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Local veterans attend Rock the South, safe and protected

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rock the South is an exhilarating event for most who attend, an electrifying two days of basking in the best of country music with tens of thousands of fans who feel the same way. However, for those who spent endless days and nights living in war zones, the mere thought of battling the throngs of exuberant people, the very same citizens they fought to protect, is overwhelming and unbearable.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) affects the human body on a visceral level. Years and decades after trauma occurs, the body cannot differentiate between a real or imagined threat.

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AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A local veteran and his wife watch Alabama perform at Rock the South Friday, Aug. 5.

'There's no place like home'

Colony hosts annual celebration of town's history



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Danielle Haley, Shannon Twitty, Eric Kyle, Jeff Hall, Dana Hall, Dorothy Hall, Carlee Malcolm, Taylor Kyle and Rachel Fields celebrate Colony Day Saturday, Aug. 6.

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COLONY, Ala. — The Town of Colony hosted Colony Day Saturday, Aug. 6. 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.

The revitalized event, now in its second year, was conceptualized by Cole soon after she entered office.

"The community was dying, and it needed to be revived, so I decided to try to bring a little life back to it," she stated.

Colony Day is meant to celebrate the history of the town, its beginnings and the fact it is Cullman County's only majority African American community.

Councilman Michael Johnson said the event has grown and will keep growing. About 30% of this year's attendees were visiting family members.

He said between 300-400 attended last year, and this year that number was estimated at around 600.

"This small town is one big family.

"This is probably the biggest community event we do all year," said Johnson.

Colony Day activities included a barbecue cook-off, car show and fish and chicken fry, along with special recognition of the town's oldest residents.

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Victim Services collecting stuffed animals for children in crisis



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 8

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 8, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 4

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1145
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1098
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 734
- permitting dogs to run at large; Moehring Rd.
- trespassing, resisting arrest; Co. Rd. 1391

Aug. 5

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Main St. N.E.
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437
- theft of property, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1247
- domestic violence; Hwy 157
- assault; Co. Rd. 703
- theft of property; Hwy 69N

Aug. 6

- illegal possession of prescription drugs; Co. Rd. 844
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 747
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 768
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 435
- reckless endangerment; Co. Rd. 130
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 89
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 469
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1693
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437

Aug. 7

- burglary; Co. Rd. 1815
- domestic violence, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Day Gap Rd.
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 54
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1830
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 436

ARRESTS

Aug. 4

Aldridge, Ronnie B; 39
- FTA-public intoxication

Browning, Andy L; 30
- Probation Violation-assault-child abuse-aggravated-non-family

Castle, Kimberly M; 37
- Probation Violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Conklin, Nathan P; 42
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA-obstruction of governmental operations

Green, Willie J; 38
- FTA-theft

Hale, Caleb J; 32
- Probation Violation-burglary
- Probation Violation-possession of methamphetamine
- FTA-DUI

Phelps, Christy M; 39
- Probation Violation-burglary
- Probation Violation-shoplifting

Richardson, Sharon D; 44
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-sell/distribute methamphetamine
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-promoting prison contraband
- FTA-using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Russell, Stacy M; 38
- contributing to delinquency of a minor-truancy

Swann, Brandon L; 30
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- criminal mischief-3rd degree
- criminal trespassing
- DUI

Taylor, Cassie E; 33
- resisting arrest
- public intoxication
- criminal trespassing

Taylor, Deborah D; 55
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Vincent, Justin D; 36
- FTA-public intoxication

Ward, Wesley S; 43
- FTA-20 days to register vehicle
- GJ-drug trafficking
- GJ-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- GJ-possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-driving without a license (2 counts)
- FTA-DUI
- FTA-improper lane usage
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA-running red light

Aug. 5

Cartee, Sarah J; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Deridder, Cody W; 34
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-criminal mischief
- FTA-violation of domestic violence protection order

Durham, David J; 46
- FTA-unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Gonzalez, Jose A; 38
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Kratz, Jesse P; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

McDaniel, Douglas L; 61
- Probation Violation-failure to register as sex offender

Murphy, Noah P; 19
- public intoxication

Sanford, Noah A; 29
- FTA-theft

Schofield, Alexis C; 19
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Wynn, Gregory P; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-theft

Aug. 6

Aaron, Catherine J; 47
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Boatright, Cyle J; 20
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Rodriguez, Jennifer C; 39
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Shugrue, Claude A; 35
- Bail Jumping-burglary

Aug. 7

Cofield, Jayce A; 18
- DUI under age 21

Cruce, Caleb E; 19
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Davis, Michael C; 33
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Floyd, Thomas M; 37
- FTA-fraud

Pickel, Jason S; 39
- FTA-theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 4

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; 2nd Ave. S.W; purse and contents, damaged window
- theft of property-4th degree, criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Power Board; Schneider Rd. S.E; meter, damaged property; $800
- theft of property-3rd degree; cash; $550
- theft of property-3rd degree; cash; $691
- harassing communications

Aug. 5

- harassment; 4th St. S.W.
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; Lincoln Ave. S.W.
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $337
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $160
- theft of property-4th degree, criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $82

Aug. 6

- theft of property-4th degree; Olive St. S.W; phone; $100
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; batteries; $9

Aug. 7

- assault-2nd degree; Co. Rd. 469
- theft of property-1st degree; Co. Rd. 469; miscellaneous; $4,700
- theft of property-3rd degree; Co. Rd. 469; phone; $1,000
- theft of property-4th degree, criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $13

ARRESTS

Aug. 5

Cunningham, Dakota K; 27
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest
- criminal trespassing

Dukes, Bryant L; 25
- public intoxication
- assault-3rd degree

Durham, David J; 46
- FTA-unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Graves, Kevin, D; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Heatherly, Tyler; 18
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Tate, Casey L; 23
- disorderly conduct

Aug. 6

Bright, Nicholas J; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cassola, Leonardo; 52
- public intoxication

Eakes, Austin P; 22
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Flowers, Ronald J; 40
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Graham, Mercedes K; 20
- public intoxication

Hernandez, Everardo J; 22
- public intoxication
- harassment
- resisting arrest

Jones, Clinton M; 33
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree (2 counts)

Leclaire, John M; 27
- public intoxication

Quarrels, David C; 19
- minor in possession/consumption of alcohol

Smith, Tyler D; 34
- assault-3rd degree (2 counts)
- resisting arrest
- disorderly conduct

Spivey, Andrew L; 46
- FTA-driving while revoked
- FTA-failure to register vehicle
- FTA-insurance violation (2 counts)

Taylor, Jonathan I; 19
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Willis, Brittney L; 33
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- disorderly conduct

Wynn, Gregory P; 46
- FTA-possession of concealed weapon without permit
- FTA-switched tag
- FTA-driving while revoked
- FTA-insurance violation

Aug. 7

Blankenship, Austin J; 22
- public intoxication

Carmichael, Megan L; 31
- harassment

Jones, Alex M; 34
- theft of property

Lucas, Richard A; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Yarbrough, Taylor A; 26
- disorderly conduct

White, Jacob A; 23
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents and arrests reported by CCSO.

