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City and county schools review safety plans and seek to assure caregivers

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Following the May 24 attack at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, which left 19 young children and two teachers dead, Cullman parents and caregivers have voiced their concerns over the safety of their school age children during the upcoming school year.

"It's so tragic and I just can't imagine what those families went through. I think my kids are safe at school, but you never know anymore. It seems like it could happen anywhere. My kids' schools seem safe, but I'm scared, real scared for them. It's scary to think about what could happen," Cindy Allred voiced.

Both Cullman City and County schools have safety plans and school resource officers in place and have utilized their skills for decades. During the summer months, the schools' emergency action plans are reviewed and SROs receive additional, up-to-date training.

Cullman City School Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff shared, "Safety is our number one priority. We want our children and parents to feel comfortable and safe while students are at school."

Noting the improved safety being implemented this summer, » PAGE 7

– COURTS –

Tyson Farms lawsuit settlement funds new projects in Colony, Garden City and Forks in the River


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Attorney General's Restitution Fund Oversite Committee members with Garden City Mayor Tim Eskew at Garden City River Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Attorney General's Restitution Fund Oversite Committee met at three different locations on Saturday to announce projects that are being planned to improve access to the Mulberry and Sipsey Forks of the Black Warrior River. The committee and local leaders met at the sites in Colony, Garden City and Forks in the River at Sipsey for the announcements. The projects are taking place in areas most affected by the Tyson Farms rendering plant wastewater discharge in 2019 that killed an estimated 175,000 fish and damaged the river's ecosystem.

The projects will be funded by the lawsuit settlement reached against Tyson Farms for more than $3 million which includes the funding of $1.5 million in projects for the benefit of communities in Walker and Cullman counties that will be directed by the five-member Restitution Fund Oversight Committee named by Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall.

Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Oversite Committee Chairman Ed Poolos said that all members agreed on one thing: "We wanted to make sure these projects were on the river for the people that were impacted."

The projects planned at each site include:

• Forks in the River, near Sipsey: Expand parking area and construct a dock, pavilion and restroom facility.

• Town of Colony access: construct a gravel road and parking area, which will give residents direct access to the river for the first time.

• Garden City Park: riverfront clean up with new kayak launch area, add » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 27

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 27, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 23

- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana; Beech Ave. SE
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1214
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 866
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 109
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1548
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1352
- domestic violence; Church Ave. NE
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1763

June 24

- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 157
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 111
- harassment; Co. Rd. 532
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1435
- theft of property; Hwy 278E
- theft of property; Hwy 69S

June 25

- sell/distribute drugs; Co. Rd. 38
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 278E
- harassment/trespassing; Co. Rd. 1727
- burglary; Co. Rd. 222
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property; Lindsey Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 606
- theft of property; Hwy 69S
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 109
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69S
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1108
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1545
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1546

June 26

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 831
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 700
- domestic violence/criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 607
- theft of property; Hwy 278W
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 700

ARRESTS

June 23

Bickerstaff, Bridgette L; 40
- FTA – driving under the influence (alcohol)
- FTA – no seat belt

Burks, Archie A Jr; 23
- assault-harassment
- harassing communications

Farris, Patricia T; 83
- enters/remains in/on premises

Harless, Bobby L; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Haynes, Benjamin M; 36
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
- FTA – domestic violence – 1st degree-aggravated stalking
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – driving under the influence (alcohol)

Huertas, John; 50
- Family Offense-non-support child

Martinez, Bryann R L; 24
- FTA – enters/remains in/on premises
- FTA – harassing communications

McWaters, Taylor Z; 29
- FTA – appears in public place under the influence

Smith, Charles R; 61
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

June 24

Morgan, Felicia D; 33
- FTA – damaged property-criminal mischief
- FTA – robbery-street-strong arm

Myers, Dusty N; 42
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Parra, Didier G; 44
- appears in public place under influence

Watson, Dang S; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

June 25

Aaron, Catherine J T; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- receiving stolen property, $500, less than $1500

Berry, Kristy L; 45
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – larceny/theft-shoplifting, $500, less than $1500
- FTA – enters/remains in/on premises

Boone, John T; 37
- Probation Violation/unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Brannon, Thomas, J; 36
- FTA – driving while revoked, suspended or cancelled

Cantrell, Jerimiah R; 26
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order

Degollado, Eduardo A; 19
- forgery/counterfeiting

Hays, Marissa L; 33
- Grand Jury/fraud-unlawfully obtaining unemployment benefits

Horton, Jessica M; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Overton, Joseph R; 30
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Pruett, Joseph M; 35
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)
- FTA – failure to register vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA - no seat belt (2 counts)
- FTA - obstructed windshield (2 counts)
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)

June 26

Boatright, Joshua A Sr; 43
- FTA – reckless driving

McKinnon, Roger L; 58
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- property crime-tampering with physical evidence

Moore, Scott A; 37
- FTA – driving under the influence (alcohol)
- driving under the influence (combined substance)

Parker, William J; 49
- FTA – DUI-alcohol

Vincent, Justin D; 36
- appears in public place under influence

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 21
- criminal trespass – 3rd degree; person; Ave. B SE

June 23
- theft of property; person; laptop, phone, misc; $3,300
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $140

June 24
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $82
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '14 Dodge Dart, '97 Ford Mustang
- harassing communications; person

June 25
- theft of property – 4th degree, criminal trespass – 3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $37
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $407

