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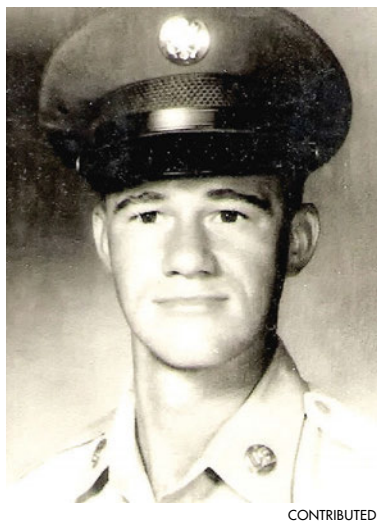
Community remembers local veteran, KIA in Vietnam

State Rep. Randall Shedd
Contributor

BAILEYTON – Alton Shedd, a soldier from Baileyton, Alabama died in Vietnam almost 50 years ago. His community is making sure he will always be remembered, and the sacrifice he made will never be forgotten.

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Brooks' Place, the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman awarded nearly $200,000

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CULLMAN – Brooks' Place, the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman, a nonprofit center that serves child abuse victims in Cullman County, recently received a $187,161 grant, awarded by Gov. Robert Bentley through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

"These are competitive grants," said Brooks' Place Executive Director Gail Swafford. "We've gotten ADECA funding ever since we opened our doors. Without this funding source, we would not be able to do what we do. This is the highest (amount) it's been in a quite a long time."

The grant will help Brooks' Place continue to offer free professional assistance to victims and their families. The center also coordinates a team of representatives from law enforcement agencies, the district attorney's

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CCBOE calls special meeting, suspends employee for 10 days

Johnny Thornton
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN - In a special called meeting of the Cullman County School Board Tuesday afternoon, the lead topic was the recommendation by Superintendent Shane Barnette to suspend an employee for 10 days without pay, from Aug. 31 through Sept. 14.

The name of the employee was not disclosed. No further discussion took place after a motion was made by Cold Springs board representative Wendy Crider and seconded by Holly Pond's James Thompson.

The motion carried by a 4-0 margin. Kenny Brockman of Hanceville, Chris Carter of Fairview and Mike Graves of Vinemont were not available to attend the special meeting.

In other news, the board approved the authorization of Barnette to submit applications for various programs for the 2016-17 school year.

They are Title I program funds, Title I Part A for school improvement and focus school funds, Title II funds for teacher and principal training, technology and class size reduction, Tittle II tech prep funds and federal vocation education, Title III English language learners, Title IV federal and state to implement special education and handicap laws, Title VI Part B funds.

The next regular meeting of the school board will be Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in the central office board room. The public is invited to attend.

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Survivor of human sex trafficking to speak in Cullman

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, District Attorney Wilson Blaylock and Judge Kim Chaney will present special guest Tajuan McCarty, founder of The WellHouse in Birmingham, on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Desperation Church. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

McCarty, a survivor of human sex trafficking, will share her story. At 15, she was sexually exploited by her "boyfriend-turned-pimp."

McCarty says she was trafficked to Birmingham so many times, it became her home.

As a result of her experiences, she is a passionate advocate for victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

In Jan, 2011 McCarty opened The WellHouse is a nonprofit, faith-based and Christ-centered agency dedicated to rescuing women from sexual exploitation/human trafficking.

"It provides a safe residential environment to sexually exploited women, offering spiritual, mental, emotional and physical support services. The WellHouse is the only 24-hour shelter offering immediate housing assistance to women being prostituted in the Southeast."

McCarty was recognized as one of The Top 20 Women Who Make a Difference in Birmingham and accepted The FBI Director's Community Leadership Award on behalf of The WellHouse, due to her efforts to fight human trafficking.

McCarty will speak on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at Desperation Church, 202 Elizabeth St. NE in Cullman.

To learn more about the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, visit http://qrne.ws/cchttf.

Find out more about The WellHouse at http://the-wellhouse.org/.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville police officers recognized for role in busting national auto theft ring

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – The City of Hanceville held a regular city council meeting on Thursday evening, where Hanceville City Police Officers Lt. Brannon Hammick and Deputy Chief Adam Hadder were recognized for their work on a case from Murfreesboro, Tennessee involving a national auto theft ring.

"I realize that Hanceville is a small police department, but I can't see why we can't be one of the best smaller departments in the state of Alabama," said Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long as he discussed the case worked on by two of his officers; citizens in attendance could be heard shouting "Amen!" from across the room.

The case involved a national car theft operation where the accused was able to remove the vehicle identification numbers (VINs) from cars and use a device to create fake VINs to sell the stolen cars across the United States. Some cars were from as far away as California and Texas. A letter from Lt. Tom Sissom of the Murfreesboro Police Department expressed Murfreesboro's gratitude for the assistance of the Hanceville Police Department.

In other business, a payment of $14,450 was made to cover the costs of the City's 2015 audit, to Segroves & Brewer, P.C. of Cullman. All bills payable presented to the council were paid as presented, with all members voting in favor of the motion to pay and one abstaining. The council was then able to discuss the costs associated with AirMedCare, which provides the City of Hanceville with emergency air transportation. The total cost of service that the council approved paying was $3,419.50.

Council member Charles Wilson brought up the water situation in the city. The City plans to put solar panels on the sewer plant in order to "cut the electric bill by half," at the plant with "green money" set aside by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The Hanceville water plant "produces 4.8 million gallons" of water while the city purchases "7.3 million gallons from the City of Blountsville."

Hanceville Fire Chief Rodger Green cordially invited everyone to a Swamp John's dinner this Saturday the 27. The council will canvass Hanceville's municipal election results on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at noon.

The Hanceville City Council's next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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POLITICS

Rekindling the Bern: local activists plan to continue the Sanders revolution

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CULLMAN – It was a warm summer night as the sun was setting in Cullman, Alabama. Local activists gathered in a small apartment to discuss the future of the Bernie Sanders movement in Cullman. Donna Clifton, founder of Cullman for Bernie Sanders/Jill Stein, hosted the gathering as part of the kickoff for Our Revolution, a nonprofit organization fueled by the historic Sanders campaign. The livestream from a small computer monitor carried a large message "our revolution continues."

"We're here to continue the revolution that Bernie started," said Clifton as she gathered local organizers to watch the livestream of the kickoff.

When asked why Bernie supporters continue to fight even though their candidate is out of the race, Clifton responded, "because it was never about him. It's about the movement. We are going to continue that movement."

Clifton is no novice when it comes to political organizing.

She was part of the Occupy Movement in Panama City when the liberal movement started spreading shortly after the financial crash of 2008. She was shocked by the amount of support that a self-proclaimed Democratic Socialist senator from Vermont saw in Cullman; he claimed 35 percent of the Democratic vote in Cullman County.

"Bernie Sanders said 'Change does not occur from the top on down, but from the bottom on up. When millions of Americans stand up and fight, that is when real change will happen,' and I completely agree," said Cullman for Bernie/Jill Stein Media Specialist Christy Eddy, who had never voted before this year's primary.

"I am 36 years old. I've always hated politics and I've always felt like it was corrupt. I thought that every politician was dishonest, but I saw a post about Bernie; about how he has stood for the same things for 40 years and how he has fought for poor people. He wants to make a change."

Eddy continued, saying, "Everybody says it's not about the man it's about the movement. That's not true for me. Anyone can say they are for the things Bernie is for, but not everyone can lead, not everyone can inspire, not everyone can touch your heart the way that he has."

When asked if she would consider voting for Clinton, Eddy said, "Never. I'd vote for Trump over Clinton. If I vote for anyone that isn't Bernie then I'd vote for Jill Stein." The group yelled "never" in unison.

The group is just now truly getting started.

They plan on organizing locally to campaign against the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, oil pipelines like those in North Dakota and other pressing national and state issues.

The group plans to campaign for universal healthcare, Native American rights, automatic voter registration and expanding social security.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, at the corner of Main and Cherokee at 2 p.m., the group is planning to hold a demonstration against voter fraud which, in their view, cost Bernie Sanders the primary election against Hillary Clinton.

On Monday, Aug. 29, at the same location from 3-6 p.m., the group plans to hold a rally to call for the overturning of Citizens United.

The embers of those who "felt the Bern" are rekindling the movement in order to continue the revolution, in the state of Alabama, to fight for what they view as a progressive struggle against the elite class of the United Sates.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A night of recognition at Cullman City Hall

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council met on Monday evening, recognizing the Cullman High School Boys' soccer team for their state championship, the East Elementary archery team for their city, county, regional, state and world championships, and Mrs. Elaine Fuller for her acceptance into the Alabama Tourism Hall of Fame. Each was given an official commendation.

As the crowd cheered on the soccer team after their recognition, Mayor Max Townson could be heard saying, "We appreciate that. It brings people into Cullman, showcase it!" referring to multiple state finals and local festivals being conducted at the same time in the spring of this year.

The East Elementary archery team, comprised of students in grades 4-6, was recognized for their impressive archery season ranging from first place in Cullman County, first place in the state of Alabama, second place nationally and first place in their world division to the delight of many proud parents in attendance.

Celebrating with those in attendance, Townson was noted as saying, "Let's keep it going," in reference to the great accomplishments of those two teams and teams across the Cullman City School system.

Cullman County Museum Curator, Elaine Fuller, received a certificate of recognition from Townson for her more than 40 years of service as the only curator of the Cullman County Museum, for her promotion of tourism to the city and for her role in statewide tourism as an executive member of the Alabama Mountain Lake Tourism Association, which culminated in her being conducted into the Alabama Tourism Hall of Fame.

The council started conducting business shortly after the recognitions were complete.

Fire Chief Edward Reinhardt purchased new equipment from the City of Hanceville in the unbudgeted amount of $30,000 which was a savings of $22,000 from the normal price of the new equipment, according to Reinhardt.

The equipment was incompatible with what Hanceville has, but can be used by Cullman Fire Rescue.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Chris Freeman was given approval to purchase a work truck from Mitch Smith Chevrolet, to not exceed the budgeted amount of $45,000.

Three special event requests were approved by the council.

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation is set to hold their annual motorcycle ride at Cullman Regional Center on Oct. 8 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Life Chain Cullman plans on holding a prayer vigil on the sidewalks of the Cullman County Courthouse on Oct. 8 from 12:30-2p.m. Lastly, Daystar House Incorporated will hold a 5K Pilgrim's Trail and Fun Run on the campus of St. Bernard on Nov.24 from 7 a.m.- 2 p.m.

The City of Cullman Board of Design Review recommended a request by Jock Leonard, representing Mead Investments, LLC, to improve the landscaping in the right-of-ways surrounding the retail center located at the corner of Second Street Southeast and Third Avenue Southeast.

The request was tabled based on a possible misunderstanding and will be reconsidered at a later date.

In other business, the council voted to vacate a right-of-way owned by the City and located at 1409 Main Ave NE. The decision to vacate and surplus Brantley Ave NW was sent to the Planning Commission for further review.

Both areas are said to no longer be needed by the City for public or municipal purposes.

Cullman Consultants requested professional engineering services for the 2016 FEMA project related to the City's waste water treatment plant.

The project started after the Christmas flood of 2015, for which the City received close to $2 million from the federal agency.

The City approved a recycling contract with JCR Recycling for the amount of $1,000 per month which keeps Cullman's recycling within the city rather than having to take the material to Hartselle to be recycled at a larger cost.

Two bids were awarded which included tree removal and cleanup at 730 Sixth Avenue SE and at 607 Eighth Street SE to Reeve's and Son LLC in the amounts of $1,245 and $1,045, respectively.

Two finial resolutions in the form of grant applications were approved by the council.

One of which was an application for an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant which would allow broadband internet infrastructure in the city to be expanded; another application was approved for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and ARC funds for an industrial project.

Lastly, the board reappointed Dr. Edward Mahan to the medical board two; council member John Cook abstained from voting on this matter.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Good Hope claims 28-0 win over Holly Pond in season opener

Johnny Thornton
Sports Editor



GOOD HOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL

GOOD HOPE – No one has been able to take down the Good Hope Raiders in the past four years of regular season middle school football.

Their winning streak extended to 26 straight when they opened the season Monday evening at James Shabel Stadium, shutting out the Holly Pond Broncos 28-0.

Good Hope's supremacy at the top of county middle school football ended last October when they lost in the championship to Vinemont. The Eagles prevented the Raiders from a fourth straight title capture.

