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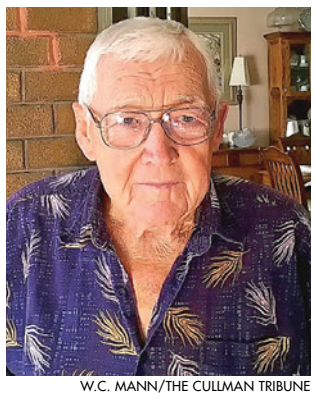
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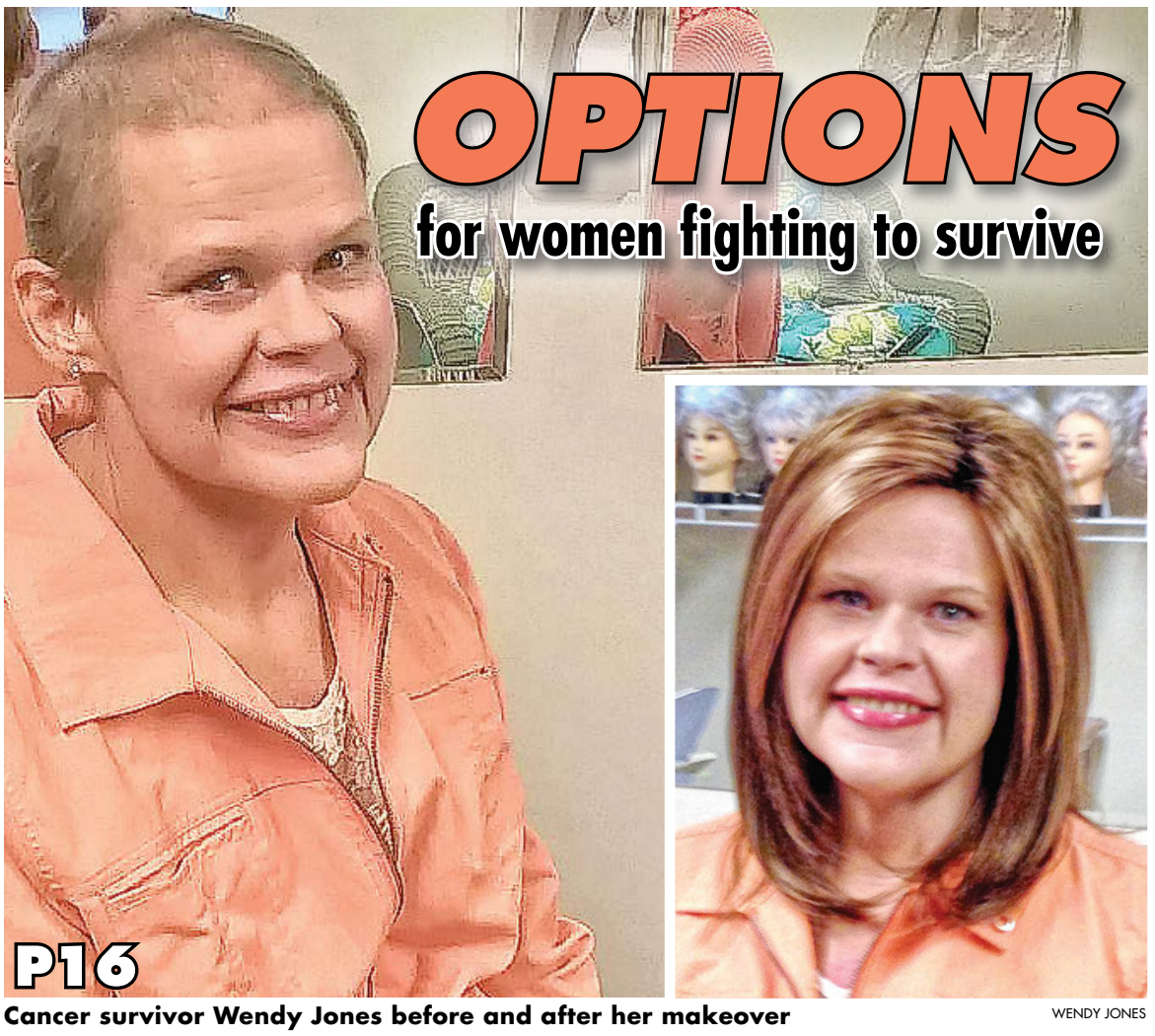
**CULLMAN** – Cullman's Veterans Day celebration is shaping up to be something spectacular this year, and it's all going down this Saturday, Nov. 5 at Sportsman Lake Park and Cullman Regional Airport. Alabama Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey will join Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson and Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker for the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake. Events at the Cullman Regional Airport will begin at 11 a.m.

Excitement has been building over the past couple of months, as organizers hosted a series of press conferences, teasing special guests, exhibits and various activities.

"It's going to be a total immersion World War II experience," said retired Air Force Col. Ken Brown.

The events at the airport will focus on viewing and riding in period planes and vehicles and entertainment by the Wallace State Jazz Band and other groups that will perform World War II era music, along with skydivers and other thrills. The events at Sportsman Lake Park will be more formal, including, but not limited to, the Alabama Vietnam Memorial Wall, a Civil War history camp and booths manned by various veterans' groups.

There will be several flights on decommissioned war aircraft for those who have previously purchased P8




**Cancer survivor Wendy Jones before and after her makeover**

WENDY JONES

# West Point playground: rebuilding for the next generation

**W. C. Mann**
Tribune Correspondent



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**The rusted equipment is over 40 years old.**

**WEST POINT** – Lori Bates was a student at West Point Elementary School. It has been a while: she goes back now with her granddaughter. But she still proclaims herself a "Warrior at heart."

While attending a party at the West Point playground earlier this year, Bates noticed a lot of familiar sights, especially some of the playground equipment.

"Those are things that were there when I was there," she recalled.

The playground, which serves both the elementary and middle schools (approximately 750 kids per weekday) and functions as a city park on weekends, is suffering the effects of time. Many pieces of equipment, including monkey bars, seesaws and swing sets, are more than 30 years old. The seesaw planks and crosstie boundary beams are dry and splintered. Metal P12

LIFESTYLE FEATURE

# Guardian of Cullman's history, Elaine Fuller

**Loretta Gillespie**
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**CULLMAN** – Cullman County Museum Curator, Elaine Fuller, might just have the corner on awards lately. In September 2015, she was inducted into the Mountain Lakes Hall of Fame for her efforts in encouraging tourists to visit north Alabama. In August 2016, she was inducted into the Alabama State Tourism Hall of Fame at the Alabama Governor's Conference on Tourism in Orange Beach. The award was bestowed on Fuller for her tireless efforts to promote tourism, for her work in making Oktoberfest one of the largest attractions in this area and for her dedication to making the Cullman County Museum a destination for 10,000-12,000 P14




At the Col. Cullmann home dedication Sunday, the time capsule containing memorabilia from 1873-1973 was sealed in a rock construction by Frank Schwaiger. With him is Mrs. Wayne Fuller, who was in charge of collecting material for the time capsule which will be opened in 2073. (Tribune photo by Charlotte Miller)

CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

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# Hanceville Farmer's Market has steady first year

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**HANCEVILLE** – According to Tim Burney, the man in charge of organizing the Hanceville Farmer's Market each week and the manager of the market's Facebook page, he was not expecting much for 2016, the market's first year.

"The bar was not that high for us," Burney said. "We wanted to provide a place for locals to have the market."

The market played a part in the revitalization of the Hanceville downtown area. Even though there were no more than 10 vendors on any given day, the activity around the market provided a bit of added foot traffic in the downtown area.

Burney and the other organizers are optimistic about what is in store for Hanceville's Farmer's Market.

"We are very excited about the future of the market here," Burney said.

"It brought regular customers and it also brought people back downtown, which is a very good thing."

According to Burney, there were three to six vendors per day at the market, which is open year-round, unlike the Cullman Farmer's Market.

"Depending on the crops that were harvested during that time, we might have as many as seven vendors," Burney said.

"We had local vendors bringing freshly baked goods. We hope to have even more vendors during the second season."

Burney said that, while he would love to see the market grow, there is limited space and making money is not the objective.

"This market is here more as a service to the community than a money-making operation," he said.

Burney says he is always happy to talk to new vendors who are would like to sell their goods at the market. Interested parties can contact Burney at 256-775-7207.

# Sheriff's office saddles up for 2016 rodeo

**W.C. Mann**
Tribune Correspondent

**CULLMAN** – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is getting ready for its annual rodeo, which will take place Dec. 8-10 at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. The event has filled the arena to standing room only capacity for the last two years, and Sheriff Matt Gentry sees this year being no different.

A trip to the rodeo will be a "fun-filled family night," he declared.

"We want it to be a good atmosphere to bring your children to."

The rodeo will feature bareback riding, bull riding and barrel racing, among other events.

It will be the real deal, with stock supplied by the 4L and Diamond S Rodeo Company, and personnel from the Professional Cowboy Association.

The pro rodeo that will take place Friday and Saturday Dec. 9-10 will certainly be exciting for fans.

But what spins the sheriff's spurs is what will happen before that: on Thursday Dec. 8, the CCSO will put on a mini rodeo for special needs children from area schools and agencies.

The same staff for Friday and Saturday will be there, but presenting activities in ways that are accessible to and geared toward these kids.

Additionally, children will be able to try out their roping skills with deputies, and there will be stick horse races and a hay ride.

Around 1,000 children attended last year's mini rodeo, and Gentry hopes to see at least that number this time around.

Begun in 1998, the event originally raised funds for school resource officers, but it has expanded to support numerous other aspects of the CCSO's work, as well.