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

Wreck (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Kentucky man was killed in a two-vehicle wreck along County Road 222 near Interstate 65 in Cullman County Monday. The crash happened just before 9 a.m. According to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, Conor James Nelis, 22, of Louisville, was declared deceased at the scene.The crash involved a car and a dump truck. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for any updates.

Colony (from Front)

96-year-old Odell Leeth, was the oldest visiting former resident.

Flora Leeth, soon to turn 93, is the oldest female resident, and Eugene Vaughn is the oldest male resident at 92.

Attendees set up tents to prepare for the long day and night as many stayed out to enjoy the fellowship and reminiscence with their friends and family late into the evening.

Jeff Hall, who attended Colony Day years ago, had cousins visiting from Georgia. He said, "Last year, I didn't get to come because I had to work. This year I'll see all the people I haven't seen in 20-30 years."

Colony resident Jeff Flanigan, visiting with family and participating in the barbecue cook-off, said,

"There's no place like home. If you can't go nowhere else, you can come home."

Agriplex (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex was honored Friday evening in Prattville by being named 2022 Conservation Educator of the Year by the Alabama Wildlife Federation (AFW). The Agriplex was nominated by Rev. James Fields and April Waltz.

Agriplex Director Rachel Dawsey shared, "We appreciate our partnership with the Alabama Wildlife Federation Outdoor Classroom program since about 2015.

Their infrastructure and support have enabled us to create and sustain the outdoor classroom gardens in our schools and community.

"We are thankful for our educators and volunteers who make this all possible."

Over the past decade, the Agriplex has celebrated the area's agricultural heritage by paying homage to Cullman's farming history and by diligently educating younger generations through outdoor classrooms at area schools, onsite summer camps and various programming throughout the year for all ages.

The AWF is the oldest and largest nonprofit conservation organization in Alabama.

It was established by sportsmen in 1935 to promote the conservation and wise use of our wildlife and natural resources and to ensure a high quality of life for future generations of Alabamians.

For more information about the North Alabama Agriplex, visit www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044.

Animals (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC) is holding a stuffed animal drive to provide comfort to the children in crisis who need to visit its shelters.

VSOC provides crisis response and recovery services for survivors of domestic or sexual violence.

Executive Director Carol Horstman said, "When children come into the shelter, it can be a scary time of uncertainty. During shelter intake, each child receives a plush toy animal. The toy is a comfort item, ready to be loved. Many times, it is also the first item the child can call their own again after leaving their home.

"Due to a recent increase in calls for shelter, child and family advocate Stephanie Driver has given away nearly all of her inventory of stuffed animals.

"'To fill the need, Victim Services began a 'Stuffed Animal Drive.' In less than a week, two extra-large trash bags full of new stuffed animals have been collected! Thanks to generous community members, children who have fled domestic violence will get a new furry friend that they can keep long after they leave the shelter."

Services provided for children include individualized and group emotional support activities, playroom and playground access, family outings, assistance with school/daycare enrollment and transportation, assistance with basic needs such as clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, Christmas/birthdays, etc., parenting classes and individualized parenting support.

Services are provided from VSOC's administrative office, emergency shelter and transition shelter.

These services are offered at no cost to children who have been exposed to family violence and other trauma. Services are available to residential and non-residential clients.

For more information, call 256-775-2600. For 24-hour support, call 256-734-6100.

You can help comfort a child in crisis by dropping off a new, small- to medium-sized stuffed animal at the main office (310 Third Ave. NE).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, Aug. 10 - 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, Aug. 12 - 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Lights - Bring a dish for our potluck supper. Fellowship and 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. 13 - 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. 14 - 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. 11 a.m. message by Eric Milligan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bingo and Bunco at Sacred Heart during 2nd Fridays
Friday, Aug. 12, at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Family Life Center. Bingo, 50 cents per card, 5-9 p.m. Bunco, $20 for one player and $35 for two players, 6-8 p.m. Food and drink available for purchase in the air-conditioned FLC behind the church. Funds raised benefit both the school and the church. All welcome- y'all come!

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

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Event Center in Holly Pond. Please be there at 1 p.m. and bring a friend. We will discuss "Ole Time" methods of doctoring. Refreshments will be served.

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.

GriefShare Grief Support Group
• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., Aug. 21-Nov. 20 at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW
• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

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.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 27 from 6-9 a.m. at the Lions Club building at Holly Pond Lions Club Park. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and bacon. Admission is a donation. The proceeds benefit local sight projects. We hope to see you there!

Cullman Downtown Merchants Association Bluegrass Festival
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 5-10 p.m. at Depot Park. Featured guests are Cotton Pickin' Kids, Barefoot Nellie and Cottonmouth Creek. Food, fun, music for all. For more information, email atog218@aol.com.

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.

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Mark Stephens named systemwide athletic director for Cullman City Schools

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — Mark Stephens is adding a few more athletic programs to his purview in Cullman City Schools. Already the athletic director at Cullman High School, Stephens will now serve as athletic director for all Cullman City Schools athletic programs. Retired former CHS football coach Mark Britton previously served as systemwide athletic director.

Stephens will have more of a hand in athletic programs at Cullman Middle School now, as well as his existing duties at Cullman High School, with the hope of creating more continuity between the philosophies at both schools.

"Although they do a great job at Cullman Middle School we want to continue to build the vertical development of all of our athletic programs," Stephens said.

"Our goal is to make the transitions from middle school athletics up to varsity athletics a seamless process. I will provide the same support and vision for Cullman Middle School as we have here at Cullman High School. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shannon at Cullman Middle School are open minded and extremely easy to work with, we share many of the same visions and values in athletics."

Looking ahead to the years to come, Stephens said he hopes to grow the athletic programs influence into youth programs, an effort already underway with initiatives like the Bearcat Baseball Academy under Cullman High School baseball coach Brent Patterson, and the "Chaos" youth basketball program with reigning state championship coach Stu Stuedeman.

"We are hopeful to grow this in all of our programs. Our relationship with Cullman Parks and Recreation is as good as I can ever remember," he said.

"Mayor Jacobs, the Cullman City Council, city parks director Nathan Anderson and former director Zac Wood have done a tremendous job collaborating with our athletic department on various projects and programs."

