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Rock the South survival guide

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CULLMAN, Ala. — For a decade, Rock the South (RTS) has promised a hot and sweaty, boot-stomping good time. Founder Shane Quick and his team have brought in beloved classic and modern country superstars and the best up-and-coming young guns to entertain the tens of thousands who flock to Cullman every summer. Whether this is your first year at RTS or you're an old hat, here are some tips to make your weekend at RTS the best time possible.

Study the map before you go

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry strongly urged festivalgoers to have a parking plan and route before leaving home to prevent confusion and traffic nightmares nearing the event.

Official RTS parking will be available on County Road 469 which will be accessible by turning south on County Road 473 from U.S. Highway 278 West. The second official parking lot will be on County Road 436. This lot can be accessed from U.S. Highway 278 West by turning south on County Road 463 and then east on County Road 436. From the south, the lot is available from County Road 222 by turning north on County Road 421 then east on County Road 436.

Private parking appears to be available on County Road 469, near the intersection of County Road 436 and Logan Avenue Southwest, and on Leonard Road south of Logan Avenue Southwest. Those spots are made available by private individuals and the cost will be determined by each lot.

Remember where you parked

There comes a time in all our lives when simply parking at Wal-Mart requires us to take a picture with our » PAGE 3

HELPING HANDS

Sacred Heart School students spend part of summer vacation helping St. Vincent de Paul Society's Food Bank



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Sacred Heart School students James Grey and Sawyer Watwood are spending some of their summer vacation days helping a worthy cause in Cullman. The youth are pictured loading up donated supplies used to help fill the shelves of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Food Bank, a community service provided by Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. The food bank is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11:45 a.m. Needy families are invited to visit the office, on the corner of Third Street Northeast, across from the Catholic Church's rectory, to seek assistance with the necessary qualifying paperwork. Any resident of Cullman County is welcome to seek additional information at the center. With children home from school during the summer, the continuing rising prices and sometimes shortage of food, the shelves of the food bank cannot keep up with the demand facing it. Due to the Church's volunteers, monetary and food donors, and special groups in the community, the food bank, a worldwide arm of the Catholic Church, continues to fulfill its main ministry: to feed those in need!

History-rich Colony Day celebration coming Aug. 6

Fish fry, dominoes and spades tournament will take place the night before



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Colony Councilman Eric Carwell and Councilwoman Jasmine Cole are seen in this July 2020 Tribune file photo. Cole has been instrumental in the revival of Colony Day. » PAGE 8

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County Commission talks possible litigation in executive session



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Left to right are Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson, Chairman Jeff Clemons and Commissioner Garry Marchman at Tuesday morning's meeting. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 2-3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported August 2-3, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 28

• theft of property-3rd degree; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; general merchandise; $741
• theft of property-4th degree, criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $167

July 31

• theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $109

Aug. 1

• theft of property-2nd degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; cash
• domestic violence-3rd degree; 2nd Ave. N.W.
• counterfeit $20; State of Alabama; St. Joseph Dr. N.W.
• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; misc. charges
• harassment; 2nd Ave. N.W.
• theft of property-4th degree; Graham St. S.W; tag; $100

Aug. 2

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; Olive St. S.W; medication
• theft of property; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; miscellaneous
• criminal mischief-2nd degree; Donauer Dr. S.W; damaged tires; $720
• theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; miscellaneous; $79
• unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; 1st St. N.W; purse and contents

Aug. 3

• theft of property; Denson Ave. S.W; dog and miscellaneous

ARRESTS

Aug. 1

Brady-Carden, Brianna D; 28
• FTA-disorderly conduct

Briggs, Duane A; 36
• FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree

Coots, Steven D; 32
• FTA-theft of property-4th degree
• FTA-attempting to elude
• FTA-insurance violation
• FTA-expired tag
• FTA-driving while suspended

Drane, Anthony G; 36
• FTA-DUI
• FTA-theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Fortner, Tristan P; 23
• public intoxication

Gregory, Steven D; 53
• unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
• theft of property-4th degree

Lambert, Adam K; 42
• FTA-stalking-2nd degree

Jones, Hagen E; 27
• FTA-theft of property-4th degree
• FTA-criminal mischief-3rd degree
• FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree
• FTA-driving without license

Warden, Drew E; 27
• FTA-theft of property-4th degree
• FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Aug. 2

Cofield, Tristan D; 24
• FTA-theft of property-4th degree
• FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree
• FTA-providing false information to law enforcement

McWaters, Taylor Z; 29
• public intoxication
• criminal trespassing-3rd degree
• theft of property-4th degree
• FTA-public intoxication (2 counts)

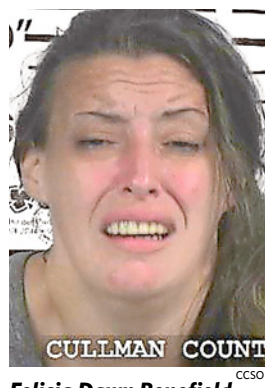
HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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


CCSO
Randy Isaiah McCleod


CCSO
Anthony Allen Whatley



CCSO
Felicia Dawn Benefield


CCSO
Dustin Gene Black


CCSO
Richard Alexander Lucas


CCSO
Natasha Nicole Hendrix


CCSO
Jacob Neal Auston

CRIME

CCSO makes multiple arrests

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple arrests countywide Thursday through Sunday.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Randy Isaiah McCleod
Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Good Hope area.

Randy Isaiah McCleod, 31, of Hanceville, was the driver of the vehicle in question.

He was allegedly found to be in possession of narcotics and paraphernalia. McCleod also had an outstanding warrant.

McCleod was arrested and charged with probation revocation- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

Anthony Allen Whatley
Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Dodge City area.

Anthony Allen Whatley, 32, of Cullman, was identified as the driver.

A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Whatley was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Felicia Dawn Benefield
Deputies arrested Felicia Dawn Benefield, 33, of Guntersville, on an outstanding warrant.

The warrant stemmed from an incident that occurred earlier this year. She was charged with endangering the welfare of a child.

