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Former Mayor Donald E. Green's passing leaves hole in heart of Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The city of Cullman and its people are mourning the loss of its 29th mayor, Dr. Donald E. Green, who passed Monday, July 4, at age 88.

Born and raised in Cullman, Green was a beloved educator, coach, city councilman and mayor who always sought to better the community.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs explained why Green was important to him and Cullman as a whole.

"Mayor Green had such an ability to make the long-range decisions, which were often difficult choices. He had the most concentrated, but diverse, perspective when wrestling with issues that possessed consequences-both good and bad," he said. "Don was slow and deliberate in his decision making because of this ability, and because he loved Cullman."

The two-term mayor, who served from 2000-2008, was a visionary when looking to the future of his beloved hometown.

"Oftentimes, in the early years, it was as if we were playing checkers and Don was playing chess.

"At the time, you may not see the 'why' like you wanted, but a short while » PAGE 4


CITY OF CULLMAN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
Former Cullman Mayor Donald E. Green

Workouts with a purpose

Southern Style CrossFit provides modified training sessions for teen cancer survivor


SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Left to right are trainer Lana Trussell, Levi Bates and Southern Style CrossFit Owner Misty Thomas.

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ADDISON, Ala. — Southern Style CrossFit Owner Misty Thomas has recently begun offering modified training sessions for a local teen. The gym, located in Addison, welcomed 19-year-old cancer survivor Levi Bates, and is providing specialized services to meet his unique needs.

Diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma at the age of 10, then leukemia at 14, Bates said he believes a previous injury may have triggered his illness.

"I got hit by a baseball and kind of think that might have triggered the mass that's in my airway," he said.

Bates said chemotherapy weakened his muscles, making it harder for them to work. He has been in a wheelchair since his first diagnosis, and his doctors were not sure if he would ever be able to walk again. After 12 sessions at CrossFit with Thomas, he said he feels he has made more progress than after five years of his usual physical therapy, which is the same workout over and over. He believes it does not build his muscles as well as the CrossFit workouts.

Thomas said of her CrossFit sessions with Bates, "It's constantly varied movements. It's functional movements, so it's movements that we use every day of our life."

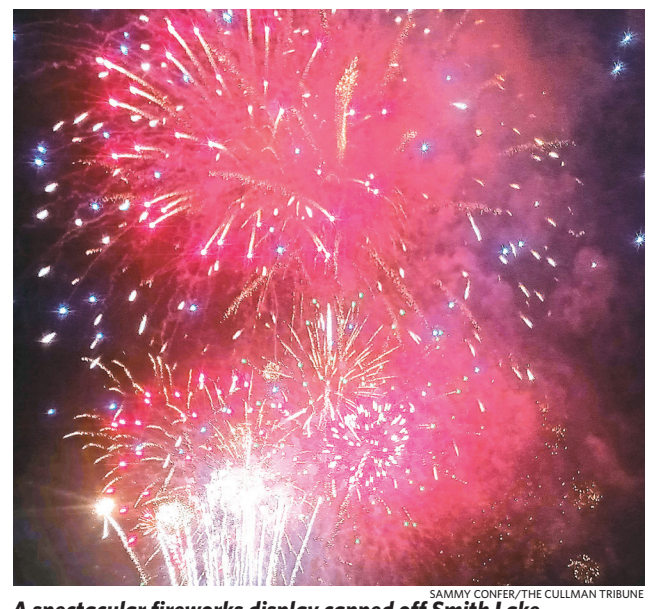
The workouts work all of the muscles and are usually high intensity, she explained. Bates' sessions are modified to match his abilities. He is always moving with weights attached to him. » PAGE 4

Sullins, Bright join Cullman Planning Commission

New shopping center plans move forward contingent on requested changes


AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Michael Sullins, left, and Blake Bright, right, joined the City of Cullman Planning Commission in June. » PAGE 2

Smith Lake Park celebrates 50th anniversary with a bang


SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
A spectacular fireworks display capped off Smith Lake Park's 50th anniversary celebration and annual Fourth of July festival Monday night, July 4. » PAGE 5

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Hanceville's Bellmon stepping down as Lady Bulldogs Head Coach



TIM BELLMON
Tim Bellmon is stepping down as Head Coach of the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 5-6

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 5-6, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 30
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1141
- unlawful possession of controlled substance' Hwy 278E
- theft of property; Hwy 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Co. Rd. 216
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy 69N
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 222
- theft of property; Day Gap Rd.

July 1
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 9
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1059
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1466
- theft of property; 1st Ave. S Garden City
- harassment; Main St. NE Hanceville
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Ellis Williams Rd.
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 1727
- drug trafficking; Hwy 69S

July 2
- assault; Co. Rd. 984
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 397
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 222
- trespassing, unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 576
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1210
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1506
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 157

July 3
- domestic violence, theft of property; Hwy 278W
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Fairpark CT
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Schwaiger Rd.
- possession concealed weapon without permit; Beth St. NW
- theft of property; Hwy 91
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 111
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 31
- burglary; Co. Rd. 20

July 4
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1435
- harassment; Co. Rd. 656
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 747
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 222
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; Hwy 69S
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 831

ARRESTS

July 1

Burney, Bradford S; 26
- FTA – stolen vehicles-auto theft

Chandler, Steven I; 32
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Echols. James B; 45
- drug trafficking

Eddleman, Logan N; 30
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- appears in public place under influence

Gant, Rich R; 44
- FTA – prohibited methods and devices for hunting

Ideus, Brooklyn F; 18
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Jones, Tony D; 46
- FTA – larceny/theft-shoplifting
- FTA – driving without license

Lindsey, Deangela G; 40
- FTA – larceny/theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

Milligan, Tiffany S; 42
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- Grand Jury – burglary-residence-no force

Nichols, Charles L; 58
- possession of methamphetamine

July 2

Armstrong, Jason E; 47
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of methamphetamine