Extracurricular activities and athletics are a key piece of the puzzle in building a successful and engaged school culture, and Stephens added this expanded responsibility is not one he takes lightly.

"In my own personal life, I owe everything to being involved in athletics here in Cullman City Schools. I can't say enough about the impact my coaches had on me and the doors that athletics opened," he said.

"I appreciate the Cullman City School Board, Superintendent Kallhoff and Principal Tuggle for the opportunity to continue to lead in such an important expanded role. The future is bright in Cullman City Schools."

Superintendent Kallhoff added he has full confidence in Stephens and is excited to see the growth and success to come for Cullman City Schools athletics.

"We have amazing student athletes, coaches and sports programs in Cullman City Schools," he said. "I'm excited to see how Coach Stephens continues to build on and improve the tremendous success we've had."



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mark Stephens has been named the new Athletics Director for Cullman City Schools.

'We expect to go further': Good Hope's Lexi Collins preparing for upcoming season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Lady Raiders put together another historic season last year, going 31-4 and making yet another trip to the Elite Eight. Sophomore Lexi Collins was a part of those back-to-back trips to the Elite Eight and feels blessed to have been part of that amazing experience over the last couple years.

"For me, the experience has been very exciting, and I have been very blessed to get to learn from some very good coaches, players, and leaders. For all of us, it has been exciting, but we expect to go further, and we are looking forward to making more progress," she said. "Throughout my time being part of the team, I learned how to become a good teammate, especially from the bench, being encouraging, observant, and really taking the experience in. I have also learned how to overcome struggles in my game. The speed and level of the game was something I've been spending the past years working on."

Collins soaked up so much from seniors Kyndall Seal, Desire Odachowski and Renee McLeod last season. The Lady Raiders will have a lot of experience coming back this year with hopes of making yet another deep run in the postseason.

"I really enjoyed getting to play with Kyndall, Desire, and Renee. We are going to miss them a lot. Kyndall brought lock-down defense to the team. Desire was a huge outside shooter for us. Renee's post presence came in clutch for us. I learned to value your friendships on the court because they were all close friends," she said. "With the team being so young for so many seasons, we know what it takes to continue to make progress. Our experience has given us the opportunity to play some tough competition that makes us better."

Collins has learned a lot from coaches Justin Aby, Natasha Holder and Good Hope's new addition to the coaching staff, former Lady Raiders standout Nina Moss.

"Coach Aby has been extremely encouraging to me and he always takes the extra time to look at film and break down the game for us. Coach Moss has been a great knowledgeable addition to the team. She brings lots of energy to the team and she takes the time to focus on our skills and gives us tips on how to improve our skill level. Coach Holder always makes sure that we have everything we need. I've learned how supportive a coach can be and how much of a difference it makes."

Collins has taken away so much from the upperclassmen before her and she's been working on a lot this summer to improve her game as much as she can before the season begins.

"I have learned that it takes hard work and dedication to be the best version of yourself for the team. I have also learned that they are all just as good off the court as they are on the court. They are good in the classroom and just genuinely good people that I enjoy being around," she said. "I have been working on my strength so that I can play stronger and faster. My goal is to be able to make a bigger impact for the team and our main team goal is to go to state."

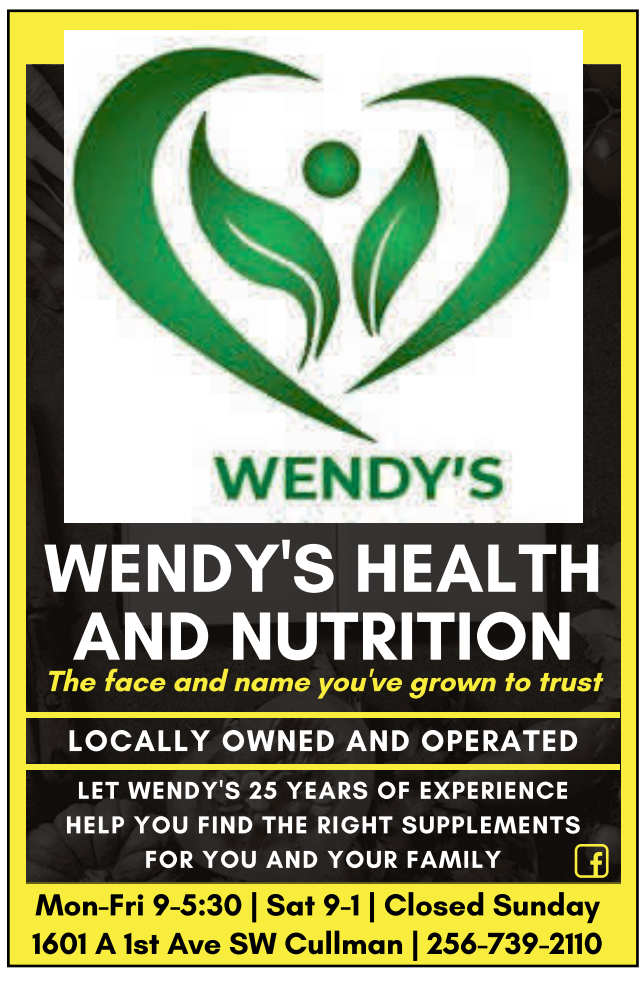


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Good Hope's Lexi Collins







Country superstars, local nonprofits partner to benefit community

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Representatives from The Link of Cullman County, the Cullman County United Way and others pose for a photo Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at the Family Food Box Giveaway.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Saturday morning saw The Link of Cullman County, Greater Good Music and the United Way of Cullman County team up to donate food boxes and school supplies to families in need. Organizers said 540 boxes of food were given away, and more than 120 containers of school supplies picked up.

The Family Food Box Giveaway is a partnership between The Link, Greater Good Music, country music superstars Jamey Johnson and Morgan Wallen and Warehouse Discount Groceries. The boxes holding the food were donated by WestRock. School supplies were collected by the United Way.

Heather Eddy, case manager at The Link, talked about how the event came to be, with Johnson and Wallen performing at Cullman's Rock the South music festival Friday and Saturday.

"This event started last year. Greater Good Music reached out to us in order to do a community outreach project. They do this throughout the country with different artists at different festivals," Eddy said. "It is phenomenal that we are able to partner with these artists to give back to our local community. I think it is a huge blessing and we are super grateful to be here and be a part of it."

She continued, "That's probably one of my most favorite things that I've seen so far, having our partners all come together to pull this off and have such a big community outreach project for all of Cullman. Rock the South is huge for Cullman financially, but it's also really great for our community outreach because the artists are able to donate the money and we're able to get all of the food and get everything that we need to donate over 500 boxes of food. That's probably one of the biggest food giveaways in Cullman County."