June 26
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Cherokee Ave. SW
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $145
- theft of property – 3rd degree; Hwy 157; phone; $800
- criminal trespass; person; Lee Cir. SW

ARRESTS

June 24

Cummings, Madyson B; 24
- theft of property – 4th degree
- criminal mischief – 3rd degree

Willis, Kevin M; 33
- unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

June 25

Cantrell, Jerimiah R; 26
- FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)
- giving false information

Dale, Dianne H; 57
- DUI-combined substance

Harris, Justin L; 26
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – run red light

Pickering, Angela A; 47
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation

Simmons, Tevoris M; 37
- Grand Jury – indictment for forgery – 3rd degree
- possession of forged instrument – 3rd degree

June 26

Berry, Kristy L; 45
- theft of property – 4th degree

Carpenter, Adam B; 33
- public intoxication

Castro, Danielle N; 22
- FTA – domestic violence – 3rd degree

Clark, Terry L; 26
- DUI

Moore, Scott A; 37
- criminal mischief – 2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Fire (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — An apartment fire in Hanceville has resulted in a fatality Sunday afternoon. According to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, there was one confirmed fatality. Gary Holmes, 67, of Hanceville was pronounced dead at the scene. The fire is currently extinguished due to the response of the Hanceville Fire Department and Johnson's Crossing Fire Department. The apartment building is thought to be in the Autumnwood Apartments on College Drive, according to Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail.

Mayor Nail said of the tragedy, "My understanding is that we've had one fatality a short time ago. We had both Hanceville and Johnson's Crossing respond to the call.

"The fire is out now and was pretty well contained to the one apartment. The fire is under investigation and we're praying for everybody involved." Check CullmanTribune.com for updates as more information is released.

Fun (from Front)

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To celebrate Independence Day, there's no shortage of local family-friendly, festive events coming up in Cullman County and surrounding areas.

Smith Lake Park Fireworks and Music Festival

The Smith Lake Park Festival will take place from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. on July 4. Admission is free to the 50th annual event. Families can play putt-putt golf, visit the beach area and watch the famous golf cart parade. The swimming pool will be open, and kayaks, canoes and paddle boards will be available for rent. It's a day full of arts and crafts, food, live music and more.

Entertainment schedule:
- 9:30 a.m. - Bailey Hill
- 11 a.m. - Justin Oliver and Daniel Raine
- 12:30 p.m. - Justin and Tab
- 2:30 p.m. - BREZ
- 4 p.m. - Golf Cart Parade
- 4:30 p.m. - The Allen Tolbert Unit
- 6 p.m. - Games at the Stage
- 7 p.m. - Reid Haughton

Lynn Annual Fireworks Show

The town of Lynn will host their fireworks show Friday, July 1 at 9 p.m. at the Lynn City Ball Park on County Road 59. The event will start as early as 4 p.m. with lots of free kids' activities including a 24-feet-tall water slide and two bounce houses with water slides for smaller children. Admission is free to all.

Faith, Family, Freedom Fireworks Extravaganza

The 4th annual event sponsored by Branded by Christ Cowboy Church and the City of Good Hope will start at 7:30 p.m. on July 3 with a horse parade at the Good Hope Ball fields and fireworks to follow at dark. Admission is free.

Addison Fourth of July Celebration

The annual celebration and music festival will be on Monday, July 4 at Alexander Park with a parade starting at 10 a.m. and the music show starting at 5 p.m. Sipsey Falls will be the headliner band. The fireworks show will start after dark at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Vinemont Baptist Church

Vinemont Baptist Church will host a Fourth of July event with fireworks at the Vinemont Community Center on Sunday, July 3, with Fro'z Shaved Ice, free hotdogs, chips and drinks. The event is from 7-9 p.m.

Lake Guntersville Fireworks Show

The City of Guntersville will host their annual fireworks display on July 4 at 9 p.m. The fireworks will be show near Civitan Park. The Mountain Valley Arts Council will host Soul Survivor at the Civitan Park stage at 6:30 p.m.



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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 Drive 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.
• Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m.: Adult - THE BAIT OF SATAN, children, and youth Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Lights - bring a dish for our potluck supper. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits, and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Spirit Life Church. Nursery provided.
• Sunday, July 3, 7 p.m.: Cookout followed by fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Join Pastor Bobby and Pam Dodd at 197 County Road 220, Arley, AL 35541. Learn more about the new Spirit LIfe Church! Bring your own lawn chair and join us for food, fun, and fellowship.
• 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.
• 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 pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12-Step Groups
The Goose Hung High Group of Alcoholics Anonymous - 1st Church of Nazarene, 5415 U.S. Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058 - CLOSED Literature Study, SUNDAYS at 3 p.m. - Handicap accessible

CASA volunteer training
Cullman County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is looking for dedicated volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in foster care. They need YOUR VOICE! A training class will be beginning soon! For more information, please contact Candace Lingo at cullmancountycasa@msn.com.

T.O.P.S (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). First meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

St. Bernard Prep Applications Open
St. Bernard Prep is accepting applications for residential and day students in grades 7-11. Think you can't afford it - think again. If your child qualifies academically, scholarships and financial aid are available! Call to schedule an appointment today at 256-739-6682 or visit https://stbernardprep.com/.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. until October
• Located at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL

Berlin Farmers Market
Open Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. until October
Located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive off U.S. Highway 278

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon – 1 p.m.

