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2nd Ave. NE expected to reopen to traffic in matter of weeks

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After many months of rerouted traffic, the portion of Second Avenue NE that runs along Depot Park and in front of the Cullman Police Department is expected to be "open near the beginning of August, and 'substantial completion' should be near the end of the August," according to City of Cullman Engineer Erica York.

Included in the project, which started near the beginning of 2022 are "new curb and gutter, ADA-compliant sidewalks, brick pavers, decorative lighting, addition of nearly 100 on-street parking spaces, the removal of overhead utility obstacles and new pavement."

Said York, "A large focus of this project has been to get the city within ADA compliance. While there may be some minor inconveniences at this time, it is important that we capital- » PAGE 5



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Condition of Second Avenue Northeast, facing south, as of July 25

Cullman's Carter Early, 7, punches ticket to Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship



CANDI HOLLIS

Carter Early, 7, of Cullman, will compete in the Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship in Tennessee in August.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Seven-year-old Carter Early has been on the "Road to Loretta's" since February, his mother Candi Hollis told The Tribune.

The West Elementary second grader has been selected to race in the "Olympics of motocross." Hollis said this is the world's largest and most prestigious amateur motocross race.

"My son races motocross and has been trying to qualify for the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship," Hollis said.

"It requires a two-step process of qualification from an area qualifier to a regional championship to the national championship.

"At the area qualifier you will need to place at least within the top nine to advance.

"(In) the regional championship you will » PAGE 2



CANDI HOLLIS

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See 'Peter and the Wolf' July 29

One show only!

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Magnificent artwork and superior hospitality

Art in the Warehouse District shines



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Longtime friends Debbie Pridmore, left, and Lynda Goldstein, right, pose for a photo at the Art in the Warehouse District event Friday, July 22, at Leldon's. » PAGE 6

Eckenrod Ford hosts free car show for local car enthusiasts

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 25, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 21

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 463
- menacing; Co. Rd. 520
- domestic violence, menacing; Co. Rd. 1568
- violation of protection order, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 308
- assault; Co. Rd. 149
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1485
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1693
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 818
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy 278W

July 22

- burglary; Hwy 91
- criminal mischief; 2nd St. S.E, Hanceville
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1242
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 222
- domestic violence; Commercial St. N.E, Hanceville
- violation of protection order; Hwy 69N
- assault, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1625

July 23

- theft of property; Hwy 157
- receiving stolen property; Co. Rd. 606
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1669
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 424
- theft of property; Hwy 91
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1342
- assault; Co. Rd. 801

July 24

- assault; Hwy 278E
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 157
- giving false information to law enforcement; Co. Rd. 1650
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; I65SB MM300
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 278E

ARRESTS

July 21

Adams, Jerrica L; 32

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Bennett, Tyler W; 26

- FTA – DUI

Clay, Cody L; 34

- FTA – criminal trespassing

Cummings, Tammy J; 56

- sell/distribute methamphetamine (2 counts)

Hann, Barbara J; 52

- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-menacing-knife

Henderson, Casey P; 54

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order

Henderson, Rachael M; 41

- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Norris, Brandon S; 31

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Scott, James, T; 38

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Smith, Rodney L; 33

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Roger D; 39

- Bail Jumping – auto theft

Sterling, Pattie L; 63

- Grand Jury – drug trafficking
- Grand Jury – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- Grand Jury – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Thomas, Merlin E; 40

- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Thornton, Gregory S; 33

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

July 22

Ball, Johnna M; 22

- assault – harassment

Hudson, Danny R; 43

- FTA – possession of amphetamine

Keasler, Christopher D; 49

- FTA – driving without license in possession

July 23

Coker, John C; 18

- public intoxication

Griffin, Heather N; 31

- FTA – promoting prison contraband
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – larceny
- FTA – criminal trespassing

Hall, Rhyan R; 27

- FTA – receiving stolen vehicle

Ingram, Bridget N; 25

- FTA - assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Johnson, Matthew L; 38

- FTA – possession of concealed weapon without permit

Pullen-Clapper, Michael D; 31

- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

July 24

Anders, Shaun D; 31

- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – no motorcycle endorsement
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – switched tag

Hilton, Nancy G; 60

- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Horton, Justin B; 33

- FTA – assault-aggravated assault-family-knife
- FTA – attempted murder

Huskey, Tammie L; 28

- FTA – receiving stolen property
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA – running red light

Kelso, James G; 29

- giving false identification to law enforcement officer

King, Kenneth C; 42

- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia – 2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drug (2 counts)
- FTA – possessing forged instrument

McDonald, Phillip R; 56

- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

Miguel, Manual F; 22

- public intoxication

Pearce, Troy E; 33

- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Proffitt, Tiffany L; 27

- Probation Revocation–family offense–endangering child

Sanchez, Ali B; 21

- DUI

Smith, Evon J; 38

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

South, Jason H; 44

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense
- FTA – receiving stolen property
- FTA – operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – exceeding reasonable road speed

Widner, Joey R; 49

- possession of drug paraphernalia – 1st offense

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 21

- burglary – 3rd degree; Hickory Ave. S.W; copper wiring; $3,500

July 22

- domestic violence – 3rd degree
- leaving the scene of accident; 3rd St. S.E; damage to 2014 GMC; $100
- criminal trespassing; 4th Ave. S.E.
- theft of property – 1st degree; Pansy St. N.W; trailer; $6,000

July 23

- theft of property – 4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $242
- theft of property – 3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; laptops; $546
- theft of property – 3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $795

July 24

- harassing communications
- theft of property – 1st degree; Ave. C S.E; 2013 Kawasaki; $5,000
- burglary – 3rd degree; Co. Rd. 1170; miscellaneous, damaged property; $891