Cockrell, Rusty D; 26
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Linch, John D; 28
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Pigg, Thelma L B; 52
- possession of methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Sheets, Vicky L; 58
- FTA – open container in a vehicle (alcohol)
- FTA – failure to obey a police officer
- FTA - DUIA

Taylor, Marlon F; 37
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA - promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – improper lane usage

Turner, Vada M; 20
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Washburn, Madison B; 25
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

July 3

Campbell, Charles D R; 42
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Flanigan, Edsal E Jr; 43
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Hopper, Kristina S; 54
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Nelms, Johnda R; 43
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Scott, James T; 38
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Self, Cody L; 31
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- forgery-counterfeiting
- forgery-forged instrument

Simmons, Andrea M; 36
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Tanner, Rebecca L; 54
- possession of methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Tucker, Shona N; 35
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

July 4

Barbee, Jeffery H; 26
- FTA – contempt of court-failing to appear traffic

Baron, Michael C; 45
- domestic violence – 3rd degree

Burks, Kenneth A; 21
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Clarke, Aaron P; 46
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Corum, Justin T; 34
- Public Order Crimes-bench warrant
- no seat belt

Eddy, Alicia M; 23
- Public Peace-disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Howell, Shelby D; 43
- FTA – assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Merrill, Aaron N; 27
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Phillips, Trenton S; 23
- Public Peace-disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Walker, Christopher F; 49
- FTA – larceny/theft-miscellaneous-theft

Williams, Shayla C; 27
- appears in public place under influence

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 28
- domestic violence, criminal mischief – 3rd degree; person; Hwy 31 N; damaged windshield; $1,000

June 29
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $278

June 30
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. SW; catalytic converter; $900
- leaving scene of accident; Co. Rd. 715; damage to '20 Kenworth; $500

July 1
- theft of property – 4th degree; person; Logan St. SW; lawn mower; $375
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Hwy 157
- criminal trespass – 3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Highland Dr. NW; purse and contents
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $75

July 2
- criminal trespass – 3rd degree; Comfort Suites; St. Joseph Dr. NW
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; jeans; $25
- theft of property – 4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $406
- theft of property – 4th degree; person; tag

July 3
- criminal trespass – 3rd degree; City of Cullman; Hwy 157/I-65
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; miscellaneous; $400

July 4
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy 278E; phone; $1,100
- leaving scene of accident; I-65/Exit 308; damage to '17 Toyota

July 5
- criminal mischief – 3rd degree; 5th Ave SW; damaged property
- forgery – 3rd degree; forged check
- unauthorized use of vehicle, theft of property – 4th degree; Logan St. SW; cash, phone

ARRESTS

July 5

Williams, Sara E; 35
- FTA – theft of property – 4th degree
- FTA – switched tag

Harvell, John R; 30
- escape – 1st degree
- FTA – unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
- FTA – public intoxication

Mayfield, Wesley A; 32
- driving under the influence
- attempting to elude

ARRESTS

July 1

Brooks, Travis D; 25
- FTA – insurance violation (5 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – improper tag

Jones, Clinton M; 33
- criminal trespass – 3rd degree
- FTA – criminal trespass – 3rd degree

Jones, Tony D; 46
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Lindsey, Deangela G; 40
- FTA - unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA - illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – fail to yield right of way

Oden, Arthur J; 64
- FTA – leaving scene of accident

Peppers, Jesse L; 40
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

Roth, Tyler J; 32
- FTA – theft of property – 4th degree
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

July 2

Bickle, Sydney C; 24
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- attempt to commit controlled substance crime

James, Shannon R; 44
- DUI
- Resisting arrest

Jones-Curley, Zachary T; 23
- Unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree

Micham, Jasmine P; 29
- Criminal trespass – 3rd degree

Thomas, Tammy W; 51
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving without license

July 3

Kelley, Tony L; 46
- Criminal trespass – 3rd degree

July 5

Williams, Sara E; 35
- FTA – theft of property – 4th degree
- FTA – switched tag

Harvell, John R; 30
- escape – 1st degree
- FTA – unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
- FTA – public intoxication

Mayfield, Wesley A; 32
- driving under the influence
- attempting to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Bellmon (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After serving the past two seasons on the sidelines for the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs, Head Coach Tim Bellmon is stepping down. Bellmon is retiring from his role with the Hanceville Volleyball Team as well.

"Thank you to every student that I have coached at Hanceville. They will all have a special place in my heart along with every coach and coworker I've had the pleasure to work with," Bellmon said. "I want to give a special thank you to Josh Stanley, Jessica McHan and so many more that have been a big part of my time at Hanceville. Hanceville will always be special to me, my son Tyson (Bellmon) graduated from here and was on the 2020 team that went to the Final Four."

Bellmon was hired as Head Coach in May 2020, replacing Head Coach Christina Watson. Bellmon began his coaching career at Victory Christian Academy in Dallas in 1998 and spent nearly 20 years coaching in the state of Texas, making several stops to fill assistant and head coaching positions. After serving as an assistant coach at Texas Wesleyan University from 2009 to 2014, Bellmon made his way East to Hanceville to join John Meeks' staff at Wallace State as an assistant. In 2018, Bellmon shifted onto the Lady Lions' sideline as an assistant for Coach Jessica McBrayer before filling the same role at Hanceville High School for the Lady Bulldogs in 2019.

Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Planning Commission met Tuesday evening, welcoming two new members: Michael Sullins and Blake Bright.

Chairman Mike Voss opened the meeting saying, "I would like to welcome and introduce two new members of the planning commission: Blake Bright and Michael Sullins. Thank you for being willing to join and I look forward to many good meetings with you."

Moving on with business, the commission addressed the High Point subdivision on Ashland Drive off Golf Course Road just north of Cross Creek Golf Course. In a public hearing, no one spoke against dividing the property into smaller plats. The short form subdivision was approved, as was the subdivision's final plat of Phase II of the property.

A public hearing was also held for the subdivision request on the property slated to be the home of the new Monograms Plus shopping center at Eighth Street Northeast and Main Avenue Northeast, previously the site of The Factory Dance Productions.

