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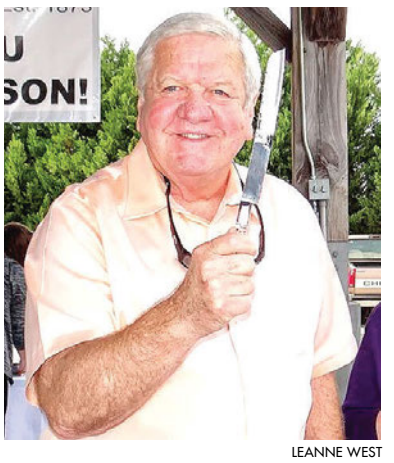
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Community leaders and citizens turn out to honor Mayor Townson

Johnny Thornton
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Max Townson has spent the last eight years as mayor of the city of Cullman, and along with the city council has shepherded the city through good times and bad, from the 2008-09 recession and the 2011 tornadoes, to the rebuilding after those tornadoes and the exponential retail and industrial growth of the last few years. Townson also made good on his promise to make the relationship between the city and the county strong, and held true to his vision of making Cullman a great place to live, work, play and worship. Community leaders and citizens alike turned out on Monday at the Festhalle Market Platz to honor him.

Among those present where the members of the Cullman County Commission, the Cullman City Council, P16



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Stone Bridge Farms plays host to annual CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Family Halloween Party P14

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Halloween safety tips from Chief Culpepper and Sheriff Gentry

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CULLMAN – With the fall season comes Halloween, and of course, trick-or-treating. Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry offer words of advice to those participating in this year's festivities.

One of the main things the two law enforcement leaders stress is the importance P14

Now more than ever, caring is needed

W.C. Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) is a very busy organization. When Director Javon Daniel took charge years ago, CCK's food bank filled one room and served 10 to 12 families per month. That number has skyrocketed, and this year has seen a dramatic increase even over last year.

An average of 550 families receive some type of service each month, and in at least three months this year, that number has exceeded 650. Daniel says that as 50 to 100 new families enter the program each month, fewer than usual are leaving, creating an increasing burden on the agency's resources.

In recent years CCK has distributed 6 to 8 tons of food per month; right now that number is in the 8 to 10-ton range. The former one-room food pantry now fills an entire office suite adjacent to CCK's office, and the staff performs a constant balancing act to figure out how to make the best use of every square foot of its small facility.

And CCK is not a hunger prevention agency. According to Daniel, "Our whole mission, every program, is geared toward child abuse prevention."

So why all the food? Daniel explains that hungry children plus helpless parents equal a household full of anxiety and frustration, a formula for abuse. A simple bagful of nutrition can make a world of difference for a child.

If you visit the CCK office, the food program will be plainly visible. What is not immediately clear is the wide range of other things the agency does to P2

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'Oorah!' West Point's newest Marine, Michael Olson

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WEST POINT – Michael Olson, graduate of West Point High School's class of 2016, knew before his senior year even started that he would be serving his country, with his eyes set on joining the U.S. Marine Corps as a member of the infantry. He set off for Parris Island, South Carolina this summer- changing the course of his life for the better.

Coming from a small town in Cullman County, Olson was in for a shock as he started his journey to becoming Pvt. Olson.

"It was a lot different," said Olson, describing just how his world, and world view, changed.

"It's rough, but you get used to it. You just have to push through it. (The Marines) break you down and build you back up. I have a lot more self-confidence and situational awareness."

Not only did Olson change his mental state, physically he improved his overall fitness and health.

"I had a little weight before I left; I lost 10 pounds and gained a lot of muscle."

He says he was also able to improve his physical training times as he progressed through boot camp.

When asked if he would do it over again, Olson replied, "It's definitely not easy; it was harder than I expected, but it bettered me as a person. I would recommend it to just about anybody."

Olson will be returning to South Carolina on Monday for advanced infantry training with the Marine's School of Infantry.

So, why did he choose infantry?

"I wanted to be in the fight. I wanted to know that I was defending the country in the most intimate way possible."

"Oorah!" indeed.



MICHAEL OLSON

2016 Fall Festivals, Halloween Events and Trunk or Treats

This list is up-to-date as of press time; however, we add more events daily as we receive them.

Please visit our online calendar for an updated list and full details for each event! www.cullmansense.com/calendar

FALL FESTIVALS AND HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Every Friday and Saturday night in October

• Haunted Maze in Eva, 7-11 p.m.
272 Chambers Road, Eva
$5 per person

Saturday, Oct. 29

• 8th Annual Parkside School Pumpkin Run: IN COLOR!, 9 a.m.
12431 Alabama Highway 69, Baileyton

• Holly Pond Fall Festival, 11 a.m.
Guy Hunt Library and Museum, 60 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond

• East Side Baptist Church Fall Festival, 2 p.m.
East Side Park, 608 10th Ave. SE, Cullman

• Destiny Church Harvest Fest, 5-8 p.m.
Destiny Church, 566 County Road 1339, Cullman

• Bread of Life Church of God Candypalooza, 6-8 p.m.
Bread of Life Church of God, 1234 Highway 278 West, Holly Pond

Sunday, Oct. 30

• Sardis Baptist Church Family Fall Fest, 3 p.m.
Sardis Baptist Church, 6645 County Road 813, Cullman

• Downtown Hanceville Fall Fest, 4-6 p.m.

• Hanceville First Baptist Church/ Downtown Hanceville, 104 Church Ave., Hanceville

Monday, Oct. 31

• Light the Night, 6 p.m.
The Link of Cullman County/ Church at The Well
708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman

• Etha Baptist Church Fall Festival, 5:30-8 p.m.
8417 County Road 1545, Cullman

• The Refuge Church Fall Festival, 5:30-8 p.m.
The Refuge Church, 3505 U.S. Highway 278, Cullman

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 26

• Cullman First United Methodist Church, 6-8 p.m.
320 Third St. SE, Cullman

• Cullman First Baptist Church, 6-8 p.m.
First Fest, including food, music, carnival rides and a trunk or treat
501 Second Ave. SW, Cullman

Thursday, Oct. 27

• Cullman Regional Medical Center, 4-7 p.m.
1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman

Saturday, Oct. 29

• Renovation Church, 5 p.m.
14142 AL Highway 157, Vinemont

Sunday, Oct. 30

• Good Hope Baptist Church, 5:30-7 p.m.
90 Good Hope School Rd, Good Hope

• Northbrook Baptist Church, 4-6 p.m.
3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman

• Cullman Church of Christ, 6-8 p.m.
4345 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman

• Bethany Baptist Church, 5-7 p.m.
1612 Co Rd 201, Crane Hill

• Hanceville Assembly of God, 4-6 p.m.
402 Shady Lane Dr. SW, Hanceville

Monday, Oct. 31

• Karma in Cullman at William's Barbecue, 5-7 p.m.
2021 Second Ave. SW, Cullman

• Crosshaven Church, 6-8 p.m.
Family Fall Festival, including inflatables and a trunk or treat
9131 U.S. Highway 31, Hanceville

• Fancher Education Center,6-9 p.m.
811 Second Ave. SW, Cullman

• Temple Baptist Church, 6-8 p.m.
30 County Road 1184, Cullman

• St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman

Caring (from Front)

combat abuse.

In addition to the food bank, CCK offers:

CARES-Child Abuse Rescue through Education in School, an outreach program for local elementary schools that reaches 10,000 students annually. Its actions have led to the disclosure of three previously unreported cases of abuse in Cullman County during this school year so far.

KARS-Kids at Risk in Schools, an outreach program for middle schools that teaches conflict resolution, anger management and other alternatives to violence. It reaches more than 4,000 students per year.

CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates. Trained personnel are assigned to specific cases by courts and conduct independent investigations into cases of abuse, to do whatever is in the child's best interest.

"Kids Matter"-Radio shows on Fridays (WKUL, 9:30 a.m.) and Sundays (WRJL, 3 p.m.) address child abuse prevention to a regional market of more than one million potential listeners. Some topics might be uncomfortable to talk about, but Daniel insists that no worthwhile subject is off the table if its discussion can help stop or prevent abuse.

"New Beginning"-This program works in conjunction with the maternity staff at Cullman Regional Medical Center to provide more than 500 new parents per year information on child abuse prevention, Shaken Baby Syndrome and raising healthy babies.

According to Daniel, the upcoming holiday season, from Thanksgiving through Christmas, typically sees an increase in needs as families in need try to provide a special holiday experience for their kids. The holidays also usually see an increase in reports of abuse, when seasonal expectations collide with the frustrating realities of life for many families.

Right now, CCK needs a constant supply of cereal for kids' breakfasts, packaged dry foods such as beans and rice and canned fruit. The oncoming chill of winter also means an increase in the need for warm clothes, and the agency is taking donations of coats. Daniel says that several businesses around town will conduct canned food drives, or donations can be made at the CCK office at 402 Arnold St. NE, Suite W-1.

Cullman Caring for Kids is committed to making life better for the children of Cullman County. Some people assume that child abuse doesn't happen around them, but the agency offers us the unfortunate assurance that it is happening in Cullman. It also encourages us that something can be done about it. If you suspect abuse, report it. If you have the resources, you can contribute. If you have the time, you can volunteer.

Daniel said, "You've heard it takes a village to raise a child; it takes a community to keep a child safe . . . If the whole community gets behind the effort to stop child abuse, things will change."

For more information or to become involved, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

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CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL

A celebration of Max, recognition of the brave and investment in Cullman's future

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council held a regular meeting on Monday to approve the budget for the next fiscal year, and to wish beloved Mayor Max A. Townson farewell, as Monday's was his last council meeting as mayor of the city of Cullman. Council President Garlan Gudger, Jr. was absent due to a schedule conflict that had him out of town for the evening; President Pro-Tem, Jenny Folsom, took the reins.