Started in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Greater Good Music seeks to make an impact in the lives of the more than 40 million Americans facing hunger every day. The organization partners with nationally renowned musicians such as Johnson, Miranda Lambert and Martina McBride to supply food donations to food pantries throughout the country.

Brittany Clements, who coordinates the Renew U program for The Link, praised the volunteers who give their time to the nonprofit and helped make Saturday possible.

"Our volunteers are definitely our cornerstone at The Link. We could not function without them, and we have the most amazing, selfless volunteers. This has been such a great experience all around to see the great turnout and the number of people from our community, because The Link is for everyone in our community. We want to definitely show that we love all of our community no matter what their background is," she said. "It has been a huge blessing because all of these events are publicized through our local businesses, so seeing people getting to come when they are in need of a place to go and having a safe and comfortable place where they won't get judged is the most important part of what we do."

Clements also praised the positive impact Rock the South has on the community.

"I think it's amazing. When Rock the South first got started, it definitely started to pour back into our community after the devastating tornadoes (of 2011). Every year, it's been great seeing the support from them," she said. "Morgan Wallen and Jamey Johnson- it has been a blessing to see that, even though they have so many different things going on, they still care about the smaller communities and the smaller areas and can put back into that."

'We are a huge family'

Community turns out for Vinemont Schools' Freedom Fest

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Head football coach Stephen Robinson introduces his team to the crowd at Friday night's Freedom Fest in Vinemont.

VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont community enjoyed the second annual Freedom Fest on Friday, put on by Vinemont Schools. Festivities included inflatables, vendors, face painting, live music, free school supplies and the inaugural cruise-in car show in the middle school parking lot.

Student athletes and coaches, including volleyball coach Lance Lay and football coach Stephen Robinson, as well as the school band, greeted and entertained the crowd before the live music started.

Vinemont High School Principal Robin Netherton said he was happy to see such a big turnout for the back-to-school event.

"We had a good turnout last year. This year we added the car show, and our community really showed up today and the churches really showed up and served our community.

"I'm happy to be a part of a community that cares about each other like this," Netherton said. "This event was an opportunity for us to hand out free shirts to all of our kids here; all of the food is free, the school supplies are free, so the kids have what they need when they start back to school."

Netherton praised the local churches that stepped up to help the students.

"All we did was reach out to the churches and businesses and let them know that if you want to help serve our community, let us know. Every church jumped at the opportunity.

"The churches serve in ways nobody ever sees, and this is one of the ways where they can get out and meet people and hopefully show people the passion and the grace of the church," Netherton said.

"You can't have community pride without community gatherings like this. The town of Vinemont's doing a good job with so many other events as well, so this small community's really together right now."

Senior Berkley Gable gave her thoughts on the event and how much Vinemont means to her.

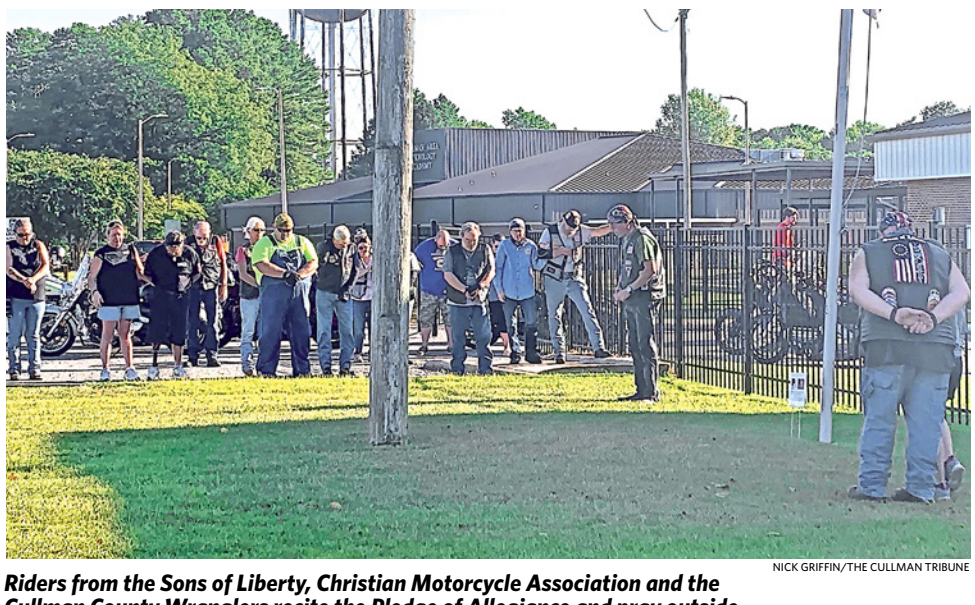
"A lot of people came to this event last year, and I'm glad that more people came back this year. I know that next year will be way bigger," she said.

"I love all of the churches that came out and helped with this event. It helps our community and lets them know that if you want to go to church and you want to serve the Lord, you have plenty of options. Every church in our community is so loving."

She added, "We are a huge family. Vinemont's nothing but a family because we're so small. Everybody knows each other and when tragic events or good events happen, we all come together and celebrate or lean on each other when you need help. I love this event. Last year was our first year to have it and I was blown away with how amazing it was, and this year, it just tickles me knowing that my home school gets to come together and celebrate this back-to-school Freedom Fest."

Sons of Liberty complete 10th annual Pray and Pledge Ride

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Riders from the Sons of Liberty, Christian Motorcycle Association and the Cullman County Wranglers recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pray outside the Cullman County Child Development Center Saturday morning.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County's schools were visited by riders from the Alabama Sons of Liberty, Christian Motorcycle Association and Cullman County Wranglers Saturday morning as part of this year's Pray and Pledge Ride. The riders visited Addison last weekend and will be riding in Morgan County next weekend. Saturday morning's tour started at the Cullman County Child Development Center and continued on to Vinemont, West Point, Harmony, Cold Springs, Good Hope, Hancevville, Welti, Holly Pond and Parkside before finishing up at Fairview. The riders recited the Pledge of Allegiance and said a prayer for each school they visited.

Sons of Liberty President Joe Alverson is excited to continue the event this year and has been happy to so the community so supportive of their cause.

"This is probably the 10th year we've done it and last weekend we rode out and blessed Addison and set the pledge out there, this week we'll do Cullman County and next weekend we'll be in Morgan County. We're being supported by the Cullman County Wranglers, and we do it simply because they don't do the pledge in schools anymore and as the Sons of Liberty that's kind of what we're about," Alverson said.

