Cullman Savings Bank
Working for Cullman County Families Since 1887
Visit us at our new Drive-thru located at 515 4th Street SW - Cullman
The Main Office Drive-thru is now closed.
256-734-1740 | WWW.CULLMANSAVINGSBANK.COM



The Cullman Tribune

SERVING CULLMAN – IN THE HEART OF DIXIE – SINCE 1874

VOL. 151 • 50¢ PER COPY | SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024 | USPS 139-700 • NO. 84

KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE AGENCY
Your agents. Your neighbors. Your friends. For three generations.
80 YEARS
Thank you, Cullman, for the best 80 years of our lives.

Hanceville City Council donates $1K to Hanceville High marching band

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — At the first regularly scheduled meeting of July, held on Thursday, July 11, the Hanceville City Council tackled several pieces of business, including a donation to the Hanceville High School marching band to assist in the purchase of new uniforms, an agreement with local pregnancy resource center First Source for Women and the reevaluation of a City ordinance to allow tattoo studios.

Hanceville High School asked the council for its support in the meeting. According to the request the council received, the marching band uniforms are old and outdated, leaving the band in need of new uniforms for the upcoming football season, an expense likely to set the organization back $40,000-$50,000. The council discussed appropriate actions in response to the request and the available funds within the City's budget for such a donation. Mayor Pro Tem Kim Brown stated that fairness should come into play, as the council has previously supported other school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

"I think we should. We supported the (HHS) cheerleaders and bought an ad," Brown reminded the council.

Councilman John Stam proposed a $1,000 donation to the program for uniforms. The council approved the donation.

First Source for Women (FSFW) also asked the council for help. The FSFW Hanceville location is situated next to a City-owned lot; FSFW Executive Director Janet Davis implored the council for permission to demolish a concrete structure on the lot and erect a covered parking area for the center's mobile unit. Davis made an additional request, as the mobile unit requires a steady power source. She asked the council for permission to install an outdoor outlet to provide electricity to the vehicle; the power supply » PAGE 7

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

OBITUARIES
Melondie Luree Mobley, Dena Lang, Kaleb Patrick Ballenger, Fay Nail, James 'Jim' Lowell Gregory, Michael Anthony Roden, Carolyn Fine, Richard Leonard Shoemaker, Danny Winford Baker, Gary Lee Johnson, Benjamin Barnes, Donald Ray Brown
» PAGE 6

WEATHER
96 71
SOURCE: WEATHER.GOV
SUNNY

Arrests and Incidents
» PAGE 2

Community Calendar
» PAGE 3

Games
» PAGE 7



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

– SPORTS –

'You have to put in the work': Good Hope's Jacob Wright reflects on Raider years
» PAGE 4

Cullman dive team captures District II championship



CULLMAN SWIM TEAM

The Cullman dive team won Thursday's District II Championship in Boaz.

Sara Hughes
Cullman Swim Team

BOAZ, Ala. — The Cullman Dive Team won the District II Diving Championship in Boaz Thursday. Under the direction of new coach Alec Benzek, the team has excelled and secured a 1st place finish. The team will now compete at the ARPA State Diving Championship in Opelika in two weeks.

RESULTS

10&U Boys 1m dive
1. Jaxon Curry
2. C.J. Curry
3. Keith Swidecki
6. Asa Powell

10&U Girls 1m dive
1. Gemma Swidecki
2. Hannah Thigpen
4. Liliana Garcia

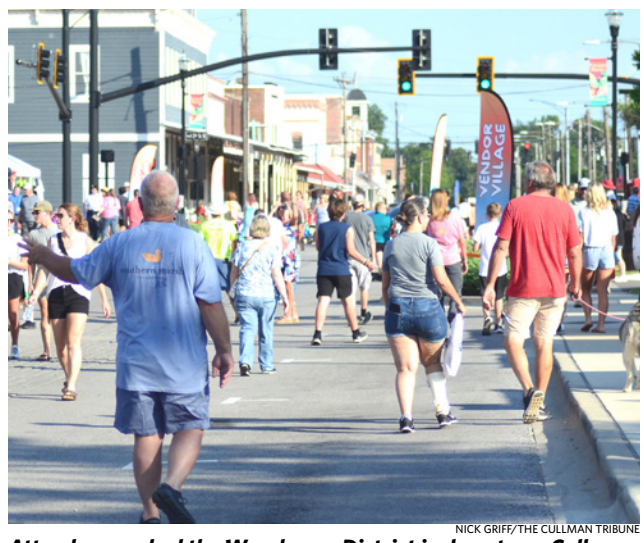
11-12 Boys 1m dive
1. Karson Corliss
2. William Apel

11-12 Girls 1m dive
2. Reese Swidecki

12&U Boys 3m dive
1. Karson Corliss
2. Jaxon Curry

12&U Girls 3m dive
1. Reese Swidecki

2nd Fridays packs downtown Cullman



NICK GRIFF/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Attendees packed the Warehouse District in downtown Cullman Friday night to participate in July's 2nd Fridays celebration.

CCBOE increases extracurricular supplements, approves contracts for new school year

» PAGE 4

'We want to invest in their lives': Wallace State hosts Elementary STEAM Camp



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Wallace State hosted elementary students for a STEAM Camp this week.

» PAGE 5

SIZZLING SUMMER SAVINGS WITH BILL'S DEALS!
Bill Smith
BUICK GMC
WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE
ALABAMA'S LARGEST BUICK GMC DEALERSHIP
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.
GMC DEALER OF THE YEAR 6 TIMES IN A ROW!
WAS $67,860
NOW
$54,860*
NEW 2024 GMC SIERRA 1500
CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4-WHEEL DRIVE SLT
SAVE $13,000
STK#49328
X31 OFF ROAD PACKAGE | 5.3L ECOTEC3 V8 WITH DFM | 20" POLISHED ALUMINUM WHEELS | HITCH GUIDANCE/ HITCH VIEW | REMOTE START | REAR SEAT REMINDER
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472

© 2024 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 12, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

No arrests or incidents reported.

ARRESTS

July 8-10

Adams, Alyssa G.; 24
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Auston, Jacob N.; 30
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large

Brown, Carl G.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – reckless driving

Conn, Stanley D; 60
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cruce, Caleb E.; 21
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Duke, Keelen L.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA – fail stop sign

Elsberry, David M.; 40
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-3rd degree, domestic violence
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- PROBATION VIOLATION – DUI (alcohol)

Freeman, Richard B.; 34
- GJ – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Green, Kenneth W.; 43
- GJ – sex-offense-force
- GJ – sexual abuse-1st degree

Haney, Savannah B.; 36
- flight/escape

Harris, Bernetta; 64
- counterfeiting

Hernandez Melchor, Carlos J.; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Jones, Austin A.; 29
- theft from a motor vehicle-1st degree

Lee, Brandon W.; 32
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Martinez, Bryann L.; 26
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree

Morgan, Rodney O.; 49
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Mosher, Drenda C.; 61
- Negotiating worthless instrument

Orear, Melissa J.; 49
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pitts, Adam D.; 44
- FTA – driving while license suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Roach II, Roy W.; 49
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving while license suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA – refusal to display insurance
- FTA – speeding – no workers – construction zone

Ross, Brandon J.; 31
- FTA – driving while license suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Sellers, Brent M.; 53
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – refusal to display insurance
- FTA – possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Stillwell, Colton G.; 27
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large

Wilkerson, Virgil J.; 41
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500
- criminal trespass

Wilkerson, William R.; 20
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500
- criminal trespass

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 10
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $25; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $3,700
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; fishing equipment; $100; Hwy. 157

July 11
- fail to redeliver hired vehicle; South Park Self Storage

ARRESTS

July 10-11

Pederson, Christopher A.; 36
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harvell, John R.; 32
- FTA - unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - public intoxication (2 counts)

Harris, Onis S.; 32
- retail theft of property-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilson, Katie M.; 28
- FTA - fail to register vehicle

O'Rear, Melissa J.; 49
- FTA - run stop sign
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - fail to signal
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - improper lights

Blackmon, Joshua D.; 39
- attempt to elude
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- reckless endangerment

Walden, Tyler W.; 28
- theft of property-4th degree

Hall, Heath J.; 41
- menacing

Paugh, Dustin S.; 26
- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)

Barnett, Jeremy W.; 43
- FTA - expired tag

McEntire, Zac P.; 43
- driving under the influence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CORRECTION

In our Thursday, July 11, print edition, we ran an article titled "3rd annual Tomato Taste-Off set for Saturday, July 13." The event will be held on Saturday, July 20.