Dustin Gene Black
Deputies arrested Dustin Gene Black, 32, of Decatur, on outstanding warrants.

The warrants were from an incident that occurred earlier this year. Black was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of heroin and second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana.

Richard Alexander Lucas
Deputies responded to a call in the Phelan area regarding a vehicle parked in someone's yard.

Richard Alexander Lucas, 33, of Cullman, was located inside the vehicle in question.

A search of the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Lucas was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of dangerous drugs.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Natasha Nicole Hendrix, Jacob Neal Auston
Deputies encountered two individuals while at a business in the city of Cullman.

Natasha Nicole Hendrix, 26, of Vinemont, approached deputies to voice concerns about Jacob Neal Auston, 28, of Vinemont, who was also present.

A subsequent search of their persons and vehicle allegedly yielded both narcotics and paraphernalia. Both were placed under arrest.

Hendrix was charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, while Auston was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and domestic violence- harassment.

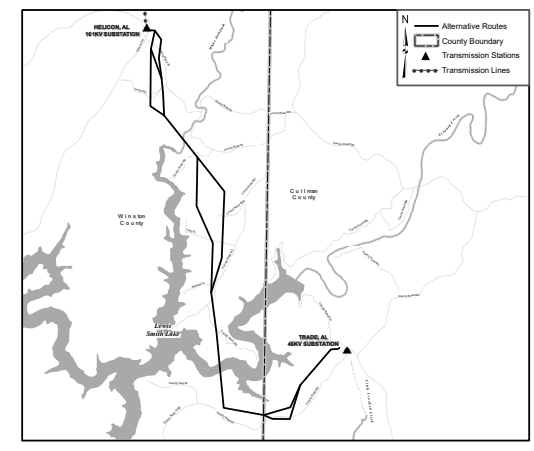
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TVA TO HOLD VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ON PROPOSED TRANSMISSION PROJECT

TVA will hold a virtual open house on their website for public input on plans for a proposed transmission project in Winston and Cullman Counties in Alabama.



The proposed project consists of seven and a half miles of new single-circuit transmission line to connect two Cullman Electric stations – the existing Helicon Station in Arley and the Trade Station currently underway in Crane Hill. This project would allow for growth and provide more reliable power for the area.

The map shows the alternative locations of the proposed transmission routes TVA is considering. More detailed maps and additional information are available now at https://www.tva.com/transmissionprojects. A link to the virtual open house will be available from this web page between July 7 and August 8, 2022.

Property owners and members of the public can submit questions and comments online, by telephone or in writing.

TVA is interested in receiving comments concerning how this project may affect the environment, historic properties or any other issues associated with this proposal. Comments will be considered in reaching a decision on location of the new transmission facilities. Any written comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record.

If you are not able to access the virtual open house but have questions or comments, please contact Spencer Whittier. All written comments on this proposed action should be sent to TVA at the address below no later than August 8, 2022.

Contact
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Project information: https://www.tva.com/transmissionprojects

Virtual Open House
July 7 through August 8, 2022
http://www.tvavirtual.com/helicon

TVA TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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.
• Friday, Aug. 5 - 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.
• Saturday, Aug. 6 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Community Outreach - Join our men for a free breakfast; help prepare and distribute sack lunches in the 5 Points area. All men are welcome!
• Sunday, Aug. 7 - 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://st-bernardprep.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.

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.

Food Box and School Supplies Giveaway
Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m.-noon, those in need can go by The Link of Cullman County's drive-through for food and school supplies. Five-hundred food boxes will be given away, and the school supplies will be available by request while supplies last. 708 Ninth St. SE in Cullman

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

Sinyard Family Reunion
Join us for good fellowship and good food at 10 a.m., Aug. 13, 2022, at the Moody Center in Hanceville.

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.

Pleasant View Singing
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have its regular third Sunday night singing Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. with "New Ground" from Scottsboro. 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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Monday, Aug. 22, from 4-7 p.m. at 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road). Eat in or carry out. $13 a plate. Call C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556 for more information.

Hanceville Kids' Night Out
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at C.W. Day Park. This yearly event provides the community's children a chance to get to know local police officers, fire personnel and community leaders while enjoying family fun.

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.

Peinhardt Farm Day(s)
The Peinhardt Living History Farm Foundation will host Peinhardt Living History Farm Day over an unprecedented two-day span this year: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This hands-on fall festival teaches all ages what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in north Alabama. Free for ages 2 and younger and $10 for all others. The farm is located at 1711 Talley Ho St., Cullman.

ADPH moving to weekly COVID-19 updates

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Beginning Aug. 1, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will be providing updates on the COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard on Thursdays only despite the state's positivity rates remaining near 30%.

These updates will be available in the Saturday edition of The Cullman Tribune.

For more information, visit www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-adph-response.pdf.

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Guide (from Front)

phones to remember where our vehicles are located. Trust me on this one. Take a picture of where you park so you aren't required to wander aimlessly through thousands of cars and trucks in hopes of finding your vehicle. A trail of breadcrumbs will not suffice. Take a picture.

Hydrate
With temperatures in the 90s over the weekend, water is destined to be your best friend. Drink water. Drink lots of water. Then, drink even more water. Signs of dehydration include dizziness, headache and fatigue. If you experience these symptoms, drink water immediately. Emergency services personnel will also be onsite at RTS. Know where they are located in case you or a friend find yourself in need of their services.

Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
About that heat, light-colored cotton or wicking fabrics are recommended in hot, humid weather. Light colors will reflect instead of absorb sunlight, and loose-fitting clothing will allow the fabric to breathe better.

Use sunscreen
Protect your skin by applying sunscreen often. Consider using a sunblock with insect repellent to keep the pesky mosquitos, horseflies and all of their friends away.

Pace yourself
If drinking alcohol, don't slam your drinks; go slow. Drink water between alcoholic beverages. Alcohol will contribute to dehydration.