ARRESTS

July 22

Harris, Ethan J; 29

- public intoxication
- resisting arrest
- FTA – expired tag (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)

Keasler, Christopher D; 49

- FTA – insurance violation

Overton, Joseph R; 30

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Wright, Noah L; 22

- FTA – insurance violation

July 23

Linn, Rachel A; 38

- theft of property – 4th degree

Ruatti, Bashir P; 36

- FTA – theft of property - 4th degree (5 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespassing – 3rd degree (3 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – providing false information to law enforcement officer
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

July 24

Anders, Shaun D; 31

- FTA – driving while suspended

Harris, Christopher P; 31

- FTA – criminal trespassing – 3rd degree

Lovell, Anthony R; 47

- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Price, Jenifer N; 34

- FTA – theft of property – 2 counts
- FTA – criminal trespassing – 3rd degree

Smith, Evon J; 38

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
- FTA – providing false information to law enforcement
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – failure to register vehicle

South, Jason H; 44

- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while revoked

Taylor, Cassie E; 33

- FTA – theft of property – 4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Small plane makes hard landing on Smith Lake

ALEA
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Saturday, July 23, Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Marine Patrol Division responded to marine-related incident involving a small plane on Smith Lake.

A single plane executed a hard landing on Smith Lake near Cane Creek in Cullman County.

During the course of the landing, the plane was not severely damaged and there were no reported injuries.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with ALEA's Marine Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Berlin celebrates 'Sweet Grown Alabama Day'

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BERLIN, Ala. — As a celebration of locally grown products and farmers' markets, statewide nonprofit Sweet Grown Alabama hosted "Sweet Grown Alabama Day" Saturday, July 23. Six farmers markets across the state participated with special events, and one of those markets was in Berlin.

Along with local farmers, there was a handful of vendors at the Berlin Farmers' Market, including Eager Beever Farms, Belle Mercantile and Dixie Meat Processing. Representatives of the North Alabama Agriplex were also on-site to promote the Power of Produce (PoP) program, which teaches kids about the goodness of fresh, local produce and on Saturday empowered them with $5 in PoP bucks to spend on produce, plants and other natural items at the farmers' market. Kids also enjoyed samples of lemonade and mini blueberry yogurt parfaits, took part in a sunflower potting project and got free farm "tattoos" courtesy of the Agriplex.

Chandler Sandlin, an intern from Sweet Grown Alabama, talked about how this special event got started and about the Berlin Farmers' Market hosting its inaugural Sweet Grown Alabama event.

"It was first started with a conjunction with Alfa. The (Alabama) Department of Ag(riculture and Industries) and the commissioner came together to create a state branding program for Alabama to support local farmers and to help get the word out to consumers to buy and to support local produce," said Sandlin.

"We've got over 300 members now and we have a database online that they can find all of our members by product or by zip code. We connect the consumer to the farmer."

She added, "This is the first time doing this event here. We connected with the Berlin Farmers' Market and today is 'Sweet Grown Alabama Day' at the farmers' market. We're encouraging people to get out and buy local and visit their farmers' market."

Sandlin said she was happy to see so many people turn out at the Berlin event.

"It is extremely special to get out and see and meet people, talk to all of the farmers and talk to the consumers. We're really stressing how important it is to buy local produce and keep that in our local economy because for about every dollar, 60 cents remains in the local community, so we try to stress the importance of how to find local produce," she said.

"It's amazing. I'm so glad and happy that people came out and supported this event. I had a great time out here, seeing all of the kids and all of the families having a great time.

"They have a great program over there in the Power of Produce and they've been really pushing that. That's a great program that they have for the kids."

Sandlin is from Cullman, so she said she was happy to come back home and help support the Berlin Farmers' Market.

"I'm from Cullman, so it's great to get out here and support local within our county," she said.

"It's great to come back home and see familiar faces and support an economy that is local and support all of these people out here. We will host this event next year and we're happy to help out in any way possible."

Saturday was officially declared Sweet Grown Alabama Day at The Farmers Market by Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey.

Learn more about Sweet Grown Alabama at www.sweetgrownalabama.org.

Early (from Front)

need to place within the top six to advance to the national championship."

Early will be racing in the Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship at Loretta Lynn Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee.

Hollis said Early started riding his dirt bike for fun in their yard when he turned 5.

"We noticed how quickly he picked up on it," she said.

"Within a few short months, we started taking him to local arena races.

"It didn't take long, and he started bringing home first-place finishes. He advanced very quickly.

"Anyone in the motocross community calls training for the largest amateur motocross competition in the world being 'the road to Loretta's,' because it passes through many states over hundreds of miles. Making it to the end is an achievement of a lifetime."

Hollis said the family had a long road to get Early to this point, so it means even more now.

"We were actually hit by an 18-wheeler coming home from his very first qualifier in Mississippi, but he continued to race after taking some time off to recover," Hollis said.

"This race is a huge deal but even bigger to us after what had happened."

The Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship will take place Aug. 1-6.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) 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 27 - 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 29 - 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 31 - 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 by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Harry Potter Birthday Party
Friday, July 29 at 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Public Library main branch. Attendees will make their own wands and dragon eggs. All ages are welcome to attend. For the smallest children who may not be able to make the wands, there will be coloring sheets available. Costumes are encouraged.

One show only! "Peter and the Wolf"
• Friday, July 29, 6 p.m.
• Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717, Cullman
• Dinner and performance: $25
• Purchase tickets at https://balletsouth.booktix.com

Cullman Community Theatre "Junie B. Jones the Musical Jr." Auditions
Friday and Saturday, July 29-30 from 9 a.m.-noon at The Little House at Art Park located at 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. Auditions are open to all kids Cullman County ages 8-15. Those auditioning must be accompanied by a parent and be prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from a script.