"We've also got the Christian Motorcycle Association with us. They don't allow prayer in schools anymore either and we're Christians also. Those are two things that they've taken out of school that really need to be in there. When you look around at the world nowadays, you need God to go to Wal-Mart, much less school every day.

"So, it's just to pray for the schools to have an event-free year and to ask God to put his hands around the schools to protect them because they need it."



OPINION

Rock the South through a 13-year-old's eyes

Tiffany Johnson
Contributor

Rock the South was my first concert ever and my experience at Rock the South was an amazing experience! It was not only a small bonding time with my dad but the music was great. The food was delicious, the bands were amazing, even the songs they picked for the small breaks were amazing. All of the things you could buy were lovely! They had cowboy hats in different colors, shirts that were amazing, and even a small thing or two for you to do! I know if I could, I'd definitely go again.

My favorite band was Morgan (Wallen)! Well, dad said he enjoyed it also! I think the best part of the day was sitting there with my dad and bonding! I liked being able to have fun, joke around and just laugh a lot with him too!



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Veteran Clyde Johnson with daughter and aspiring writer Tiffany

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WildWater (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — All first responders throughout Cullman County can enjoy free admission to the city's new WildWater water park Tuesday, Aug. 9. All that's needed to enter is an official employee identification badge at the gate.

Invitees include nursing assistants, nurses, doctors, police officers, firefighters, dispatchers and emergency management services in both the city and county.

Last week the park opened its gate for area educators before they headed back to school in a show of appreciation for their hard work and contributions to the community.

WildWater is located at 1707 Main. Ave. SW in Cullman. Find out more at www.wildwatercullman.com.

Housekeeping (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In a special-called meeting Friday afternoon, the Cullman City School Board approved last-minute personnel changes before the start of the school year this Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Retirements:
- Phyllis Skinner - Child Nutrition Worker - Cullman City Schools

Resignations:
- Carol Murphy - Special Education Assistant - Cullman City Primary School
- Brittany Bledsoe - Child Nutrition Worker - Cullman City Schools

Transfers:
- Tera Thomas - Education Manager - Cullman City Head Start to Reading Intervention Teacher at Cullman City Primary School
- Lindsay Harris - Third-Grade Teacher - West Elementary School to ARI Reading Coach at West Elementary School
- Theresa Kelly - Second-Grade Teacher - West Elementary School to Library Media Specialist at West Elementary School

Conditional employment:
- Brooklyn Browning - Extended Day Program Asst. - Cullman City Primary School
- Emiley Beckman - Extended Day Program Asst. - Cullman City Primary School
- Raegan Stephens - Extended Day Program Asst. - Cullman City Primary School
- Cheyenne Sharp - Child Nutrition Program Worker - Cullman City Schools
- Mallory Armstrong - Child Nutrition Program Worker - Cullman City Schools
- Jacob Baker - Extended Day Program Teacher - East Elementary School

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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
The Cullman Tribune

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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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Pursuant to the instructions of the City Council of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, on Thursday August 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the rezoning request submitted by property owner, Leslie J. Scott, for described property below currently zoned B-2 (General Business) to be rezoned to R-1 (Low Density Residential).

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ORDINANCE 649
AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Leslie J. Scott located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, be re-zoned to R-1 (Low Density Residential), described as follows, to-wit:

   A part of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 11 South Range 2 West, in Hanceville, Alabama VIZ: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Said forty, thence North 14 degrees West 66 feet; thence to the left 97 degrees 140 feet; thence to the right 77 degrees 135 feet, thence tum right 94 degrees 100 feet to a point which is the True point of beginning; thence to the left 94 degrees 140 feet ; thence to the right 91 degrees 100 feet; thence turn to the right 89 degrees 140 feet; thence to the right 100 feet; more or less, back to the point of beginning.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 25th day of August 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

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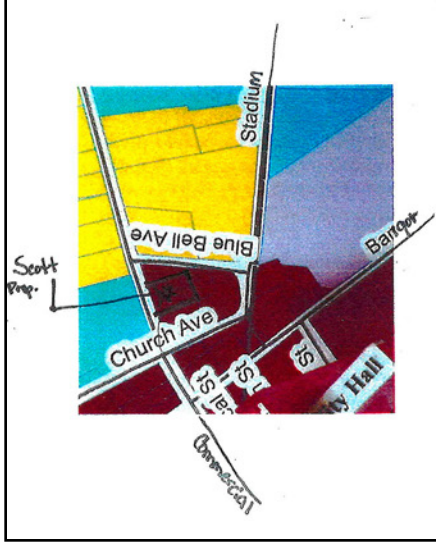
6. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described property is zoned R-1 and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____ 2022, shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

_____
Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

_____
Tania C. Wilcox, MMC



IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
) Case No.: JU-2022-000180.03
)
BINGHAM GABRIELLA RENEA)
)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

The Petitioners, J.C. and I.C., having made a Motion for Service by Publication supported by an Affidavit, stating that the whereabouts of the alleged father, C.B., are unknown; and that the whereabouts of any unknown father are unknown; it appearing that the Petitioners have filed a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights; it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the alleged father, C.B. as well as any unknown father, answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 10th day of September, 2022, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 27th day of July, 2022.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:) CASE NO. JU-2022-180.03
G.R.B.,)
a minor, DOB: 3/11/2022)

Notice

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the father, Clyde Bingham, and any unknown father, of G.R.B., born on or about 03/11/2022 to respond to the Petition by the 6th day of September, 2022, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for the Petitioners: Shelbie G. Hankey, 101 Main Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 736-8744 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Avenue, Cullman, AL 35055.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2022.

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

FILED IN OFFICE
JUL 28 2022
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 28th day of July, 2022.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 6-8

Jeri Weltha Clark, 77
Jeri Weltha Clark, 77, of Cullman passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at her residence. She was born June 19, 1945, to Edsel and Weltha Taylor. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Clark family. Mrs. Clark was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: David Clark; and a brother: John Taylor. Survivors include her son: David Clark; daughter: Kelley (Jon) Rees; sister: Janice (Mike) Vanderveen; grandchildren: Rachele (Collin) Masters, Jon David Reese, Sara Rees, Reagan Rees; her first great-grandchild on the way in December; family and friends Mrs. Clark was a homebuilder and interior decorator. She loved working with horses alongside her son David. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Judith Anderson Wilson, 84
Mrs. Judith Anderson Wilson, 84, of Connecticut passed from this life Sunday, Aug. 8, 2022. She was born July 2, 1938, to Henry and Irene Anderson. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wilson family.