The council presented Townson with a framed resolution depicting Townson's service to the city of Cullman and the city's gratitude for his eight years of service; the mayor's administrative assistant, Leanne West, wrote the resolution, and, in the words of the Townson, "She has made me the mayor that I've been for the last eight years."

Sitting in on the meeting was Boy Scout Troop 219 of Cullman, there as a part of their Citizenship in the Community merit badge requirements. The troop is led by Scoutmaster Jonathan Hayes. Townson addressed the troop directly, saying, "I know that you're going down that path, because some day you may be standing up here just like this. I never dreamed of this when I was young so always do your best."

Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper rose to present accommodations to several police officers in thanks of the officers' response to a domestic dispute call where, according to Culpepper, "The suspect had threatened to kill officers and had barricaded himself inside of a room."

Tactical members of the Cullman City Police Department were called in to assist, alongside members from the Cullman Wastewater (sewer) Department's Sewer Video and Surveillance crew, which sent in a robot to be used to negotiate with the suspect.

After a two-hour negotiation, the suspect allegedly began attempting to burn the house down. At that point, the officers had to rush into a barricaded room with an armed suspect.

"There was no injury or loss of life on that call, thanks to the valor and heroism of the officers," according to Culpepper.

Recognized were Lt. Jeff Warnke, Sgt. Scott Sanford, Officer Clint Sanford, Officer Roy Bates, Officer Intae Suh, Officer Jeff Mize, Sgt. Adam Clark, Officer Adam Walker, Sgt. Christopher Nichols and Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Ed Reinhardt, Jr. After each officer was recognized, a large and lengthy standing ovation occurred.

Later in the evening, Rev. Jack Collins, from Northside Baptist Church, rose to speak about his church's gratitude for the Cullman Police Department and police officers across the nation.

"We recognize the wonderful courage displayed by the men and women in law enforcement and the risk that they take to keep our community safe," said Collins.

Townson brought up the dire state of Cullman's water supply, Lake Catoma and what homeowners need to do to preserve our water supply for the duration of the drought.

"Lake Catoma is down 15 feet so what we're asking homeowners to do is to conserve water; we have to conserve water because we do not want any businesses to hurt or agriculture to hurt."

Townson continued, "If we all pitch in and voluntarily cut down our water consumption it will let Catoma build back up."

An item not on the agenda Monday was another gift for Townson. City Attorney Roy Williams, Jr. presented Townson with the flag of Cullman on behalf of the City's administrative staff.

"The city of Cullman is a city of Character," said Townson. "The tornado that came through (town) woke up a sleeping giant and (Cullman) became phoenix rising. That character was displayed and proven by the citizens of Cullman."

In other business, the city approved the annual budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

"This is the biggest budget that we've ever had," said Townson. The budget includes a four percent pay raise for city employees, which will cover the rising cost of insurance.

"The general fund budget this year is $32,846,844," Townson said. That includes a $4.5 million fire station (no. 3) on Highway 157, a $2.4 million street facility on Mitchell Road, a $3 million wastewater facility on Eva Road and improvements to the wastewater station that was damaged in the Christmas flood of 2015, along with other projects.

The council authorized the mayor of Cullman to apply for state and federal matching for an airport improvement project during the 2017 fiscal year.

The City entered two contracts. The first was with 24 Communications, for branding and marketing services for the City, which is expected to not exceed the budgeted amount of $45,500.

The second was with CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc. for engineering services to enter stage five of the Downtown Streetscape project from First Avenue Southeast to Third Avenue Southeast, which is expected to stay within the budgeted amount of $41,000.

The City also agreed to pay the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce $2,500 for their marketing services.

The City awarded the construction of the street facility on Mitchell Road to the lowest bidder, Building Construction Associates, Inc. of Decatur.

Townson pointed out that the citizens of Cullman need to be aware that "all of these facilities, these capital outlays that the council is making, are necessary to make sure that businesses and citizens have what they need in this community so that they can carry on with their activities."

The council would like to remind the citizens of Cullman that the annual Severe Weather Preparation Sales Tax Holiday is quickly approaching; the tax holiday will be Feb. 24-27, 2017.

And finally, Don Smith was appointed to the Cullman City Zoning Board.

The next meeting of the Cullman City Council will be on Monday, Nov. 7, at which time the new mayor, Woody Jacobs, and all council members will be sworn in for the next four years. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., with a reception to follow. The public is invited to attend.

Bids opened for new wastewater facility on Eva Road

W. C. Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – On Tuesday afternoon at Cullman City Hall, the City of Cullman opened sealed bids solicited earlier this year for a new Cullman City Water/ Wastewater Department facility on Eva Road. Designed by Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood of Birmingham, the new 28,000-plus-square-foot structure will consist of three buildings housing administrative offices, a maintenance shop and truck bays.

Bidding officially closed at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, and the sealed bid envelopes were opened by Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood Project Manager Matthew Smith.

Six companies submitted base bids for the main construction project plus bids for three alternate projects:

1. Three covered parking bays adjacent to the maintenance bay
2. Four covered parking bays adjacent to the maintenance bay
3. A fence and three gates along the road

The bids were as follows:

- **Boatner Construction Co., Inc., Gadsden**
Base $3,198,000 / 1) $84,700 / 2) $100,500 / 3) $53,000

- **Carmon Construction, Inc., Guntersville**
Base $3,068,844 / 1) $82,600 / 2) $95,500 / 3) $42,000

- **Consolidated Construction Co., Huntsville**
Base $3,170,000 with a noted $104,000 deduction / 1) $57,000 / 2) $74,000 / 3) $54,000

- **Eidson & Associates, Cullman**
Base $3,200,000 with a noted $28,100 deduction / 1) $85,100 / 2) $97,500 / 3) $41,200

- **Freeman & Associates, Columbus, Georgia**
Base $3,315,000 / 1) $96,550 / 2) $110,455 / 3) $40,500

- **Lee Builders, Inc., Huntsville**
Base $2,868,796 with a noted $100,000 addition / 1) $69,556 / 2) $67,060 / 3) $56,194

After all bids were read, Smith announced a planned project budget of $2,500,000. He closed the meeting by stating that the mayor and city council will take these bids under advisement as they plan the next step in the project.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Area preview- week no. 11

Johnny Thornton
Sports Editor

Cold Springs Eagles (5-4) @ Danville Hawks (4-5)
Smith/Owens Stadium - Danville
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Cold Springs leads 8-5
LAST TIME: Danville defeated Cold Springs 21-20 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: Cold Springs lost to Cleveland 28-0; Danville defeated Priceville 51-7.

Playoff bound, Cold Springs wants to get plenty of things corrected before the Eagles head to Sheffield for the first round of the 2A postseason.

The Eagles were shut out for the first time in 19 games when they failed to score against Cleveland and went from second in Region 7 to third and a playoff game on the road.

Now the Eagles meet a Danville team that was 1-5 in 4A, Region 8, with its only win in the region last Friday over Priceville.

The Hawks and Eagles have had a good series. Danville's 21-20 win at Cold Springs last year ended a five-game losing streak to the Eagles. A win by Cold Springs and the Eagles will have four consecutive seasons of six wins or better for the first time ever.

Rod Elliott's Eagles have gone 25-14 in regular season since 2013, the best in county football.

Fairview Aggies (4-5) @ Holly Pond Broncos (6-3)
Thomas/Michelfelder Field - Holly Pond
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Fairview leads 34-19-2
LAST TIME: Fairview defeated Holly Pond 40-0 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: Fairview defeated Springville 21-17; Holly Pond defeated Vinemont 27-22.

After playing on campus for the first time in three years and pulling out a 21-17 victory over Springville, Fairview looks to end the season and take away the momentum that Holly Pond has achieved this season for their best record since 2007 and a playoff berth for the first time under coach Mike Bates.

George Redding of Fairview has never lost to Holly Pond in nine matchups. The last time the Broncos defeated the Aggies was in 2006 by the score of 37-26.

The Broncos are out to finish 3-0 against Cullman County schools, a major accomplishment as Holly Pond has gone from the bottom of the county to the top when it started on Halloween weekend in 2015 in a 49-40 upset at Cold Springs to end 29 consecutive losses.

Hanceville Bulldogs (2-7) @ Good Hope Raiders (0-9)
James Shabel Stadium - Good Hope
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Hanceville leads 25-15
LAST TIME: Good Hope defeated Hanceville 41-21 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: Hanceville was idle; Good Hope lost to Dora 28-7.

It's a pride game for both to close out 2016 and take positive thoughts into the offseason.

Hanceville was doing well after a 28-22 victory over Vinemont on Sept. 9 that had the Bulldogs 2-2. But Craig Flanigan's first season at his alma mater hit a snag with five straight losses and momentum went out the window.

Good Hope fields the youngest team and is also having number issues. According to reports, the Raiders dressed 19 last week in their final 4A, Region 6 game against Dora. Dora wore the Raiders down with three TDs in the second half after Good Hope had tied the score at 7-7 early in the third quarter.

The Raiders have experienced one season of finishing 0-10. They are out to avoid that this time, ending the second year of Alan Scott being back at his alma mater.

The road team has won three of the last four. Two years ago, Hanceville squeezed out a 22-21 triumph when Kaine Yates blocked a potential game-winning field as time expired.

Chelsea Hornets (7-2) @ Cullman Bearcats (6-3)
Oliver Woodard Stadium - Cullman
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Cullman leads 2-0
LAST TIME: Cullman defeated Chelsea 14-7 in 2010 Class 5A playoffs.
LAST WEEK: Cullman defeated Brewer 34-14; Chelsea defeated Helena 51-23.

Cullman has enjoyed the last five weeks on the gridiron, overturning a sluggish 1-3 start. They finished 4-2 in 6A, Region 7, getting two huge wins down the stretch over Pell City (25-24) and Southside-Gadsden (56-35) that kept them in contention throughout the regional schedule.