Now coach Tyler Hudson's Raiders aim to show they can bounce back from adversity and it began on the home turf in which they outgained Holly Pond in offense 313 to 76, scoring three times in the first half to have control of the contest by the time it reached intermission.

The Raiders forced two fumbles in the first quarter, one on the opening kickoff and another late in the period.

Good Hope also turned the ball over with a fumble three plays into its first series, then the Raider defense forced an 11-yard punt, taking the ball at the Holly Pond 40.

Colton Bagwell got loose for a 39-yard touchdown and the Raiders were on the board at 6-0 with 3:20 to play in the first. The conversion attempt failed.

A fumble was recovered by the Raiders on Holly Pond's next drive, putting them in good field position from the Good Hope 49-yard line.This drive ended when Tanner Malin found Lane Speegle open for 38 yards and the TD with 1:39 to go in the period. Bagwell ran in the conversion and the Raiders led 14-0.

Good Hope's defense got very aggressive in the second, holding the Broncos to negative yardage in running and throwing the ball.

The Broncos had a minus 12 on the ground to go with minus six in passing for a negative 18 yards when the game reached halftime.

The Raiders tacked on a third touchdown as Eli Pugh finished a 64-yard series with an 18-yard run. Jared Pugh followed with the conversion run and the Raiders enjoyed a 22-0 spread at the break and had outgained Holly Pond 205 to -2.

Good Hope received the second half kickoff and had its longest drive of the evening. The scoring series was 81 yards and two-and-a half-minutes off the clock.

Bagwell ripped through a hole for a 68-yard run on the fourth play of the drive. The conversion failed and the Raiders increased the advantage to 28-0.

Another Good Hope drive in the period chewed up real estate, but the Raiders lost the football, preventing them from scoring once more. In the fourth quarter, coach Hudson started to substitute. The Raiders had a good drive in taking time off the clock, but punted and the Broncos took over from their 24 with 1:48 to go in the game.

Running back Levi Boatright had runs of 16, 11 and 20, plus a 20-yard dash from quarterback Thomas Bell had the Broncos on the verge of getting the zeros off their side of the scoreboard.

Unfortunately, Boatright fumbled when he was tackled after the 20-yard run. Raider defender Wyatt Jones pounced on the ball at the Good Hope eight.

Nelson Hernandez picked up 10 yards for the Raiders on the next play that ran out the clock and Good Hope had recorded a shutout with domination on the offensive side of the ball.

Pugh had 52 yards on the ground and a touchdown, Bagwell led the Raiders with 137 yards and two touchdowns. Ethan Anderson added 50 yards rushing to the Raider total as they accounted for 15 first downs.

Malin was three for three in the passing department for 77 yards and a touchdown. Speegle caught two passes for 58 yards and a score, Anderson had one reception for 19 yards.

Boatright ran for 47 yards in the fourth quarter, but the fumble at the Good Hope eight was a factor that prevented a possible score by the visitors. Bell had a 20-yard run, did complete two passes, but they were tackled behind the line for negative gains.

Good Hope has its next game with Fairview on Sept. 6 while Holly Pond hosts Vinemont the same evening.

The Cullman Tribune / CullmanSense 2016 Team & Player of the Week: Week 1





Hanceville High School, led by first year Head Coach Craig Flanigan, was selected Team of the Week as they beat Cold Springs 20-8 in the first week home opener.

The Player of the Game was B.J. Smalls, who broke for multiple rushes and helped carry the Bulldogs to their season open victory.

Mark Tidwell, Buffalo Wild Wings – Cullman, was on hand last Friday to hand out the awards to Coach Flanigan and Smalls.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Preview: week 3 area prep football

Johnny Thornton
Sports Editor

Cullman Bearcats (1-1, 0-0) @ Albertville Aggies (2-0, 0-0)
6A, Region 7 opener
McFord Field - Albertville, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Albertville leads 19-16-3
LAST TIME: Cullman defeated Albertville 58-21 in 2011
LAST WEEK: Cullman defeated North Jackson 45-14, Albertville defeated Arab 45-7.
This will be the first regular season game between the two since 2001. The 2011 contest was a first round in the AHSAA 5A playoffs. Cullman has won the last four meetings with Albertville. Mark Britton has only coached against the Aggies twice in his 16 seasons with the Bearcats.

Locust Fork Hornets (2-0, 0-0) @ Vinemont Eagles (1-0, 0-0)
3A, Region 6 opener
Mark Smothers Stadium - Vinemont, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Tied 1-1
LAST TIME: Vinemont defeated Locust Fork 13-6 in 2003
LAST WEEK: Vinemont defeated Good Hope 14-7, Locust Fork defeated Pisgah 30-24.

After a dramatic finish to begin the 2nd season of the Matt Norris' era in positive fashion, Vinemont meets an undefeated squad from Blount County in the Eagles' home opener and regional opener.

The last time Locust Fork came to Cullman County was a season ago when the Hornets downed the Good Hope Raiders 31-15.

Locust Fork dropped from Class 4A to Class 3A for the 2016-17 season in being reclassified by the AHSAA. This will be Vinemont's lone home game during the next four weeks.

J.B. Pennington Tigers (2-0, 0-0) @ Holly Pond Broncos (2-0, 0-0)
3A, Region 6 opener
Thomas-Michelfelder Field - Holly Pond, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: J.B. Pennington leads 24-14
LAST TIME: J.B. Pennington defeated Holly Pond 28-7 in 2013.
LAST WEEK: Holly Pond defeated Brindlee Mountain 33-20, J.B. Pennington defeated Boaz 41-7.
With victories in their last three games, the Broncos play in front of the home crowd for the first time this year.

They resume their rivalry with their neighbors from Blountsville. J.B. Pennington is back to 3A football after playing the past two years in Class 4A.

The Broncos are looking to win on the home field for the first time under current coach Mike Bates.

Tarrant Wildcats (0-1, 0-0) @ Cold Springs Eagles (0-2, 0-0)
2A, Region 7 opener
Cranford Stricklin Stadium - Cold Springs, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Cold Springs leads 2-0
LAST TIME: Cold Springs defeated Tarrant 48-7 in 2015
LAST WEEK: Cold Springs lost to Berry 26-24, Tarrant lost to Fultondale 46-7.

One of these teams will enter the victory column for the first time in 2016. Cold Springs has lost its last four games, dating back to the final two the Eagles played in 2015. The last time the Eagles were winners, it was against Tarrant in the ninth week of the 2015 season. Both have been regional opponents for the previous two years.

The Wildcats lost to the Eagles 36-33 at Cold Springs in 2014, a game that clinched a playoff berth for Rod Elliott's squad in late October.

Fairview Aggies (1-1, 0-0) @ Corner Yellow Jackets (2-0, 0-0)
5A, Region 6 opener
Corner Stadium - Corner, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Fairview leads 5-1
LAST TIME: Fairview defeated Corner 41-7 in 2007
LAST WEEK: Fairview defeated East Lawrence 56-14, Corner defeated South Lamar 35-21

With plenty of momentum to carry into Jefferson County this week, the Aggies are looking to win a regional opener for the first time in their third year of playing in Class 5A.

Corner has matched its win total of 2015 after two games in 2016.

This is the third consecutive game for the Yellow Jackets at Corner Stadium.

George Redding coaches against the Jackets for only the second time in his 10 seasons at Fairview. The Aggies visit the Corner campus for the first time since 2006. A win for the Aggies will be career victory No. 60 for Redding.

West Point Warriors (0-2, 0-0) @ Hayden Wildcats (1-1, 0-0)
5A, Region 6 opener
Robert Reid Stadium - Hayden, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Tied 7-7
LAST TIME: Hayden defeated West Point 42-26 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: West Point lost to Wilson 41-13, Hayden defeated John Carroll 35-14.

Now regional rivals, the Warriors seek to end a rough beginning to the new season. A close loss in week one with Hamilton was followed by Wilson dominating the Warriors after the first quarter.

Don Farley's squad visited Hayden in 2014, coming out on top 31-0. The Warriors and Wildcats meet for the fifth time since 2010 with Hayden prevailing in three of those matchups.

Hanceville Bulldogs (1-1, 0-0) @ Fultondale Wildcats (1-0, 0-0)
3A, Region 6 opener
Wildcats Stadium - Fultondale, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Hanceville leads 2-0
LAST TIME: Hanceville defeated Fultondale 21-15 in 1987.
LAST WEEK: Hanceville lost to Addison 46-20, Fultondale defeated Tarrant 46-7.

Craig Flanigan's Bulldogs invade the Jefferson County school for the first time in almost 30 years. The Bulldogs will look to recover from a tough second half when Addison outscored them last week 25-6.

Fultondale is glad to see a change in its region. The Wildcats spent the past two years playing in Region 3 of Class 3A, facing schools in the southern part of the state.

Now they have a region that is half made of Cullman County and the other half is opponents from Blount County.

Good Hope Raiders (0-1, 0-0) @ Fayette County Tigers (0-2, 0-0)
John Morgan Brown Stadium - Fayette, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Fayette County leads 2-0
LAST TIME: Fayette County defeated Good Hope 30-14 in 2011.
LAST WEEK: Good Hope lost to Vinemont 14-7, Fayette County lost to Brooks 21-0.

The Raiders play the Tigers in Fayette County's home opener, besides the game being a regional assignment.

Fayette County was rated 10th last week in the 4A poll and will likely be replaced by another school when the rankings get released by midweek.

Good Hope encounters a squad that last season played for the 4A state championship and is coached by former Tiger standout Lance Tucker who played college ball at the University of Alabama.

The Raiders have one of the toughest regions for any school to face. Good Hope has never beaten four of its six regional foes and has only one victory vs. Winfield in five games and is 3-3 vs. Cordova all-time.

The Raiders are 0-2 against Fayette County, then 0-4 vs. Hamilton, 0-2 vs. Haleyville and 0-4 vs. Dora.

RB Matt Dixon's status is uncertain; he suffered an injury when he took a helmet to his knee on the final play of the first half in the Vinemont game last week. The Raiders need him in the young backfield to have a chance at consistency against the Tigers.

Southeastern Mustangs (0-2, 0-0) @ Addison Bulldogs (2-0, 0-0)
1A, Region 7 opener
A.G. Hicks Stadium - Addison, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Addison leads 4-0
LAST TIME: Addison defeated Southeastern 43-15 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: Addison defeated Hanceville 46-20, Southeastern lost to Cleveland 44-0.

Right now the Bulldogs are clicking on offense, led by QB Noah Rice, RBs Ben Robinson and Zeb Maze. The ground game has pounded yardage and 11 touchdowns through two games of the new season.

Southeastern has just been playing in the AHSAA since 2012 and has four victories all-time.

The Bulldogs and Mustangs spent the previous two seasons as opponents in Region 6 of Class 2A.

David Smothers earned his 30th victory at Addison last week in his 45th game on the sidelines. In his fifth season with the Bulldogs, Smothers' unit has won 66 percent of their assignments.

Addison has posted 16 victories against seven defeats under Smothers at A.G. Hicks Stadium. They are currently on a four-game winning streak at home.

Lynn Bears (2-0, 0-0) @ Meek Tigers (1-1, 0-0)
1A, Region 7 opener
Meek Stadium - Arley, Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Lynn leads 43-26-2
LAST TIME: Meek defeated Lynn 70-7 in 2015
LAST WEEK: Meek lost to Hubbertville 28-0, Lynn defeated Waterloo 23-21

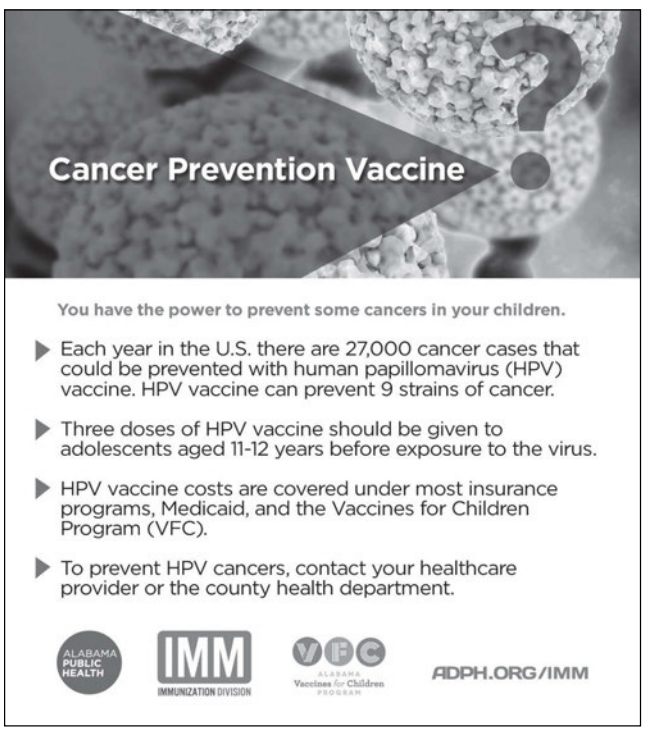
County rivals clash in the opener in the same region in Arley.