Submitted by TULU Development and represented by David Haynes of St. John & Associates, the plan was approved contingent on two changes.

A public hearing for the upcoming Cotton Creek Warehouse, located at 317 Third Ave. SW, was held with no opposition. The subdivision request was approved unanimously.

Lastly, a public hearing for 604 Fifth Ave. SW, to vacate the 10-foot alley behind the property, was held, with the property represented by Becky Flack of Culpepper Real Estate. The subdivision request was approved.

The following items will be recommended to the Cullman City Council:
- Vacate the alley at 604 Fifth Ave. SW
- Annexation of 984 County Road 702, located off of Bolte Road Southeast, into city limits
- Annexation of 230 County Road 482, located off of Golf Course Road, into city limits
- Annexation of 231 County 1320, located on Friendship Lane off of Eva Road, into city limits

The City of Cullman Planning Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to amy@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) Mondays and Thursdays 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.
• 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 birthdays. 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
• Weeks of July 18 and July 25
• To register for one of the six sites located across the county, contact Dakota-trammell@linkingcullman.org.

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.

2nd Fridays
The July edition of 2nd Fridays will be held this Friday, July 8, from 5-10 p.m., bringing live music, activities, food, a farmers' market, vendors, shopping, a car show and more to Cullman's Warehouse District, nearby downtown merchants and surrounding areas. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/2ndFridaysCullman or www.cullmanchamber.org/2nd-fridays.

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 July 8. Bunco time is 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Single ticket for a game is $20.00, and $35.00 for the two players (a savings of $5.00). Tickets are available at the door. Bingo begins at 5:00 p.m. in Family Life Center. Cards are 50 cents each with occasional $1.00 games. Food will be available for purchase.

Joyful Hearts 30th Anniversary Homecoming
• 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
This event will feature beautiful quilts made by Heartland members, vendors, Guild Challenge 2021 display, donation quilt giveaway (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
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!

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will meet July 12 at the Brandin' Iron in Fairview. Everyone please be there by 11:30 a.m. This is a "meet and eat" meeting. Bring someone with you. We'll have fun!

Pleasant View Singing and Summer Revival
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a singing with the Dixie Echoes from Pensacola, 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 Kellys 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
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
• 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

Wednesday, July 6, 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: 27.3%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 441,304
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,019
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 14.5%
• 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): 8,446
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 53
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 746
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 108
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 28,862
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 7,873

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No update available
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,792,295
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,971,365
• Doses administered: 6,175,263
• Additional doses administered: 898,393
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,886,106
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,386,772
• 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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‘Education comes first’: Seth Williams recaps his time at Cold Springs

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BREMEN, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Cold Springs multisport standout Seth Williams. Williams had so many favorite memories to touch on from his high school days, but there was one memory that stood out from all of the others.

“There are so many great memories that I have made over the past four years. One of them is probably the Friday night lights. There was just something about going out on the field with my brothers that made me feel some type of way that I have never felt before,” Williams said.

“My favorite basketball memory was winning the county championship my junior year. I felt like that night could be our night; our team could do the impossible. I think we won that game with unity and, of course, coaching.

“Everyone contributed to the win that night. Coach (Tim) Willoughby taught us how to slow the game down and let opportunities create themselves. After the game, coach came up to me and said that Regina would be proud. After he said that, I looked at him and said that she would be proud of both of us and that’s why this memory really stuck out to me.”

He added, “My favorite high school memories would have to be surrounding myself with friends that would do anything for me. Being able to count on them to help me out in a situation made me really appreciate and enjoy every moment. Mrs. Adams and coach Cornelius made my high school experience better by offering help or guidance if I was ever in a difficult situation. Their desire and kindness have helped me become a better person.”

Williams played for a couple of great coaches in high school and learned so much from them in the process.

“Coach (Justin) Cornelius was a great coach. I really enjoyed playing for him these past few years. He helped me see that my education comes first,” Williams said.

“He could not stress it enough that in order to handle our business on Friday nights, we had to handle our business in the classroom first. He’s a great guy. If I ever needed anything, I knew I could count on him to pull through for me. He was always pushing me to be better than yesterday.”

Williams continued, “It was a real eye-opener. My freshman year was the first year I played under coach Willoughby, and I didn’t know what to expect. The only thing I heard about him was that he liked to yell and throw things around during games. But after that year, I learned that he likes to play the game a very distinct way that most other coaches don’t.

“He likes to pound the ball inside and finish at the rim. This type of coaching taught me to be patient and to trust my teammates. He also taught us to keep our heads straight throughout all the craziness of the game.”

Williams learned a pretty good bit during his time at Cold Springs and he feels blessed to have gone to a school that he felt had his back from the start.

“I learned that accountability goes a long way. It could be fans showing up to games to cheer us on or to help clean the gym or fields after games,” Williams said. “This really meant a lot to me and showed me that small things matter too. Without the fans and parents, the games would be less exciting and less enjoyable.

“Whenever we needed help, I always knew the community had our back. The thing that makes Cold Springs a special place to me is that you get to know everyone there.

“Since we are a small school, it makes it easier to be able to bond with just about everyone. Another reason it is special is because it taught me how to step up and handle different roles throughout the year. I learned positions this year that I have never played before because I felt like, as one of the leaders on the team, I needed to step up.”

Williams taught the underclassmen so much his senior year and will miss being at Cold Springs next year.

“I felt that it was important to teach the underclassmen how to be a good role model because next year, they will be the ones that younger students and athletes will look up to,” Williams said.

“I hope they can learn from my mistakes and help better themselves for next year. I also hope that they learn that education comes before sports.”

Williams added, “I will miss the bonds that I have made and sports. I grew up with most of my classmates and the memories I built up with them from the past 10 years will hold a very special place in my heart. Sports will be the toughest thing to let go because any sport that I have played always pushed me to my limits and taught me that hard work and dedication pays off. Basketball was my favorite sport, and I will hate to see it go, but as they say, all good things must come to an end.”



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Cold Springs’ Seth Williams

Williams shared some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August.