Have a designated driver or use Uber
If drinking, have a designated sober driver or use an Uber driver which will be available. Do not risk driving after drinking. The potential for negative consequences is great. The best case scenario is being charge with a DUI. The worst is killing others and/or yourself. DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!

Be patient
Traffic will be backed up. More than 30,000 people will be gathered in the middle of a field each day. The port-a-potties will be gross. These are facts. Accept it and don't complain about these realities. Remember that everyone involved in bringing RTS is trying their best to make the event the best possible experience for everyone attending. Consider saying "thank you" to those who are working overtime to protect and serve.

Utilize first responders
In case of emergency, seek any police officer, security or emergency services personnel in your vicinity. If you do not feel safe, please use these first responders. They are onsite to help. Let them help you.

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AHSAA mourns the passing of long-time supporter Feltus McGriff

Ron Ingram
AHSAA

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama High School Athletic Association was saddened to learn of the passing of long-time special fan and AHSAA volunteer Feltus McGriff.

Mr. McGriff, 93, passed away at his home July 31. He is the father of veteran AHSAA official Gary McGriff. He is also survived by his wife of 74 years Faye Nell McPherson McGriff, four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, sisters Elna Barnett and Carol White, and a host of other family relatives.

"Our heart-felt condolences go out to the McGriff family and all his friends across Alabama," said AHSAA Executive Director Alvin Briggs.

"It was always a pleasant moment when Mr. McGriff attended an AHSAA sports function. Mr. McGriff was a long-time supporter and volunteer with the AHSAA. More importantly, he has been a friend to all the coaches, players, and schools that he has seen participate over the last seven decades."

Mr. McGriff was recognized at the 2022 AHSAA State Basketball Championships by the AHSAA for his support. It was his 65th consecutive state tournament attended since 1957.

Briggs expressed the AHSAA's gratitude and appreciation to Mr. McGriff during the ceremony thanking him for his "steadfast support of all the AHSAA member schools across the state."

A Cullman County native, he said it was special for him to attend the Class 6A boys' state championship game played by Cullman High School and Huffman High School last season. Cullman was making its first appearance in the state tourney since 1932.

Mr. McGriff, born in 1929, was three years old when Cullman made that first trip.

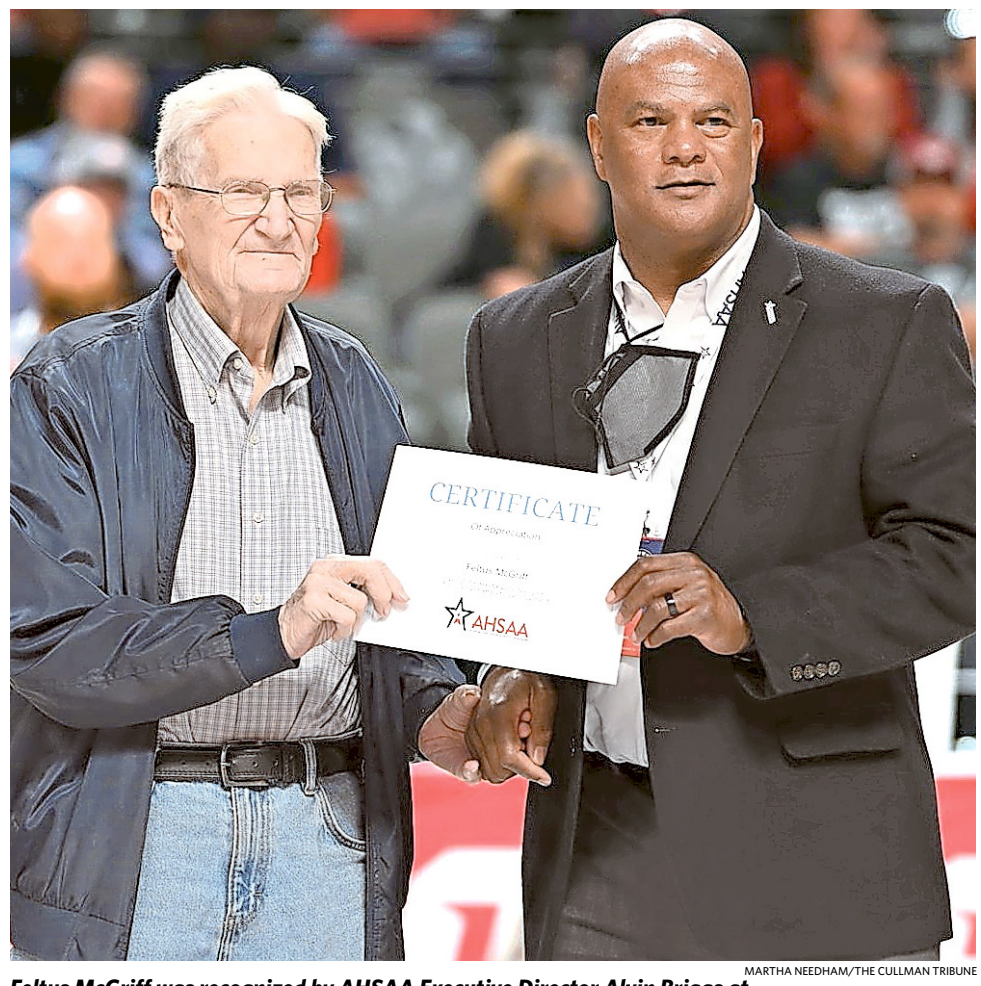
He was a regular visitor to the state tournament for many years – and attended numerous other state playoff events with his son throughout the years and was a great friend and supporter of the AHSAA's contest officials.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Aug 3 at 2 p.m. at New Hope #2 Baptist Church at Holly Pond with the interment at the church cemetery following the service.

Visitation will be Tuesday night, August 2 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m., and at the church from noon to 2 p.m., prior to the service August 3.

If so desired, in lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial donation be made to the Alabama Sports Officials Foundation.

The donation can be mailed to: ASOF, 5313 Frankford Drive SE, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763, or a memorial donation can be made at the following link: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=itAozLAG-7WK0DKdeFFeK7MQ-gwS-KzAiGaHr7wxePiFUE-ob1zW3jTMoE_g_OIXuinC-DjPFMiXFLneFNx9&locale.x=US.