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.

Freedom Fest
Vinemont Schools will host their annual back-to-school event, the second annual Freedom Fest, on school grounds Friday, Aug. 5 from 5-8 p.m. The free event will include food, school supplies, inflatables, face painting, games, live music and a car show. Teachers, band members, football players and cheerleaders will also be on hand to meet and mingle with students, their families and community members.

Rock the South
Aug. 5-6 at 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. Headliners include Morgan Wallen and Alabama. Get more information and purchase tickets at www.rockthesouth.com.

Heartland Quilters Yard Sale
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, 2022, at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Drive, Cullman. Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon. On Saturday, everything will be 1/2 off.

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

West Point Movie Night
• 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.

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

July 25, 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: 28.8%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 487,209 (increase of 5,725)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,138 (increase of 16)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 10.7%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 9,313 (increase of 109)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 55 (no change)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,471
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• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 11,706

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• Doses delivered to Alabama: 9,978,495
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• Doses administered: 6,225,513 (increase of 8,195)
• Additional doses administered: 909,626 (increase of 1,748)
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,895,411 (increase of 1,410)
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,394,338 (increase of 1,145)
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 4,925,230

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‘Play with every piece of your heart’: Kaitlyn Benson looks back on her Aggie years

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Fairview softball player Kaitlyn Benson. Benson made a lot of special memories in her Aggie years, both on and off the field.

“I have so many great memories playing softball. I have always enjoyed the times we spent bonding as a team. I have made friendships that will last me beyond high school,” Benson said. “A moment playing softball that I will never forget is when I hit my first home run because that feeling was so rewarding. I remember head coach Annie King giving me a high five as I rounded third base and telling me it was about time. Senior Night was also a great memory because so much effort was put into it, and it was an emotional night for all of us. The days where we had to fix a wet field to be able to play was something we always had a good time with also.”

She added, “High school is just a different experience within itself. I moved to Fairview from Parkside my ninth-grade year was very hard at first, but eventually, I made new friends and enjoyed it.

“My senior year was the most memorable for me. The record football season we had was something cool to remember for my senior year. Homecoming week was the best week of the whole year. Being a senior, we had lots of special events and made memories I’ll never forget.”

Benson played for Head Coach Annie King for five years and learned so many great things from her.

“Coach King took over my eighth-grade year as our new head coach and I had no clue what to expect. It didn’t take long to get to know her and adjust to the changes,” Benson said.

“She was very knowledgeable about the game and had so much to teach us. She always made it clear that she cared about us beyond softball and was a person I could trust, not only as a coach, but as someone I could talk to. I remember her always saying she wanted us to grow and thrive playing softball, but also teach us how to grow up and be successful women and one day, mothers.”

Benson added, “Whenever I would sign out during softball season, I would go down to the gym, sit with her, and talk about what we were going to do at practice or about the upcoming game that afternoon. I learned so much about softball as well as just fundamental skills. I appreciate all of the time she took with me individually when I was struggling with something. There were many times I was frustrated over something that happened in a game or at practice, but she took the time to sit me down, boost my confidence, and put in extra work to fix it.”

Benson learned a lot during her time at Fairview and feels very blessed to be an Aggie.

“I feel like my time at Fairview gave me some life lessons. I have been taught leadership by being active in softball and school-related clubs. It also taught me how to coexist with others and always be a friend to someone who needs it because you never know what they’re going through,” Benson said.

“Fairview is a very small town out in the country and that gives everyone the chance to know everyone, and we learn to love and take care of our people no matter what. Fairview will forever be a special part of my life and a special place in my heart.”

She added, “Fairview’s like a family. I have heard people often say, ‘our Fairview family’, or, ‘Fairview is family.’ My teachers always showed me love and compassion. They cared for me and did so many things for me past just teaching me during a given period. They wanted to truly see us be successful in life and to me, that meant so much.”

Benson will deeply miss being at Fairview next year and will also miss being a leader to the younger players.

“I will truly miss all of my teachers that helped me and cared so much for me. Sitting at the football, basketball, and softball games is going to bring back some memories and be sad, but I’m excited for the future,” Benson said. “I will miss all of the activities we did as a school and a class and mostly friends that I won’t see as often or some I may not see any more. Not being able to play softball anymore is the thing that I will miss the most. Being a leader for this team was great. I have always tried to be a leader and set an example, but with this group of girls, it was so easy. They were determined, driven, and always looking for a way to get better or help out. I believe they can be very successful in the future.


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Fairview’s Kaitlyn Benson

“One thing that I taught them was to never give up and push through the cold and hot practices. I always wanted to work hard and give it 110% as my dad would say, because I expected the same effort from everyone else. I hope the younger girls push themselves to their full potential.”

“My message to them on Senior Night and read them at our area tournament was to leave everything on the field and play with every piece of your heart because time flies faster than you think, and it wasn’t long until they would be standing in my shoes. One day, this game wouldn’t be their whole life, so don’t ever take it for granted because when that final game comes, you want to make sure you wouldn’t change a thing.”

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

“Starting high school may be scary to you because it was for me, but soon that will go away and you won’t remember what you were even scared about,” Benson said.

“These next four years will fly by and you will be a senior sitting in the chairs at graduation wondering where it all went. I think it helps not to care about what others think or changing anything about yourself to fit in. Do all of the extra things. Get involved in some type of club or extracurricular activity. Do not be afraid or scared; just enjoy it.”

‘Every game matters’: Good Hope’s Addie Stripling ready for senior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The 2021 season was a special one for the Good Hope Lady Raider volleyball. Good Hope put together a run to the state tournament for the first time since 2009 and one of this year’s seniors, Addie Stripling, feels blessed to be coming back to play another season with a great group of teammates.

