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988 the new 911 for mental health crises

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline live nationwide

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama and the rest of the nation on Saturday went live with the 988 telephone number specific for mental health emergencies such as suicidal ideation or any other mental health crisis. This 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is not specific to the person in crisis; it is available to those who have friends or family experiencing an emergency as well.

United States Department of Health and Human Services secretary Xavier Becerra said, “If you are willing to turn to someone in your moment of crisis, 988 will be there. 988 won’t be a busy signal, and 988 won’t put you on hold. You will get help.”

The hope is that the easy to remember number will decrease the use of 911 for such emergencies as oftentimes these phone line operators do not hold the training necessary to deescalate such crises.

By using the 988 number instead, calls will be answered by trained mental health professionals well versed in redirections, appropriate responses and referral of appropriate care.

Upon calling 988, the person will speak with a trained counselor who has the ability and capacity to be prepared for the situation at hand and provide appropriate guidance.

This may be completed through an assessment, referral, stabilization and/or a follow-up.

The crisis interventionist also could use a mobile crisis response team if a higher level of care is » PAGE 6

Handmade craftsmanship on display

Flat Rock Church hosting quilt show July 31



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Bertha Mae Waldrep poses with one of her 14 patriotic quilts.

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CRANE HILL, Ala. — Flat Rock Church on Sunday, July 31 will host a special quilt show, showcasing the work of 92-year-old Bertha Mae Waldrep of Crane Hill and others. The show will begin at 2 p.m. and feature 21 of Waldrep’s handmade treasures.

Waldrep said she has been quilting as a hobby since she was 5 years old. She doesn’t know how many she’s done over the years but estimated the number to be well over 70 quilts.

Waldrep learned to quilt from her mother.

“When I’d get home from school, my mama- she didn’t say, ‘Go get your homework,’ she said, ‘Now go get your quilt squares,’” she remembered.

Many of Waldrep’s quilts have been given away to family. She said she makes quilts specially dedicated to each member of her family. She has several different patterns she’s created herself including a patriotic flag pattern, double wedding band and fan patterns. She’s also made separate Alabama and Auburn quilts for each of her sons.

Waldrep takes a lot of pride in her quilts. She does most with a sewing machine but has done several by hand. She estimated the time it takes her to make one is about 2-3 days. Quilt show organizer Teresa Mauldin said, “She still gets up in the morning and goes to her sewing machine.”

In 2007, Flat Rock Church had its first quilt show featuring Waldrep’s quilts. Said Mauldin, “We had a really good turnout, and she’s been quilting for sure these past two years with Covid going on, so I kept saying we really need to have another quilt show.”

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Christmas in July: Elks Lodge, Jack Aces team up for annual toy run



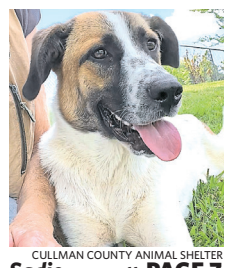
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Jack Aces Club President Derrick Barton, right, speaks to some of the other motorcycle club members in attendance at the Christmas in July event at the Cullman Elks Lodge Saturday, July 16. » PAGE 6

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– PET OF THE WEEK –

Sadie – She’s your brown-eyed girl!



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Sadie » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 18

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 18, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 14

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 30
- harassment; 2nd St, Garden City
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 222
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 818
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1087
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 222
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 18
- criminal mischief; Holly Pond Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 437

July 15

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Co. Rd. 1518
- assault; Co. Rd. 818
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 747
- cruelty to animals; Co. Rd. 431
- theft of property; Firestation Rd.
- unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; H & H Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 813
- unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; White Oak Cir.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 222
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1196

July 16

- criminal mischief; 3rd Ave. S.W, Garden City
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Beech Ave. S.E.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 709
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 796
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1343
- assault; Co. Rd. 1199

July 17

- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69N
- assault; Beech Ave. S.E.
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 657
- burglary; Co. Rd. 447
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 216
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hathcock Rd.
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; I65 NB MM310
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 747

ARRESTS

July 14

Aaron, Catherine J; 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc., of wine or alcohol generally

Brown, David O; 35
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA – no seat belt
- FTA – obstructed windshield
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Cantrell, Jacob R; 29
- FTA – unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle

Chappell, Sonya O; 28
- Probation Violation – promoting prison contraband
- Probation Violation – theft

Cooper, Joseph D, 39
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA – no seat belt

Dye, Jeffery W; 51
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Ford, Jessica D; 27
- Probation Violation – promoting prison contraband
- Probation Violation – possession of dangerous drugs

Gurganious, Sarah B; 25
- FTA – assault-torture/willful abuse of child-family

Hale, Joshua S; 28
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – promoting prison contraband
- auto theft

Hall, Rhyan R; 27
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drug
- FTA – receiving stolen vehicle

Hays, Cody N; 33
- Possession of dangerous drugs

Hill, Donald E; 37
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)

Lawson, Tracy L; 49
- FTA – harassment
- FTA – criminal littering

Lindsey, Robert N; 41
- disorderly conduct

Lopez-Torres, Luis A; 39
- truck theft

Moore, Timothy, A; 63
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Pearson, Cody B; 37
- Violation of release order – possession of obscene material

Robertson, Alfred H; 79
- theft

Sanders, Kelly A; 44
- public intoxication

Speakman, Tyler L; 27
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Stallings, Christi L; 42
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – following too close
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Taylor, Latresa R; 39
- DUI

July 15

Bickerstaff, Johnathon H; 46
- FTA – driving while suspended

Black, April D; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Edwards, Haylie N; 20
- FTA – auto theft

Fairbanks, Jeffrey D; 56
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Goodwin, James F; 74
- permitting dogs to run at large

Hall, Roger D; 72
- possession of dangerous drugs

Jones, Hagen E; 27
- FTA – unlawful breaking and entering into vehicle
- Motion to Revoke – shoplifting
- Motion to Revoke – receiving stolen vehicle

Leak, Amanda J; 36
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drug

Manuele, Anthony; 34
- DUI

Miles, Anthony D; 43
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Persall, Nicholas D; 32
- FTA – domestic violence – 3rd degree

Pugh, Ashley C; 22
- FTA – criminal trespassing

Sellers, Tasha D; 31
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – resisting arrest

Smith, Johnathan K; 48
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

July 16

Jensen, Megan; 32
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Nunnelley, Jacky L; 47
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drug
- FTA – possession of dangerous drug

July 17

Anders, Landon W; 23
- public intoxication

Barnett, Terri C; 28
- harassment

Brown, Ian C; 25
- public intoxication

Finnen, Stanley E; 49
- FTA – public intoxication

Merrill, Aaron N; 27
- Violation of domestic violence protection order

Moore, Crystal G; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Morris, Bobby J Jr; 26
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Peterson, Amy R; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- driving with expired tag
- FTA – driving with expired tag
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)

Sturgeon, Rachel N; 33
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Williams, Larry A; 34
- FTA - DUI

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CRIME

2 arrested in separate, drug-related incidents

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Two local residents were arrested in separate, drug-related incidents recently.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested a Cullman woman on multiple charges Tuesday, July 12, following the revocation of her bond.

