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Rock the South sees 50K attendees

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rock the South saw around 50,000 attendees at this year's three-day festival over the past weekend.

The Cullman Police Department handled things inside the venue, while the Cullman County Sheriff's Office managed everything outside the venue, including parking.

Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta said around 15 adults were arrested over the weekend.

"The arrests were mainly public intoxication or disorderly conduct; we did have one resisting arrest," Nassetta said. "We had no other major issues. It was a long three days, but overall went pretty smoothly. The weather was great – other than a little rain, the temperatures were much more comfortable. Traffic cleared out each night, faster than previous years."

Cullman Regional Spokesperson Jennifer Malone shared final numbers for Cullman EMS medical tent treatments of 771 for the three days.

"On Thursday, there were 230 who came in for cooling, 31 treated, and six » PAGE 7



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An attendee poses for the camera at Rock the South in Cullman on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Cullman City Council approves purchase of historic church for future Community Theatre



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman City Council on Monday, July 22, 2024, approved the purchase of the historic First United Pentecostal Church building, located at the corner of Third Avenue Northeast and Clark Street Northeast, behind Cullman City Hall.

Special to The Cullman Tribune

CULLMAN, Ala. — In a significant move to enhance the cultural and performing arts landscape of Cullman, the Cullman City Council on Monday, July 22, 2024, approved the purchase of the historic First United Pentecostal Church building, located at the corner of Third Avenue Northeast and Clark Street Northeast, behind Cullman City Hall. The 6,000-square-foot building, with its beautiful A-frame 40-foot-tall sanctuary, will serve as the future home of the Community Theatre, as well as a venue for other civic and performing arts gatherings.

Mayor Woody Jacobs highlighted the importance of this acquisition, stating, "This project not only preserves a historic downtown building, but also enriches our community by providing a versatile space for cultural and civic activities, along with much-needed additional parking near Depot Park. It's an investment in our city's future."



CITY OF CULLMAN

Cullman City Council President Jenny Folsom expressed her enthusiasm for this project, stating, "The acquisition of this historic church marks a new chapter for Cullman's cultural development. It will be a cornerstone for the performing arts, offering a space for local talent and diverse performances."

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The Link of Cullman County hosts Rockin' Good Grocery Giveaway



DAKOTA TRAMMELL

The Link of Cullman County participated in its annual Rockin' Good Grocery Giveaway on July 20, 2024. » PAGE 7

'It means a lot to us': 138 participate in 11th annual Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run



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Dr. Eric Fillinger speaks to a crowd of runners at this year's Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run at St. Bernard Saturday morning. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 22, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 18
- domestic violence; CR 1855
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 490
- burglary; CR 1856
- domestic violence; CR 1855
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- violation of protection order; CR 1422
- theft of property; CR 229
- harassing communications; CR 1114
- harassment; Sportsman Lake Rd.

July 19
- violation of protection order; CR 940
- domestic violence; CR 81
- violation of protection order; CR 1422
- theft of property; CR 437
- theft of property; Hwy. 69N
- burglary; Hwy. 157

July 20
- assault; criminal mischief; CR 587
- domestic violence; reckless endangerment; i65SB MM 300
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer; possession of marijuana; Julia Ln.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1087
- theft of property; CR 436

July 21
- domestic violence; CR 781
- theft of property; criminal mischief; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 1142
- domestic violence; CR 1108
- theft of property; CR 248
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; CR 1806
- domestic violence; CR 1025
- domestic violence; CR 411
- criminal mischief; CR 216
- reckless endangerment; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

July 18-21

Beem, Jonathan P.; 46
- GJ – arrest warrant – theft
- GJ – arrest warrant – theft, $500-less than $1500

Brown, Tanner S.; 21
- public intoxication

Bryant, Christopher S.; 44
- possession of dangerous drugs
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Calloway, Henrietta F.; 40
- FTA – selling/giving cigarettes to minors

Cofield, Christian L.; 26
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Cofield, Jayce A.; 20
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Cornelius, Bryan C.; 55
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Dover, Angella R.; 38
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA – no plainly visible tag

Duncan, Devin S.; 24
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Fuller, Shariffe E.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- counterfeiting

Hughey, Troy B.; 33
- DUI (alcohol)

Johnson, Brandi M.; 35
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity

Kelley, Ryan C.; 40
- assault-domestic-simply assault-family

Mallard, Benjamin C.; 32
- assault-harassment

Mardis, Barry D.; 55
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- attempting to elude a police officer
- DUI (alcohol)

Mayfield, Mark T.; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs

Myrex, Georgia P.; 33
- assault-harassment
- aggravated assault – menacing

Richards, Lewic C.; 33
- assault-child abuse-simply-family
- FTA – fraudulent use of a credit/debit card
- FTA – theft of article from auto
- FTA – theft-vehicle parts, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – possession of a stolen vehicle
- FTA – driving without driver's license
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Sneed, Cody L.; 40
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Tatler, Daniel E.; 31
- Assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Watson, Braden H.; 26
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wilson, Gregory C.; 42
- FTA – counterfeiting
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 15
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $59; Olive St. SW

July 18
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged fence; $100; Morningside Dr. SW

July 19
- identity theft, theft of property-1st degree; person; cash
- leaving the scene; person; damage to '15 Ford Fiesta; $3,100; Hwy 157
- harassment; person; Co. Rd. 469
- harassment, assault-3rd degree; person; Co. Rd. 469

July 20
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged window; $300; Co. Rd. 469
- retail theft of property-2nd degree, criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $721; Hwy 157
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

