlive movement, applicants should celebrate the value and meaning of true craftsmanship in their trades and plan to continue their educations in community colleges, undergraduate programs or industry certification curricula.

"Selections will be based on completion of an application, along with a 300-word essay showing applicants' passion for their craft and a letter of support from a teacher, administrator, SkillsUSA adviser or educational/professional mentor."

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of over 360,000 students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

This nonprofit, individual member organization serves middle school, high school and college/postsecondary students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations.

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available or unachievable due to financial constraints.

"Through this memorial fund, we are readily available to help those in need through the Good Samaritan referral system, that would not otherwise be able to receive these services.

"We are a community blessed with many talents, services and those willing to go above and beyond their calling."

About the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund
The children of Stephen K. Griffith established the fund to honor the memory of their father, a prominent Cullman attorney who was murdered in 2017 by a man suffering from severe mental illness.

The next year, Griffith's family started the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund to provide mental health services to Cullman County residents who cannot afford services or lack insurance.

A statement issued by Good Samaritan said:
At Good Samaritan Health Clinic, we provide primary health and wellness care to the uninsured members of our community. Our patients have relatively low income and simply do not have the ability to pay for health care services. For several years now, we've been able to provide our patients with a full range of services including medications, dental extractions, referrals to specialists, hearing evaluations and select vision services, but we haven't been able to offer mental health services until now.

We are incredibly grateful to partner with the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund. This partnership has enabled us to provide mental health counseling for our patients through Haven Counseling Services.

As a result, we are able to help our patients build a stronger foundation toward both physical and mental health.

Patient need:
There is a definite need for mental health care throughout the population here in our community. Most patients who utilize the Good Samaritan Clinic usually have a history of mental illness that is, for the most part, untreated due to lack of access to care.

Seventy-five to eighty percent of our patient population is on medications that treat mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, and almost 1/3 of these patients have multiple mental health disorders like PTSD, Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder or Manic Depression.

Patient impact:
During the past 10 months, we've referred over 30 of our patients to HCS and in this relatively short period of time, we've seen wonderful results.

Several of our patients have commented on the positive impact that counseling has had on their lives. After only a couple of months, one of our patients shared his experience ...

"The Good Samaritan Clinic and Haven Counseling entered my life at a very crucial time.

"Through the guidance and therapy that I have been given, I truly find more meaning, value and happiness in life.

"This is a complete contrast to my perspective before and I truly believe that, in some way, I have been given a second chance at life."

In general terms, our patient population has improved tremendously with the ability to access mental health counseling.

They've gained new coping skills to help them better manage their mental health issues and they've also learned to trust individuals who are trying to help them.

In all actuality, we may never know the full impact on someone's life who is able to get the counseling services they need.

Honoring Steve's memory:
Good Samaritan Clinic is honored to partner with The Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund and Haven Counseling Services to provide these much-needed mental health services to our patients.

We are grateful to have a part in honoring Steve's memory as we partner to raise mental health awareness and fill the tremendous gap in the accessibility of mental health services in the Cullman community.

We are especially grateful to The Griffith Family for allowing the tragedy of Steve's passing to be used for good, positively impacting so many in our community.

Mickey Bell talks about mental health
Entertainer Mickey Bell faced his own struggle with mental illness and has published books and videos on the subject.

"For me, the tragic moment, and pretty much what depression is, is the fact that your brain doesn't know how to respond to a tragic moment in your life.

"And the tragic moment that happened in my life came when I was serving as a pastor of a church, and I had a moral fall while I was serving as the pastor.

"So in a matter of 10 minutes, I was not only fired from the church, but they kicked me and my family out of our church housing. So I was unemployed and homeless at the same time.

"Because of that moment that happened in my life, and because of the emotions that happened as a result of that, that threw me and my emotions into a tailspin.

"And that's when I fell into the depression that I had experienced, to where I didn't want to live, I was uncomfortable in my own skin, I was very embarrassed and all of those emotions put together caused me to just hit rock bottom. And I was there for a while.

"It also caused me to build up an anxiety of being out in public, because I had the voices in my head telling me that everyone was talking about me, and pointing at me and laughing at me, and so I built up an anxiety to where I was unable to get out of the house.

"So it wasn't until my family sat me down and said, 'Alright, you're going to have to do something.

"We can't continue living like this,' that I started meeting with a psychologist and a physician. And I started meeting with them every week for an entire year.