Lauren Peyton Whittle, 29, is charged with resisting arrest, public intoxication, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and four counts of possession of dangerous drugs.

On Wednesday, July 13, a Cullman man was arrested by the Cullman Police Department (CPD) when officers responded to a call in the city.

Richard Scruggs, 31, was charged by the CPD with trespassing and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

After he arrived at the Cullman County Detention Center, he was also charged with failure to appear- distribution of dangerous drugs by the CCSO.



CCSO

Richard Scruggs



CCSO

Lauren Peyton Whittle

Hanceville City Council honors Joshua Foran for life well lived

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council at its last meeting celebrated resident Josh Foran for a job well done. Mayor Kenneth Nail issued a proclamation honoring Foran for a well-lived life and congratulating him for winning The HISTORY Channel's competition show "Forged in Fire." Foran and his wife Ashley reside on a 30-acre farm in the Stouts Mountain area where he owns and operates Josh of all Trades Blacksmithing.

After the meeting, a reception was held for Foran. Guests enjoyed desserts made by Hanceville's Brenda Carter, whose reputation as a premier baker was proven true.

During the meeting, Nail made two appointments to the Hanceville Housing Authority. Betty Godbee is slated to take over Betty Melton's position and Cathi Bradford was reappointed to her seat.

Looking to the possibility of adding a heavy load hauling ordinance, Nail told of a recent situation with a heavy load which caused more damage to Hopewell Road.

After consulting with the City's attorney, Dan Willingham, Nail said, "We shut them down." Going on, he said, "My job is to protect the taxpayers of Hanceville and you're destroying our streets. These guys know that our city streets are not designed for multi loads going by."

The council decided to weigh the options on the tentative ordinance and go from there.

A $214,500 bid from Truckworx was opened for a 2023 dump truck it said can be delivered this fall. Nail noted the City profited $56,000 from the sale of a triaxle truck it purchased last year and used for only six months. He said the plan for the new truck will be the same. The City plans to use the new truck for 6-8 months, while watching the market, and then sell it to come out from under the loan the purchase will require from Cullman Savings Bank. The council voted to accept the bid.

Last month, the Hanceville Fire Department fielded seven fire calls, 81 medical calls, 11 lift assists and seven vehicle accidents for a total of 106 calls.

The Hanceville Police Department handled 760 total calls, 26 arrests, 29 warrant arrests and 69 traffic citations last month.

While giving an update on the construction at the jail, Nail said, "We're slowing down a little bit. We're not sure what's going on. We got our COVID money last year back in June. We anticipated, and the rules said, it would be 12 months, which would have been June. June came and went, and we didn't get nothing. We've called (Congressman Robert) Aderholt's office and a couple of other places to find out what's going on. They don't seem to know. So, we're kind of waiting on that."

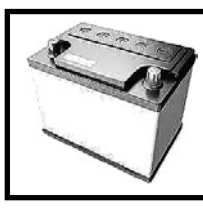


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Hanceville Fire Chief Rodger Green, "Forged in Fire" winner Josh Foran, Councilwoman Kim Brown, Councilman Jimmy Sawyer, Councilman Jimmie Nuss, Councilwoman Patty Dean and Mayor Kenneth Nail

Noting that the heat has taken its toll on City workers, the mayor said some of the City's crews have shifted their work schedules to allow them to come in earlier in the morning during the cooler times of day.

Hanceville City Council meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 28. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting at 5:30 at Hanceville City Hall.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@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.
• Wednesday, July 20 - 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.
• Friday, July 22 - 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 24 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults 10 a.m. Adult class by Pam Dodd. 11 a.m. message "DANIEL, A MAN OF FAITH!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd.
• Sunday, July 24 – 8-11 a.m. Bake Sale - All proceeds go to the youth ministries.

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
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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.

Pleasant View Singing and Summer Revival
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.

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 Dakotatrammell@linkingcullman.org.

Loss of a Spouse Seminar
• July 21, 6-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church Cullman, 256-734-5632
• You'll hear:Practical advice from others who've been there; What to expect in your grief; How to cope with life without your spouse; Why it won't always hurt this much

2nd Annual Art in the Warehouse District
Friday, July 22 from 4-8 p.m. at Leldon's, 117 First Ave. NE. Artists will be on hand to show off their work, and food and drinks will be served. Attendees can peruse the store, mingle with the artists and purchase artwork on display. Part of the event's proceeds will benefit the United Way of Cullman County.

West Point High School Class of 1967 Reunion
July 23, 4-6 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point

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.

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.

Cullman High School Class of 1956 Reunion
The Cullman High School Class of 1956 will be having a class reunion at Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point, July 28 at 11 a.m. Please plan to attend. Call Jerry Smith at 256-734-1797 if you have any questions.

Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department Inaugural Day in the Park
• July 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date Aug. 13
• Meet Holly Pond's local volunteer fire department and watch them draft water. This is a great opportunity to try on firemen's gear, see a firetruck work and look at fire engines up close. A smoke trailer will be available for demonstration. There will be bouncy houses. There is something for every age group.
• Sign up for a free smoke detector to be put into your home by professional firemen.
• Weather permitting, there will be appearances by ambulances, the sheriff's office and perhaps even look for a local celebrity. There will be hot dogs and drinks while supplies last.
• A special thanks to Temple Baptist Church, Pepsi Corporation and the Town of Holly Pond for their assistance.