Meek got blanked by a good Hubbertville team last week while Lynn was a winner in the northwest area of the state in a close encounter with Waterloo.

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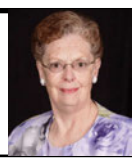
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



HOLLY POND – Good morning Tribune readers and families. It appears summertime is reluctant to be gone. I think it's time for some cooler weather. As we have said oftentimes, we have no control over weather conditions and would probably complain no matter what.

The East Cullman Baptist Association has lost another good friend during the past two weeks. As far back as memory serves, our association has had a preacher or another dedicated person who was known as the Associational Missionary. The title was changed in recent years to a Director of Missions. Those that have served in this position for East Cullman Baptists that I can remember in past years were Reverend Arthur Holden, Virgil Sizemore, Jack Joyner, Tom Williams and the current one, Randy Makemson. I'm sure there were more. The Associational Missionary family that my generation probably remembers the most fondly was Reverend Jack and his wife, Mana Joyner.

At their time of service, the parsonage for the association was built here in Holly Pond. Reverend Jack, Mana, Angela, Paula and Stephen all were members of our local church, First Baptist of Holly Pond. Mrs. Mana was instrumental in organizing a Royal Ambassador group for the young boys and a Girls' Auxiliary for the young girls. In addition, the young people were also at her home on Sunday evenings and several other days of the week because of their friendship with the "Joyner Kids". Mrs. Mana passed away a few years back. They were the Associational Missionaries here for approximately 22 years. This past week, Reverend Jack lost his battle with cancer, only being diagnosed just recently. This cancer was located in his esophagus. Reverend Jack's funeral service was held on Saturday, August 20th at the Good Hope Baptist Church, with burial following in the Holly Pond Cemetery.

Before assuming his director of missions duties, Brother Jack served as pastor of the Verdant Park Baptist Church in Foley; Brushy Creek Baptist Church in Greenville; and the Antioch Baptist Church in Lafayette. He was also associational missionary in Butler and Wilcox Counties.

On several occasions, Mrs. Mana would call me and want me to "office sit", in other words stay in the office, answer the telephone, take messages and just be there. They were also among the first who had all their records and associational people listed on a computer.

Brother Jack later served as president of the State of Alabama Director of Missions, participated in numerous mission work trips, loved God more than life and influenced many people's lives.

As stated before, I am among many others in our association that are truly going to miss Jack and Mana Joyner. My Christian Sympathy is extended to Paula, Angela, Stephen, Tim and the remainder of their family. They were truly sent from God to serve in the East Cullman Baptist Association and First Baptist Church in Holly Pond.

You have heard me speak many times about my friendship with the family of Jesse and Belle Barnett. Sadly, the Barnetts lost another of their family, also last week. Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Duke was one of the Barnett kids. Mrs. Dot's funeral was held on Thursday, August 25th at the Duck River Baptist Church. She was a sister to Bonzie Daniel, Mary Herndon, and Nancy Pendley and to a brother, Mr. Herman Barnett. She also had other sisters, Gail Hatley, Barbara Harris and Pat Phillips. Our Christian Sympathy is extended to this family. Her burial was in the Duck River Baptist Church Cemetery.

Now I will move on to a more pleasant bit of news. The Holly Pond Civitan Club as well as other Civitan Clubs in the Alabama District North Civitans held their district convention on Friday and Saturday, August 26th and 27th in Decatur. Walt Floyd, District Governor, presided. Several local club members were recognized with district awards. Walt and Julia Floyd received their Civitan Blue Blazers as Club Builders. Among those that additionally were honored were Mrs. Sharon Oliver, treasurer of the local club and a District Director; Mrs. Nancy Horton, a member of the Hanceville Civitan Club was selected Outstanding New Member of the District; the Holly Pond Club for the third year in a row was voted as having the best scrapbook in the district.

Until next week, remember to try and keep cool, be safe and careful.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1935:
Mrs. Bess Morrow was in Atlanta this week to attend the graduation of her son, Sidney from the dental college there. She will return by Birmingham for the graduation of her son, Chad from Phillips High School.

Eugene Sparks and Oliver Cooper will leave on Friday, for Arkansas. The former for a vacation at Hot Springs and the latter to teach at a music school at Hartford.

Miss Ruth Wilbanks returned Saturday from San Antonio, Texas, where she along with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbanks, of Gadsden, attended the meeting of Kiwanis International.

J.M. Lamphear and daughter, Rhera will arrive from Grand Rapids, Michigan, next week to visit the R.E. Yeager family.

Mrs. Frances Coleman was honored at a surprise birthday dinner, on Sunday, when she celebrated her 65th birthday.

Kermit Weaver and Eulis King made outstanding records for Cullman High School at the state track meet, in Birmingham.

Cullman tied with Woodlawn for third place in the state.

From The Files Of 1938:
Mrs. Fannie Van Sanat McClarty, of the Hanceville community, died on May 19th, 1938, at the age of 65 years and her body was laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery, on Saturday, May 21st, 1938.

She was a native of Douglasville, Georgia, where she was married to Tump Van Sanat, who died years ago and by their marriage she is survived by one son, Tump Van Sanat, Junior and two daughters, Mrs. L.K. Bland, of Hanceville and Mrs. Ray Plunkett, of Atlanta, Georgia.

On Thursday, May 26th, 1938, it was a red letter day in the history of Cullman.

This day the hopes of the last twenty-five years grew into reality with the official opening of the new $215,000 Water System from the Mulberry River to the city.

Who's Who at Sacred Heart Academy Given: Most Popular – Angelo Bruno. Most Attractive – Anita Sterling. Best Natured – Inez Woerz. Best Sport – Ruth Hagemann. Wittiest – Catherine Haley. Best Athlete – Adelia Vandiver. Most Vigorous Talker – Marie Klein. Musician – Lila Muina. Ideal of Class – Mary Hughes. Most Pious – Florence Kilpatrick. Most Serious Minded – Anna Margaret Karter. Most Original – Jean Vick. Friendliest – Margaret Rice. Cleverest – Alma Price.

William Alvin Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Camp, of this city, was awarded the Joseph Henry Walker, III memorial award for his outstanding performance during his first year in the school of medicine at the University of Alabama. This award of $25.00 is given annually.

Mrs. Celie Cancas Glover, age 72 years, died at her home in Addison, on Sunday, May 22nd and was buried at Cantrell Cemetery, in Winston County, on May 23rd.

The deceased is a native of Blount County, but for fifty years has made her home in Winston. E.G. Glover, her husband, passed away five years ago.

She is survived by six sons, W.T. and L.W., of Addison, Earl L. and Freeman, of Cullman, E.E. and J.P., of Washington, D.C. and two daughters, Mrs. Lila Boon, of Laurel, Mississippi and Mrs. Docia Mobre, of Addison.

While hundreds of Alabama farmers are harvesting a record crop of crimson clover seed, J.C. Lowery, extension agronomist announces that 150 demonstrations in 22 counties of southeast Alabama will be set up next fall to show other farmers the value of this winter legume.

Miss Lila Belle Ponder will come home from Alabama College, on Friday to spend the summer with her parents.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I've Had That Surgery

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Occasionally, someone will ask me how many times I've been in the hospital. For a little fun, I often reply, "Oh, I've lost count, but probably thousands of times." They usually look at me like I'm either crazy or just plain lying. Then I explain that I've been there as a minister, not as a patience. Jean's recent stay in the hospital caused me to reminisce about some of those hospital experiences.

Some people love to show off their battle wounds and scars, even when they shouldn't! With thirty years of pastoral experience, I've seen it all – whether I wanted to or not!

One older gentleman showed me a pill bottle that he had filled with gall stones – his gall stones. The doctor had given them to him as a souvenir.

I rammed my hands in my pockets in fear that he might pour them out. I sure was glad the doctor didn't give him his gall bladder!

I approached an open hospital room door of a church member once, only to see her standing inside with her back to the door.

She wore one of those "tie in the back" hospital gowns, only it was not tied. I ducked back quickly into the hallway, hoping they had not seen me.

I heard her daughter say, "Mama, someone was at the door and I think it was your pastor."

Her mama said, "Well, if it was he just saw my...." Well, never mind, you get the picture. I came back later for an awkward visit. Neither of us mentioned that I had been by earlier.

One church where I served had a number of retired pastors in the congregation. A couple of them liked to visit the hospitals with me.

I enjoyed their company but one of them, whom we will call Bro. Jones, liked to compare notes with the patients. I suppose he thought he was comforting them but sometimes he was anything but comforting. He told one patient that his twin brother had the exact same thing he had and had died from it!

Once he went with me to visit a lady, who was scheduled to have a hysterectomy. I thought Bro. Jones and I had discussed the nature of her surgery but evidently something got lost in translation.

Right before we prayed and they wheeled her down to surgery, Bro. Jones patted her on the hand and said, "Now sister, don't you worry about a thing. You are going to be fine because God is going to take care of you. I know, because I've had this same surgery three times and it is a piece of cake!" Mrs. Jones didn't say a word and I quickly said, "Let's pray."

I stammered and stuttered as I searched for something to say after that. I said amen, grabbed Bro. Jones by the hand, and practically ran out of the room dragging him with me. I wanted to laugh but at the same time crawl under the bed.

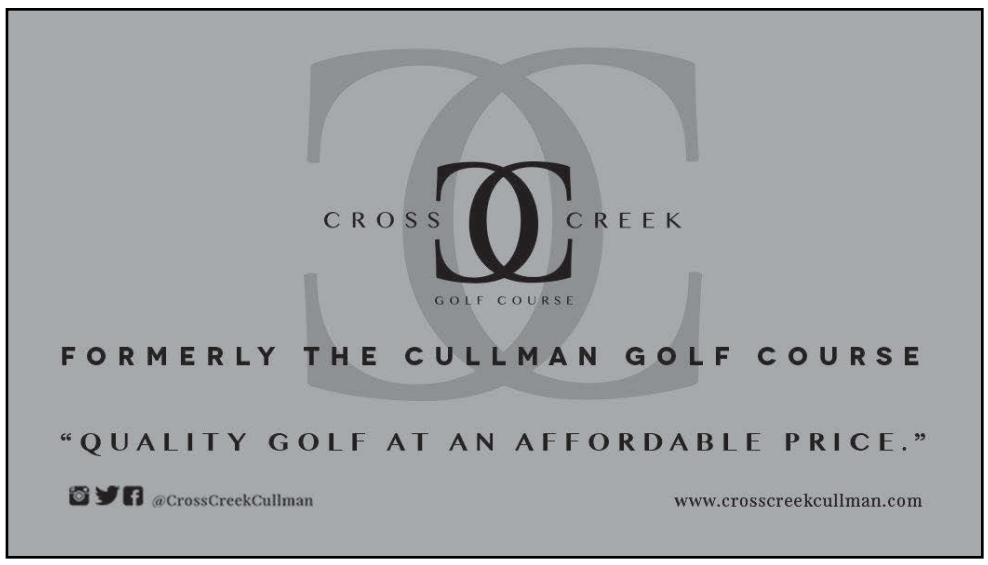
In the hall, I asked, "Bro. Jones, do you not know what surgery she is having?" He said, "She's having kidney stones removed, isn't she?" I answered, "No! When I told him what she was having, he turned red and said, "I'm going back in there and tell her that I've never had that one."

I said, "No you're not! I'm pretty sure she knows that without you telling her."

There's an old children song that says, "O be careful little mouth what you say." Solomon once said, "Do not be rash with your mouth." Sometimes silence really is golden.