NOW HIRING CLASS A CDL DRIVERS

SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY AND BENEFITS

SFTWI

PLEASE APPLY AT COLLEGE TIRE

315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE

256-352-2221

VIRGIL B. FOWLER
Real Estate and Insurance
AGENCY
Quality Since 1935
734-3821
vbfowlerinsurance.com
Successors to
WILLIAM RICHARD & SON INSURANCE
" Established 1885 "
Virgil B. Fowler 1895-1978 - Virgil B. Fowler Jr. 1937-2019 - Dorothy S. Fowler - Jason S. Fowler

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BARBARA MARSH, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
DENNIS HAYGOOD, BRIAN C. DAVIS JACQUELINE TAPER, JOANN HEREFORD, LATHAN HARBIN, MARY PARKER, MICHAEL WATSON, RONALD HARBIN TANGELA LEETH, DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO. CV-2023-900319.00

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for Adverse Possession & Quiet Title by 9/3/2024 or thereafter a judgement by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No. CV 2023-900319, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 2nd day of July, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Pam Nail
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3342

TO PUBLISHER: PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE, BEGINNING ON July 13, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JUDY ANN DOSS,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-226

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to HAROLD VICTOR DOSS, JR., as Personal Representative of the Estate of JUDY ANN DOSS, deceased, on the 27th day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

HAROLD VICTOR DOSS, JR.
Personal Representative

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Personal Representative
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
Post Office Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056
(256) 734-6330

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, ALA

IN RE: The Estate of
HOWARD GRINDLE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-185

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MARY STALLINGS, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF HOWARD GRINDLE, deceased, on the 10th day of July, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Mary Stallings
Administrator

Connie L. Glass
Elder Law Firm of Connie Glass, P.C.
2306 Pansy Street SW
Huntsville, AL 35801

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 10th day of July, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT

CASE NO. PC 2024-242

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANK EDWARD MITCHELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jennifer Mitchell Quick on the 10th day of July, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jennifer Mitchell Quick and William Nathan Mitchell
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721
steve@smithandsmithllp.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
KENNETH CRAVER,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2024 - 222

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Doug Harris, as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Craver, deceased, on the 3rd day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Bryan Denny
Petitioner

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SE
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Petitioner

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

APTAT on the Road event coming to Cullman July 16

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Accessing Potential Through Assistive Technology (APTAT) on the Road event is making its way to Cullman on Tuesday, July 16, from 1-7 p.m. at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center. This event offers a unique opportunity for individuals with disabilities to explore the latest advancements in assistive technology.

APTAT is a federally funded grant program in Alabama that aims to increase awareness and access to assistive technology for people with disabilities. The APTAT on the Road event is part of a statewide tour designed to reach rural areas where residents may not have easy access to these crucial re-sources.

The event will feature a wide array of assistive technology devices, including wheelchairs, speech devices for those who cannot communicate verbally and tools to help visually impaired individuals see computer screens.

Attendees will have the opportunity to see demonstrations of these tech-nologies, ask questions and even try some devices before making a purchase.

Experts will be on-hand to provide detailed explanations of the various technologies and assist with the acquisition process. Additionally, APTAT offers a lending program that allows individuals to bor-row a device for 30 days to determine if it meets their needs before committing to a purchase.

While registration for the event is not required, it is encouraged to help organizers understand the specific needs of the community. To sign up, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQ6RG3K. For those interested in the lending program, further information can be found at www.al.at4all.com.

Vehicle Title Problem? We have a Solution!
Unclaimed/Abandoned Vehicles, Mobile Homes & Surety Bonds
JSE:Alabama's Vehicle Title Recovery Service!
We can help with most Titled Vehicles in Alabama, including Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's & Trailers. Stop in, by phone or online!
Free Phone Consultation
Call 1-256-850-0527
www.JSEAL.com



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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 im-provements 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 Jas-per, 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.
• Sunday, July 14 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, July 14 – 5 p.m. Healing service
• Saturday, July 20 – Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED liter-ature 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 ap-proach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accounta-bility, 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 world-wide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the mes-sage 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 Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

Speegle Family Reunion
Sunday, July 14, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shan-non (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Vinemont History Meeting
Sunday, July 14, at 2 p.m. We will meet at the main entry to Vinemont High School building. Please bring family histories, past community stories and events, pictures, etc. For information con-tact Jane Teeter at 256-347-9346 or Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235.

Rock the South
July 18-20, at York Farms. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
Saturday, July 20, at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets can be purchased at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, phone 256-737-5120 or call Jackie Satterfield at 256-636-4445. Tickets are $20 each and no tickets will be sold after July 17.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
We will kick off our summer revival the third week in July, beginning with a singing Sunday night the 21st at 5. We will have The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 22-26. Morning service will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7, with Brother Dustin Smith as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Every-one is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1962 will have their 62nd reunion on Saturday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point. For more information call Linda at 256-747-6883.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1967 will have a class reunion on Saturday, July 27, from 4-6 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point.

3rd Annual Day in the Park
Join the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department for a Day in the Park on Saturday, July 27, from 5-8 p.m. in Governors Park. There will be lots of fun and activities for all ages. Meet the fire depart-ment and guests. Look over a fire truck and equipment. Handle a fire hose, shoot water into the pond, try on fire gear and enjoy the free food available while supplies last. Thank you to all the supporters of the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. We look forward to seeing you in the park.

Swamp John's Dinner at the Center Hill Community Center
Friday, Aug. 2, at the Center Hill Community Center, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate includes dessert and drink. For directions or more information please call 256-708-2218.

Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Handicapped parking at north en-trance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wal-lace State Jazz Band, live and silent auctions, door prizes and much more! Ticket are $60. Tickets available through Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com or Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com and www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.





The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874 Publication Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
HumbleRoots,LLC
Published daily Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055
POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: robin@cullmantribune.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES

Cullman.....$125.00
Outside Cullman.....$250.00

Noah Galilee - Publisher
Dustin Isom - Associate Publisher
W.C. Mann - Reporter
Cheyenne Sharp - Reporter
Gauge Day - Reporter
Nick Griffin - Varsity Sports Editor
SammyConfer-Youth/JVSportsEditor
Bill Piper - Photojournalist
Robin Winton - Newsroom Manager
Janet Chandler - Marketing Specialist
Yvonne Moore - Marketing/Advertising

PREP SPORTS

'You have to put in the work': Good Hope's Jacob Wright reflects on Raider years

Sammy Confer
sammy@cullmantribune.com

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope senior Jacob Wright was a multi-sport athlete in high school and played in in the band from seventh to ninth grade as well. In this interview, Wright shared some of his favorite memories during that time and what he learned from the people around him.

"For band, it was when we performed at UNA my freshman year. Football was probably when we beat Northside in the second round of the state playoffs my sophomore year, and my entire time on track was just so amazing. My favorite memory from my time on track was when we played kickball at practice, and my team won in overtime on a walk-off home run by me," Wright said.

"It was nice to know that if you screwed up, there was always someone there to pick you up, and it was good to know that if you succeeded, people would be there to cheer you on.

"To me, Good Hope was just a big family. We cared and watched out for one another. I learned that it's okay to mess up, but don't let that one mistake define you. You have to continue to push through, no matter how hard it might seem."

Wright felt blessed to perform under a great band director and to play sports under some great coaches.