Free Quilt Show at Flat Rock Church
Sunday, July 31, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. Bertha Mae Waldrep is 92 years old and has been sewing since the age of 5. She will have several quilts displayed in the church. If anyone would like to bring a quilt to display, we would love that! We would like to pin a note card with information about the quilts and the owner's name. We would love for you to join us in seeing the beautiful display of quilts! For more information, contact Teresa Mauldin at 256-347-2173 or Jayne Waldrep at 256-339-1713. The address to the church is 1670 County Road 933, Crane Hill, AL 35053.

White City Jr. High School Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 6. It has been moved to the first Saturday in August from now on. Meet at the Johnson's Crossing Fire Dept. at the site of the old school (1542 County Road 617, Hanceville) any time after 9 a.m. We will furnish ice, tea, plates, cups, cutlery, etc. This reunion is for anyone who ever attended the school, not just certain classes. Bring your favorite dish and join us for the fun and fellowship.

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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman, eat in or carry out

Oktoberfest German Dinner at Sacred Heart
The annual Oktoberfest German Dinner will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by the women's Altar Society, the event this year is drive-thru only -follow signs at church. The meal consists of bratwurst and German-style kraut, (meat by Brickyard Meats), German potato salad, green beans, applesauce, bread and dessert for $15. There are NO children's meals this year. All proceeds raised go toward the sponsoring Altar Society's church upkeep projects. Everyone welcome to enjoy this yearly meal celebrating our German heritage!

Harvest to Home Dinner & Silent Auction
Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a locally-sourced dinner starting with a menu curated by Chef Nichols, department chair of the Wallace State Culinary Arts Program. This is the North Alabama Agriplex's largest yearly fundraising effort. More details coming soon.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, July 18, 2022 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: 28.6%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 470,068 (increase of 5,953)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,081 (increase of 7)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 12.1%
• 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): 9015 (increase of 122)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 54 (increase of 1)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,508
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 182
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 40,133
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 11,475

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No update since last printing
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,792,295
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,971,365
• Doses administered: 6,198,754 (increase of 7,358)
• Additional doses administered: 904,147 (increase of 1,809)
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,889,635 (increase of 826)
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,390,488 (increase of 1,109)
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,820,930

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‘I just want to soak it all in’: Cullman’s Ryan Skinner looking forward to senior season

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats had put together another good season in 2021, going 7-3 in the regular season, before falling to Jackson-Olin in the first round of the playoffs. After losing a lot of seniors to graduation in May, Bearcats quarterback Ryan Skinner is looking forward to helping lead Cullman to another postseason run in his senior season. Skinner learned a lot while playing behind quarterback Max Dueland in his years at Cullman and he still utilizes a lot of what he learned playing now.

“Being new to varsity as a sophomore, Max Dueland was really good to me. He showed me the right way to run a similar offense to what we ran last year and how to carry myself as a varsity quarterback,” Skinner said.

“I learned all of the little things from him. He was always great in pressure situations and was always really calm.

“He showed me the little things are important about running an offense and how much being precise with everything helps an offense work.”

Last year was Skinner’s first year at the quarterback position and it was a pretty successful one, but he’s always looking for ways to get better.

“I thought last season went well. I have had a lot of things to improve on and off the field,” Skinner said. “Overall, I thought it was a very fun and great year and I loved every second of it.”

Skinner feels blessed to be playing for the coaching staff at Cullman and has soaked up so much from them in his time there.

“We are blessed at Cullman to have such great coaching staffs from youth league to varsity. I’ve learned a lot of things from my coaches. I’ve learned how to see the field better, how to run an offense, and being a better man off the field. Coach Glasscock and the whole staff have done a great job of developing us as not only better football players, but as better men off the field as well,” Skinner said.

Skinner learned a lot from last year’s seniors that will continue to help the team this season. With a lot of players coming back this year, the Bearcats are going for the ultimate goal.

“Last year’s senior class was a really talented group. Talking to them after last season just made me realize how fast senior year goes by, and not to take a moment for granted,” Skinner said.

“I think we will get better as the playoffs come around. We expect to play hard and be the best team we can be. Our team is definitely confident going into the season and we expect to have a great year.

“We expect to make a deep run in the playoffs. Like most teams across the state, our goal is to win the whole thing.”

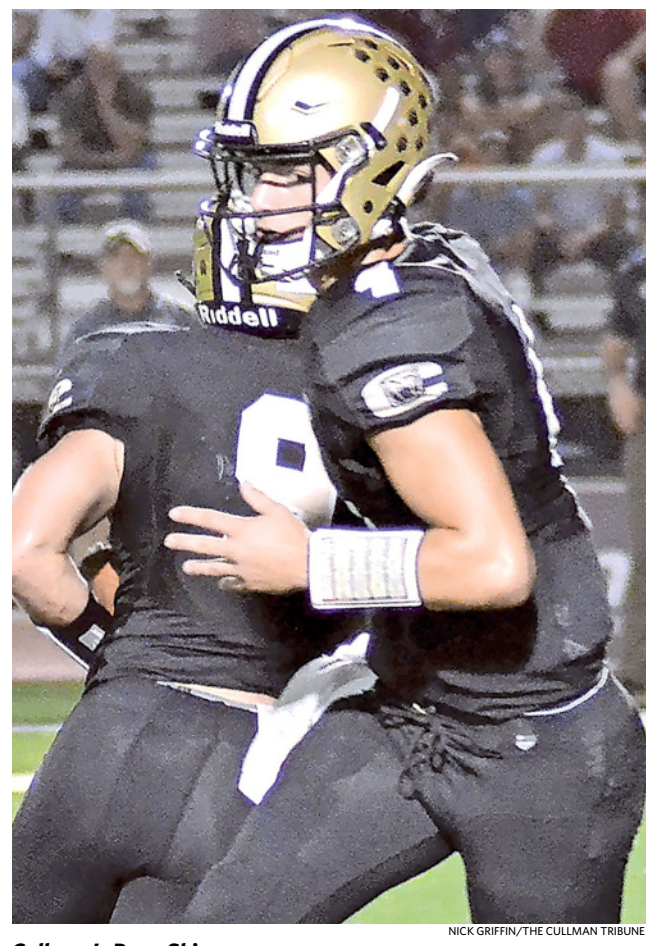
Skinner has set a lot of goals for himself and has been trying to find ways to help the younger guys get better every day as well.