The visitor comes to Oliver Woodard Stadium for the first time. Both games between the two have been in the 5A playoffs and were at Chelsea. The Hornets finished second in 6A, Region 3 to Opelika and come into the Cullman game with a two-game winning streak and victory in four of its last five assignments.

As for Cullman's winning streak, the Bearcats are averaging 37 points a game and have scored 34 or better in four of the five victories.

West Point Warriors (5-4) @ Lawrence County Red Devils (5-4)
Red Devil Stadium - Moulton
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Lawrence County leads 18-16
LAST TIME: Lawrence County defeated West Point 28-27 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: West Point defeated Curry 47-12; Lawrence County lost to Mae Jemison 34-21.

West Point continues a very good rivalry by taking a 30-minute trip up Alabama Highway 157 to the town of Moulton for the 35th meeting between the two.

The Warriors finished up 4-2 in 5A, Region 6 by routing Curry at home and now will look to put together a solid effort a week before the postseason begins.

The Warriors and Red Devils have played two tight games the last two years. Last year, Lawrence County came from 27-14 behind in the fourth quarter to steal a win from the Warriors 28-27.

In 2014, the Warriors forced the Devils to miss a close-range field goal at the end of regulation, then scored a TD and stopped Lawrence County for a 21-14 victory that clinched a playoff berth.

An 0-3 start for Don Farley's squad has changed with five victories in their last six games and a third consecutive playoff berth out of Class 5A.

Falkville Blue Devils (2-7) @ Vinemont Eagles (2-7)
Mark Smothers Stadium - Vinemont
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Vinemont leads 23-16
LAST TIME: Vinemont defeated Falkville 35-6 in 2009.
LAST WEEK: Vinemont lost to Holly Pond 27-22; Falkville lost to Tanner 42-16.

Two rivals, separated by 10 miles and the Cullman/Morgan county line, get back together for the first time in seven seasons.

Both can use the rivalry as motivation with Vinemont having the best of this rivalry by posting an 8-1 record against the Blue Devils between 2001 to 2009.

The Eagles have a 2-1 record outside of 3A, Region 6 with the Blue Devils coming to Vinemont 1-5 in 2A, Region 7 play and 2-7 overall. Friday will conclude the second year of Matt Norris coaching at Vinemont.

Addison Bulldogs (9-0) @ Winston County Yellow Jackets (1-8)
Malcolm Blake Stadium - Double Springs
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: Addison leads 44-32-1
LAST TIME: Winston County defeated Addison 40-12 in 2015.
LAST WEEK: Addison was idle; Winston County lost to West End 73-28.

This is a confrontation of the best and the not-so-best. Addison is on the verge of another perfect regular season and a win against their neighbors from Double Springs would be the best finish in regular play in the five years they have been guided by David Smothers.

Addison has outscored the opposition by 200 points, 362 to 162 with Winston County struggling and being outscored 425 to 158 all season, allowing seven opponents to score 40 points or more. Cold Springs bombed the Yellow Jackets for 57 in a game on Oct. 7.

The Bulldogs had last week off to get rested and now set their sights on completing a perfect regular season and being a serious challenger in the 1A playoffs.

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Johnny Thornton
Sports Editor

WEST POINT – The Cullman County Youth Football Association (CCYFA) semifinals took place on Saturday at West Point Stadium. The fireplug, wee wee and pee wee teams came out to play, working within the new playoff format laid out by the CCYFA, in which the regular season division champions face the runners-up in the east and west divisions.

The players seemed to be alright with the change and presented some very entertaining football throughout the day in the semis.

Fireplug semifinal no. 1 - Good Hope Outlaws 22, Cullman Cyclones 6:
Cullman led 6-0 on a Weston Keel 35-yard run with 3:18 to go in the first quarter. Ethan Day answered for the Outlaws by getting loose for a 64-yard run as he broke several tackles down the right sidelines.

That tied the score after the first period.

What turned the game to the Outlaws' favor was when the Cyclones went for it on fourth down inside their 35 late in the half and turned the ball over when a runner slipped.

Carson Hollis ran 24 yards to the end zone on the final play of the half and Day tacked on the conversion to make it 14-6 Good Hope.

The Outlaws sealed up their first berth to the championship game on an 85-yard run by quarterback Parker Johnson with 2:37 to play in the contest.

Good Hope's defense forced the Cyclones to lose the ball twice on fumbles in the second half, a key to the Outlaws getting the triumph and heading to the championship with seven victories in nine games.

Fireplug semifinal no. 2 - Cullman Bearcats 22, Good Hope Raiders 20:
A stout play by the Bearcat defense prevented the Raiders from tying the contest with 2:27 to go in the fourth on a 2-point conversion after Zac Arnold scored for Good Hope for the second time, this one on a 7-yard run.

Cash Thomas stood out for the Bearcats by scoring three touchdowns.

He had a 7-yard run and a 33-yard jaunt in the second quarter.

The 33-yard play was on the final snap of the half and sent the Bearcats to the break leading 16-8.

Thomas got loose for 65 yards on the first play of the third quarter and the Bearcats were ahead 22-8.

But the Raiders never stopped playing. Michael Lee's 3-yard run with 2:07 to go in the third closed the deficit to 22-14.

The Bearcats suffered three fumbles with two leading to Good Hope taking it to the end zone. Arnold's second score had the Raiders down 22-20 before they were unable to add the conversion and possibly force overtime.

Thomas and the Bearcat offense were able to get a couple of first downs and eliminate the remaining time to take a 9-0 record to next week's championship battle.

Wee wee semifinal no. 1 - Vinemont 16, West Point 14:
Kayden Henderson gave Vinemont an 8-0 advantage on a 6-yard run with 30 seconds to play in the first and scored the conversion.

West Point's Jaxon Shelton broke free for 72 yards in the third quarter and Josh Shannon's conversion had the game tied at 8-8 with a quarter left to play.

The Eagles went back on top when Christian Hart swept around right end for 21 yards and the score, and the conversion was scored by Henderson with 6:54 left in the fourth.

West Point had its second TD on a 47-yard run by Shelton, but the Warriors were denied the conversion points.

On fourth-and-inches at the Vinemont 49, the Eagles, late in the game, went for it and got it on a 15-yard gain by Henderson to the West Point 36 then ran out the clock.

Vinemont is 7-2 following the hard fought semifinal victory.

Wee wee semifinal no. 2 - Good Hope Raiders 10, Cullman Bearcats 8:
An upset was the setting for this one with the undefeated Bearcats falling to an opportunistic Raider defense and a ball control offense.

Good Hope had the football for over 13 minutes in the first half, but could not put points on the scoreboard. The Raiders turned it over with a fumble at the Bearcats' 4 late in the half.

Cullman was not successful getting the ball out of the danger zone. The Bearcats gave up a safety on the final play of the half when Tyler Beatty tackled the Cullman runner in the end zone for a 2-0 Good Hope lead at the break.

A ball control drive by the Bearcats at the start of the third gave them the lead on a Cooper Lofton 1-yard run to end a 65-yard series and a 2-point conversion by Jaden Earnest.

In the fourth quarter, the Bearcats fumbled the football inside their 5-yard line and the Raiders took it into the end zone on an Ayden Black 3-yard run. Black scoring on a conversion by going up the middle sent the Raiders back in front at 10-8 with 2:24 remaining.

The Bearcats' final series ended on downs at the Cullman 47 with the Raiders running out the clock and moving to 8-1 on the season.

Pee wee semifinal no. 1 - Cullman Cyclones 30, Hanceville 6:
Isaac Drake was the standout performer for the Cyclones, scoring four touchdowns. With 0:09 left in the first period, he broke a scoreless game by racing 75 yards to the end zone, with Kaden Burgess scoring the conversion.

On the first play of the second half, Drake raced 65 yards to the end zone and Burgess ran in the conversion to make it 16-0.

Drake scored on a 48-yard run with 3:22 left in the third and Ryan Skinner tallied the conversion to put the Cyclones in command at 24-0.

However, Hanceville rallied when Evan Dye was loose on a 54-yard run and the Bulldogs trailed 24-6 going to the fourth.

The best individual performance all day went to Drake when, with 1:40 to go in the game, he ran around right end for 92 yards and the Cyclones inched closer to the county pee wee title with a 9-0 record.

Pee wee semifinal no. 2 - Cullman Bearcats 22, Fairview 6:
With 45 seconds showing on the first-quarter clock, the Bearcats faced a second-and-10 from their 10-yard line.

Cullman executed a pass play with Garrett Hall hitting Nathan Zills downfield, who turned it into a 90-yard score and the Bearcats led 8-0 on Hall's conversion pass following the TD.

The one-score advantage stayed for the Bearcats until the start of the fourth quarter as they extended the lead to 16-0 on a Brandon Blackwood 2-yard run and another 2-point pass by Hall.

Fairview was determined to avoid a shutout.

The Aggies managed a 7-yard run by Dillon Foster and trailed 16-6 with 2:50 remaining.

The next series for the Bearcats needed only took two plays for an insurance score with Hall running around right end 65 yards for the TD.

The Cullman defense stopped the Aggies on their final drive at the Bearcat 7, then needed one snap to run out the clock.

The Bearcats take a 5-4 record into the championship match with their city rival.