July 21
- domestic violence-3rd degree harassment; person; 16th St. SE

ARRESTS

July 19-20

Burkhalter, Cameron T.; 36
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- disorderly conduct

Moore, Christina J.; 47
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Thomas, Elisha N.; 41
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Duncan, Devin S.; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nelson, Tyler J.; 29
- public intoxication

Stanfield, Robert C.; 37
- public intoxication

Sanders, Richard T.; 29
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication

Murphy, Cassie J.; 21
- disorderly conduct

Sims, Thomas C.; 24
- disorderly conduct

Lackie, James A.; 29
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Scott, Kay L.; 37
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Spilde, Keith D.; 56
- public intoxication

Frost, Eric A.; 31
- public intoxication

Barnett IV, Chesley A.; 53
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, April L.; 43
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Holiday, D'Artagnan D.; 26
- retail theft of property-2nd degree
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Gallagher, Donovan C.; 26
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Gallahar, Corey W.; 46
- public intoxication

Spence IV, Robert L.; 24
- harassment
- assault-3rd degree

Bentley, Amanda D.; 46
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- obstructing governmental operations
- resisting arrest

Robbins, Anthony W.; 42
- disorderly conduct

Swann, Larry J.; 60
- FTA - expired tag
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - fail to register vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Pedestrian killed on I-65 Saturday morning

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A single-vehicle crash involving two pedestrians resulted in the death of one. The crash occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. Saturday, July 20.

Alabama State Troopers said Madelyn R. Guerra, 20, of Adelphi, Maryland, a pedestrian, was sitting in the roadway and was fatally injured when she was struck by a 2022 Toyota Highlander driven by Julie B. Austel, 40, of Fortville, Indiana. Guerra was pronounced deceased at the scene. A second pedestrian, Tierra R. Cathcart, 19, of Anniston, Alabama, was also struck by the Toyota. Troopers said Cathcart was injured and transported to UAB Hospital in Birmingham for treatment. The crash occurred on Interstate 65 near Alabama Highway 69, approximately 6 miles south of Cullman, in Cullman County. Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Hillside Ninety-One hosting family friendly Summer Vendor Market Aug. 3

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hillside Ninety-One is set to host its Summer Vendor Market on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at 8989 Alabama Highway 91 in Hanceville, this family friendly event promises a fun-filled day packed full with a wide range of vendor goods with something for everyone. Entry to the event is free.

The market will feature a variety of activities, attractions and food, including crafts and inflatables for kids as well as a wide range of local vendors showcasing their unique products.

"There will be over 25 vendors in attendance including Maker's Coffee, Fused Permanent Jewelry, Cakes by Elise and many more local crafters and boutiques. Our guests can expect to purchase local honey products, cotton candy, baked goods, gourmet cookies, custom jewelry, handmade soap and lip balm, custom boutique children's clothing, women's boutique clothing, handmade clay earrings, pet accessories and so much more," a representative for Hillside Ninety-One shared. Food lovers will be delighted with the offerings from several food trucks, including Chef Mike's Bacon Co., Smokin Joe's BBQ and Kool Treats and Eats, serving up lunch, snacks and shaved ice throughout the day.

"We are really fortunate to have so many talented creators with a variety of products for this event, and we can't wait to open our doors to the community," said the representative at Hillside Ninety-One.

Vendor registration is currently open. Interested vendors can submit an application by contacting hillside91events@gmail.com. For more information about the Summer Vendor Market or updates on the event, follow the Summer Vendor Market at Hillside Ninety-One Facebook page.

Community invited to 2024 Cullman County Prayer and Pledge Ride Aug. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2024 Cullman County Prayer and Pledge Ride, hosted by 3Sixty Jeep Club, Alabama Sons of Liberty Riders and The Christian Motorcycle Association, is set to take place on Saturday, Aug. 3.

Participants will meet at Jack's on Main Avenue Southwest in Cullman for breakfast and fellowship. At 7:40 a.m. the prayer and pledge ride will start with the first stop at Good Hope Elementary School. The group will spend roughly 10 minutes at each school, reciting the Prayer of the Christian Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

"We will be meeting with fellow Jeepers, bikers and anyone else wanting to come out to Jack's for breakfast and fellowship with like-minded individuals as we pray over our local schools and exercise our First Amendment right," shared Summer Shaddix, one of the event organizers representing 3Sixty Jeep Club.

All listed ride times are tentative depending on traffic. Participants that cannot make the initial kickoff are encouraged to meet at any of the schools at any point during the ride. Cars and trucks are welcome to follow along.

The event schedule includes:
- Good Hope Elementary: 8 a.m.
- Hanceville Elementary: 8:30 a.m.
- Welti Elementary: 8:55 a.m.
- Holly Pond Elementary: 9:25 a.m.
- Parkside Elementary: 9:50 a.m.
- Fairview Elementary: 10:30 a.m.
- Cullman County Child Development Center: 11 a.m.
- Vinemont Elementary: 11:15 a.m.
- West Point Elementary: 11:50 a.m.
- Harmony Elementary: 12:45 p.m.
- Cold Springs Elementary: 1:30 p.m.

Explaining the inspiration behind the event, Shaddix said, "With everything going on in the world, the schools in which our children attend and are supposed to be their safe place, need all the prayers they can get.

"The superintendent of Cullman County Schools started this ride 12 years ago, and when several atheists stated they would protest, The Christian Motorcycle Association and Alabama Sons of Liberty Riders stepped in to support this wonderful ride."