In addition to helping fund the department's Citizens' Academy and firearms classes, the rodeo also helps the department purchase computers, ballistic vests and other equipment.

Gentry is quite proud to say that rodeo proceeds allow the CCSO to make monetary contributions to all county schools with special needs students, and to fund a $5,000 Wallace State scholarship for students pursuing careers in law enforcement.

The mini rodeo will take place Thursday Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The pro rodeo will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, with gates opening at 5:30 p.m. each evening.

On Saturday evening the department will hold drawings for three raffles: a shotgun, rifle and custom saddle will be given away.

The saddle may be viewed now at the Cullman County Courthouse.

For more information, visit www.cullmansheriff.org.

# Cullman County Democrats hosting Election Night watch party

**Roger Duke**
CCD

**CULLMAN** – On Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m., the Cullman County Democrats are hosting an Election Night watch party.

The party will be held at the Cullman County Democratic headquarters in Cullman, 415 Second Ave. SW. The event is free and open to the public.

"This is a community event to highlight the Democratic leadership and grassroots efforts in Alabama and to showcase those in the north central Alabama region," said Roger Duke, with the Cullman County Democrats.

"This night will also be to celebrate the ending of a very exciting election cycle and to hopefully celebrate the election of another Democratic president, Hillary Clinton."

Continued Duke, "This day is a very important day. We will be open all day at the office with music and conversation leading up to our evening festivities. We will have food and watch the election results on a projector and other TVs as well. We will be here til the last person heads out as we celebrate the ending of this election cycle and hopefully the election of Hillary as president of the United States of America. We also encourage everyone attending to bring an unopened, unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots."

For more information, call 256-841-6100 or visit https://www.facebook.com/Cullman-County-Democrats-131899477739/.

# Feeding the hungry in east Cullman County

**W. C. Mann, Heather Mann**
Tribune Correspondents

**HOLLY POND** – Chris Warnick is a man who knows what he's talking about when it comes to hunger. Growing up in a family that experienced its own need, Warnick became determined early on to do something about the problem of hunger. Of the task of combating hunger he said, "When I was 12 years old, I made a promise to God that if I was ever financially stable, this is what I would do." He kept that promise, opening a food bank in Falkville in 2010; and now, through a partnership with Lonesome Dove Cowboy Church, that promise has brought him to Holly Pond.

On Thursday morning, Warnick cut the ribbon to open Carpenter's Cabinet food bank in Holly Pond, in a ceremony attended by Mayor Herman Nail, other local officials, representatives of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and North Alabama Food Bank (NAFB) and the Holly Pond High School Band.

From the location behind Jack's, staffers hope to serve 300 families in the next year with a combination of food from the North Alabama Food Bank (NAFB) and private donations.

Is there a need? According to Laurel Moffatt, who addressed the audience on behalf of the NAFB, there most definitely is.

She noted that approximately 4,800 children in Cullman County alone live in danger of going hungry.

"When kids are hungry," she said, "it's harder for them to learn and grow."

Laura Symonds is the director for the Holly Pond office of Carpenter's Cabinet, and she envisions the site becoming a multi-service community resource center.

She says she would like to see reading classes (to promote literacy, the center will be distributing books to children), arts and crafts classes and Bible studies taking place there; but she is very clear about priorities.

"Our first goal is to feed families in need."

And that goal drives her to make this program successful.

She said, "There's no reason there should be a hungry person within 20 miles."

The center will receive 300 pounds of food per month from the NAFB, but is also seeking private donations.

Each family served will receive a 35-pound box of groceries that can feed a typical family of four for seven days.

Symonds says that for those wishing to contribute, certain items will be in constant need: peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice and beans.

The center could also use tables and chairs to replace currently borrowed equipment, and needs a refrigerator.

Carpenter's Cabinet intends to hit the ground running.

Its first food distribution is scheduled to take place Thursday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m.

The Holly Pond center is not yet online, but the Carpenter's Cabinet main office in Falkville can be reached via its Facebook page www.facebook.com/TheCarpentersCabinet/.

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ELECTION 2016

# Cullman County participating in e-poll book pilot program

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**CULLMAN** – Voters in three Cullman County precincts will see a change in Tuesday's upcoming election. Cullman County is participating in Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill's electronic poll (e-poll) book pilot program. In the program, e-poll books are used in lieu of printed lists of qualified voters and the poll list. Cullman County Judge of Probate Tammy Brown and the Cullman County Commission signed an agreement to participate in the pilot program.

The three precincts that will be using the e-poll books are: Center Hill Community Center, Cullman County Health Department and Bolte-White Grove Church.

"The e-poll books are very similar to a tablet and replace the paper sign-in system that the election workers now use to check off qualified voters and for the poll list," said Brown in a media release. "Voters will cast their votes on the same voting machine, the DS200. The election process in its entirety has not changed; we are just implementing the use of the e-poll book."

One feature of the e-poll book is that election workers will have the ability to search for a voter's name to verify the precinct in which that voter is registered. Upon a voter entering a voting location, the election worker enters the voter's name into the system. If the worker finds the voter is not registered in that particular precinct, then the worker can provide the voter his or her correct precinct location without having to contact the Cullman County Board of Registrars or the Probate Office. Election workers do not have this capability with the paper voters' list.

"The process for checking in a voter should be expedited now because election workers will no longer have to hunt through paper voters' lists to find a voter's name."

Voters should be aware that e-poll books will only scan two types of identification- a valid driver's license or a state-issued identification card. Otherwise, an election worker must manually enter the required information to locate the voter in the system.

"Probate office election employees have completed training for the use of the e-poll books. Training classes will also be held in the probate office for the inspectors of the precincts that will use the e-poll books in the general election. Each inspector may also bring an additional election worker with them for the training," said Brown. "Cullman County has fair and honest elections and that is due to our election workers. We rely on their input for the election process. I, as the chief election official for Cullman County, want each election worker to know how much their service is appreciated."

The use of e-poll books has been certified by Merrill. Additionally, Merrill's office develops and provides each participating county instructions, directives and advisories regarding the examination, testing and use of the e-poll books.

"The probate office election division attended meetings regarding the e-poll book project and decided that early participation in the program would be most beneficial for the Cullman County election process," stated Brown.

"The Cullman County Probate Office wants to take advantage of the latest technology available in the administration of the electoral process to expedite the election process. Technology is gearing toward e-poll books for future elections.

"The secretary of state allowed participating counties to start with the number of books they felt comfortable with in the beginning phase. The consensus is that there is going to be a large voter turn-out for the Nov. 8, 2016 general election. I would never agree to anything that would interfere with the election process without obtaining all the necessary information before final decisions are made to move forward," continued Brown. "The election workers already work a 12-hour-plus day, so adding additional duties and responsibilities is never easy. We contacted inspectors and provided as much information to them as possible to get their input before moving forward. The inspectors at each of the precincts chosen agreed to participate in the pilot program. It was our intention to start small and possibly add e-poll books to more precincts in the future."

If you have any questions regarding the e-poll book pilot program, please contact the Cullman County Probate Office Election Department. Reach Benson Clark or Joan Weaver at 256-775-4811 or Chief Clerk Kathy Swann at 256-775-4665.

To see a sample ballot for Tuesday's election, visit: http://www.cullmancourts.org/assets/probatecourt/PDFs/sampleBallot.PDF.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Area preview- playoffs round 1

Johnny Thornton
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**Shoals Christian Flame (3-7) @ Addison Bulldogs (10-0)**
Class 1A
A.G. Hicks Stadium - Addison
Friday 7 p.m.
**SERIES:** Addison leads 6-1
**LAST WEEK:** Addison defeated Winston County 57-28.

Bulldogs have enjoyed best regular season under David Smothers with a 10-0 record. The 10-0 regular season is the first for the Bulldogs since 2001.

Addison, first in Region 7, meets Shoals Christian, who was 3-3 in Region 8 and enters the game with three consecutive losses. The Bulldogs and Flame play each other for the first time since 2011.

Bulldogs are out to snap a three-game losing streak in the playoffs. Last victory was in first round of the 2013 postseason in Class 1A.

The winner of Addison-Shoals Christian plays the winner of South Lamar-Spring Garden in the second round.

**Cold Springs Eagles (5-5) @ Sheffield Bulldogs (8-2)**
Class 2A
Walton R. Wright Stadium - Sheffield
Friday 7 p.m.
**SERIES:** First meeting
**LAST WEEK:** Cold Springs lost to Danville 39-28

Momentum has gone the other way for the Eagles in their last three games with regional losses to Tanner and Cleveland and a regular season loss to Danville that prevented Rod Elliott's team from a fourth straight year of at least six wins in the regular season.

Sheffield dropped to Class 2A when reclassification took place in January. Bulldogs are in the playoffs for the first time since 2013 and have their best regular season in five years when they were 9-3.

Eagles are in the playoffs for the third consecutive season under Elliott and head into Colbert County for the first time ever.

Winner of the Eagles-Bulldogs faces the winner of Collinsville-LaFayette in the second round.

**Cullman Bearcats (6-4) @ Decatur Red Raiders (9-1)**
Class 6A
Ogle Stadium - Decatur
Friday 7 p.m.
**SERIES:** Decatur leads 32-15-2
**LAST WEEK:** Cullman lost to Chelsea 45-38.

Bearcats battle the No. 2 team from Region 8 that has eight straight wins entering the playoffs. Only loss was to city rival Austin 37-35 Sept. 2 that took three overtimes to decide winner.

Cullman has played good football, winning five of last six to overcome 1-3 start. Bearcats were 4-2 in Region 7.