“I would tell them to enjoy and appreciate their time as a high school student. Your time as a student is too short to worry about. I would also tell them that whatever they do, give it 100% and nothing less because anything worth having requires hard work.”

‘No mountain is too tall to climb’: Andrew Lynn looks back on his West Point years

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WEST POINT, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to one of West Point’s multi-sports stars, Andrew Lynn. Lynn had so many great memories during his time at West Point.

“The group of guys I got to call teammates this year, along with the staff we had working hard for us every day, both with basketball and golf, made the practices always fun and competitive. I was lucky to have coach Voce three separate years (eighth grade, JV, and varsity), so my class and him were a tight group,” Lynn said. “My dad was the golf coach for my years as a West Point golfer, which just made everything that much more special to share with him. For basketball, I’ll never forget the locker rooms before and after games, the trips we took to Lipscomb and to the BJCC’s Legacy Arena, and the wins that no one was expecting. For golf, the most fun parts were the practices because we always were able to cut up and mess with each other while making each other better. Our rides to tournaments were always a great time, and I can’t forget about our wins as a team, both in and out of the county.”

Lynn added, “My favorite high school memories were sharing laughs with my friends day after day, year after year. I participated in a few electives which were so much fun because of the people in them, such as math team and theatre. I’ll always remember the tense and excited environment leading up to the shows of the year.”

Lynn played for a trio of amazing coaches during his playing days and learned so much from them in the process.

“As soon as I started high school, I had coach Jimmy Harbison as my freshmen team basketball coach. He taught me so much about how to enjoy the game, be confident, and not take it too serious,” Lynn said.

“He was also a big part of my high school experience in many other ways including theatre. The very next year, I had coach Voce moving up to JV with our class, then my senior year, he got moved up to varsity head coach. He has taught me so much about how to put your head down and work. He also helped me gain so grit, which I hadn’t had previously.

“My golf coach for all of my years as a golfer was my dad. He had always made sure I had everything I had to succeed and that continued into my golf team. He was there encouraging, not only me, but my teammates as well to get out there and put the work in. He kept it light, but when he needed to, he made it very clear that we needed to work. I’m so thankful for the staff that West Point High School had brought to me and my teammates for all four years of being a Warrior.”

Lynn learned a lot about being at West Point and will miss so much about being a Warrior.

“West Point is such a tight-knit community. When someone was sick or had any issue, everyone pitched in in some way or another,” Lynn said. “West Point is also a faithful community. Knowing that an entire community would be there to pray or help in anyway if needed is a great feeling. Those things taught me how important a community or those closest to you can be. The sports and academic side of things also taught me how to work and put my mind and effort into anything and everything important to me.”

He added, “I’ll miss the teachers; they made everything fun. I’ll also miss the laughs my friends brought to me every day, and the sports teams and the excitement that it brings.”

Lynn had to deal with a difficult time in his life as he was a diabetic at the young age of 16, but he had so much support during his battle, and he learned a great lesson as well.

“It was definitely a curveball thrown into my life. My athletic career had just started to flourish and come out of its shell, then I lost 30 pounds in a week or so, and was hit with that,” Lynn said.

“It took a lot of grit and effort to recover and took about two months to gain my weight back. While in the hospital, me and my parents received constant texts and Facebook messages telling us they were praying and that they would help in any way they could.

“Once I recovered and got back in sports, I always had the aid of coaches to make sure I was all good and ready to play. I will say though, I am very blessed to and there are so many people in way worse positions than myself and I feel so thankful to be where I am. I would be lying if I said West Point was my only support. My church family was a great help to me and my family for all four years of high school and that curveball that was thrown into my life.”

Lynn continued, “It changed my life, but I wouldn’t say it affected it. Sure, I may have a few extra steps or speed bumps daily, but it didn’t stop or affect my social or sporting life as much as one might think. I was just as active as the next guy, happy and thankful for the opportunities to do whatever it was I was doing. I think it actually helped me grow up a little bit and become responsible for my own actions because I have to pay attention to it constantly and be careful what I do. This experience taught me that no mountain is too tall to climb.”



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West Point’s Andrew Lynn

Lynn gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school next month.

“I would tell each student to slow down, take it all in, and be thankful for your opportunities. So many people wish to be in the positions they and myself are in. I would also tell them to pay attention to the social aspect because those are the things you remember. The friendships and relationships you gain while in high school are so important and I know I’ll remember forever.”

Green (from Front)

thereafter, you’d have this epiphany and see why he did what he did, and that was always what was best in the long term for Cullman,” remembered Jacobs.

Of Green’s altruism, Jacobs said, “Don was never about Don; there was zero personal agenda with that man.

“He knew that the decisions of today have everlasting consequences to a whole host of people outside of ourselves.”

Born in 1934, Mayor Green was a member of the Cullman High School Class of 1953. He went on to earn degrees from Auburn University, the University of Alabama and Texas A&M University. Aside from his four years in Texas and time in the U.S. Air Force, Green was a lifelong Cullman resident.

Mayor Green is survived by his beloved wife, Dean (née Drake) Green; sons, Drew and Jonathan; grandchildren, Thomas (Babs), Anna, Cole (Leslie) and Madison; and great-grandchildren, Eliot and Quinn. He is predeceased by his parents, sister, brother and his daughter, Donna.

Look for a comprehensive piece on Mayor Green in the upcoming edition of The Tribune’s “Community Matters.”

Purpose (from Front)

For his last session he did weighted calf raises, deadlifts with kettlebells and squats with assistance.

“It’s different every week here. We don’t really do the same thing all the time. That’s where it probably varies from PT,” said Thomas. “Here we try to build strength. He needs strength in his core to be able to walk again. He’s strong already, but we’re trying to build that core strength. He had ankle braces when he started with me. He’s had a lot of progress in just the 12 weeks with me from having his braces and taking them off, and walking – he walks with my weighed vest with his walker and with us helping him.”