With the route including stops at each Cullman County elementary school, organizers said the ride aims to emphasize the importance of prayer and community support for the local schools and the students and faculty that attend them as well as the freedom to be able to pray over each one in such a public manner.

"This event supports our freedom of speech, our right to assemble and our need to bring God and prayer back into schools," Shaddix stated. "We hope to bring back God, family and American values, united to stand for a better society that is not turning its back against each other but reaching out to lift one another up."

For more information and updates on the event, follow the 2024 Cullman County Prayer and Pledge Ride event page on Facebook.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 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 24 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup.
• Friday, July 26 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, July 28 - 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 28 - 5 p.m. healing service

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 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.

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 department 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 St. Andrews Methodist Church
Tuesday, July 30, from 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrews Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman. Eat in or take out, $15 a plate. Sponsored by Quilting Retreat Ladies.

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.

Christ Covenant Church Inside Yard Sale
Friday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a large variety of stuff, something for everyone. Sponsored by Quilting Retreat Ladies. The church is located at 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman.

Cullman High Class of 1956 Reunion
The Cullman High School class of 1956 will have a class reunion on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Brandin Iron in West Point. For more information call Jerry Smith at 256-734-1797 or Hilda Aldridge at 256-347-2180.

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 entrance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wallace 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.

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Kids Loving Kids Christmas in July Toy Drive

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — It's Christmas in July for Kids Loving Kids, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving kids and teens throughout Cullman, Winston, Walker, and Blount counties. The organization was founded in 2011 by Pam Dodd, serving 30 children. However, it has seen a significant increase in need throughout the years. It now annually serves around 3,500 teens and children through food boxes, clothing, Christmas gifts, and the "Birthday Blessings Boxes" program for those in need.

Kids Loving Kids has kicked off their Christmas giveaway early, placing Kids Loving Kids Christmas in July toy drive boxes throughout Cullman and Jasper.

They hope to collect enough toys to make this the most successful Christmas giveaway yet!

However, no toy drive is successful without the helping hand of a loving community.

If you would like to contribute, please bring any new toys to Spirit Life Church of Cullman, Carl Cannon Chevrolet of Jasper, Bill Penney Toyota of Jasper, or Meek Baptist Church of Arley.

New hygiene products are gratefully accepted as well. Teens most often request hygiene products such as deodorant, soap, shampoo, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, and blankets. Kids Loving Kids also accepts slightly used toys.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can go to any Traditions Bank and make a deposit into the Kids Loving Kids account. You may also mail your donation to 197 County Road 220, Crane Hill, AL 35053.

If you would like to know more about this organization and how you and your children can become involved, please contact Pam Dodd at 256-318-4555.

Spirit Life Church is located at 1650 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Church (from Front)

munity Theatre member and former Dollywood performer, Paige Clabo, expressed excitement for this historic move, stating, "I am thrilled to have a dedicated space that not only honors the rich history of our city, but also paves the way for a vibrant future in the performing arts. This theater will be a hub for celebrating the talent and creativity of our community."

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson highlighted Cullman's storied past with theater and the performing arts. "From its inception, Cullman's founding community members supported the arts, establishing venues like Kullman Hall, Ambruster's Hall, the Esther Opera House, Princess Theater and Lyric Theatre, which hosted a variety of theatrical productions, concerts and civic gatherings. Re-opening a new community theater after nearly a century continues that legacy, celebrating our cultural heritage and inspiring future generations."

City leaders said the purchase and planned renovation of the church underscores the City's commitment to fostering the arts and providing residents with enriching cultural experiences. The Community Theatre is expected to host a wide range of performances and events, from local plays and musical productions to community meetings and educational programs.

Rodney Basenburg, chairman of the Cullman Community Theatre Committee, said, "I want to express our deepest gratitude to the city council and Mayor Jacobs for this monumental investment, which will be instrumental in helping move things forward for us. We are excited about the future and look forward to continuing our partnership to enrich the cultural landscape of Cullman."

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Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inducts Class of 2024

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The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inducted the Class of 2024 at Stonebridge Farms Saturday night. Pictured L-R: Robin Conn, Dewayne Hill, Ray Dyer, Perry Hicks, Joey Graves (representative), Amanda Patrick, Hilary Stiefelmeyer, Regina Jones, Taft Dillashaw, Donnie Rice, Todd Lindsey. Not pictured: Jospeh W. Smith.

CULLMAN, Ala. — A crowd of friends, family, former teammates, coaches, fans and more gathered at Stonebridge Farms Saturday night for this year's Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and induction ceremony. After recognizing this year's scholarship recipients, Hall of Fame Chairman Jackie Satterfield introduced each of this year's inductees, sharing stories about their lives and careers before welcoming them into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024

Regina Jones

Graduated from West Point High School in 1989. County and Area Basketball champions 1987, 88 & 89. State Final Four and All-County 1989. 1989 Bill Shelton Award winner. All-State honorable mention 1989. West Point Girls Basketball Coach from 1993-2014. Cullman County champions 1994, 1995, 1999 & 2006. Area champions 1994, 2001, 2003, 2005 & 2010. Final Four in 2000 & 2001. West Point volleyball coach from 1997-2021. Cullman County champions 2019 & 2020. Area champions 2004 & 2005. Regional tournament in 2002-05, 2009, 2015, 2018, 2019 & 2020. 5A Region Tournament Champions 2020. 5A state runner up in 2020.