The Bearcats and Red Raiders are old foes from Region 8 the previous two years. Cullman has a 42-32 victory against Decatur under Mark Britton in the quarterfinals of the 2007 Class 5A playoffs.

Bearcats won at Decatur 13-10 last season before the teams were placed into different regions this year.

Winner of Cullman-Decatur plays winner of Clay Chalkville-Ramsay in the second round next weekend.

**Holly Pond Broncos (6-4) @ Piedmont Bulldogs (10-0)**
Class 3A
Field of Champions - Piedmont
Friday 7 p.m.
**SERIES:** First meeting
**LAST WEEK:** Holly Pond lost to Fairview 62-25

From having the state's most active losing streak for a three-year period, the Broncos turned it around in 2016, getting a 6-4 regular season, 3-3 in 3A, Region 6 to get them to the playoffs for the first time under current coach Mike Bates.

Broncos enter the postseason for the first time in five years and have the most wins in a single season since the 2007 campaign.

Now comes the huge challenge of playing the best in their class. Piedmont won the 3A championship last year and has two state titles in their trophy case since 2009.

Cedartown out of Georgia came the closest to beating the Bulldogs this season, losing to Piedmont 29-22 on Aug. 19. Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 402-164, averaging 45 points in the last month.

Winner of Holly Pond-Piedmont faces winner of Plainview-Colbert County in the second round.

**West Point Warriors (6-4) @ Wenonah Dragons (7-2)**
Class 5A
Bell/Culpepper Stadium - Birmingham
Friday 7 p.m.
**SERIES:** First meeting
**LAST WEEK:** West Point defeated Lawrence County 28-21.

West Point came on strong with a 6-1 record, redeeming a season that started with losses to Hamilton, Wilson and Hayden.

The Warriors won their last three games, but their major victory was a 23-20 come from behind triumph at Corner Sept. 16 that vaulted them to third place in Region 6 play.

Wenonah will be fresh entering the playoffs. Dragons had last week off and are on a four-game winning streak.

The Dragons were second in Region 5 to Briarwood Christian, losing to the Lions 15-14 at home on Sept. 9.

Don Farley has put West Point into the 5A playoffs in three of the four seasons he has been in charge of the program.

A solid running game with Cameron Moore and Alex Hernandez has been the key as the two have been very solid in executing the running attack, one year after the Warriors lost 2,200-yard rusher Kobe Smith to graduation.

This will be the Warriors' second playoff game in the Birmingham in three seasons. They played at Parker High School back in 2014.

Winner of the Warriors-Dragons play the winner of Arab-Brooks game in the second round.

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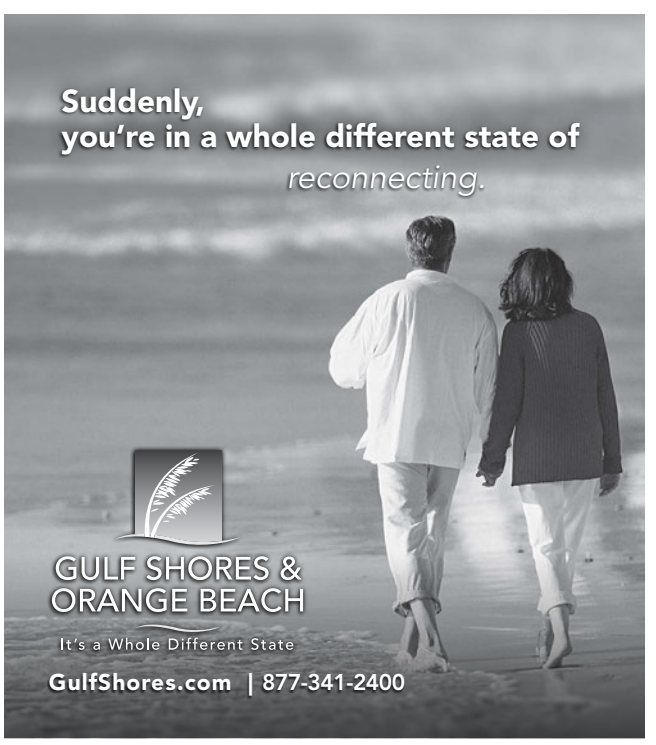
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YOUTH FOOTBALL

# Intense ending to CCYFA championships, as Cullman Cyclones, Good Hope Raiders and Cullman Bearcats take titles

Johnny Thornton
Sports Editor

**WEST POINT** – An intense rivalry had an intense ending Saturday evening to conclude the Cullman County Youth Football Association championships at West Point Stadium.

**Pee wee championship: Cullman Cyclones 16, Cullman Bearcats 8**

In the pee wee title match, the Cullman Cyclones led the Cullman Bearcats 16-6 in the fourth quarter when the Bearcats stopped the Cyclones on downs at their 25-yard line.

A 71-yard blast up the middle got the ball to the Cyclones' 4, but the Bearcats had trouble getting it into the end zone.

It came down to fourth-and-goal from the 1, with Bearcat quarterback Garrett Hall trying to take it over from right guard.

The line judge signaled touchdown, making it 16-12, pending the conversion.

But the officials got together and reversed the call, claiming Hall never broke the plain of the end zone.

From a sideline perspective, Hall's body was never in the end zone and it seemed that the ball never crossed the plane.

The Bearcats took out their frustration on the next play by tackling a Cyclone runner in the end zone for a safety.

But on their final possession, the Bearcats could not get the ball deep into Cyclone territory and fell by the final of 16-8.

The Cyclones finished the season undefeated in 10 games with Caden Burgess getting them the lead on a 7-yard run and a Tyler Owens conversion with 0:56 to play in the first quarter.

Back came the Bearcats on a very good drive.

The had a running play that was fumbled with an alert Riley Buchanan falling on the ball in the end zone for the score. The conversion failed and the Bearcats trailed 8-6 with 2:56 left in the half.

An additional score by the Cyclones came courtesy of a 15-yard run from Isaac Drake and a 2-point pass by Ryan Skinner to Drake had the Cyclones ahead 16-6 when the game reached halftime.

The Cyclones had a long drive into the fourth period with an opportunity to extend the lead, but lost possession due to a bad snap and a 10-yard holding penalty that backed them from the Bearcats' 7, all the way to the 25.

A defensive stop by the Cyclones gave them the ball near the Bearcat 40, running out the final seconds to end a game that was intense from start to finish.

**Wee wee championship: Good Hope Raiders 14, Vinemont 12 (OT)**

Vinemont snapped a scoreless tie in the second quarter on a 40-yard interception return by Aden Cone after Good Hope attempted a halfback option pass.

He fled down the left sidelines and the Eagles led 6-0.

On the next series for the Raiders, quarterback Ayden Black scored from the 2, but the conversion failed and the game was even at halftime at 6-6.

It went that way through the rest of regulation.

Kayden Henderson sent Vinemont back into the lead when he took it in from the 7 the first time the Eagles had the ball in overtime.

But the Raiders answered on a 6-yard run from Landon Bagwell and the game-winning conversion by Black to send them into celebration with a 14-12 victory.

This was the second time the Raiders and Eagles battled each other into OT.

**Fireplugs championship: Cullman Bearcats 14, Good Hope Outlaws 6**

Cullman was behind early in the game, then able to rally to defeat the Outlaws and complete a 10-0 season.

It was the first appearance for the Outlaws in the championships and their first season in the association.

The Bearcats escaped the other Good Hope team last week, knocking off the Raiders 22-20 to win the playoff and set up Saturday's championship struggle.

Prior to the championship games, the semifinal losers met to compete for third place in their respective divisions.

The Cullman Cyclones claimed No. 3 in the fireplug division against the Good Hope Raiders, the Cullman Bearcats took the wee wee third-place trophy home over the West Point Warriors and the Fairview Aggies pulled away with a late touchdown to top the Hanceville Bulldogs in the pee wee third-place contest.

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Game 1: Fireplug 3rd Place Game Cullman Cyclones vs. Good Hope Raiders



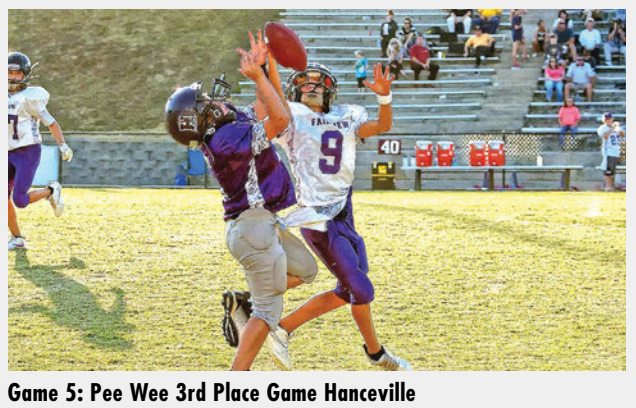
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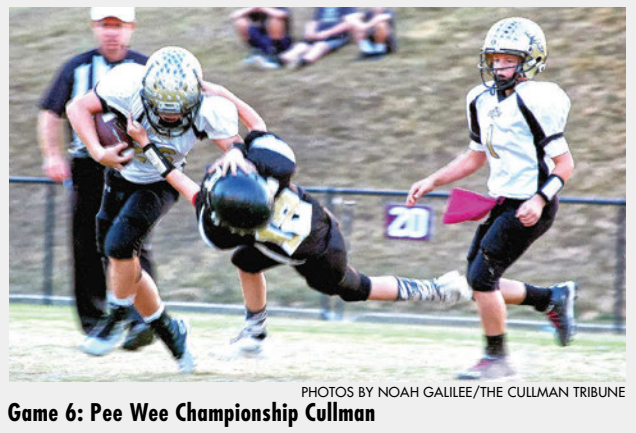
Game 3: Wee Wee 3rd Place Game West Point Warriors vs. Cullman Bearcats



Game 4: Wee Wee Championship Good Hope Raiders vs. Vinemont Eagles



Game 5: Pee Wee 3rd Place Game Hanceville Bulldogs vs. Fairview Aggies



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Game 6: Pee Wee Championship Cullman Bearcats vs. Cullman Cyclones

# News from the Pond

**Jimmie Dean Carnell**
Tribune Contributor



**HOLLY POND** – Good morning Tribune readers and families. Welcome to one of the most beautiful times of the year and also my favorite. It's fall. Have you ever seen such pretty trees and bushes as they put on their last colors before winter? Although the drought has destroyed a great deal of the foliage colors, God is still in control of the weather. We can't help but pray for a bit of rain, though.