“My most important personal goal for this season is to enjoy it. Our band, fans, student section, cheerleaders, and everybody makes Friday nights at Oliver Woodward so special,” Skinner said.

“I just want to soak it all in, since this year is the last time I’ll be able to play in that stadium. I also just want to be the best leader I can be and step up more in that senior role.

“I also want to be All-State and win the Class 6A Back of the Year award.”

He added, “It’s really important being a leader. It helped me so much when I was younger, so I’m just trying to do the same. I try to be positive and encourage the younger guys, but also help correct them when they do something wrong and help them learn the plays.”



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Cullman’s Ryan Skinner

Fillinger (from Front)

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More than 150 runners made their way to St. Bernard Saturday morning to participate in this year’s Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run.

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard’s campus was full of friends, family, former teammates and other supporters Saturday morning as more than 150 runners came out to participate in the ninth annual Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run. The annual event celebrating and remembering the life of Nicholas Fillinger who died tragically in a training accident in September 2013, is run at St. Bernard, one of Nicholas’ favorite places to run and benefits the Nicholas Fillinger Foundation.

Nicholas’ mother, Julie, has greatly appreciated the love and support her family has received from the community in their time of need and is proud that Nicholas’ memory is being used as a way to give back and help others.

“The plan is for the Run to continue for years. We have an incredible community that rallies around you in crisis or tragedy. We have experienced tremendous love and support since day one. Nicholas was amazing and so it means a lot that he is not forgotten. People show that by showing up. But it goes beyond not forgetting him,” Fillinger said. “The NF Run uses Nicholas’ memory to encourage people to give of themselves for something greater. And that has eternal significance! The Run is our Foundation’s only fundraiser. People give of their time, talent, and treasure as volunteers, runners, and sponsors. And when we see all that coming together to help orphans in Peru, provide for a scholarship, and promote safe training, we are comforted. But the greatest joy is for someone’s life to be changed for eternity. Nicholas would definitely have given his life for someone else’s. He was that kind of kid. If God uses his story or us surviving this loss in a way that speaks the Truth of how to know for sure you have eternal life and therefore Hope, then we have peace.”

Following the completion of the race and before handing out awards, Nicholas’ parents, Eric and Julie, took a few moments to speak to the crowd about the help this event provides to so many people and how much their support has meant to them.

“First, I want to thank all of our volunteers. We have an incredible amount of volunteers, there are probably 60 volunteers that come out and give of their time in all kinds of different ways that make this a possibility,” Julie said. “Our sponsors have been incredible. We have a lot of the same sponsors year after year, and they just want to do it. I always give them an out in case they want out, but they just want to keep coming back and doing it.”

“Today we come together to remember our beloved friend, teammate, brother, son. It’s good to see a lot of Nicholas’ classmates here. We honor his memory by helping a cause that we know Nicholas would have been so passionate about,” Eric said. “Those classmates could tell you that he was a defender of that person that was being bullied or the person who didn’t get a good hand dealt to them so to speak. So, to rescue these boys from human trafficking and abandonment, Nicholas would have been all about that and that’s part of the reason we chose it.”

Before moving on to the awards ceremony, Julie thanked all those who came out to show their support, especially the friends and classmates of Nicholas that were able to make it to the event.

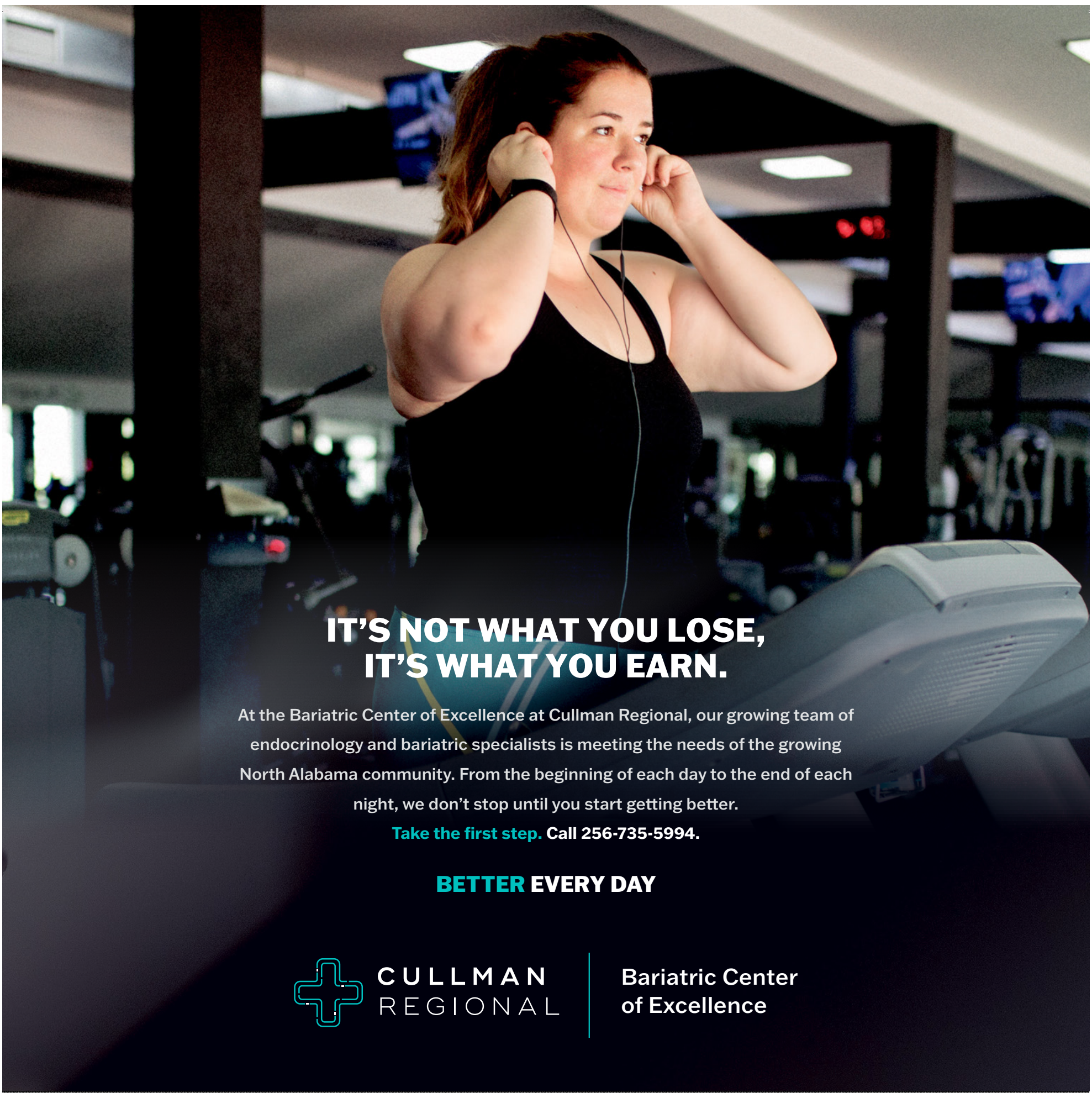
“Today is about remembering Nicholas and using his memory for something that’s greater than ourselves and you guys are all a part of that and that means so much to us,” she said.