"Every single one of them have my respect. When I was in the band, I was under Mr. Zac Tyree, and he really cared for us, even in my last few days before leaving to play football. He would constantly tell me that if I ever wanted to return, I always could. Coach Alan Scott cared about us a lot. He really pushed us to our absolute best potential. In a lot of kids (me included), he was able to see something that we hadn't seen yet. I was with Coach Matthew McCulloch in track, and I trusted him a lot. I knew that if I had a rough day or anything, I could go to him, and he would be completely honest with me, which I really respect. I learned that not everything comes easy. In order to succeed, you have to have that drive to do so. You have to put in the work. Not everything is going to be handed to you."

He talked about his favorite sporting events that he was part of and what he will miss the most about competing at Good Hope.

"I enjoyed being in the stands when it came to band. I enjoyed having band battles and trying to see who the loudest band in the stands was. My favorite competition had to be when we went to Mud Creek my freshman year and we received straight superiors. My favorite football game was the Etowah game my sophomore year, when we won 20-19. My favorite track meet would most likely be county my junior year. I will remember and miss the friends I made. The people I surrounded myself with is what made graduating and moving on from Good Hope the hardest time in my life."

Wright shared some of his favorite high school memories, talking about what made Good Hope a special place to go to school, and what he will miss the most about being a Raider.

"My favorite high school memory was our grade vs. grade volleyball games that we did every year during homecoming," he said.

"What made Good Hope a special place to go to was the staff. There wasn't a single teacher that I didn't feel comfortable with. I'll definitely remember running the county in athletics. I'll definitely miss the little things, like going and paying for a parking pass and going and getting my schedule for the year."

He gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August and talked about being a role model to younger kids. He was in several clubs at Good Hope and had a lot of fun participating in those as well.

"Make sure you are active in the school. We definitely have a club for everybody's interest. I met some of my best friends in our extracurricular activities," he said. "It is extremely important to be a role model to the younger kids. It always made me realize that there is someone out there that may be looking at me for guidance, and I need to be a good role model. I was in the FFA, Leo Club, and Pep Club, and it was great. Pep Club allowed me to get into every home game, no matter what sport it was. It was really nice to be able to watch some of those historical Good Hope moments. Leo Club was nice, because it allowed me to be in the community, helping people that need it more than I do."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Good Hope's Jacob Wright

Wright gave some advice to those people that want to be where he is now and talked about how he wants to be remembered.

"Listen to the people that are older than you. They want what's best for you," he said. "I want people to remember me as a guy who could make people smile and someone you could trust."

ADMIN POSITION AVAILABLE
SALES/OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
PRIMARY TASKS ARE PUBLIC RELATIONS, GREETING CUSTOMERS UPON ENTRY, COMPUTER POS SYSTEM, MULTIPLE LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND COORDINATING SALES WITH OPERATIONS
CANDIDATES WILL BE BACKGROUND CHECKED
COLLEGE TIRE
APPLY AT COLLEGE TIRE 315 MAIN ST. NW, HANCEVILLE, AL
256-352-2221

WENDY'S
WENDY'S HEALTH AND NUTRITION
The face and name you've grown to trust
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
LET WENDY'S 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT SUPPLEMENTS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
Mon-Fri 9-5:30 | Sat 9-1 | Closed Sunday
1601 A 1st Ave SW Cullman | 256-739-2110

CCBOE (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — At the monthly meeting of the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE), the board discussed and approved newly increased supplements for extracurricular activities. With a 3% increase in the total Athletic and Academic Supplement Plan, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said he hopes the increase will entice and encourage schools and their principals to add and support new programs for students.

"We've added theater to that; we've got some schools and we hope more schools will pick up on this. If the schools agree to do two shows and have practices after school, there is a supplement that their principal can assign to a teacher there," Barnette shared. "We've also added a wrestling supplement."

Vinemont High School was among the first to have a wrestling team on campus in May of this year, a trend that Barnette said he hopes will expand with the inclusion of the sport across the county system for boys and girls, as well as the increased faculty supplementation.

"It includes boys and girls. Our logic for this is it's our first year to have wrestling in our school district," said Barnette, who explained the new combined gender supplement will separate into two supplements as the program and its enrollment grow.

"This first year, we are trying to get interest so we have combined those, but as that grows, hopefully we can separate that into two different supplements. We just want to encourage our schools to participate in that."

During the Superintendent's Report, Barnette shared some important upcoming dates for Cullman County Schools students and families.

Open House throughout the county will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 3-6 p.m.; check individual school Facebook pages or contact them directly for specific dates and times.

Thursday, Aug. 8 is the first day of school in Cullman County Schools only for students with a last name beginning with the letters A-K, and only students with last names beginning with L-Z will attend on Aug. 9. All Cullman County Schools students will attend Monday, Aug. 12.

In other business, the CCBOE:

- Approved the termination of Bradley Pepper's employment at the Cullman County Child Development Center, effective 15 days past the date termination is issued
- Approved to pay Samuel Nichols for up to five unused Annual Leave Days as per board policy
- Approved a stipend of $2,532 to Leah Drauch for managing districtwide Math Teams during the 2024-2025 school year
- Approved a stipend of $2,532 to Christine O'Leary for managing districtwide Scholar's Bowl Teams during the 2024-2025 school year
- Approved a stipend of $2,532 to Jena Mayo for managing districtwide Robotics Teams during the 2024-2025 school year
- Approved a stipend of $1,500 each to Mark Adams and Kimberly Whitman for managing the Library Media Specialist software, professional development, and other IMS support as needed during the 2024-2025 school year
- Approved to pay Tyson Watwood a supplement of $500 per month for additional duties beyond contract
- Approved request from Cullman Area Technology Academy to pay Kayla Manning $1,500 stipend for marketing and social media additional duties for the 2024-2025 school year
- Approved request from Good Hope High School to pay Scott Adams $800 and Mitchell Morris $600 for summer basketball duties
- Approved request from Holly Pond High School to pay Michael Bates $2,500 for field maintenance, repairs and upkeep of the football facilities
- Approved request from West Point Middle School to pay Jon Bryant Farley $2,200 for waxing the floors during 2024 summer
- Approved May 2024's bills and financial statements
- Approved request from the Transportation Director to accept the Bid from Virgil B. Fowler Insurance Company for Automobile and Fleet Insurance for the 2024-25 school year
- Approved request from the Transportation Director to accept the Bid from Insurance and Investment Consultants, Inc. for School Day and Athletic Insurance for the 2024-25 school year
- Approved request from the Transportation Director to accept and board approved the bid from The McPherson Companies, Inc. for gasoline and diesel fuel for the 2024-2025 school year
- Approved out-of-state field trip requests for both the Hanceville High and Hanceville Middle School Volleyball teams to Murfreesboro, TN, for team camp

Approved the following resignations:

- KC Dickerson
- Samantha Walker
- Jefferson Daniel
- Joy Toll
- Jennifer Woodard
- Ann Aldridge
- Justina Radcliff
- Alan Kerber
- Freddie Smith
- Olivia McCreless
- Cinnamon Airhart
- Brittney Shaddix
- Lisa Stevens
- Jon Farley

Approved the following transfers:

- Ashley Berryman
- Jessica Vest
- Adam Edmonson
- Amie White
- Emiko Hogland
- Jeni Wilhite
- Lisa Hinkle
- Meredith Smith
- Abbey Wren
- Anna Pace
- Amanda Vincent
- Wesley Waters

Approved the following involuntary transfers:

- Amy Speegle

Approved the following appointments:

- Kimberley Baggett
- Felicia Bartlett
- Kalina Black
- Sherry England
- David Grismore
- Nicholas Johnson
- Alicia Maddux
- Farren Chappell
- Abbie Day
- Tacy Haraway
- Averie Harris
- Abigail Smith
- Jeffrey Taylor
- Carmen Martin
- August Speakman
- Terry Bates
- Julie Call
- Macie Hamby
- Erick Moore
- Rachel Hicks
- Edward Sandlin
- Ashley Leusby
- Douglas Bates
- Crystal Batz
- Sidney Blanton
- Brooke Sinyard
- Lauren Lawson
- Kari West
- Bradley Brazeal
- Joshua Brooks
- Shawna Carnes
- Callie Garmon
- Holly Martin

Approved the following substitutes:

- Catherine Johnson
- Bridget Keef
- Lori Lessley
- Rebecca Pearl
- Rebecca Rodriguez
- Vincent Williams
- Sherry Edmonson
- Beverly Whitlock

Approved the following contract changes:

- Brent Barnett
- Megan Lord

Approved the following nonfaculty coaches:

- Anfernee Wallace
- Jessica Ellis
- Alexis Cantrell
- Justin Chafin
- Johnny Huffstutler
- Kathryn Baggett
- Janna Huffstutler
- Keith Day
- Matthew Cobbs
- Christopher Nichols
- Jeremy Buckelew
- Mason Black
- Jason Smith
- Katie Ball
- Richard Dillashaw
- Preston Prewett
- Ethan Cofer
- Michael Black
- Tiffany Farr
- Sharon Porter
- Bryson Fletcher
- Mary Shaw
- Joseph Pace
- Christopher Steele
- Ty Wilson
- Nicholas Thompson
- Anferfee Wallace
- Isaiah Wylie
- Ryleigh Jones

Appointed the following 2024-2025 probationary principals:

- Brian Brown
- Christopher Chamblee
- Trett Hardman
- Elizabeth Watwood

Appointed the following 2024-2025 contract principals:

- Caleb Elrod
- Michael Lindsey
- Stacie Olinger
- Susan Patrick
- Cynthia Roden
- Karen Sparks
- Daniel Wakefield
- Gina Webb
- Nathan Ayers
- Wesley Black
- Eric Dickerson
- Shanda Garner
- Lesley Hembree
- Beverly Jenkins
- Michael Jones
- Kevin Sullins
- Kim Brown
- Marty Hardman
- Robin Netherton
- Micah Rice
- Bradley Stapler
- Blake Thompson
- Trina Walker

Approved the following TEAMS contracts:

- Andrea Bates
- Brittany Martin
- Paige Adams
- Nicholas Feldner
- Treyla Kessler
- Mildred Lockhart
- Cheryl Mangum
- Roy Alexander
- Kathryn Taylor
- Justin Aby
- Tristan Goodwin
- Natasha Holder
- Noah Holder
- Lisa Holt
- Gregory Thomas
- Rebecca McSpadden
- Lenny Seymore
- Megan Stripling
- Brandie Mattox
- Arianna Chandler
- Joshua Lambert
- James Brown
- David Stokes
- Samantha Whisenant
- Emily Davis
- Meagan Cagle
- Rebecca Drummond
- Candice Skinner
- Nick White
- Rebecca Harper
- Emily Oldacre
- Shannon Bridges
- Lance Lay
- Leah Cochran
- Lucretia Smith
- Joan Bryant
- Leslie Arnold
- Paul Derrick
- Jamie Martin
- Jennifer Swann
- Dana Lisle
- Amy Whaley
- Mark Cornelius
- Scotty Cofer
- Joseph Hicks
- Gerrita Cleghorn
- Joquitta Posey
- Carolyn Doss
- Alan Scott
- Shaunna Aker
- Kimberly Kanaday
- Richard Penn
- Kolton Easterwood
- Kyle Kugler
- Jena Mayo
- Deanna Chiaranda
- Phamie Brown
- Blaise Carie
- Phillip Miller
- Nathan Appling

Over 150 Wigs In Stock!
Options
Chemo Caps
Wigs & More!
Judy Watts Grissom
options5993@gmail.com
256-347-5993
2201 2nd Ave NW
Cullman, AL 35058
BBB A+ rating
TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SATURDAY 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Cullman Regional Hospice MEGA CASH Draw Down Set for July 25

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Hospice of Cullman County, Inc. of Cullman Regional Hospice recently an-nounced the MEGA CASH Draw Down, its largest annual fundraiser benefiting indigent patients, will be held on Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. This year's event features a chance to win $10,000 while also enjoying dinner, door prizes and more.

Dinner will be served to ticket holders at 5:30 p.m. with the MEGA CASH Draw Down beginning promptly at 6.

This year's meal will be prepared by Stone Bridge Farms. In addition, the event will feature prizes and auction items, including a five-night stay at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Re-sort, as well as the annual cake auction.

Tickets cost $100 each; however, ticket holders can add $25 insurance to their ticket, which al-lows the ticket to have a second chance at the grand prize.

As an added bonus to ticket holders who attend, there will be a chance to win additional cash prizes of $500 and $1,000. All monies raised will fund indigent patient care.

Tickets for the Draw Down can be purchased from the Cullman Regional Hospice office – or can be purchased from one of the following Hospice of Cullman County, Inc. board members: Frances Cooper, Nell Dunlap, Blanche Kent, Clara Kent, Mike Manning, Deborah McAfee, Emily Johnston, Bill Oliver, James Tackett, Missy Blaylock, Kami Borden or Randy Weathersby.

The MEGA CASH Draw Down will take place in the Stone Bridge Farms Browne Stone Centre, lo-cated at 281 County Road 717, Cullman, 35055. For more information or to buy tickets for the Draw Down, call the Hospice office at 256-739- 5185.

STEAM (from Front)

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — This week, Wallace State Community College hosted local elementary school students for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy and it was a great opportunity for the students to learn a variety of new skills. Over the course of the week campers spent time studying Plant Propagation, Fundamentals of Electric Vehicles, Engineering Technology, Natural Sciences, Math and Computer Science.

North Central Alabama STEM Ecosystem Coordinator Aubry Lovell was excited to work with the students and talked about the camp's goals for the week.

"Every summer we have STEM camp for elementary and middle school kids and next year we'll be adding a high school camp. Our purpose in doing these camps is to expose children to different kinds of STEM fields, STEM jobs and STEM ideas because one of our main goals is to enhance the workforce in Alabama. So, reaching kids at a young age can help fill those jobs in 15 years. A lot of kids don't really understand what all STEM encompasses so part of our goal in doing this is to show more than just what they see in their classrooms at school, we want to expand on that," Lovell said. "STEM camp is open to anyone in the state, not just Cullman County students. I think some people get confused about that, but STEM camp is open to anyone that fits into our age groups that we're hosting at the time. We're starting to expand out beyond Cullman County, and we would love to see more students from other counties coming and taking part in it too."

Lovell discussed the benefits of younger students investing time in STEM education and how Wallace State can help them further their goals in those careers.

"Wallace is the first in the state to have a STEM Ecosystem and through that we really work to reach more kids and expose them to STEM so when they are old enough to come to college, they can choose a trade that we have. Or they can get their general education classes before going to a four-year university and then work in that field.

"We understand that education is important for kids and them being on our campus shows them what a college campus looks like and may make them more interested in what we have going on," Lovell said. "It lets them know that all this is right in their backyard, and we'd love to have them as a fast-track student during high school or as a full-time student when they're out of school. We just really want them to know that we want to invest in their lives.

"Whether it's in a STEM field or not, we want to invest in them, support them and help train them so they can be productive citizens of our state."

Even for the students that don't end up choosing STEM careers, Lovell and her team believe the week of camp provides great life lessons that will help them in any field they work in.

"We understand that not every student is going to go into a STEM career and that's ok," Lovell said. "Being exposed to STEM teaches them some very valuable life skills like problem solving, thinking for themselves, thinking critically and learning how to face an issue and solve it through stages and steps. So even if a kid does not decide to work in a STEM field, they still learn very valuable life skills."

Wallace State will host a Middle School camp the week of July 22-26. Students will participate in activities that include creating a Recycling Mural, visiting the WSCC Criminal Justic Crime Scene House (a team from WSCC recently won a gold medal in crime scene investigation at the National SkillsUSA competition), welding virtual reality simulation, and more.