It's that time of the year as we move from one holiday to the next. Many of the local organizations are having their fund- raising events and annual events. This is probably just a partial list of things but highlights those that I know about around here.

First on the list is the annual chicken supper held at the Welti Elementary School. It seems my entire family is involved in this chore.

Of course, family always helps their families. Good Luck to Mrs. Gina Webb, my niece and principal, as well as all of the teachers and other school personnel and parents as they prepare the food and deliver the plates wide and far for this, their largest school fund-raising event.

My sisters and brothers-in-law will be helping out in the kitchen, delivering meals, directing traffic and taking up tickets.

Please be sure to get by Welti Elementary School on Saturday evening, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. to get your delicious chicken dinner, complete with dressing, gravy, green beans and mashed potatoes. Of course, roll and dessert are included. You may drive by and pick up your meal(s) if you don't want to miss the football game.

Second on the list is the annual chicken lunch sponsored on Sunday at the high school lunchroom and sponsored by the Holly Pond Bronco Band.

The band members and parents will be selling plates from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., which consists of oven-fried chicken, cole slaw, green beans and a baked potato. Roll and dessert are also included with this dinner. They do a great job with this event each year.

The next event is a holiday, Veterans Day with activities across the different places in this county.

The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be manning booths at Sportsman Lake Park and the Cullman Airport on Saturday as a part of the VFW Veterans Day Recognition.

They are to be divided into two groups, one for each location. This is to be an all-day event. In recognition of Veterans Day, First Baptist Church of Holly Pond will be releasing red, white and blue balloons skyward on Sunday after church.

Each balloon will carry the name of a veteran that is on our prayer list attached with a promise of continued prayer for thanks for the veteran and family and their health and well-being.

I must now brag on a "Shaw Cousin". Cousin Betty Leeth Haynes was recently recognized at the Ms. Senior America Pageant held recently in Atlantic City, New Jersey. First of all, we extend Congratulations to Mrs. Elaine Brown Willingham, who represented the state of Alabama and came in as a runner-up.

Cousin Betty has been a supporter of this pageant since she was a participant back about 20 years ago. She became the fourth runner-up in 1997.

As a part of Cousin Betty's presentation she read an original poem entitled, "I Am a Senior American". This year she was recognized by having her poem selected as the original "creed" of the National pageant. It will be printed each year in the national program and to be read at the pageant each year. This was a total surprise to her when they called her to the stage.

Congratulations, Cousin Betty, we continue to be proud of you and all you of your contributions to our community and nation.

Betty has availed herself of too many activities to mention, but has been active in the city and county for several, several, years. I'm proud to be one of her "Shaw Cousins". (Betty's Mother and my Grandmother were sisters and daughters of Martha Ellen and Greenville Shaw, of Holly Pond.)

Until next week, enjoy the beginning of this month of November.

# Tribune Files from Yesteryear

**From The Files Of 1957**

**Mrs. Rigsby Dies**

Mrs. John W. Rigsby, 78, died on Saturday, following a long illness and funeral services were held on Sunday at Seventh Street Baptist Church, with Reverend J.G. Speake officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Kyle, of Huntsville and Gilbert Rigsby, of Cullman; four daughters, Mrs. J.N. Nix, of Montgomery, Mrs. Dave Blackman, Mrs. Lois Griffin and Mrs. H.D. Wilkins, all of Cullman; fifteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four brothers and one sister.

Here for the weekend, at bedside of their mother, Mrs. W.M. Neal, who remains seriously ill, were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Neal and son, of Atlanta, G.F. Neal, of Newnan, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Snider and children, of Bessemer.

**Hanceville Happenings**

The Hanceville Elementary School gave a chicken supper on Thursday evening, at the new lunchroom.

Proceeds from this supper will be used to buy new furniture for the elementary school.

Miss Margaret Ellen Hines presented the annual Christmas musical program on Tuesday night, at the Hanceville High School auditorium, with the pupils of the elementary and junior high Glee Club participating.

The Hanceville High School Band, under the directions of Wallace E. Green, Junior, presented a program on Friday morning at the White City School auditorium.

Meeting to give her a surprise birthday dinner on Monday, December 9th, were a group of Lola Mae Knight's friends.

Guests bringing a covered dish and gifts were Mesdames Talmadge Chappell, Leo Yongue, Lewis Fanning, W.W. Ballard, Polly Stricklin, of Cullman, Mrs. Lou

Vincent and Miss Opal Tolbert, of Cullman.

Mrs. Wilson W. Ballard and Mrs. Minnie Bonner spent Tuesday, in Birmingham.

Mrs. Razzie J. Rice had as her guest last week, Mrs. Bush, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Bula Croft, of Pleasant Grove, spent Sunday afternoon, visiting Miss Berma Braswell.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kelly, of Decatur, were the weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Caudell.

Hardy Sellers, of Cataula, Georgia, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashwander.

G.W. Clapp is home from Auburn, to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Vernie Clapp.

Mrs. Herman Whatley and daughter, Pam, spent Wednesday in Birmingham.

E.M. Quick remains critically ill at the University Hospital, in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Cobb and daughters, spent Wednesday, in Birmingham.

**Sunshine Club Has Annual Christmas Party**

The Sunshine Club of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church held its annual Christmas party, at the home of Mrs. W.O. Buettner, Senior, with Mrs. Herman Buettner as co-hostess.

New officers elected were: Mrs. Henry Young, president and Mrs. W.O. Buettner, Junior, treasurer.

Members present were: Mesdames W.O. Buettner, Junior, Arthur Apel, Dyson Hamner, Robert Buettner, Edward Apel, Joe Duncan, Henry White, J.W. Arnold, George Fehler, Woneda Lessere,

E.G. Plunkett, Ed Bottcher, Dorsey Plunkett, Emil Buettner, Arthur Karter, Louise Graf, Junior, James Barnes, Charles Bottcher, Henry Young, the hostesses and one guest, Mrs. Louis Wamp.

Reverend and Mrs. Fredrick Beversdorf announce the birth of a son, Frederick, Junior, on December 16th, at the Culllman Hospital.

**BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF**

# Sleeping with a Stranger

**Bill King**
Tribune Contributor



I never knew my great-grandfather, Isaac Freeman Wood. He died in 1921, thirty-four years before I was born. I learned a little about him and his family last week at the one-hundredth Wood family reunion. I attended the reunion for the first time since my childhood. Grandpa Isaac lived and died in the Stedman Community, in Haralson County, Georgia. He was buried near there, in the cemetery at Poplar Springs Baptist Church, which was where the reunion was held.

Grandpa Isaac's father, James P. Wood (my great-great-grandfather), owned and operated a grist mill. As most boys would have back in those days, Grandpa Isaac and his brothers helped their father by working in his mill.

One day their father sent Isaac and his brother, Littleton, to town, to deliver a load of freshly ground meal. While they were gone, a lady brought corn to the mill to be ground and, evidently, their younger brother, Lafayette, went to visit a friend.

Late in the day, a severe storm blew in with high wind, hail and quite a bit of rain. As the water rose, the creeks quickly flooded their banks. The lady who had come to have her corn ground feared she might not be able to cross the creeks and make it back home safely. My great-great- grandmother, Rebecca Wood, felt sorry for the lady, so she encouraged her to spend the night there with them. She assumed her boys would not attempt to come home, so she told the lady she could sleep in their bed. With eight children in the family, several usually had to sleep in the same bed. Normally, Isaac, Littleton and Lafayette slept together. Isaac and Littleton usually slept side by side, with their younger brother, Lafayette, sleeping crossways, at their feet.

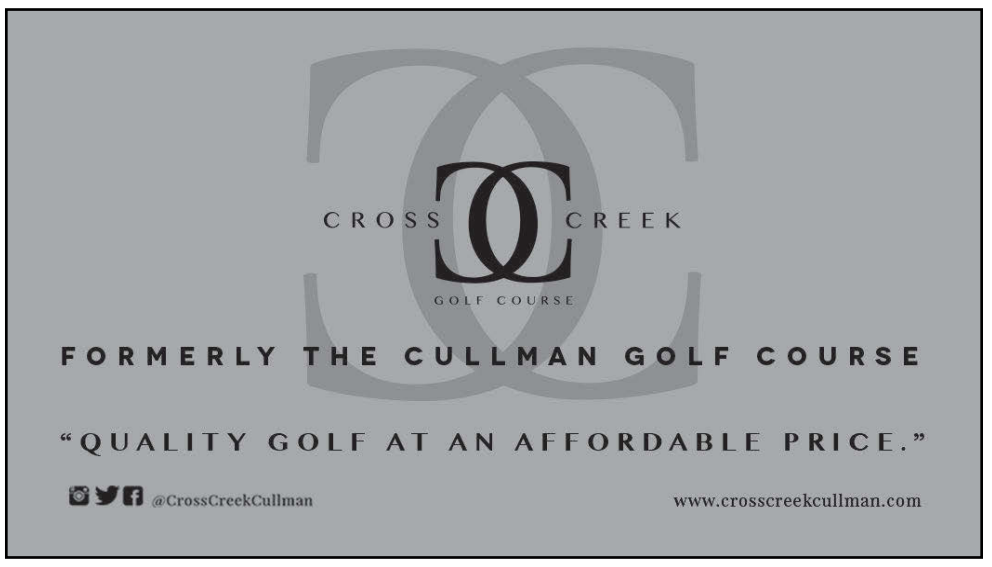
As his mother had expected, Lafayette did not come home that night, however, in spite of the bad weather, Isaac and Littleton did. It was late by the time they made it home and everyone was in bed asleep, including the stranger in their bed. Not wanting to awaken everyone, the two boys eased in the house without lighting a lamp. When they reached their bed, they assumed the person sleeping there was their little brother. The woman was on Littleton's side of the bed. Littleton, thinking she was his little brother, nudged her to move over. She didn't move enough to give him room to get him. Being tired, sleepy, and short on patience, he pounded on her shoulder until she quietly moved on over. The two boys crawled into bed with the strange lady between them. Early the next morning, before the brothers awoke, the lady eased out of bed and left for home.