“It was so much fun. I loved every second of it. It was an amazing experience, especially with my team. Volleyball is such a fun sport, but with the girls that are on my team, that makes it so much better,” Stripling said. “There was never a dull moment with them, and we always make the most of every minute, especially in a game. We were all very close, so this helped when we were playing. We trusted each other more, which is a very important part of the game.”

Stripling has spent time with the younger players going over a lot of important things on the volleyball court. There will be a lot of experience coming back to this year’s team and that will play a big role for the Lady Raiders in 2022.

“Since I’m a defensive specialist, I work with the passers and teach them correct form. I also work with them about footwork and how to have quick feet. Anticipating on where the ball is going next is really big as well,” Stripling said.

“We have five seniors on the team that have been on varsity for two or more years. We also have a junior that has been on the team for three years and we have two players that will be on varsity for the first time: Emma Bailey and Makenzie Cruce. I always encourage them that we need to have good attitudes and good energy during games. All of the upperclassmen always push our desire to win, because we want to win no matter what it takes. If we have good attitudes, good energy, and our desire to win, then we can go even further than the Elite Eight.”

Stripling has played for coach Natasha Holder for her volleyball career so far and has learned an important lesson from her.

“Coach Holder is a great coach. She always wants what’s best for us as a team. She’s caring and loving. She always looks out for us outside of sports,” Stripling said. “She pushes me to be my best in volleyball, school, and in my personal life. I have learned that if I make a mistake, just shake it off and put it behind me.”

Stripling talked about how important it is to be a leader to the younger players and she has made so many great memories with this team on and off the court.

“It’s very important to be a leader on this team. They need good role models to look up to. I’ve had several good role models to look up to throughout the years and I’ve always wanted to be a good leader, someone for the younger girls to look up to,” Stripling said. “The team is special because we all have good relationships with each other, and we would do anything to help each other out. I know that if I was in trouble or if I needed someone to do something for me, I can go to one of my teammates. We’re so much fun to watch because we’re aggressive and scrappy. We try our best not to let the ball touch the ground. We also have amazing hitters that can slam the ball down and that’s so fun to watch.”

The team’s expectations haven’t changed one bit since last season and Stripling has set aside some goals for herself, along with the team’s goals as well.

“Our expectations for this season is going to the state championship game and our goal is to win state. I believe we can do it and the team believe we can do it, especially coach Holder,” Stripling said.

“My goals this year is to be all-time libero, have perfect passes on serve receive, always being in the right spot, and communicating by telling the hitters where the holes in the court are and working on taking control of the back row. Our goals are to mainly have as few mistakes as possible but be aggressive with every play. We don’t want to send any free balls over and we have to make everything harder for our opponent.”

Stripling mentioned another moment that she’ll always remember from last season. Making it to state for the first time in 12 years was definitely special for the Lady Raiders and they learned so much about being there.

“Another great moment from last season was definitely winning county. It was a very tough game against a great team,” Stripling said. “I feel like that was one of the hardest games we’ve ever played. We earned that county title with the way we worked and played.”

She added, “We learned that every game matters. They all lead up to the state tournament and each game is important, so this year, we’ll show up and play every game with everything we got. We can’t have any off days. We got to show up and show out. Making it to state last year was all so new to us. It was a very big “wow” moment for us. We got into our heads just thinking, ‘It’s crazy that we’re here.’ But now, we’re prepared for whatever teams we play, and we’ll give it everything we got.”


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Good Hope’s Addie Stripling





Traffic (from Front)

ize on the opportunity of a grant-funded project which provides people of all abilities the chance to enjoy the many events put on by the City and other entities in the area."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs agreed that the availability of grants to fund the majority of the project was key.

"As Cullman continues to see record growth within the city, it is important that we find long-term solutions to prevent and remediate long-time obstacles - especially when almost all the funding is an outside source via grants," he said.

"It has been amazing how well the project has gone considering all the supply chain issues, labor force issues and inflation-related issues that we are facing all throughout the nation," he continued.

"From the contractors to all of the subcontractors, they have worked very hard in some very rainy spring conditions to the current extremely hot conditions here at the end, and we appreciate their efforts."

Jacobs was quick to point out that the project, as with many others, has been a group endeavor. "From securing the grant, to developing design, to getting with the adjacent property owners, to the engineering, to the laying of bricks, electrical and pavement- this has all been a team effort and we cannot wait to see the end result here in the next few weeks I am excited to see this grant-funded project complete, the new Monograms Plus building over by the railroad tracks and the Cullman Middle School renovation and expansion.

"The improvements of this area will really enhance the downtown area of Cullman."

It should be noted that, while the street construction will be completed soon, the Cullman City School's Capital Improvement Plan project at Cullman Middle School may impact the area during its construction.



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Vintage cars on display at Eckenrod Ford Sunday, July 24

Car show (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Eckenrod Ford dealership along Alabama Highway 157 held a "car enthusiasts" car show Sunday evening. The lot was blocked off so individuals could safely walk around the vintage cars. For this show, owners were able to drive up and park their show cars without any required registration.

Eckenrod Ford has hosted the "All Ford Fun Day" car show for 23 years on the second Saturday in April where they show hundreds of vintage Fords and bring in thousands of viewers. Participants are awarded Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Paint Job., etc. The winner of each show gets to showcase his or her car on the dealership showroom floor the next year.

"There are Mustang Clubs, and people come from a long way off. It's known pretty well," said Donnie Pearson, Eckenrod Ford sales associate. The annual show brings people from all over north Alabama and Tennessee.

But for this Sunday's car show, any make or model vehicle was welcome to cruise in and show off.

"People can bring any car they like, it's just a fun drive-in. Its just a cruise-in with all kinds of cars.