“One thing I’ve been learning over the years is that our surviving the loss, that’s family, friends and teammates that miss him and remember him, them surviving it and the way they survive is also a testimony. That’s why it means so much to me to see teammates and friends and classmates come back. Even for all of you that didn’t know Nicholas, you’re here and you’re a part of this so thank you very much.”

To find a full list of results from this year’s run, check the Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run’s Facebook page for results posted sometime this weekend.






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988 (from Front)

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For additional information on the hotline, visit www.alabamapublichealth.gov/suicide/crisis-numbers.html or https://988lifeline.org.

Class (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, July 23 will provide a Basic Life Support (BLS) certification class. The class will start at 8 a.m. at the station located at 454 County Road 804 in Cullman. The class is designed with health care professionals in mind, but any members of the public are welcome to attend. The fee is $10 for fire department members and $40 for nonmembers.

Instructor and Assistant Chief Maurice Reynolds discussed the difference in BLS training made specifically for health care providers and regular CPR.

"There are two versions. One is Health Care Provider that's for anybody in the fire department, any medical- your doctors' offices, your dentist, anybody that has patient contact," he said. "There's another version called Heart Saver and it's for the general public."

The class will be health care provider specific, which requires participants to pass a test after the course.

For many professionals who are not in the health care field, it is useful to be certified in BLS techniques.

For professionals such as teachers, childcare providers, sports coaches, personal trainers and safety officers, it is either necessary or preferred for them to be trained in CPR.

Even if BLS certification in not necessary in non-medical fields, it can be a valuable qualification to make resumes stand out to prospective employers.

The course is mainly provided to help county fire fighters renew their required training, said Reynolds, "We have a lot of people at the fire departments that this is required for every two years."

However, Reynolds said he would like to invite anyone in the community who would like to receive the training to attend.

The cost of the class is to help offset the costs of the mannequins, which Reynolds said cost about $1,500 per four sets.

"I'd like to have a full class," he said. "We can handle 16. We've got eight sets of mannequins so that's two per mannequin."

Reynolds would prefer individuals register either through the department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BethsadiaVFD or via email at bethsadia18@gmail.com.

Christmas (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Elks Lodge teamed up with the Jack Aces motorcycle club once again to host the groups' annual Christmas in July Toy Run Saturday morning. The event, which benefits local nonprofit Curt's Christmas (formerly Christmas Love), saw dozens of bikers participating in the three-hour charity ride. Attendees donated a toy or $10. In the end, the total amount of cash raised was $1,048, which, along with the toys, will go toward making Christmas special for area children later this year.

Jack Aces Club President Derrick Barton said he is grateful to help host an amazing event to help kids.

"As a club, Jack Aces generally hosts two to three benefits a year. I'm a member here at the Elks Lodge, along with a lot of my club members. It started about four to five years ago as a benefit for (Christmas Love). That's what it's all about. You can either bring a donation or a toy. It's a semi-local ride inside and outside the county and the money will go to Curt's Christmas," he said.

"It's great to have something like this. We're always into charitable contributions. That's what the Elks Lodge is about: giving back. I have a lot of friends here, so we enjoy giving back, especially to the kids. There was around 60-70 bikers (today). That's a pretty good turnout," Barton added.

Gwen Parker of the Elks Lodge said she was happy to host the event, and that so many people came out to show their support.

"It's great to have the event because it helps out a lot of children around Christmastime and families that will not be able to provide gifts for their children otherwise. We partnered with them (Jack Aces) to try to make it as successful as possible," she said.

"We provided a place for them to leave from. We provided breakfast, then when they came back, we provided lunch for them. We had around 60 bikers, so we got $600, plus everybody that brought a gift. A lot of people made donations and that's given to the benefit as well."

Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Jackie Ridgeway echoed Parker's enthusiasm.

"It's very special to have an event like this for the kids. That's what the Elks Lodge does. We're very charitable and we sponsor a lot of kids and events for the veterans. We're a very charitable organization, so we're there to give back to the community. This lodge has given over $3.3 million dollars to the community here in Cullman," he said. "It's a great event today. There (were) between 60-70 bikes in the ride today, so it was a great turnout today. Anytime you want to help the kids or veterans, we have a great turnout in the community."

Curt's Christmas is run by local nonprofit Curt's Closet. Find out more by calling 256-735-4557.

Year (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education on Thursday morning voted unanimously to suspend Cullman High School (CHS) instructor Ken Gleaton for 10 days without pay, per Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff's recommendation. The suspension stemmed from an alleged verbal altercation between Gleaton and CHS Assistant Principal Aaron Sparks on June 30.

Before the vote, Gleaton was provided the opportunity to take the floor and to provide documentation to dispute the recommendation for suspension.

Empathically stating that he has never had issues with the multitude of students, instructors and others he has come across in his 26 years of teaching, Gleaton said, "The big thing is I want to come across is some of the documentation that I read that Mr. Sparks has stated is not completely accurate. I would like to say, and I've already expressed this to (CHS Principal) Ms. (Allison) Tuggle, if anything that I said came across in the way it was presented was aggressive and maybe perceived as a threat I apologize to her. I apologize to you, and I apologize to Mr. Sparks. That was not the intent."