When Isaac and Littleton woke up they found themselves in bed alone. When they got up, their mother laughed at them and said, "You boys slept with a strange woman last night and didn't even know it!" Littleton said, "Well, I'll bet she has a sore shoulder this morning, because I really pounded on it to make her to move over out of my place."

Those boys simply thought they were getting in bed with their little brother and didn't know the difference until their mother told them the next morning. I do wonder what that poor little lady must have thought. In the darkness of night, it is hard to tell who is who. I am reminded that God always recognizes us, even in the darkness, and that we can recognize him in the darkness as well.

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# PHARMACY TOPICS *by Eddy Hoenig*

## Hospital Discount West



Front row, Left to right: Anita Antaillia, Karen Metz, RN, Kathryne Striker and Sue Miller. Back row: Sonja Duke and Eddy Hoenig, Rph.

Women undergo more cesarean sections each year in the United States than any other major surgery, with the procedure carrying a significant rate of infection at the incision site. A new study in *The New England Journal of Medicine* suggests that rather than prepping patients with iodine-alcohol – a common antiseptic combination in C-sections – the research indicates that chlorhexidine-alcohol is significantly more effective. The researchers argue that the evidence is strong enough to change standard skin-prep practices for C-sections. The American College of Physicians (ACP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued advice for prescribing antibiotics for acute respiratory tract infections (ARTIs) in adults. ARTIs, including the common cold, uncomplicated bronchitis, sore throat and sinus infection, are the most common reason for doctor's office visits. According to unpublished CDC data, an estimated 50 percent of antibiotic prescriptions may be unnecessary or inappropriate in the outpatient setting, which equates to over $3 billion in excess costs. Antibiotics also are responsible for the largest number of medication-related adverse events and the cause of about one in five visits to emergency departments for adverse drug reactions. Physicians should not prescribe antibiotics for patients with the common cold. Physicians should advise patients that symptoms can last up to two weeks and to follow up if symptoms worsen or exceed the expected time to recovery. Physicians should also explain the risks and benefits of symptomatic therapy and that antibiotics are not needed and may have side effects. Symptomatic therapy is recommended for management of common cold symptoms.

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New research published in *The FEBS Journal* indicates that paclitaxel, which is the most commonly used chemotherapy for breast cancer, suppresses tumors when given at a certain dosage, but at low doses, it actually promotes cancer spread to the liver. The findings suggest that lowering the dose of paclitaxel to reduce toxic side-effects is not a safe strategy.

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CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

# From Cullman County to Korea, veteran has stories to tell

W. C. Mann
Tribune Correspondent

**CULLMAN** – Kenneth Glasscock's grandparents were among the early homesteaders of Cullman County in the late 19th century, establishing a family farm about a mile east of Berlin on the route that would become Highway 278. He was born on that farm in 1930, and grew up there.

And there, on Jan. 18, 1951, he received his draft notice, just as war in Korea seemed to be getting out of hand. United Nations (UN) troops were in widespread retreat in the face of a massive Chinese invasion, and Gen. MacArthur was pondering the use of nuclear weapons. At least Glasscock would have a little time for training before he had to go.

He was sent to Camp Chaffee near Ft. Smith, Arkansas for basic training, then received advanced training in artillery. He was then assigned to the 143rd Field Artillery Regiment that was attached to the 40th Infantry Division, a National Guard unit based in California, and composed mainly of troops from that state. Glasscock and others had to catch up with the division, which had already shipped out to South Korea.

Glasscock recalls the journey by ship across the Pacific, and disembarking at the South Korean port of Inchon.

From there he rode a train, then big trucks, then small trucks, then finally he and three other new soldiers arrived by jeep at Kumhwa Valley in the central section of the war front. Of the four men in that jeep, he alone survived the war.

Glasscock credits his survival to an unexpected friend to whom he referred as "my guardian angel." Almost as soon as the jeep stopped at their new base, a Lt. Sample appeared.

Glasscock recalled, "He said, 'Which one of you is from Alabama?' I told him I was, and he said, 'Come with me. We've got to be at the front before dark.'"

Thus, even before he could settle into his new bunk, Pvt. Glasscock became a Forward Artillery Observer, responsible for guiding friendly gunners to their targets by getting close enough to see the enemy.

Lt. Sample was a treasured find among all the California troops: he was a Birmingham native who took his fellow Alabamian under his wing and helped him get quickly oriented to his new surroundings and to the bewildering experience of combat. The two were close friends until they were separated by redeployment and returned home. Glasscock tried to find Sample back in the states after the war, but never located him.

During his year of deployment (1952-53), Glasscock encountered things among the Koreans he had never seen before. He found them to be a resourceful people, even while struggling under the brutal hardships of war. Leftover food that U.S. troops threw away was gathered up by locals. Empty wooden ammunition crates were converted to lumber for houses and other buildings.

Accustomed to mule-powered farming in Cullman County, he watched men with no livestock hitch themselves up in teams to plow fields. To see what they did in the midst of so much devastation left a lifelong impression on him, one that continues to this day. He expresses amazement at the recovery South Korea has experienced in a single generation since the war, noting that a major Korean manufacturer (Hyundai) even has a factory here in Alabama now.

Glasscock finished his tour of duty as a corporal, and wondered at points if he would actually make it home.

His enlistment expired while he was on a ship headed for California. The plane that was to fly him from California to Kentucky experienced engine trouble leading to a shutdown over an airport in Nebraska.

He grinned as he recalled thinking to himself as the plane went into a momentary nose dive, "I made it through all that and came all the way home, to die in a plane crash in Nebraska."

He can laugh about it, now.

Glasscock arrived home after a 43-day journey, and began tinkering around the family farm for a while, before a high school friend, Norman Dye, who had also recently returned from Korea, helped him get a job at one of Birmingham's steel plants. Though the farm and community looked like they did when he left, he recalls that everything was somehow different, though, "...even Mom's cooking."

Attending services at Oak Level Baptist Church, he met a young lady named Helen Pruitt, whom he soon married. They're still together today, recently celebrating their 62nd anniversary, and they're still active members at Oak Level. They live in east Cullman now, near where Helen teaches at St. Bernard Prep School, and they've been around long enough to watch their grandchildren have children.

Not a bad way to end a war story.

# Program (from Front)

seats.

One such aircraft will be the North American P-51 Mustang, flown by the Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing, based in Peachtree City, Georgia. The P-51 aircraft will also be on display at Cullman Regional Airport on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 5. The other will be the B-17 bomber, the aircraft escorted by the P-51 over Nazi-controlled Europe during World War II.

There will also be a room at the airport that will be set up as a WWII Air Force mission briefing room for visitors to tour.

"We are going fully immersive this year," said Brown. "Participants will have the opportunity to watch a 40-minute film about a mission, and then ride in the plane and 'conduct' that mission."

This year's event will debut a new competition, a Rosie the Riveter competition, as well as a Rosie the Riveter Forum, which will feature any female residents of Cullman County who worked in some capacity to support the war effort during World War II. Fran Carter, the founder of the National Rosie the Riveter Association, has been invited to attend the forum. The competition will be held after the forum, and the winner will receive a $250 prize.

Four of the many groups that will take part in this weekend's festivities are the Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp 1442 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SVC), Cullman Aeromodelers, C & R Pawn & Gun Shop and the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Cullman Chapter.

West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo said of the SVC, "We're a historical preservation society. We're here for the community."

On Saturday, members of the group from Cullman, as well as Marshall and St. Clair Counties, will be at Sportsman Lake Park as the SCV Mechanized Calvary, set up in a living history camp, complete with cannons and mortar and a historical flag display.

The Cullman Aeromodelers will have six to eight model warbirds out at the Cullman Regional Airport on display. All other model planes will be at Sportsman Lake.

These are not the toys one might think of when hearing the term 'model airplane.' One will be the B-25 Mitchell WWII bomber, which member Richard Witt says took about six months to create and is worth about $1,500-$1,800. The plane is about 5-6 feet long with a wingspan of approximately 5 feet. Witt says the plane can fly "higher than you are able to see."

From C & R Pawn & Gun Shop, there will be an impressive display of WWII weapons, from the giant M-2 .50 caliber to rifles, small handguns and grenades. The group will be set up at the airport on Saturday.

A group you surely don't want to miss is the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. At one of the press events for Saturday, Hal Thornton and Emory "Smokey" Ferguson were at the VFW, representing the SAR. Both were dressed in full American Revolution Era gear, with each wearing the uniform of his ancestors.

