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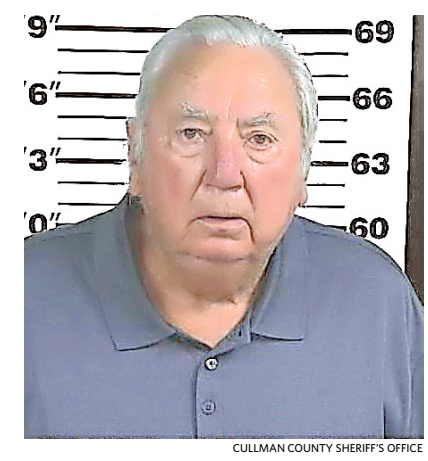
CULLMAN, Ala. — The former mayor of Baileyton who lost his seat as the incumbent in the 2020 race was arrested for five grand jury warrants on Tuesday.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Johnny Brant Dyar, 78, of Baileyton was arrested by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office earlier today.

His charges included:

- Public Order crimes.
- Use of official position or office for personal gain.
- Three grand jury counts.
- GJ warrant AL State Code 17-5-12 for "No political paid ad."
- GJ warrant AL State Code 17-5-13 for "No ID printed cam."

Cullman County District Attorney Wilson Blaylock said the charges were initiated through a complaint filed by a local resident. » PAGE 3



Former Baileyton mayor Johnny Brant Dyar »

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– LOCAL INDUSTRY –

REHAU hosts anniversary celebration with Gov. Ivey in attendance; announces $50M expansion



REHAU

The expansion was prompted by REHAU's contract win to build exterior polymer-based components for Mercedes-Benz SUV models.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — REHAU's Cullman location is celebrating its 25th birthday by announcing plans to expand its plant. The expansion plan is expected to cost $50 million for new production equipment and tooling, and will involve significant rearrangement within the plant facility. This project was prompted by a contract win for REHAU to build exterior polymer-based components for Mercedes-Benz SUV models.

With Governor of Alabama Kay Ivey, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Director Kenneth Boswell, City of Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemmons, REHAU representatives, local officials and several press outlets in attendance, Dale Greer, director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency, took the stage to welcome the honored guests and all present.

"REHAU's growth in Cullman is a tribute to both the company, and the Cullman community. The plant has not only become an integral part of the community, its success has also played a significant role in making Alabama one of the largest automobile producing states in America," Director Greer shared, as REHAU Plant Manager Dr. Venki Padmanabhan approached the podium.

Dr. Padmanabhan made the official announcement on the expansion project, revealing that it is expected to create 125 new jobs for the Cullman community, and sharing, "Twenty-five years ago, REHAU followed Mercedes-Benz AG to the U.S. from the Bavarian town of Rehau to Cull- » PAGE 5

– CRIME –

Meeks arrested on two FTA charges



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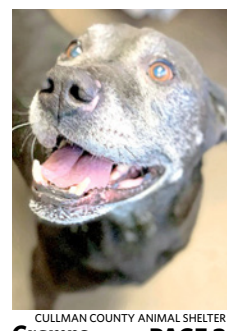


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The two-day event will take place Sunday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 1, 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

Aug. 30

• harassing communications; person

Aug. 31

• harassment; person; Cullman Shopping Center

• third-degree domestic violence; person; Dialsdale Dr. Sw

ARRESTS

Aug. 30

Cook, Jason C.; 44

• public intoxication

Hill, David C.; 29

• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)

• FTA- driving without driver's license (2 counts)

Jones Jr., Jimmie D.; 57

• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA- driving without driver's license

• FTA- insurance violation

Tucker, Lisa M.; 41

• illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

• promoting prison contraband

Cole Jr., Jack B.; 50

• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Aug. 31

Smitherman, Brelyn A.; 24

• FTA- driving without driver's license

Aldijaili, Michael H.; 24

• third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

HEALTH

Cullman Regional Welcomes General, Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgeon, Venkat Kanthimathinathan, M.D., to Medical Group

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional welcomes board-certified General, Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgeon, Venkat Kanthimathinathan, M.D., to the Cullman Regional Medical Group. Dr. Venkat completed his medical school at JSS Medical College and completed his residency in General Surgery at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, California. He went on to complete a fellowship in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at the University of Missouri Health Care, Columbia, Missouri.

As a Bariatric and General Surgeon, Dr. Venkat utilizes a minimally invasive technique that allows for quicker recovery as compared to traditional surgical techniques. These techniques also allow Dr. Venkat to minimize the trauma of the surgery, which makes for easier recoveries.

Dr. Venkat will treat patients ages 12 and older and specializes in the following:

- Sleeve Gastrectomy
- Gastric Bypass surgery
- Removal/Adjustment of Gastric Band
- Revisional Bariatric surgery
- Gallbladder removal
- Acid reflux surgery
- Hernia repair
- Small Bowel resection
- Colectomy
- Rectum resection
- Splenectomy
- Pancreatectomy
- Adrenalectomy
- Skin Conditions
- Port placement
- Emergency surgeries including Appendectomy, Bowel perforation repair, Bowel obstruction surgery, Abscess drainage
- Endoscopy (Colonoscopy/EGD/PEG Tube Placement, Balloon dilation, Stent placement)

Dr. Venkat is not only passionate about helping his patients, but also helping the community. He has volunteer experience at blood donation camps, pulse polio immunization programs, school health programs and programs that raise public awareness of communicable diseases.