Gleaton went on to say that he felt the proposed suspension was not appropriate as the incident was "a disagreement between two adults."

Despite Gleaton's statement in the open meeting and the additional information he provided to the board in the closed session, the board opted to uphold Kallhoff's recommendation for a 10-day suspension without pay.

Building updates

Kallhoff reported the school system is working with an architect to develop plans for a maintenance barn on Stadium Drive Northeast and Hoehn Drive Northeast near the primary school.

The high school is looking to enclose the upstairs of the library to create an additional classroom.

The superintendent reported that a class has been meeting in the space but needs the privacy other classes are given.

The elementary schools are being spruced up for the upcoming school year with painting, carpet cleaning and hardwood refinishing at East Elementary. West Elementary is amid HVAC and dehumidifier upgrades, painting and the refinishing of the gymnasium floors.

Recognitions

The system was recently recognized as an Alabama Reading Initiative Science of Reading Spotlight District, only one of two school districts in the state to achieve the honor.

Two students from the school district, Forrest Calvert and Gage Howard, participated in the 2022 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship in Grand Island, Nebraska, with their team finishing 15th in the country.

In other business, the board entered contracts with the following:

- Susan Nesmith for part-time English Language Teacher services from Aug. 4, 2022 – May 26, 2023
- Sharon Wilson for as-needed clerical duties from July 11, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Haley Chambers for music education for Head Start from Aug. 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, using Head Start Grant funds
- Haley Chambers for music education for Pre-K from Aug. 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, using Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education (ADECE) Office of School Readiness (OSR) funds
- Paige Hanson for physical education for Head Start from Aug. 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, using Head Start Grant Funds
- Paige Hanson for physical education for Pre-K from Aug. 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, using ADECE OSR grant funds
- Susan Cooper for Special Education training from July 15, 2022 – Aug. 4, 2022
- Lois Bice for Extended Day Program services from July 15, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Additional action items taken were:

- Termination of contract with Sharon Tidmore
- Approval of 2022-2023 salary schedule
- Financial report for May 2022
- Approval of revised Career Coach job description along with salary schedule
- Approval of 2022-2023 breakfast and lunch prices

- **Approval of stipends for:**

1. Special Education law training
2. English Language Arts training for new Harcourt textbook curriculum
3. English Language Arts and Math Pacing Guides and Grading Parameters training
4. Performance Matters training
5. English Language Arts Pacing Guides training
6. Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative training

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- 2022-2023 academic calendar revisions
- Student Code of Conduct revisions
- Salvaging of tricycles and wheelbarrows in fair to poor condition from Head Start

A public hearing will be held at the Cullman City Board of Education central office July 19 at 4 p.m. A special-called board meeting will be at 8 a.m. July 28 at central office, and the next regular board meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Aug. 16 at the same location.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, August 1, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – 5th Avenue SE – two lots
2. Conditional use request for modular structure – Commerce Avenue NW
3. Request to vacate a portion of Apple Lane NW
4. Conditional use request – 1451 11th Street SE – worship facility
5. Amendment to street acceptance portion of the Subdivision Regulations

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that mortgage dated January 29, 2021, in favor of **Harold D. Pitts**, and executed by **P & G Livestock and Poultry Auction, LLC**, which mortgage was recorded January 29, 2021, in Mortgage Book 1948, Page 486, in the probate records of Cullman County, Alabama, the mortgagee **Harold D. Pitts** has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given that pursuant to the law and power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman County Alabama, during the legal hours of sale,(between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) on August 11, 2022, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northwest comer of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, Section 12, Township 11, Range 3 West, thence South 00 Degrees 20 Minutes West along the West boundary line of said forty a distance of 961 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 00 Minutes East a distance of 420 feet to a point; thence North 00 Degrees 20 Minutes East a distance of 1,040 feet to a point on the South right of way line of a public road; thence South 88 Degrees 00 Minutes West along said right of way line a distance of 372 feet to a point; thence South 68 Degrees 00 Minutes West a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence South 00 Degrees 20 Minutes West a distance of 60.8 feet to the point of beginning; situated in Cullman County, AL.

Said property is commonly known as 203 County Road 591, Hanceville, AL 35077. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said sale is being made for the purpose of applying the proceeds to the debt secured by the mortgage and the expenses of foreclosure. The auctioneer will give to the purchaser an Auctioneer's deed subject to ad valorem taxes due October 1, 2022, 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,

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Sadie (from Front)

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

Freckled-faced, brown-eyed girl, Sadie is a 1-1.5-year-old Anatolian/hound mix. Her breeds are known to be loyal, reserved and watchful over their people, and this unassuming girl is already a pro at walking on her leash.

Sadie is a low-energy dog who, true to her loyal nature, prefers to be close to her human family and is responsive to their social and training cues.

With her eager to please temperament, Sadie could easily be trained to be an excellent therapy dog and already fits the job description as a companion, hiking and wallowing on the couch with a good book friend.

Sadie'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).

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Or visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Obituary Announcements: July 16-18

Danny Joe Mickle, 64
Danny Joe Mickle, 64, of Hanceville, passed from this life on July 18, 2022, at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Oct. 17, 1957, to Chester Pete AND Shelba Mae Fowler Mickle. A memorial service will be planned and announced by the family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mickle family. Mr. Mickle was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Pete & Shelba Mae Fowler Mickle; and his brother, Doug Mickle.He is survived by his daughters: April Imler & Amber Wallace; his son: Daniel Mickle; stepchildren: Chuck Langseth and Kemberlee Johnson; his sister: Dana Mickle Willingham; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Carolyn Davidson Tolbert, 84
Carolyn Davidson Tolbert, 84 of Double Springs, entered into rest on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family.Carolyn was born Feb. 24, 1938, in Birmingham, Alabama to Daniel Curtis Shealy and Carrie Lee McCarty Shealy. The family will receive friends on Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 11 am - noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where a memorial service will be at noon. Johnny Douglas will officiate.Carolyn is survived by her daughters: Robin Davidson Caine and her husband Bob, Lori Davidson Weaver and her husband Gary, and Tracy Davidson Snoddy and her husband Jason; grandchildren: Meredith Little, Rachel Little, Nathan Pullen, Amy Pullen, Sarah Pullen-Hendrix, Emily Pullen, Kristen Douglas, and Elizabeth Bomer; great grandchild: Lorelie Floyd; sister: Betty Sharon "Sherry" Snoddy; brother: Charles Frank Shealy; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husbands, Bill Davidson and Bill Tolbert.