Next week's schedule (Saturday) @ West Point Stadium:
Fireplugs:
- 9 a.m. - Cullman Cyclones vs. Good Hope Raiders (3rd place)
- 10:30 a.m. - Good Hope Outlaws vs. Cullman Bearcats (Championship)

Wee wees:
- 12 p.m. - West Point vs. Cullman Bearcats (3rd place)
- 1:30 p.m. - Vinemont vs. Good Hope Raiders (Championship)

Pee wees:
- 3 p.m. - Hanceville vs. Fairview (3rd place)
- 4:30 p.m. - Cullman Cyclones vs. Cullman Bearcats (Championship)


Fireplug: Good Hope Outlaws vs Cullman Cyclones


Fireplug: Cullman Bearcats vs Good Hope Raiders


Wee Wee: West Point vs Vinemont


Wee Wee: Good Hope vs Cullman Cyclones


Pee Wee: Hanceville vs Cullman Cyclones


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Pee Wee: Cullman Cyclones vs Fairview Aggies

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1940:
Lutheran Ladies Aid Meets At Church

On Tuesday afternoon, December 10th, the Lutheran Ladies Aid met at the Lutheran Church. A beautiful program was presented. Scripture was read by Mrs. Ernest Grund. The Life of Paul was studied. A map was drawn by Mrs. Albert Burkart, showing the Journeys of Paul and she led the study. Mrs. Graf, Mrs. Albert Jochum and Mrs. J.N. McNutt, each gave further accounts of Paul's journeys, which were traced on the map.

Reverend E.A. McGriff, of Lake, Mississippi, visited friends here on Thursday.

Mrs. Charlton McNeise visited relatives in Birmingham, last week.

Mrs. Ed Ashwander and Mrs. Christine Boub, of Cullman, spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

J.H. Caudell and Lee Jackson spent Monday in Birmingham.

Mrs. Henry Howle and Mrs. J.A. Howle, of Hartselle, spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Caudell.

Mrs. Willie Hulsey spent the weekend in Cullman, with friends.

Mrs. Maggie Williams visited relatives in Birmingham, last week.

Mrs. Harold Ingram and children, of Birmingham, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Freeman.

Mr. G.L. Sides spent the weekend in Bessemer.

Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Copeland, of Bessemer, visited friends on Sunday.

Mesdames Van Gibbs and Albert Burkart spent Wednesday in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linton, of Vinemont, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffith, on Sunday.

From The Files Of 1957:

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna E. Moore, 49, of Eva, were held on Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church.

The Reverend W.O. Hunt officiated. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery, with Moss Service directing.

She is survived by her husband, Cranford Moore; three sons, O.C. Moore, C.L. Moore and J.H. Moore; a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Holmes; six grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

Specialist Second Class, Luther G. Tucker, 26, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Tucker, live on Route One, Cullman, will end the Christmas holidays in Hawaii with members of the 25th Infantry Division. Tucker, whose wife, Katherine, is with him in Hawaii, attended Cullman High School.

Guy Waldrop will preach at First Christian Church, on December 22nd, 29th and January 5th. He and Mrs. Waldrop (the former Nell Robinson) will work with the C.Y.F. and Chi Rho youth groups on those Sunday evenings.

Both are graduates of Cullman High and are now juniors at Transylvania College, in Lexington, Kentucky.

She is majoring in religious education and is a member of Chi Omega social sorority.

He is regular student minister, of Mount Gilead Christian Church, in Lexington and is associated with Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, of which he is chaplain.

The parents of this young couple are Mr. and Mrs. W. Crant Waldrop and Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Robinson, all of Cullman.

Mrs. R.M. Phillips, 85, died on December 12th at her residence, 109 3rd Street, High School Addition and funeral services were held at Bethsadia on December 15th, with the Reverend Clyde Sharpton officiating and Moss-Terry directing interment.

Survivors include: five sons, U.E., Otis, R.C., Roy and Troy Phillips; six daughters, Mrs. Lennie Monou, Mrs. Mae NeSmith, Mrs. Jesse Brown, Mrs. Effie Spiegle, Mrs. Ruth Ray and Mrs. Agnes Guthrie; thirty-nine grandchildren and forty-two great-grandchildren.

Seventeen scouts, of Boy Scout Troop 219, were awarded various merit badges, at a Court of Honor, at the First United Methodist Church on Tuesday evening.

Five new boys were accepted into the troop as "tenderfoots."

Lamar Strickland was presented the "God and Country" badge.

Others receiving various merit badges were: Eric Thomas, Robert Kilpatrick, Bill Smith, Bobby Laudermilk, David Adderhold, Sidney Morrow, John Frutiger, Ronnie DuBose, Paul Howard, Junior, Harry Fuller, III, David Wood, Jimmy Grier, David McKoy, Ronnie Apel, Joe Basenburg and Don Basenburg.

Tenderfoot Scouts accepted into the troop were: John McKoy, Dickie Barnes, Bill Ruehl, John Shaw and William Huggins.

Glenn Adderhold, scoutmaster, was assisted in the presentation of the awards by G.C. Basenburg, troop committee chairman, Reverend W.L. Curl, Herb McAmis and the members of the troop committee.

Parents of the troop members were special guests.

This troop is going to Trade, on an overnight camping trip, on December 20th.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

When my mustache ran



Bill King
Tribune
Contributor

I knew it would happen one day, sooner or later. I'm thankful that it has come later for me. I watched as it happened to many of my friends, family and colleagues, at a much younger age. No, I'm not talking about my hair falling out. That started a long time ago. I still have some up there, but they are so far apart from one another that they rarely meet. What I am talking is turning gray. I have some good heredity where this is concerned. My mom did not turn gray until she was in her seventies. I only have a little around the edges of my hairline, but my whiskers are a different story.

I'm not sure if I did this because I could no longer grow a good crop up top or it was a mild case of mid- life crisis.

Whatever the reason, about eight or nine years ago, I grew a goatee. It was dark brown at the time.

In recent years it has become salt and pepper. These days it could use a little more pepper. I'll go ahead and confess that I tried that "Just for Men" stuff.

The following day, I felt like I had fallen face first in a patch of poison ivy. I decided that stuff may be "Just for Men," but it just wasn't for this man.

I may have grown my partial face covering simply because I had grown tired of shaving.

Somewhere around the ripe old age of fourteen I shaved for the first time. Drew didn't wait that long. He has already shaved a few times and he is only seven.

He lathered up, but used a credit card, rather than a razor, to scrap off his lather.

For reasons that we do not understand as we get older, boys that really don't need to shave, think shaving is cool.

Most rookie shavers only have to shave about once a week, some once a month. After you've shaved every day for a hundred and thirteen years it is no longer fun.

I grew my first mustache at the ripe old age of fifteen. You may be thinking that is too young to have a mustache.

It wasn't a problem because nobody knew I had grown it. In my younger years my hair color was much lighter.

I was about sixteen when I decided I needed to do something about my mustache dilemma. What I should have done was simply shave the thing off. No one would have known the difference.

Instead, I decided to help my mustache become more visible. I bought myself some dark brown mascara.

I figured it made eye lashes more visible that it would do the same thing for mustaches and it did. I instantly had myself a beauty. I could clearly see that it was a hit with the girls and I was the envy of the boys, or so it seemed.

Everything was rocking along just fine until I went to a swim party with a girl I had been dating. Do you know that mascara is not water resistant? I did a nice little dive off the board and into the water – mustache, mascara and all.

I climbed out of the pool and walked over to my date fully expecting her to brag on my diving abilities. Instead she laughed and said, "Your mustache is running down your face."

More often than not, when we try to be something that we really aren't, we end up with egg on our face – or in my case mascara!

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Patients receiving cancer treatment could increase their chance of survival by up to 20 percent and help stop their cancer from spreading by taking a low-dose of aspirin, new research published in the journal *PLOS ONE* suggests. A systematic review of the available scientific literature found a significant reduction in mortality and cancer spread by patients who took a low-level dose of aspirin in addition to their cancer treatment (average study follow-up length over five years).

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Umbilical cords of children whose mothers used selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors during pregnancy may be longer than umbilical cords of other newborn children, according to a new study from the University of Eastern Finland and Kuopio University Hospital. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, SSRIs, are commonly prescribed antidepressants. This is the first time their association with umbilical cord length was observed. The findings were published in *PLOS ONE*. A long umbilical cord can weaken fetal circulation and expose the fetus to a lack of oxygen during the pregnancy or birth, among other things. According to the study researchers, this newly observed association of prenatal SSRI use with umbilical cord length may indicate that SSRI drugs increase fetal activity and movement in the uterus.

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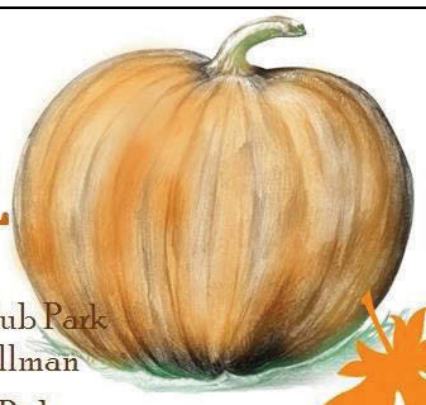
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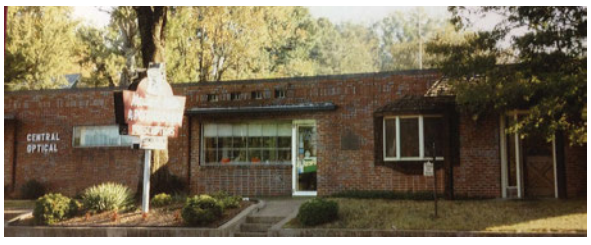
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN "COVERED ITEMS" FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING FEBRUARY 24TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 26TH, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2012-256, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2012-256 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Cullman, Alabama, exempts "covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 24th, 2017 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 26th, 2017.
Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all term, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2012-256, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above and not for all years thereafter.
Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City of Cullman, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.
Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 24th day of October, 2016. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 24th day of October, 2016. /s/ Max A. Townson - Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA) IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
) CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN) CASE NO. AD2016-044

IN THE MATTER OF AN ADOPTION

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE TO: JIMMY LYNN NELSON JR., natural father

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in said Court by the Petitioner named below and that the 8 day of December, 2015 at 10:00 A m. has been set for a hearing on the same in the Probate Court of Marshall County. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response with the attorney for the petitioner named below and with the Clerk of the Probate Court, 425 Gunter Avenue, Suite 110, Guntersville, AL 35976 as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) days from the date this notice is received.