Taft Dillashaw

Graduated from Good Hope High School in 1985. Played football, baseball & basketball. All-county and All-area in football senior year. All-county and All-star team in baseball senior year. Coached middle school football for 10 years. Has coached high school football for 25 years. Coached baseball for 20 years. Between playing and coaching, has appeared in two semifinal games and five quarterfinal games. Played and coached for Hall of Fame coaches Billy Joe Pugh and Wayne Weissand. Has attended, played in or coached 94% of all Good Hope football games. Good Hope Parks & Recreation director for 10 years. Played college baseball at Shelton State and Wallace State Community College.

Robin Conn

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1972. Four-year letterman in baseball & three-year letterman in basketball. Played Independent Baseball in 1972 & 1973. Played softball for Southern Feed 1974-79, winning 65 league games in a row. Seven straight city championships, qualified for seven straight state tournaments. Played Independent League Basketball 1971-80, winning three city championships. Award winning sports photographer for multiple outlets in Alabama. Covered thousands of high school games, including playoffs and state championships. Covered 400 college football games including three national championship games, 20 SEC championship football games and 15 SEC championship basketball games, over 250 college basketball games, 2005 NCAA Regionals, four Alabama Jr. College basketball championships. Covered 1996-98 division 2 hockey national championships, 1990 PGA championship, 1997 U.S. Open & 15 Bruno's memorial championships. Winner of over 60 photo awards from the Alabama Press Association and Associated Press, including Photo of the Year in 2000.

Joey Graves (deceased)

Graduated from Cold Springs High School in 1974. Two-year letterman in baseball, two-year letterman in football, five-year letterman in basketball. All-county in 1973 & 1974. Cullman County Tournament MVP in 1974. Prep All-American in 1974. Four straight 20-win seasons 1970-74. 2A Area 13 champions in 1973. 2A Region 7 champions in 1973. 2A Area 12 champions in 1974. 2A Region 6 runner up in 1974. Longtime clock operator for Cold Springs High School basketball.

Amanda Patrick

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1994. Four-year letterman in track & field, cross country, basketball and volleyball. Track events were 400m, 800m, 1600m, high jump, 4x800m relay and 4x400m relay. 11 individual and seven relay state championships. 18 total state gold medals, six state records. 1993 5A state track meet MVP. 1994 MVP (indoor). All-state cross country 1990-93. 1993-94 5A state "triple crown" team championships - cross country, indoor track & outdoor track in the same school year. Six total team state championships in cross country & track. All-area basketball and volleyball in 1992-94. Summer softball team state champions. Auburn University 1994-99 B.S. in education/English M.S. educational administration 2004. Four-year letterman at Auburn in outdoor track, indoor track and cross country. All-SEC performer (800m), 1997 NCAA provisional qualifier, three-time academic all-American, Auburn school-record holder and top 10 all-time in 800m and distance medley relay.

Ray Dyer

Graduated from Hanceville High School in 1975. Three-year letterman in football, baseball, basketball and track. All-county football in 1973 & 1974. All-area football in 1973 & 1974. All-state football in 1974. Best of the best in Alabama Football Team 2nd team. Selected to play in Cullman County all-star baseball game in 1975. Selected to play in AHSAA all-star game in Tuscaloosa. Signed football scholarship to UNA. Inducted into Hanceville Bulldog Wall of Fame in 2022.

Perry Hicks

Graduated from Hanceville High School in 1971. Three-year letterman in football, basketball and track. Four-year letterman in baseball. All-county football in 1970. Most valuable back in 1970. Had 632 yards rushing and 276 yards receiving in seven games. Led Alabama in field goal efficiency junior and senior year. Co-captain of football team. All-area in basketball. Started all four years in high school baseball. Member of the Alabama Field Trial Association, serving as President for two years. Most assists in basketball 1970 & 1971. All-area in basketball. President of H Club in 1971. Basketball official in Birmingham Basketball Officials Association for 10 years.

Dewayne Hill

Graduated from Holly Pond High School in 1981. All-county junior high basketball 1977-78. Three-year letterman in basketball and football. Two-year letterman in baseball. All-county basketball junior and senior year. Team captain senior year. All-area basketball junior and senior year. 2A Area 12 basketball champions, finishing with a 21-8 record. Averaged 19.5 points, five steals and eight rebounds per game senior season. All-area football in 1980. All-county baseball in 1981. Played in the Lions Club East-West All Star baseball game. Played in Lions Club Regional East-West All Star baseball game. Signed a basketball scholarship at Wallace State. Started and earned letter freshman year at Wallace State. Played super major division slow-pitch softball with Taylor Brothers (Rhode Island) and Moulton Furniture (Alabama). Won ASA Men's Class "C" state championship in 1989. Coached youth football for six years and various youth sports.

Hilary Stiefelmeyer

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1994. Four-year letterman in track & field, cross country, basketball and volleyball. Track events were the 100m, 200m, 400m, 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, long jump, triple jump, 60m hurdles, 60m dash, heptathlon. Nine individual and six relay state championships, 15 total state gold medals, seven state records. 1994 5A state track and field meet MVP, all-state cross country 1991-93. 5A 1993-94 state triple crown team championships – cross country, indoor track, outdoor track in the same school year. Six total team state championships in cross country and track. University of Alabama 1994-97 – lettered in track, indoor track and cross country four years. 1997 All-SEC performer in 800m/400m hurdles, NCAA provisional qualifier 400m hurdles. SEC all academic honor roll, six years travel softball 2nd in state, 25th in nation. Post Collegiate – two years professional women's football – Atlanta Leopards, Atlanta Xplosion. Six-time crossfit Regionals Competitor, crossfit games team, masters quarterfinals.