Terry Melton, 62
Terry Melton, age 62 of Hanceville passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on July 16, 2022. He was born in Jefferson County, Alabama on Feb. 15, 1960, to Earl Melton, Jr. and Janice Albers Melton. Terry was a faithful member of the Union Hill Church of Christ. He loved God and his family wholeheartedly and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing with his grandchildren. He will be enormously missed. He is preceded in death by his parents: Earl and Janice Melton. He is survived by his wife: Susan Melton; children: Nathan (Kaylee) Melton and Lauren Melton; grandchildren: Raelyn Henderson, Lillian Henderson and Brilee Melton; sisters: Sandra (Joel) Brant and Jennifer Hall; a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 2 p.m. from the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Josh Kraft officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from noon until the time of the service on Wednesday. Serving as pallbearers will be Nathan Melton, Mark Black, Joel Brant, Mike Cornelius, Jim Gormley, Drew Manley. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Melton Family.

Stacy Dion Edwards, 46
Stacy Dion Edwards, age 46 of Hanceville passed away at his home on Sunday, July 17, 2022. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on June 24, 1976, to Terry Dion Edwards and Beckie Ann Chapman Edwards. He was preceded in death by his parents. Stacy is survived by his daughters: Raegan Elizabeth Edwards and Samantha "Samee" Edwards; mother of his children: Rachel (Nick) Kelsoe; brother: Alan Edwards; nieces: Brittney Wood and Lexi Edwards; a host of great nieces and great nephews. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 4 p.m. with Randall Walker officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until service time on Saturday. Private graveside services will be held later. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Edwards Family.

Joan Marie Green, 71
Joan Marie Green, 71, of Vinemont entered into rest on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at her residence. She was born Sept. 29, 1950. Joan loved spending time with her family, playing horseshoes, having cookouts and working in her flowerbeds. She enjoyed going to flea markets and yard sales. She collected clocks and hummingbirds. She loved wearing jewelry and getting her nails done. She especially loved dessert and the Alabama Crimson Tide. But her greatest love of all was our Daddy. She is survived by her husband, Donald Green; daughters: Shelly Green, Shelby Shelby, Donna Gilley, Aimee Green and Donna Sue Schroeder; son: David Gilley; bonus sons: Shannon Twitty, Steve Murray and Joe Colvin; sisters: Christine Bartos, Mary Allison, Barbara Thomas and Celestine Pearman and brother: Brian Mally; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Frank and Julia Mally; brothers: Frank Mally, Pat Mally and William Mally. The funeral service will be Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5-7 p.m.

Myra Gail Henderson Hendrix, 77
Myra Gail Henderson Hendrix, of Holly Pond, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2022, at the age of 77. She was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Aug. 19, 1944, to William Emery and Doris Scott Henderson. Myra worked in the office administration field for many years, and she was a member of Holly Pond First United Methodist Church. She liked flowers, and she also enjoyed reading. But what made Myra happiest was to talk! Myra could talk to anyone about anything. She loved to socialize and making a new friend brought her joy. As a lifetime resident of the Holly Pond area, Myra loved to share stories of the past and of the community she loved. She also loved to talk about her family and to hear about yours. Myra was a friend to many in our area, as well as a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be missed very much by many people. Ms. Hendrix is preceded in death by her parents; her brother: Larry Henderson; her daughter: Karen Boychi; and granddaughter: Lou Wisener. She is survived by her daughter: Kristi Anders and her husband: Barney; grandchildren: Michael Boychi and wife Twee, Matthew Boychi, Jacob Walker, Dylon Boychi, Kendal Thornton and husband Daniel, Mason May and wife Alesha; and her great-grandchildren: Karen Boychi, Daniel Boychi, Karigan Thornton, Korbin Thornton, Kenna Thornton, Kinsley May, Champ Wisener, and Emma Wisener.Friends are invited to join the family Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from 3-4:30 p.m., for a time of visitation. A graveside service will be held at Holly Pond Cemetery at 5 p.m., on Tuesday. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to care for the Hendrix family.

Sister Margaret Siffert, 58
Sister Margaret Siffert, O.S.B., a Benedictine Sister of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama, died on Thursday, July 14, at the age of 58, after an extended illness. Sisters and family members kept vigil at her bedside during her final days. Reception of the Body with Vespers for the Dead will be held Monday, July 18, at 4:45 p.m. in Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel in Cullman, followed by Visitation until 7:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, July 19, at 10 a.m. with Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B., presiding. Interment in the monastery cemetery will follow. Born in 1963 in Eunice, LA, to Herschell and Verda Mae Siffert, Margaret was baptized at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Eunice. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Margaret embarked on a lengthy career in Human Resources administration. After lovingly raising her two children, Margaret began to discern a call to religious life, discerning with the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama. Margaret entered the monastic community as a Postulant in August of 2020. In August 2021, she entered the Novitiate, becoming Sister Margaret. After a few months as a Novice, Sister Margaret became ill, eventually receiving the diagnosis of a rapidly advancing terminal illness. With special permission from the Vatican, Sister Margaret was allowed to make her Monastic Profession early in light of her terminal illness. On Sunday, April 24, Sister Margaret made her Perpetual Monastic Profession. During Sister Margaret's nearly two years in the monastic community, she was a joyful and prayerful presence. Her devotion to prayer was ever-present. Deep faith in God's ways and God's call marked her journey. During her illness, Sister Margaret's faith was an anchor. Sister Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; a sister-in-law: Tammy Siffert; and a niece: Gretchen Siffert. Survivors include her children: Catherine Walker (Billy) and Matthew Guillory (Tayler); grandchildren: Emma, Adelyn, and Wyatt; siblings: Mary Siffert Balleza, Linda Siffert Hulme, John Siffert, James Siffert, Dolores Siffert Coffey, Robert Siffert, Paul Siffert, and Christopher Siffert; her Benedictine Sisters; and extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama, 916 Convent Road, Cullman, AL, 35055.