When not volunteering, he enjoys singing, dancing, playing cricket, ping pong, badminton, watching football and traveling with family and friends.

Dr. Venkat will be providing care for patients at Cullman Regional Metabolic and Surgical Clinic, located in Professional Office Building 3 – 1800 AL Highway 157, Suite 201. Schedule an appointment with Dr. Venkat by calling 256-735-5975. For more information about Dr. Venkat or services provided by Cullman Regional, visit online at https://cullmanregionalmedicalgroup.com/.



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Sept. 1, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK) No updates available

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.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details (Updated Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

- Change in Cases: -22.7% (No update available)
- Positivity in Tests: 22%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,844
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 315,576 (+ 9,918 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,179
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 5,112 (+ 68 since Monday)
- Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 16.1%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,591
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 4,945 (+ 197 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 90 (+ 1 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 2,115
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 340
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 96,470
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 21,232
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,890

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 5,909,105 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,486,735 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 3,958,878
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,305,671
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,780,052
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,422,370 (No update available)

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

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February 2021, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effective and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not following preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our healthcare system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Mayor (from Front)

"A complaint was filed with the Ethics Commission by a Cullman resident against Mr. Dyar," Blaylock said.

"The case was presented to the grand jury and they found probable cause that Mr. Dyar used his office of Mayor of Baileyton for personal gain."

More information will be posted as it becomes available.

Pedestrian (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A pedestrian was hit and killed on Tuesday night just before 8 p.m. on Highway 278.

According to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, Tressie Wisner, 78, of Cullman was pronounced dead at the scene of the incident.

The incident occurred near County Road 1147 on Highway 278 near Spring Hill.

Visit CullmanTribune.com for updates.

Meeks (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Bradford Neal Meeks, 31, was recently released from the Department of Corrections.

The CCSO said Meeks has been returned to Cullman County Detention Center for two misdemeanor charges in order for him to serve his CCDC time.

The two misdemeanors were: driving under the influence and assault.

Meeks remains at the CCDC.

Gramps (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Gramps is a 10-year-old Lab mix. He is a low-to-medium-energy senior who can often be seen in the kiddie pool relaxing and cooling off his paws. He has a noticeably huge appetite for, not only food, but exploring his yard and finding shade under the walnut tree.

Whatever he enjoys doing, this old soul enjoys even more when he is close to his people.

Gramps is sure to make a wonderful therapy, companion or reading dog!

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

"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- Wednesday-Sept. 1 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man" , Adult women's class "Design Your Life"
• 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 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. 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.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pick-up. Register at https://form.jotform.com/-203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Kids Loving Kids -outreach program to provide CHRISTMAS gifts for children, ages infant-18 years, to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on November 15 for December pickup. https://form.jotform.com/202-483601332041 or facebook.com/kidslovingkids and look for registration info there. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November - The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

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

Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• 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
• 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.

Cullman County Cattlemen's / Cattlewomen's Association Sandwich Sale
Sept. 3 – 4 - On Sept. 3-4, Cullman County Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Associations will be preparing Ribeye Steak Sandwiches in south Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are $7 donation. Add chips and drink for $1 each. Serving on Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Employers are invited and encouraged to treat their employees to a great sandwich!
• Ladies, after work, don't go home to cook - Come by and get sandwiches for your family.
• Place orders in advance by calling Edwin Calvert at 256-339-9869 (before 9 p.m., Sept. 2) Contact number in the parking lot: 256-339-9869
• Will accept debit and credit cards and will have a drive-thru lane.
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Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration
• Sept. 6 - The Fairview Lions Club is having a Labor Day Celebration, parade and car show on Sept 6 at the Randall Shedd Park in Fairview from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration for car show starts at 8 a.m. and is $15.
• Awards will be given out at 2 p.m. Vendors are welcome (excepting ready-to-eat food vendors) for $10 a spot. Concessions available. Parade starts at 11 a.m. with lineup at the Clinton Barbee ball field at 10 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate in the parade will be welcome. Lifesouth Bloodmobile will be onsite, as well as a city helicopter and inflatables for the kids. Come join us! For more info, call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Goodwin Family Reunion
• Sept. 6 – Monday, Sept. 6, in Dodge City Town Hall basement, beginning 11 a.m.
• Benjamin and Victoria Howlett Goodwin Descendants: William A (Bill) & Mary Goodwin Tubbs, Ran & Para-Lee Goodwin, Aycock George & Parthenia Calvert, Goodwin Ross and Dovie Calvert Goodwin, Joe & Bertha Calvert Goodwin/Delta Calvert Goodwin Bert and Minnie Gray Goodwin
• Please bring a covered dish, family photos and stories. For more information, contact Jerry Goodwin at 256-595-2598 or Kathy Calvert at 256-708-7940

Pleasant View Singing
Sept. 19 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing on Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. featuring "Sonlife Quartet" from Chattanooga, Tennessee. 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.