EST. 1873
CULLMAN
ALABAMA
SHOP LOCAL



PRESIDENT - Jenny Folsom | **PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE -** Johnny Cook | **MAYOR -** Woody Jacobs | **COUNCILMAN -** Clint Hollingsworth | **COUNCILMAN -** David Moss | **COUNCILMAN -** Brad Smith

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS FAMILY OWNED
HOURS: TUESDAY - SATURDAY 11 - 8
JOHNNY'S since 1949 — We'll Serve No Swine Before Its Time — BAR-B-Q
WWW.JOHNNYSBARBQ.COM
1401 4TH ST SW, CULLMAN | 256-734-8539
DRIVE-THRU | CURBSIDE | OFFICE DELIVERIES

Phillips PEST SOLUTIONS
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
PEST CONTROL
MOSQUITO CONTROL
RODENT CONTROL
Monthly/Bi-Monthly/ Quarterly Maintenance
One-Time Pest Control Available
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE
Jason Phillips, Owner/Operator
phillipspestsolutions.com | 256-595-0258

J and N Machine
5351 HWY 69 SOUTH | CULLMAN, AL 35057



5 AXIS MILLING | 3 AXIS MILLING | 5 AXIS SWISS MACHINING | CNC EDM SINKER
NATHAN RICE 256-338-0623 NATHAN_RICEII@OUTLOOK.COM
NICK RICE 256-338-5192 NICK_RICE35@OUTLOOK.COM

BRANCH BOOKS HARTSELLE
BRANCH BOOKS 2 CULLMAN
NEW AND USED BOOKS, DVDS, CDS, ETC.

BRANCH BOOKS 2 CULLMAN
256-754-5111
2308 PEAR DRIVE NW SUITE E CULLMAN, AL
BRANCH BOOKS HARTSELLE
256-747-5331
701H NANCE FORD ROAD HARTSELLE, AL
NOW WITH TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

Harrison OUTDOORS
DBA Greencraft Mowers
1631 2ND AVE NW | CULLMAN, AL 35055
256.737.0735 | HARRISONOUTDOORS.COM
GRAVELY BUILT TO MOW THE DISTANCE AUTHORIZED DEALER
0% FINANCING FOR 36 MONTHS W.A.C.

ALL ITEMS IN STORE $5.00
COME SEE US AT OUR NEW LOCATION
Treasures by Hea



COME SEARCH OUR TREASURE BINS FILLED WITH SNACKS, PET SUPPLIES, AND MANY MORE ITEMS FOR AN AMAZING DEAL!
HOURS
MONDAY 8AM-5PM
TUESDAY 8AM-5PM
WEDNESDAY 8AM-2PM
THURSDAY CLOSED
FRIDAY 8AM-5PM
SATURDAY 8AM-3PM
SUNDAY CLOSED
106 1ST AVE S | HANCEVILLE, AL 35077
205-559-0093

WE BUY CARS!
CULLMAN AUTO MALL 256-841-5577 cullmanautomall.com
COME ON DOWN AND LET'S MAKE A DEAL!



CULLMAN AUTO MALL
WE SPECIALIZE IN MEETING YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS
HOUSTON SMITH | 256-338-4866
CULLMAN AUTO MALL | 1303 2ND AVE SW







Obituary Announcements: July 11-12

Melondie Luree Mobley, 51
Melondie Haynes Mobley, a.k.a. Meme, of Cullman, went home to her heavenly father on July 10, 2024, at the age of 51. Melondie is survived by the love of her life, Rob Mobley; her children and stepchildren Dustin (Rachel) Mobley, Leslie (Eddie) Herbert, Morgan (Darrius) Randolph, Robert (Jessica) Swindoll, Sammi Swindoll, Hannah (Chris) Browder, Hunter (Mia) Mobley; sister Tammy (Kenneth) Cripe, Jason Haynes, and Jeremy Haynes; one niece, two nephews, and 17 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents Carl & Rebecca Haynes. Melondie was born on March 24, 1973, in Cullman, Alabama. She was a devoted wife, mother and Meme. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and spending time with her family. Little did she love more than her pride and joys, her grand babies. A funeral service for Melondie will be at Cullman Funeral Home on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. with burial to follow at Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive close friends and family at 5:30 p.m. with visitation to follow at 6 p.m. Friday evening at Cullman Funeral Home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Dena Lang, 80
Dena Lang, age 80, of Cullman, passed from this life on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Kaleb Patrick Ballenger, 23
Funeral services for Kaleb Ballenger, 23, of Bremen, Alabama will be noon Saturday, July 13, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Toby Grimmett will be officiating the service. The family of Mr. Ballenger will receive friends at Hanceville Funeral Home for visitation on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Kaleb was born on Dec. 15, 2000, in Cullman, Alabama to Kevan and Michele Stout-Ballenger. He passed away on July 4, 2024 in Mesa, Arizona. Kaleb departed this world while living his best life, embracing every moment with joy and enthusiasm. He found fulfillment in his career, a role that allowed him to travel the country and explore new horizons. His adventures on the road were not just about work; they were about connecting with people, experiencing different cultures, and creating cherished memories. Kaleb's generosity and caring nature were known to all who had the privilege of meeting him. He had a heart of gold and was always ready to lend a helping hand. His kindness left a lasting impact on everyone he encountered, and he had a unique ability to make everyone feel valued and loved. Family was at the core of Kaleb's world. He adored his entire family and cherished every moment spent with them. His love and devotion were unwavering, and he brought immense joy and warmth to family gatherings. Kaleb's legacy of love, kindness, and adventure will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Rest in Peace, Kaleb. Your work on Earth is done. Those he leaves behind are his parents, Kevan and Michele Ballenger, brother, Joshua Ballenger (Alexis); nephew, Wesley Ballenger; niece, Arizona Ballenger; grandparents, John and Patricia Baranksi; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to carry out his love and legacy. Serving as pallbearers in his honor are Dalton Ballenger, Dakota Ballenger, Mason Skinner, Tyler Knauss, Kyle Morgan and Blake Autwell.
Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ballenger Family. Following the funeral service a luncheon will be held at Cold Springs Community Center- Located at 8869 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033

Fay Nail, 78
Fay Nail, age 78, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Edna was born in Cullman, Alabama on May 4, 1946, to Curtis and Parralee Scott Cooper. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister: Jeanette Cupp, brother: James Cooper. Graveside services are Sunday July 14, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Good Hope Cemetery with Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating. Survivors are: husband: Johnny Nail, daughter: Robin (Mike) O'Berry. grandchildren: Magen (Colby) Honey, Miles (Kristen) O'Berry and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Sunday July 14, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James 'Jim' Lowell Gregory, 81
James "Jim" Lowell Gregory, 81, of Decatur, Alabama, beloved father, grandfather, and loyal friend to many passed away peacefully in Decatur on July 10, 2024. He was born on Dec. 9, 1942, in Oneonta, Alabama, to Lowell and Julia Hill Gregory. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Martha Gregory, his first wife, Mary Gregory and their children, Rebecca Gregory Segovia (married to Ferris Segovia) of Dallas, Texas and Matthew Gregory (married to Sarah Gregory) of Saint Simons Island, Georgia, and his grandchildren, Gabriela, Sofia, and Viviana Segovia, and Gabriela Garza. He also leaves behind his cherished grand pups, Buster and Roscoe. He is also survived by his brother, Jody Gregory (wife Julia of Leesburg, South Carolina). Jim was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Gregory Gamble and her husband, Lanny Gamble (Tuscaloosa, Alabama), who both went to be with Jesus last year. Jim attended Auburn University, graduating with the class of 1966. During his college years, he also joined the US Air Force Reserves. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to start several banks, including First Alabama Bank in Cullman, Alabama. Rock Hill National Bank in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and First American Bank in Decatur, Alabama. He later pursued a successful career in consulting and real estate. Jim was a friend and mentor to many, always eager to help others start their own businesses through the Decatur Business Incubator. His real estate endeavors included developing parts of the Point Mallard subdivisions and the town and patio homes community of Park Place in southeast Decatur. Jim had a passion for tennis, collectable cars, and his coffee club. He enjoyed exploring different parts of the U.S. (especially the beaches), listening to music, and had an appreciation for the arts. He was active in Rotary International, the Auburn Alumni Association, and was a generous supporter of several local charities. Jim was a member of First United Methodist Church in Decatur, Alabama. Jim was gregarious and never met a stranger. He was an avid Auburn fan and always coached his Tigers from his chair. He was generous with his time and always willing to help others. He adored his grandkids and grandpups immensely. He was best known for his great sense of humor and giving specific directions on exactly how he wanted things done. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Decatur, with visitation before beginning at 10 a.m. He will be laid to rest in Oneonta, Alabama, near his family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to First Methodist Church, Neighborhood Christian Center, or Committee on Church Cooperation, all located in Decatur, Alabama.