Tammy Brown
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2016-283

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM FREDERICK EVANS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, REBECCA GWEN COWLING, on the 17th day of October, 2016, by the HON. TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Rebecca Gwen Cowling
REBECCA GWEN COWLING
Personal Representative of the
Estate of William Frederick Evans,
Deceased

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To the Publisher of Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC2015-337

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **GINA TERESA BAGWELL,** DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR REPORT OF INSOLVENCY

This day came Dale Bagwell, Personal Representative of the said estate, and filed his statement and report setting forth that said is insolvent, and praying that it may be so decreed.

It is ordered that the 21st day of November, 2016, at 9:00 am A.M. be appointed a day for hearing and determining the same, at which time all persons in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

DALE BAGWELL, Personal Representative
The Estate of **GINA TERESA BAGWELL ,** Deceased

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC2016-091
~~PC2013-360~~

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: DORA C. VALDEZ, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

TO: **DORAL DIAZ, DENISE JIMENEZ, ANGIE CHEW, LARRY VALDEZ, RICHARD VALDEZ, JANET CABRERA, MORRIS VALDEZ AND MICHEAL VALDEZ**

Please take notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on **the** 30th **day of** November **, 2016 AT** 9:00 **(am)/pm** in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition for Guardianship filed in said Court by Denise Jimenez, Petitioner. That any objection to the Petition for Guardianship should be known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

Dated this 11th day of ~~SEPTEMBER~~ October, 2016.

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OF COUNSEL:
NATHAN A. BROCK
Attorney for Petitioner
223 2nd Ave. S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 10, 2008 by Chris Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1578, Page 977 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 November 3, 2016:

Part of the South ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron and cap in the road at the Northwest corner of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama; thence run along the section line South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West (Alabama West Zone Grid Bearing) for a distance of 659.71 feet to an iron and cap in the center of County Road 1583; thence continue South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 295.18 feet to an iron and cap in the center of County Road 1583 for the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 295.06 feet to an iron and cap found; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 295.18 feet to an iron and cap found; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 316.22 feet to an iron and cap found;
thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East for a distance of 710.62 feet to an iron rebar found; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 576.07 feet to an iron and cap found on the North right-of-way of Alabama Highway 69; thence along said right of way North 89 degrees 45 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 1319.43 feet to a point on said County Road 1583, thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 271.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Subject to prescriptive right of way for County Road 1583.
Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 579, Page 959.

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-October 13, 20, 27, 2016

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC2016-155

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION TO PROBATE OF THE WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER, DECEASED.

TO: **KENNETH WOLFE, Whose whereabouts are unknown.**

On the 7th day of SEPTEMBER, 2016, a certain paper in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by FREDDIE DONALD SMITH, and his petition for the probate thereof as such will; and that the 12th day of December, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. has been appointed as the day for hearing said petition , at which time you may appears (but are not required to do sc and contest the same, if you deem it proper to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of Court on the 5TH day of OCTOBER, 2016.

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
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(256)737-5068

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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 6, 2004 by Michael Wayne Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1364, Page 431 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 November 3, 2016:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County. Alabama; thence along the twenty line North a distance of 528 feet to the point of beginning. thence North 792 feet to a point; thence West 330 feet to a point; thence South 792 feet to a point; thence East 330 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.0 acres more or less, lying and being in Cullman County. Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An easement for ingress and egress purposes being approximately twenty (20) feet evenly off the East margin of the aforementioned property.

RESTRICTIONS: No commercial poultry houses shall be permitted on the herein conveyed property.

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EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

WILLIAM H. TOME,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-900310.00**

MARGARET FERGUSON,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Margaret Ferguson, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer William H. Tome's Complaint for Divorce by December 5, 2016 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2016-900310.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 3rd day of October, 2016.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MICHAEL D. HAYNES
412 FIRST AV SE
SUITE 100
CULLMAN, AL 35055

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 8, 2003 by Raymond T. Bailey, Jr., a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1312, Page 190 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 November 3, 2016:

Tract I:
Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence N 1 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds E 654.51 feet to an 1/2" iron, thence S 60 degrees 56 minutes 22 seconds W 194.67 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 24 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds E 260.01 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 60 degrees 57 minutes 06 seconds N 125.13 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 24 degrees 19 minutes 04 seconds E 286.71 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 88 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds E 39.60 feet to an axle, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying In the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Tract II,
Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence S 1 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds W, 158.67 feet to an 1" iron, thence S 88 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds E 273.37 feet to an 1" iron, thence N 0 degrees 26 minutes 50 seconds E 159.57 feet to an 1" iron, thence N 88 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds W 271.11 feet to an axle, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of
Thomas Edwin Nelson, Deceased

Case No. PC-2016- 215
Notice to Creditors by Publication

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of October 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Jacqueline C. Nelson,
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Thomas Edwin Nelson

NATHAN A. BROCK,
Attorney for Personal Representative

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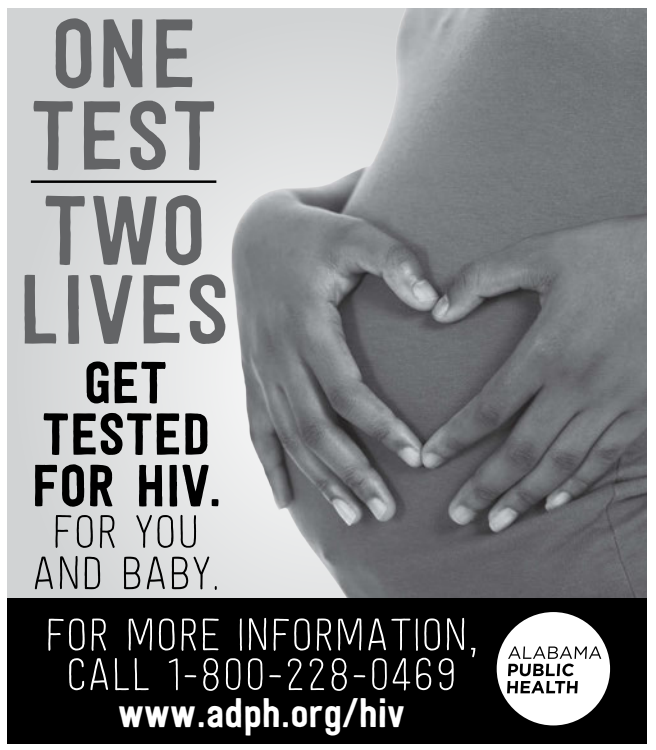
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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCT. 19 - 25

Steve Cupit, Jr., 49 of Logan, passed away surrounded by family October 19 at his home, his family will hold a private memorial service at a later date, Cullman Funeral Home directing.
He was born on July 14, 1967 in California.

Funeral service for Mrs. Virginia Mae Sandlin, age 95 of Cullman, was held October 20 at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Gary Waddell officiating.
Burial will be at Hopewell cemetery. Mrs. Sandlin passed away October 18 at Westminster Assisted Living.

Debra Lawrence, age 59 of Cullman, passed away at her residence surrounded by family late on October 19.
She was born in 1957 to Jackson and Georgia Springer Freeman in Cullman, Ala. Funeral service held October 22at Pleasant View Baptist Church, with Randy Burtram officiating. Burial following the service in East Battleground Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home directed.

Funeral service for Bonnie Lou Davenport, 66 of Madison, was held October 22 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Good Hope Cemetery, Rev. Mike Rogers officiating.
Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Davenport passed away October 19 at her residence. She was born July 8, 1950 to Victor Lee & Elizabeth Seaton Mayo.

Alma Lee Miller Cutcher, 93 of Nesmith Community, passed away on October 20 in Cullman, Alabama.
Funeral service held on October 23 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Brothers Jr. Garmon, Chris Godbee and Ray Bridgmon will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Lillie Mae Lee of Cullman passed away on October 21at the age of 90.
She was born on September 27, 1926 to Jay and Mary Pugh Hunt. Funeral services held October 23 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Albert Kimbril and Bro. Tim Heron officiating. Interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery.

Funeral service for Mrs. Marie Dora Pope, age 91 of Cullman, was held October 23 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Dudley Brock officiating; interment in Flint Creek Cemetery.
Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Pope passed away on Friday, October 21at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born August 11, 1925 in Cullman, Alabama.

Richard "Rick" Baker, 71, passed away October 23.
Arrangements are pending. Nichols Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Barbara Sue Olinger Trussell, age 59 of Holly Pond, was held October 23 at Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne Wisner and David Chambers officiating.
Interment following at Union Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Trussell passed away on October 20, 2016 at her residence surrounded by her family. She was born in 1957 to Loyd and Barbara Pitts Olinger.

Helon O. Curtis Keeton, 83, passed away October 24.
Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Nichols Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Graveside service for Freda Joyce Sims Davis, 85, of Madison was held October 24 at Central Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating.
Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Davis passed away October 21. She was born April 11, 1931 to Henry Bascom & Trecie Opal Rodgers Sims.

Funeral service for Jerry Nelson, 62 of Cullman, was held October 24 at Hanceville Funeral Home; James Brindley officiating, with interment in Center Hill Cemetery.
Mr. Nelson passed away October 20 at UAB Hospital. He was born on October 13, 1954 in Cullman to Aubrey & Mary Jo Akin Nelson and is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service for Nellie Schmidt Brown, 76 of Hanceville, was held October 25 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Walker Memory Gardens.
Mrs. Brown passed away on October 22.

Chris Lee Tuggle, 57 of Helicon, passed away October 23 at his residence.
Chris was born on October 25, 1958 in Wayne, Michigan. He was a member of the Helicon Fire Department. A graveside service was held at Netherton Cemetery in Jones Chapel Community on October 23.