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Feltus McGriff was recognized by AHSAA Executive Director Alvin Briggs at 2022 State Basketball Tourney for his 65th State Tourney in a row since 1957.

'You have to work together': Bryan Marquez talks about his time at Hanceville

Sammy Confer
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Hanceville Football manager Bryan Marquez. Marquez made a lot of great memories on and off the field at Hanceville and has some great news regarding his status as the manager of the Bulldogs.

"I had a blast with the Hanceville football team, and I love doing it. My first year as the manager was in 2019; that's when I met two wonderful helpers in Promise Pitts and Halee Holloway. They were both great helpers. 2021 was supposed to be my final year as Hanceville's manager, but now I'm super excited to announce that I will become an official member of the manager's position and I plan to keep it that way. I am so happy to be joining Halee Holloway and we will work together. I want to say thank you to the Hanceville football team, to Halee Holloway and to head coach Ryan Brewer."

He added, "My favorite high school memories were making new friends, being kind to each other, and respecting each other. I also played football in 2020 as well."

Hanceville High School will always hold a special place of Hanceville in Marquez's heart, and he will deeply miss going to school there next year. "They work together, and they are special to the students. I will miss every memory I made there. I will miss all of my teachers, two of the principals, and two of the assistant principals," Marquez said.

Marquez learned quite a bit during his time at Hanceville and gave the students that will be starting high school soon some advice.

"I learned that you have to work together to make better grades and to not rush through things," he said. "My advice to the upcoming students is to follow the rules and to not rush through things."



BRYAN MARQUEZ

Hanceville's Bryan Marquez.

Commission (from Front)

Amy Leonard
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Tuesday morning held a special-called meeting to vote on a short agenda and then meet in an executive session. The executive session, recommended by County Attorney Emily Johnston, was to discuss pending or possible litigation against the County. After the session, the commission voted to hire outside council to review the policies and procedures governing the Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS).

In other business, the commission approved the following:

• A resolution to accept the bid by Banner Industrial Construction, Inc. for the construction of replacement bridges in project 21-RT-01, which provides for trail rehabilitation and bridge replacement at Stony Lonesome OHV Park

• Award bid for jail supplies to North Alabama Chemical and Central Paper. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry noted that after "revamping" the detention centers supply methodology, the department saved over $20,000 in supply spending in 2021 over 2020's spending.

• Purchase two 2021 4WD Ford Explorers from Stivers Ford for the Appraisal and Mapping Department for $30,366 each. Stivers Ford offered the lowest bid on the vehicles.

• Replace the HVAC unit at the County Office Building in the amount of $10,831.51 which is already included in the budget but, as the expenditure is over $10,000, the approval of the commission was required.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Cullman County Courthouse. The work session will begin at 4 p.m. and the meeting is at 6. Meetings are open to the public.

Events (from Front)

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Know of an event not listed? Email sara@cullmantribune.com.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Each year, area schools and organizations host back-to-school events to celebrate kids returning to school and to ready any supplies families may need. Some schools and organizations, including Good Hope, Parkside and St. Andrew's United Methodist, have already hosted events, but there are many scheduled this month around the county.

Vinemont Schools Freedom Fest – Aug. 5, 5-8 p.m. on school grounds
The event will include free food, school supplies, inflatables, face painting, live music and a car show. The cruise-in will be in the middle school parking lot. Attendants can meet the teachers, band, football players and cheerleaders.

Holly Pond Schools Back-to-School Bash – Aug. 6, 5-7 p.m. at Governors Park
New school supplies can be dropped off at any school office Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Free supplies, bounce houses, face painting, a dunking booth, cake walk, shaved ice, concessions and much more will be available.

Food Box and School Supplies Giveaway – Aug. 6, 9 a.m.-noon at The Link of Cullman County
Those in need can go by The Link of Cullman County's drive-through (708 Ninth St. SE in Cullman) for food and school supplies. Five-hundred food boxes will be given away, and the school supplies will be available by request while supplies last.

West Point Back-to-School Bash – Aug. 6, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. at the West Point Youth Baseball and Softball Fields
Diana Wilhite from West Point Family Medical Practice and Jacqueline Flynt Keller from Riderz are giving away school supplies for 200 students. The event will feature water slides, Tracy's Balloons, a visit from Snead's Farmhouse and the West Point Volunteer Fire Department. Live music will be performed by Zach Weissen and Rob and The Red Beards. 3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont

Veterans of Foreign Wars Back-to-School Bash – Aug. 13, noon at the Cullman VFW
This bash will have a bouncy house, snow cones, cotton candy, free hot dogs and much more! Donations are welcome. 112 Veterans Drive SW, Cullman

Back-to-School Bash – Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m. at J&S Karaoke
This event is hosted by local bands Hassleinone, Brother Goode and Jesse Priest Music. They will be accepting payment for entertainment in the form of school supplies to give as donations to in-need families. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 6. For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/jskbacktoschool. 10303 U.S. Highway 31, Hanceville



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HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL/FACEBOOK

Hanceville Bulldog Band

Hanceville Bulldog Band preparing 'Star-Crossed' halftime performance

Sara Gladney
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldog Band participated in its final days of band camp last week. Beginning the first week with rookie camp, then holding percussion and auxiliary camp, the band finished its third week with entire band in marching rehearsals.

Director Jesse James said the theme of the year is "Star-Crossed" featuring modern pop songs "Shivers" by Ed Sheeran, "Talking to the Moon" by Bruno Mars, "Beggin'" by Måneskin and "Fix You" by Coldplay. James said he picked songs the band students knew and liked, and the audience will be familiar with.

The band has 55 members, the largest group in recent years. Rookies make up almost half that, with 23 students.

"They've been absolutely incredible," James said. "This is one of the hardest working rookie groups that we've had come through the program."

He said the seniors and section leaders have been instrumental in teaching the new students.