PREP FOOTBALL

Local teams set to kick off region play this week

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MARTHA NEEDHAM, JOE MCELROY & CHRISTY PARKER FOR THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Tyler Simmons (24), Cullman's Jamar Kay (21) and Vinemont's Colby Miller (1).

CULLMAN, Ala. – With the first two weeks of football season officially in the books, its time for our local teams to begin region play and there's a full slate of regional matchups set to kick off Friday night. Cullman will return home to face the hated Hartselle Tigers, Fairview will host Guntersville in a massive Region 7 showdown, Good Hope will be back home to take on Ashville, Vinemont and Holly Pond will host J.B. Pennington and Oakman respectively while Addison and Meek prepare to host Aliceville and Brilliant in two more big region games. Arab, Hanceville, West Point and Cold Springs will all be on the road this week for region matchups against Fort Payne, Fultondale, Lawrence County and Sulligent respectively.

Cullman (1-1) v. Hartselle (2-0)

The 'Cats had to hit the road for a big rivalry game with the Jasper Vikings last week and after narrowly falling to the Vikings 20-16 in the final minutes, they will now prepare to host another big rival in their region opener. Hartselle is coming to Oliver Woodard Stadium Friday night with a 2-0 record and plans to win Region 8 this season so Cullman will have to play its best game of the year so far to take down the Tigers. The Bearcats won last year's meeting in Hartselle 30-20 so the Tigers will be seeking some revenge as well. Hartselle has defeated its first two opponents, Austin and Mae Jemison, by a combined score of 70-0 so Cullman hopes to be the first team to find the endzone against the Tigers and find a way to knock off one of the strongest teams in the region. If the 'Cats can continue to find yardage in the running game and efficiency in the passing game, they'll have a solid chance of collecting a big win this week, but they'll have to play well in all phases to take down their old rival.

Arab (1-1) at Fort Payne (0-2)

The Knights fell just short of a massive win on the road at Guntersville last week, falling behind late in the fourth quarter and eventually losing to the Wildcats 29-21. Now, Arab will look to bounce back for yet another road matchup, this time with the Wildcats of Fort Payne. The Wildcats are entering Friday night's game with an 0-2 record after falling to Athens 41-40 in their season opener and to Gadsden City 34-10 last week. Defense has been a bit of an issue for Fort Payne early in the season and the Knights hope to take advantage of that with their explosive running game. Arab fell to Fort Payne at home 28-7 last season so the Knights will be excited to hit the field Friday night and turn the tables this fall.

Fairview (2-0) v. Guntersville (1-1)

In what is one of the week's most anticipated matchups, the Fairview Aggies will host Guntersville at Dafford Smith Stadium Friday night for a game that could go a long way in determining the winner of Region 7 in a few weeks. Guntersville defeated the Aggies 48-12 last season and went on to claim the 5A, Region 7 championship. This time around, Fairview has different plans. The Aggies have won their first two games over D.A.R and Vinemont by a combined score of 104-49 but Friday night's contest is set to be the toughest yet. Guntersville split its first two games, falling to Handley in the season opener and pulling away from Arab late last week but this week's matchup will be the biggest so far for both squads as they each chase this year's Region title.

West Point (1-0) at Lawrence County (0-1)

West Point was awarded the win over Good Hope last week after the Raiders were forced to forfeit due to Covid-19 cases, but this week will be the first chance for the Warriors to get back out on the field for a non-region matchup. West Point will travel to Lawrence County for an important game Friday night, looking to get off to a fast start. The Warriors did compete in a jamboree game against Priceville two weeks ago, defeating the Bulldogs 19-14 and they'll be looking for their next victory when they arrive at Lawrence County Friday. The Red Devils edged West Point 31-28 last season so the Warriors will be hungry for some revenge on the gridiron this week.

Good Hope (0-2) v. Ashville (1-1)

The Raiders were unable to play at West Point last week due to an outbreak of Covid-19 cases, but they'll be back on the field this week when Ashville comes to James W. Shabel Stadium for a big region opener. After topping Oak Grove in their season opener 14-6, the Bulldogs fell to Southeastern 41-19 last week to fall to 1-1 on the season. The Raiders dropped their season opener against West Morgan 34-28 two weeks ago but with a couple weeks of rest under their belts and the goal of winning a Region 6 title, Good Hope will be ready to face Ashville Friday night. The Raiders hammered the Bulldogs 47-13 last season, and they plan to pick up another big win over Ashville in 2021.

Hanceville (1-0) at Fultondale (0-2)

After toppling Vinemont 28-16 in their season opener, the Hanceville Bulldogs enjoyed an off-week and will now hit the road for their region opener at Fultondale Friday night. The Wildcats have dropped their first two games of the season, falling to John Carroll 27-0 and Munford 21-0 so they're still looking for their first points of the year. Hanceville's defense kept the Eagles in check most of the night in the season opener and the Bulldogs will be looking for another great performance out of that unit Friday night. Hanceville took last year's meeting over Fultondale at Ray Talley Stadium 43-34, and they'll be looking for another big, region win on the road this week.