Marilyn Joyce McAnnally-Hays, 69
Funeral services for Marilyn Joyce McAnnally-Hays of Bangor, Alabama will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Bangor Cemetery. Reverend Junior Wolfe will be officiating. Visitation will be from noon until service time at the funeral home on Tuesday. Mrs. Hays was born on May 14, 1953, in Cullman. She died at the age of 69 on Aug. 7, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman. She was an avid Crimson Tide fan who enjoyed going to the games. She loved cooking, admiring her many flowers, and watching the hummingbirds. She was preceded in death by her father: Oliver "Bud" McAnnally; mother: Grace McAnnally; and her brother: Harold McAnnally. Survivors include her son: Derek Hays; grandson: Chase Hays; special friend: Keith Fricke; brothers: Larry McAnnally (Joan) and Bobby McAnnally (Debbie); sister: Sandra Carter (Jeff); special niece: Miranda Simpson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul John Glade, 66
Paul John Glade, age 66, of Cullman, passed away Aug. 6, 2022, at his residence. He was born June 25, 1956, in California to Peter and Sarah Glade. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife: Brenda Dwyer-Glade; daughter: Amber Green; son: Paul Allen Glade; four grandchildren; brother: Joe Glade; sisters: Maggie Glade and Sally Glade; and a host of family and friends.

James Danny Harris, 74
Funeral Service for James Danny Harris, age 74, of Crane Hill, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, at Antioch Baptist Church with Wade Maynard officiating; interment in Antioch Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Harris passed away on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Woodland Village Health Care. He was born Jan. 27, 1948, in Alabama to ML and Sudie Harris. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Carroll Harris, Frankie Harris, and Charles Harris; brothers-in-law: Joe Davis and Pete Patterson; and nephews: Jake Davis, Todd Barnett, Marc Harris, and Ronald Harris. Survivors include his wife: Diane Harris; son: Bryan Harris; daughter: Emily (Brannon) Addis; grandchildren: Jesse Harris, Levi Harris, Emersyn Harris, Lane Addis, and Jasper Addis; sister: Rheta Davis, Geraldean Patterson, Glenda (Ronnie) Smith, and Janice (Darrell) Barnett; brothers: Barry (Nita) Harris, Michael (Sharon) Harris, and Terrell (Becky) Harris; sisters-in-law: Floyell Harris and Jackie Harris; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Alabama Chapter of the ALS Association, 300 Cahaba Park Circle, Suite 209, Birmingham, AL 35242, or online at als.org/alabama.

Brelan Fayette Knighten, 82
Memorial Service for Brelan Fayette Knighten, age 82, of Logan, will be at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon-1:30 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Knighten passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home. He was born Dec. 9, 1939, to Fayette and Ruby Knighten. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Mary Knighten; and brothers: Gerald and Keith Knighten. Survivors include his daughters: Cheryl Knighten and Tracy (Paul) Kimbrough; son: Jason (Carrie) Knighten; companion: Esther Ivey; grandchildren: Kendra (Geremie) Fresh, Christopher (Susan) Terry, Matthew Smith, Kayla (Michael) Wood, Joshua Smith, Kandis (Nick) McLeroy, Kamron (Lindsay) Kimbrough, Jacob Knighten, Andrew Knighten, and Ella Grace Knighten; great-grandchildren: Giavonna Fresh, Angelina Fresh, Ariana Fresh, Noah Brenton, Augustus Wood, Bayleigh McLeroy, Ensley McLeroy, Charleigh Kimbrough, and Lucy Kate Kimbrough; great-great-grandchild: Bentley Fresh; sister-in-law: Nancy Knighten; nieces: Jody Knighten, Amy (Rob) Joyce, and Dore King; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville, Alabama.

James Douglas Link, 88
Dr. James Douglas Link, age 88 of Dandridge, Tennessee passed way Friday morning, Aug. 5, 2022, at his home. He was a native of Cullman, Alabama and lived in Florence, Alabama 58 years prior to moving to Dandridge. Dr. Link was preceded in death by his parents: John Ignatius Link and Edith Austin Link; and brother: John Austin Link. Survivors are his wife of 64 years: Dorothy Land Link; daughters: Lauren Link Gass and husband Jim of Dandridge, Tennessee, and Melissa Link Gelinas of Cumming, Georgia; four grandchildren: James Anderson Gass of Johnson City, Tennessee, Link Gass of Dandridge, Tennessee; Sarah Gelinas Schlief (Luke) of Braselton, Gerogia, and Mary Claire Gelinas (Stephen Kirk) of Chamblee, Georgia; great grandchild: Penelope Chandler Schlief. Dr. Link graduated from St. Bernard College, attended Duke University, and was a graduate of University of Tennessee School of Medicine. He served his internship and pediatric residency at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Link also served in the U.S. Army. He came to Florence in 1964 and practiced pediatrics at The Infants and Children's Clinic until his retirement in 1998. He served as president of the Lauderdale County Medical Society and as president of the medical staff at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital. He was also a member of the Medical Association of Alabama. He was also recognized by the University Tennessee College of Medicine as a 2014 Outstanding Alumnus. Dr. Link was a member and deacon at First Christian Church. He was a member of the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling and had done some storytelling himself. His community involvement included many years of work with the Florence Chapter of March of Dimes board and the Florence Help Center. He also served at the state level on the Advisory Committee of the Primary Care Network of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama. A graveside service is planned for 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at Cullman Memory Gardens. Dr. Foster Eich will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Help Center, P.O. Box 1713, Florence, Alabama 35630. Arrangements by Farrar Funeral Home, Dandridge, Tennessee www.farrarfuneralhome.com.

Mary Virginia Seymour, 80
Mary Virginia Seymour, age 80, of Double Springs, Alabama, passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Lakeland Community Hospital in Haleyville. Virginia was born April 3, 1942, in Winston County, Alabama. A visitation was held Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, from 2-3p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service was held at 3 p.m. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Virginia is survived by her daughter: Pamela Treece; daughter-in-law: Cheryl Jones; and a host of Seymour kids and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Henry and Mary Lee Watkins Bryant; son: Roy Jones; sister: Lucille Jacobs; and brother: Earsey Bryant.

Ronald Dale Leipert, 79
Ronald Dale Leipert, age 79 of Cullman, passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Princeton Medical Center in Birmingham. He was born in Cullman County on April 6, 1943, to Alvie Levi Leipert and Annie Ruth Easterwood Leipert. Ronald was a loving and caring father, papa and husband for 56 years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and never met a stranger; a member of the VFW in Cullman and attended Day Star Church. He was the heart of his family, and he will be greatly missed. Ronald was always there to lend a helping hand and provide his family with words of wisdom. He was a welder for many years and worked very hard to provide for his family. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents: Alvie and Annie Ruth Leipert. He leaves to cherish is wonderful memories by his wife: Linda Ann Lodge Leipert; children: Sherry (Johnny) Kretzschmar and Shannon (Tracey) Leipert; grandchildren: Cameron Kretzschmar, Cassidy Kretzschmar, Jada Leipert and Jocie Leipert. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Brothers, Greg and Darrell Leipert officiating. Burial will be at Hopewell Cemetery. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Leipert Family.