"They play a huge part in molding our rookies into being the future of the program. They act more as mentors than they do instructors and teachers- just someone that the kids can rely on to be there for them to help them out if they need anything. That's one thing we've been really trying to push with our student leaders is building that relationship with those rookies."

Senior Ramses Garcia is the new drum major this year.

James said of Garcia, "We had our auditions in the spring and he's been working non-stop for the program just making sure that we have everything we need, just going above and beyond. Anything I ask him to do, or I ask the band to do, he's the first one there."

He continued, "It feels like this year we are off to a much further start than we ever have been. We're progressing a lot faster than we have the last couple of years."

James said each of the students have been working quickly to learn their individual parts. "They're just nose to the pavement. It's been hard to get them to slow down for a second," he laughed.

Like some other area directors, James said COVID-19 put a damper on his band's ability to practice together and for students to learn as much as they could.

"In the band world, it's hard to do band online with us having to be as spread out as we were having to be," he said. "Last year we started getting a little more normalcy, so we were able to compete a little bit, and it just got their fire brewing. Now they've got all that COVID stuff behind them and they're raring to go."

The band will be attending Chief Ladiga Marching Band Festival at Piedmont High School, the Pride of Hayden Marching Festival and the Coldwater Classic Marching Competition at Deshler High School. It will host the 31st Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival Oct. 22.



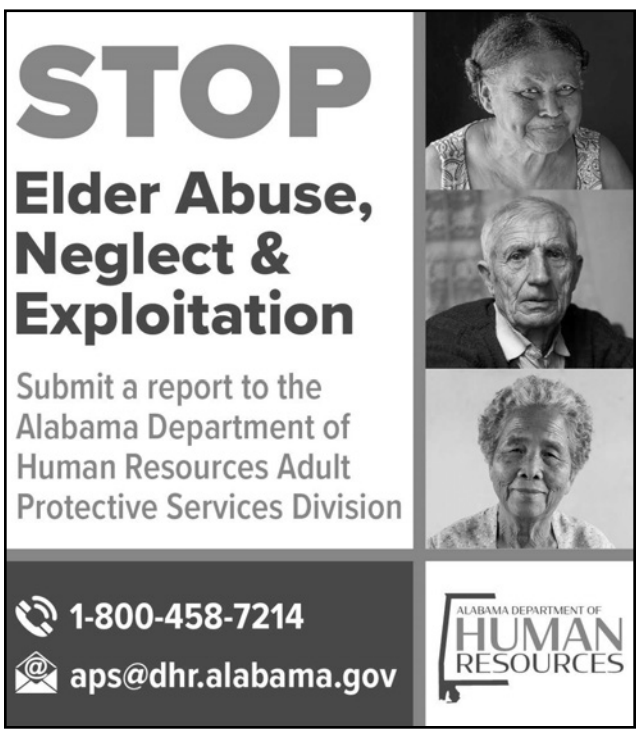




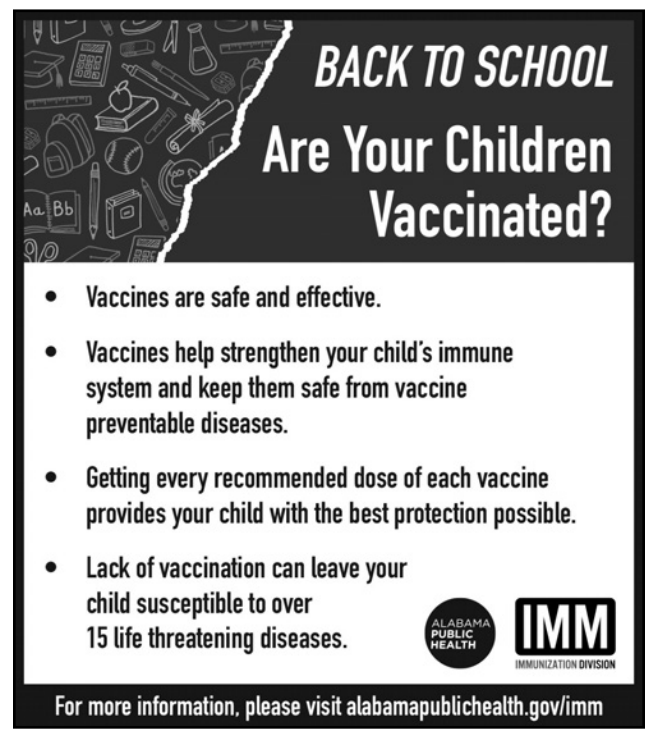
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF J.A.G.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/17/2007

CASE NO.: AD2022-065

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: RANDALL CRAIG GARRISON, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, J.A.G. BORN TO LATASIA NICHOLE TAYLOR

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by James Wayne Taylor, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 1st DAY OF August, 2022.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
105 1st Ave. NE, Ste G
Cullman, AL 35055
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARY JANE KEEFE
Plaintiff

Vs.

Case Number: **DR-2022-000185.00**

JESSICA TANNER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Jessica Tanner, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Mary Jane Keefe's Complaint for Divorce by September 6th, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000185.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 29th day of June, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
Mary Jane Keefe
365 County Road 1515
Cullman, AL 35058

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
E.M.H.
A Minor Child, 05/19/2020

CASE NO. JU 2020-280.02

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the father of E.M.H., born on or about 05/19/2020 to Esmeralda Hernandez-Alday, respond to the Petition by the 18th day of August, 2022, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

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

DONE this the 30th day of June, 2022.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 6th day of July, 2022.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD TIMOTHY HATFIELD
A/K/A RICHARD T. HATFIELD,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2022-094

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BRENT K. HATFIELD, as Personal Representative of the Estate of RICHARD TIMOTHY HATFIELD A/K/A RICHARD T. HATFIELD, deceased, on the 27th day of July, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Brent K. Hatfield
Personal Representative

Teresa A. Hester
Law Firm of Teresa A. Hester
Attorney for Petitioner
1351 Hueytown Road
Hueytown, Al 35023
205-497-8701

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TERESA CAROL MURPHREE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2022-063