Free Kindergarten Readiness Camp
• Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - noon
• Week of July 18 and Week of July 25
• To register for one of the six sites located across the county contact Dakotatrammell@linkingcullman.org to register

Cullman Community Blood Drive
• Wednesday, June 22, at The Link
• To register: visit https://www.redcrossblood.org/ and use sponsor code "Cullman"
• Or call 1-800-RED CROSS

2nd Fridays at Sacred Heart
• Join Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Altar Society and Knights of Columbus as they celebrate Cullman's 2nd Fridays this summer on three different nights, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, with Bunco and Bingo games in the Family Life Center. Located in downtown Cullman, one block over from First Avenue and the Warehouse District, site of open stores, music and food during these summertime nights, the Altar Society will offer two sessions of Bunco games, one from 5-7 p.m., with a second round of fun from
• 7-9 p.m. Cost is $20 per session per person with monetary awards for winners. In addition, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor an evening of Bingo starting at 5 p.m., and prizes galore! Food and drink will be available for purchase. Everyone is invited to attend these events with funds raised used for the Church's upkeep. Come join in the fun and fellowship in the air-conditioned Sacred Heart of Jesus's Family Life Center.

West Point Movie Nights
• July 24 – "Zootopia"
• Aug. 20 – "Jumanji"
• Will be held at the ball field at West Point Town Hall (3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont, AL 35179). Concessions will open at 7 p.m. with cheeseburgers, hot dogs and regular concession food. The movie begins at 8:15 p.m. and ends at 10:45 p.m. Please bring blankets and chairs. Adults are $5 and kids are free. Popcorn supplied by Kernel Kullman.

July Food Box Giveaway
June 30 - On Thursday, June 30, between 2-4 p.m., free Fourth of July Food Boxes will be handed out at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Everyone is welcome.

Joyful Hearts 30th Anniversary Homecoming
July 9 – Bring a friend and come help us celebrate this great event! Featuring special guests, The Old Paths from Atlanta, Georgia and ClearVision from Oxford, Alabama. Ten dollar donation taken at the door. Saturday, July 9 at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m. at Cross Baptist Church (23654 U.S. Highway 31, Falkville, AL). for more information, call Brenda Foxx at 256-775-0103.

"Heartland Has Turned 20" 2022 Quilt Show sponsored by Heartland Quilters of Cullman
July 8-9 – This event will feature beautiful quilts made by Heartland members, vendors, Guild Challenge 2021 display, donation quilt give away (made with turning 20 blocks), drawing at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, door prizes and free mini demonstrations. Friday, July 8 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at East Elementary School (608 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055). Admission is $7 per person.

SCHEDULE
Friday
• 2-3 p.m.: Finishing Your Quilt with Carol McKay
• 3-4 p.m.: Paper Piecing with Porsia Anderson

Saturday
• 10-11 a.m.: Selvages- Not One Left Behind with Sheryl Simpson
• 11 a.m. - noon: Hand Embroidery/Redwork with Geraldine Hendrix
• Noon – 1 p.m.: Making Bags with Cheryl Johnson/ Teresa Rogers
• 1 – 2 p.m.: Rope Bags with Laurie Osborn
• 2-3 p.m.: Bed Turning with Jennifer Bridges

Contact: Porsia Anderson 256-737-7557, Carol McKoy 256-841-2977, Geraldine Hendrix 256-734-8316 or Hazel Ruehl 256-339-2224. Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of quilting!

David Speegle Family Reunion
July 10 - The annual reunion of the David Speegle Family will be held Sunday, July 10, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 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 (256-734-3460) or Norman Calvert (256-734-0389) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us!

Pleasant View Singing and Summer Revival
July 10 and 18 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a singing with the Dixie Echoes from Pensacola, Florida on Sunday, July 10 at 5 p.m. We will kick off our summer revival the third week in July beginning with a singing Sunday night July 17 at 5 p.m. The Kelly's from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee will be guest singers. Services will run day and night, Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22. Morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and evening services at 7 p.m. Brother Andrew Allred will be the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service. Everyone is invited. If you can't come, pray for us. 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.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
July 23 – Tickets for the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on July 23 are on sale at First Southern Financial in the South Cullman Shopping Center. Call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445. Tickets are $20 each.

86th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Aug. 6 – First Sandlin Reunion after two years will be back at the Cold Springs Community Center (8821 County Road 109 in Bremen) Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bring covered dishes and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice will be provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives!
• For more information, email patsymedlock@bellsouth.net or call 205-915-1870.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, June 27, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
As of May 19, 2022, the Overall Levels of Community Transmission was removed from the Data and Surveillance Dashboard. We have added two tabs: Community Levels for the public and Community Transmission Levels for healthcare facility use only to the Dashboard Hub: arcg.is/0brSGj.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 22.9%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,825
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,501
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 424,409 (+4,470 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,557
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 2,988 (+5 since Friday)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 7%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 8,073 (+80 since Friday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 53 (+0 since Friday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,310
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 92
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 35,244
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 8,079
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 396

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• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,792,295
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,971,365
• Doses administered: 6,153,653 No update available
• Additional doses administered: 893,082 No update available
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,882,366 No update available
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,382,873 No update available
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,820,930

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.



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‘You can’t take back time’: Brody Peppers remembers his Cold Springs career

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BREMEN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Cold Springs basketball player Brody Peppers about his years playing for the Eagles. There were a couple of basketball memories that stood out to Brody and had some funny school memories as well.