Vinemont (0-2) v. J.B. Pennington (1-0)

The start to the 2021 season hasn't gone exactly the way the Vinemont Eagles envisioned. The Eagles dropped their first two games of the season to county rivals Hanceville and Fairview, but they have an opportunity to make a new start this week in the region opener against J.B. Pennington. The Tigers edged Oak Grove on the road 21-20 last week and they'll be looking for a regional victory when they arrive at Vinemont Friday night. The Eagles dropped last year's matchup with J.B. Pennington 54-0, but they plan on turning the tables on the Tigers when they hit the field this week.

Holly Pond (2-0) v. Oakman (1-1)

It's been a fun two weeks for the Holly Pond Broncos. The Broncos have dominated their first two matchups of the season, defeating Brindlee Mountain 53-0 and Cold Springs 31-0. Now, Holly Pond will be preparing for a region showdown this week when Oakman comes to town. The Wildcats fell to Gordo 29-7 in their season opener but bounced back with a 66-18 win at Curry last week. Oakman dominated last season's meeting 40-16 so the Broncos will be looking for a little revenge when they hit the field to play the Wildcats Friday night. Holly Pond is 2-0 for the first time since 2018 and if the Broncos can get another win Friday, they'll be 3-0 for the first time since 2004.

Cold Springs (0-2) at Sulligent (1-1)

Cold Springs has not gotten off to the start it planned on having this season, falling to Meek and Holly Pond in its first two games of the year, but the Eagles have an opportunity to make a new start in their region opener this week. Cold Springs will hit the road and head out to Sulligent for a big region matchup this week and plans to return home with a big region win. The Blue Devils took their season opener over East Lawrence 28-7 but dropped last week's game at Hamilton 37-22. Both teams are hungry for a win this week and after edging Sulligent 21-19 last year, the Eagles should be prepared for another tight game with the Blue Devils Friday night.

Addison (2-0) v. Aliceville (1-1)

After collecting a 28-0 win on the road over Lynn last week, the Addison Bulldogs will return home Friday night to open up region play against Aliceville. The Yellow Jackets were awarded a forfeit win over Greene County in their season opener and fell to Gordo 40-31 last week. Now, they'll head to Addison for a massive regional showdown with the Bulldogs. Last year's clash between these two was an instant classic that Aliceville won 36-34 in overtime. The Yellow Jackets would go on to win the region title last fall so Addison has plans to change that this time around. A win over Aliceville would be a huge step toward a postseason berth and maybe even a region title for the Bulldogs so they'll be excited to hit the field Friday night.

Meek (1-1) v. Brilliant (0-1)

The 2021 season has gotten off to a solid start for the Tigers. They hammered Cold Springs 40-6 in their season opener to get this year started with a win and narrowly fell to Winston County on the road 28-22 in double overtime last week. This week, Meek will return home to open up region play against the Tigers of Brilliant. Brilliant lost to Hackleburg on the road in its season opener and will be back on the road this week for its regional matchup with Meek. Brilliant downed Meek 55-30 last season so Friday night's will be another "revenge game" opportunity for the Tigers of Meek.

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ARTS

Country Legends Rediscovered exhibition closes Sept. 4

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — This week is the last week to visit the Country Legends Rediscovered exhibition at the Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.

The exhibition featuring stage wear, costumes and memorabilia from the private collection of country singer/songwriter and north Alabama native Coby Greer. It will be open through Saturday, Sept. 4. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The display includes some of the biggest names in country music history such as George Jones, Buck Owens, Faron Young, Charlie Daniels, The Statler Brothers and many more. There's also a display featuring several "Nudie Suits," the rhinestone covered suits by famed tailor Nudie Cohn.

Accompanying the stage wear are photographs, album covers and vintage instruments that belonged to or feature these timeless legends. The labels for the displays include QR codes so visitors can see footage and video of the artists featured.

Admission to the museum is free. For more information call 256-352-8457 or visit www.burrowmuseum.org.

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man, Alabama. We were one of their earliest partners in launching their first SUV. Now, we are honored and excited that they have placed their faith in us once again to support the launch of their new models."

Governor Ivey made her remarks in representation of the State of Alabama, saying, "REHAU has played a vital role in the success of Alabama's automotive industry for 25 years, and it is great to see the company expand its operation in Cullman.

"This expansion and the 125 new jobs it will create will be vital to Mercedes-Benz's growth right here in sweet home Alabama. This investment shows that the Alabama-Germany partnership has never been stronger."

This project's outcome has allowed the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to provide a $700,000 grant to the city of Cullman.

This will be put toward a $1 million road project to service the REHAU plant, and both the City and County Commission have committed to equally sharing the cost of the remaining $300,000 to resurface and rehabilitate 2 miles of 24th Street.