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KATHY A. PESTONA, as Personal Representative of the Estate of TERESA CAROL MURPHREE, deceased, on the 26th day of July, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

KATHY A. PESTONA
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
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256-734-3342

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BOBBY LENO BROOKS,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2022-257

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to PAMELA E. NAIL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BOBBY LENO BROOKS, deceased, on the 3rd day of August, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

PAMELA E. NAIL
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
HUGH HAROLD PENTECOST,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2022-214

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of HUGH HAROLD PENTECOST, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of July, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

PATSY RUSHING
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN JOYCE WHITE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2022-254

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to TINA RENEE SMITH as Personal Representative of the Estate of CAROLYN JOYCE WHITE deceased, on the 19 day of July, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

TINA RENEE SMITH
Personal Representative

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
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256-775-4444

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO.: PC 2022-180

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SENORA MAE WARD DECEASED

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Althea Levena Williamson on the 24th day of June, 2022, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Althea Levena Williamson
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 2-3

Robert H. Johnson, 83
Robert H. "Bob" Johnson, 83, died July 30, 2022, in Arley, Alabama. Mr. Johnson retired after 33 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He traveled the country and world testing military vehicles in various terrains and conditions, including six years at the U.S. Army Tropic Test Center in Panama. As a young man, he trained as a master carpenter, and worked through his life building homes, remodeling kitchens and making furniture. He could "fix" just about any problem in any home.Mr. Johnson was an avid lifelong outdoorsman who loved hunting deer and rabbits and catching catfish on the Mississippi River. He hosted fish fries, where he would catch, clean and cook the main dish. He was born Feb. 3, 1939, in Pike County, Mississippi. His parents owned and operated a gas station and mercantile at the corner of MS. 24 and MS. 48, where "Bobby" grew up helping in the family business, driving a school bus and playing basketball at nearby Enterprise High School. When Enterprise closed before his senior year, he attended and graduated from McComb High School. He attended Southwest Mississippi Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years: Velma "Gail" Johnson of Arley; children: Hayes Johnson (Colleen), of Long Beach, Mississippi.; Chris Johnson of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; Teresa Ackerman (Bobby) of Arley; Missy Reyes (Ben) of San Antonio, Texas.; grandchildren: Robert and Jaden Ackerman, Alex and David Reyes, Jacob and Kray Johnson, and Hayes, Daley and Griffin Johnson; brothers: Johnny Johnson (Lawanna) of Summit, Mississippi; and Dan Johnson (Linda) of Vickburg, Mississippi; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter: Jennie Katherine Johnson; his parents: J.R. and Katherine Johnson; a sister: Virginia Lee; and an infant sibling. Bob Johnson was a man who knew few strangers. He would walk right in the front door of a neighbor's house, offering fresh fish or homemade venison sausage or homemade pecan pie. While all of his family and friends will miss him, there's no doubt that his closest friend and confidant was his wife, Gail. They traveled the country and world together, and she cared for him until his last minute on earth. Without her, his trip wouldn't have been as much fun. A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a later date. Contributions can be made to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, in honor of Robert H. "Bob" Johnson.

Roger Bradley Clark, 62
Roger Bradley Clark of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Aug. 1, 2022, at the age of 62. Roger was born in Tennessee on Dec. 6, 1959, to Roger Wayne and Nancy Smith Clark. Mr. Clark was a brilliant man with an incredible sense of humor. Roger worked for the United States Army for over 35 years as an Aerospace Engineer and while he was not an enlisted man, Roger served our country with passion and honor. Mr. Clark volunteered with the local firefighters, and he continued to support them when he was no longer able to be active with them. A lover of the Christmas season and the meaning of the season, Roger believed Christmas should be all year. Roger lived his faith and believed everyone should be treated with kindness and respect. If you had a conversation with him, you were then his friend forever. Mr. Clark was a secret animal lover. He grumped and protested his wife's pets, but he secretly loved the cats. He was a die-hard Tennessee Vols fan, bless his heart. Roger loved his children and when grandchildren came along, he became an adoring Grandaddy. Roger will be missed by many people and his kindness and compassion toward others was a gift to all those he knew. Mr. Clark is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife: Rhonda Smith Clark; children: Nancy (Dan) Brown, Julie (Seth) Carroll, Victoria (Chelcey) Hamilton, Justin (Kadi) Smith, Jessica (Michael) Smith; grandchildren: Jude Carroll, Cora Brown, Vera Brown, Leila Adams; brothers and sisters: Buttons, Vicky (Richard), and Robin (Chuck). The family will receive guests at Holly Pond Funeral Home on Friday evening, Aug. 5, 2022, from 5- 6 p.m. A memorial service celebrating the life of Mr. Clark will begin at 6 p.m., following visitation, with Bro. Austin Rowell officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local Emergency Responders or the Disabled Veterans of America in memory of Roger.

Reverend Vernon Lee Alvis, 84
Reverend Vernon Lee Alvis, age 84 of Garden City, passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. He was born in Cullman County on June 2,1937, to Eddie Lee Alvis and Mary Jane Woodruf Alvis. He was the founding member and also pastor of Trinity Pentecostal Church in Hanceville from the start. He loved to hunt and fish; to be with his family and work in the garden. He was the owner of Alvis Logging Services. Reverend Alvis was preceded in death by his parents: Eddie and Mary Jane Alvis; his daughter: Connie Thompson; three brothers and three sisters. He leaves to cherish his memory by his loving wife of 63 years: Elan Wilbanks Alvis; his children: Tony Alvis and Beth (Tony) Chambers; grandchildren: Cody Chambers, Taylor (Geremy) Hooks, Jacey Alvis, Emma Chambers, Sharon (Jeremy) Loggins and Amy Thornton; several great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. from the Trinity Pentecostal Church with Brother Herman Elliott and Brother Donnie Cason officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 5-8 p.m. and at the church on Thursday from 1p.m. until the time of service. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Alvis Family.