“I have two basketball memories that stick out the most to me. The first one was beating Good Hope on a one-second buzzer beater at their home court,” Peppers said. “The second one has to be when we won the Cullman County championship my junior year. The whole Cold Springs mountain came to that game to support us. I’ve played on some great teams throughout the years, but that team had a special place in my heart. The emotions afterwards were indescribable. We had a mixture of disbelief, happiness, and excitement, especially after seeing Coach Willoughby’s face after that final buzzer went off that night. It holds a very special place in my heart and that banner will hang inside of Jesse George Gym forever.”

Peppers added,

“Some of my favorite high school memories would have to be going to school every day with all of my friends. To me, I never saw school as a burden. I always saw it as an opportunity to have fun with friends. Every day, something different was going on, so it was never boring. I would say my all-time favorite memory would have to be pranking a substitute teacher with a $5 dollar bill and fishing line.”

Brody feels blessed to have played for Head Coach Tim Willoughby for all of his four years in high school and he learned so much from him.

“Playing for coach Willoughby in the ninth grade was scary for me. The only thing I knew about him was that he liked to yell and stomp on the court, but after getting to know him, he has to be one of the best people I know,” Peppers said. “Most only see the coaching side of Tim, but I guarantee, if you ask anyone who has ever played for him, they would all have the same response and that would be that he is one of the most respectful and nicest men you could ever meet. We had a good four years together and I learned so many things from him, whether it would be about basketball or just life in general. What I learned from coach Willoughby is to be determined, strong-willed, and to be a passer before a scorer.”

Brody learned so much during his time at Cold Springs and he was blessed to play for the Eagles. He talked about what he’ll miss the most and he gave some advice to the students that are fixing to start high school.

“One thing I learned from Cold Springs is that you can’t take back time. I had so many great memories throughout the years, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything,” Peppers said. “Playing for Cold Springs was a great experience for me. You have some of the best coaches around the county to make you a better player, student, and person. It’s something I will cherish for the rest of my life. It’s just like the school motto says, ‘It’s always a great day to be an Eagle.’ “One thing I’ll miss the most is the lunchroom crispitos. They are the best invention on God’s green earth and that’s one thing I’ll miss the most.”

Peppers added,

“One piece of advice for the kids starting high school would be don’t take it for granted. It’ll be over before you know it.”



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs’ Brody Peppers

‘Just be yourself’: Fairview’s Emma Roberts looks back on her Aggie years

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. -- In this interview, I talked to Fairview softball player and band member Emma Roberts. Emma had many unique experiences and made a lot of great memories playing softball for the Aggies and playing in the Aggie band.

“Some of my favorite memories would probably be going to the beach last year during spring break for a tournament they had down there,” Roberts said. “This year during band at homecoming, our drum major was in the homecoming court, so I got to direct them while she was in homecoming. It was nerve-wrecking, but it was pretty fun.

“My favorite softball memory would probably be Senior Night because we played Brindlee Mountain. We played them our first game and we lost pretty bad, but during senior night, we came back. We played more as a team as opposed to at the beginning of the season. We beat them during Senior Night, so that was pretty cool. I had this pepper shaker in my car. Me and Allison Davis had this motto. It’s kind of our good luck charm. We have a motto saying, “Give them the pepper”, we kind of go by that. Davis just started saying it and it just hypes everybody up.”

Roberts added,

“My favorite memory from high school was homecoming week because we got to dress up and kind of had free days and not have to do anything,” Roberts said.

“We had class Olympics where everyone just kind of got to compete against each other. We really didn’t have to do anything (laughs). I did get band member of the week during homecoming week, so that was a big plus. We went to Universal with the band my eighth-grade year. We got to march and go to Universal. I had a lot of fun because I got to be with my friends. We stayed there for five days, and it was fun.”

Emma played for Fairview Head Coach Annie King for five years and learned so much from her. She also talked about what she’ll miss the most at Fairview.

“What I learned from her is that the game’s more mental. About 90% is mental and the rest is physical. You have to think where you’re going with the ball or what you’re doing. It’s all mentality rather than your physical ability. It was fun playing for her because she likes to have fun, while also being a coach. She’s kind of close to our age, so it was fun. It was hard sometimes, but she had to be a coach at times too. I will miss the teachers and all of the younger girls that I played with. I always had to drive them around because they aren’t old enough,” Roberts laughed, “I’ll miss the feeling of playing, not being able to play anymore.”

Emma took away so much during her time as an Aggie. She talked about her band director and what she learned from him.

“Anything I do, I need to give my everything into it because I never know if that’s the last time that I’ll be able to do what I like to do,” Roberts said.

“It can just be taken away from me. My band director pushes you to your limit and wants you to be the best that you can. He expresses that through his love and how he loves music. He cares about us as a person, a musician, and one of his students. If we ever needed anything like outside of school, we can talk to him about it and he won’t judge us. I learned that we can really do anything to put our minds to because he pushed me harder and made me a better musician than I ever thought I would be. He pushed me and made me better.”

Emma talked about what made Fairview a special school to go to, plus she gave some advice to the students that will start high school in August.

“What made Fairview just a special school to go to is definitely the community that supports them because at every football game, we usually bring a big crowd and they’re here supporting us, win or lose,” Roberts said. “The teachers; they let you know that you can come to them if you have anything going on. They won’t judge you or anything. They see us as more than just students.”

