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Cullman Regional expansion project adds 30 beds

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional is now a 175-bed hospital with the recent completion of a four- story, 30-bed tower expansion. The project added 13 new critical care beds, 12 new medical/surgical beds and five beds created by renovating existing space in the hospital. Current patients will be moved to the new patient rooms and crews will begin renovating the old patient rooms in the critical care and medical/surgical units. After final approval of the renovated beds by the Alabama Department of Public Health, both units will fully open this fall.

"North Alabama's population growth is a significant driver for projects like this, and the pandemic also has hospitals evaluating their ability to care for patients when volumes are high," said CEO James Clements. "We won't be able to take care of our community » PAGE 5



CULLMAN REGIONAL
Artist's rendering of completed expansion at Cullman Regional

'Big Zac' wins title at 2nd annual Cullman County Tomato Taste-Off



CONTRIBUTED
A selection of tomatoes that were entered to win the title of "heaviest tomato" at the second annual Cullman County Tomato Taste-Off, hosted by the Cullman County Extension Office Saturday, July 15, at Festhalle Farmers Market.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In the midst of the hustle and bustle of a Saturday morning at the Festhalle Farmers Market, a small panel of judges deliberated over the fruits of local farmers' labor – literally – at the second annual Cullman County Tomato Taste-Off on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The event was hosted by the Cullman County Extension Office.

The early morning air was thick with fog and even thicker with competition as local farmers and hobby growers carefully selected tomatoes for a variety of classes: Best Tasting Cherry Tomato, Best Tasting Slicing Tomato and Heaviest Tomato. Several varieties of tomatoes were represented, from Mountain Glory to the famed Cherokee Purple.

The stiff competition was judged by local Chef Aaron Nichols, Arnold Caylor and Robin Sams. Those lucky enough to bring home the bragging rights also won gift certificates donated by Chambers Farm and Garden Supply.

Winners:

• Best Tasting Cherry Tomato: Bryan Benefield with Sun Sugar

• Best Tasting Slicing Tomato: Felicia Roberts with Cherokee Purple

• Heaviest Tomato: Brad Mitchell with Big Zac, weighing in at 2.5 pounds

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 17

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Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 17, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 13

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 272
- domestic violence; CR 1309
- theft of property; CR 601
- domestic violence; CR 735
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 820
- harassment; CR 1161
- theft of property; CR 1242
- criminal mischief; theft property; CR 336
- assault; CR 1043

July 14

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; resisting arrest; CR 1435
- theft of property; CR 991
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 1225
- criminal mischief; domestic violence; CR 1320
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1235

July 15

- menacing; domestic violence; CR 1082
- domestic violence; CR 1494
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 617
- domestic violence; Dripping Springs Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1830

July 16

- domestic violence; CR 1629
- possession of prescription pills; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 1589
- domestic violence; CR 1535
- harassment; CR 1606
- theft of property; CR 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747

ARRESTS

July 13 – 16

Bellar, Travis W.; 45
- kidnapping-exposure to possible physical injury
- assault-harassment

Cox, Jennifer L.; 42
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Crosby, Ashley A.; 39
- public intoxication

Daneau, Phillip Alan M.; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Garret, Charles A.; 35
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Grant, Steven L.; 36
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hand, Dustin C.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hill, Nicholas D.; 34
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper lane usage

Horton, Michael L.; 49
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)
- criminal trespass

Hucks, Amber N.; 38
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-criminal mischief-3rd degree

Hulme, Joyce, R.; 58
- Probation Revocation-assault-domestic-menacing-knife

Key, William B.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lee, Hunter D.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lindsey, Tamila Lynn M.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McGraw, Jarrett B.; 41
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

McWaters, Taylor Z.; 30
- FTA- liquor-pedestrian under the influence

Monroe, Tanya R.; 42
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Neeley, Garry N.; 39
- public intoxication

Peek, Alexis D.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of prescription drugs

Powers, Rainey N.; 34
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Rainey, Kelsey A.; 32
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no/improper tag light
- FTA- no seat belt

Ray, Jessie I.; 28
- DUI (alcohol)