Thornton was a "typical woodsman in a militia-type uniform" from 1783. "My ancestor Josiah Thornton was a militiaman with the South Carolina militia," he said. Ferguson was in a full dress uniform, representative of his ancestors who were members of the North Carolina militia.

Both stressed the values of the SAR, which, they say, are heredity (finding and preserving the graves of patriots), patriotism and education. The men, along with other members of their organization, will be at the airport on Saturday.

In addition to the Wallace State Jazz Band, the Andrews Sisters will also be performing WWII era music. A special guest will be the widow of the pilot of the Memphis Belle.

"One of our major objectives each Veterans Day is to teach our young people about our veterans and what they've done to serve our nation," said Brown at the last press event, as he introduced the Wallace State World War II reenactors who will be performing this year at the Cullman Airport.

The reenactors are Austin Groons, Kirsten Wolfe, Paul Knetter and Wallace State history instructor Leigh Ann Courington, who says the group strives to "live and breathe history."

Townson stresses the importance of emphasizing patriotism with kids.

"We need to teach patriotism," he said. "I think we need to continue to teach patriotism and respect." The mayor attributed much of his success and accomplishments to his experience in the military.

Organizers of Saturday's event say that the local business community and citizens have donated funding and personal items to make the Cullman's Veterans Day celebration possible. Donations are helping to fund transportation for the planes and vehicles. State Farm, in particular, was recognized as a major sponsor of the festivities.

Individual recognition was given to Tim Tanksley of Hartselle, for the donation of his 1936 Panther 120 motorcycle; Johnny Buckalew, of Cullman, for the donation of his red 1939 Ford Deluxe to show what the common solider may have had during the time; Ronny Scott, of Cullman, for the donation of his 1943 Ford Willys Jeep to showcase what was commonly used in the Army at that time for transportation; and Rodger Miller, a combat veteran and Purple Heart recipient, who will be flying his drone at Sportsman Lake Park.

The Cullman Veterans Day celebration is presented by Cullman Elks Lodge No. 1609.

A full schedule of events is below.

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**Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016**

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**Sportsman Lake Park**

9 a.m. Park exhibits open

10 a.m. Opening ceremony / Remarks by Alabama Lt. Gov. Kay Ivey, Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson and Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free lunch for veterans and spouses

**Concert by Cullman band, Round 2 (Pavilion)

2 p.m. Park exhibits close

**Cullman Regional Airport**

10 a.m. Vintage aircraft and cars on display; 8AF Aircrew Briefing Room open; USO Lounge open (All day)

11 a.m. Rosie the Riveter forum and costume contest (Main tent)

Noon Ladies' Night Out performs WWII songs (Main tent)

12:30 p.m. Memphis Belle pilot's widow interview (Main tent)

1:15 p.m. WWII combat veterans interviews (Main tent)

2 p.m. Skydive Alabama performs demo jump for veterans

**B-17 Bomber ground tours begin

2:20 p.m. Wallace Jazz Band performs (Main tent)

3 p.m. P-51 Mustang aerial demonstrations

3:15 p.m. Russian Yaks aerial demonstrations

3:45 p.m. Biplane aerial demonstration

**B-17 Bomber ground tours continue until dark

***Veterans and spouses are invited to an after-the-show evening at the Cullman Elks Lodge. A buffet dinner will be available at 6 p.m. Dance to the sounds of local band, Round 2, from 7 p.m. until ? Free parking/No cover/Adults only.

# Profile: Flourish of Cullman

**Loretta Gillespie**
Tribune Correspondent



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**CULLMAN** – For Cullman's handicapped citizens, there is now a new and exciting organization to make interviewing, getting a job and keeping it much easier and more comfortable for those who might not always be confident in their search for employment.

According to Executive Director of Flourish of Cullman, Melissa Dew, Flourish is a new nonprofit agency that helps people in Cullman with disabilities work, live and play as independently as possible.

"We also help parents make plans for when the bus stops coming, to ease their anxiety," Dew explained.

The organization's mission is to optimize each individual's potential in personal, social and vocational competencies and to partner, facilitate and provide lifelong support.

The group hopes to reach and exceed their fundraising goals by Dec. 31, 2016. Donations will be used to fund scholarships and to assist with the startup.

According to Dew, the idea for the organization came about after many years, as she and her partner, Sharon Kane, worked with people with disabilities in school settings and through occupational therapy.

They often worried about how their students would live their best lives after they were no longer eligible to attend public schools. Where would they get ongoing skills training and support to help them be productive members of the community? So their vision was born, and they came to create Flourish of Cullman in order to provide these important services.

"Flourish of Cullman assists disabled individuals in developing independent living skills through life coaching, job attainment and social integration," said Dew.

"We offer training, job placement, counseling, social interaction, structured play and other services that enable people with disabilities to increase their independence."

Dew went on to explain that not only does Flourish of Cullman help prepare a potential job candidate for an interview, they also give advice on how to dress appropriately for the occasion.

Additionally, they follow up with employers to make sure that things are going well after the applicant is on the job.

"There is nothing like this available in Cullman," said Dew.

"We want to make this a wonderful place for everyone to work, live and play. We take part in ensuring that those things are available for everyone."

The organization depends, in part, on donations in order to help these members of our community live flourishing lives.

"Thank you for your support, and please help us spread the word about Flourish of Cullman!" said Dew.

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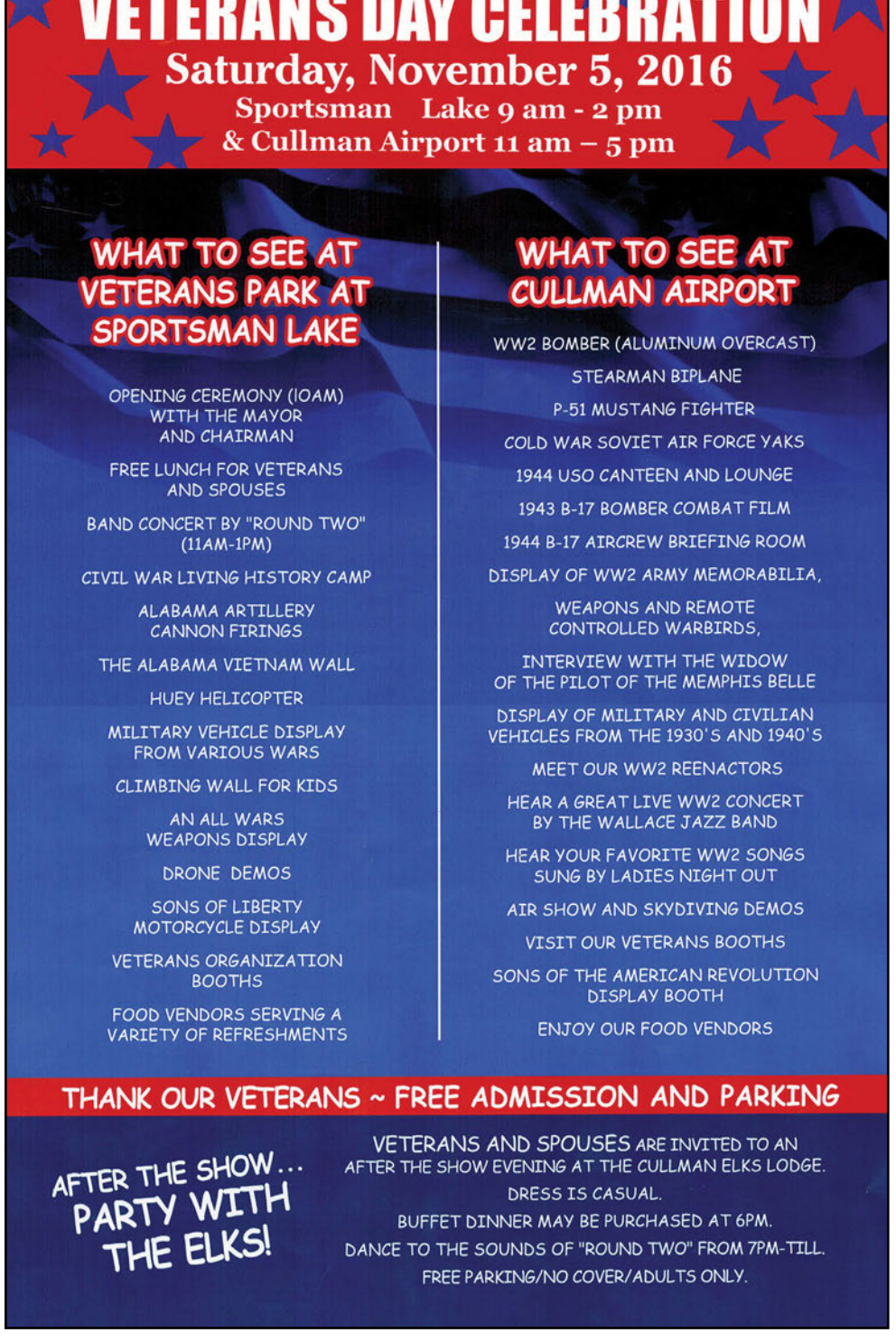
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On the 7th day of SEPTEMBER, 2016, a certain paper in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by FREDDIE DONALD SMITH, and his petition for the probate thereof as such will; 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.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
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STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: ~~PC2013-360~~ PC2016-091

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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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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

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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.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman

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

NATHAN A. BROCK,
Attorney for Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate/Tammy Brown

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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
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CULLMAN, AL 35055

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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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of William Frederick Evans
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Cullman, AL 35055
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
THE ESTATE OF:
MARJORIE L. HENRY,
Deceased

Case No.: PC - 2016-280

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Janet H. Peebles as Administrator of the Estate of Marjorie L. Henry, deceased, on the 21st day of October, 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.