"And so they worked with me to where I could get out of the house and then just continue to progress until now, I'm actually standing onstage telling people my story and talking about it."

For Bell, the tragedies of his life created the mission he now pursues.

Said Bell, "This is strictly what I feel like I've been placed on the earth to, not to make mistakes, but to take my mistakes and use them to warn and help others.

"Right now, we're building our brand on YouTube and Facebook as a place that people who deal with this can go to just for encouragement, just to have someone that they can relate to. So we're putting a lot of effort and emphasis behind it.

"And Jolanda and Good Samaritan, they have been fantastic about it, as well.

"And I'm very excited about what they're doing and the steps they're taking to help people who have to battle this type of thing.

"And so, you know, that's why I'm always excited — I think this is going to be my third year — I'm very excited to be a part of it and will be a part of it as long as they let me, because I just believe in everything they're doing."

If people see themselves in your story, what would you tell them to do first?

Bell shared, "Very first thing that I tell everybody that comes up to me at concerts: 'Go see your family doctor.'

"Be very honest with them, tell them exactly what you're thinking, tell them how you're feeling, and tell them you need help."

For more on Mickey Bell, visit www.themickeybell.com or https://www.facebook.com/themickeybell/.

Find Bell's videos on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_SjK-JCoDpmUpt94-Pz4yvA.

At a glance
- Caring for Cullman Concert Concert featuring Triumphant Quartet and Mickey Bell
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- Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 State Road 157 in Cullman

- Monday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

All tickets are General Admission; $15 from ticket outlets or at door, or $18 if purchased online.

Beginning in September, advance tickets may be purchased online at https://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/ or at one of the following ticket outlets:
- The Good Samaritan Health Clinic, 401 Arnold Street NE, Suite A

- Yates Chance Christian Bookstore, 1650 Second Ave. SW

- Borden Family Pharmacy, 3190 AL Highway 157

A love offering will be received the evening of the concert.

If you are unable to attend the concert but would like to make a donation, visit https://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/ or mail your donation to 401 Arnold Street NE, Suite A, Cullman, AL 35055.

To learn more about Good Samaritan's services, how to qualify, or to make a donation, please visit https://www.goodsamaritancullman.com/.

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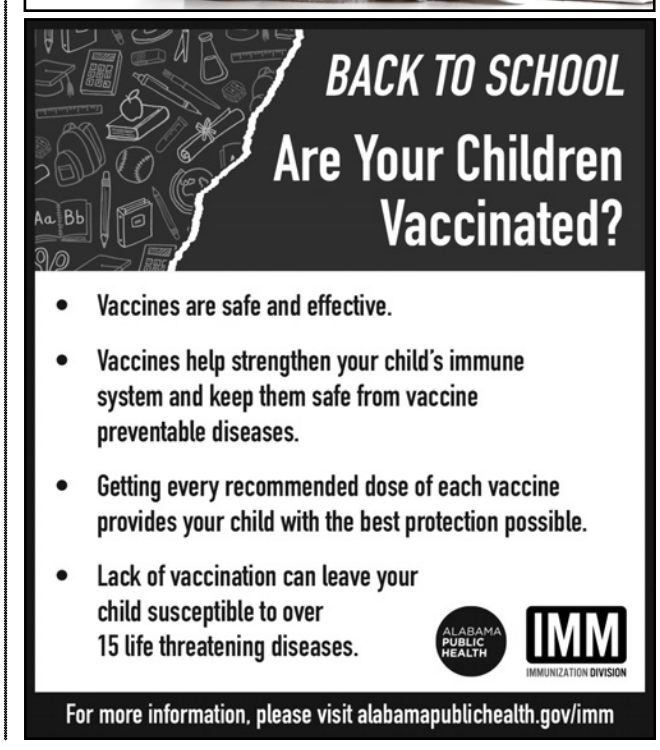
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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, July 7, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.
Case counts and deaths reported on today's update are high. Today's increase represents a delay in reporting to the Alabama Department of Public Health due to the holiday weekend.

Case details* (Updated Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 425,464 (+ 1,093 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 127,447 (+ 520 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,084 (+ 25 since Monday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,303
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,825 (+ 16 since Monday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,206 (+ 1 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 140
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,618
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,461
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 39
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,692,708
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,573
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 70,763
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 229

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,662,015
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,170,785
- Doses administered: 3,277,578
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,854,571
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,533,006
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,491,230

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Texting and WhatsApp resources for locating COVID-19 vaccine
Finding a COVID-19 vaccination location near you is easy and available on multiple platforms. Text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233. Another exciting effort is underway to help connect people with vaccine resources and information: the CDC's new Spanish-language vaccine finder on WhatsApp. You can try it by texting the word "hola" as a WhatsApp message to the CDC at 1-833-636-1122.