Sharp, David A.; 45
- permitting dogs to run at large

Skinner, Joshua J.; 42
- FTA- violation of domestic violence protection order

Thomas, Santos L.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Verweire, Wade J.; 76
- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road

Warren, Christopher A.; 29
- DUI (alcohol)
- resisting arrest
- possession of prescription drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- destruction of property by prisoner
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Washburn, Jodie R.; 42
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wells, Christina M.; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Westbrook, Tammy J.; 55
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine

Williams, Justin B.; 35
- FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500

Ziglar, Kevin T.; 50
- damaged property-criminal mischief

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 13

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; damaged window; $1,200
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Hwy. 157

July 15

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2017 Nissan; $600
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

July 16

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Ave. C SE

July 17

- harassment; person; Warnke Rd. NW
- harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

July 14 – 16

Degraaf, Lanee M.; 30
- theft of property-4th degree

Rogers, Khary D.; 30
- theft of property-2nd degree

Mashburn, Michelle L.; 45
- theft of property-4th degree

Woljevach, Margret A.; 62
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Johnson, William N.; 65
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Moody, Isaac B.; 18
- DUI

Borden, Levi E.; 24
- theft of property-1st degree

Lansford, Travis; 48
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Nauvoo man killed in Cullman County crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Nauvoo man was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 5:11 a.m. Sunday, July 16. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as John A. Mills, 60.

Troopers said Mills was fatally injured when the 2005 Nissan Altima he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree. Troopers said Mills was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred on Alabama Highway 69 near the 223 mile marker, approximately 13 miles southwest of Dodge City, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

ALEA: Rural Road Safety Awareness Week July 17-21

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is joining the Alabama Transportation Institute in kicking off National Rural Road Safety Awareness Week (RRSAW), which runs Monday, July 17, through Friday, July 21. The weeklong observance is part of a nationwide campaign spearheaded by the National Center for Rural Road Safety and drives home the need to slow down as speeding is one of the top contributing factors in rural crashes.

The overall theme and question safety partners are asking motorists to consider during RRSAW 2023 is "What's Speed Got to Do with It?" Throughout the campaign, various topics will be identified to raise awareness and address speed management on rural roads.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Every campaign and initiative that our Agency launches or participates in has tremendous value; however, National Rural Road Safety Awareness Week is structured specifically for states like Alabama.

"Driving a motor vehicle can be hazardous on any roadway due to varying factors and conditions. While on rural routes, drivers must be especially careful and use extreme caution as it relates to speed management and overall vehicle operation.

"The key is understanding that every roadway has a specific speed at which motorists can safely travel. When drivers exceed those speed limits, crashes, injuries and fatalities are much more likely to occur."

According to data compiled from 2018 to 2022 by the Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS) in Alabama, rural crashes account for nearly 25% of all traffic crashes. In 2022, 4,453 of Alabama's traffic crashes involved speeding on rural roads, resulting in 159 fatalities. So far in 2023, 1,930 crashes have occurred on rural roads in Alabama due to speeding, resulting in 49 fatalities.

Dr. Steven Jones, interim executive director of the Alabama Transportation Institute, said, "The Alabama Transportation Institute endorses the Rural Road Safety Awareness Week starting Monday, July 17.

"The Institute, through its Center for Advanced Public Safety, is committed to promoting safety on all roads in Alabama and is especially attuned to the unique challenges in rural areas. In addition to our work in Alabama, the Institute is part of the National Center for Rural Road Safety, and we are working with the national organization to promote the reduction of excessive speeding on rural roads across the nation."

Taylor said, "Tragically, we have lost too many lives on Alabama roadways, but especially on our rural routes. We must take this campaign seriously and help prevent needless crashes on our roadways.

"In addition to educating the public on the dangers of speeding, we are also using this safety campaign to stress the importance of seat-belt usage, as well as why driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs is so dangerous."

According to CAPS data, rural DUI crashes account for 41% of all DUI crashes recorded, and DUI rural crashes also account for 53% of all DUI fatalities in Alabama. In 2022, 1,991 DUI-related crashes occurred on rural roads, resulting in 137 fatalities.

So far in 2023, 884 DUI-related crashes have occurred on rural roads, resulting in 50 fatalities.