"Fords are all we show in April, but this is just for anybody that wants to bring their car out and show it off," said Detail Manager Terry Pearson.

Eckenrod Ford hosts nearly monthly free shows for local car enthusiasts, giving them the opportunity to fellowship and show off their cars to other vintage car owners.

Donnie Pearson brought his own '55 Chevrolet that he has owned for 10 years and a '95 Ford convertible.

Keep an eye on www.facebook.com/eckenrod.ford.3 to learn about upcoming shows.

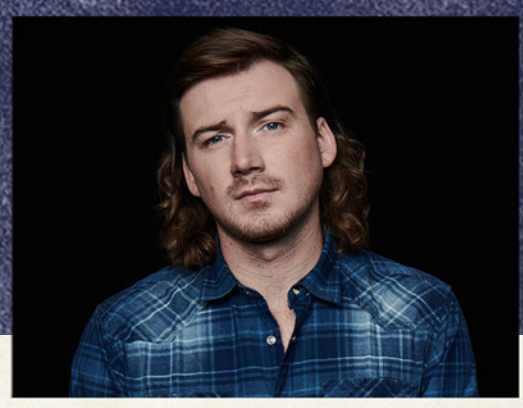
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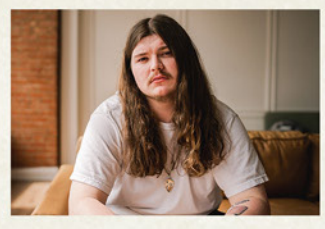




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‘We Got the Beat’

Holly Pond Bronco Band getting ready for fall

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The Holly Pond band practices fundamentals under second-year band director Steven Porter.

HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Bronco Band finished its two-week fundamentals camp Friday and will start perfecting its halftime performance this week. In its second season under director Steven Porter, the band has 26 band members.

“Camp’s going well so far. We’re having great weather for it,” Porter told The Tribune last week. “Our halftime show will be ‘We Got the Beat.’ The songs will be ‘We Got The Beat’ by the Go-Go’s, ‘Rock It!’ by Heriberto Hancock, ‘Congo’ by Gloria Estefan and ‘Can’t Stop the Beat’ from the musical ‘Hairspray.’”

Porter said he will have some new band members this marching season and looks to continue to build up the numbers.

“I have five new band members that didn’t march last year. Building the numbers is a process that takes time and dedication.

“We are working and trusting the process to grow the band members into dedicated, responsible and accountable members that will strive to do their best in whatever they choose to do,” Porter said.

He added, “I began my journey there in August of 2021. I started the second week of school and it’s been a whirlwind and roller coaster of emotions, but my wife and I were welcomed into the community with open arms and wonderful support from the band boosters.”

There are four seniors in the band: Hayden Ritchie (percussion section leader and snare player), Jeffrey Aspinwall (low brass section leader and tuba player), Ella Crider (color guard captain) and Kennedy Byer (color guard).

“He’s very intense. He loves what he does, and he takes everything with pride. He’s straightforward, tells you how it is and how to improve,” Ritchie said of Porter.

“I learned to be a leader, how to be there for other people, how to be a good role model and set an example for everyone else.”

“He’s real fun at times, but he can also have those moments when everything feels more intense.

“He’s very straightforward and focused. He’s really good for this band. It’s exactly what we needed,” Aspinwall said.

“We’ve learned discipline and respect. We’ve learned so much about music that it’s beneficial to everyday life.”

“He’s just passionate about what he does. He doesn’t slack off and he doesn’t make us slack off. He tells us what needs to be done and then we do it,” Crider said.

“We’ve learned respect, discipline and how to have a great work ethic. He doesn’t give up on us, so we don’t give up on him.”

“He pushes us to do the best we can because he knows we’re capable of doing it. He never underestimates anybody,” Byer said.

“I’ve learned discipline, marching, twirling and planks.”

Aspinwall said he feels blessed to be a part of a very special band at Holly Pond.

“I think band really inspires people... I think it’s really helped the people (who are) shy. It’s helped a lot of the people in the band because a lot of them are reserved, but the band has brought them out of their shell more and more throughout the years,” he said.

More than half of the band members are freshman, but the seniors have guided them and given them advice.

“Work hard, practice and don’t give up,” Crider said.

“I’ve helped them get better at what they do. I’ve helped inspire them and encourage them to do what they can for the band,” Aspinwall said.

“I’ve taught them how to play, how to march, be respectful and be there for others,” Ritchie said.

Artwork (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Leldon Maxcy opened the doors of his specialty gift shop to local art aficionados Friday night and introduced several artists who are featured in his store, Leldon’s. The evening was also the debut of Leldon’s bigger showroom, which has almost double the space available for shoppers.

The show benefited the United Way of Cullman County’s Stuff the Bus campaign in an effort to provide school supplies to children throughout the county.

“Leldon’s always has such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. There’s a lot of variety in the artwork tonight and it’s very eclectic. It’s nice to now have a place in Cullman to experience local art in its many forms. I’m impressed by the caliber of artists who showed at the event,” said attendee Eddie Leonard.

Debbie Pridmore traveled from Mississippi to attend the art show and reconnect with her dear friend, local artist and Smith Lake transplant Lynda Goldstein, whom she had not seen in more than 30 years.

“We used to get into a lot of trouble in Columbus, Mississippi. We were pretty sneaky,” Goldstein reminisced, as both ladies laughed together for the first time in decades. I was actually a goody two shoes and the designated driver much of the time. We weren’t nearly as bad as we thought we were. It just seemed like it at the time.”

In the end, Pridmore said she was proud to have the opportunity to purchase a piece of Goldstein’s art to take home with her to Mississippi.