COVID-19 vaccine incentives
Companies across the United States are offering rewards to their vaccinated customers and employees. These include free rides to and from your vaccine appointments and free child care for parents and caregivers to get vaccinated and recuperate. Visit the COVID-19 vaccine incentives page at www.vaccines.gov/incentives.html to read about these and other incentives offered by companies across the country. ADPH encourages businesses throughout the state to help improve the vaccination rate by being vaccinated yourself and offering incentives to your employees, customers and others in your area to be vaccinated.

Vaccine scheduling assistance for close contacts of someone positively diagnosed with COVID-19
In collaboration with the Alabama Department of Public Health, the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is providing assistance to many in our state seeking vaccine appointments or locations. If you are a close contact of someone who was positively diagnosed with COVID-19, you may receive a telephone call from a UAB representative. The caller will be able to provide assistance in finding a vaccination location nearby.

Delta variant B.1.617.2
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has designated the Delta variant, which is also known as B.1.617.2, as a variant of concern. This means the CDC officially recognizes that the variant may carry a risk of more severe illness and transmissibility. The Delta variant, which first emerged in India, now accounts for about 20% of new U.S. cases. The number of cases of Delta in the U.S are likely to be higher, as not all SARS-CoV-2 specimens are sequenced. The variant is highly contagious and has the potential to infect more persons, resulting in more hospitalizations and deaths. At the moment, data indicates that two doses of Pfizer vaccine are 88% protective against the virus. The two other COVID 19 vaccines, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, are likely to be effective against this variant as well. The message about this variant, as well as other variants, is that the more persons who are vaccinated, the less likely the opportunity for variants to emerge. Now is a critical time for persons in Alabama to take advantage of the multiple opportunities to be vaccinated.

National Month of Action continues through July 4
The Alabama Department of Public Health joins in encouraging everyone in the state to work toward the goal of having 70% of U.S. adults getting at least one COVID-19 vaccination by July 4. President Biden announced the National Month of Action initiative which encourages national organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people and thousands of volunteers across the nation to work together to get their communities vaccinated. Decreasing numbers of Alabama residents are being vaccinated even though vaccines are available, so promotions and actions are needed now to defeat COVID-19. Visit www.alcovidvaccine.govto find a place to get vaccinated nearby.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 7, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

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

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
July 5
• harassment; person; Ave. B SE

July 6
• harassment; person

ARRESTS
July 6
Williams, Jodie D.; 40
• DUI

Coots, Steven D.; 31
• fourth-degree theft of property

Sparkman, Jeremy K.; 43
• third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Simpson, Jamie O.; 22
• second-degree possession of marijuana

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle S.W. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs
• July 8 – Mrs. Nance's Painting Party
• July 15 – McWane Science Center
• July 22 – Soil and Water, Animal Tracks
• All programs start at 1 p.m. For more information, send an email to guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com or call 256-796-5226.

Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• Aug. 20 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers Farmer's Market: Run your pretend farm stand and then use tokens to shop with a local farmer.
• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Oct. 2 Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.
• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!
• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.
• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.
• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce : Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs
• July 8 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Chair Caning: Local Caner Anthony Vincent will demonstrate the intricate art of chair caning. You will make your own chair to take home. Bring a stapler with staples, all other supplies included in cost.
• July 20 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Permaculture - Creating Edible Ecosystems: Using permaculture principles helps minimize work in the garden while maximizing harvests. Instructor Dianne Lollar will be teaching about how applying permaculture principles can work for you.
• July 21 - Noon, Lunch & Learn presents Tomato Time: Cooking & Preserving Fresh Tomatoes. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.
• Aug. 10 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Beginning Brewers Class: The Cullman Brewers Guild will explain the process of brewing and demonstrate how to make homemade beer. See equipment and learn the science of brewing your own beer.
• Aug. 16 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Christmas in August: Get an early start on Christmas decorating and join us for felt ornament making for the tree using sequins and decorative thread.
• Aug. 18 - noon, Lunch & Learn presents Planting & Growing Fall Veggies. This is a free program, light lunch provided. Please call us at 256-297-1044 to reserve your spot.
• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.
• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch Oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.
• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.
• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.
• Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition
• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.
• Through Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Center Hill Baptist Church VBS
July 12-16 - From 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Center Hill Baptist Church in Hanceville (13108 Co Rd 747, Hanceville, AL 35077). We will also host a VBS Registration Day on Sunday, July 11, featuring face painting, games, bounce house and goody bags. Looking forward to see you there!