William Paul Black, 52
William Paul Black, age 52, of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2022. Paul was born Oct. 24, 1969, in Alabama. Paul is survived by his wife: Holly Mosley; his daughter: Cheslee Black; his son: Bradley Mosley; his brothers: Rodger (Eydie) Black, Chris (Tammy) Taylor; and his grandmother: Ollie Brock. Paul was preceded in death by his mother: Gladys Bonnell Speakman; his father: Roger Charles Black; his brother: Donald H. Black. A celebration of life graveside service for Paul will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Flint Creek Cemetery, Vinemont, Alabama.

Alvis Ernest Strickland, 93
Alvis Ernest "Bit" Strickland, 93 of Arley, entered into rest Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Strickland was born Aug. 26, 1928, in Marylee, Alabama to Ernest and Juda Strickland. As a lifelong member of the Bethel No. Baptist Church, Mr. Strickland was a precious man, wonderful woodworker and builder. He loved Mountain Dew, Yoo-hoos, riding the grandkids on his tractor, and most of all his family, as he was an extremely sweet and devoted Daddy and Paw Paw. Visitation was held Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, from 1 – 2 p.m. at Bethel No. 1 Baptist Church. A funeral service was held Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Bethel No. 1 Baptist Church, where a burial will follow at the adjoining cemetery. Brother Mike Tidwell officiated. Mr. Strickland is survived by his son: Jeff Strickland (Donna); daughter: Kerry Desouzaneto (David); brothers: Paul, Randy, and Russell Strickland; grandchildren: Michael Desouzaneto, April Strickland, Matthew Strickland, and Kaleb Franks; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Ernest and Juda Strickland; sisters: Louise Ward, Miriam Strickland, and Faye Hamilton; brothers: Eugene, Donald, Sammy, and (twin brother) Almus "Tap" Strickland; and his wife: Audrey Strickland.

Kevin Dewayne Yates, 58
Kevin Dewayne Yates, 58, a resident of Spanish Fort, Alabama, closed his eyes in sleep and woke up eternally healed Aug. 2, 2022. Kevin was born Aug. 28, 1963, in Cullman, Alabama, to James Marvin and Carolyn Yates. He worked as a band director and music teacher for 35 years and believed his mission field was his family and his work. He was preceded in death by his father: James Marvin Yates. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years: Sonya Sampley Yates; son: Tyler Yates; daughter: Morgan Yates Womble (Daniel); mother: Carolyn Hestla Yates; sister: Regina Yates Raney (David); along with nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Kevin lived a life of encouraging, mentoring, and ministering to others. A devoted Christ follower, Kevin's legacy is one of speaking life in all circumstances and declaring victory in Jesus. His legacy is one of hope, grace, forgiveness, patience, and love. Kevin was an ordained minister, played piano and sang with "Sounds of Joy," served in various positions at churches, and led mission trips to Alaska and Mexico for Beyond Walls, Inc. His faith was strong, and he touched thousands of lives over the years. The family held two visitations to honor the life of Mr. Yates with family and friends. A visitation on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, was held at Hughes Funeral Home, 26209 Pollard Road, Daphne, AL, from 4-6 p.m. Visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home, 100 Michelle Street, Hanceville, AL, was held Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, from 2-4 p.m., with a Celebration of Life at 4 p.m. A graveside service will follow at Mountain Grove Baptist Church in Hanceville, Alabama.

Linda Ray Clark, 79
Linda Ray Clark, age 79 of Logan, passed away at her home Friday, Aug. 5, 2022. She was born Feb. 13, 1943, to Jim Frank Ray and Lula Mae Ray Varner. She was loving, talented, and creative. We will all miss her beautiful smile. She was loved and will be definitely missed by everyone. She was preceded in death by her parents: Jim Frank Ray and Lula Mae Ray (Jeff) Varner; husband: Arthur Thomas Clark Sr.; sisters: Betty (Robert) Crittenden, Joyce (Owen) Purvis, and Mary Jim (Phil) Sheppard; brothers: Marcus Ray and Charles Ray; granddaughter: Jamie Clark; and great-grandchildren: Benjamin Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Thomas Johnson, and Ryan Johnson. Survivors include her children: Faye (Jim) Burrill, Kaye (Michael) Alexander, Arthur T. Clark Jr., and James Clark; grandchildren: Christine Johnson (Ronnie) Bas, Cheryl (Adam) Frost, Janet Parker (Chawn), Rona Brown, Trae Clark, Robert Wright, Jessica Clark, Tyler (Scotti) Clark, and Katie Clark (Lucas); great-grandchildren: Colby Bas, Chloe Frost (Shaun), Madison Frost, Aaliyah Frost, Zachary (Ashley) Guthrie, Parris Hinson, Machi Hinson, Zerrion Hinson, Lilli Brown (Zac), Leslie Taylor, Kayne Clark, Caden Clark, and Harper Clark; great-great-grandchildren: Jensen Scott, Isaac Guthrie, Lucas Guthrie, Jeremiah Elliott; and sisters, Jo Rupert (Larry) and Dot (Ed) Stanley. There will be a Celebration of Life on May 6, 2023, at the home of Michael and Kaye Alexander in Logan, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a favorite organization or help someone in need.