Funeral service for Donald Ray Stewart, 56, of Falkville was held October 26, 2016 at Longview Church of God, Pastor Charles Ervin officiating with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery.
Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Stewart passed away October 23 at his residence. He was born September 18, 1960 to Raymond Edward and Audrey Nadean Wrenn Stewart.

Funeral services for R. T. Raburn, age 83 of Cullman, was held Wednesday, October at Center Grove Baptist Church with Doug Raburn and Dwight Raburn officiating.
Interment in adjoining cemetery with Masonic graveside rites. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Raburn passed away October 24 at Folsom Center. He was born November 21, 1932 in Cullman. He was a farmer.

Graveside service for Lena Estelle Stephens Guard, 69 of Cullman, was held October 26 at Bethsadia Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Tommy Graves officiating.
Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Guard passed away Monday, October 24. She was born May 2, 1947 to William Buehl & Martha Evon Boone Stephens.

Funeral service for Linda Jester Kier, 67, of Cullman was held October 28 at Bethlehem West Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery; Revs. Jerry lake, Tim Aris, Shane Wheeler officiating.
Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Kier passed away October 23 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born September 3, 1949 to Athel Benny and Erma Krin Rodgers Jester.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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The haunting of 201 Main Ave. continues

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – There are some places on this earth that seem to be more conducive to "paranormal" activity than others. For instance, the famous Winchester House, located in San Jose, California, once the home of Sarah Winchester, the widow of the gun manufacturer, William Wirt Winchester. The house, built helter skelter with no master plan, was constructed in 1884, and is said to be haunted. Sarah Winchester was one of the people who made such claims. She thought the ghosts to be people who were killed by her husband's invention, the Winchester rifle. The legend goes that the house was under constant construction without interruption, day and night, until her death on Sept. 5, 1922. At that time, construction immediately came to an abrupt halt.

According to Wikipedia, following her husband's death from tuberculosis in 1881, Sarah Winchester inherited more than $20.5 million.

"She also received nearly 50 percent ownership of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, giving her an income of roughly $1,000 per day, equivalent to about $23,000 a day in 2013. These inheritances gave her a tremendous amount of wealth which she used to fund the ongoing construction.

"Tabloids from the time claimed that at some point after her infant daughter and husband's deaths, a Boston medium told her, while supposedly channeling her late husband, that she should leave her home in New Haven and travel west, where she must continuously build a home for herself and the spirits of people who had fallen victim to Winchester rifles. Sarah Winchester left New Haven and headed for California.

"Though it is possible she was simply seeking a change of location and a hobby during her lengthy depression, other sources claim that Sarah Winchester came to believe her family and fortune were haunted by ghosts, and that only by moving west and continuously building them a house could she appease these spirits."

Although not nearly as famous, or infamous, as the Winchester mansion, Cullman, too, has its ghosts, and some of them have been caught on camera – more than once.

This story has been told previously, but what you might not know is what has happened since the original telling three years ago...

When local realtor, Helen Sturgeon, returned to 201 Main Ave. NW after lunch one day, there was a box of photos on the counter, left there by a stranger who failed to leave a name or contact information. Sturgeon told the story three years ago, but this is what happened afterward.

A family by the name of York contacted Sturgeon to make sure that the house in the paper was the same house that at one time belonged to them. David York made the call, telling Sturgeon that he could identify some of the people in the pictures in the box the stranger left because they were his ancestors.

In an email from David York, the following information was given to Sturgeon.

"My great-grandfather, Charles L. (C.L.) York, was Cullman's first Standard Oil distributor, and built the house at 201 Main sometime in the 1880s. He was a Cullman city councilman, and his brother A.J. York was sheriff. He was married to Mollie Brunner York."

David York's information further revealed that C.L. and Mollie York had six children.

"Charles Otis York was my grandfather, Horatio York, Clara York and Albert Glendor York."

According to York family history, Albert Glendor York died as a child.

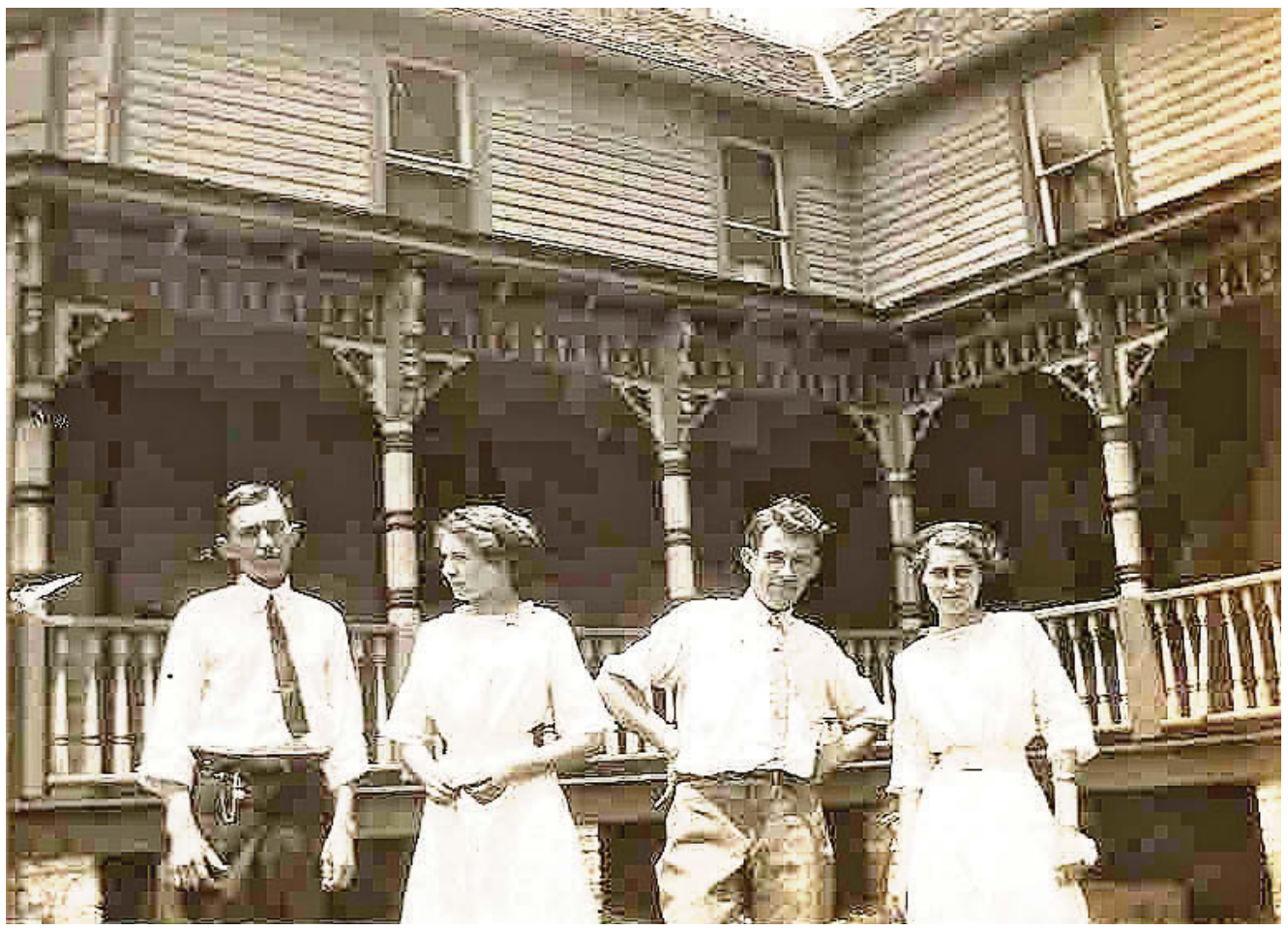
"I contend that he is the child seen in (recent) pictures," David York wrote in an email.

There was also a set of twins, Earl and Pearl, who only lived two or three days after their births.

"All except Horatio and Clara are buried in the Cullman City Cemetery," wrote David York.

"My father, Charles O. York, Jr. was born in the upstairs front bedroom of 201 Main, and is seen today in the picture with me and my mother (Dorothy York) taken on the 201 Main front porch in 2014."

After receiving the box of photos and, more importantly, after speaking with the Yorks, Sturgeon decided to contact some clients near Hartselle to whom she had recently sold a house. The brothers had related to her that they studied such houses and that they had equipment which might prove useful in determining, one way or another, if her house/office was really haunted, as she had come to believe because of strange things that occurred on a regular basis within its walls.



HELEN STURGEON

"This picture is of my grandfather, Charles Otis York, his brother Horatio York, sister Clara York and Horatio's future wife Eva Otte. The picture was taken in front of the house. Notice the image of the little boy in the far right upstairs window. This would have been Albert Glendor York, brother to Otis and Horatio, who had passed away approximately 10 - 12 years before this photo was taken." - David York (picture left for David by a stranger)

Unexplainable things like very definite footsteps, a glimpse of a floating female figure on a staircase and unexplained electrical glitches, like lights and printers going off and back on again, when no one was even near them.

She invited a friend, Phillip Roberts, a railroad employee who lives near the Cullman/Morgan County line, to be present when the paranormal investigators came to visit.

The four climbed down the basement stairs to a spot that has been previously walled up for some reason, perhaps during the final days of the Civil War.

On the fourth from the bottom stair, one of the investigators placed a normal mag flashlight, turned to the off position. With equipment running, they began to ask questions, addressing them to the "other side."

"It took about 15 minutes before anything happened, but he kept asking the same questions over and over," said Roberts. "Suddenly, after he asked if anyone was there for the dozenth time, the flashlight blinked on as he had previously instructed. All present were amazed, as no one had gone anywhere near the stairs where the now burning flashlight was placed."

Again, patiently, the man began asking questions. They ascertained by the flashlight's going on and off on command the presence was female, that she was about 13 at the time of her death, that she had been forced into prostitution in the house and that she was probably murdered.