Nava Jean Parker, 85
Funeral Service for Nava Jean Parker, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Brian Westbrook officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Parker passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born March 13, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama, to Delmer Heard and Jessie Eunice Wilkins. Mrs. Parker was a Cullman High School graduate in 1955 and a Sacred Heart College graduate in 1957. She received a master's degree in education from UAB, and she taught elementary education for 35 years at West Elementary School. She married in 1958 and was married for 57 years to her husband, Billy Fae Parker. She owned a gift shop called the Gazebo and worked at Margo's for 13 years. She was a longtime member of Cullman First United Methodist Church and the Fidelis Sunday School Class. She was an avid member of the Altar Guild, Retired Teachers Association, AEA and Cotary. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband: Billy Fae Parker. Survivors include her son: Greg (Sharon) Parker; grandson: Blake Parker; step-grandchildren: Megan (Brett) Fuller, Brooke (Wes) Ward, Lukas Lee (Morgan Lynn); step-great-grandchildren: Payton Fuller, Kayden Fuller, Reece Ward, Jaxon Lee, and Jrake Lee; sister: Shelia (Larry) Waldrop; nephew: Mike (Lori) Schafer; niece: Megan Schafer; great-nephew: Kevin Schafer; and special family friends: Brian (Kara) Westbrook and Patrick Westbrook.

Randy Loyd Nelson, 61
Randy Loyd Nelson, age 61 of Vinemont, passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at the Folsom Center. He was born Jan. 16, 1961, in Michigan to Hershel Loyd Nelson and Vora Lillian Nelson. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his sons: Chad (Meghan) Nelson and Patrick Nelson; grandchildren: River Isabel Nelson and Rhys Patrick Nelson; sister: June (Doug) Reid; brother: Marlin (Vernice) Nelson; beloved pet: Zoey, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friend Graveside Service will be held Aug. 12, 2022, at 4 p.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Inhabit Hospice of Cullman.

Casen Myles Wasilewski
Casen Myles Wasilewski, of Cullman was born and passed away Saturday, July 30, 2022, at St. Vincent's Hospital. Casen is survived by his parents: Jordan Antoine and Brittany Kristen Wasilewski; sister: Miya Ruth Wasilewski; grandparents: Joe Colvin "JaJoe," Viola Valenzuela, Javier (Eve) Puckett and Robert (Lesa) Hall. Casen was preceded in death by his Babchi, Christina Wasilewski Colvin. The family will receive friends Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 7 p.m.

Michael Wayne Shaffer, 67
Michael Wayne Shaffer, 67, of Hanceville passed from this life Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Shaffer family. Michael was born Sept. 8, 1954, to Eric Welch and Bernice Gillespie Shaffer. Michael loved to hunt, loved his family and home. He was a friend to a lot of people and will be greatly missed. He served his country in the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Shaffer. Survivors include his wife: Mary Blankenship Shaffer; sons: Eric Shaffer, Don (Dawn) Hunkeapillar, Jr.; daughter: Raegan Hunkeapillar (Jason) Starbuck; sister: Charlotte McAbee; grandchildren: Madison Hunkeapillar, Trey Hunkeapillar, Ava Starbuck, Nash Starbuck, Bentley Shaffer, Myla Shaffer, Emiley Beckman, Bailey Beckman; family and friends.

Dorothy Faye Hunter, 74
Funeral service for Dorothy Faye Hunter, 74, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mount Zion Cemetery, Rev. Johnny McDowell officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the funeral. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hunter family. Mrs. Hunter passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Cullman Health Care. She was born Oct. 18, 1946, to Velmer and Ezma Eillen Maynard McDowell. She loved the actor Bruce Lee, and she loved her family. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers. Survivors include her daughter: Sandy (Kevin) Nunnelley; brother: Johnny McDowell; four grandchildren: Brittney (Daniel) Harrison, Judy Mitchell, Dakota (Gabrielle) Martin, Trisha Martin; great-grandchildren: Elaura & Vail Harrison, Aubrie Martin, Scarlett Hummel, Athena & Skylar Jones; family and friends.

Laura Lynn Haynes, 39
Funeral services for Laura Lynn Haynes of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from noon – 2 p.m at the funeral home on Saturday prior to the service. Ms. Haynes was born July 25, 1983. She died at the age of 39 July 30, 2022. at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama. Survivors include her parents: William and Charlotte (Lindsey) Moore; brothers: Heath Pettus, William Hullender, Rex Lindsey and Bobby Lee Haynes; half-sisters: Tina Brown, Amanda Slatton, April Ross, Louisa Moore and Johnny Moore; and a host of cousins. Ms. Haynes was preceded in death by her two brothers: William Andrew Moore and James Allen Pettus.

Tony C. Smothers, 62
Tony C. Smothers, age 62 of Bremen passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born on July 30, 1960, to Buddy Smothers and Doris Elouise Brown Smothers. Tony was a wonderful son, brother, father, grandfather and to some the best Pop in the world. Tony is preceded in death by his grandson, Brandon Sims. He leaves to cherish his memory by his children: Christy (Jeremy) Campbell, James (Kim) Messersmith, Misty (James) Partain and James Calvin Messmersmith; grandchildren: Marida, John Houston, Destiny, Kinley, Calvin, Jachelle, Kaleb abd Cain; great grandchildren: Brooklynn, Anslee, Mattie, Kai and Wrenlee; brothers: Scott (Tammy) Smothers, David (Tabatha) Smother and Norman Smothers; mother: Doris Elouise Smothers; father: Buddy Smothers; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family. The family will have a memorial service Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at his home in Bremen. Mr. Smothers will lie in state at the funeral home Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smothers Family.