Michael Anthony Roden, 62
Graveside Service for Michael Anthony Roden, age 62 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Etha Baptist Cemetery with Pastor Josh Sparkman officiating; Visitation will be from noon - 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Roden passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. He was born Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1961, to Wendall Roden and Janice Roden. He was preceded in death by his brother, Mark Roden. Survivors include his wife, Michelle Roden; sons, Josh Roden, Brodie Roden, Kross Roden, Waylon Roden; daughters, Candace Cunningham and Chance Nichols; granddaughters, Lyla Nichols and Elizabeth Cunningham; grandsons, Theodore Cunningham, Alexander Cunningham, Tylen Roden, Jenson Roden; brothers, Tyler Roden, Jon Roden and Robert Roden.

Carolyn Fine, 85
Carolyn Fine's spirit was set free on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Lloyd Fine and Evora Thompson Fine; sister Dorothy Fine Forrester; brothers-in-law Bill Collins and Bob Forrester; and nephew David Collins. Survivors include her sister Bettye Fine Collins; brother Joe (Gayle) Fine; nieces Sandy Forrester and Kim (Craig) Philpot; nephews Craig (Jean) Fine and Clark (Tammy) Fine; and 12 great- and great-great nieces and nephews. Carolyn attended Florence State Teachers College. She worked for the Federal government in Arlington, Virginia, and later, at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. She was kind and generous, always ready to help others. She had a dry sense of humor and loved to laugh. She also loved gardening, Alabama football, trips to the beach and to New York to see Broadway shows. But most of all, she loved her family. After her mother's death, Carolyn took care of her father for many years; was always proud of her siblings' accomplishments; and was a doting aunt to her nieces and nephews. She was dearly loved and will remain forever in our hearts. Carolyn's family wishes to thank the staff of Hanceville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for the loving care they gave her for the past three years. We also wish to express our appreciation to the SouthernCare New Beacon hospice team for the comfort and support they provided during the final weeks of her life. In keeping with Carolyn's wishes, there will be no funeral service or visitation. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Mountain Grove Congregational Christian Church, P. O. Box 332, Hanceville, AL 35077. Hanceville Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Richard Leonard Shoemaker, Ph.D,
We give praise and thanks to God as we celebrate the life of Richard L. Shoemaker. Richard was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and close friend to many. He was born on Sept. 28, 1931, to Edgar and Hester (Wisener) Shoemaker, of Holly Pond, Alabama. He spent his first 18 years in Holly Pond and graduated from Holly Pond High School in 1950. Following his graduation from high school, he attended Auburn University where he earned Bachelor of Science and Master degrees. Following his graduation from Auburn, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. During this time, he earned a Master's Degree in Meteorology from Oklahoma State and later a PH degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After his discharge from the Air Force, he worked as a meteorologist with Eastern Air Lines, then joined the staff at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. During his tenure at UAB, he authored and co-authored several scientific journals and books and participated in medical seminars and meetings worldwide. He served as professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics while at UAB where he retired after enjoying a successful career of 42 years. Richard also served as the President of the Alabama Academy of Science. Richard was a dedicated and active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Warrior where he generously gave of himself in support of missions and other activities. In his younger years, he was a workaholic and was happiest when helping a neighbor, friend or family member accomplish a goal. Richard is survived by his wife, Gladys; four sons, Steven (Darla), Ben (Katrina), Bill (Daricer), Robert (Julie); three stepsons, Bill Wilson (Alisa), David Wilson (Jan), Mark Wilson (Sharon); a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, all who affectionately called him "D-Daddy." He is preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Hester (Wisener) Shoemaker, his sister, Vileta Foust, and his brother-in-law Roscoe Foust. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to those of you joining in remembering and celebrating the life of Mr. Shoemaker. Your prayers and encouragement have been a blessing to them, and they thank God that their paths have crossed with yours. The family would also like to express special thanks to ENHABIT Home Health and to ACG Hospice for the excellent care during this difficult time and to their special sitter, Denisa Vinyard. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to Mt. Zion Baptist Church Building Fund (2427 Corner Road, Warrior, Alabama, 35180) or to a charity of your choice. Funeral services for Mr. Shoemaker are 11 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Warrior, Alabama, with Dr. Sammie Reid, Rev. Jacob Elliott, and Landon Wilson officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family prior to services, from 10:30 a.m. until services begin. Burial will follow services in Holly Pond Cemetery, Holly Pond, Alabama, with Johnny Phillips, Donald Phillips, Jeff Foust, Neil Foust, Carlos Sloan, and Chris Sloan serving as pallbearers.

Danny Winford Baker, 73
Danny Winford Baker was born Jan. 1, 1951, in Cullman and had the distinction of being Cullman's first baby of the new year. He passed away July 10, 2024, surrounded by his loving family following a brief illness. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Baker and Nettie (Vest) Baker, his sister Marcia Robertson and his brother Ted Baker. He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years Gale Baker, his children Heath Baker, Angie Baker and Clay Baker and his sister Judy Baker Walker. Also left to mourn his loss are his sisters in law Cathy Posey and Lynne Kimmerling, brothers in law Michael (Sharon) Anderson and Harold Robertson and long time friend Dave Hassell. Mr. Baker also leaves behind two grandsons, two great granddaughters, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Danny was an avid Alabama fan and Saturdays you would find him in front of the television rooting on his favorite team! He spent many hours coaching basketball when his sons were younger and attended as many local football games as possible. Danny could always be counted on to help out a friend or neighbor in need. He also enjoyed fishing, barbecuing and taking care of the family's three cats (SJ, Missy and Prissy). He loved teasing and aggravating his family and they wouldn't have had it any other way! Per Danny's wishes, no funeral services will be held, only a small Celebration of Life for immediate family only. Should you wish to honor Danny's memory a contribution can be made to the American Heart Association. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Baker family.

Gary Lee Johnson, 66
Gary Lee Johnson, 66, of Baileyton, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at North Alabama Specialty Hospital. He was born Aug. 22, 1957, in Gary, Indiana to Ottis and Juanita Johnson. Gary was a devoted husband, father, and Christian. He loved God wholeheartedly and devoted his life to providing for his family. He was married to his beloved wife Donna Edwards Johnson for 47 years and had five sons. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family, dedicating his life to ensuring their wellbeing and happiness. His commitment to his family was evident in every aspect of his life, from the long hours he spent working to the quality time he shared hunting and fishing with his sons. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Ottis Johnson. He is survived by his mother, Juanita Hulsey Lynn; wife, Donna Edwards Johnson; sons, Jeffrey (Jerrica) Johnson, Nickolas (Heather) Johnson, Kerry Johnson, Shannon (Savannah) Johnson, and Austin Johnson; siblings, Carol Yates, Danny (Robin) Johnson, Patsy (Dewayne) Mickle, David (Sherry Johnson), Christina Johnson McAlpin; and five grandchildren. Gary's legacy of faith, love, and hard work will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. A celebration of life visitation for Gary will be held Friday, July 12, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A celebration of life funeral service will be Held Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Gary will be laid to rest in Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Cemetery, 9154 AL-69, Cullman, AL 35058. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the ALS Association at als.org

Benjamin Barnes, 43
Benjamin Barnes, age 43, of Vinemont, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Helen Keller Hospital in Sheffield, Alabama. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Ben was born on Feb. 6, 1981, to Randall Louis Barnes and Chiquita Burden Barnes. He is preceded in death by his father, grandparents, Doyle and Annie Myrl Burden; grandparents, Dorothy Smith Higginbotham and Louis Barnes. He is survived by his mother, Chiquita Barnes; stepson, Lane Whatley; brothers, Joshua Barnes, and Scott Barnes (Fallon Swann); a host of aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends and family.