This road serves for truck and employee traffic for REHAU, along with other industries in the area, and will be undergoing construction later this year.

"From its beginnings in 1996, REHAU's Cullman plant has provided important support for Alabama's automotive industry, as well as good-paying careers for many Alabamians. Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is pleased to have played a role in the success and expansion of the company through infrastructure grants to the city of Cullman.

"We congratulate REHAU, not only on 25 years of operation in Cullman, but also on its continued success and expansion into new lines, which will create even more jobs," said Director Boswell.

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons also spoke, saying, "REHAU continues to prosper in Cullman County and provide quality jobs. Jobs are important and REHAU has been one of the largest manufacturing employers here for years. I am honored the County and City can work together to help support this project expansion."

Contributing to a local qualified workforce, is the support of Wallace State Community College's machine tool technology curriculum. These community resources, combined with the firm's reputation for world-class quality and technical excellence have built REHAU into the second largest manufacturing firm, and the seventh largest employer in Cullman.

City Mayor Woody Jacobs shared, "One thing about being around for a while is that you get to be a part of projects like this when they start.

"Obviously, I was honored to do that, too. – Companies can grow where they have a quality labor force and a supportive community. REHAU enjoys a great reputation worldwide for quality and innovation. I believe the Cullman facility contributes to those high standards. We are excited about REHAU's continued success here."













EDITORIAL

The 2021 Paralympic Games – inspiration in the midst of tragedy

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Brad Snyder

Over the past two weeks, it seems every news story has brought more and more sad news. With Afghanistan, Hurricane Ida, COVID-19 and wildfires – we could all use some inspiration right now. The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games began Aug. 24 and will continue through Sept. 5 and the personal stories and triumphs of these athletes are, quite simply, amazing.

Currently, The United States Paralympic Team has 25 gold medals, 27 silver and 20 bronze. One of those gold medals was won by U.S. swimmer Jessica Long in the women's 200-meter individual medley. Long has now won 25 Paralympic medals, 14 of them gold, in the five Paralympic games in which she has competed.

Long was predominantly featured in a Toyota commercial that ran during the Super Bowl and the Tokyo Olympics.

Born in a Russian orphanage and diagnosed with a condition called fibular hemimelia, her legs would need to be amputated.

She was adopted by her adoptive parents who live in Baltimore, Maryland. She made her Paralympic debut in the 2004 games in Athens at the age of 12.

Long has the potential to add to her medal count as she will swim in three more events in Tokyo.

Brad Snyder claimed gold in the paratriathlon on Saturday, Aug. 28. He became the first American man to ever win an individual triathlon event in the Olympics or Paralympics.

He had already earned five gold and two silver as a member of the U.S. swimmer in the London and Rio Paralympics games.

Snyder is a U.S. Navy veteran who served for seven years with the Navy's bomb disposal squad. He served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2011, as he was deployed to Afghanistan, Snyder stepped on an IED that left him permanently blind. Snyder said in an interview, "You can't change what it is, you can only change how you react to it or what you do about the set of circumstances that you're in."

Sam Grewe jumped to gold Tuesday in the T63 classification (single-leg above the knee amputees) in the high jump. The Notre Dame graduate cleared the 1.88m bar on his third attempt during less-than-ideal conditions. He said in an interview with his hometown newspaper, The South Bend Tribune, "I was completely drenched. It was a torrential downpour and unlike any meet I've had in my entire life."

After completing his final jump, a jubilant Crewe said to the cameras, "We'll see you in Paris!"

The U.S. women's wheelchair basketball team advanced to the semifinals Tuesday with a 63-48 win over Canada.

They will play China on Thursday in hopes of advancing to the final and defend the gold they won at the Rio games.

Two members of the 13-player squad are Abby Bauleke and Bailey Moody who both play for the University of Alabama. There is a total of 18 Paralympians with connections to the University of Alabama.

Paris will host the 2024 Summer Olympics and Paralympics and I hope to see the Paralympics receive more of the primetime coverage that is always given to the Olympic athletes.

While both competitions include great human stories, perhaps, the Paralympic athletes are the most inspirational of all. The determination and perseverance of these athletes shouldn't go untold or celebrated.

This past Sunday was the first time NBC aired any primetime Paralympic coverage on its main network. More coverage will be aired on NBC this Sunday. Coverage of the 2020 Paralympics can also be seen on NBCSN, Olympic Channel and streaming on Peacock.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The 25th Annual Smith Lake Park Sweet Tater Festival will take place this Labor Day weekend. The two-day event will take place Sunday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission to the festival is $5 and the armband received is good for both days. The festival will feature arts, music, food and most importantly, sweet taters!!

Cullman County Park and Rec Director Doug Davenport and his staff are busy after the last two days of rain getting the park ready for this weekend's festival.

Davenport is looking forward to the 25-year milestone of the popular festival as well as it being the first year for the event since Governor Ivey designated the "sweet tater" as the official vegetable of Alabama.

Last year, there was an issue with the local growers that led to a festival, but no sweet taters.