Thomas said that because of her own multiple sclerosis diagnosis, helping Bates means a lot to her. Her doctors told her to stay active in order to keep her ability to walk. Before she opened her own CrossFit gym, she had hoped to work with people like herself, including those disabled or with weakened muscles.

“When I got the email from his mom, I sat out there in my driveway and cried,” Thomas said.

Bates said he believes that he will be able to walk again, and he is working hard to make it happen. In addition to his PT and CrossFit workouts, he has workout equipment at home. He said he has become a big fan of CrossFit and watches CrossFit videos in his spare time.

Thomas shared, “I had never done CrossFit until three years ago, and that’s been the best thing for my situation, so that’s why I got into it because I want to help others whether it’s to lose weight or help people like myself. No matter who you are, the results are incredible.”

'This is what Addison is known for – the Fourth of July'

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ADDISON, Ala. — The town of Addison on Monday morning kicked off its Fourth of July celebration with a mile-long parade, featuring area fire departments from Addison, Helicon, Jones Chapel, Sardis, Central, and Arley leading the way.

ATVs, horses, floats made by local businesses, representatives from the Cullman Electric Cooperative and the Addison Bulldog Band color guard and majorettes were also in the lineup.

The family of late Addison resident Hillard Brannon paid tribute to him by showing off 15 of his classic cars.

Families lined U.S. Highway 278 to pick up candy and wave to the procession.

The town kept the festivities going for a day-long event, with live music including Colby Nix and headliner Sipsey Falls featuring local bandmember David Brannon.

Fireworks, the largest display in the area, lit up the sky after dark.

Addison may be a small town, but it always puts on a big show to rival any of the larger communities in surrounding counties.

"It's very important. Addison's always has a big celebration," said Addison Police Chief Brett Rodgers.

"There are a few other places in the county that (do) a few things, but this is what Addison is known for – the Fourth of July."

The annual celebration is presented by the Addison Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Addison. Sponsors include Bill Smith Buick GMC, Addison Agri Builders, Powell Building Supply, Addison Ladies Club and The Storage Place.



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A group of local veterans is seen prior to Addison's Fourth of July parade on Monday, July 4.

Anniversary (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Smith Lake Park celebrated its 50th anniversary Monday by hosting its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Festival. Admission was free and attendees enjoyed food, music, games and the always popular golf cart parade. The park was packed all day, and the event was capped off with a spectacular fireworks display.

Mark Fortenberry said he has been going to Smith Lake Park for the Fourth of July for five years.

"It's really good. We really enjoy it up here. We come camping through the park for this event for the Fourth of July. It's special," he said.

"I was not in the military, but it's a very special holiday. It's one of the most important holidays of the year. There were a lot of people that showed up at this event, more than I expected. The fact that it's free, there's a lot (of people), but they would have been here anyway. It's really great to see so many people here on such a special day. I'm happy to see this many people."

Kimberly Siegel said she's been attending the event for years, but this year was her first as a vendor.

"It's pretty awesome. It's always wonderful for the people in the community to come together. It's always nice when everybody can come together to celebrate a holiday and be together," Siegel smiled.

As to what the holiday means to her, she said, "Independence Day is very important to me because the United States is not like any other country on Earth. We have a lot of freedoms here that other people don't have in other countries.

"When you compare the United States to other countries and you see what freedoms we have and what freedoms they don't have, then you have to understand how lucky we are to live here."

Siegel was pleased to see such a huge turnout at the park. She reminisced about military family members who lost their lives in wars and talked about how happy they would have been to see so many people at such a special event.

"It's awesome. It's a feeling of community and the county coming together to celebrate our nation's freedoms and independence- our nation's birthday," she said.

"They would feel honored that so many people came together to be a part of the celebration of our freedoms, our country and everything else.

"My dad was in Vietnam, and they did not have a very good reception in the United States when they came back from Vietnam, but later on, people started respecting the military a lot more. Just honoring them by everyone coming together would be a big deal for them."

It was Stella Smith's first time at the festival.

"It was really fun. There was a lot to do here and a lot to see here. The music was really good. It's so great to have an event here at Smith Lake Park, especially with it being free this year," Smith said.

"It's really awesome that they're doing this. Independence Day means a lot to me. Being able to be free and just celebrate our country; it's good. The fireworks are always cool."

Added Smith, "It's so great to see all different kinds of people here, seeing them have fun and just enjoying life. It's just really cool to see all of these people here."

Smith Lake Park, part of Cullman County Parks and Recreation, hosts festivals and different events throughout the year. Find out more at www.cullmancountyparks.com.

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Obituary Announcements: July 5-6

Keith Lynn Tipton, 66 of Arab
Keith Lynn Tipton of Arab, Alabama, passed away July 2. He was born in Marshall County, Alabama, on Feb. 28, 1956, to Condred and Sue Henderson Tipton.Mr. Tipton was a Medical Laboratory Technician and was employed by Lincoln Memorial. Keith loved to work in his gardens and yard, and he enjoyed landscaping. He loved animals, especially his little dogs, Jack and Jasper, and his cat, Tom. Keith had many friends and co-workers that were very dear to him. He was loved by many, and he will be missed greatly.Keith is preceded in death by his parents, as well as his brother and sister: Ricky Tipton and Karen Tipton Hanson. He is survived by his husband: Stephen Brown; brother: Chris Tipton (Cheryl); brother-in-law: Don Hanson; dear friends: Jesse Vasser and Doris Swann; a host of nieces and nephews; and many friends and co-workers. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation Thursday, July 7, from 6-8 p.m., in the chapel of Holly Pond Funeral Home. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Tipton family. To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Keith Lynn Tipton, please visit our flower store.