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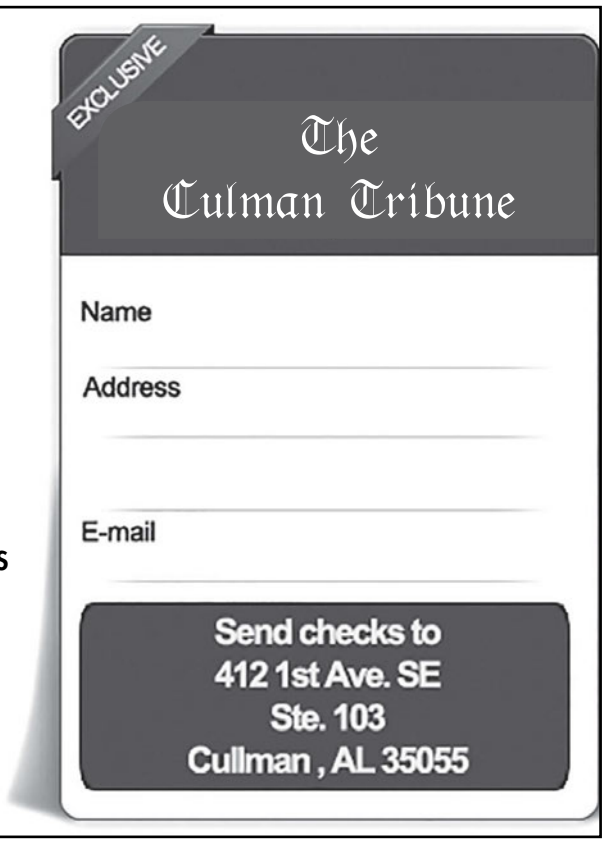


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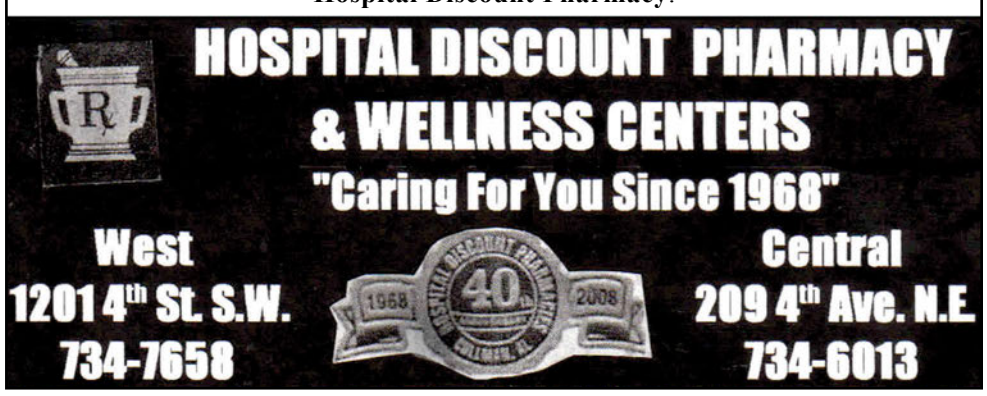
In a large-scale analysis of pain-relief medication for osteoarthritis, researchers found that paracetamol (acetaminophen or Tylenol) does not meet the minimum standard of clinical effectiveness in reducing pain or improving physical function in patients with knee and hip osteoarthritis. Although paracetamol was slightly better than placebo, researchers conclude that, taken on its own, paracetamol has no role in the treatment of patients with osteoarthritis, irrespective of dose. The study, published recently in *The Lancet*, is the largest analysis of randomized trials of medical pain relief for osteoarthritis to date and finds that diclofenac (Common brands: Voltaren, Zipsor, Pennsaid) 150mg/day, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), is the most effective short-term pain relief. However, the authors caution against long-term use of NSAIDs because of known side effects. Worldwide, 9.6 percent of men and 18 percent of women over the age of 60 have osteoarthritis. Estimates suggest that 26.9 million adults in the USA have the disease and 8.75 million in the UK. Osteoarthritis is the leading cause of pain in elderly people. It can impair physical activity, which increases patients' risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and general ill-health. Paracetamol and NSAIDs are usually the first line treatment for mild to moderate pain management in osteoarthritis, but paracetamol is used more frequently in the long-term because of the cardiovascular and gastrointestinal side effects associated with long-term NSAID use.

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The U.S Food and Drug Administration has approved Taltz (ixekizumab) to treat adults with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis. Psoriasis is a skin condition that causes patches of skin redness and flaking. Psoriasis is an autoimmune disorder that occurs more commonly in patients with a family history of the disease and most often begins in people between the ages of 15 and 35. The most common form of psoriasis is plaque psoriasis, in which patients develop thick, red skin with flaky, silver-white scales.

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How-to: drying and preserving hydrangea blooms

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – One of the most beautiful blooming plants in our zone is the oakleaf hydrangea (h.quercifolia). Native to this area, the oakleaf hydrangea has blooms that last several weeks; however, if you want to bring them inside and enjoy them for years, just follow these very simple directions.

When summer days begin to get shorter and the blooms of the Limelight and Snow Queen hydrangeas and a few other cultivars are still looking really good on the shrubs outside (even though we are in the midst of a drought) you might want to try preserving them.

If you want to preserve yours, as shown here, you must bite the bullet and cut them now, while they are still vibrant and have not started to turn brown. (Some of them turn a pretty copper color, but for our purposes, we will be using white for this demonstration).

After you have clipped them, strip most of the leaves away from the stems.

Trim the stems in varying lengths, you can always make them shorter, but if you cut them too short, you might find that you need a taller bloom in the center of an arrangement.

There is always a hard way and an easy way to do just about anything, so let's take the easy way!

Arrange your hydrangeas in vases, baskets or on wreaths, just like you would any cut flower. You can even add water to the vases if you want the process to take a little longer, but it's not necessary.

Position them in your home so that they get no direct sun; but filtered, indirect light is fine.

Then forget about them for about a month.

Seriously, just forget about them. No water, no hanging them upside down, nothing...

When they are completely dry, you can leave them in the container you started with if it suits your décor, or , you can make a wreath for your door, a swag for your mantle, or even save them for your Christmas tree!

The only thing you need to be careful about is leaving them prone on a table or countertop while they are drying because it will cause the cluster to be flat on one side.

You can also do this with your pastel-colored hydrangeas.

They might dry just a little bit smaller than what you started out with, and you might be able to see between the petals, but that's quite alright, they will still look great dried.

If you need a different color, you can dye your blooms with Rit fabric dye.

Just make up a batch of dye in a disposable container, soak your dried blooms in it for an hour or so, then hang up somewhere that won't be damaged when the water drips from the blooms.

If you want to use your preserved blooms on your Christmas tree, simply tuck them in at random intervals, until your tree is just like you want it, then add other natural decorations like lily pods, Spanish moss, cinnamon sticks tied with raffia and other elements that compliment the theme. Bird houses or twigs of the curly willow look great on a natural-themed tree.

To help keep the delicate petals intact, use clear spray paint.

Spray the blooms while on the wreath, in the basket, or vase, let dry, then repeat three times.

Using this method helps to keep tiny leaves and petals from falling when you move the arrangement, plus it gives the blooms a little shine.

Enjoy your arrangements for years to come!



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As summer gives way to fall's shorter, cooler days, you might want to fashion a neutral colored decorative wreath for your door to welcome your guests.



TERESA CULBERT

Teresa Culbert of Trinity uses dried hydrangeas from her garden on her Christmas tree each year. Here, she used a garden theme to showcase both her hydrangeas and her birdhouse collection.



Victoria Banks to perform at Wallace State Sept. 13

Susan Delenne
Cullman Community Concert Association

NASHVILLE – Live On Stage and the Cullman Community Concert Association have announced award-winning songwriter Victoria Banks as part of their 2016 - 2017 concert season. In a world where authenticity often takes a backseat to marketability, Victoria's music is a unique breath of fresh air. Please join this hit songwriter in an intimate performance at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace Stage Community College on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Single tickets will be available at the door for $30 (adults) and students are free with a paid adult.

Banks' list of accolades as an artist is long.

Her self-produced, self-penned records "When You Can Fly" and "Never Be the Same" made her 2009's most nominated female artist in Canadian Country Music Association, earned her the 2010 CCMA Female Artist of the Year award, and sent her out on tour with superstars Reba McEntire, Wynonna Judd, Lonestar, Randy Travis and Johnny Reid.

But songwriting is her first love. Hardship hones a songwriter's craft like a sword forged in fire, and songwriting became a form of self-discovery for Victoria that helped her escape an abusive marriage and survive a parent's suicide.

Banks' impressive catalog of hits includes three cuts by Sara Evans, including "Can't Stop Loving You" (a duet with Isaac Slade of The Fray), and the ASCAP and SOCAN-award-winning "Saints & Angels."

She penned Jessica Simpson's Billboard record-breaking country debut "Come On Over," X Factor winner Tate Steven's "Ordinary Angels," One More Girl's breakout hit "When It Ain't Raining," Doc Walker's chart-topping "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" and Johnny Reid's smash "Dance with Me," for which Banks was named 2010 CCMA Songwriter of the Year.

Said Banks, "Life is painful and impossible and breathtaking and beautiful. I have to write what I feel."



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The Cullman Community Concert Association was established in 1949.

The organization is committed to bring a wide variety of entertainment of the highest caliber to the community at a reasonable price.

For more information, call 256-339-4447, or visit http://www.cullmancommunityconcertassociation.com.

New WSCC dental hygiene students get a little help from upperclassmen

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Going into a new situation is hard for almost everyone. Not knowing what to expect, not knowing many people or anyone at all, and not knowing everything you'll need can be stressful parts of taking on a new adventure.

For new students in the Dental Hygiene program at Wallace State Community College, they are getting a little help from those who've been there before. In fact, they were there just last year.

Recently, first year and second year students in the program gathered together for a luncheon, during which the first year students were introduced to their Little or Big brother or sister, a mentor they can call on when they have questions about their program.

Dental instructor Susan Brewer said the second year students could help the first year students get acclimated to clinic and ideas on how to get patients.

The students need patients to work on as they learn the skills needed as dental hygienist.

Many times their family members volunteer and students work on each other, as well. People from the community also come in and use their services. But the first patient for a first year student will be their Big brother or sister.

"This is their welcome lunch," Brewer said. "For a lot of them this is the first time they've met their mentor, or their 'Big.'"

In the past, Brewer said they referred to each other as big or little sisters, but with more men choosing dental hygiene as a career, they've left off the gender classification and simply call each other a "Little" or a "Big."

"As the semester goes on, now they know each other and now they connect and use each other as resources," Brewer said. The students won't be in the same classes, but Brewer said some of their clinic sessions could overlap.

The second year students each provided their Little with a gift bag of things they know will prove useful to them in some way as they start the program. "Most of it is typically stuff they'll use in clinic," Brewer said.

Mary Miller, a second year from Huntsville, has two Littles under her wing, Karissa Windham, of Jasper and Jenny Barber, of Huntsville.

Their gift bags from her included pens, highlighters, hair ties, note cards, clipboards and such.

Miller said her Little from last year gave her similar items and helped make her feel comfortable in clinic and gave her tips for how to study for tests. She said they would talk every week as she went through the program. Her Big also influenced her in another way.

"My Big was the class president last year, so she kind of made me want to have a leadership role, because I'm vice-president this year," she said.

Just as Miller was grateful for the support from her Big last year, Windham and Barber are equally as grateful they'll have someone to call on in as the year progresses.

"It's going to be so helpful, "Barber said. "It will be," Windham added.

Miller said having a Big sister helped her as she went through her first year. "I had a lot of questions," she said. "I probably still would have made it through, but it would have been more difficult."

She can expect to have a lot of questions coming her way this year. "She's going to be the one I go to for everything," Barber said. "She's going to be very helpful," Windham added.

For more information about the Wallace State Dental Hygiene program, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8300.

Donations made to Wallace State Nursing in memory of C.J. Burney

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Two donations totaling $1,100 were made Thursday in memory of longtime Wallace State Community College supporter C.J. Burney. Burney passed away last month at the age of 90. For years, he provided scholarships to students in the nationally acclaimed nursing program. The money donated will go toward that scholarship fund.

Dr. Melvin Smith and Lavell Thrasher presented $500 and $600, respectively. Smith, a professor emeritus at Samford University, where he taught in the School of Business for more than 20 years, made the donation on behalf of the Sunday school class at First Baptist Church, of which Burney was a member. Thrasher, also a member of the Sunday school class and a Wallace State retiree, made a donation on behalf of the Johnson Crossing Water System.

Burney was serving as chairman of the board at the time of his passing, and Thrasher also serves on the board.

"We wanted to come by today in memory of Mr. Burney and in recognition of the standard of excellence that Wallace State Community College continues to demonstrate in all areas, but in particularly today in nursing," said Thrasher.

"Because we're so proud of the leadership that you've taken to achieve this national certification, and we want to support that in memory of Mr. Burney."