On a more ominous note, they learned from the presence that she was not alone in the house, and that there was another, malevolent spirit walking the halls of Sturgeon's home/office.

"The light kept turning on and off when the investigator would indicate the correct answer," said Sturgeon.

"It took place over a period of about 45 minutes," said Roberts. "I was not ever scared but was mostly curious and amazed."

Later, Roberts conducted some experiments of his own with the same flashlight, taking it with him in his truck and asking questions aloud.

"It never, ever blinked or anything like it did in the basement, so that ruled out a short in the wiring," he said firmly.

About a year later, Sturgeon, Roberts and one of Sturgeon's employees tried again to reach the spirit that Sturgeon had started to refer to as Lizzy.

The results surprised them. Lizzy never responded to Helen's voice, but a newly purchased mag flashlight turned on and off again in response to Roberts' voice and questions. It was Lizzy again, and she told them much the same thing as she had the first time.

"I never felt threatened, but it was like 'Whoa! We just did something!'" recalled Roberts.

In the summer of 2014, David York and his parents contacted Helen in response to her plea for more information.

Not only were they able to shed some light on the history of the house, since David York's father was born upstairs, but they also helped to identify some of the people pictured in the box left by the stranger. They were distant ancestors of the Yorks.

One of the strange phenomenons surrounding the mysterious house are the "people in the windows." Skeptics might want to try explaining them away as reflections of something across the street, but those who have a feeling for things that go bump in the night see clear reflections of people, their period dress and in some cases, a dog.

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Holly Pond VEX Robotics team hosting first competition of its kind in Cullman

Holly Pond VEX Star Struck State Qualifier to take place on Saturday, Oct. 29

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ANDREW CRYER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Pictured L-R: Howard Cole, Zachary Ayers, Shawn Johnson, Rylan Griffen (front), Dexton Jones and Mikal Kitchens. Not pictured: Brett Henderson and Kelsey Griffen

HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond VEX Robotics team is comprised of several talented students and parent volunteers. With a rich history of success and talent, the team is ready to work together to construct robots for specific tasks for various VEX competitions that are scheduled to take place throughout the year. On Saturday, Oct. 29, one such competition will take place in the team's own backyard: The Holly Pond VEX Star Struck State Qualifier.

Holly Pond VEX Robotics has two teams this school year, meaning that the school group as a whole will have to build two robots for competitions.

Team One includes Mikal Kitchens, Zachary Ayers and Brett Henderson; Team Two is Dexton Jones, Rylan Griffen and Kelsey Griffen.

Both teams have the same task and aid each other when needed.

Howard Cole and Shawn Johnson are the parents who are volunteering their time to mentor the group this year.

Cole has been involved for 10 years, after his son went through the program, of the 11-year history of the robotics teams at Holly Pond.

Last year, the team accomplished what may seem unthinkable coming from a small town in Cullman County- they were selected and competed in the VEX Worlds competition in Louisville, Kentucky, along with teams from every state and countries from all over the world.

The world championships, VEX Worlds 2016, held April 20-24, saw competitors from all 50 states and 37 countries with over 16,000 people in attendance.

The Holly Pond team ranked 10th in programming skills and 29th in robot skills on the first day of the competition.

After day three, the team was ranked 48th in their division and 32nd in programming skills.

The boys finished the world championships ranked 53rd in their division, and although they were not selected for the semi-finals, their strong finish is an accomplishment the community is immensely proud of, considering 1,075 teams competed. (The tournament was named by Guinness World Records as the largest robotics competition in the world! See http://qrne.ws/vex.)

Both of this school year's teams have at least one student who went to the Worlds competition last year for the group as a whole to gain knowledge and to grow their engineering and programing skills.

One such student is Dexton Jones. Jones is the lead driver for his team as well as the captain this year and described the Worlds as a "great experience."

He says he is looking into computer engineering and believes that being on the robotics team is a "good lead into that field."

The Holly Pond VEX Star Struck State Qualifier will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Holly Pond High School.

Admission is free, and there will be concessions available.

In years past, Holly Pond had both a VEX Robotics team and a BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Robotics team.

The difference between the two, according to Kitchens, is that VEX uses "pre-built metal parts while BEST uses things that can be bought at a hardware store."

"The controls are the same," said Ayers.

The group shifted this year to VEX only because VEX is year-round.

For more information about VEX robotics, check out the VEX website at http://www.vexrobotics.com/.

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October 27, 2016

Fright (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The majestic landscape of Stone Bridge Farms was transformed into the dark side as the venue played host to the annual Cullman Parks and Recreation (CP&R) Therapeutic Recreation Family Halloween Party Tuesday evening.

With plenty of minions, police officers and even a group of M&Ms, all were taking part in the ghoulish evening, one which has become a staple of the Therapeutic Recreational Program.

Kelly Pulliam, Therapeutic Recreation Program coordinator, says the program came to fruition as the staff at CP&R became involved in small activities for those with disabilities.

The Halloween party came about just a year or so later. It's been a big hit ever since.

"It began about five years ago as there is a large special needs population that needs activities to do," she said.

"Really to fill the gap between individuals that are out of the school system and have no other ways to socialize with other special needs individuals and families."

Pulliam says the program's growth has come largely from word of mouth, "amongst other special needs families and by partnering with Margaret Jean Jones Center and the Cullman Autism and Special Needs Support Group."

She said, "It is good for us to be able to offer something for this group that is normally overlooked in a lot of the community events. This is for all of them."

If you've never attended a CP&R Therapeutic Recreation event, then you are most likely not familiar with the one activity that all those taking part will participate in.

It also happens to be Pulliam's favorite part of the night.

"I enjoy seeing all of the families come together and all of the awesome dancing that occurs," she said with a laugh.

For those with loved ones with disabilities who are not taking part in the program, Pulliam says becoming part of the group setting will open up more opportunities to form bonds with fellow group members.

"It is good to be in an environment where they can be completely free to be themselves.

"Most importantly the parents find support in each other regarding the challenges that most special needs families face daily," she said.

If you or someone you know would like more information, contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or by email at kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.

Safety (from Front)

of those who will be trick-or-treating wearing costumes that ensure visibility.

"Wear a bright-colored costume or carry a light," Culpepper said. "Since most people are out when it is dark, it is important that you are visible to cars and motorists."

Gentry echoed that, saying, "Parents should put a lighting device on their kids."

Another concern this year among the two men is that there will be some who dress like clowns to imitate the recent "scary clown sightings" around the country.

"We discourage anyone from dressing like a clown," Culpepper said. "If we receive reports of anyone disturbing kids and wearing clown costumes, we will investigate and be able to question those who are doing it."

"Hopefully there won't be anyone who does it, but there will always be a couple people who do it just for the hype and attention, you know?" said Gentry.

In recent years the annual holiday has not been as difficult for law enforcement as it was in previous generations, thanks to churches and schools hosting well-supervised events such as the popular trunk-or-treats.

"Because you have most of the younger kids congregated in a certain area, with lots of adult supervision, there aren't nearly as many young kids in the streets going from door to door," Culpepper said.

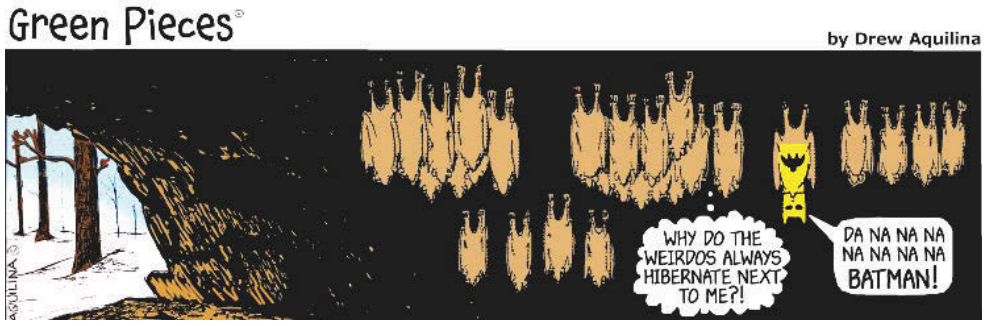
Another positive aspect of this year's Halloween from the police department's perspective is that it is not on the weekend.

"When Halloween falls on a weekend you have adult parties involving alcohol and that results in DUIs and things of that nature," Culpepper said.

Since Oct. 31 falls on a Monday this year, the police expect there won't be a huge problem with drinking, as opposed to those years when the holiday has been on a Friday or Saturday.

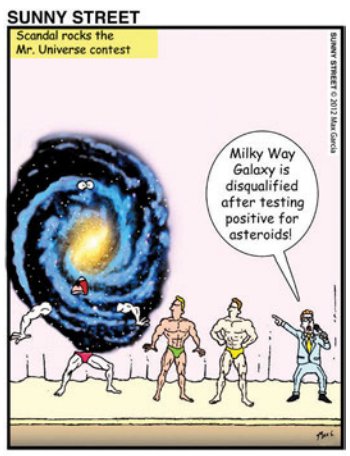
"We always put out extra patrols and keep our eyes out," said Culpepper. "We just want everyone to have a great time and to be safe."