Davenport said, "I spoke to the farmer who normally supplies the sweet taters, and he assures me that he has us taken care of this year."

Sweet potatoes are typically not ready for digging until early October, so the potatoes for the Sweet Tater Festival are not only Cullman County grown, but dug specially for the festival.

Besides the taters, at last count, Davenport reports that 65 vendors had registered for the festival.

He said, "As of right now, that is down from last year, but many have been waiting to sign-up.

"With the spike in COVID cases, some are cautious and want to wait and make sure an event isn't canceled before registering."

On Monday, get ready for the Sweet Tater Labor Day Car Show.

The show will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. under the trees with several classifications. Registration is $15.

All money from the registration will go back out to the participants in prize money or the 50/50 raffle that will take place with the car show. Local businesses have also donated door prizes.

Davenport has planned for food and drink vendors to be located at the car show as well as the main festival.

He said, "A lot of those guys don't want to leave their cars or the show to grab a bite to eat or a cold drink.

"This year we will have vendors at the car show for them."

A great line-up of music, dancing and other fun events are scheduled throughout the festival.

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. - Kyle Kimbrell
- noon - Tremayne
- 2:30 p.m. - Clog Wild Cloggers
- 3:30 p.m. - Golf Cart Parade
- 4 p.m. - Shackelford Lane

Monday

- 9:30 a.m. - Yellow Dandies
- 11 a.m. - Stepdads
- noon - Sweet Tater Relay Contest
- 12:30 p.m. - Allen Tolbert Unit
- 2:30 p.m. - The Major Dudes

The Smith Lake Park pool will be open and kayak, canoe and paddle boards will be available for rental.

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 31 – Sept. 1

Leonard Tirona Coquico, 77, of Cullman
Funeral service for Leonard Tirona Coquico, 77, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Christ the King Monastery. The family will receive friends at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. There will be a time of prayer at Christ the King Monastery starting at 1:30 p.m. Father Jose Viola will officiate the service. The interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Coquico family. Mr. Coquico passed from this life Sept. 1, at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born May 2, 1944, to Leonardo DeJesus and Estelita Tirona Coquico. He served as mass captain at St. Monica Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Edwin Coquico and Reuben Coquico. Mr. Coquico is survived by his wife: Marilou Coquico; two sons: Jon Coquico and Leonard Coquico, III; two daughters: Margie (Rene) Villanueva and Marla (Heber) Yamada and a host of brothers, sisters, grandchildren, family and friends. Fond memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Harold Morrow, 83, of Cullman
James Harold Morrow, age 83, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Monday, Aug. 30. James was born Feb. 5, 1938, in Hamilton, Alabama, to James Henry and Ophelia Belk Morrow. Mr. Morrow retired from the National Guard and was a member of the West Point Masonic Lodge. Mr. Morrow was also very active in the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Morrow also worked and retired from The Alabama Department of Transportation as an equipment supervisor. A visitation for James will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. – noon at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church (2489 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057). A celebration of life funeral service will follow at noon at the church with Rev. Ben McKenzie and Rev. Jerald Adams officiating. An interment will occur Saturday, Sept. 4, at Baldwin Heights Cemetery (2489 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057). Mr. Morrow is survived by wife: Rubel "Ruby" Morrow; daughter: Deborah (Charles) Pennington; sons: Keith (Reeta) Morrow and Kevin (Pam) Morrow; sister: Virginia Finch; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Morrow family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Boyd Jay Ganger, Jr., 39, of Ozark, Alabama
Boyd Jay Ganger, Jr., age 39, was born Jan. 21, 1982, in Troy, Ohio, and lived in Ozark, Alabama until his death Sunday, Aug. 29. He was a current member at Harvest Church. From a young child all the way through his life, he had a nickname "Bug". He was a good man with a kind, warm and giving heart. He was fun loving and goofy, and was always cracking jokes and making fun. He loved his children, and his nieces and nephews adored him. A celebration of life will be held at Living Faith Pentecostal Church of God (2060 County Road 19, Haleyville, AL 35565) on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. He is survived by his wife: Donna Ganger; seven children: Fern Ganger, Donnavan Ganger, Jaxen Ganger, Kyyeleigh Ganger, Nataleigh Ganger, Austin Mays and Alaina Mays; father: Boyd Jay Ganger, Sr.; grandparents: Richard and Nina Shoe; siblings: Lisa (Phillip) Lucas, Jennifer (Jeremiah) Desiderio and Travis (Chelsea) Ganger and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother: Kathy Ganger; son: Jaycob Ganger and paternal grandparents: John and Loretta