Emma added,

“Just be yourself and don’t try to fit in with people because you want to fit in and not stand out. If you’re worried about making friends, you’ll make friends in high school. There’s plenty of people that will be your friend. They’ll just come to you. You don’t have to fit in a crowd just to make friends.”



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview’s Emma Roberts

DiChiara, Burkhalter earn additional All-America honors

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Sonny DiChiara and Blake Burkhalter have been named Second Team All-America by the College Baseball Foundation, and DiChiara also earned second team honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

The All-America honors are the fourth and fifth for DiChiara, who was previously named First Team All-America by the American Baseball Coaches Association and Perfect Game and Second Team All-America by Collegiate Baseball. The award is the second for Burkhalter, who earned Second Team All-America honors from the ABCA.

The recognition for DiChiara comes after already being named the SEC Co-Player of the Year, First Team All-SEC, a semifinalist for the Golden Spikes Award and Dick Howser Trophy.

DiChiara finished the season as the league leader in average (.383), on-base percentage (.549) and slugging percentage (.777). His on-base clip is second in the country and is 42 points higher than any other SEC player in the last 10 full seasons.

A native of Hoover, Alabama, DiChiara is tied for second among active Division I players with 63 career home runs, four of which came in the NCAA Tournament. His 22 homers this season were good for the fourth most in the SEC and the second most in program history, one shy of 2010 SEC Player of the Year Hunter Morris.

DiChiara drew 68 walks this season, the most in the country and the second most in the team’s single-season history, and reached base in all but two games, including multiple times on 49 occasions.

Burkhalter, who was named Second Team All-SEC and a finalist for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year award, leads the conference and ranks second in the country with 16 saves, tied for the second most in program history and the most since 2003.

The junior righty recorded the final six outs of Auburn’s regional championship against UCLA and notched a pair of saves in the Corvallis Super Regional against Oregon State, retiring all eight batters he faced. Burkhalter then recorded the last seven out of Auburn’s College World Series win against Samford to record his 16th save.

Burkhalter has posted a 4-2 record with a 3.89 ERA and has struck out 71 batters to go along with issuing only seven walks in 46.1 innings.

A native of Dothan, Alabama, Burkhalter earned three saves in as many appearances during the team’s sweep of South Carolina, becoming the first player in program history and the first in the league since 2017 to accomplish the feat.



JACOB TAYLOR/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn first baseman Sonny DiChiara.

Projects (from Front)

new restroom facility and create hiking trail.

At Garden City River Park, Senator Garlan Gudger spoke about the importance of the site as an entrance to the river, saying, "This will be the place that everybody comes to start going in the river, and where everyone will have memories made just like my family did when we got baptized here."

The cost of the three projects has not reached even half the settlement amount. Poolos stated, "The three sets of projects that we announced today are only the first."

Poolos took a moment to thank the members of the team who made the settlement possible, "The only way we got to an end to a settlement is with good scientific data and good work collecting and categorizing the fish, so the staff at ADCNR that had to do the hard work out there after the spill of counting the fish and trying to figure out exactly how much damage was done, I want to say thank you to them."

Thor (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Thor!

According to Ruttkay, Thor is a 1.5-2-year-old medium-energy Border Collie mix. Thor, known to be a quick learner, is developing super social skills at a lightning-fast pace. With the recent hot days, he's discovered his love for the kiddie pool. This considerate and respectful boy also likes to be helpful and wear his backpack, carrying water for everyone!

Thor is certain to make someone a wonderful companion, hiking or reading dog!

Thor's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, 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.

CARTS (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Rural Transportation Service has almost 10 driver vacancies which need to be filled immediately. The driver shortage has impacted the availability of routes for the transportation service and its clients, usually the elderly or those with disabilities.

The part-time driver position requires a commercial driver's license with passenger endorsement, making the role a good fit for retired over-the-road truckers or those wishing to stay closer to home instead of driving the long hauls.

From providing transportation to regularly scheduled shopping routes or doctor's visits, CARTS provides an invaluable service to many throughout Cullman County who would potentially be homebound without them.

Drivers perform both pre- and post-trip vehicle inspections, operate the vehicles along the route and follow the guidelines for assisting passengers.

The position requires a preemployment drug test and additional random drug tests throughout the tenure in the position. The education requirement for drivers includes a high school diploma or the equivalent.

Applications are available online at http://www.co.cullman.al.us/ or at the Cullman County Courthouse at 500 Second Ave. SW in the personnel office in Room 109.

Completed applications can be returned:

- In person: Cullman County Courthouse, address above
- By mail: Cullman County Commission Personnel Department, 500 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055
- By email: www.personnel@co.cullman.al.us
- By fax: 256-775-4670

More information regarding the CARTS driver position and other county positions are available at www.co.cullman.al.us/employment.html or by calling the personnel department at 256-775-4891.









AGRICULTURE

Taking care of tomatoes

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Tomatoes are by far the most popular plant in the vegetable garden but can also be the most problematic. Eliminate the questions and begin the official summer season with proper tomato care.

Weather, garden insects and environmental disorders–as well as viral, fungal and bacterial problems–are all challenges every gardener faces when growing backyard tomatoes. An awareness of potential problems before they arise is one way to make sure the backyard tomatoes thrive.

Alabama Cooperative Extension System Regional Home Grounds Agent Mallory Kelley said there are many things to watch for when growing tomatoes to ensure a healthy crop. As the hot and humid summer starts up, Kelley provides the following tips to keep plants healthy.