Burden Family Reunion
July 10 - The Burden family reunion will be July 10 at the West Point Town Hall. It will begin around 10 a.m. Please bring a covered dish and prize for Bingo. Hope to see you there!

Let's go to Italy!
July 10 - Join us at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, to learn about Red Door Travel's Spring Break's Italian Adventure March 25 - April 3, 2022. There is no cost or obligation to attend. We will enjoy some Italian snacks, stroll through Italy for a time, talk about what you can expect, and answer any questions you might have. This affordable, small group trip includes round-trip airfare from Birmingham, hotel, most meals and guided tours in Florence, Venice, Cinque Terra, Tuscany and an optional Rome extension. If you plan to attend, please contact us at Bill@TheRedDoorCullman.com or call 256-338-3074 so we will know how many to plan for. If you can't come, but want to know more, we'll be happy to send you a brochure. Meeting at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street, Cullman, 256-734-0599.

David Speegle Family Reunion
July 11 - The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held Sunday, July 11, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389 if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us!

Davenport Reunion
• July 11 - The Davenport reunion will be held Sunday, July 11, at the Moody Center in Hanceville. All relatives come and bring a covered dish. Meal will be served at noon.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting
July 16 - The Fairview High School Class of 1963 will meet on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 1:02 p.m. at the Golden Corral (1720 Cherokee Avenue, Southwest, in Cullman). Must be 1:02 p.m. or after for senior discount. The meeting will be in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

Unsheltered International BBQ and Cake Fundraiser Action
• July 17 – 5 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church (30 Co Rd 1184, Cullman, AL 35057). To sign up, donate and/or RSVP, contact Tara at 256-737-0112 EXT 180 or tara@unsheltered.org.

Pleasant View Revival and Singing
July 18 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their summer revival the third week in July beginning with a singing Sunday night, July 18 at 5 p.m. "The Williamsons" from Wetumpka, Oklahoma will be the guest singers. Services will be day and night, Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23. Morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and evening services at 7 p.m., with Brother Jack Thomason as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 p.m. before each evening service. On Sunday night, Aug. 1, we will have a singing with "New Ground" from Scottsboro at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

West Point High School Class of '62 School Reunion
July 24 – The Class of '62 School Reunion will be Saturday, July 24, at 1 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point (87 Co Rd 1242, Cullman, AL 35057). For more information, contact Linda Jordan 256-747-6863.

West Point Class of '67 Reunion
July 24 - The West Point Class of 1967 reunion will be held Saturday, July 24, at Brandin' Iron Steakhouse at West Point, from 4-6 p.m.

Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House
July-Aug. - Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program will host a series of open house events to learn more about the program, experience virtual reality lessons and more. Open house will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Diesel Technology building on the Hanceville campus on the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. For more information, contact Anna Parrish Beard at 256-352-8356 or anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselby-distance.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame
Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center
Aug. 21 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy "Toy Story 4!" Start time will be announced at a later date. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway Street, Cullman, AL 35058

DeVonta Smith named 2020-21 Roy F. Kramer Male Athlete of the Year

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Former Alabama wide receiver and Heisman Trophy winner DeVonta Smith was named the 2020-21 Roy F. Kramer SEC Male Athlete of the Year by a vote of the league's athletics directors, SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey announced Wednesday.

Smith was joined by Kentucky volleyball player Madison Lilley as the Roy F. Kramer SEC Female Athlete of the Year.

"We are proud to honor DeVonta and Madison, who not only excelled in the SEC but were also recognized as the best in their sport across the country.

"They are the ultimate examples of what it means to be a student-athlete in the Southeastern Conference," said SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey.

"DeVonta and Madison both were members of national championship teams and recipients of their sport's national player of the year award.

"Each has competed at the highest level of collegiate athletics, benefitted from the world-class support provided by their universities and, through their hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence, have reached the pinnacle of collegiate athletic success. Congratulations to DeVonta and Madison and thank you for being part of the SEC!"

Amite, La., native, DeVonta Smith, led the country in receptions, receiving touchdowns and receiving yards.