The Department of Nursing Education recently earned the distinction as a Center of Excellence from the National League for Nursing, only the second college or university in the state of Alabama to achieve that distinction.

"We are just so honored that both Johnson Crossing Water System and your Sunday school class would choose to gift Wallace State in memory of Mr. Burney," said Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State Community College.

"He really was a great man. He was very special to me."

Smith agreed. "He was special to our Sunday school class," he said. "He was the older person and he always had a smile on his face and wanted to shake hands with you and usually he'd have a little something to say when you left."

"My favorite story on Mr. Burney is the second time that he went back to Iwo Jima," Thrasher said.

Mr. Burney was a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima. "He enjoyed that trip so much. He showed me a little vial of sand that he picked up on the beach. He said, 'Lavelle, I enjoyed that second trip so much more than the first. They weren't shooting at us this time.'"

Thrasher went on to commend the college for providing students with a quality education at an affordable price.

"Wallace State does such a great job in taking kids who might not be able to afford to go to a four-year institution and, at a lower financial obligation, you give the same quality or a superior quality education, and then if they want to move on to a four-year college they can easily do it," he said.

Suzanne Harbin, director of advancement at Wallace State, expressed her thanks to First Baptist Church of Cullman and the Johnson Crossing Water Department for their donations.

"I know that Mr. Burney would be proud to see people he worshipped and worked with carry on with his tradition of support for Wallace State Community College," Harbin said.

For more information about Wallace State Community College, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000 or toll free at 866-350-9722.



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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELLA LOREE WATERS, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC 2016-054

TO: CRAIG WATERS and GREG WATERS
868 Springmeadow Drive
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715 85th Street South
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Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of February 2016, came Margaret Todd, and filed with this Court her Petition for Probate of Will in the matter of the ESTATE OF ELLA LOREE WATERS, DECEASED.

You are hereby notified to be and appear before me, at my office in the Courthouse of Cullman County, Alabama at 10:30 A.M., on the 12th day of October 2016, when the petition will be considered, and show, if anything you have to allege, why said petition should not be granted.

DATED this 24th day of August 2016.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Probate Court Judge
Cullman County, Alabama

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune & Alabama Messenger

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

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TAMMY BROWN
Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF TYLER HOPPER.
Case No. AD 2016-051

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TO ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PERSON THAT MAY BE THE FATHER OF PAISLEY MAKENNA MCCUTCHEON AND WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNDISCLOSED OR UNKNOWN.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY TYLER HOPPER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 24 DAY OF August, 2016.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ESTATE OF
DORIS JANE PARTAIN,
DECEASED
CASE NO.: PC 2016-086

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to DEBORAH JO BRANNAN, Personal Representative on the 10th day of August 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court 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 the law or the same will be barred.

Deborah J Brannan
Petitioner

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 10, 2015 by Jody Ray Cantrell, an unmarried individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1754, Page 292 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 8, 2016:

TRACT I: A tract or parcel of land located in Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, described as follows; Commencing at the northeast corner of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West; thence west along the north line of said section to the northwest corner of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of said section; thence south along the west forty line of said ¼ - ¼ section 644.7 feet; thence turn 90°00' left and go 311.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue along said line 86.0 feet; thence north 153.08 feet to a point on a circle drive right-of-way; thence westerly along said circle drive right-of-way 90.5 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of Lot #15 (Lidy's Subdivision, a plat of which appears of record In deed Book 289, Page 953); thence south along the east line of Lot #15 127 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Said land tying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

TRACT II: Begin at the northeast corner of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West; thence south along the west right-of-way line of Cullman County Road No. 47 a distance of 210 feet, more or less; thence west a distance of 681 feet, more or less, to a point; thence S 06°30' W a distance of 192 feet to a point; thence S 01°30' E a distance of 229 feet to a point; thence S 88°58' W a distance of 288 feet to the true point of beginning; thence N 00°22' W a distance of 127 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction along a circle drive (having a radius of 185 feet) a distance of 90.5 feet, more or less, to a point; thence S 00°24' E a distance of 154 feet to a point; thence S 88°40' E a distance of 86 feet back to the true point of beginning. Said land lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

TRACT Ill: Beginning at the southwest corner of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West; thence north along ¼ - ¼ line approximately 700 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continue along ¼ - ¼ line for a distance of 227.3 feet; thence east 90° for a distance of 162 feet to right of way of Circle Road; thence along right of way of Circle Road approximately 100 feet; thence south parallel with ¼ - ¼ line for a distance of approximately 149.0 feet; thence 90° west for a distance of 225.0 feet to point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-August 18, 25, September 1, 2016

THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:
Estate of FULTON WOODROW COBB
CASE NO. PC-2016-200

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Robert Fulton Cobb, Personal Representative on the 9th day of August, 2016 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Attorney for estate:
Thomas E. Drake, II DRA012
419 Second Ave SW Suite B
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone: 256-739-9445
Fax: 256-734-7121

TO _____ Publisher of The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 22, 2012 by Joyace Michelle McAnnally, unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1672, Page 554 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 8, 2016:

A tract of land lying in and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15 Township 12 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said forty; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 55 seconds West along the South forty line a distance of 570.01 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence continuing along said forty line, run North 89 degrees 17 minutes 55 seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds East 294.93 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of County Road 119: thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 55 seconds East along said right-of-way line a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 35 seconds West 294.93 feet to the point of beginning, Including a 1986 Kimberly Homes Manufactured Home bearing Serial#KH4026D, Model – 3!K6893GA, located thereon. Containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-August 18, 25, September 1, 2016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 13, 2005 by John P. Morse and Wife Teresa J. Morse, John A. Baker and wife Ethel E. Baker, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1423, Page 983 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 15, 2016:

Tract I – 704 County Road 506, Hanceville, AL 35077
A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 12, Range 3 West, in Cullman County, Alabama more particularly described as follows:
Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14, thence East a distance of 658.39 feet to a point; thence North a distance of 195.90 feet to a point; thence West a distance of 674.08 feet to a point on the West line of the forty; thence South a distance of 190.04 feet to the point of beginning.
Together with right of ingress and egress according to the right of way and easement recorded in Deed Book 387 Page 375 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tract II – 817 County Road 506, Hanceville, AL 35077
The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 12, Range 3 West less and except a part of the Northeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter Section described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence West along the North forty line a distance of 630 feet to a point on the East forty line; thence North a distance of 420 feet along the East forty line back to the point of beginning.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-August 25, September 1, 8, 2016

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RONALD A. STELLA,
Deceased
Case No. PC 2016-119

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Michael V. Wilson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald A. Stella, deceased, on the 12th day of August, 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Michael V. Wilson
Michael V. Wilson
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Ronald A. Stella, deceased

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Estate of
Ronald A. Stella, Deceased
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
Ronald A. Stella, deceased

Disposition Of Contents

Contents of Storage Unit **29** rented to **Marty Bates** on **April 23, 2016,** will be disposed of for past due rent on **September 24, 2016 at 6:00a.m.** Consisting of: Absolutely all Personal and Household items.

Contents of Storage Unit **120** rented to **Jacqueline Owen** on **September 17, 2015,** will be disposed of for past due rent on **September 24, 2016 at 6:00a.m.** Consisting of: Absolutely all Personal and Household items.

Contents of Storage Unit **71** rented to **Jacqueline Owen** on **December 1, 2015,** will be disposed of for past due rent on **September 24, 2016 at 6:00a.m.** Consisting of: Absolutely all Personal and Household items.

In-N-Out Self-Storage, LLC
106 13th St. SW
Cullman, AL 35055

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section I-8, Title 32, and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

2004 BMW 530, Vin. #WBANA73534B059490.

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at: Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on October 10, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC-2016-139

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE BISHOP

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

TO: **NATHANIEL PILGRIM, TONYA BISHOP THRASH, JIMMY BISHOP, AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RELATIVES OF KATHERINE BISHOP.**

Please take notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on **the** 12th **day of** December, **2016 AT** 9:00 (am)pm in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition to Probate Will filed in said Court by Rex Pilgrim. That any objection to the Petition to Probate Will should be known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2016.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
Randy A. Hames
Attorney For Petitioner
427 Second Avenue S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2015 Honda Civic, Vin. #19XFB2F53FE026515.

This vehicle will be sold on October 21, 2016, unless all towing, storage, repair and administrative fees are paid prior to said sale. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Phone number: 256-775-3754.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JASMINE HOLLIDAY CAMPBELL,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-900171.00**

JASON WAYN CAMPBELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Jason Wayne Campbell, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jasmine Holliday Campbell's Complaint for Divorce by October 17, 2016 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2016-900171.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the19th day of August, 2016.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA RICHTER
300 FIRST AV SE, SUITE 104
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
ROY FRANKLIN STURGEON,) CASE NO.: PC2016-194
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION TO PROBATE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF ROY FRANKLIN STURGEON, DECEASED

TO: Bradley W. Sturgeon, Russell M. Sturgeon and Felicia L. Bryant

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition to Probate the Last Will and Testament of **ROY FRANKLIN STURGEON** has been set for the **29th day of SEPTEMBER, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.** before TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, at this time you may appear or if you have an objection to the Probate of said Will you must make your objection known in writing and file said objection with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

DONE this 11th day of August, 2016.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*****
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2016-128

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANK WINDSOR , DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Melissa Parrish on the 22nd day of August, 2016, 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.

Melissa Parrish
Personal Representative

Thomas A. Smith, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Cullman County Judge of Probate

Thomas A. Smith, Jr.
Smith & Smith, LLP
P O Box 398
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF PRISCILLA NICOLE SELF) **CASE NO.: JU2012-472.05**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by THOMAS LAMBERT and LEIGH ANN LAMBERT, Petitioners, and that the__ day of Oct 20, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock AM, has been set for hearing on the same at the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you MUST file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and with the Clerk of the said Juvenile Court at 500 2nd Avenue S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 16 day of August, 2016.

ANDRIA RICHTER (LEE 015)
Attorney for Petitioner
300 First Avenue SE Suite104
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 775-7757

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: AUG. 24 - 31

Betty Sue Campbell, 77, passed away August 24.
Funeral service held August 27. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

William Ricky Evans, 71, passed away August 24.
A memorial service held August 27. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Eva Annie Lewis, 81, passed away August 24.
Funeral service held August 30. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Annetta Lee Parker, 68, passed away August 25.
Funeral service held August 28. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Sidney Paul Lee, 65, passed away August 26.
Funeral service held August 28. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Peggy Jo Graves, 81, passed away August 26.
Funeral service held August 28. Moss Funeral Home directed.

Glenn Ross Smith, 74, passed away August 25.
Funeral service held August 29. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Howard Vernon Galbreath, 88, passed away August 26.
Funeral service held August 29. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Billy Gene Gravitt, 49, passed away August 27.
Funeral service held August 31. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Virginia Chaffin, 77, passed away August 27.
Funeral service held August 29. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Faye N. Cook, 77, passed away August 27.
Funeral service held August 30. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Gloria Sutherland, 87, passed away August 30.
Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Shannon Jay Brown, 47, passed away August 24.
A Celebration of Life Service will be held September 1 beginning at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church.

Hanceville Funeral Home
100 Michelle Street Northwest,
Hanceville, Alabama 35077
(256) 352-3130

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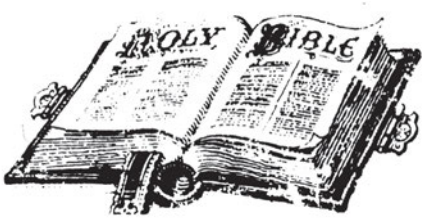
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Thursday

2016 Social Media Marketing Seminar
Sept. 1, from 5-6 p.m. at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.
Join us for a FREE seminar focused on providing you with the tools needed to successful market your small business through social media platforms. This seminar will focus on Facebook's tips and tools that will enable you to minimize your expenses and maximize your results! Heather Boozer of Alabama's Small Business Development Center's Network will facilitate the discussion.

Concerts in the Park
Join us every Thursday in September for our FREE Concerts in the Park Series in the Heritage Park recognition gardens. Music will start at 6 p.m. with acts including country, classic rock, bluegrass and more. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy this FREE event with the entire family!