Watering and mulch

With water, Kelley recommends starting with drip irrigation or hand watering only at the surface of the soil to avoid splashing, then prune all lower limbs off the tomatoes that are touching the soil and apply mulch.

"Mulching your tomatoes keeps the plants moisture level consistent and will help prevent blossom end rot," she said. "Applying mulch also helps control weeds where insects like to overwinter and eliminates competition for the fertilizer you have applied."

Mulch also creates a barrier between the plant leaves and the soil to suppress many of the fungal problems that come from the surface of the soil.

Scout for disease and insects

For diseases and insects, time is of the essence. Remove yellow and brown spotted leaves as soon as they appear, and if a fungicide plan is not in place, start a fungicide application to prevent early blight.

"No tomato grower can avoid this problem," Kelley said. "It's best to apply a preventative fungicide when the plants are healthy and there is no disease present. Products with the active ingredients chlorothalonil and mancozeb will control early blight."

Kelley said copper is an option to control bacterial issues. It is best to scout daily for these problems, as well as insects.

"Go out and inspect for armyworms, fruit worms, hornworms and stinkbugs," she said. "These are the main insect problems on tomatoes."

Products that contain Bacillus thuringensis will work when the worms are young. Gardeners can also use products containing carbaryl if the worms are larger. Another insecticide that will control stinkbugs, and some of the other pests gardeners may find, is bifenthrin.

"Don't wait until your plant has no more leaves before you start your search for the hornworm," Kelley said. "Scout today because the plant may not be there tomorrow."

More information

Learn more about growing, canning and storing tomatoes through Alabama Extension's many regional workshops. Search "tomato" in the calendar (https://www.aces.edu/calendar/?c=&k=tomato) to find the next workshop near you.

Learn more about what may be affecting tomato plants and what you can do to help tomatoes thrive. Call the Master Gardener Helpline at 1-877-ALA-GROW (252-4769) or reach out to the local Extension office for more direction.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Training (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The West Cullman Baptist Association invited Lee Wright with the Alabama State Board of Missions to give a seminar Thursday on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention. He discussed policies and tools recommended by the State Board of Missions to help churches be safe places for children.

The decision to hold the training was influenced by the recent uncovering in the Southern Baptist Convention of hundreds of instances of sexual abuse of children by church members. The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest denomination of Protestants in the U.S. (Source: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/23/southern-baptist-convention-sex-abuse-victims)

In May of 2022, the SBC released a 205-page document naming hundreds of Baptist leaders and members accused or found guilty of sexual abuse of children. The document, which includes 700 entries on cases between 2000 and 2019, was released after a third-party investigation by Guidepost Solutions, an independent consultant that conducts investigations on behalf of faith-based organizations, revealed the convention's leaders in its executive committee failed the public and its community by mishandling sexual abuse cases and mistreating victims and survivors.

The training given at West Cullman Baptist Association was a preventative measure. Director of Missions at WCBA Justin Olvey said he didn't know of any recent cases of sexual misconduct in the area.

"Really, the big push at the Southern Baptist Convention level is for doing better—making sure that we communicate well, that we're trained. We're doing the best practices that have been slow to be adopted by churches generally," said Olvey. "It's a startling time. You're just reminded of the reality that churches aren't naturally going to be safe places."

He explained that most of the WCBA's churches that have larger staffs have already been implementing screening and background checks for church members. "It really is a lot of our smaller churches in places like Cullman who think 'that wouldn't happen here, so we don't have to worry about it.'"

Wright stated, "What we need to know is that this has happened in big churches, small churches, churches in cities, churches in small towns in rural areas, so we can't afford to have that kind of attitude of 'that could never happen here.'"

Wright discussed policies such as the "Two Adult Rule" in which two adults must be in the room with young children at all times, and the "Six Month Rule" where a church volunteer or employee would need to be with a church for six months before being allowed to work with children, as many predators will volunteer with the mission of getting close to children.

In 2003, clergy in Alabama became mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse. The attorney general defined clergy as any minister. Clergy can be held criminally liable for not reporting suspicious activity. "Our job is to report, our job is not to investigate," said Wright. He also stated that laws are changing in other states to require Child Abuse Prevention training before taking children on church overnight camping trips. "Twenty years ago, it was more about detection, detecting wrong behavior. Now, the training is much more about prevention. This is now becoming the standard of care for us to have prevention training," said Wright.

As part of the training, church staff were given ways in which to identify the behavior of sexual predators and the signs of abuse in children. Examples of such resources are https://alsbom.org/safe/ and https://ministrysafe.com/ to view best practices to implement in their churches.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TERESA GREGORY * CASE NO PC 2022-166
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Nathan Gregory,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Teresa Gregory**, deceased, on the 27th day of June, 2022, 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.

Nathan Gregory
Personal Representative

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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.

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Althea Levena Williamson on the 24th day of June, 2022, 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.

Althea Levena Williamson
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2022-222

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRENDA J. WRIGHT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Anna B. McEvoy on the 17th day of June, 2022, 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.

Anna B. McEvoy
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To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
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ROGER DALE ANDERSON,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-126
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Anthony Anderson
All Know and Unknown Heirs of thereafter
Estate of Roger Dale Anderson, deceased

That on the 28th day of March, 2022, a Petition for Probate of Will of the Estate of ROGER DALE ANDERSON, DECEASED was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Terry Allan Bates; and that the 16th day of August, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. has been appointed as the day for hearing said petition, at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you deem it proper to do so.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this the 13th day of June, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
JOYCE ANN CROCKER,) Case No.: PC-2022-200
)
Deceased)

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Steven C. Smith, as Administrator of the Estate of Joyce Ann Crocker, deceased, on the 17th day of June, 2022, 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.