He helped the Crimson Tide to a perfect 13-0 season, including a 52-24 College Football Playoff National Championship victory over Ohio State.

Smith was named the Offensive Most Outstanding Player of the championship game after setting championship game records for the most receptions (12) and receiving touchdowns (3) while accounting for 215 of the Crimson Tide's 464 receiving yards, all of which came in the first half.

Smith was honored with the Heisman Trophy, the Maxwell Award, the AP National Player of the Year award, The Sporting News and Walter Camp Player of the Year while also taking home the Biletnikoff Award and Paul Hornung Award.

He was also a unanimous first-team All-American and the SEC Offensive Player of the Year.

He holds the SEC and school career record for receiving touchdowns and receiving yards.

He owns four- and five-TD games making him the only receiver in SEC history with multiple career games totaling 4 or more receiving touchdowns.

The SEC Athletes of the Year Awards were first presented in 1976 for men and 1984 for women.

The award was renamed the Roy F. Kramer Athletes of the Year in 2004 to honor the former Commissioner who served the conference from 1990-2002.

Smith is the fourth Alabama football player to win the award and the first since Mark Ingram in 2009-10.

He marks the 12th Alabama athlete to be recognized since its creation. Past winners include: 2011-12 Brooke Pancake (women's golf); 2010-11 Kayla Hoffman (gymnastics); 2009-10 Ingram Jr. (football); 2003-04 Jeana Rice (gymnastics); 2001-02 Andree' Pickens (gymnastics); 1990 Dee Foster (gymnastics); 1988-89 Derrick Thomas (football); 1986-87 Cornelius Bennett (football); 1986-87 Lillie Leatherwood-King (track and field); 1984-85 Penney Hauschild (gymnastics); 1978-79 Reggie King (basketball).

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.



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Alabama wide receiver DeVonta Smith.

Alabama and Gonzaga to meet in 'Battle in Seattle' next season

Aaron Jordan
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The Alabama men's basketball team will take on Gonzaga next season in the Battle in Seattle, it was officially announced Wednesday. It will be the first meeting between the two programs and the first college basketball event at the brand-new Climate Pledge Arena, which is scheduled to open in October of 2021.

Gonzaga is expected to return the game in 2022-23 in Birmingham. Further details of that contest will be revealed at a later date.

The Bulldogs finished the 2020-21 season with a final record of 31-1 overall, falling in the national championship game to Baylor.

About The Battle in Seattle

- Returns after a six-year hiatus
- The event, which debuted in 2003, brings the Gonzaga basketball program to Seattle to face a marquee opponent
- Throughout its history, Battle in Seattle games have been among the largest college basketball games in the state of Washington
- The last time Battle in Seattle was played came in 2015
- The event drew its highest attendance that year when the Zags defeated Tennessee, 86-79

Ticket information

- Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, July 16th
- Fans can purchase tickets by visiting climatepledgearena.com

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @ UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.



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Alabama and Gonzaga will play Gonzaga in Seattle next season.

ASUN Conference welcomes 3 new members

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ATLANTA, Ga. - The ASUN Conference officially welcomed its newest members, the University of Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky University and Jacksonville State University, on July 1. UCA, EKU and JSU announced their acceptance of the ASUN's membership invitations at a virtual press conference in January.

With the introduction of these three universities, FCS Scholarship Football becomes a sponsored sport by the ASUN Conference. The ASUN becomes the 15th NCAA Division I Conference to sponsor FCS Football.

"Today it is official! We welcome Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State as our newest full members, each active Division I institutions with both a tradition of success through all their sports and participants in FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) football," Commissioner Ted Gumbart said.

"Today represents the start of a new era in the ASUN. We have moved subdivisions as a conference with the sponsorship of football.

"Our goal is simple, maintain the upward trend of academic and athletic performance success we have established in all our current sports and become the best FCS conference in the country.

"Bringing these three schools together with ASUN FCS members Kennesaw State and North Alabama give us a tremendous foundation upon which to build.

"Thanks to the vision of the presidents - Houston Davis at UCA, David McFaddin at EKU and Don Killingsworth at JSU - and their athletics directors (Brad Teague/UCA, Matt Roan/EKU, Greg Seitz/JSU), we add three top institutions that share the ASUN commitment to student-athlete success.

"The ASUN's continued execution of its growth plan increases the value of ASUN membership for each of our great schools. To the student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty, staff, parents, boosters, media and fans at these schools, we proudly welcome you into our ASUN family. Onward and upward!"