Cullman Community Lions Club Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

CP&R Community Classes- Dance Lessons
Ballroom, Latin and Swing Dancing - Thursdays, $10 per class. Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
The food bank is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon for eligible families. Located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W-1. For more information, or to make a donation, call 256-739-1111. www.cullmancaringforkids.com

Overeaters Anonymous
Overeaters Anonymous will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House, located behind Grace Episcopal Church. For more information, contact 724-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Cullman Senior Center Live Band and Karaoke
The Cullman Senior Center will have a live band or karaoke every Thursday from 8 a.m. - noon. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Addiction Recovery
The Link of Cullman County hosts Christ-centered, 12-Step Addiction Recovery meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Call 256-775-0028 for more information.

Celebrate Recovery
Hanceville First Baptist Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. 104 Church Ave, NE Hanceville, AL 35077

Friday

Hanceville Farmer's Market
The Hanceville Farmer's Market has locally-grown fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as arts and crafts. They are open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 200 Bangor Ave.

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Cullman Senior Center Gospel Singing
The Cullman Senior Center will have a Gospel Singing beginning at 9:30 a.m. every Friday. Special guests share devotions at 10:30 a.m. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

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Saturday

Meet Tide Star Glen Coffee
Saturday, Sept. 3 from noon-2 p.m. at Outfitters Cullman, 1708 Second Ave. SW. $10 per signature; free photo to first 50 in line. Glen Coffee was a running back for the Alabama Crimson Tide and is currently a United States Army paratrooper.

Cullman County Democratic Party Headquarters Grand Opening
Saturday, Sept. 3 at 11 a.m. 415 Second Ave. SW in Cullman.

Divino Niño Day at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, Sept. 3. On behalf of the Nuns of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament we would love to invite you and your family to join us on Saturday, Sept. 3, as we celebrate Divino Niño Day (Divine Child Jesus Day). Mother Angelica, who founded Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, had a deep love for the Child Jesus, for He was the one who inspired her to "Build Him a Temple." Saturday will be filled with Spanish and English activities for the whole family: Mass, spiritual talks, confessions, activities for the children and youth, Rosary Procession, and Mariachi Band. This is a free event and all faiths are welcome. (Lunch will be available for purchase). On Sunday, the Solemnity of the Divine Child Jesus, we will have 7 a.m. Mass and 5 p.m. Benediction Service.

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

Hanceville Farmer's Market
The Hanceville Farmer's Market has locally-grown fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as arts and crafts. They are open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 200 Bangor Ave.

War Recovery
From 1-2 p.m. at Redemption Assembly of God. 516 Shaeffel Rd. Cullman. We have court refer. in Cullman Co. Call Susan, 256-620-6966 for more info.

Saving Forgotten Warriors
Organization helps area disabled and in-need veterans. Volunteers are needed and donations are accepted. See Facebook page "SFW" for more info or call Jeremy (352-440-4076), Tammy (256-286-3136) or Josh (256-615-5263).

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Sunday

Alton Shedd Memorial Bridge Ceremony
Alton Shedd, a soldier from Baileyton, Alabama died in Vietnam almost 50 years ago. His community is making sure he will always be remembered, and the sacrifice he made will never be forgotten. This Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016 at 3 p.m., Roswell Creek Baptist Church, where Shedd is buried, will open its doors again to remember him. A ceremony will unveil signs naming the new bridge on Alabama Highway 67 the "Alton Shedd Memorial Bridge" in memory of the fallen soldier. The bridge is located on Alabama Highway 67 at the county line of Blount and Cullman County. The church is located at the hilltop near the bridge.

Patterson Reunion
The Patterson Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Lunch will be at noon. Bring food, pictures and memories. For more information, call Pat Thomason at 256-736-9852.

Sweet Tater Festival
The 20th Annual Sweet Tater Festival returns to Smith Lake Park on Sunday Sept. 4 and Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5. Admission is $3 per person. Both days we'll have live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, and sweet taters! Labor Day Monday we'll have our Sweet Tater Festival Car Show. For more information, visit www.SmithLakePark.com or Call 256-739-2916.

Sunday Brunch Buffet at TP Country Club
Sunday Brunch Buffet at TP Country Club from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 256-739-0738 for more information.

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Monday

Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration and Car Show
Monday, Sept. 5 at the park on Wesley Avenue across from the Fairview Superette. Car registration starts at 7 a.m. with a $15 registration fee. Parade starts at 11 a.m., with blowups, games and a greased pig contest after the parade. Awards for the cars given at 1 p.m. Vendors with anything but ready-to-eat food, we'd be honored to have you join us. Vendor spots are $20, payable upon arrival. Vendors will be under the trees this year, first come, first serve. We will have a band playing music throughout the day. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Thanks you supporting your Lions Club! It helps us help others!

Pepsi-Sponsored Free Day at Stony Lonesome
Two words... IT'S FREE!!! Everybody rides Free! Plain and simple right? Y'all be sure to thank Pepsi of Cullman for sponsoring it! :) Please share this event and tag all of your friends to let them know! FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE! The hours that day are from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Y'all be sure to be there! Monday, Sept. 5 at Stony Lonesome OHV Park, 10075 AL Highway 69 S, Bremen, Alabama 35033.

Sweet Tater Festival
The 20th Annual Sweet Tater Festival returns to Smith Lake Park on Sunday Sept. 4 and Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5. Admission is $3 per person. Both days we'll have live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, and sweet taters! Labor Day Monday we'll have our Sweet Tater Festival Car Show. For more information, visit www.SmithLakePark.com or Call 256-739-2916.

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group's Monday night free swims will continue to be sponsored by the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program (http://cullmanrecreation.org/programs-events/therapeutic-recreation/). Free swims are held from 6-8 p.m., and swimmers and their families are asked to sign in at the front desk of the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center upon arrival.

CP&R Community Classes- Painting
Oil Painting and Acrylics - Mondays from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
The food bank is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon for eligible families. Located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W-1. For more information, or to make a donation, call 256-739-1111. www.cullmancaringforkids.com

Cullman Senior Center Bingo
Play Bingo at the Cullman Senior Center every Monday and Wednesday. Activities from 8 a.m. - noon. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Overeaters Anonymous
Overeaters Anonymous will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Carriage House, located behind Grace Episcopal Church. For more information, contact 724-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly meeting at noon each Monday at St. John's Church Christ Hall. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

Domestic Violence Survivors' Support Group
Victim Services of Cullman's Domestic Violence Survivors' Support Group meets every Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the old County Board of Education Building (310 Third Ave. SE) Childcare is available. Call 256-775-2600 for more information. Crisis Line: 256-734-6100.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Free English Classes
The Link of Cullman County hosts classes, 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced classes available. Call 256-775-0028 for information.

Tuesday

Cullman Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.

Exercise in the Park
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m. from September to November at Depot Park. Free fitness class for anyone to attend led by an instructor from the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center including. Classes will include: Yoga, Cardio Party, Zumba and more.

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

CP&R Community Classes- Yoga and Dance Fitness
Yoga- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Nia Dance Fitness / Ageless Grace - Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Lunch at VFW Post 2214
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday.

Dodge City Senior Citizen Luncheon
Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy fun, food and games at Dodge City Town Hall.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
The food bank is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon for eligible families. Located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W-1. For more information, or to make a donation, call 256-739-1111. www.cullmancaringforkids.com

Board Games at the Library
Each Tuesday the Cullman County Public Library will host a gaming program from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. A variety of board games, cards and dominoes are available for play at the library for teens and adults.

Cullman Knifty Knitters
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to learn how to knit yarn, and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters are also invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more information at 256-734-2720 ext. 23.

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Celebrate Recovery
Meets at Holly Pond Methodist Church on Tuesday nights. Free meal at 6 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. Two court stamps available. Open to everyone with a Hurt, Habit or Hang-up. 37851 AL Highway 91 in Holly Pond.

Addiction Recovery
The Link of Cullman County hosting Christ-centered, 12-Step Addiction Recovery meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Call 256-775-0028 for more information.

Free English Classes
The Link of Cullman County hosts classes, 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced classes available. Call 256-775-0028 for information.

Wednesday

Hanceville Farmer's Market
The Hanceville Farmer's Market has locally-grown fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as arts and crafts. They are open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 200 Bangor Ave.

Good Hope Senior Center Meeting
Seniors meet every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch at 11 a.m., games, crafts, special speakers and more Contact Gene Bradford at 256-636-2100 or Jackie Gentry at 256-739-0403.

Cullman Senior Center Bingo
Play Bingo at the Cullman Senior Center every Monday and Wednesday. Activities from 8 a.m. - noon. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Saint Monica's Group
Saint Monica's Group is for those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. each week in the Rectory basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. For more information, please contact either Brian at 256-595-5015 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

Wednesday Lunch Buffet at TP Country Club
Lunch Buffet at TP Country Club from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 256-739-0738 for more information.

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Divorce Care Support Group
The Link of Cullman County, 6 p.m. Call Denise at 256-590-3719 for more information.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Electric Jam
Grace Episcopal Church. 305 Arnold Street NE. Jazz, Blues & Rock. Free - Food, Music, Fun! If you play or sing you're invited to jam with us! Covered Dish Supper 5:30-6 p.m. Jam 6-8 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. Every second Thursday of the month!

Bob's Grief Support Group
On the last Thursday of each month, Bob's Grief Support Group meets at the Chapel at Smith Lake Park. For more information, please call 256-595-7331.

Project Closet
At Longview Church of God, on the second Wednesday of each month from noon - 6 p.m., the public is welcome to come and shop for clothes at no charge. Donations of clothing are accepted, and shoppers can swap donations for any clothing in the closet. Call 256-734-2566 for more information.

Food Assistance
Every second Saturday at Harmony Word of Life Church. NEW HOURS: 1 - 3 p.m. Take Highway 157 to Battleground, turn right onto County Road 1212, go half mile to County Road 1204, turn left and drive a half mile. 256-739-2956.

Free GED Classes
Sponsored by Wallace State Community College Adult Education Program. Call 256-352-8077 or 1-866-352-WSCC for more information.

Clothes Closet
Addington Chapel UMC in Bremen has clothes available free to those in need. No qualifications or paperwork needed. Call 256-287-1791 or 256-287-1828

Masonics of Cullman County Meetings
Held at 7 p.m. at the following locations: Baileyton 472 (first and third Thursday, call 256-796-6611); Cullman 421 (Mondays, call 256-734-1231); Logan 500 (second and fourth Tuesday, call 256-747-4243 or 256-747-2908); Simcoe 854 (second and fourth Thursday, call 256-796-5794 or 256-796-5018); Vinemont 562 (first and third Thursday, call 256-796-7244).

Cullman County Commission Meetings
The Cullman County Commission meets every second and fourth Tuesday, except in cases where the meeting date falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is moved to the following day. Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse, unless otherwise specified.

Cullman Community Lions Club Meetings
First and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center

CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Program Events
The program uses recreational activities, leisure and play to enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical, mental, social or emotional limitations or abilities. The program targets more than play and uses the power of recreation and leisure activities to support the rehabilitation process and promote overall wellness. Activities are targeted at education, teaching, playing and participation in a number of meaningful activities. The program offers several events, activities, and ongoing programs throughout the year. It is open to all ages of anyone with special needs of varying levels. The program's activities are free to attend and are supported by the efforts of the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department. For any questions regarding the program contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.
Upcoming Events
• Pizza & Bingo Night / September

8 / 5:30 p.m. / Civic Center

Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group
Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group is affiliated with the Autism Society of Alabama. They meet on the second Saturday of each month from 5-7 p.m. at the Margaret Jean Jones Center located at 1807 Beech Ave. SE in Cullman.

American Legion Post 4 Monthly Meeting
Second Thursday of each month, from 6-8 p.m. Join us for our Monthly Meeting held at the VFW. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., meeting to follow beginning at 7 p.m. 112 Veterans Drive.

Cullman Marine Corps League Detachment
Cullman Marine Corps League Detachment is forming. Join now and become a charter member. Once a Marine, always a Marine. Contact Jeremy Hogan (USMC) at 352-440-4076 or jeremyhogan.sfw@gmail.com. Active service or honorably discharged Marines. FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains.

2nd Fridays at Festhalle
When: Friday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.
Where: Festhalle Marketplatz
What: Late night farmer's market, craft vendors, live music, kid's games and activities and food trucks.

Perinatal and Infant Loss Support Group
Meets the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet at the Cullman Electric Cooperative on Eva Road.

CRMC Foundation 25th Annual Golf Extravaganza
The CRMC Foundation has announced that its 25th Annual Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Extravaganza will take place on Monday, Sep. 12 at TP Country Club. Several events will be a part of the Golf Extravaganza, including a golf tournament, putting contest, helicopter golf ball drop and the Million Dollar Hole-In-One qualifying and final shoot out contests. The Foundation will also host a morning and afternoon golf session for the 4-person scramble. Register today to participate or sponsor. Various sponsorship levels are available and all proceeds benefit the CRMC Foundation. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take part in this fun-filled event while supporting your local hospital. For more information, call the CRMC Foundation at 256-737-2565 or email crmcfoundation@crmchospital.com.