Donald Edwin Green, 87, of Cullman
Donald "Don" Green, 87, passed away July 4. He was born in Cullman to Clarence Green and Alice (Latta) Green. He joined his brother Onis and his sister Dorothy. Donald grew up and attended school in Cullman graduating from Cullman High School in 1953. He attended API/Auburn University for his undergraduate degree, The University of Alabama for his master's degree, and earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. Donald always had a passion for sports, physical education, and lifetime healthy living which was reflected in his studies.Donald attended Auburn University (Alabama Polytech Institute) and played freshman baseball. He then enlisted in the Air Force and spent two years on active duty. While serving in the Air Force Reserves, Donald attended Saint Bernard College and played on the baseball team. While a student at Saint Bernard, Donald was asked to teach PE and coach the Junior High basketball team at Baileyton. As head coach, he took the team to their first County Championship. This was one of his proudest achievements and he kept in touch with his team until his passing. While coaching and teaching at Baileyton, Donald met the Girls' PE teacher at Fairview Junior High. Donald and Dean Drake began dating and when he transferred back to Auburn for his final years of college, Dean would make the drive from Fairview to Auburn to attend social functions at the Sigma Pi fraternity, for which Donald was elected President his senior year. Donald and Dean were married July 11, 1959, at First Baptist Church in Cullman. Dean shared Donald's interest in healthy living and sports. A year later, in August, they began their family with the birth of their son Drew followed 3.5 years later by son Jonathan. Eight years later they received a Texas blessing with the arrival of their daughter Donna. Donald's first job as a teacher was at Cullman High School. He taught physical education and health. During this time, Donald started and coached the Cullman Swim Team, introduced soccer to his PE classes, and coached football and basketball.Donald's love of sports continued as he played baseball and basketball against other Cullman Area teams for many years. He eventually transitioned to officiating football and basketball for over 25 years. Donald moved to Birmingham Southern College after earning his doctorate at Texas A&M. He served as Athletic Director and Head of the Department of Health and Physical Education. As a teacher and coach Donald encouraged many young people to pursue an active and healthy lifestyle. Besides his love of teaching, Donald felt great civic pride in his hometown. Encouraged by Dean, he began 27 years of public service. Donald served on many local committees and boards. In 1978, he became a member of the Cullman City Council and ended his public career with two terms as Mayor of his beloved hometown. Donald had a passion for golf and made many lifelong friends while playing. He also passed his love for the sport on as coach of the Cullman High School golf team. Donald was still an active golfer even in his later years, usually shooting better than his age. His score of 64 during a tournament at Terri Pines is still talked about around the golf course.Donald was predeceased by his parents: Alice and Clarence; his sister: Dorothy; his brother: Onis; and his daughter: Donna. He leaves behind his sweetheart with whom he would have celebrated their 63rd anniversary: Dean Drake Green; his sons: Drew and Jonathan (Sherry); his grandchildren: Thomas (Babs), Anna, Cole (Leslie), Madison; and great grandchildren: Eliot and Quinn. The funeral service will be held at Cullman First Baptist Church on July 7. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the service at 10 a.m. There will be a graveside service for the family.

Betty Ruth Chambers, 78
Memorial service for Betty Ruth Chambers was Wednesday July 6. Visitation started at 11 a.m., and was followed by a memorial service at noon, followed by graveside service at Mount Carmel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Chambers family. Mrs. Chambers passed away Wednesday, June 30, at her residence in Destin, Florida. She was born Nov. 29, 1943, to Ora Gaines Evans and Annie Bell (Clark) Evans in Simcoe, Alabama. Betty never met a stranger and spent a lifetime making new friends. She was the quintessential southern lady—kind, sweet, spunky who was loved by so many. She loved to talk, laugh, dance and travel. She grew up a Cullman farm gal and moved to the big city of Birmingham upon graduating from Fairview high school. Betty married Jerry Chambers after meeting him at The Globe and moved up to Gary, Indiana where she had her children. Life could only take Betty from her farm roots so long...and after a few short years, she and her family moved back to Alabama. There, Betty and Jerry raised their family together. Betty spent a career working as a bookkeeper and administrator in the construction industry where she spent much of her time taking care of her extended family of craftsmen and tradesmen working throughout the Southeast. After Jerry passed, Betty pursued her lifelong dream of retiring to the Florida gulf coast. There she met her new love Jay Kinder, where she would spend the next decade soaking up the sunrays on the beautiful gulf beaches, indulging in sunsets and margaritas, dancing the night away, as well as traveling the globe. In 2019, Betty was diagnosed with brain cancer. However, she continued to live life to the fullest, making beautiful memories which can now be seen so well by the ones she leaves behind who love her and miss her so much. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Jerry Chambers; sisters: Clara Faye Brooks and Melba Jean Keeling; brother: Charles Wendell Evans; son: Michael Eugene Chambers and grandson: Maxwell Truman Chambers. Survivors include her son: Jerry Chambers (Kris); son: Scot Chambers (Nancy); four grandchildren: Jacob Winston (Anna), Triston Ethan, Taylor Grace and Amelia Riley, as well as many family and friends.

William Coley Rager, 60, of Cullman (Updated)
Funeral service for William "Bill" Coley Rager, 60, of Cullman, Alabama, will be noon, Thursday, July 7, at the Cullman Church of Christ. Minister Steve Cummings will officiate the service. The family will receive friends for 10 a.m. – noon on Thursdays prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rager family. Mr. Rager was born March 19, 1962, to Thomas Eugene and Patricia Russell Moore Rager. He passed from this life on July 1, at the Huntsville Hospice Family Care Center. He was the owner of Alabama On-Site and Alabama Paint Body. He was a loving husband, father, son and grandfather. Mr. Rager was preceded in death by his father: Thomas Eugene Rager Sr.; brother: Thomas Eugene Rager Jr.; uncles and aunts: Herman and Gay Russell, Jimmy and Mary Louise Russell, Louis and Violet Rager, George and Hazel Rager and Robert Rager and grandparents: Hartselle Best Russell and John Coley Russell. He is survived by his wife: Kimberly Butler Rager; mother: Pat Moore; son: Christian Cody Rager; daughter: Brandi (Brandon) Pickard; stepdaughters: Brittany (Matt) Brakeman and Emily Miller; mother-in-law: Trudy Wood; grandchildren: Addison, Shylah, Leigha and Caden and a host of family and friends.