With the addition of Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State, the ASUN Conference expands its geographic footprint to seven states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia) and now features 12 of the top-80 media markets in the nation and seven of the top-50.

The Bears, Colonels and Gamecocks all become members of the ASUN Conference starting with the 2021-22 season and increases the ASUN membership to 12 institutions.

What teams compete at Central Arkansas?

- Baseball
- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Men's & Women's Cross Country
- Football
- Men's & Women's Golf
- Men's & Women's Soccer
- Softball
- Women's Tennis
- Men's & Women's Track & Field
- Volleyball

What teams compete at Eastern Kentucky?

- Baseball
- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Men's & Women's Cross Country
- Football
- Men's & Women's Golf
- Women's Soccer
- Softball
- Men's & Women's Track & Field
- Volleyball

What teams compete at Jacksonville State?

- Baseball
- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Men's & Women's Cross Country
- Football
- Men's & Women's Golf
- Rifle
- Women's Soccer
- Softball
- Men's & Women's Tennis
- Women's Track & Field
- Volleyball



Ordinance (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday, June 28 passed a revision to Section 4-33 of the Cullman City Code of Ordinances allowing alcohol to be sold and purchased on Sundays from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. This amendment to the ordinance comes just over a decade after the public vote first permitted the sale of alcohol within Cullman city limits in over a century.

"Cullman's history with alcohol made quite an impact on the growing generations within," shared Cullman County Museum Director Drew Green. "Cullman was originally wet. John Cullmann, our founder, was from Frankweiler, Germany where they are famous for wine. Cullman used to export wine and there was a cellar with over 3,000 kegs. There were more saloons than churches here until Prohibition came. Once that ended, Cullman did go wet again, but we never regained the vineyards and production. That is the period that a lot of people referred to when the vote in 2011 came up and individuals claimed they did not want drunks in the street. When men went to fight in World War II, the women and preachers got together and voted it dry. And we remained dry until 2011."

Other changes to this ordinance will allow alcohol to be sold from 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, a change from the previous sale time of 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. For those venturing out on the weekends, alcohol sales will last from 6 a.m. - midnight as opposed to the previous 8 a.m. - midnight. Special exceptions will be made for the celebration of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, in which it will be lawful to remain open and serve alcohol until 2 a.m. on New Year's Day of any year. Though numerous restaurants across the community have shared their excitement and optimism about what this new day of sales could mean in revenue and foot traffic, a few have expressed concern over what this new day of sales may mean. When the ordinance was originally crafted 10 years ago, the disallowance of Sunday sales was accompanied by a 60/40 percent rule. This means it is required that a restaurant with an alcohol license not sell more than 40% of the total receipts in alcohol over the course of any 90-day period.

"A licensee shall not be allowed to sell more than 40% of the gross receipts of all food vendor food sales combined during any one 90-day period. Failure to meet the minimum ratio will result in the suspension or revocation of the license to sell alcohol on the premises." – Section 4-33 of the Cullman City Code of Ordinances.

According to Jenny Folsom, Cullman City Council president, this segment of the law was implemented to protect the community from bars and clubs popping up. Folsom stated, "We wrote the ordinances so that we do not have bars. We have restaurants that serve alcohol. The 90-day period allows us to monitor and see consumption."

If a restaurant fails to meet this minimum ratio, it will result in the suspension or altogether revocation of the license to sell alcohol. While a new day of sales means a definite boost in revenue, preventing sales on Sundays did allow businesses a day to sell strictly food which helped complete their percentages.

City Clerk and Alcohol Review Committee member Wesley Moore said, "I am not aware of it (60/40 rule) being a problem right now, but if it does become one in the future, then I am sure ARC (Alcohol Review Committee) will make a recommendation and we can go from there."

With Sunday alcohol sales now in the businesses, what could this mean for establishments who struggle to meet the 60/40 minimum?

Stephen Gannon, 412 Public House co-owner, shared that while the restaurant is currently closed on Sundays due to staffing shortages, once they have reopened there will be brunch cocktails available on the menu. "We will definitely have something. I think people crave the mimosas and bloody marys with brunch. I remember making inquiries about it (Sunday alcohol sales) just a month or two after we opened," Gannon said. "Your sales do have to be 60% food though, and that caused some other places to go out of business early on. We have worked within the framework of the local statues, and we are able to thankfully maintain good business from both food and drink."