Cullman's Sosa wins scholarship during Miss Alabama competition

Jennifer Brady
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Two UA students placed in the Top 5 at the Miss Alabama pageant held June 28 through July 1. Ibby Dickson was named second runner-up and Hannah Adams was named third runner-up during the final night of competition.

Their placement in the Top 5 earned Dickson and Adams a $3,000 and $2,500 scholarship, respectively. During the week's competition, Dickson was named a finalist for the Catherine Crosby Community Service Scholarship.

Adams was the winner of the Catherine Crosby Community Service Scholarship award, earning a $3,000 scholarship, and the evening gown winner in the Friday night preliminary, earning her an additional $300 scholarship.

Adams, a Birmingham native, is majoring in both political science and public relations. Dickson, of Sylacauga, graduated from UA in May and majored in both news media and political science.

Dickson, the current Miss University of Alabama and Sylacauga native, will continue her reign until Oct. 7 when a new Miss UA will be crowned.

Other UA students earning awards during the Miss Alabama competition include:

- Rylie Dewley: A Catherine Crosby Community Service Scholarship finalist from Grand Blanc, Michigan, co-Miss Alabama Congeniality Award winner (shared with Emma Wright, Miss Leeds Area) and non-finalist Talent winner, earning a $250 cash scholarship

- Mary Catherine Dulaney: Non-finalist Talent winner from Ozark, earning a $250 cash scholarship

- Abby Sosa: Wednesday Night Talent preliminary winner (earning a $500 scholarship) and a non-finalist Talent winner from Cullman, earning a $250 cash scholarship

- Lindsey Wood: STEM Scholarship finalist from Thorsby

- Chloe Yates: Non-finalist Talent winner earning a $250 cash scholarship from Prospect, Kentucky and a Musical Theater Performance Award (a $1,000 scholarship)

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Abby Sosa

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, July 19 - 7 p.m. Children, adult and youth classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, July 21 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! 6:30 p.m. bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, July 22 - Kids Adventure Day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.! All welcome!
• Sunday, July 23 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, July 23 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The 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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting/ Luncheon
Friday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

Rock the South
Thursday-Saturday, July 21-23, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. This year's headliner is Chris Stapleton. To buy tickets and to get more information, go to www.rockthesouth.com.

Calvert Reunion
The descendants of Thomas and Hannah Calvert Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 22, at the Trimble Community Center, beginning at 10 a.m., 7802 County Road 813, Cullman. Covered dish lunch at noon. For more information, call Daphna Freeman at 256-734-4962.

Davidson Homes Block Party
Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 2 communities, 1 event. North Ridge – The Reserve at North Ridge, 2074 Austin Dr., NE, Cullman. Food truck, waterslide, great door prizes. Free to public and everyone is welcome. For more information call Sonya Green at 256-200-4548.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
Saturday, July 22, at 1 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Steakhouse. For more information call Linda Jordan at 256-747-6883.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
Saturday, July 22, at 4 p.m. at West Point Brandin Iron. Please try to attend and catch up on what's been happening.

87th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock; 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. patsymedlock@bellsouth.net. 205-915-1870 (cell). Anita Sandlin Glover (205-903-1756). Let's conserve postage! Please email me your EMAIL address. If you don't have email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (~14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At first STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT! Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at St. Bernard. Featuring pottery, quilts, brooms, leather art, cypress furniture, paintings, jewelry, plants and more. Visit Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced price admission of only $5. Admission donation to the festival is $10 per person; children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Visit www.stbernardprep.com for more information.

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PREP CHEER

‘Be role models for our school and our teammates’: Good Hope’s Maycie Nolen recaps freshman year

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope cheerleader Maycie Nolen is preparing for her second year on the Raiders varsity cheer team, and she’s had a blast learning as much as she can from all her teammates and coaches.

“I have absolutely loved being on the team. I’ve made so many friends that I wouldn’t have if I wasn’t a cheerleader. I love being involved in my school,” Nolen said. “I’ve learned how to solve problems better, communicate, and work well with others. It’s been so amazing getting to cheer alongside some great girls. I’ve loved every bit of it so far. I’ve never seen another group of people have each other’s backs like we do.”