SookJaPuckett,77,ofFalkville
Sook Ja Puckett, age 77, of Falkville, passed away Saturday, July 2, at her residence. She was born Jan. 16, 1945, in Korea. Survivors include her husband: James Huston Puckett and one sister living in South Korea.

Garland John Bennefield, 59, of Vinemont
Garland John Bennefield, age 59, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Sunday, July 3. Garland was born Feb. 27, 1963, in Plattsburgh, New York to Garlond Wyndell and Arlene Marie Bennefield. A visitation for Garland will be held Thursday, July 7, from 1-3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A funeral service will occur Thursday, July 7, at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. An interment will occur Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Crossroads Cemetery in Vinemont. Survivors are wife: Wanda Terry Bennefield; daughters: Amanda (Shane) Currington, Amesia (Brett) Williams, April (Robert) Howard, Allison Bennefield and Maci Chastain; sister: Carla J. (Chris) Myers; brothers: Ricky J. Bennefield and Marvin (Holly) Ball; 16 grandchildren and mother-in-law: Megnia Terry.

Brenda Faye Merritt, 77, of Cullman
A memorial service for Brenda Faye Merritt, 77, of Cullman will be 3 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at Belview Heights Baptist Church. Bro. Randy Milligan will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Merritt family. Mrs. Merritt passed from this life July 4, at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born March 22, 1945, to Oval and Gladys Griffin Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister: Willowdean Waldrop. Mrs. Merritt is survived by her sons: Jimmy (Marissa) Merritt and Jeff Merritt; her daughters: Theresa (Eric) Quick, Kristi Merritt and Alicia Brooke Henderson; brother: Rickie (Nancy) Smith; sister: Linda Smith; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, a host of family and friends and her special fur-babies, Midnight, Speedycat & Smoky. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the following organizations: St. Jude's Children Hospital or the Cullman Animal Shelter.

Theresa Lynn Ragsdale, 57, of Cullman
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Theresa Lynn Ragsdale, 57, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Theresa passed away July 3, at Cullman Regional Hospital. She was born April 11, 1965, to James Cleveland and Bonnie Jean Post Barbee. She never met a stranger. Her life was all about family. Her grandchildren were her world. She was preceded in death by her father; her brother: Kenneth Barbee; grandson: Jamey Puckett and granddaughter: Stardust Mullins. Survivors include her mother: Bonnie Jean McClurg; son: Patrick James (Angel) Frontine; daughter: April Marie (Daniel Puckett) Fenley; brother: Robert Neumann; sister: Shawn Bourke; grandchildren: Lexus, Persia, Emily, Cicily, Michelle, Michael, A.J., Skyler, Daniel, Dante, Kameron and Bryson; special friends: Christy Hollins, Rachel Smith and Dale Ragsdale and a host of adopted children, grandchildren, family and friends.

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NOTICE OF
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COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Charlotte Walker A Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for loandepot.com, LLC, its successors and assigns dated September 24, 2018; said mortgage being recorded on October 3, 2018, in Book 1861, Page 8 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 375, Page 644 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 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 26th day of August, 2022 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
PARCEL I:
A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER AND RUN NORTH 3 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 643.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 265.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 610.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 201.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 3.35 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN CULLMAN COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA.

PARCEL II:
A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER AND RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 201.44 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 610.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 306.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 22.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 304.24 FEET; THENCE EAST 22 FEET; THENCE NORTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN CULLMAN COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA.

PARCEL III:
BEGINNING AT THE CORNER OF YUNION BURLESON PROPERTY AND THE GRANTOR PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE WEST 265 FEET ALONG ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE SOUTH 306 FEET; THENCE EAST 265 FEET; THENCE NORTH 306 FEET TO ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING TWO ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 10, RANGE 1 WEST. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CULLMAN, STATE OF ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 451 County Road 1683, Holly Pond, AL 35083.
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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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 21, 2002 by Phillip Ashley, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in MTG Book 1238, Page 285, and modified on November 14, 2003 by Phillip Ashley, a single man, to EvaBank, which said Modification of Mortgage is recorded in MTG Book 1723, Page 328 and modified on January 5, 2016 by Phillip Ashley and wife Stephanie Ashley , to EvaBank which said Modification of Mortgage is recorded on in MTG Book 1778, Page 258 all recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 29, 2022:

The E ½ of that portion of the E ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 17, T9S, R2W, lying and being South of the Goldridge Road; being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 17, T9S, R2W, thence North along the said section line to the South margin of the Goldridge Road; thence West along the South margin of the said Goldridge Road for a distance of 350 feet; thence South parallel with the East boundary of the land herein described to a point 330 feet due West of the P.O.B.; thence East to the P.O.B.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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 part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
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The Cullman Tribune-June 30, July 7, 14, 2022

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 Marlin Johnson And Ethel Johnson Married Couple, to Compass Bank dated July 31, 2018; said mortgage being recorded on August 2, 2018, in Book 1855, Page 811 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to PNC Bank, National Association to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, 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 27th day of June, 2022 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, and thence run S 03 degrees 20'00" E 671.00 feet; thence N 87 degrees 00'00" E 120.95 feet; thence S 07'22'18' E 284.00 feet to the point of beginning of tract herein described; thence S 02 degrees 53'03" E 127.84 feet; thence S 18 degrees 13'22' E 105.55 feet to the North right of way line of Blountsville Street; thence with said right of way line, run N 52 degrees 30'37" E 84.00 feet; thence leaving said right of way line, run N 15 degrees 06'02' W 190.0 feet; thence S 83 degrees 25'02' W 57.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract lying and being a part of the North half of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to right of way granted to Cullman County for public road as recorded in Deed Book 154, Page 221 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 609 3rd Street SE, Hanceville, AL 35077.
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.
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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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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 11, 2022, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, July 7, 2022

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
R.R.,)
A Minor Child, 02/21/2009)
CASE NO. JU 2021-339.02

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 R.R. born on or about 02/21/2009. to Korynne Reny, respond to the Petition by the 28 day of July, 2022, 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 14th day of June, 2022.