Donald Ray Brown, 83
Memorial Service for Donald Ray Brown, age 83 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Malcolm Carter and Travis Sharp officiating; Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Brown passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, at Woodland Village Health Care. He was born Saturday, Aug. 3, 1940, to Luster Brown and Ruth Reeves Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Harriet Brown; daughters, Sherry Warren of Nashville, Linda Conklin of Tullahoma and son, Van Ray Brown of Florida.

Free Obituary Listings

Have your funeral home contact us

Email: robin@cullmantribune.com • Phone: 256-739-1351

Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Swimming season in the South

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It is now officially swimming season in the South, although it doesn't seem like it to me. That's probably because I didn't go on the Fourth of July, as I always swim do. That usually marks the official beginning of swimming season for me, but that has not always been the case. Swimming season in the North is much shorter, because the temperatures don't reach a baking 350 degrees with humidity that can drown a person, like we have down here. I considered swimming in Lake Superior once, in the U.P. of Michigan, in June. I stuck my foot in the water and it almost froze off. Did I say I "considered" swimming there?

My swimming season is much shorter these days. I also swim much less. When I was growing up, I got in the water as early as possible without turning blue or freezing into a human popsicle. Back in those days, my swim season started sometime in May and lasted until at least Labor Day. I did dive into the Tennessee River once in mid-February. That may explain why I have heart problems now! I must have had brain problems back then! My season has now been shortened down to less than a month. Growing up, I went swimming every day, if possible. I must have gone a hundred times a season. I probably haven't gone a hundred times all total since I've become an adult! I guess I met my lifetime quota back then.

Since grandson Drew came along, 15 years ago, he and I have always jumped in the pool on the Fourth of July and usually on our birthdays which come at the end of July. Those two markers have become the extent of my season. Things are really fouled up this year, because I got in the pool in early June and did not get in at all on the Fourth of July. I just don't know!

When I was a kid, a swimming pool was a place in Ivy Creek where we had dammed up the water. It had no chlorine in it, but it did have shock...especially if you jumped in too early in the season! Sometimes the beavers provided the dam for us. A favorite swimming hole for many of the local kids back then was Patton's Pond. The Patton's lived up the hill from us. Their pond was actually a pretty large lake. We had two swimming spots there which included one at the pier, directly in front of their house, and one at the other end, by the dam. If people were fishing from the pier, which they often did, we couldn't swim there, so we headed to the other spot. Each summer, usually around the end of May or first of June, we cleaned out our spot at the dam. The pond floor there was covered with seaweed or lakeweed. It grew up out of the bottom. We pulled out a large section of it each year. That required diving down like Jacque Cousteau or Lloyd Bridges. Bridges starred in a television show called Sea Hunt. We could have had a show called "Seaweed Hunt!" That was the first time I ever practiced "Catch and Release." If we ever grabbed onto a seaweed that wiggled, and especially tried to bite, we released it as soon as we caught it!

I told Mama once (when she wouldn't let me go swimming) that Jesus spent much time on the water. She replied, "Yes, but he wasn't swimming. He walked on the water!" I tried that too, but ended up like Simon Peter!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the files of 1900

Arthur and Walter Oden are at the bedside of their father, Captain E.J. Oden.

Reverend Anson West has about recovered from an illness.

D.L. Aldredge of Holly Pond was in Cullman on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Braasch and Edgar Stoll of Vinemont have entered the Polytechnic College, during this week.

T.J. Nunnelley, Junior of Baileyton was in town yesterday.

Doctor P.M. Musgrove will preach at East Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

T.C. King is the new superintendent of education.

John Robinson's big show will exhibit in Cullman on October 26.

German Day was celebrated here on Monday.

In the forenoon there was a street parade and in the afternoon some very fine speeches made at Mayer-Dinckelberg Park.

A ball, at Kullman Hall, closed the amusements of the day.

John Reinhardt was thrown from a hand car on the L and N Monday and was injured. He is recov-ering nicely.

Marriage licenses have been issued to John Morgan and Miss Preuve Campbell; J.T. Abercrombie and Miss Margaret E. Walker; Joseph L. Lovvorn and Miss Hattie E. Goodwin; Robert S. Howard and Miss Effie Quattlebaum; Frank J. Orr and Miss Myrtle S. Jordan; James T. Burgess and Miss Nannie Ross and William H. Myers and Miss Mary James.

From the files of 1930

W.W. Wells of Route Six, Cullman sold a crate of strawberries to E. Wooten and Weeks and How-ard on October 6. The two firms bought them jointly and paid Mr. Wells $4.80.

The Cullman City Library is now located in the new County Education Building. The library is sponsored by the Coterie, federated club.

Married last week were Miss Edythe Glasscock and J.D. Gorham.

Robert M. Clark, father of Mrs. P.G. Hartung died in Brookhaven, Mississippi, following a stroke of paralysis on Saturday night.

POET'S CORNER

Beloved memories | By: April Mccay

You make me remember
And then forget,
We laugh and get angry
I don't even know why yet.

I love it when you are here
And miss you when you are gone,
You remind me of my childhood
And you rob me of my new home.

We have had good times
And a few bad ones too,
But now I'm sad
Because I'm not myself without you.

When you left,
You took pieces of me,
Come back, come back,
My beloved memory.

Band (from Front)

would be billed to FSFW directly.

Furthermore, Davis agreed that should FSFW vacate its current location, the new structure would revert to the City's ownership and not relocate with the center. The council approved Davis' request.

Hanceville resident Kourtney Quick spoke to the council in hopes of the City amending its current zoning ordinance to allow verbiage for a tattoo studio to be opened on the corner of Blountsville Street and Church Avenue. Receiving public comments for the studio from Quick and her family and supporters, the council also heard arguments from St. Boniface Catholic Mission members who were concerned the stu-dio's proximity to two local churches could negatively impact the children in the community.

The council tabled the discussion and committed to finding a solution that would be acceptable to both sides while ensuring the safety and well-being of children in the area. The discussion will reconvene at the next Hanceville City Council Meeting on July 25.

The council also tabled the discussion of IT maintenance at the Hanceville Police Department until the next meeting; it is awaiting a cost estimate before proceeding.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the disconnection of all (three) City-owned security lights on public alleyways

- Approved the extension of Elm Street and property donation to the City of Hanceville, totaling approximately 60-75 feet

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

JULY 13

A P Z E S W B G O T H Y B B A S I L H
C A R A W A Y U D R A G O N S H E A D
O P R N E T A P R B P N P A R S L E Y
N R A I E E T Y U D I I R S I M P L E
I I M S T R M H U R O G N L O V A G E
T K P E H C L C E Q S C H E R V I L B
E A I C E R W E O L K L K C A P E R S
A S O R R E L O T M L M A R J O R A M
H U N B B S V B A T F E N N E L N G N
F C K L A S X Y G D U R B S E S J I T
M C H I L L I F A J I C E O S D M N U
I O R E Y A M B R A J V E Y R U X G R
N R T S A G E E L B O E R Z C E V E M
T Y N H S R V G I L V H S E N N A R E
M A C E Y I E C C I A N G E L I C A R
T D N R H M H E D G E H Y S S O P R I
O I A C T O E N M U S T A R D A U U C
G L X U E N E M D P O T H E R B M E Y
C L N C A Y E N N E S A M P H I R E N

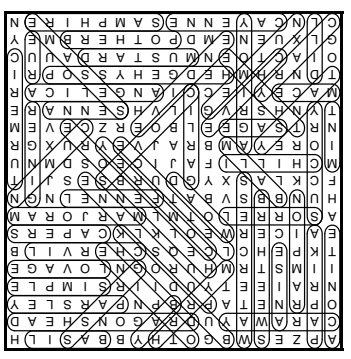
Aconite
Agrimony
Angelica
Anise
Balm
Basil
Bay
Burdock
Capers
Caraway
Cayenne
Chervil
Chilli
Chive
Clary
Cloves
Comfrey
Cumin
Dill
Dragon's head
Endive
Fennel
Garlic
Ginger
Grass
Hedge hyssop
Hellebore
Lettuce
Lovage
Mace
Marjoram
Mint
Mustard
Myrrh
Nutmeg
Orpine
Paprika
Parsley
Pot herb
Purslane
Rampion
Rue
Sage
Samphire
Senna
Sesame
Simple
Sorrel
Succory
Sweet herb
Tansy
Thyme
Turmeric
Watercress
Woad

CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

JULY 13

1						4		2
				1	3		5	
		4				7		
		6	3	7	4			
		2		6	5			
	9	3	1					
	2	8		3				7
5		9					8	
					7	2		

ANSWERS:



3	4	1	6	8	7	2	9	5
5	7	9	2	4	1	6	8	3
6	2	8	5	3	9	1	4	7
7	9	3	1	2	8	5	6	4
4	1	2	9	6	5	3	7	8
8	5	6	3	7	4	9	2	1
9	3	4	8	5	2	7	1	6
2	6	7	4	1	3	8	5	9
1	8	5	7	9	6	4	3	2

Recycling Collection
Now Available in Cullman County
for Residents and Businesses
Cardboard | Plastic | Paper | Metal | Glass

Reduce your garbage volume
with Bi-monthly Recycling Pickup
It's Free to Try!

OSIRIS
RECYCLING SOLUTIONS LLC

(256) 615-2510
osirisrecycling.com

Not affiliated with Cullman County Sanitation Dept.
No drop-off location



THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!

'I'm just trying to raise my family the way I know how'
Tattoo artist seeking to open shop in Hanceville

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — At the Hanceville City Council meeting on Thursday, July 11, a resident addressed the council and the unusually large crowd of spectators regarding her months-long endeavor to open a tattoo studio in her hometown. Kourtney Quick said she has been urging the council since at least May of this year to amend the City's zoning ordinance and allow a tattoo studio at the location she has secured.

The current zoning ordinance does not explicitly mention tattoo studios as acceptable business; therefore, the ordinance does not allow tattoo studios to obtain a business license. In addition to the prospective body art business' inability to legally operate, council members have been vocal in their opposition to the location of Quick's proposed studio on Blountsville Street, situated diagonally to St. Boniface Catholic Mission and Hanceville First Baptist Church. In prior discussions with the council, Quick agreed to modify her hours to omit Sunday and any hours after 10 p.m.

Quick also agreed to compromise and limit operating hours on Wednesdays to accommodate the parishioners' wishes.

On Thursday, public comments were invited from the crowd, with multiple St. Boniface parishioners speaking out against the placement of Quick's future business rather than the tattoos themselves. Residents voiced concerns over young children seeing signage or damaging images while the studio is open; one commenter urged the council to keep downtown Hanceville a family friendly area and focus on establishments that are fit for patrons of all ages.

Quick also had people speak in favor of her opening the studio. Notably, her sister, Hanceville resident Brittani Coker, faced the council to share her support for Quick and her proposed studio.

"Tattoos are no longer a taboo. It's not 1918 anymore, it's 2024. If people want to express art on their bodies, I don't see how that has any effect on anyone else's life," Coker shared. "She (Quick) has already agreed to not be there on Sundays or Wednesdays if that affects you. I understand you don't want it directly across the street from your church, but according to the Constitution of the United States of America that we are all supposed to live by, state and religion are separate."

Quick took to the podium herself to address the gathered St. Boniface parishioners, reaffirming that her desire to open a tattoo studio is simply to raise her four children in her hometown while supporting them the best way she knows how. Currently, the artist is holding a guest spot at a studio in Hartselle, with her clientele commuting from Hanceville to Hartselle to secure their art.

Quick said she wants those tax revenue dollars her business would generate to return to her hometown, giving back to the small town as she already does.

"I have given back to this community at every turn. I have done toy drives for children; I have done clothing drives for children. I do everything I can to give back and the only thing I'm asking is to maybe get to know me and give me the opportunity to support my kids where I love to live," she said. "My intention will never be and never has been to harm Hanceville. I'm not coming after your churches, I'm not here to corrupt your children, I'm just trying to raise my family the way I know how."


CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Tattoo artist Kourtney Quick speaks to the St. Boniface Catholic Mission parishioners at the Hanceville City Council meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

The council tabled the discussion on amending the zoning ordinance until a conclusion can be reached about an acceptable perimeter around schools, churches and places children frequent.

The Hanceville City Council will meet again on Thursday, July 25, with the work session beginning at 5 p.m. and the meeting following at 5:30.

Service Industry Night at Dodge City Tattoo Saturday, July 20

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

DODGE CITY, Ala. — Service industry workers, start saving tips now, because Dodge City Tattoo Company (DCTC) is planning to host an exclusive event just for those who work in hospitality. The event will wel-come servers, bartenders, nail technicians, baristas, housekeepers, delivery drivers and more to relax and mingle with friends while adding a little ink on Saturday, July 20.

This will not be the first community event hosted by the tattoo shop.

In Oct. 2023, the studio hosted its inaugural Halloween and Horror Art Market and offered customized Halloween-themed tattoos to attendees.

"We wanted to show some appreciation and hospitality to all service industry workers," shared Kelsey Reindeau, Dodge City Tattoo Company's resident piercing professional.

"They sacrifice a lot of weekends, family time and holidays. This is just a fun night for them to treat themselves."

Beginning at noon and running until 10 p.m., service industry workers are invited to DCTC and choose from a select group of flash art specifically customized and designed for them at a discount compared to the shop's regular rate of $175 an hour.

Reindeau said while the available tattoo designs are flash art, they're not the typical flash tattoos found in black-bound books.

"We are doing discounted designs specifically for people who work in the service industry," said Reindeau. "The flash designs will be exclusive to them."

Tattoos will not be the only modifications offered at DCTC's Service Industry Night; Reindeau said the shop is planning to offer steep discounts on modifications of the sparkly kind, offering select piercings at a reduced rate for the event. The studio typically charges $60 per piercing.

"I'm also going to be doing discounted piercings," Reindeau smiled.

"I'm not sure which ones specifical-ly yet, so I guess people will have to show up to find out!"

Dodge City Tattoo Company is located at 501 Alabama Highway 69 S, Suite E.

For more information or questions about the event, call 256-887-1800.

Parkside Outreach Program to host Back-to-School Bash Saturday, July 27

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

BAILEYTON, Ala. — The Parkside Outreach Program is gearing up for its third annual Back-to-School Bash. This family friendly event will feature a host of fun and resources for all ages, with a special focus on the needs of incoming students and families who may face insecurities with housing, food or finances.

The morning's fun will consist of larger-than-life inflatable slides and bouncy houses, face painting, train rides, live music all morning long and tasty treats like a free lunch and sno-cones. Children are welcome to play while meeting the school's students, faculty and staff in a fun, light-hearted atmosphere.

While the event is a celebration of the upcoming school year, the needs of the students and community are always at the forefront. The Parkside Outreach Program is home to a thrift store that, through dona-tions and sales, has year after year provided Parkside students and their families with necessary school supplies, backpacks, hygiene products, clothes and shoes and even food through its food pantry – all free of charge to the families.

"Parkside Outreach is always accepting donations at the thrift store, which helps us to be able to fund all the events that we put on as well as our food pantry," said Parkside Outreach's Dakota Trammell.

Each year at the bash, middle school students are eligible to receive an $85 voucher and elementary students are eligible to receive a $50 voucher to help purchase a new pair of shoes from The Shoe Depart-ment.

This year, Trammell said, supplies will not be handed out at the event as in years past. Not because the organization could not supply them, but because through community donations, the Parkside Outreach Program was able to supply all of the necessary school supplies for Parkside K-8 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Trammell smiled, "All of the supplies for Parkside students are already at the school with the teachers ready for the first day of school."

The Parkside Back-to-School Bash will take place on Saturday, July 27, at Parkside School from 9 a.m.-noon. Students must be present at the bash and currently registered at Parkside School for the 2024-2025 school year to receive back-to-school assistance.

Parkside is located at 12431 Alabama Highway 69 N, Baileyton, AL 35019.