Clark Street Treats provided finger foods and scrumptious cookies were available from Flavors Bakery. Refreshing iced coffee was on tap from Alabama Mud Coffee, with flavors from Maple Pancakes to Southern Salted Caramel also available for purchase at Leldon’s.

Maxcy was quick to thank his community partners who provided the evening’s treats and the talented artists who displayed at the show, including Emily Bussman, Lynda Goldstein, Katie Elise Hearn, Ben Johnson South, Laurie Johnson, Marla Kenney, Karen Messersmith, Payge Semmes, Laura Walker, Kay White and Pam Willingham.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
ATANASIO JACKIE SALAZAR- McGAUGH, * **CASE NO.: PC 22-244**
AN INCAPACITATED ADULT. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: ATANASIO SALAZAR, TONYA McGAUGH
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources to appoint a Guardian for Atanasio Jackie Salazar-McGaugh is set for a hearing on the 12th day of August, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 Second Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, AL 35055.

All persons in interest residing in or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and show, if anything you have to allege, why a Guardian should not be permitted to be named for Atanasio Jackie Salazar-McGaugh.

Dated this the 25th day of July, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
*
PAUL JOSEPH SCHWAIGER, *
*
Deceased * **CASE NO. PC-2016-202**

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Robin S. Neal
Paula D. Taormina
Sarah Nell Schwaiger
Lynne M. Lynn
All Known and Unknown Heirs of the
Estate of Paul Joseph Schwaiger, Deceased

That on the 8th day of June, 2022, a Petition for Final Settlement and Distribution of Estate in the Estate of PAUL JOSEPH SCHWAIGER, deceased, was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by TAMMIE D. SCHWAIGER, as Petitioner; and that the 30th day of August, 2022, at 9:30 o’clock a.m. has been appointed as the day for hearing said Petiton, at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you deem it proper to do so.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court this 25th day of July, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
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Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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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:

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Pursuant to Section 6-5-248 of the Code of Alabama of 1975, as last amended, I submit the following legally required notice, to-wit: 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.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A big crowd of local family members, friends, former players, teammates and coaches gathered at Stone Bridge Farms Saturday night to honor the newest class of Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inductees. The Class of 2022 included Robin Cummings, Emory Gibbs, Danny Miller, Mike Morris, Michael Oldacre, Annette Irons Parker, Spencer Romine, Ferrell Runge, Kristy Ward Cangelosi, Wayne Weissend and Tammy West.

Following a brief introduction and a meal, this year's Hall of Fame scholarship recipients were recognized.

2022 CULLMAN COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Cody Bales, Cold Springs High School
Victoria Rouse Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Crider family. Son of Christopher and Stephanie Bales.

Taylor Borden, Cullman High School
Jimmy Dale Burgess Scholarship, sponsored by CCCDD. Son of Chris and Kami Borden.

Parker Martin, Fairview High School
Charlotte Cummings Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by The Charlotte Cummings Foundation for Girls Athletics. Son of David and Candance Martin.

Robert Ricard Taylor III, Good Hope High School
The Gussie Shabel Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Shabel family. Son of Robert and Jackie Taylor.

Jayda White, Hanceville High School
Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship. Daughter of Zac White and Kimberly Clements.

Kaylee Stallings, Holly Pond High School
Peoples Bank in Honor of Robin Cummings. Daughter of Shane and Michelle Stallings.

Claudia Fallin, St. Bernard Prep
Coach Charlie Richard Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Merchants Bank. Daughter of Ronald and Erica Fallin.

Preston Williams, Vinemont High School
Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship. Son of Kevin Williams and Amanda Tillman.

Ryleigh Jones, West Point High School
The James Shabel Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Shabel family. Daughter of Randy and Regina Jones.

Following the recognition of this year's scholarship recipients, Hall of Fame Chairman Jackie Satterfield introduced each member of this year's Hall of Fame class.

Robin Cummings
Graduated from Fairview High School in 1965, played on Fairview's first football team - Three-year letterman football, four-year letterman basketball, three-year letterman baseball, three-year letterman track. Chosen most athletic at Fairview High School at Fairview High School, signed football scholarship to Samford University, played two years at Samford before injury ended playing career, founded Cummings Sporting Goods, supporting Cullman County sports for 37 years, president of Charlotte Cummings Foundation for High School Girls athletics, officiated high school and college football as well as high school basketball and baseball for 26 years. Chairman of Field of Miracles Committee. Organized and exhibited "Charlotte's 23 Jays" Michael Jordan's athletic shoe collection. Co-wrote Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame by-laws and qualification requirements, served 22 years as a Sports Hall of Fame Board Member.

Emory Gibbs
Graduated from Hanceville High School in 1969, four sport letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track. Three-year letterman football, football all-county 1968, three-year letterman basketball, basketball all-county 1968-69. Cullman County All-Tournament team 1969, three-year letterman baseball. Baseball co-captain 1968 and 1969. Cullman County All-Star Team 1969. Scouted by Yankees and White Sox, three-year letterman track. Named most outstanding athlete Hanceville High School 1969. Boys State Representative. Hole-in one Terri Pines Country Club 1991. Lead player in group winning first place independent college tournament Shoals Creek Country Club 1992.

Danny Miller
Graduated from West Point High School in 1972. Four-year letterman in football and track, Cullman County Champion 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash setting school records. Ran for USTAF Hall of Fame Coach Gene Mullin at Calhoun Community College. Assistant football coach Good Hope High School 1978-83, Head Track Coach at Good Hope High School for five years. Assistant football coach and track coach at West Point High School 1983-86, first football team to make playoffs in school history 1985. Started girls track program 1983. Cullman High School assistant football coach and Cullman Middle School Head Coach 1986-2008. Coached 11 undefeated teams. Co-Head Coach in track, 12-time boys 5A sectional champions. 17 girls 5A sectional champions (12 consecutive). Four state championship teams. Head Football Coach Hanceville High School 2008-16, region football champions 2011 and 13. First 10-0 regular season in Hanceville High School history 2011. Head track coach 2008-16, 3A boys state runner-up.