Annie Bell Powell, 79, of Vinemont
Funeral service for Annie Bell Powell, age 79, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Adam Twilley officiating, with interment in Emeus Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Powell passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Cullman Regional. She was born May 11, 1942, in Missouri to Virgil and Virginia P. King. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: William "Rufus" Powell; daughter: Rebecca Adams; sons: Ronnie Powell and Donnie Powell and three brothers. Survivors include her daughters: Ginger (David) Johnson and Tammy (Jearl) Nichols; sons: William (Tracy) Powell, Jr. and Allen Powell; daughter: Tracy Hipp; son-in-law: Howard Adams; grandchildren: Elisha (John) Mason, Patricia (Tom) Gartside, Kenneth (Sherry) McNeely, Jr., Elizabeth (Joseph) Lamb, Jacob Adams, Bryan (Beth) Adams, Pennie (J) Bruce, Colman McNeely, Jr.,, Krystal Powell, Robert (Brittany) Powell, Jordan Brock, Justin (Keshia) Brady, Jonathan Powell, Felipe Powell, Jose Powell, David Powell, Cody Hipp, Scotty Hipp, Rheagan Hipp and Shawn (Samantha) Hipp; great-grandchildren: Breanna (Jacob), Brittany (Alex), Austin, Timothy, Becca, Shay, Natalie, Payton, Jadya, Drake, Micah, Melisha, Ella, Noah, McKaya, Roger, Nathsha, Bailey, Colman III, Abri, Karman, Krimson, Raelee, Atticus, Isabella, Lily, McKinley, Hunter and Will and great-great-grandchildren: Asher and Alex; and sister, Teamer Gutherie.

Tressie Laura (Lynn) Wisner, 78, of Cullman
Tressie Laura (Lynn) Wisner, age 78, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 31. Tressie was born April 18, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama to Prince Alvin and Fairene Parker Lynn. She is preceded in death by her parents; son: Philip Wisner and grandchild: Heath Wisner. A visitation for Tressie will be held Monday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A celebration of life funeral service will occur Monday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel located at 1901 Second Ave, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Monday, Sept. 6, at Baldwin Heights Cemetery (2489 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057). Survivors are husband: Thomas J. Wisner; daughters: Diana Wilhite and Tammy (Mark) Thomas; daughter-in-law: Anita Wisner; sister: Betty (Terry) Austin; brothers: Ricky (Brenda) Lynn and David (Judy) Lynn; grandchildren: Keeton Thomas, Jessie (Josh) Campbell, Laura (Anthony) Geisen and Taylor (Nicole) Wisner; great-grandchildren: Mackinley Thomas, Oliver Thomas, Emmie Grace Campbell, Hendrix Geisen and Harlow Geisen and a host of nieces, nephews and other family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Wisner family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mary Joy (Wallace) Tucker, 88, of Cullman
Mary Joy (Wallace) Tucker, age 88, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Monday, Aug. 30. Mary was born June 13, 1933, in Cullman, Alabama to William Emmett and Mary Frances Martin Wallace. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Hubert Tucker; four sisters and five brothers. A graveside service will be held on Friday Sept. 3, at 10 a.m. at Jones Chapel Cemetery with Bro. Terry Michael officiating. The family will receive friends at the graveside on Friday. Due to COVID, the family will announce a celebration of life memorial service at a later date. Survivors are daughter: Donna (David) Gossett; sons: Keith (Brenda) Tucker and Bruce (Carla) Tucker; grandchildren Derek (Mary) Gossett, Diana (Joseph) Sims, Ashley (Adam) Criner, Brittany (Jonathan) Powell, Luigi Tucker and Rachele (Daniele) Cambiaghi; 12 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Tucker family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Abbie "Toot" Olean Johns, 91, of Cullman
Funeral service for Abbie "Toot" Olean Johns, age 91, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with nephew Butch (Joyce) Shedd officiating, and burial at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Miss Johns passed away Sunday, Aug. 29, at Cullman Regional. She was born April 17, 1930, to Tommy Johns and Abbie Colon Johns. When they named her, her dad immediately called her "Toot," so that was her name with all of her family. Although she never married, she helped raise all her nieces and nephews. Toot enjoyed cooking, working in her yard and working puzzle books. She had a servant's heart and was always willing to help anyone in need. She loved her family and friends whole-heartedly. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Robert "Doc" Johns, Thomas Arvil Johns and Odus Johns; sisters: Lessie Mae Hollaway and Lillie Shedd; nephews: Waynard Holloway and Daryl Shedd and nieces: Elaine Ramey and Nancy Gains. Survivors include her nephew: Dee (Geraldean) Holloway; nieces: Shirley (Bob) White and Vickey (Bill) Markey and sister-in-law: Mavaline Johns. Pallbearers will be her nephews Stephen (Joell) Johns, Mark Johns, Kelvin "Skeeter" Johns, Anthony Johns, Zane (Emily) Johns and Will Johns. Honorary pallbearers will be Dusty Wren, Cody Johns and Evan Vance.

Gregory Bernard Entrekin, Jr., 58, of Quinton, Alabama (formerly of Holly Pond)
Gregory Bernard Entrekin, Jr., 58, of Quinton, Alabama (formerly of Holly Pond), passed away on Aug. 30. He was born April 15, 1963, in Jefferson County, Alabama, to Gregory Bernard Entrekin, Sr. and Gwen Chasteen.Benny was a member of Hillview Baptist Church in Forestdale. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, but his passion was Alabama football. Mr. Entrekin is preceded in death by his parents and a sister: Leigh Thacker. He is survived by his son: Jake Fuller; aunts: Carolyn Smith and Vickie Hanson (Jeff); niece: Jessica Bray; a host of cousins and many dear friends. A memorial service for Benny will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2 p.m., in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, with Larry Neal officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the American Heart Association in Benny's memory. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Entrekin family.