Clucknbrew
CP&R's community tailgate kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 2:30-11 p.m. This wing festival will feature dozens of local businesses and organizations cooking off their version of the infamous chicken wing. Event goers can sample all the wings they can take while watching Alabama & Auburn football games as well as other NCAA games of the week at our game-day tent. Free kid's games and activities will also be on hand for the duration of the event as well as special contests, activities and more! The event will take place downtown at Depot Park.

Berlin Sunshine Club Arts and Crafts Bazaar
The Berlin Sunshine Club will host their annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at the Berlin Community Center (3309 U.S. Highway 278 East). Lunch will be available for purchase. We are also seeking interested vendors (outdoor vendor spaces are available for rent). Contact Susie Smith at 256-734-0926 or Doris Walker at 256-734-0474 for more information on availability and fees.

Freedom Fridays
Camp Liberty will be hosting Freedom Fridays, with Patriotic Movie Nights, on the second and fourth Friday of each week from Aug. 12 until Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. Freedom Fridays will start at 7 p.m. each night and will be held at the amphitheater, where a patriotic film will be shown.
The movies that will be shown are:
9-9 "G.I. Joe: The Movie"
9-23 "Armageddon"
10-14 "The Hunt for Red October"
10-28 "Red Dawn"
11-11 "Behind Enemy Lines"
None of the films shown will be over PG-13. According to Col. Joe Land, owner of Camp Liberty, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Freedom Fridays are free to attend, and concessions will be available for purchase.

RCIA Learning Sessions
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman will begin RCIA learning sessions on Monday, August 1st and run through Easter, 2017, at which time participants may elect to join the Catholic faith. The meetings are from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, visit the church website at www.sacredheartchurchcullman.org or call 256-734-3730.

The 8th Annual Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments Golf Tournament
Oct. 8, beginning at 8 a.m. at Cross Creek Golf Course
Three-man scramble
$60 per person / $180 per team.
Money raised from the tournament will be used to buy Christmas gifts for underprivileged children of Cullman County. (Schools and Christmas Love programs)
We had around 70 hole sponsors last year and we are trying to reach 100 this year.
For information on hole sponsorships or teams, contact:
David Scott @ 256-339-3789
Joe Golden @ 256-339-9529
Jamie Garmon @ 256-338-2237

Dodge City First Responders Blood Drive
On Friday, Sept. 9 the American Red Cross is inviting everyone to join them as they honor the Dodge City First Responders by holding an appreciation blood drive. Their goal is to collect 25 units of blood, showing appreciation for the work of area fire fighters, rescuers and law enforcement personnel. The blood drive will take place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Dodge City Town Hall.

Cullman County School Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Cullman County Schools central office board room, 402 Arnold St. NE in Cullman. (Work Session 5:30 p.m.)

Bikers Against Cancer- 4th Annual Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Charity Motorcycle Ride
Saturday, Oct. 8. Registration and breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. at Cullman Regional Medical Center in the Colonel Cullmann Room inside POB2. Police and Blue Knights VIII escorted ride. $25/rider, $10/passenger. For more info: 256-339-0911

3rd Annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 1. More info coming soon.

2nd Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Monday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium. Featuring Triumphant Quartet and Dollywood entertainer Paige Harbison. Get tickets at the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Borden Family Pharmacy or at the door. $15 general admission; $25 for meet & greet (must be bought in advance). Call 256-255-5365 for more info.

Cullman County Band Exhibition
Saturday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium. There are nine bands performing their halftime shows, including: Cullman Middle School, West Point, Cold Springs, Hanceville, Holly Pond, Vinemont, Fairview, Good Hope and Cullman High School.

United Way Day of Caring
Sept. 13
What is it? A special one-day community service event that benefits the agencies supported by United Way of Cullman County.
What will you be doing?
You will clean yards, repair homes, organize food, deliver meals to the elderly, etc.
Who will you be volunteering with?
You will be volunteering with your co-workers, friends or members of your organization.
Where will you be volunteering?
There will be different project sites throughout the community. You and your team will be assigned to one project.
To Volunteer: Call the United Way office at 256-739-2948, or email sdanford@uwaycc.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and please volunteer! We need your help! If you know of anyone who needs assistance for the Day of Caring. Please contact us.
Join your Team...Have Fun...Make a Difference!

125th Anniversary of St. Bernard Abbey & School
Please join us Sept. 23-26, 2016 at St. Bernard to celebrate our 125th Anniversary!
https://www.stbernardabbey.com/125th-anniversary/

Swamp John's Dinner - Fundraiser for Claire Byars
Saturday, Sept. 17 at 4-7 p.m. at Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department, 454 County Road 804, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Come help support one of our own. Claire Byars has been battling cancer for the past 11 months. She is the 18-month-old daughter of two of our volunteers; EMT/Firefighter Jeff and EMR Heather Byars. Claire is the granddaughter of Cullman EMS Paramedic Melanie Jones. All proceeds will go to the care and support of Claire.
Plates are $10 each. Eat in or take out. All major credit cards, checks, and cash accepted.

Rockin' America's Heroes
Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at Camp Liberty in Battleground. Veteran entertainers, booths and displays. Obstacle course, zip lines and entertainment. Admission: online $20, Gate $25 (veterans and first responders $5 with ID), children 12 and younger free. Entertainment will include: Ryan Weaver, Dee Rock and Dave Bray. John J. Rea and LD "Stoney" Stone will be speaking.

Catfish-N-Cue BBQ Dinner for Holly Pond Robotics
Pick up Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5-7 p.m. in the Holly Pond HS lunchroom. Smoked chicken or pulled pork, served with two sides and a drink. $10.

Karma in Cullman Presents: Dinner with the Dead 2016
Walking Dead Season 7 Premiere Viewing Dinner Party on Oct. 23rd at Williams Barbecue to help raise money for A Karma Christmas assistance

Lake Catoma Baptist Church Building Dedication
Lake Catoma Baptist Church will have a building dedication service, on Sunday, Sept.11, at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 1646 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman. For more information, call 256-737-0568.

Grand Reopening Celebration
Vintage West Home, Sept. 9-10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 216 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055
Now that we have had a chance to settle in to our new location, we are excited to present a Grand Reopening Celebration! There will be special discounts and giveaways happening both days, so stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details coming soon!!

19th Annual Echota Cherokee Festival
Sept. 24-25 at Sportsman Lake Park. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. -4 p.m. on Sunday. Open to the public. Admission: Adults $5, Children 6-12 $3 and Children younger than 6 free. Food, handmade art, native crafts, demonstrations, all dancers welcome. Aztec Dancers, Danza Azteca Quetzalcoatl. For more info, call the Tribal Office at 256-734-7337.

Cullman County Republican Women Meeting with Special Guest Mac McCutcheon
Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214, 112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Newly appointed Alabama Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon, R-Monrovia will be the special guest speaker, in one of his first speeches since replacing Speaker Mike Hubbard. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Fairview Town Council Meeting
(rescheduled due to Labor Day)
Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall

Human Trafficking Presentation
The Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, District Attorney Wilson Blaylock and Judge Kim Chaney will present special guest Tajuan McCarty, founder of The WellHouse in Birmingham, on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Desperation Church. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. McCarty will speak on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at Desperation Church, 202 Elizabeth St. NE in Cullman. To learn more about the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, visit http://qrne.ws/cchttf. Find out more about The WellHouse at http://thewellhouse.org/..

Senior Spirit

A program sponsored by the City of Cullman Parks and Recreation Department that focuses on recreational, social and leisure opportunities for individuals 50 & over. There is no membership fee and programs are offered at the Donald E. Green Senior Center.

Exercise Area
An exercise area with several types of equipment is available for seniors to use provided they have a release form signed by their physician.
Date: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.
Time: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Fitness for Life
Walking and light cardio stretching classes that help boost your energy.
Date: Year-round
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Time: 8-9:15 a.m.
Instructor: Catherine Hasenbein

Line Dancing
Date: Year-round
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Beginners: 9:15-10 a.m.
Adv. / Kickers: 10 a.m. - noon
Instructor: Sherry Boatright
Cost: FREE

Senior Spirit Singers
Join this group that sings old time Gospel Hymns. The group is available for Special Events, Revivals, Assisted Living facilities and Nursing Homes throughout the Community.
Date: Mondays
Time: 10 a.m.
Instructor: Helen Orr
Cost: FREE

Sacred Harp Singing
(Fa-So-La)
Learn this old style of traditional singing that took root in the Southern region of the United States as a part of the larger tradition of shape note music.
Date: 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month
Time: 9-11 a.m.

Monday Jam Session
Come together with other seniors to listen to pickers as they play old time country music or try your talent at picking and singing with them.
Date: Every Monday
Time: 1- 4 p.m.
Group Leader: Barbara Whitehead

Fun & Games
Bring a friend or make new ones with a fun filled day of fellowship, card playing or dominos.
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 9 a.m.-until

Bingo
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 1 p.m.
Play a minimum of 12 games

Art Classes
Art classes in oils, acrylics and other venues. This is a relaxing and rewarding activity. Seniors are responsible for furnishing their own supplies.
Date: The 1st Tues. of each month
Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Nance DiPiero
Cost: $10 per class

Bunco
A parlor game played in teams with three dice.
Date: 1st Wednesday of each Month
Time: 1 p.m.

Yoga
Health benefits associated with Yoga are improved flexibility, more strength, improved posture, and relaxation. Classes can be done from a mat or in a chair.
Date: Tues. 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Thurs. 4-5 p.m.
Instructor: Fabian Holland
Cost: Free

Dulcimer Classes
Take lessons to learn the Appalachian dulcimer, generally regarded as one of the easiest string instruments to learn. The traditional way to play the instrument is to lay it flat on the lap and pluck or strum the strings with the right hand, while fretting with the left.
Date: Every Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
Instructor: Craig Mann
Cost: $10 for 1 hour

Pool Table
Pool table is available for play from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.

WII Bowling
Date: Wednesday & Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
WII bowling is also available when the room is not being used for other activities.

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Veteran (from Front)

p.m., Roswell Creek Baptist Church, where Shedd is buried, will open its doors again to remember him.

A ceremony will unveil signs naming the new bridge on Alabama Highway 67 the "Alton Shedd Memorial Bridge" in memory of the fallen soldier.

The bridge is located on Alabama Highway 67 at the county line of Blount and Cullman County. The church is located at the hilltop near the bridge.

State Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview says he hopes this is the beginning of recognizing every soldier from his legislative district who was killed in war.

"If family or friends of any soldier killed in wars who lived in my district will come to me with a plan, I will get it through the legislature to name a bridge, highway or some public facility in their memory," Shedd said.

The challenge is the cost of the signs has to paid for by private funding.

The Baileyton community conducted fundraising activities led by Mayor Johnny Dyar, the town council and the Baileyton Senior Center to pay for the Alton Shedd signs

The unveiling ceremony will pay tribute to the life of Alton Shedd and his wife Elaine Jimmerson Shedd.

For more information, Randall Shedd can be reached at randallshedd@icloud.com or by cell phone at 256-531-6641.

Center (from Front)

office and the state Department of Human Resources to investigate and prosecute claims of child abuse.

"The wonderful thing about it is that the families don't have to pay anything," Swafford said about Brooks' Place.

"We would not be able to have our doors open without ADECA."

Counseling is available through the center and victim advocates help family members understand and navigate the criminal justice system.

"Compassionate, professional assistance can go a long way in helping victims recover," Bentley said.

"I commend the staff of Brooks' Place for assisting victims to begin the healing process."

ADECA is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Justice Department. ADECA administers an array of programs supporting law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, workforce development, water resource management and recreation development.