Mike Morris
Graduated from Holly Pond High School in 1987, all-county and all-area basketball 1985-87. All-state basketball 1986-87, Alabama 3A Basketball player of the Year 1986-87. All-state tournament team 1986-87, All-county and All-area baseball 1986-87. Cullman County East/West All-Star Game. Basketball scholarship Jefferson State Junior College, Team MVP and leading scorer 1988-89 season. Basketball scholarship University of Alabama Huntsville, Team MVP and leading scorer 1990-91 season. Assistant basketball coach Belhaven College 1991-93, assistant basketball coach Berry College 1993-94. Men's assistant basketball coach Samford University, two NCAA Tournament appearances. Women's head basketball coach Samford University, all-time winningest coach in program history. Eight 20-win seasons, two SOCON tournament Championships. Two NCAA tournament appearances, WNIT Tournament appearance. Samford Athletics lifetime achievement award, Samford Athletics Sports Hall of Fame 2018. Three-time conference coach of the year.

Michael Oldacre
Graduated from West Point High School in 1971. Senior class President and valedictorian, four-year letterman basketball. Three-year letterman football, one year letterman baseball. Walk on Auburn University, played for Ralph "Shug" Jordan, four time Cullman Times Coach of the Year, Alabama 4A coach of the year 2011. Girls' basketball head coach 16 seasons, winning 316 games, nine area championships, three county tournament championships, two Final 4s, school record 33 wins in 2012. Five players to win Bill Shelton Award, staunch advocate of girls' athletics. Coached math teams at Good Hope and West Point, winning numerous county championships.

Annette Irons Parker
Graduated from Hanceville High School in 1984. Volleyball all-county 1981-84, volleyball all-area 1982-84, most spikes 1981, 83, 84, basketball all-area 1983, 84. Basketball all-county 1983,84, basketball all-area 1983, 84. Top field goal percentage award winner 1982, most rebounds 1983, 84, most points scored 1983, 84. East/West All-star game 1984. Qualified for state in shot put 1981. Scholarship to play softball at Wallace State Community College, most RBIs award 1985, 86. Played many years Independent League Softball, winner of multiple home run derbies.

Spencer Romine
Graduated from Cullman High School. Salutatorian and SGA President senior year, all-area football 1995, all-state football 1995. Academic all-state football and basketball, all-area basketball 1995-96. Set a basketball school record in scoring, set a football school record in passing. Bryant-Jordan Scholarship winner 1996, signed football scholarship to Duke University, four-year starter at quarterback, team captain senior year. Jefferson Pilot player of the week vs. Maryland 1999. All-ACC service award "Top 6 for service" winner 1999. Winner of multiple academic awards, graduated UAB school of medicine Magna Cum Laude. Assistant team physician Atlanta Falcons, assistant team physician Georgia Tech University.

Ferrell Runge
Graduated from Vinemont High School in 1974. Played football four years as tight end and defensive end. Team captain senior year, member of track team for two years. Graduated from Athens State, master's degree from University of Alabama. Assistant football coach at Mortimer Jordan High School for 10 years, varsity track coach at Mortimer Jordan high school, basketball coach at Mortimer Jordan middle school, assistant football coach at Vinemont High School. Head Football Coach at Vinemont High School three years, assistant principal at Vinemont middle school for 10 years, principal at Vinemont High School for three years.

Kristy Ward Cangelosi
Graduated from Cullman High School in 1989. Lettered four years in basketball, volleyball and track, led team in rebounds 1986, 87. All-area, led in rebounds and 5A all-tournament team 1987-88, leading scorer and rebounder, all-area, area 13 all-tournament team. East/West All-Star Game MVP and All Region 1988-89. Qualified for state track meet 1985-89 shot put and discus. All-sectional and all-state track team 1986-89, all-area volleyball team 1986-89, 5A all-tournament team 1988-89. Athletic scholarship to Wallace State Community College for basketball and volleyball, AJCAA State Championship in basketball, basketball scholarship to UNA 1991. Head Coach Women's Basketball Northwest-Shoals Community College 1995-2011, Head Coach Women's basketball Florida State College at Jacksonville 2011-15, Head Coach Women's basketball Florida Southwestern State College 2015-2020. Current record - 565 wins and 212 losses.

Wayne Weissend
Graduated from Cullman High School in 1968. Assistant coach Hanceville High School Basketball three seasons including first team ever to play in Alabama state playoffs. Head coach B team basketball two seasons, Head Coach Meek High School track one season, Head Coach Good Hope High School football for seven years. Alabama state playoffs three times, 3A state semifinalist 1988, region champions 1989. Head Coach Good Hope High School Track for 20 seasons, won multiple county track championships, took multiple athletes to State Track Meet for Hanceville, Meek and Good Hope, coached multiple state track champions. Served 10 years as Middle School Principal at Good Hope.