Nolen got to cheer alongside senior Ashlin Hamm and took away an important thing from her; she can’t wait to cheer alongside some great seniors this upcoming season.

“Ashlin Hamm did an amazing job of stepping up, especially being the only senior on the cheer team. She was an amazing cheerleader. She had great crowd engagement. I learned a lot from her since I was a freshman, but one thing was how to get the student section engaged,” Nolen said.

“Mahayla Dillard, Natalie Scott, Kailey White, Lexi Doss, and Jenna Crumpton have been great role models already and I’m so excited for this upcoming year with them. They’ve taught me some hard stunts, how to paint signs, and most importantly, how to be a leader for the younger girls.”

Nolen took away so much from some great coaches and has seen her performance drastically improve from last year until now.

“Our coaches are fantastic and so much fun to work with. They taught us how to be role models for our school and our teammates and to work hard toward our goals, but to have fun too,” she said.

“My performance has grown drastically since last year, especially my stunting skills. I’m so thankful to have gotten help from my coaches and teammates to get to where I am now.”

Good Hope went to state last year, and Nolen had a blast competing there. She talked about what she worked on in the offseason and what she will continue to work to get ready for the upcoming year.

“It was a lot of fun. Competitions are my favorite part of cheer. I was so proud of my team for getting second place in traditional out of the whole state. I think we learned not to get in our heads and to just focus on giving it all we got,” she said.

“I’ve worked on getting stronger for my stunts and tumbling. I will continue working on my strength until I can do them with ease.”

Nolen talked about the goals for this upcoming year, what will make this cheer squad special to watch, the cheerleaders that she looks up to, and the best advice that she was ever given.

“My goal for myself is to a high-to-high by the end of this season and our team goal is to win state,” she said.

“I feel like our obvious love for what we do is always prominent when we’re competing and the crowd can always tell when a team isn’t loving what they’re doing, so I think they’ll see our passion and get excited to watch.

“Mahayla Dillard, Natalie Scott, and Lexi Doss really stuck out to me personally. I like how they can correct and help us in a nice, encouraging way. The best advice that someone ever gave me was to keep going, no matter how hard things get, because the best is yet to come.”



MAYCIE NOLEN

Good Hope’s Maycie Nolen

‘Create memories’: Holly Pond’s Alexis Pitts looks back on high school years

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Holly Pond senior Alexis Pitts, and she shared some of her favorite memories she made during her time in several school clubs, including the FCCLA.

“I was in the FFA, FCCLA, Beta Club, and SGA. The experience I had was great. I made many friends with people I had the same clubs with. I learned so many leadership skills and how to work well with others. It was great being able to share that experience with other people who had the same interests as me,” Pitts said.

“My favorite club memory was when Mrs. Burke, the FCCLA teacher, took me and some of my classmates on a field trip to the Alabama State Leadership Conference this past year and we got to stay in this amazing hotel. I had the best time getting to do things I had never done before. I will remember all the memories and the friendships that I made along the way.”

Pitts talked about all of the high school memories that she made during her time at Holly Pond, plus what made it a special school to go to.

“My favorite high school memories were winning fair queen my junior year and getting to represent Holly Pond my senior year, getting to participate in the football and basketball homecoming activities, and being surrounded by amazing friends along the way,” Pitts said.

“I think what made Holly Pond a special place to go to is that the faculty knows every one of the students that attend Holly Pond and with that, there’s a better connection between the faculty and students. I felt like you were able to connect with the faculty and talk to them. The faculty listens well to what the students have to say, and they take the students’ advice to better the experience at Holly Pond.”

She talked about what she will remember the most and she will deeply miss being a Bronco next year.

“I will definitely remember the friends and the memories that I have made along the way. I will take with me everything that I have learned, the people I’ve met, and the friendships I’ve made along the way,” she said.

“I will definitely miss the teachers and the staff and how much they care. I will also miss getting to participate in the school’s pageant each year and getting to see my friends every day.”

Pitts gave some advice to the upcoming freshmen in August and talked about she looked up to the most, plus being a role model for the younger students, and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

“The advice I’d give to the students that will be starting high school in August is create memories, do things you would’ve never thought you would do. You only get to go through high school once and you need to make the most out of it,” she said.