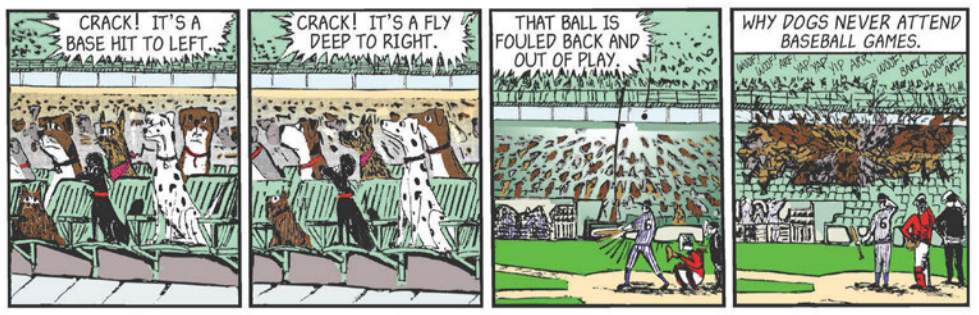
"Child advocacy centers provide a one-stop, home-like setting that give children victimized by abuse access to a range of assistance tailored toward their needs," ADECA Director Jim Byard Jr. said. "ADECA partners with Brooks' Place and other centers across Alabama to help ensure this specialized assistance is always available."

Bentley notified Holly Bussman, president of the center's board, that he had approved the grant. Matching funds of $31,639 are supplementing the award.

In addition to grant funds, Brooks' Place depends on individual, private donations to continue providing a full range of assistance. Visit www.caccullman.org for more information.

Jennifer Ardis, ADECA, contributed to this story.

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Editorial Cartoon



Kim Jong Un and Vladimer Putin interacting with a babushka near Donbass, Ukraine.

Poet's Corner

WORLD'S UNKNOWN

On yonder shady banks I stand

To world's unknown, with

outstretched hands.

What have I done to ever pay?

For breath of one bright sunny day.

I tread along nights moonlight trail

And look beyond white snowy sails,

To seas of blue that pierce the eye,

To world's unknown my soul does cry.

By: Evelyn Haynes Ellis 1930-2012 • Submitted By: Randy C. Hale

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EDITORIAL

If Granny Had a Leaf Blower

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

The leaves are just starting to turn orange on my sugar maples, and some are already falling. It makes me think of my Granny. I can just see her raking leaves as hard as she could go. She didn't just rake them for the sake of getting them off the lawn, no, she was raking them into her flower beds and her garden.

There were two gigantic oaks flanking her front yard. The story goes that those oaks were brought as tiny little sprouts from the Bankhead Forest, back before it was the Bankhead Forest, by my grandparents.

They planted them and my mother and aunt were assigned the chore of watering them, hauling little buckets of water out to the curb every day and giving them a drink, until finally they were big enough to fend for themselves, the oaks, I mean, not the girls.

Those trees are still standing, though my grandmother and mom are gone now.

And when their leaves fall each autumn, some of them are covering flower beds that once held Sweet Williams, four o'clocks, flowering almonds, buttercups, lily of the valley, iris, tulips and mums.

Granny was diligent about mulching; although I'm not sure she called it that.

She was composting before it was in vogue, saving and burying her egg shells, coffee grounds, potato and other vegetable scraps, and crumpled newspapers by the score.

Those flower beds received more fodder than you can imagine, for more years than I care to count. Let's just say that I'm sure they've been there for almost century now or pretty close to it.

And when you think about how many leaves have turned into loamy soil, not to mention the above composted scraps, you can understand it when I say that her soil was like loose coffee grounds, the best I've ever seen outside a bag.

People used to tell me, "I saw your grandmother today, out working in her yard," and it was true, almost every day from the time she retired (early because of a blood clot) from a dress shop she owned with my mother, she could be found in the yard or in her substantial garden.

Sometimes I wonder if the leaves ever hit the ground before she was charging them with a rake, redirecting them into the flower beds that surrounded the house, or ran alongside the driveway.

All I know is, if Granny'd had a leaf blower like we do today, she would have probably blown leaves from one side of town to the other, keeping the neighbors lawns spic n' span and the streets free of leaves and debris, all the while, filling those flower beds with the very thing that, in time, would make that soil turn into black gold.

I don't think she ever had to fertilize anything except her vegetables, and I'm not so sure about that. She grew okra, peas, beans, grapes, apples, the sweetest strawberries I've ever eaten, potatoes and dill, and probably a lot of stuff I've forgotten.

What I haven't forgotten are the hollyhocks. She grew the prettiest, tallest, sturdiest hollyhocks I've ever seen.

I can't remember if she staked them, but there were dozens and dozens of them, in all colors of the rainbow, waving their heads and turning them to reach for the sun as it moved through the sky.

The blooms were like fancy crepe paper, thin, wrinkled and beautiful.

I've tried for years to grow them in my garden, but even with pampering, they hardly made a show at all, much less the kind of parade they put on for Granny. It was almost assuredly her soil, again, that made them so healthy and productive.

It was the same with everything she grew – roses, lilies, iris and nandinas.

But when you think of how rich those leaves kept the ground, year after year, magically decaying into the most fertile soil, better than anything you can buy, it's no wonder that plants grew there sort of like Jack and the Beanstalk, everything just seemed to come to life for her.

And she would sooner have set her hair on fire than to have burned leaves! That would have been the epitome of waste to her – to burn something so useful!

I'm sure that if she could see how people bag take their leaves to the curb for the garbage man, she would have a hissy fit.

Like I said, if Granny'd had a leaf blower she would have been like the Wonder Woman of leaf collecting or, maybe the Edward Sissorhands of Black and Decker blowers.

I can just see her now... making her way down East Street, dressed in a 'housedress' and sensible shoes, determined to capture every single falling leaf.

EDITORIAL

NASA, so what? The hometown connection

Mary Hovater
Contributor

"Yeah, sure, NASA launches rockets and sends probes into outer space. It's neat I guess. But, so what? What they do doesn't affect me personally." I've heard a few folks say this in my 23+ years with NASA. And every time they are stunned by my response.

Let's start at home. There are many from Cullman who drive to Huntsville and the surrounding area to either work for NASA or work at a company that supports NASA. Locally, at least one company has supported NASA since the 1960s. Speedring came from Michigan looking to grow. And grow it did. Of course today it is owned by General Dynamics.

The Apollo 11 mission put a Laser Ranging Experiment on the moon. Basically a small mirror. This is used to measure the distance between the Earth and Moon using a laser. That mirror was made at Speedring.

When the Shuttle program came along, so did another opportunity for Speedring to participate in history. Remember the six oddly shaped windows on the front of the Orbiters? If not, a quick internet search will jog your memory. Speedring made the frames for those windows.

On April 24, 1990, NASA lunched the Hubble Space Telescope. Even today we are getting back wondrous photographs from this revolutionary piece of hardware. Speedring made the jaws that held it for flight. Sounds like a simple thing, but for those who worked that project at Speedring, it was quite the task to meet the special specifications and requirements.

NASA's Gravity Probe B (GPB) was the longest continuous project at NASA (over 40 years). On April 20, 2004 it finally launched. This special probe was designed to test Einstein's Theory of Relativity. The idea of that alone boggles the mind, but to know it is made of Quartz leads to jaws dropping. All the quartz glass parts were precision finished here in Cullman at Hayden Precision Finishing, owned by Joe Hayden, a retired member of the Speedring team.

Most recently, Speedring is working on the mirrors for a "little" project by NASA called the James Webb Space Telescope.

It is much larger than Hubble and will be able to see much farther. This telescope is scheduled to launch around Oct. 2018.

Ever watch "Bing Bang Theory?" The lovable nerds on that show often go to the roof of their apartment building and shoot a laser at that little Moon mirror and measure that distance. And that is true evidence that we actually went to the Moon. Otherwise the laser's beam would never "bounce back" off the surface. That's good info if you ever run into a "non-believer" of the space program. They also discuss GPB and James Webb often too. Listen closely the next time you watch!

Okay, so are you starting to see your connection? This is just the beginning, folks. There are many family, company and personal connections to NASA and the aerospace community here in Cullman. Through this column I will take you from inside your home, to the car you drive, to your hospital care and all the things in between, that are spin-offs from NASA projects that touch you personally every day. I hope you keep reading and enjoy!

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Birds (from Front)

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

PELHAM – Ever hear the haunting call of an owl on a dark night? That could be a barn owl, or maybe what your grandparents called a 'hoot' owl. Or maybe you've heard a sound that has been described as that of a woman's scream? That's probably just a tiny little screech owl, not much bigger than a love bird.

This past weekend visitors to the Farm Y'All Festival were intrigued by the young ladies with owls on their arms, so much so that the front of their booth was constantly filled with curious onlookers who wanted to learn more about the raptors.

According to the Alabama Wildlife Center's Executive Director, Doug Adair, the center is the oldest and largest rehabilitation and educational clinic in Alabama.

"We will celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2017," said Adair.

The center literally began on the front porch of its founder, Anne Miller, in 1977.

"Because of her hard work and dedication, her love, heart and soul, of Alabama wildlife, this work continues," said Adair.

In 1987 the center moved to its present location at Oak Mountain State Park, where it continues to grow and expand, "We are building on the legacy that Anne Miller began," he continued.

According to Adair, the center treats approximately 2,000 injured and/or homeless birds per year, encompassing more than 100 different species.

Much of this work is made possible because of the volunteers who answer calls all over the state.

"We have wonderful volunteers," Adair stated emphatically.

"Among those who volunteer their time are veterinarians who do amazing work with us. Because of the volunteers and the veterinarians our release rates are well above the average for such releases across the U.S."

In addition to rehabbing the raptors and other wildlife, the center provides educational programs to schools, civic groups, scout troops and other organizations to help spread the word of their mission.

"We have seen tremendous growth because of this outreach," said Adair.

"Last year we provided conservation education programs for tens of thousands of Alabama citizens at 239 speaking engagements. This year we are on track to bring the program to even more people."

Adair says that the center is uniquely positioned to do that because of special ambassadors – raptors that have been treated, but for some reason are unable to be released into the wild due to the nature of their injuries, for fear that they would not survive.

"The backdrop for our programs are these birds who are glove trained, making it possible for them to be brought to the public. They are wonderful ambassadors who make great resources in their new roles, serving to introduce young and old to their species with a generic conservation message, teaching us how to responsibly preserve and protect our wildlife."

Much of what the rescuers are able to do depends on the network of trained volunteers who go out in the field when called to rescue orphaned raptors.

The mission statement of the organization is to rescue, rehabilitate and return to the wild Alabama's injured and orphaned native birds.

Some of the methods used in rehabbing the birds were developed at Oak Mountain and are now used in rehab centers all over the world.

Hallmarks of AWC's rehabilitation programs are their success in reuniting baby birds with their families.

"We also engage people of all ages in learning about birds and protecting Alabama's native wildlife," said Adair.

The AWC welcomes community members to volunteer, attend events and visit their facility to view wild bird patients.

They invite you to be an active part of preserving the state's natural heritage and making Alabama a better place for wildlife and for people.

Free advice and information on how to deal with all kinds of wildlife concerns and emergencies are given to several thousand people each year through the Alabama Wildlife Center.

If you would like more information on this fascinating subject, please contact the center at 205-663-7930 (Ext. 4).

If you need assistance with a raptor in your area, please contact the center's hotline for free advice and information on how to deal with all kinds of wildlife concerns and emergencies. Messages are responded to by trained wildlife specialists 12 hours a day every day of the year. 205-663-7930 (Ext. 2)

Trained statewide volunteers operate a raptor transport service.

They respond to calls to come to the rescue of injured and orphaned birds of prey all over Alabama, transporting them safely for needed care.

If you are interested in volunteering, the AWC conducts monthly orientation sessions.

To inquire about becoming a member of the AWC, please contact them online, or at 205-663-7930 (Ext. 8)

If you would like to make a donation please call 205-663-7930 (Ext. 5)

Visit the Alabama Wildlife Center online at www.awrc.org, or find them on Facebook at Alabama Wildlife Center, or visit their blog at alabamawildlifecenter.blogspot.com.

The Alabama Wildlife Center is located at 100 Terrace Drive, Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, AL 35124.

The Alabama Wildlife Center
What They Do:

- Answer 100,000 help line calls per year
- Help 50,000 wild creatures a year
- Make the center available to 15,000 visitors a year
- Total 12,000 volunteer hours (figure for 2009)

Fun Facts

- The Red-tailed Hawk is the largest hawk we have in Alabama, and is indeed capable of taking a small dog as prey. It is also the most common raptor that we see as a patient.
- The most common patient of all the birds we treat is the Carolina Wren. They have a bad habit of getting into a lot of dangerous places where they come into contact with humans, pets, etc. and get into trouble (decks, enclosed porches, engine compartments, garages, etc.).
- The number of eagles in Alabama is increasing, but they are still a rare patient. We see approximately 8 to 10 each year.



AWC

This beautiful Bald Eagle's broken wing is healing well, and he should be flying free again soon.