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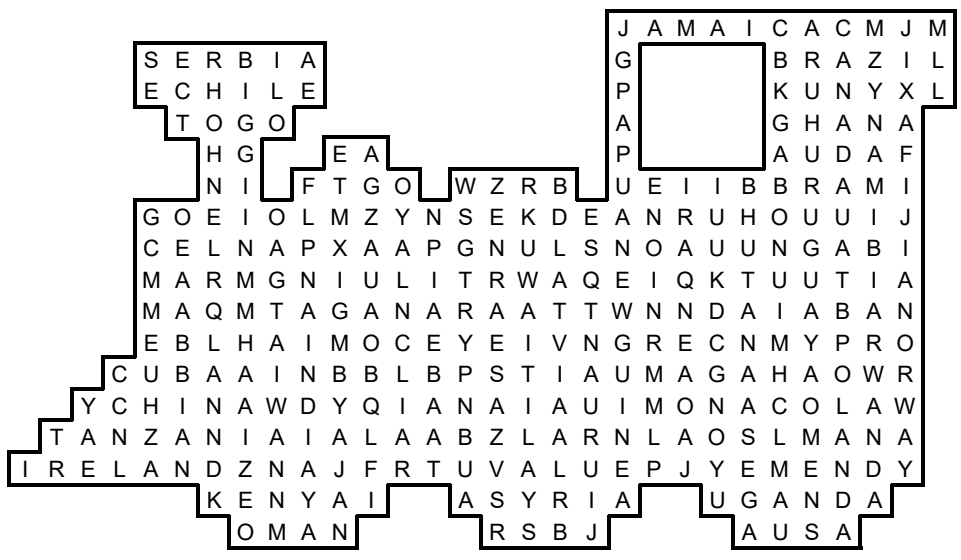
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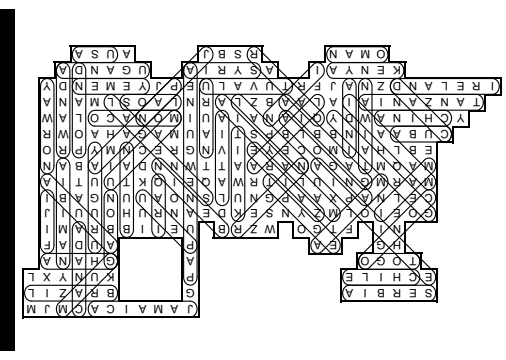


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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: *
*
LONNIE LEE THOMAS, SR., * **CASE NUMBER:** PC2021-132
*
DECEASED. *

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Diane Elaine Thomas
DIANE ELAINE THOMAS

S/ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
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256-775-4444

To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

KELLY HOWELL-HESTER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2021-000249.00**

KENNETH LAMAR HESTER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Kenneth Lamar Hester, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Kelly Howell-Hester's Complaint for Divorce by October 4, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000249.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 28th day of July, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
Kelley Howell-Hester
165 County Road 1304
Cullman, AL 35058

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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 *
MILFORD ESTES * CASE NO PC 2021-293
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Rhonda Hooper,** as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Milford Estes, deceased, on the 17th day of August, 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.

Rhonda Hooper
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
S.N.W.,) CASE NO. JU 2017-447.03
A Minor Child, 05/18/2008)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of S.N.W. born on or about 05/18/2008. to Jennifer Worrall, respond to the Petition by the 7th day of October, 2021, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 17 day of August, 2021

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 27th day of August 2021.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES EARL SOUTH, * CASE NO.: PC2021-271
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to AMY SOUTH as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES EARL SOUTH, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2021, 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.

Amy South
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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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 ESTATE OF

DAVID EDWARD McNEAL, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2021-283

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD McNEAL, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Janice McNeal on the 31st day of August, 2021, by the Honorable 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.

Janice McNeal, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Jason P. Knight, Attorney for the Estate
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Planning Commission

On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request at 101 Main Ave. SW – R-4 to CBD
2. Short form Subdivision – John H Cooper Drive SE – Create two lots
3. Short form Subdivision – 4th Street SW (Highway 278 West) & Ward Ave. SW – create one lot
4. Short form Subdivision – Miracle Field – Main Ave. SW / Miracle Field Drive SW / Lessman Street SW – combine lots

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary Mikus Husband Monique Mikus Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Superior Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 20, 2009; said mortgage being recorded on March 20, 2009, in Book 1591, Page 986 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 351, Page 871 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 7th day of October, 2021 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 1 of the resubdivision of part of Lot 535 of the city of Cullman, Alabama, as recorded in Deed Book 339, Page 424, and Deed Book 513, Page 108.

Said property is commonly known as 1110 4th Ave SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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