“I looked up to most of the faculty and I tried to be a role model for the younger students to give them someone to look up to.

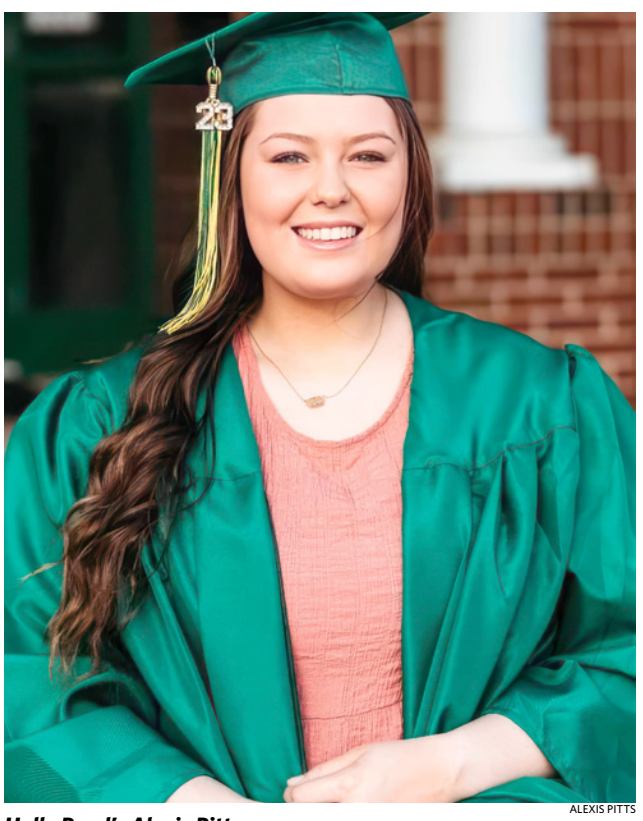
“The best advice that someone has given me was that later on in life, you don’t remember or talk to all the people you went to school with, so don’t let one person get you down with words that they say because it won’t matter in the long run.”

Pitts talked about what school she will be going to and what her major will be. She received some scholarships and was so blessed to get them.

“I will be going to school at Wallace State Community College, and I will be majoring in diagnostic imaging to become a radiational therapist,” she said.

“I got the Gary and June Easterwood scholarship and the Cullman Savings Bank Mike Duke scholarship. Getting those scholarships means a lot to me. College can be expensive, and anything helps.

“But it means the most to me because it shows me that people truly care about kids getting their degrees and helping out in any way that they can.”



ALEXIS PITTS

Holly Pond’s Alexis Pitts





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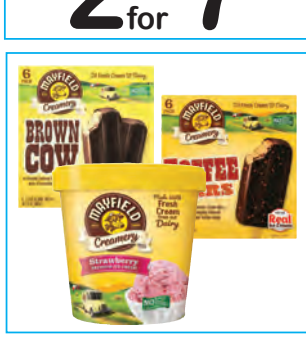
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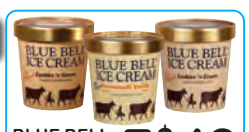
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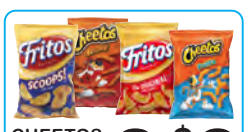
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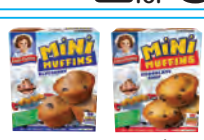
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Expansion (from Front)

in the future if we aren't proactive today."

The tower expansion, part of a $30 million overall expansion project that also included renovating and enlarging the hospital's ER in 2022, was supported by Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, with $1.5 million in appropriated funds.

The tower expansion is the third in a series of four major expansion projects the hospital expects to complete within three years.

Prior to the ER and tower expansions, Cullman Regional's Hartselle Health Park opened in 2021 bringing needed outpatient services to south Morgan County residents. After recently receiving state approval, the hospital will begin construction on a fourth project – a freestanding emergency department in Hartselle set to open in 2024.

According to the hospital, Cullman Regional's ability to sustain its growth initiatives contrasts with how many other hospitals in Alabama are performing.

According to a February report commissioned by the Alabama Hospital Association, half of the state's hospitals operated at a loss in 2022.