Steven C. Smith
Administrator of the Estate of
Joyce Ann Crocker, deceased.
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

ENTERTAINMENT

First Splash-In movie at WildWater on Thursday evening

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's new premier water park, WildWater, will host its first movie night on Thursday evening, bringing fun for the whole family to Disney fans.

WildWater's Splash-In Movie night will be shown on the big screen with the park's 22,000-square-foot wave pool hosting movie goers. While the waves will be off during the showing, the pool will act as seating for the audience members during the open sea escapade. The Disney musical box office hit Moana will be the feature on Thursday night. The 2016 animated adventure tells the story of a spunky Polynesian teenage girl, Moana, who teams up with the demigod Maui on a mission over the ocean to save her native people. Facing seemingly insurmountable odds, the pair encounter unexpected challenges and face larger than life monsters. WildWater's gates are set to open at 7 p.m. on Thursday night with the movie beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be half price with the wave pool being the sole accessible attraction open. Tickets are available online at https://www.wildwatercullman.com/tickets.

Plans (from Front)

Kallhoff said, "Before school begins in August, we will have access entry systems on all exterior doors on all campuses, including the Board of Education. This allows us to closely monitor who enters our buildings.

"We have cameras on all campuses and are in the process of unifying our camera system feed which will allow officers at the Cullman Police Department to have surveillance capabilities in the case of an emergency. We conduct monthly drills while school is in session, which include fire, severe weather and code red which is our lockdown drill," he explained. "Each summer, the schools update Emergency Operation Plans and make sure new staff are aware of emergency plans, evacuation processes and areas, as well as reunification areas."

Noting that, in the state of Alabama, there are only 440 SROs servicing 1,600 schools, he added, "We are extremely fortunate to have the partnership that we do with the Cullman Police Department. We have a school resource officer in every school and two at Cullman High School."

Cullman Police Department Investigation Captain Jason Mickle echoed Kallhoff's statement and is confident in the department's preparation for dire situations.

His department implemented active shooter training within 18 months of the Columbine shooting in April of 1999 when gunmen killed 12 students and one teacher.

Mickle explained, "I know we started doing active shooter training probably within 18 months after Columbine occurred, and that has been something that we have continued to train throughout the years. Lt. Eric Cole and myself, we actually go and assist at the Northeast Alabama Police Academy and we help teach law enforcement response to active shooter situations there.

"Each school has their own security and safety plan and one thing we try to do is help our SROs to coordinate with the schools with their specific plan. That way, we have the law enforcement response side but then we also have the person there on-site. That's what our SROs have been trying to do, to coordinate with the schools, to facilitate and coordinate to support them as much as we can."

Looking to the county school system, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry was empathic, stating, "Our children are our most valuable resource. Because of this, there is no job more important than our school resource deputies. We will continue to do everything in our power to ensure the safety and security of all the students in Cullman County."

Cullman County Deputy Chad Whaley provided, "The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman County Board of Education are collaborating together in order to ensure a safe and productive upcoming school year.

"The safety of the students is paramount to everyone involved. Every school in Cullman County has a designated deputy on campus. The CCSO has recently been able to add a second deputy on campus at Good Hope. There are plans to add additional deputies to other schools as soon as it is possible to do so."

Recognizing that each school campus is different with different safety needs much like the city schools, he continued, "The school resource deputies are meeting with their individual administrators to make sure each campus is prepared. This is vital because every school is different and faces unique challenges, and therefore, requires specific planning. Active Shooter training for the entire faculty and staff of all the schools will be made available.

"In addition, our school resource deputies began the summer attending the annual TAASRO (The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers) Conference. This annual training provides the most current training available for school safety."

He continued, "The CCSO will also be providing various trainings for the SROs during the summer months. This will include Active Shooter Training, Solo Response to Active Shooters, firearms, defensive tactics and a myriad of other training as well."

Cullman County School Superintendent Shane Barnette shared, "We are working on several things. We have added an SRO and working to add more. We are scheduling walk-throughs on each campus to evaluate what areas can be improved. Each individual school's safety plans will be reviewed and updated.

"We are also working on a separate parallel network that will run our web-based cameras and telecommunications. We have continued to install controlled access entries at each school's exterior doors. We are also updating our visitor check-in system."

Obituary Announcements: June 25-27

Bobby Joe Watson, 74, of Cullman
Bobby Joe Watson, 74 of Cullman, moved to his heavenly home Sunday, June 26, at Grandview Medical Center. Bobby was born Jan. 8, 1948, to Preston and Louise Watson. He enjoyed fishing and riding motorcycles. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 29, from noon – 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be at 1 p.m. Brother William McClellan will officiate. Burial will be in Nesmith Cemetery. Bobby is survived by his sons: Bobby Jason Watson and his wife Jessica, and Scotty Joe Watson and his wife Summer; mother: Louise Watson; sisters: Michelle Rivers and her husband Chuck, and Pam Mitchell and her husband Danny; grandchildren: Austin, Tristin, Alivia and Piper Watson and Zac, and Zeb and Zoe Watson and great-grandchildren: Zayden, Chloe, Sophie, Rylan and Jhett. He was preceded in death by his father: Preston Roscoe Watson.