Sheledia Renee Gammon, 55
Funeral service for Sheledia Renee Gammon, 55, of Birmingham, formerly of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethlehem West Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the service.Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.Renee passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022, at St. Vincent's East Hospital. She was born May 18, 1967, to Arnold and Velma Rodgers Lindsey. She loved her family, especially her kids and grandbabies. She loved flowers and gardening. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband: Blaine Winstead; son: Drew (Kennedy) Gammon; daughter: Karli (Ethan) Buckelew; brothers: Glenn (Maebelle) Lindsey, Tim (Ellen) Lindsey, Mark (Amy) Lindsey; sister: Brenda Lindsey (Louis) Muro; grandchildren: Ryker, Briggs, Kordi Sue and Carter; father-in-law: Hayward Winstead; family and friends.

Carol Ann Ferrell, 76
Carol Ann Ferrell, 76, of Vinemont passed away Friday, July 15th, 2022, at Cullman Regional Hospital. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ferrell family. Carol was born April 3, 1946, to James Edward & Dorothy Victoria Bennett Gearhart. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Joyce Jones. Survivors include her husband: Dallas Ferrell; daughter: Pamela (Larry) Johnson; sisters: Dannalene Hoover, Norma Bilger, Victoria Mahlon; grandchildren: Christopher Johnson, Daniel (Madison) Johnson, Emily Johnson; great-grandchildren: Hadleigh Johnson and one on the way; family and friends.

Estelle Rowe, 83
Estelle Rowe, age 83 of Hanceville, passed away Friday, July 15, 2022, at her home. Estelle was born April 8, 1939, in Cullman, Alabama to Valentine Leipert Sr. and Theresa Chandler Leipert.She is preceded in death by her husband: Evon Rowe; parents: Valentine Sr. and Theresa Leipert; son-in-law: Wade Holmes; brothers: Ervin, Joe, Alvie, Asple, Eugene, James and Valentine Jr. Leipert; sisters: Irma Chasteen and Odell Bice; sister-in-law: Winnie Atkins; brother-in-law, George Benny Rowe. She is survived by her children: Carrlon Holmes, Randall (Maria) Rowe and Melissa (Steve) Harrison-Atchley; nine grandchildren: Brian (Hester) Pagan, Kipp (Angela) Harrison, Courtney Lynn, Camden (Katie) Holmes, Elizabeth (Brandon) Robinson, Caleb (Kayla) Holmes, Ben (Tori) Pagan and Andrea (Phillip) Hall; 14 great grandchildren, Haley, Cody, Jackson "Jack", Karli Jo, Brantley, Coty, Jaxtson "Jax," Addi June, Rori, Corah Greyson "Grey," Kenadi and Atticus; sisters-in-law: Sue Reynolds and Betty Leipert; brother-in-law: Jerry (Bobbi) Rowe; a host of nieces, nephews and church family.Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. from the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Junior Wolfe and Brother Wayne Wisener officiating. Burial will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday evening from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Serving as pallbearers will be Kipp Harrison, Camden Holmes, Caleb Holmes, Brandon Robinson, Phillip Hall, Neal Boren, Rick Leipert and Darrell Leipert. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rowe Family.

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Display (from Front)

local quilters have confirmed they will be bringing their own handmade/antique quilts.

Mauldin invited anyone with a special quilt to bring it out to the show where it can be displayed with a notecard listing its history and owner.

The quilts will be hanging in the windows of the church so visitors can see both sides.

Waldrep said she doesn't plan to sell her quilts at the show.

"My kids wouldn't like me selling them," she smiled. But she is excited for the chance to show them off.

For more information, contact Mauldin at 256-347-2173. Flat Rock Church is located at 1670 County Road 933 in Crane Hill.

Tips (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabamians are no strangers to severe weather. Still, it helps to remind oneself of the basics of storm preparation once in a while.

Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tim Sartin said it's important to be ready before bad weather comes your way.

"It's pretty important to know how to do everything and to know where all of your storm shelters are," he said. "It's important to know what to do, when to do it and how to do it."

Sartin discussed some tips for the community.

"When severe weather comes, you want to have a flashlight available. You want to make sure that your phone is charged. Make sure that you have a portable radio or some way of communication available to get alerts," he said.

"You want to have a helmet just in case you're stuck in your house. A bicycle helmet would be a good thing to have. Make sure that you have a day's worth of supplies and medication you can use if your house is blown away."

He added, "Make sure that you have at least 72 hours' worth of supplies for yourself and your family. There's multiple shelters throughout the county. There's a shelter in every community. In town, there's tornado shelters. In the city of Cullman, there's shelters in the north part of town."

The EMA maintains a list of all community storm shelters. Find it at https://tinyurl.com/cullmanstormshelters.

"You also want to make sure to stay away from windows and doors. You want to stay towards the center of the building, and you want to get something to shield yourself with. Make sure that you have a little to-go backpack where you have all of your stuff stored in it," continued Sartin.

"Another thing is everyone needs to make sure that they have multiple ways of getting warnings and not rely on the tornado sirens to give them their warnings because those are made for you to hear outside.

"They are not made for you to hear inside the house, so you want to have multiple ways, like telephone, TVs and radios to get warnings."

Sartin said residents can find more information about how to prepare themselves and their pets for severe weather and other emergencies at www.cullmanema.org and www.ready.gov.

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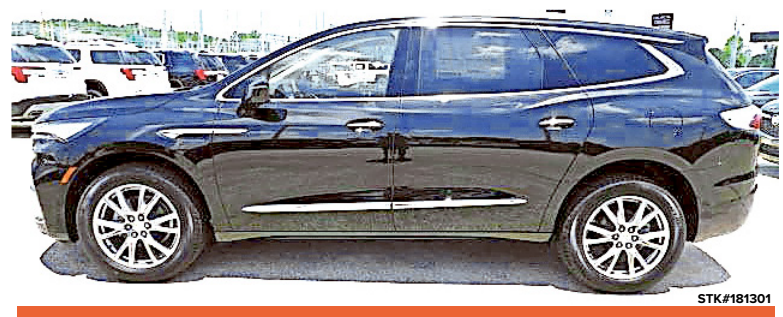
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