Stuff the Bus (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County is hosting its sixth annual school supply drive, Stuff the Bus, now through July 28. Donated school supplies will be distributed to city and county school students who do not have access to school supplies throughout the year.

During the 2022-23 school year, over 50% of students were on free or reduced lunches; additionally, the poverty rate in Cullman County is higher than national averages, so the number of students who need school supplies in the community is extremely high. The United Way in Cullman collected thousands of school supplies last year through the drive, impacting thousands of students.

Participating businesses, retailers, churches and other partners will have collection boxes on-site until July 28 with the goal to stuff the bus full of supplies for both school systems within Cullman County. A full list of school supplies needed will be posted at each drop-off location; for a full list of participating drop-off sites and school supplies needed, as well as additional information, visit www.uwaycc.org/stuff-bus.

For more information, contact United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Waid Harbison at 256-739-2948.

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1-year anniversary of 988

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — After just one year, the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Alabama has received more than 45,000 contacts, including more than 30,000 calls, 6,000 chats and 8,000 texts. These are not just numbers. They are real people in our state who called, sent chats or texts, seeking immediate help in a crisis, and received real-time life-saving counseling from mental health professionals.

Since July 16, 2022, 988 has served as "the new 911" for mental health crisis services in Alabama. This year commemorates its one-year anniversary. This life-saving service and Crisis Centers are part of Alabama's Crisis System of Care, launched by Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) with strong support from the Legislature. The Alabama Crisis System of Care is a continuum of public mental health crisis services that are positively transforming our state's crisis response.

"Every Alabamian deserves 24/7 access to public mental health care. 988 expands this vital access and serves as an entry point into Alabama's Crisis System of Care, particularly for individuals that need someone to call, someone to respond, and somewhere to go," said ADMH Commissioner Kimberly Boswell.

Over the past year, 988 connected people directly to critical crisis services. While Alabama response rates continue to improve, call volume month to month has grown, demonstrating the crucial need for this service.

Calls are answered right here in the state. These centers are located in Mobile at AltaPointe Health in Mobile, in Birmingham at the JBS Craig Crisis Center and The Crisis Center Birmingham and in Huntsville at WellStone. Carastar Health in Montgomery and SpectraCare Health in Dothan will begin operations by the end of 2023.

988 testimonial

WellStone's Call Center 988 staff received a call from a 19-year-old woman, assumed to be intoxicated and in distress. She stated she thought about harming herself that day. She disclosed that she often felt depressed and drank alcohol when she felt that way. She said she didn't want to continue in the cycle of drinking. WellStone's 988 Call Center Staff talked with her about how drinking can increase suicidal thoughts and options for substance use treatment. The staff discussed a crisis management plan to manage depression without alcohol and offered resources at a local provider. The caller left the conversation with practical next steps for recovery.

988 is a lifeline for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, particularly those in rural communities, and provides real-time, immediate connections and assistance to individuals in crisis and their loved ones. When you call, chat or text 988, you are connected with a mental health professional who can talk to you, offer crisis resources that may come to you, or immediately direct an individual to their closest Crisis Centers for help.

988 testimonial

AltaPointe Health's 988 Call Center staff's first active suicide attempt call, was from a female client in Mobile who had attempted suicide, stating she taken an overdose of prescription medication. She did not want AltaPointe to call 911 and hung up on the 988 Call Center staff when family entered her home. The Call Center staff called 911, and first responders were able to locate and take her to an acute care ER. A day later, the client called AltaPointe Access to Care Line and was admitted to AltaPointe's EastPointe Hospital in Daphne for treatment.

988 saves lives. Access to care saves lives. A statewide Crisis System of Care ensures every Alabamian has someone to call, someone to respond, and somewhere to go during a mental health, substance use, or suicidal crisis. Visit www.mh.alabama.gov for more information about 988, Crisis Centers and the Alabama Crisis System of Care.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GINGER CHRIETZBERG,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2023- 219

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Ginger Chrietzberg, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of July, 2023, 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.

Baranda Kincaid
Personal Representatives

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representatives
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOAN CAROLYN STERLING GIBBS, * CASE NO. PC 2023 - 221
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Leah Segrest Funderburk as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOAN CAROLYN STERLING GIBBS, deceased, on the 7th day of July, 2023, 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.