There have not been any revisions made to the 60/40 rule since it was written, largely because it has worked well serving its intended purpose, which was to prevent standalone bars or nightclubs from opening in the city limits of Cullman, according to Folsom. Moore explained that due to the rule working well for so long, The Alcohol Review Committee currently has no plans to revise the second regulation listed in Section 4-33 of the Cullman City Code of Ordinances.

While some have done well regarding the ordinance, Dreher's co-owner Christine Chamblee stated, "While we are incredibly grateful to now have Sunday alcohol sales and the opportunity to gain an extra day that not only benefits the success of the restaurant, but the staff monetarily, we have a bigger problem that we are facing and that is the restraint of the 60/40 ordinance in Cullman."

Chamblee continued, "Our business model has been carried by the success of our bar; that is what people come see us for. Businesses like ours, in Birmingham for example, are wildly successful with a minimal menu and offer a place for people to relax, unwind and have a good time. We love offering that to people in Cullman without having to drive to other cities."

Besides the smaller city setting, Chamblee said, "Nationwide staffing issue in kitchens has affected us drastically and with the way the ordinance stands now, we absolutely will not survive. We are not asking to allow restaurants to not offer food entirely, but to give us the opportunity to focus on what we do best."

Chamblee said Dreyer's, among along bar/restaurant models, are scraping by in the kitchen, having to shorten daily hours, which is resulting is a direct lose-income employees. The lack of staffing is leading to minimal staffs being overworked.

In 2020, there were $13.4 billion spent in tourism. According to the 2020 Alabama Tourism Industry Economic Impact Report, this represents a decrease of 20% as compared to 2019 spending. Restaurant sales do contribute to those figures and those near interstate exits are excited about the revision of Sunday alcohol sales as well.

Buenavista Manager Elsa Hernandez said, "Since we are close to the interstate, we have a lot of customers that do ask if we sell alcohol on Sundays. I think it will be a great idea. People that are not from Cullman ask, and the majority of the ones that come here want to eat here and if we do not have alcohol, they just go somewhere else. I think it will be great."

Folsom also shared, "We have a quarterly check-in and if it's starting to slip and there are not enough food sales, the business will be notified, and we will be watching them more closely the next quarter. We want them to succeed and to my recollection, there has only been one establishment that was unable to meet that, and I believe they went out of business before we had to take any action." When asked about the possibility of revising the 60/40 rule in Section 4-33 of the Cullman City Code of Ordinances, Folsom stated, "Until we get a large movement for that, when we do, we would take a look at that again."











Jojo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Jojo is a 3.5-year-old Feist Terrier mix. He's a lively-but-not-hyper medium-energy pet who's skilled on his leash and likes to hang close to his people.

He'll even cuddle in your lap, if you let him. He has happy feet and might dance for you when you feed him. Ruttkay said that Jojo "owns an ear which periodically will defy the force of gravity!"

Jojo has the makings of a good companion, therapy or hiking dog.

Jojo's adoption fee is $100 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).

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 canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

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

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
The shelter was happy to report that recent POTW Tipper has been adopted! Tipper's sister, Toffee, who was about to become a POTW herself, was also adopted! Several strays have been reunited with their families, and kitty adoptions are going strong.

Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

Stuff The Bus

Main Drop Location
One Block South of
Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Ave. SW
July 16th - July 23rd - 8a to 4p

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Contact United Way for more information, to volunteer or to host a collection site at your business. 256-739-2948

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BILLY RAY STEWART, * CASE NO. PC 2021 - 164
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Linda Farmer and Keith Stewart, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of BILLY RAY STEWART, deceased, on the 30th day of June, 2021, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-142

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES DOUGLAS CHANCE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to James Baxter Carter on the 29th day of June, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

James Baxter Carter
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MICHAEL PRUETT * CASE NO PC 2021-206
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Carlton Yearwood,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Pruett, deceased, on the 22nd day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Carlton Yearwood
Personal Representative

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
BERTHA LAVELL McCARN,) Case No.: PC-2021 237
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Richard W. Thomas as the Administrator of the Estate of Bertha Lavell McCarn, deceased, on the 22nd day of June, 2021 , 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.