Oliver D. Haygood, 59
Corporal Oliver D. Haygood, age 59 of the Colony, passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born in Cullman Alabama on Nov. 2, 1962. He served in the United State Army from 1982 until 1988 and while serving he received his Marksman Medal for rifle and hand grenade, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal. Oliver worked at Cullman Regional Medical Center after his time with the military, still serving people to the best of his abilities. He was preceded in death by his parents: Delmus and Earline Tipton Haygood; his mother: Myrtle Tipton; his siblings: Medora Malcom, Lizzie Tipton, John Albert Tipton and Mary Lee Johnson. He is survived by his brother: Tommy Haygood; sisters: Lauren "Reen" Westborrk and Linda "Sue" Haygood Newsome; a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at 3 p.m. from the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James Fields officiating. Burial will follow in the Colony Cemetery with Military Funeral Honors. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the service time. Serving as pallbearers will be cousins and nephews. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Haygood Family.

James Leon Eidson Sr., 88
Funeral services for James (Buddy) Leon Eidson, Sr. will be at 11 a.m. Friday Aug. 5, 2022, at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jason Ellerbee officiating, with internment in Cullman City Cemetery. Moss Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Instead of a formal visitation prior to the service the family would love to visit with everyone immediately following the service in the narthex. Mr. Eidson was born March 21, 1934, and passed away peacefully at his residence in Cullman on Saturday July 30, 2022. He was a Veteran and a 1958 graduate of Alabama Polytechnical Institute (now Auburn University) in Industrial Engineering. He was preceded in death by his wife: Araneita Eidson; parents: John L and Melba Eidson and his brother: Billy Jack Eidson. Survivors include his two sons: James Eidson Jr. and Brad (Sue) Eidson, both of Cullman; and a daughter: Michelle (Matt) Schultz of Auburn; 10 grandchildren: Taylor (Rachel) Eidson, Anna (Caleb) Bright, Hayes (Jessi) Eidson and Grace Eidson, Hanson (Catherine) Schultz, Joseph Schultz, Grissom Schultz, Jacob Schultz, Caroline Schultz and Justin Schultz. Eleven great-grandchildren: William Eidson, Scarlett Eidson, Greer Bright, Mabel Bright, Winn Bright, Elizabeth James Eidson, Sloane Eidson and Ryles Eidson, Preston Schultz, James Schultz and Baby Schultz due any day; his sister-in-law: Suzy Eidson; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make donations to a very special ministry Baby Steps P.O. Box 713, Auburn, AL 36831 Pallbearers will be his seven grandsons Taylor Eidson, Hayes Eidson, Hanson Schultz, Joseph Schultz, Grissom Schultz, Jacob Schultz, Justin Schultz. Graveside will be later in the day for family only.

Patricia Ann Crumbley, 71
Patricia Ann Crumbley, age 71, of Baileyton, Alabama passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2022. Patricia was born Dec. 8, 1950, in Arab, Alabama to Kenneth George and Wilma Viola Kilgore Guess. She is preceded in death by her parents; and a brother-in-law: Wayne Ridgeway. Patricia is a veteran of The United States Army. A visitation for Patricia will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, from 6-9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A funeral service will occur Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Alabama Highway 69 North, Fairview Community, Cullman, AL 35058. Survivors are sisters: Sheina Mooney, Janice Bean, Carolyn Ridgeway, Linda Smith, Debra Fowler and Teresa (Kenny) Whitlock; brothers: Randall (Rhonda) Guess, Danny Guess, Chris Guess and Joseph Guess; a host of nieces, nephews and other family.

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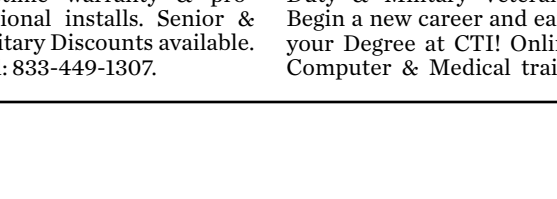
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COLONY, Ala. — The Town of Colony will host its much anticipated Colony Day celebration this Saturday, Aug. 6, beginning at 9 a.m., with a full day of fun planned. Saturday's activities will include a barbecue cook-off, car and truck show, inflatables for children and more. A fish fry and dominoes and spades tournament will take place the night before, on Friday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.

Colony Day is a celebration steeped in the town's history, with many former residents returning for fellowship and remembrance.

It began generations ago, then over the years became less frequent, and didn't take place for many years.

Talks of reviving the celebration began back in 2020.

Held on the Fourth of July before, the event is now the first Saturday in August, under the direction of Colony Town Council Parks and Recreation Chairperson Jasmine Cole.

Councilwoman Ethel Alexander said, "It's a great time. There is music, there's gonna be dancing, there's gonna be a lot of reminiscing - people who haven't seen each other for a long time.

"There's going to be people from all over the country coming."

Colony welcomes everyone to come learn about the beginnings of the community and its history of overcoming challenges.

It is believed that Colony was originally settled after the Civil War during Reconstruction, following the emancipation of slaves.

The people who came to live in the area were likely freed slaves from the old settlement of Baltimore, Alabama.

It is Cullman County's only African American community, and in its early days, it was considered a safe haven for African Americans in the Deep South.

Colony Day, in addition to acknowledging history, was created as a means of increasing public view of the town and to bring back former residents for family reunions.

On Saturday, the town's oldest citizens Eugene Vaughn and Flora Leeth will be recognized. The oldest former citizen returning for a visit is Odell Leeth. Families and friends will enjoy sharing food and memories. Many will travel from different cities and states for this event and happy homecoming.

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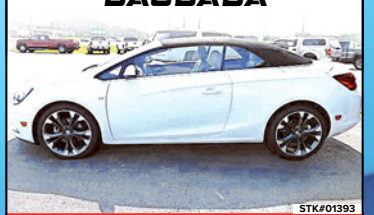
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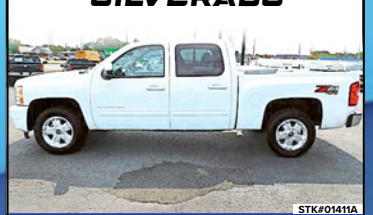
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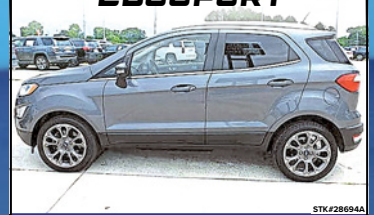
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