Leah Segrest Funderburk
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of 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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF Z.H.B
A minor child.
D.O.B. 07/30/2010

CASE NO.: AD2023-039

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHRISTOPHER L. BYRD AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD Z.H.B., BORN JULY 30, 2010 TO LACEY CHRISTINA CASON

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ricky Dewayne Cason, Jr., 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 7th DAY OF July, 2023

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

Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for Petitioner
FULLER, WILLINGHAM & CARTER, LLC.
413 1st Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
S.G.T.
A Minor Child, 02/12/2021

CASE NO. JU 2021-072.03

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 S.G.T., born on or about 02/12/2021 to Kelly Thorbjornsen, respond to the Petition by the 22 day of August, 2023, 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 27 day of June, 2023

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, 2023.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

FILED IN OFFICE
JUN 27 2023
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until. 12:00 p.m., Local Time, August 07 2023, and then publicly opened and read at 1:00 p.m. for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project:

Contract No: IEMAWSS-0104, Project Name: MAWSS Airport Blvd/ Walter Smith Rd. Force Main

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at office of Isaiah Engineering, Inc. Consulting Engineers, at 413 Azalea Rd, Suite C Mobile, AL. Electronic Plans and Specifications may be obtained via e-mail for review only from Isaiah Engineering, Inc. Telephone: (251) 344-2022

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be obtained from Isaiah Engineering, Inc. at 413 Azalea Rd, Suite C, upon a non-refundable payment of $140.00 per set. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing (Contract No.) IEMAWSS-0104 (Project Name) MAWSS Airport Blvd/ Walter Smith Rd Force Main to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, August 07,2023. The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, not to exceed $10,000.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

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Obituary Announcements: July 15-17

Joshua Todd Lee, 33
A Celebration of Life for Joshua Todd Lee, age 33, of Cullman, will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Lee passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Dec. 14, 1989, to Marshall and Linda Gail Lee. Survivors include his parents; son, Eli Lee; son, Trevor Lee; daughter, Jayleigh Lee; brother, Wade (Wendi) Lee; sister, Crystal (Gerry) Herron; mother of children, Bethany Lee; a host of nieces and nephews, Jagger Lee, Judge Lee, Greylin Lee, Brandon Leak, Jasmine Herron, Devon Herron, Braedon Herron, and Waelynn Swindoll; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Shirley Ruth Lee, 87
Shirley Ruth Lee, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama, died Sunday, July 16, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth M. Lee. Mrs. Lee is survived by her children: Karen Wilhite (Paul), Bruce Lee (Leigh), and Kenny Lee (Patsy); grandchildren: Kim Harbison (Jimmy), Shane Lee (Amberly), Matt Lee (Abby), Jordan Lee (Kristen), Daniel Wilhite, and Kari Elam (Kalen); six great-grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, July 19, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Mrs. Lee's life will be Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Jones Chapel Cemetery. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Thomas Belton Gray, Sr., 85
Mr. Thomas Belton Gray, Sr., 85, of Cullman, passed away Monday, July 17, 2023, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gray family. Mr. Gray was born Sept. 12, 1937. No services are planned at this time. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Cecil Coleman Pigg, 87
Cecil Coleman Pigg, 87, of Addison, passed away July 15, 2023, at The Folsom Center. He was born on April 24, 1936, in Sardis, Alabama. Cecil was just some kind of special. He provided for so many people throughout the years and was a wonderful gentleman. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Funeral Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Sardis #2 Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Steton Hayes will officiate. Cecil is survived by his wife, Angie Netherton; daughters, Patricia Pigg and Chandi Netherton; sons, Terry Pigg and Jerry Pigg; grandchildren, Todd Pigg, Victor Pigg, Chloe Goodman, Shane Everett, Hayden Everett, Ashley Watson, and Kyle Goodman; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Audrey Pigg; daughter, Regina Everett and Lisa Pigg Goodman; grandson, Jonathon Pigg; and brothers Wendell and Dalton Pigg.