Todd Lindsey

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1980. Four-year letterman in baseball, basketball and football. Selected Cullman County All-Star baseball game 1980. Played golf at Wallace State for two years. High School football official for 13 years. Winner of 45 North Alabama individual stroke play golf tournaments. 12-time Cullman County Championship winner. 8-time Buck Shear Memorial Tournament winner. 8-time Terri Pines invitational winner. 3-time Chesley Oaks Open winner. 3-time Terri Pines Club Championship winner. 3-time Tennessee Valley Open winner.

Donnie Rice

Graduated from Cold Springs High School in 1971. Bachelor's degree from Auburn University 1975. Master's degree from Alabama A&M 1992. Teacher and head football coach at Cold Springs High School 1977-79. Teacher and head football coach at Fairview High School 1980-83. Teacher and assistant coach at Good Hope High School 1983-84. Member of the 1970-71 Cold Springs basketball team that won the First of Five. Consecutive County basketball championships under Coach Jesse George. Member of the 1970-71 Cold Springs basketball team that earned a trip to the state tournament. All-area basketball in 1971. Member of the first football team at Cold Springs under Coach Bruce Abbott. Co-captain of the football team with Max Graves. All-county on offense in football. Named Player of the Week in the Birmingham Post-Herald in football. Finished with the second most rushing yards in Cullman County behind Stan Leeth.

Jospeh W. Smith (deceased)

Graduated from Fairview High School in 1947. Left Fairview High at age 15 to work in Michigan where he worked until 1942. Joined the Navy in response to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Served as Signalman 1st Class in the pacific theater; was involved in Okinawa and Iwo Jima. After his discharge in 1946, returned to high school in Fairview and graduated in 1947. Entered Florence State Teachers College (UNA), was a starter and four-year letterman in basketball. Served in the ROTC. After graduation in 1951 he enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. While stationed in Germany he discovered the sport of bobsledding. Won a gold medal in the 4-man bobsled at the 1953 world championship in Garmisch, West Germany. His team placed in many competitions in the 50s. They were set to represent the U.S. in the 1956 Olympics but his team finished 8th due to an injury in the 1955 Olympic trials. Lt. Col. Jospeh Smith went on to work with the USO as Chief of the Armed Forces Entertainment Office from 1968-72. Traveled with Bob Hope and saw many celebrities perform like Sammy Davis Jr., Jim Nabor, Raquel Welch and many others.

2024 Cullman County Hall of Fame Scholarship recipients

- Coach Randy Jones Memorial Scholarship: Omar Segundo, West Point High School
- Victoria Rouse Memorial Scholarship: Malaya Taylor, Cold Springs High School
- Peoples Bank Scholarship: Lexie Anderson, Cullman High School
- Charlotte Cummings Foundation for Girls Athletic Scholarship: Kabri Redding, Fairview High School
- Gussie Shabel Memorial Scholarship: Ivey Maddox, Good Hope High School
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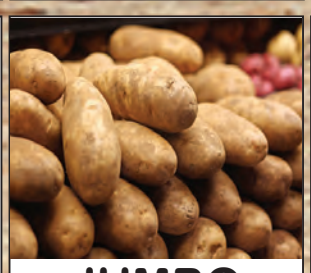
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Local mother travels to Texas to seek care for unborn baby

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman resident Holliann Letson was enjoying a typical pregnancy with her second daughter, Evelyn. At her 18-week anatomy scan – the scan often referred to as the "gender scan," as most babies' genders can be determined at this stage of pregnancy – Letson was hit with some devastating news. Her daughter had an anomaly near her heart.

Letson's current provider was unable to determine what the image foretold, so she was referred to the Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) division at UAB Hospital in Birmingham for further testing and evaluations into little Evelyn's heart and the possible defect.

"They wanted to wait to see me until May 1," shared Letson. "When that day came I got the most devastating news I've ever received in my life."

During that MFM appointment is when Letson was told the anomaly near little Evelyn's heart was congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH), a "birth defect that results in an abnormal opening or hole in the diaphragm, which is the muscle under the lung that aids in breathing. When the diaphragm is torn, it allows other body organs, such as the spleen, liver, kidneys, stomach and intestines, to move into the chest cavity, near the lungs. The organs push into the lungs, making it difficult to breathe, and it can even cause the lungs to collapse. The condition also can prevent lung tissue from developing fully." (UAB)

In the same appointment, Letson was given the news that her unborn child also had a syndrome called hydrops, which "occurs when abnormal amounts of fluid build up in two or more internal areas of a fetus or newborn. It is basically congestive heart failure. Hydrops is usually a symptom of underlying problems like anatomical defects, chromosomal abnormalities, or various viruses." (March for Babies)

Evelyn's diagnoses left her with a less than 30% chance of survival.

Letson's care team at UAB MFM advised the expectant mother about the possibility of treatment. Although out of state and risky, and with approval unlikely for both mom and baby, the team forwarded the referral to Texas Children's Hospital and hoped for the best.

"I was advised that there was a procedure that could help, but from the tests and other observations, me and Evelyn most likely wouldn't be a candidate," said Letson. "However, they sent my referral to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. It would be better to go through the tests and get denied than regret the 'what-ifs.'"