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

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

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 14th day of June, 2022.
Clerk of Circuit Court

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 Donald W Shedd, Jr And Sonya Diane Shedd Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns dated November 2, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on November 9, 2007, in Book 1543, Page 927 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 346, Page 564 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 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 11th day of August, 2022 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, thence N 1 degree 26 minutes 35 seconds W 449.09 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set and the point of beginning; thence N 1 degree 26 minutes 35 seconds W 130.00 feet to an existing capped iron; thence N 88 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds E 210.14 feet to an existing iron; thence N 1 degree 28 minutes 50 seconds W 210.00 feet to an existing capped iron; thence N 88 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds E 60.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set; thence S 1 degree 26 minutes 35 seconds E 340.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set; thence S 88 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds W 260.00 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less. Said land lying in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Also, a 20 foot right of way, the centerline of which is described as follows:
Commence at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, thence S 88 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds W 280.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set and the point of beginning of the centerline of said 20 foot right of way; thence S 83 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds E 202.34 feet to a point in the center of an existing gravel road; thence S 36 degrees 45 minutes 27 seconds E 91.72 feet to a point in the center of an existing gravel road; thence S 38 degrees 07 minutes 29 seconds E 66.97 feet to a point in the center of an existing gravel road; thence S 49 degrees 31 minutes 24 seconds E 63.57 feet to a point in the center of an existing gravel road; thence S 54 degrees 47 minutes 03 seconds E 165.00 feet along the center of an existing gravel road to a point on the West right of way of a County Gravel Road and the point of ending of the centerline of said 20 foot right of way.

Said property is commonly known as 263 County Rd 1134, Cullman, AL 35057.
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The protest that wasn't

Potential demonstrators learn valuable civics lesson on Independence Day

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Upon arriving at the Cullman County Courthouse parking lot Monday morning, potential protesters had their plans to demonstrate thwarted due to their lack of preparation in obtaining the necessary permits.

Organized by Alabama Rally Against Injustice, the local demonstration was one of eight planned across the state Monday to protest the overturning of the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, which guaranteed a woman's constitutional right to an abortion. The ruling was overturned by the United States Supreme Court on June 24, giving states the power to ban abortions.

While no representatives from the organization were in attendance, resident Tabatha House shared her reason for being at the courthouse on the Fourth of July.

"We were here because the rights of women have been taken away, the rights to live freely. Now, it's about the rights of anybody who has anything different about them. Roe was a law that rescinded a lot of laws," said House. "I'm here to let people know that Roe isn't just about women who supposedly can't keep their legs shut and get an abortion. Roe took away a lot more than just the right to have an abortion at will. It took away our bodily autonomy."

Due to the lack of permit application by the organization, the group chose not to protest.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry explained, "There was a group that was starting to come out earlier this morning. (Cullman Police) Chief (Kenny) Culpepper and I met with them. The chief explained the city ordinance and the process of obtaining the permit."

While the sidewalk around the courthouse requires a permit with approval of the Cullman City Council, any parade or demonstration that occurs on the courthouse property requires the additional approval of the Cullman County Commission.

Gentry continued, "If the permit was granted, we explained that, if they wanted to do it here at the county courthouse, they would then have to go to (Commission) Chairman (Jeff) Clemons and the Cullman County Commission and speak to them about holding the event here. They would do the appropriate paperwork and they would have it on the agenda at the commission meeting and vote on it there."

Article VII, Sec. 48-191. in the City of Cullman Code of Ordinances reads, "It shall be unlawful to promote, organize or hold, or to assist in organizing or holding, or to take part or participate in, any parade or procession or other demonstration in the streets or other public ways of the city, unless a permit therefor has been secured from the city council."

Demonstrator Courtney Casey took umbrage at the ordinance. "They're saying that we have to have a permit. I told them we'd stay on the public sidewalk, and he said, if we were on the courthouse property, it was a county issue and, if we were on the sidewalk, it was a City issue. We can't go to the county because we need a permit. We can't go to the public park because we still need a permit," she said. "What about the teenagers that gather at Wal-Mart every night? Do they have a permit every time? They're out there blaring their music and revving their trucks."

Culpepper said he explained the process of obtaining a permit to Casey. "We told them that there's a council meeting on Thursday and that I would stand up and support their right for freedom of speech," he said. "All they need to do is come for the council and I'll endorse them getting a permit to do their protest. At that point we'll help them and protect them."



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Protesters on Monday, July 4, 2022, got as far as the parking of the Cullman County Courthouse to have their say in response to the United States Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade.

In the wake of the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer in May 2020, weekly protests were held in Cullman where demonstrators carried signs reading "Black Lives Matter" and "Respect Existence or Expect Resistance." These protestors were protected and supported by local law enforcement due to their obtainment of a permit which was approved by the city council.

Article VII, Sec. 48-192. in the City's code further explains the application process.

"To secure such permit, written application shall be made to the city council, setting forth the hour and date, the probable number of persons, vehicles, and animals which will be engaged in such parade, procession or other demonstration, the purpose for which it is to be held or had, and the streets or other public ways over, along or in which it is desired to have or hold such parade, procession or demonstration. The city council shall grant a written permit for such parade, procession or demonstration, prescribing the streets or other public ways which may be used therefor, unless in its judgment the public welfare, peace, safety, health, decency, good order, morals or convenience require that it be refused. It shall be unlawful to use for such purposes at the hour and on the date requested, any other street or public way than those set out in the permit."

As the demonstrators dispersed from the parking lot, they opted to meet up at Depot Park at the suggestion of Chief Culpepper where they were free to have discussions while leaving their signs in their vehicles at the suggestion of City representatives.

Gathering under the shade trees at Depot Park, the participants took turns at the microphone sharing their relevant experiences and supporting one another in their respective journeys. The group plans to complete its special events permit application this week and have it heard before city council at Thursday night's meeting.

The special events permit for the City of Cullman can be found online at https://tinyurl.com/citypermit.

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