Richard W. Thomas,
Administrator of the Estate of
Bertha Lavelle McCarn, deceased

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

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TAMMY BROWN PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LEWIS LEE JONES, JR., * **CASE NO.: PC2021-238**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to PENELOPE ANN MCCRARY, BELINDA LEE JONES and CONNIE JOE YARBER as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of LEWIS LEE JONES, JR., deceased, on the 22nd day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Obituary Announcements: July 7

James "Jimmy" Douglas Putman, 75, of Hanceville
Funeral services for James "Jimmy" Douglas Putman of Hanceville will be 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be on Friday, July 9, at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home Thursday prior to the service. Mr. Putman was born April 17, 1946, in Nashville, Tennessee and died at the age of 75 on July 7 in Birmingham. He entered the United States Marines in April 1966 and served his country as Sergeant for three years before being honorably discharged.

Mary Jane Ainsworth, 72, of Vinemont
Funeral Service for Mary Jane Ainsworth, age 72, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Steve Brown officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ainsworth passed away Sunday, July 4, at Hospice Family Care. She was born Aug. 8, 1948, in Wyoming to John and Evelyn Eberhard. She was preceded in death by her father and sister: Betty Yelich. Survivors include her husband: Ray Ainsworth; daughter: Teresa Cottrell; sons: David (Kerrie) Jones and Robert (Daniyela) Crone; stepdaughter: Gina Marie Moody; stepson: Christopher (Amanda) Ainsworth; grandchildren: Amanda (David) Black, Christopher (Aubre) Cottrell, Daniel Jones, Jordan Jones, Joshua Moody, Jessica (David) Bowdoin, CJ Ainsworth, Samantha Ainsworth and Cody Ainsworth; 10 great-grandchildren; mother: Evelyn Eberhard; brother: John "Jack" (Liz) Eberhard and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

James Lee Brown, Jr., 77, of Blountsville
James Lee Brown, Jr., age 77, of Blountsville, passed away on Sunday, July 4, at Cullman Regional. He was born Sept. 20, 1943, to James Lee and Ophelia Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents and son: Garrett Wall. Survivors include his wife: Carolyn Brown; son: David (Sheila) Wall; brother-in-law: Terry Wigginton and grandson: Michael Young.

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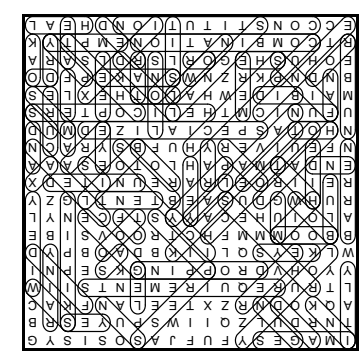
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Records (from Front)

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For as long as the newspaper industry has existed, issues have included arrest reports and incidents reported in the given area by the county sheriff and city police departments. To this day, it is a practice which has not changed.

Well, maybe there has been one change...online news. Now, while a person's name used to only appear in print for a day, those reports will be archived online forever.

While most publishers do not like printing names and arrest offenses, it's one of the few elements of checks and balances a newspaper uses to track trends.

By following a month's worth of arrests and incidents, you'll notice patterns emerging, such as car thefts, burglaries, home invasions, gas station runoffs, elevated levels of domestic violence and a slew of others. These patterns tip off reporters and begins the news process which will alert the public, or to at least make known what is happening in the area.

However, many people are first time offenders/arrestees and are caught up in the mix of names. As it states in our reports, a person is not guilty of a crime just because of an arrest. The paper is not condemning any person by listing the names nor is it a sign of guilt.

Most may not realize that arrest reports are not only sent to news outlets by law enforcement but also to social services, the housing authority and many others requesting the public information.

Arrest records are not something most newspapers and publishers are excited to publish, but it's a community service which police departments and sheriff offices depend on in order to properly distribute the information.

The Cullman Tribune has always had a standing policy that if a person is acquitted, found not guilty or has the charges dropped in full that we will update the records or if needed, will publish a story regarding new developments.

However, we do not remove names from the reports unless it is requested by the sheriff or police chief with an explanation of the removal of the name, which in most cases, has to do with a person becoming an informant. This is not to punish people, but to keep fabric of integrity with consistent news reporting intact as those were the given facts when it was reported.

I know many will disagree with this editorial but that's OK, because I hate typing arrest and incident reports each day.

I've had to type my dad's arrest records, along with cousins, uncles and others associated with my family. Do they call and ask for me to remove their name in the paper? No. Why? Because they know the standards we uphold.

It's a hard pill to swallow, but The Cullman Tribune reports the news, including arrests and incidents, and will continue to do so as long as the printing press is running.

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