Janet H. Peebles
Janet H. Peebles
Administrator of the Estate of
Marjorie L. Henry, deceased

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Marjorie L. Henry, deceased
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ESTATE OF )
CONNIE WHITE ) CASE NO.: PC 2016 277
Deceased )

NOTICE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of October, 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the 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 time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mary Ann White
MARYANN WHITE

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To: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

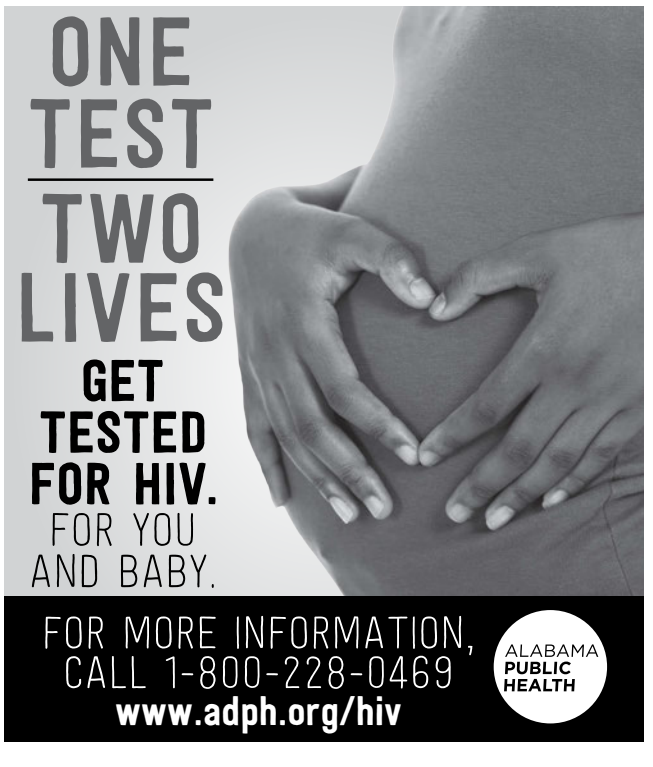
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# Saint Bernard Prep to host two open house events

**Joyce Nix**
St. Bernard Prep

**CULLMAN** – Saint Bernard Prep is hosting two afternoons of Open Houses in November to showcase Alabama's only Catholic boarding and day school for grades 7-12. The Open Houses will take place on Friday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 13, from 1-4 p.m. Saint Bernard will host guided campus tours of the school. Families are welcome to visit and tour the campus, classrooms, dormitories and have their questions answered by Headmaster Dan Baillargeon and the faculty department heads. Saint Bernard Prep student ambassadors will lead the tours and share their unique experiences and what it means to be a Bernardian.

Saint Bernard Abbey and school is celebrating 125 years of teaching in the time-honored Benedictine tradition. Saint Bernard Preparatory School's mission as a Catholic, college preparatory, residential school is the cultivation of a love of learning and a life of virtue in young men and women within a community of faith and scholarship.

Forty-five members of the class of 2016 garnered more than $6.35 million in scholarships to 47 colleges and universities.

ACT scores continue to exceed the state and national averages. St. Bernard was also recognized as the No. 1 Catholic high school in the state. The school's AP class offerings continue to grow, and expansions to our facilities, including the newly renovated Heidrich Library, have helped the school accommodate its growing enrollment.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, families are welcome to join the Benedictine monks at Saint Bernard Abbey for Mass at 10:30 a.m., explore the city of Cullman and return to campus for Open House.

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# OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCT. 26 - NOV. 1

**Mr. Alton E. Bice** passed away on October 24 in Snellville, Georgia at the age of 92.He was born in Hanceville Alabama on November 21, 1923 to Layton and Nina Mae Norris Bice. He is preceded in death by: Sister: Melba Mayfield, Brother: Henry Layton Bice, Granddaughter: Karianne Bice and his parents. Funeral service was held on October 28 at Duck River Baptist Church with Rev. Sam Hollis, Rev. Roger Bice and Larry Bice officiating. Interment will be in Duck River Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

**Patricia Anne Gaynor,** age 66 of Cullman, passed away at her residence on October 26. She was born in North Carolina, on August 21, 1950 to the late Lawrence Harold Gaynor and Mona Blanch Robedeux Gaynor. The family will hold private service at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Funeral service for Calvin Danner,** 65 of Hanceville, was held October 28 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mr. Danner passed away on October 26. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

**Edra "Geane" Tolbert,** 89 of Cullman, formerly of Addison, entered into rest on October 27 at her home. Funeral service held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on October 29. Brother Jr. Garmon will officiated. Burial in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

**Funeral service for Catherine E. Roy,** age 89 of Cullman, was held October 29 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Pastor John Garrison officiating. Interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Roy passed away on October 26 at her residence. She was born January 7, 1927 in Lake Odesa, MI. She was a homemaker.

**Funeral services for Billie Lee Mathis,** 77 of Hanceville, was held October 29 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Bethlehem East Cemetery. She passed away on October 26. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

**Terry Wayne Brown** passed away October 29. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Nichols Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Andrew Herman Mortensen,** 71 of Cullman, passed away October 26 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born February 18, 1945 in Miami, FL. A memorial service will be schedule at a later date; Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Terry Lee Passmore,** 60, passed away October 29. Service information is unavailable at this time. Arrangements under the direction of Moss-Service Funeral Home.

**Vivian Landers Bailey,** 89, passed away 27. Funeral service held October 30. Arrangements under the direction of Moss-Service Funeral Home.

**Carlton "Cotton" Oran Blackwood,** 74 of Helicon Community, entered into rest on October 27 at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.He was born on October 1, 1942. Carlton was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. He was a 1960 graduate of Meek High School and was a farmer for most of his life, raising cattle and poultry. He was known as "Cotton" by family and friends. Funeral service held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on October 30; Brother Jr. Garmon and Brother William McClellan officiated. Burial at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery.

**Funeral service for Jim Franklin Oden,** age 50 of Falkville, was held October 30 at Unity Freewill Baptist Church with Brothers Robert Morgan, Keith Bowen and Cliff Barger officiating. Interment in Oden Ridge Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Oden passed away October 27th at his residence. He was born January 27, 1966 in Birmingham.

**Funeral service for Anita Gail Laney Davis,** 59 of Logan, was October 31 at Logan Baptist Church; Bro. James Laney officiated. Interment in Emeus Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Davis passed away October 29th at her residence. She was born in Cullman County on September 16, 1957. She worked at Rehau.

**Leon August McClendon,** age 76 of Cullman, passed away on October 31 at Baptist Medical Center Princeton. He was born May 16, 1940 in Huntsville, Alabama. He was a painter. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. There will be a private family memorial service.

**Arnold Lee Ward, 68 of Lynn,** entered into rest on October 29 at his residence. Funeral service held at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville; Daniel Farris and Chad Fell will officiate. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

**Funeral service for Jane Tidmore,** age 88 of Cullman, was held November 1 at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Scott Sessions officiating with burial at Mt. Zion cemetery. She passed away Sunday at CRMC. She was born in Cullman April 26, 1928 to Tillman and Josie Cofield Stewart. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

**William Oliver Miller,** 83, of Phil Campbell, Alabama, entered into rest on October 29 at his residence. Mr. Miller was born on April 11, 1933 in Houston, Alabama. Oliver was a member of Shining Light Church for 10 years. Funeral service was held at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville on Tuesday. Brother Ricky Grimes officiated. Burial followed in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

**Jimmie L. Little,** 83 of Russellville, entered into rest on November 1 at her home. A complete obituary and arrangements will be announced at a later date. Nichols Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**A graveside service for Lorene Loyd Neel,** age 90 of Cullman, were held November 2 at Cullman City Cemetery with Tim McCormick officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home assisting. Mrs. Neel passed away on October 30 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born June 3, 1926 in Cullman. She was a homemaker.

**Annie Bell Pipkins,** 86 of Boaz, formerly of Double Springs, entered into rest on October 30 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Funeral service held at Pleasant Hill No. 2 Baptist Church; Brothers Gary Brown and Jeffery Wiggins officiated. Burial will be in Liberty Grove Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

**Funeral service for Robert Lee Gossett,** age 83 of Logan, was held November 2 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Bro. Tim Rice officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gossett passed away October 30 at his residence. He was born August 16, 1933 in Milford, Illinois. He was a pilot.

**Funeral service for Alicia Jean "A.J." Whitaker Harris,** 28, was held November 2 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Center Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Harris passed away October 30. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

**Memorial service for Mr. Garner Atwood Bingham,** age 80 of Cullman, was held November 2 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pastor Jaime Pangman officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bingham passed away to be with his heavenly Father on October 29. He was born January 16, 1936 in Jeff, KY to Duke Bingham and Daisy Bingham.

**Funeral services for Gene Garland Miller,** 73 of Hanceville, will be November 3 at Union Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church; interment in the adjoining cemetery. Mr. Miller passed away October 30. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

**Graveside service for Mary Martha Plunkett,** of Cullman, was held November 3 at Cullman City Cemetery, with Pastor John Bussman officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Martha was born in Birmingham to the late James & Willie Mary Culbreth Sellers; and passed away peacefully at her home on Friday. She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; and the Sunshine Club. Was the Office Manager for her late husband's, Dr. E.G. Plunkett, Dental Office.

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# Playground (from Front)

is rusted, and ground cover under the equipment is in poor condition. The outdated facility also lacks access and activities for children with special needs.

Bates was determined that something should be done.