Ruby Nell Graves, 89, of Bangor
Ruby Nell Graves, 89, of Bangor entered into rest Saturday, June 25, at her residence. She was born June 16, 1933, in Searles, Alabama to Henry and Elizabeth Davis Sellers. Ruby was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who never met a stranger. She was the caretaker at Bangor Cemetery for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: James Graves; her son: Wayne Graves; her daughter: Kimberly Graves; her grandson: Brent Smith; her sister: Jo Caldwell; three brothers: Paul Gant, Jack sellers and Terry Sellers and her son-in-law: James Casey. She is survived by her daughter: Jan (Danny) Fleming; her two sons: Doug (Charlene) Graves and Steve (Wendy) Graves; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister: Delora Howton and her brother: HD (Linda) Sellers; her daughter in-love: Paula Rice Pannell and her loving companion, her dog Rusty. The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 29, from noon – 2 p.m. at Blount Springs Baptist Church, where the funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Bangor Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ruth Ilene Cochran, 99, of Panama City Beach, Florida
Graveside service for Ruth Ilene Cochran, age 99, of Panama City Beach, Florida, formally of Cullman, Alabama, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 30, at Shady Grove Cemetery with John McKoy officiating, and burial at Shady Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Cochran passed away Saturday, June 25, at Beehive Homes Assisted Living. She was born May 16, 1923, to William and Delphia Kilgo Abbott. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: William Raymond Cochran; sons: Donald Cochran and Raymond "Billy" Cochran, III and brother: Wesley Abbott. Survivors include her sister: Isabelle Cider and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Rhonda Karen Anderson, 73, of Falkville
Rhonda Karen Anderson, age 73, of Falkville, passed away Sunday, June 26, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born Feb. 8, 1949, in Cullman, Alabama, to Charlie Smith and Helen Fleming. She was preceded in death by her husband: Roger Anderson; parents: Charlie and Helen Fleming and stepfather: Bill Fleming. Survivors include her son: Terry (Melody) Bates; grandchildren: Alyssa (Kory) Bradley and Michael Bates; great-grandchildren: Gannon Bates and Kross Bates; brother: Butch (Anita) Smith; sister: Dara (Mark) Wright and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Howard O'Neal Godsey, 87, of Double Springs
Howard O'neal Godsey, 87, of Double Springs, passed away on Sunday, June 26, at Hendrix Health Care. Howard was born Feb. 15, 1935, in Russellville, Alabama. He loved to fish and hunt, and he also served in the Army. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 29, from noon – 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Double Springs, where funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Shady Grove Cemetery. Brother Alvis Treece will officiate. Howard is survived by his sister: Roma Rice (Homer); daughters: Barbara and Leann Godsey; five grandchildren and some great-grandchildren.He was preceded in death by his parents: Howard and Ada Godsey; son: Paul O'Neal Godsey; daughter: LahDonna Gail Godsey; sister: Bonnnie Arlene Godsey and grandson: Steven O'Neal Welch.

Samuel Wayne Dean, 82, of Cullman
Samuel Wayne Dean, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Sunday, June 26. Wayne was born Nov. 16, 1939. Wayne is survived by his beloved wife: Jeraldean Dean; his son: Ricky Dean; two grandchildren; his sister: Janet Dean Kilgo and his brother Durwood Dean. A celebration of life visitation for Wayne will be held Wednesday, June 29, from 10-11 a.m. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Wednesday, June 29, at 11 a.m. An interment will occur at New Prospect (5625 County Road 38, Cullman, Alabama 35057).

Vadie Leigh Overton, 90, of Double Springs
Vadie Leigh Overton, 90, of Double Springs, entered into rest Saturday, June 25, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. Vadie was born April 12, 1932, in Itawamba County, Mississippi to Tom and Pearlie Farris Stockton. She was a member of Pine Grove Church of God. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, June 28, at 9 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Double Springs. Reverend T.J. Millican will officiate. Vadie is survived by her brother: Albert Stockton and his wife Pat; niece: Heather Stockton – Bostick, her husband, Jack and daughters; Emma Kate and Caroline Bostick and nephew: Hayden Stockton, his wife Melissa and children, Olivia and Cooper Stockton. She was preceded in death by her husband: Leldon Overton and her parents.

Billy Gene Walker, 87, of Hanceville
Billy Gene Walker, age 87, of Hanceville, passed away Friday, June 24, at Cullman Regional. He was born Jan. 8, 1935, to Herschel and Lois Walker. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson: Bo Brockman; one sister and one brother. Survivors include his wife: Alice Walker; sons: Eddie Brockman, Bobby (Joyce) Brockman and Kenny (Lynn) Brockman; daughters: Debbie (Steve) Cochran, Lisa Ivey, Jane Bullitt and Teresa Price; grandchildren: Shannon, Stacey, Jennifer, Heather, Cameron, Sam, Riley, Sierra, Tierra, Benny, Chris, Ashton, Tiffany, Stephanie, Chris, Sharonda, Kelly and Sarah; 18 great-grandchildren; brother: Wyatt Walker and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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According to a Cullman City Schools news release, "East Elementary School's rising sixth grader Thatcher Lucas placed fifth in the World Archery Tournament hosted by the National Archery in the Schools Program last weekend, wrapping up the season as one of the best young archers in the nation."