Tammy West
Graduated from Good Hope High School in 1988. All-county and All-area in basketball, softball and volleyball. 30 seasons as Girls Basketball Head Coach at Cold Springs High School (676-230). 22 area championships, seven county championships, six Final 4 appearances, one 2A state runner up, four 2A State Championships. AHSAA 2A Making a Difference Award winner 2013, three-time 2A State Coach of the Year, NFHS State Coach of the Year 2018-19, administrative Coach Alabama All Stars.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Standing left-right: Spencer Romine, Mike Morris, Michael Oldacre, Danny Miller. Sitting Left-right: Robin Cummings, Wayne Weissend, Tammy West, Kristy Ward Cangelosi, Annette Irons Parker, Emory Gibbs. not pictured: Ferrell Runge

Obituary Announcements: July 23-25

Linda Gail White, 76
Linda Gail White, 76, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022, in Birmingham, Alabama. She was born Feb. 15, 1946, to Kermit and Della Paige Woods. Ms. White was a member of Bible Way Church in Fairview, Alabama. As a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, Linda was loved by many people, and she will be missed greatly. Linda is preceded in death by her husband: Tommy White; daughter: Wendy Crigger; her parents: Kermit and Della Woods; and several brothers and sisters. Ms. White is survived by her son: Tommy Dewayne White (Margaret); daughter: Kelli Cranford (Stephen); son-in-law: Danny Crigger; brother: Billy Woods (Barbara); sisters: Diane Sims (Roland), Shirley Ransum; grandchildren: Joshua Hilburn (Felica), Hunter Hilburn (Miranda), Dalton Crigger (Tiffany), Matt White, Melinda Silverthorn (Daniel); several great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Ms. White are 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Union Grove Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family, on Wednesday, two hours prior to service time, from 11 a.m., until 1 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Ralph Frederick Kreps Jr., 69
Ralph Frederick Kreps Jr., age 69, of Vinemont passed away Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Cullman Regional. He was born March 6, 1953, in Cullman, Alabama, to Ralph Frederick Sr. and Marjorie Glaser Kreps. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Frederick Kreps Sr. Survivors include his son, Ricky (Ricki) Kreps; mother, Marjorie Glaser Kreps; grandson, Cody Kreps; granddaughter, Shelby Palmer; and sisters, Becky Kreps and Dixie (Bruce) Widner.

Wanda Neal Smith, 98
Wanda Neal Smith, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away on July 23, 2022, at the age of 98. She was born in Blountsville, Alabama, on Aug. 10, 1923, to B.F. and Phebie Tidwell Neal. Mrs. Smith was a beloved Avon Lady for a great number of years. She was also a faithful member and treasure of the Rock Springs Methodist Church and a Worthy Matron of the Blountsville Chapter of the Eastern Star. Wanda was a faithful worker of many charities, one of which was the heart drive. She was famous for her coconut pies, ask anyone and they will confirm it. But most of all, Wanda was Mother, Granny Smith, and a friend. Wanda is preceded in death by her husband: Enzel Smith; her father: B.F. Neal; mother: Phebie Tidwell Neal; stepmother: Alberta Holmes Neal; and brothers and sisters: Ena Neal, Lillis Williams, Willard Craft, Garnet Neal, Addie McCutchen, Chalmers Neal, Wavey Price, Herman Neal, Myrtle Latham, Hoyt Neal, Quinten Neal, and B.F. Neal, Jr. Mrs. Smith is survived by her children: Phillip (Shirley) Smith, Sandra Hudson, Mitchell Smith, Rickey (Mandy) Smith; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Mrs. Smith are noon, Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Rock Springs Methodist Church, Bro. Mark Machen officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family, at the church, on Tuesday from 10 a.m., until services begin. Mrs. Smith will be laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery following services where Seth Muchen, Daniel Smith, Joseph Gilliland, Alex Thomas, Matt Chandler, and Daniel Dauwe will serve as pallbearers alongside honorary pallbearers, Charles Smith, Ronnie Smith, Tony Gilliland, and Sam Singer. Obituary provided by the Smith family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family.

Mary Elizabeth McConatha,
Mary Elizabeth McConatha, age, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022. A memorial service for Mary will be held Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. The family will receive friends at the conclusion of the service until 3 p.m. A full obituary will be posted at a later date.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JULY 26, 2022

'Peter and the Wolf' (from Front)

Ben South
Contributor



VINCENT DESNOES

Performer Ben South, center, is surrounded by his younger "Peter and the Wolf" castmates.

CULLMAN, Ala. — "Peter and the Wolf" is a fun, brief story ballet for all ages. In fact, in the Friday, July 29, one-night-only Cullman production this week, the youngest performer is 6 years old and the oldest is 70. Sometimes called a "symphonic fairy tale," this timeless, playful work was created by composer Sergei Prokofiev to introduce his young son to the musical instruments in an orchestra.

The July 29 performance will benefit Dance4All, a community outreach partnership between BD Ballet Academy/Ballet South and local education/civic organizations. The joy of dancing is the vehicle for this performing arts initiative, but the goal is to provide children, particularly those 6-12 years old, with a strong sense of self and the necessary skills to overcome challenges in the studio and in life.

Brooke Desnoes, founder/director of BD Ballet Academy, added, "Diversity and inclusion are at the heart of our program. Our goal for the Dance4All Cullman Community Outreach Program is to build a community of young artists who learn from each other and care for each other. We build our corps de ballet out of differences, not similarities. Love for their craft and respect for their peers are the values we teach our students and prospective recruits, and these values have a reverberating effect on our community."

One show only!

- "Peter and the Wolf"
- Friday, July 29, 6 p.m.
- Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717, Cullman
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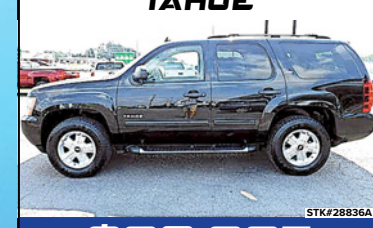
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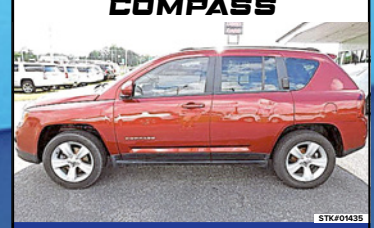
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