Traveling to Houston was no easy feat for the mother, with financial woes, worry for the life of her unborn daughter and the typical stressors of pregnancy. Letson was determined to complete as much testing as possible to determine her daughter's fate. Upon arriving at Texas Children's Hospital, Letson was met by a nurse who ur-



HOLLIANN LETSON

Holliann Letson is a Cullman resident who is seeking care for her unborn child in Houston, Texas.

gently ushered her in to meet with a doctor.

"The doctor advised me to forget all about the congenital hernia. Evelyn was misdiagnosed," Letson said. Evelyn's new diagnosis was one of congenital pulmonary airway malformation, a "mass of abnormal lung tissue, which may be filled with fluid or other material." (Texas Children's Hospital). "This prognosis is so much better, but no less immediately dangerous."

The same day, Letson underwent urgent surgery to place a shunt in her baby's chest cavity and relieve pressure on the heart. She was told that without the surgery and shunt placement, the fluid would slowly build and likely cause Evelyn to go into cardiac arrest within weeks.

Letson smiled and said, "I had the procedure, and the next day the fluid in her chest had decreased significantly."

Now, more than a month after that unexpected procedure, Evelyn's chances of survival have soared from 30% to 70%. Not quite out of the woods, Letson will travel again to Houston on the morning of Tuesday, July 23, for the third time to make delivery plans and discuss outcomes and possible treatments for Evelyn at birth.

"I will deliver in Texas and Evelyn may need surgery immediately, and we'll be there for over two weeks for her recovery time," she said.

At 35 weeks pregnant, Letson could go into labor at any time. Delivering at Texas Children's Hospital is the best chance of Evelyn's survival and ability to thrive.

Donations to Letson and her daughter can be made online to the family's GoFundMe account, found at https://gofund.me/059c181b.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 11th annual Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run was hosted at St. Bernard Saturday morning and the falling rain didn't stop a crowd of family, friends and supporters from gathering to support the cause. 138 runners participated in this year's event and in addition to providing a scholarship to a local student, the funds from this year's run will also go to support The Link of Cullman County.

The Link of Cullman County offers a selection of quality programs and helps to provide housing and shelter, food, help for parents, help for the recently incarcerated, classes for personal enrichment and renewal and case management as a gateway to additional services.

This year's race was a little different than years past. The Fillinger family is partnering with Cullman Cross Country to help organize the event and Julie Fillinger is excited to have the program more involved.

"It's a transitional year for us because we're moving to Trent (Dean) being the actual organizer. This year was very collaborative between the Fillinger family and Cullman Cross Country so that will continue. We're really excited about that; Trent can bring a lot of fresh energy and as a matter of fact there are quite a few more teenagers that registered this year than we're ever had," Fillinger said. "So, the mean age has gone down considerably between previous years and this year. As always, you can look around and see the support. We always have tons of volunteers which we're so thankful for and now that's a collaboration between the Fillinger family support and Cullman Cross Country family support, so we're just really excited to continue



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Dr. Eric Fillinger speaks to a crowd of runners at this year's Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Run at St. Bernard Saturday morning.

that collaboration."

This year's Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Scholarship recipient is Cullman senior Wyatt Buchanan and Julie was proud to present this year's scholarship to a student that the Fillingers believe embodies what the scholarship represents.

"Every year part of what we do as a foundation is we support one senior that's going off to college and support them with a scholarship. It means a lot to us. We get help from Cullman High School, that's where Nicholas attended, so we've always picked a senior from Cullman High School but it's not just anybody. They have to meet certain qualifications, so we rely on coaches and teachers and friends and board members to make nominations and tell us why they think they would be deserving. We do look for someone that is a high achiever in academics and athletics but most important to us is their character," Fillinger said. "This year's recipient just exemplified those qualities so well. We've never received as many nominations as we did for Wyatt Buchanan. So many teachers, his coaches, all of them just couldn't say enough good about him. His teachers loved him, and his peers respected him but what put him over the edge in our eyes is he looks out for those that need extra help finding their place. He looks out for those who just haven't quite figured out their place yet and he brings them along. So, in our estimation that really exemplifies what we're trying to do with the Nicholas Fillinger Memorial Scholarship."

The Fillingers are excited to begin working even more closely with Cullman's Cross Country team, but they were even more excited to see a lot of familiar faces come out to support them and their cause Saturday morning

"This is our 11th year doing the run and we're just so excited that you guys still want to come out and support the causes and support us as a family. You're all our family and I say that from the bottom of my heart. It means so much to us that you all come out," Julie said. "This year has been extra special. We've been collaborating with the Cullman Cross Country team under Trent's (Dean) leadership which is fabulous. He's been here in the trenches for quite some time, and he led the team after Nicholas' death and led those kids and mentored them. He's been here ever since then, and he's built a phenomenal program."

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Wallace State Nursing hosts job fair for students

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Nearly two dozen employers were on hand recently to recruit more than 100 Wallace State Nursing students nearing the end of their third semester in the program. That is when they will be allowed to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure exam to become licensed practical nurses and enter the workforce with those credentials.

Students Kelsie Madison and Kalli Jones were presently surprised to see so many medical facilities on hand at the event.

"I didn't expect that many because like Tuscaloosa is far away and Decatur and all that, but I forget that there's a lot of students who come literally from all the way from Jasper to Wallace for the Nursing program," said Madison, who is from Hayden.

"I really didn't know the number of options we would have as LPNs who were still in nursing school," said Jones, of West Point. "It really lets me see what all is available for me and the endless possibilities I have as a nurse. This is a really good opportunity for us."

Both students plan to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam when they complete their third semester in the program and were happy to see representatives from their preferred facilities in attendance, as well as others they did not know hired LPNs.