Frederick Dawson Holloway, 74
A highly decorated Vietnam combat veteran died Feb. 22, 2021, from injuries sustained in a single-engine airplane crash in Cullman, Alabama. Frederick "Noah" Dawson Holloway was born June 14, 1946, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to Orion Dawson and Mary Dawson-Westphal and later adopted by Ray and Edith Holloway. Fred graduated from Virden Community High School (VCHS), located in central Illinois, in 1964. He was Vice-President of his Junior Class and Student Council President his senior year. Fred was on the VCHS Track team all four years, Co-Captain of the VCHS football team his junior and senior years, and All-Conference football team his senior year. He attended the University of Illinois on a football scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree in 1968. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity. Second Lieutenant Holloway was commissioned in 1968 through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Illinois, Champaign. Fred's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Military Advisor Training Academy (MATA) to prepare him for his leadership role working with ARVN South Vietnamese Army troops, Defense Language Institute learning Vietnamese, Special Forces Operator Course and Airborne School. Captain Holloway's decorations and awards include Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Gallantry Cross with Palm, Armed Forces Honor Medal 1st class, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Halo Parachutist Wings, Parachutist Wings, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab and the Expert Marksmanship Badge. (Oak leaf clusters attached to military decorations indicate multiple awards.) Captain Holloway served two tours in Vietnam and Indochina. His fourth injury resulted in a full medical discharge. First Lieutenant Holloway wrote in a letter to his family while recovering from his combat injuries, "You have never lived until you have almost died". He truly LIVED life after serving in Vietnam pursuing his passion for aviation, a family hallmark.Fred's father, Ray Holloway, flew fighters in World War II and his uncle, Henry Holloway, was killed in action defending England in a B-17. Fred, as a flight instructor, launched his nephew's career as a Marine fighter pilot then as a commercial airline pilot at United. Fred's grandson, Kannon Richter, will soon be commissioned with a career in Army aviation. Fred was a commercial pilot with instrument, multi engine, and certified flight instructor ratings. He began his flying career in 1964 and acquired 6,058.9 flying hours. He lived to fly and died doing what he loved most. He didn't let his Army Parachutists Wings gather dust. He actively jumped out of airplanes at Skydive East Texas and Skydive Alabama. Fred was a devout Christian. He was baptized and grew up in the Lutheran Church, Girard, Illinois. He and his wife, Diane Freeman Holloway, are members of the First Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama. (a) Family members from biological parents: He was preceded in death by parents: Orion Dawson and Mary Dawson Westphal; siblings: Nelson Westphal, Julius Westphal, and Sherry Olsen. Survivors include sisters: Theresa Powell, Sandra Westphal, Michelle Schneider, Robin Fielder' and brother: Frank Westphal J. (b) Family members from adopted parents as well as his first wife and high school sweetheart Sheryll Holloway: He was preceded in death by parents: Ray and Edith Holloway; granddaughter: Kristi Higgs. Survivors include four daughters: Traci Richter (Steve) of Jackson Springs, North Carolina, Tara McSwain (Chris) of Tyler, Texas, Tori Huffman (Rod) of Whitehouse, Texas, and Tiffany Lynn Adcock (Scott) of Longview, Texas; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters: Doris Dingee, Raynee Lester; stepbrother: Richard Draker; stepsister: Cindy Draker Welch (c) Family members with second wife Susan Holloway include stepdaughter: Mary Ferruzza; one step-granddaughter; one-step grandson. (d) Family members with his current wife Diane Freeman Holloway include stepson: Joshua Freeman (Aubrey) of Huntsville Alabama; three step-granddaughters; two step-grandsons. (e) Fred was preceded in death by his service dog Major. -DE OPPRESSO LIBER- Funeral and memorial Information: Arrangements have been made to have Fred buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, at 10 a.m. eastern time. Arlington National Cemetery, 1 Memorial Avenue, Arlington, VA 22211

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That is, until recently. The veterans tent along sponsor row at this year's festival provided a safe space for referred combat veterans to attend the event while being in an area separate from the crowds in general admission and VIP.

The all-American real-life superheroes had the opportunity to enjoy the various performers surrounded by understanding comrades and their guests.

Clyde Johnson, a veteran who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, attended RTS on Friday with his wife, Sabrina, who was elated to see longtime favorite and Fort Payne's own Alabama.

On Saturday, while his wife was working, Johnson brought along his 13-year-old daughter Tiffany, who experienced her first concert with more than 70,000 other country music fans.

While Johnson appreciated the musical acts, he said the time spent with two of his favorite girls was the highlight of the experience.

"Spending time with my wife and my daughter was the best.

"To see my daughter's face light up like that, I'd give anything to see that again," shared Johnson.

Tiffany Johnson, a student at Danville Middle School, relished the opportunity to walk to the front of sponsor row to see the stage up close.

The aspiring writer was taken to command central for a lesson about on-the-spot reporting at major events where she learned about uploading photographs and stories on location as opposed to in an office setting.

Another veteran shared that while he and his wife had always wanted to attend the festival, the crowd had always kept them away.

This year, the happy couple watched Alabama from the fence line with their eyes twinkling and feet tapping to the rhythm of "Mountain Music" and "Dixieland Delight."

The vet said the weekend meant the world to him and his wife.

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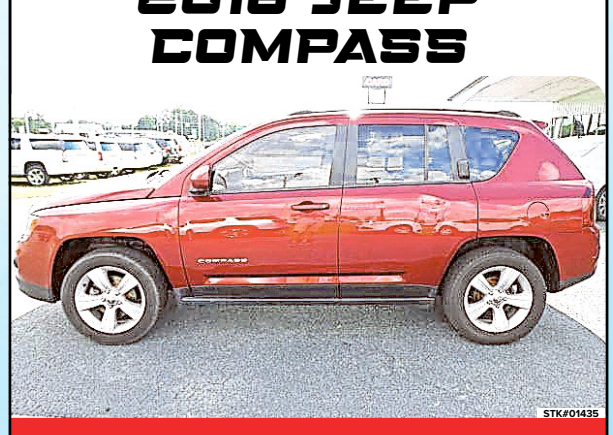
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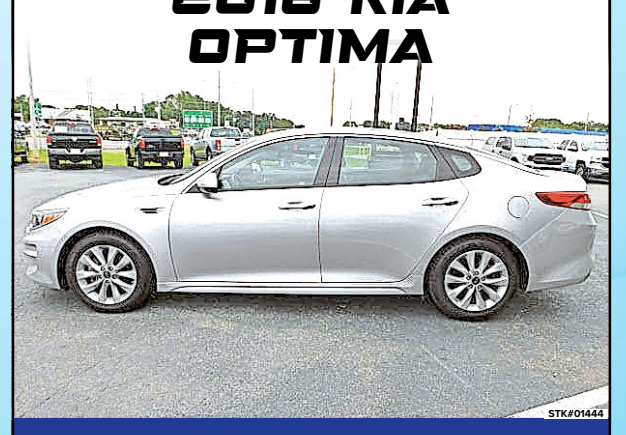
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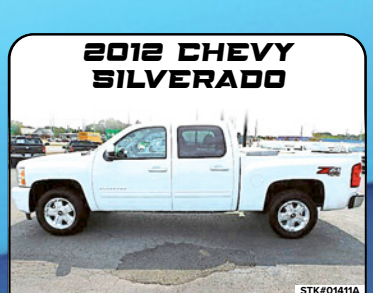
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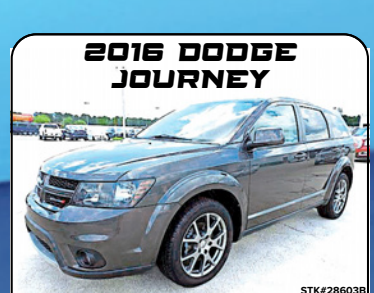
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