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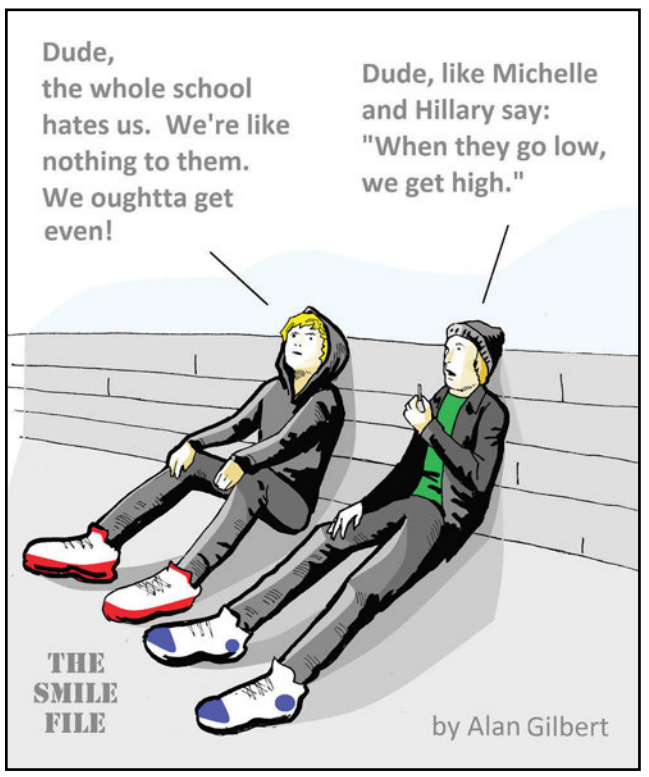
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OPINION



ELECTION PRAYER

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Save America before we sink like the Titanic.

Pray don't panic.
God, Humble our hearts and heal our land.
We need Trump as the man.
Take away our selfish pride
Let Hillary step aside.

I pray we put God back in school either way he rules.
We need the truth to stay free
No more liberal media, let the people be.

Elizabeth Poston (22)
Cullman, Alabama

Poet's Corner

THE DANCING MAN

In a small north Alabama town
you might see a man
coming down the street,
late seventies, just dancing away.
He is called the "Dancing Man."
Some may think he's mad or
be embarrassed for him,
never imagining such.
But Foster's a happy man
with his inhibitions suspended.
He's celebrating a freedom
many have never had.
An inner joy finding its way
into his carriage,
leaving his sorrows behind,
living some before he dies.

By: Randy C. Hale • A tribute to Fosters Ayers, Junior Guntersville, Alabama Dancing Man • "And David danced before the LORD with all his might." • II Samuel 6:14

FOXGLOVES & FIREFLIES

Winter care and feeding of houseplants

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

This time of year is transitional for people and plants. When it's time for us to get out warm sweaters and scarves, it's also time to bring plants indoors for the winter.

Even when temps are not freezing, the wind this time of year can damage plants, so take care to watch the weather forecasts for any extreme weather changes.

I like to do this before the critical dip in temperatures we normally experience around Halloween. This gives me a chance to do a little housekeeping for my plants, such as removing leaves where little critters like to hide, pruning dead stalks or branches and cleaning up the pots the tender plants are inhabiting. This also gives me the opportunity to check the leaves for signs of insects, fungus and diseases.

Some likely culprits are mealy bugs (look like tiny white cottons balls), aphids (hard to spot little devils, but you can tell you have them by spotting blackened leaves on your plants, which are caused by excrement from the almost invisible-to-the-eye insects) and soft and hard scale.

Scale insects attach themselves to the undersides of leaves and along stems, branches and vines. They are especially fond of ferns.

Ants are also prone to making their homes in the bottoms of plant containers. Yellow jackets sometimes summer in urns or under containers, so be careful not to let these biting insects and wasps invade your home by giving them a free ride inside.

You can treat your plants with dormant oil spray, which will usually rid any plants of insects, viruses and cold-related diseases or ailments that sometimes plague houseplants.

It is much easier to spray them while still outside, however, because this is a toxin; take care to clean equipment and hands and any other uncovered skin that might have gotten contaminated. Always read the label carefully on any chemicals you use.

Other plant problems are usually caused by over-watering, hot/dry forced air, poor air circulation and low light.

All of these maladies can be nipped in the bud, so to speak, and pardon the pun. Water when top inch or two of plants are dry to the touch; this rule has exceptions, depending on what type of plant you are caring for. Things like ferns with very thin, papery leaves are wateraholics and need much more moisture than something like a jade plant, with its thick, water-engorged leaves. The general rule is that the thinner the leaf, the faster it dries out.

Hot, dry air can be combated in several ways. Some smaller plants can be set on a dish of rocks to which water is added periodically, creating humidity around the plant.

Using an oscillating fan is a great way to keep the air circulating around plants, and a humidifier is also a good way to keep plants comfortable.

Take care to avoid placing plants near a vent. Blowing. heated air dries a plant out quickly, which invites insects and diseases to attack.

The less stressed a plant is, the healthier and happier it will be, and the less susceptible to insects and diseases.

Natural sunlight is a situation that is hard to recreate inside – but not impossible. You can supplement the light indoors by using grow lights, found at big box stores and some specialty plant shops.

If that is cost-prohibitive or not possible to achieve, you can always move your plants near a south or west facing window. Be sure not to put them too near the glass in the depths of winter to avoid moisture from condensation turning into frost on the windowpane, or burning sun coming on through the glass on the warmest days, which might burn tender vegetation.

Plants will naturally turn toward the brightest light coming through windows, so to avoid a lopsided plant, turn a quarter-turn to the right each time you water the plant while indoors.

Other causes of plant failure include planting in containers without proper drainage, letting plants stand in water, placing plants in a drafty place and animals chewing leaves. Most can be taken care of with proper attention to detail. Overwatering is the chief cause of dead or sickly plants. Roots have to breathe - if they are constantly wet, they drown.

Fertilize every month with an all-purpose liquid fertilizer, like Miracle Gro. Pinch back leggy plants to promote new growth.

Plants are great indoor air purifiers, taking in carbon monoxide and turning it into oxygen. They also add aesthetically to almost any décor, from high-end modern to rustic country.

If you have questions about your plants, try contacting your local extension office; they are there to serve you.

OPINION

The Tragedy in Yemen

Derek Royden
PeaceVoice

Imagine if the Islamic Republic of Iran, complaining that its regional rival Saudi Arabia was meddling in a neighbor's politics for sectarian reasons, led a coalition to invade that country. As a result, after 18 months, at least 10,000 civilians had been killed or wounded, more than half the country's people needed food aid and three million people had been displaced.

Sanctions would be leveled. Pundits would write agonized essays comparing the country to Nazi Germany. Sabers would be rattled.

War would likely follow. However, when these roles are reversed and the Saudis and their Gulf allies are the aggressors, it's a different story.

Why the double standard? Because the US is allied to the Saudi royals and the US was evicted from Iran. When a friend commits a war crime, excuses are made.

The numbers above are estimates made by the UN for the ongoing conflict in Yemen, led by Saudi Arabia with significant help from the United States and Great Britain.

The stated purpose of the intervention in the country is to fight Houthi forces from the north who are allied with former President Saleh.

The Houthis, most of whom are followers of the Zaidi branch of Shia Islam, took the country's capital Sanaa on September 21st, 2014, forcing then-President Mansur Al-Hadi to flee, first to Aden and then on to Saudi Arabia.

The argument made by the Saudis and their coalition partners, that the Houthis are Iranian proxies, is dubious at best but it's being spread in western media as flat-out fact, allowing governments to turn a blind eye to the tragedy unfolding in the country.

Besides intelligence and targeting assistance provided to the Saudis in Yemen, since 2010 the US has sold $60 billion in arms to the country, an absolute monarchy with one of the worst human rights records in the world.

Human rights groups have concluded that these weapons, including cluster munitions banned in most countries, have been used indiscriminately against civilian targets including markets, schools and hospitals.

Finally, after a year and a half of this, some in the US Congress found the political will to take a stand on this carnage. A bipartisan resolution in the US Senate co-sponsored by Chris Murphy (D-Connecticut) and Rand Paul (R-Kentucky) was crafted to block a new deal supplying the Kingdom with a further $1.15 billion in arms. Although having the vote at all showed some progress on this issue, it was defeated by a vote of 71-27 on September 21st.

The American people have a moral responsibility to contact their representatives and demand they vote to end their government's support of the illegal intervention in the poorest country in the Middle East. Those who don't care about the country's suffering need to remember it's also an issue of national security as both Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and Yemen's newly established ISIS affiliate are growing in the chaos, something that should worry the whole world.

Derek Royden is a writer based in Montreal, Canada.

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Townson (from Front)

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, Public Service Commissioner Place 1 Jeremy Oden, members of the Cullman County Economic Development office and Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman, just to name a few.

Townson's administrative assistant, Leanne West, presented the mayor a book of memories from the eight years they worked together in office.

"I wouldn't had been the mayor of Cullman without the help of Leanne," Townson said.

Townson told the audience that once he decided to run for mayor in 2008, he would not slander the opposition.

"This is not Washington, D.C.; we are Cullman, Alabama."

Townson took a moment to recognize his wife, Kay Townson, and to reflect on their 47 years together. "She is instrumental in representing the people of Cullman, Alabama. She is the queen bee," he said.

According to the mayor, one of the most important things to him when he took office was developing a great relationship between the city and the county.

"What's good for the city is good for the county. What's good for the county is good for the city," Townson said.

He also praised the city council, citing the relationship between them and the mayor's office as being instrumental in moving the city forward under his leadership.

Townson recognized council members Andy Page, Jenny Folsom, Clint Hollingsworth, Johnny Cook and Garlan Gudger, Jr. for their hard work. "I couldn't have asked for a better council," he said.

Gentry presented Townson with a plaque of appreciation recognizing the great relationship shared by the City of Cullman and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"All of us working together, making this place our home," Townson said. "I support our law enforcement. The police and sheriff's department have made this a great place to live."

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Ken Brown of Cullman's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2214 presented Townson with a photo of a B-51 Mustang.

The mayor will get to ride in the Mustang when it comes to Cullman for the Veterans Day celebration the weekend of Nov. 4.

Townson recognized Brown for the job he has done getting the veterans in the area the recognition they deserve.

Cullman's Veterans Day event has grown tremendously in recent years with the help of Brown while Townson has been the mayor.

In closing, Townson said he was not going away. He will still be around. Townson's last day as mayor of Cullman will be Nov. 7.

Woody Jacobs will be sworn in as new mayor that day.



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