"Before COVID it was hard to find a job as an LPN outside of long-term care and this kind of shows you how much it's opened up since COVID happened," Madison said. "UAB for instance, is allowing LPNs to do more than just give blood products as long as they've been checked off, so you're actually getting to do more patient care before graduating."

Jennifer Stribling, Staff Development Coordinator for Aspire Health & Rehab, was attending the fair for the first time but is no stranger to Wallace State as she graduated from the program in 2010.

The students she met at the fair were "amazing," she said. "I think they're all going to be such a good contribution. They're asking great questions and interacting beautifully."

As a graduate and spending 14 years in the industry, Stribling said she's always heard high praise for Wallace State Nursing graduates.

"Wallace turns out some of the best nurses," she said she often hears from upper management. "And I agree, totally, and I told them this is a top-notch school, and I can't sing their praises enough."

For students who wanted to think ahead to furthering their education, they also had options for that at the fair.

Fred Ellis, Education Liaison for the University of West Alabama Online Division, was attending his first career fair at Wallace State, introducing students to UWA's online bachelor's degree program for nurses.

"We hear that Wallace State is putting out a lot of good nursing students," Ellis said. "We want to promote and collaborate with Wallace State to make sure we're on the same path as far as taking the students to a different level."

Along with Aspire and UWA, other entities on hand were: Ascension Health, Baptist Health/Tenet, Barfield Healthcare, Cullman Regional, DCH Health System, Encompass Health/Lakeshore, Gadsden Regional, Hanceville Health & Rehab, Huntsville Hospital, Legacy Health & Rehab, Madison Hospital, Marshall Medical Center, McGuffey's Healthcare, Northway Health & Rehab, Oak Knoll Health & Rehab, Rehab Select of Albertville, Riverview Medical Center, South Hampton Health & Rehab, South Haven Health & Rehab, UAB Medicine, UAB School of Nursing and University of West Alabama.

The Wallace State Department of Nursing Education is currently accepting applications through Oct. 1 for the Spring 2025 semester. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing, email nursingapplicant@wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8199 for more information.



WALLACE STATE

A representative of DCH Health System speaks with Wallace State Nursing students at a career fair held Wednesday at the college.

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PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO. CV 2024-900210

MARILYN DODGE, M. VAN DINE, and TRACY VAN DINE,

DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE

The Defendants, Marilyn Dodge, M. Van Dine, and Tracy Van Dine, must answer the Complaint For Quiet Title filed by Shauna Maria Junkins and Thomas Christopher Junkins on or before the 22nd day of August, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2024-900210 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of June, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
J. Bradley Wilson
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206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
GILBERT THOMAS TUCKER, CASE NO. PC2020-336
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO SALE REAL PROPERTY

TO: PATTIE HARBISON, TANYA MADDOX, ADAM TUCKER, PRISCILLA TUCKER RAINES AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GILBERT THOMAS TUCKER, DECEASED.

Petition to Sale Real Property filed the 28th day of June, 2024, made Court record the 1st day of July, 2024, by Pamela E. Nail, Attorney for, Rita Tucker, Personal Representative. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **24th day of September, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 18th day of July, 2024.

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

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
Pamela E. Nail
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Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARY FAYE ROBINSON CASE NO PC 2024-204
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Brian Keith Lodge, to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Mary Faye Robinson, deceased, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith, has been scheduled for the **27th day of August, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 12th day of July, 2024.

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

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Rock the South (from Front)

were transported," Malone said. "On Friday, 216 came to the medical tent to receive a cooling opportunity; 31 were treated for injury or illness and four were transported to an ER for emergency care. On Saturday, 311 came in for cooling, 47 were treated and there were two transports from the venue."

CCSO Communications Director Chad Whaley said overall the traffic and crowds (at least on the outside) were great.

"As far as arrests and demeanor inside the gates I am not sure. Since the CPD handled the arrests inside, I never heard a total."

"This was probably the smoothest year to date," Whaley said.

Giveaway (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Saturday, July 20, The Link of Cullman County partnered with Greater Good Music to host its annual Rockin' Good Grocery Giveaway. This year, the local food resource event – which is held in parallel to Rock the South – saw 280 boxes stuffed with snacks, food and pantry items along with participants' choice of fresh produce like apples and potatoes.

"We were thrilled to partner with Greater Good Music for the fourth year. Greater Good helps music artists give back to the community they are playing in.

"Sheila Jones and her team are wonderful to work with and are doing great things all over the country," said The Link Executive Director Melissa Betts.

"We saw a 'greater' need for this event than we ever have."

Greater Good Music was the giveaway's funding sponsor, graciously allocating $15,000 to prepare and stuff 400 boxes for Cullman's neighbors in need.

All the donated funds were used to stuff the boxes for $37.50 each. Snagged boxes included family favorites and pantry staples like canned tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, crackers and oatmeal, while recipients also had their choice of produce like potatoes, apples, onions and cantaloupe to round out the offerings to take home.

In all, 280 boxes were distributed to the community.

"We will give the remaining boxes this week at our Park It Market, sponsored by the North Alabama Food Bank this Wednesday (July 24) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.," said Betts.

The Link also operates a food pantry that is open Tuesday and Thursday serving neighbors who are struggling with shelter, food insecurity and basic necessities. Betts said the use of The Pantry has increased over the past year, especially.

In January 2023, the food program saw an average of 193 households and in January 2024, the average number of monthly clients was 677. This month, the center has already had two days with 103 families and households served each day.