Elsie Leonard, 85
Elsie Leonard peacefully passed at her home on July 15, 2023. She was 85. Born Elsie Bell Patterson on Sept. 13, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama, she was the tenth of Charlie and Emma Patterson's thirteen children. A singer from an early age, she often shared stories of how she learned to yodel while working the fields of her family's farm. Although shy, her voice, the joy of music, and her strong will carried her throughout her life. Mrs. Leonard turned down career opportunities that would have taken her away from Cullman and chose the more traditional path of raising a family in her hometown. She married the late Troy Leonard in 1956 and had three children. Always a hard worker, she held several jobs over the years but her real joy could be found in the simple things of life. She loved spending time with children, singing, Bible study, gardening, canning fruits and vegetables, cooking, and perfecting the best homegrown tomato sandwich around. She taught her children the important lessons of perseverance, humor, and when to take yourself on a walk. Mrs. Leonard was predeceased by her husband Troy in 2020. She is survived by her three children, Jock Leonard (Teresa) of Cullman, Alabama, Joel Leonard of Cullman, Alabama, and Juli Leonard (Dr. Bruce Keene) of Raleigh, North Carolina. She was the proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Krista Kinsland, Kara Leonard, Grace Holmes (Gage), Hope Leonard, and Tula Leonard, and three great-grandchildren: Audrey Holmes, Grover Kinsland, and Asa Holmes. She also leaves behind siblings Joe Patterson and Charlie Patterson (Joy) of Cullman, Alabama, as well as many nieces and nephews. The family would like to give special thanks to Gregory Bostick MD, Angelia Elliot MD, Enhabit Hospice, Stephanie Heard RN, April Christiansen RN, Visiting Angels, the late Claudette White, Sabra Gober, and Andrea Spitzer. The family also extends deepest gratitude to family friend and caregiver Sandra Comley. The family will hold a graveside service and asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Patricia Young Duncan, 73, of Cullman
Graveside service for Patricia Young Duncan, age 73, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Berlin Cemetery at Mt. Carmel with Jim McNees officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Duncan passed away on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Feb. 22, 1950, to James and Margaret Dobbins. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Terry Duncan; daughter, Teresa (Owen) Graham; sister, Judy (Richard) Kenna; grandson, Zach (Krista) Floyd; great-grandchildren, Kyleigh Floyd, Elijah Floyd, Amelia Grace Floyd, and Sawyer James Floyd; nephew, James (Vickie) Cason; and niece, Jamie (Chad) Wilson.

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Giveaway (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County has teamed up once again with Greater Good Music and Rock the South to distribute food boxes to the first 500 families on Saturday, July 22, 2023, starting at 8 a.m. at 708 Ninth St. SE in Cullman.

The boxes of dry goods will be given away in tandem with school supplies donated by United Way of Cullman County's "Stuff the Bus" initiative; this dual-approach seeks to bridge the gap and make crucial food and supplies accessible to those community members in need.

In order to make this endeavor successful, The Link needs is seeking the community's help. Volunteers are needed to help pack boxes with foodstuffs and informational flyers on Wednesday and Friday and distribute boxes on Saturday.

For more information, contact Courtney Ricketts at 256-775-0028. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/Link-FoodGiveaway.

Anniversary (from Front)

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Friday proclaimed July 14, 2023, Camp Liberty's 10th Anniversary Day in the city of Cullman. On hand to receive the official proclamation was Camp Liberty Director of Special Events Dr. Bob Montague.

Since relocating to the Battleground area in Cullman County in 2013, Camp Liberty has had over 3,000 graduates, and a majority of those graduates now serve in the military or in public service. In addition to training young people interested in a military career, Camp Liberty also offers training and programs for veterans transitioning into new careers and military family members seeking new job training.

This summer, Camp Liberty in Cullman County is hosting its 10th Extreme Military Challenge (XMC), a seven-week program with participants aged 13-18 from across the nation. Camp Liberty is a 76-acre facility with field training locations, including the Cadet Ranger Village, low-ropes course and rappel tower. It has an on-site obstacle course and marksmanship range. Montague said he has been extremely impressed with this group of kids and he is looking forward to the graduation ceremony that will be held this Saturday, July 22, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center at 9:30 a.m. To find out more about Camp Liberty visit www.camp-liberty.com.

Tiffany McKoy contributed to this article.



Sights from Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run



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