Betts shared, "People are looking for food resources to supplement their household food needs. With this current economy, we must work together to ensure our neighbors have food to feed their families."

The Link of Cullman County and The Pantry are located at 708 Ninth Street SE in Cullman.

Obituary Announcements: July 20-22

Carolyn Sue Sturgeon, 75
Carolyn Sue Sturgeon, age 75 of Hanceville, passed away on Friday, July 19, 2024, at her residence. She was born, Oct. 15, 1948, to Alvie Collins and Ladonna K Desken. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter-in-law, Gail Sturgeon. Survivors include her sons, William "Billy" (Lena Bollen) Sturgeon, Jr., Edward Dewayne Sturgeon, and Mark (Joy) Allen Sturgeon; grandchildren, Tiffany Sturgeon, Anthony Sturgeon, Krystal Burgess, Chris Sturgeon, Rachel Sturgeon and Heather Sturgeon; 10 great-grandchildren, father of her children, William Sturgeon; and her beloved pet, Screppy. There are no services planned at this time.

Donald Stuart Ault, 97
Celebration of Life visitation for Donald Stuart Ault, age 97 of Cullman, will be from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Ault passed away on Friday, July 19, 2024, at his residence. He was born Jan. 3, 1927, in Kentucky to Melton Ault and Gretchen Turner. He was a member of the US Army and proudly served in Germany during World War II. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Alfreda 'Ted' Williams-Ault and his brothers and sisters . Surviving family members include daughters, Vickie (Billy) Jackson and Debra Ault, grandchildren, Forrest (Aimee) Jackson and Travis (Emily) Jackson, great grandchildren Trevor, Sadie, Griffin, Graham, Wesley and Warren a great great grandchild, Draven, sister, Lovell Sensaboy, a special friend, Cindy Vest, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers please make donations to St John's Youth Ministries, 512 Second Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055 or Gary Sinise Foundation for Veterans, P.O. Box 40726, Nashville TN, 37205.

Thielann Wagner Johnson, 95
Memorial Service for Thielann Wagner Johnson, age 95, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Vinemont First Baptist Church with Joey Smithson officiating. Mrs. Johnson passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2024. She was born, March 19, 1929, to Marshall Wagner and Laura Porth. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jack Johnson; brothers, Gene Wagner and B. J. Wagner. Survivors include her daughter, Deborah (Edward) Warnke; sons, William Michael (Judy) Johnson and Steven Earl (Sheila) Johnson; grandchildren, Shawn Warnke, Shannon Bridges, Brian Johnson, Laura Johnson, Cynthia Hill, Rachel Doyle and nine great-grandchildren.

Bonnie Regina Benefield, 65
Bonnie Regina Moore Benefield, 65, passed away on July 17, 2024, at home. She was born in Huntsville, Alabama, to Raymond and Virginia Moore. She graduated from Guntersville High School in 1976 and went on to work as a faithful wife and homemaker for her entire life. She was instantly mom or maw-maw to every child she ever encountered. She was a kid at heart. Favorite charities are St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Regina's faith in God is strong. She is clothed in strength and dignity. Member of GFBC. Involved in all her girls activities. Delighted in spoiling her Grandbabies. PTA/PTO president elementary and middle school at same time. Girl Scout leader. Fun home camp for nieces and nephews. Checked her girls out for fun days at the mall. Loved to work in house and garden. Passion for providing for family. She had a sweet smile for everyone that would brighten any day. Regina is survived by her husband of 48 years Wesley; Daughters Janna and Tiffany; Grandkids Domino, Lizzy, Drew and Katie; Sisters Marie, Wanda, Sandra and Linda. Brother Dan. Many loving Nieces and Nephews. Sisters in Christ (Her Girls) who loved and nurtured her in faith and fun. Cherished by a multitude of friends who loved her dearly. Regina knew how to laugh, love and live. Private ceremony for immediate family initially with plans for a celebration of life ceremony at a Future date. So much thanks for all the love bestowed upon her during her life. Mrs. Benefield's obituary was written by her family with much love. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Benefield family and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Angela Leighann Johns, 58
Angela Leighann Allcorn Johns, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Sunday evening, July 21, 2024, at the age of 58. Mrs. Johns was born in Cullman County, Alabama, to Jeannie Elizabeth Burgett Allcorn on Nov. 24, 1965. Mrs. Johns worked long hours as a cosmetologist, but she always found time to support her children in the things they enjoyed doing. She enjoyed attending concerts with her daughter and she also loved to travel. After twenty-one years behind the chair, Angie retired. She then became a full-time Nana to her beloved grandchildren, and she loved every minute of it. Angie was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking for her family and her meals were an expression of her love for them. Angie was not only a devoted and loving wife and mother, but she was a friend to many. She will be greatly missed. Those preceding Mrs. Johns in death includes her grandparents, Coy and Inez Burgett; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, James L. "Jimmy" and Barbara Scott Johns; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Linda Johns Quick. Those surviving Angie includes her husband, Alan Johns; mother, Jeannie Allcorn; children, Scott Johns (Brooke), Shawna Manning, Amanda Johns, Kimberly Johns (Luke Davis); brother, Joey Allcorn (Diane); brother-in-law, Michael Johns; grandbabies, Addyson Manning, Ellie Wells, Brycen Johns, Donavan Morgan, Carter Morgan; and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation, at the funeral home, on Thursday evening, July 25, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services for Mrs. Johns will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, July 26, 2024, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with David Johns officiating. Burial will follow services in Bethlehem East Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Johns family and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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