She talked to school administrators and found that resources are limited, both in the school and community. Teachers at the elementary school have to provide many of their own classroom supplies, and 62 percent of the students receive free or reduced-cost lunches.

Bates was undeterred; she and friend Carol Waters began searching for new ideas and people who could make them a reality.

They contacted Kaboom!, a national nonprofit organization working to promote active play as a daily part of children's lives, and Playscapes playground equipment company. They also began looking for money.

And this project will take money.

The total wish list of improvements will cost more than $130,000. That includes climbing equipment and swings, a zipline style ride and sit-on spinner, a set of outdoor musical instruments, benches and picnic tables and safety surfacing. The completed playground will also be fully accessible and will feature activities for those with special needs.

Bates has written several grant applications, and has received commitments of support from numerous sources, including the West Point Town Council, SCA Community and the Hayek Family Foundation.

Others who have stepped up to help include Webb Wheel, Alfa Insurance (agent Talisa Shikle), Fillinger Foot Clinic, Wal-Mart, Surgical Arts PC, Surgical Care Affiliates and the Surgery Center of Cullman (of which Bates is the administrator).

To date, more $19,000 has been raised. Bates is working on more grants, and has fundraisers in the works like the upcoming Lil' Warriors Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk on Thanksgiving Day at West Point Middle School.

She is also encouraging other West Point alumni to step up, noting that even small donations can add up. And it's not just about money: Kaboom! projects require schools and communities to provide volunteers to help with construction.

Bates observed, "Not everyone can give money, but everyone can be involved."

She hopes to see construction underway by March, and would like for kids to see the finished playground before the end of this school year.

Both the schedule and the budget are tall orders, but the project's supporters are committed to seeing it through.

Bates repeated a motto that is popular with the company for which she works, "When you pray, move your feet."

Information about the project and opportunities to contribute can be found on the project Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/WPESplaygroundproject/.

For more information on the Turkey Trot, see http://qrne.ws/turkeytrot.

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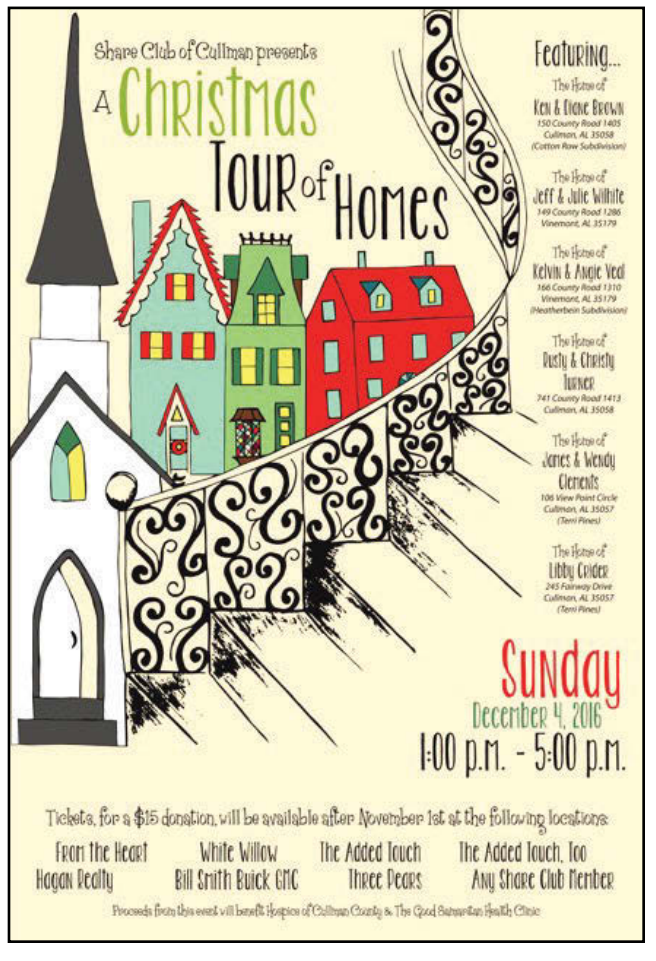

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# Cullman's Betty Leeth Haynes named 2016 Honorary Ms. Senior America

**Loretta Gillespie**
Tribune Correspondent

**CULLMAN** – For the past 19 years Betty Leeth Haynes has upheld and typified the standards set by the Ms. Senior America Pageant's official committee. As the 1997 Ms. Senior Alabama candidate she vied with women from her peer group for the title of Ms. Senior America and came in fourth place (third runner-up), making her the first Alabamian to place in the event.

For the talent segment of the competition, she did a song and dance routine choreographed to the poem she wrote, titled, "I am a Senior American."

The poem so impressed the judges, committee and other dignitaries who heard her reading, that it was adopted as the national creed of the organization.

This year, she was again honored by the prestigious organization, as the 2016 Honorary Ms. Senior America. Once again, she recited her poem to an appreciative audience at the annual event, which took place Oct. 18-20 in Atlantic City.

Video segments of the pageant were shared on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

According to Haynes there were more contestants in this year's competition than ever before.

"I think there were a total of 45 contestants this time," she said. "There was talent like I've never seen."

Cullman's own Elaine Willingham earned high marks as second runner-up.

"I'm so excited for Elaine; she was truly a professional in every way, and she did a wonderful job," said Haynes.

"I'm so very proud of Elaine and how well she represented the state of Alabama."

Haynes says she felt Willingham would be included in the Top 5, and that she has tremendous talent.

"All of the wonderful, beautiful women in the competition had a talent of one sort or another, but Elaine was just outstanding in her ballet performance."

For the past 19 years, Haynes has helped to promote and support the event and the organization.

"I think it is a wonderful way to encourage senior women to make the most of their lives, to use their talents and to be a positive influence and role model for others," she said recently.

Haynes is certainly a positive and impressive role model. She is poised, graceful and gracious to everyone she meets, and is the definition of a true Southern lady, from the top of her perfectly coiffed head to the bottom of her stylishly clad feet.

But more than looks define this lady's life; her morals, Christian values, civic involvement and work ethic have always guided and directed her and made her a vital part of Cullman's community.

At last month's pageant in Atlantic City, she was surprised and humbled to have been awarded 2016 Honorary Ms. Senior America.

"It was totally unexpected," she said. "I was shocked and pleased."

The Cullman entourage, there in support of Elaine Willingham, and Haynes's longtime friend and winner of the 2008 Ms. Senior Alabama pageant, Edwina Chappel, jumped up and roared their approval of the award, clapping and cheering and urging Haynes to speak.

She did give an impromptu acceptance speech, but doesn't remember a word of what she said on stage, due to the astonishment of being honored in front of so many friends and strangers, even people at home watching the videos online.

"I do remember them putting the Ms. Honorary Senior America sash on me, and I was able to recite the poem," she laughed.

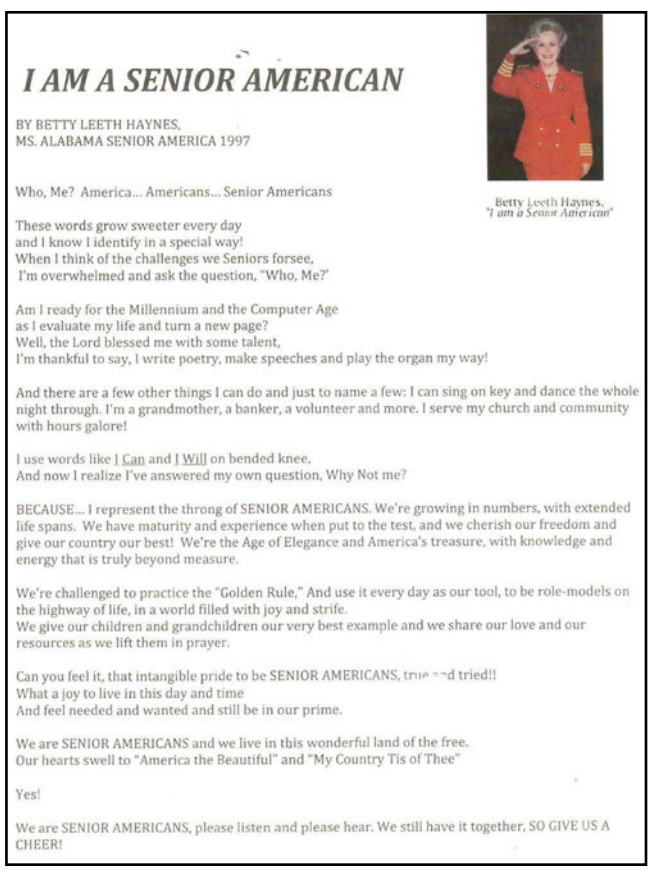
The week's activities included a Cameo Ball for the former winners and contestants, and a Queen's Breakfast, at which Haynes was asked to lead the blessing.

Cullman is doubly blessed to have two such vivacious, intelligent and energetic women represent its senior population and showcase the possibilities for seniors to those who look up to them.

To see videos of the event, visit https://www.facebook.com/SeniorAmericaInc.




**Betty Leeth Haynes was surprised and pleased to be named "2016 Honorary Ms. Senior America" last month in Atlantic City.** CONTRIBUTED



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as I evaluate my life and turn a new page?
Well, the Lord blessed me with some talent,
I'm thankful to say, I write poetry, make speeches and play the organ my way!

And there are a few other things I can do and just to name a few: I can sing on key and dance the whole night through. I'm a grandmother, a banker, a volunteer and more. I serve my church and community with hours galore!

I use words like I Can and I Will on bended knee,
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# Fuller (from Front)

people annually. State Tourism Director, Lee Sentell, presented the award.

Perhaps her greatest achievement is not one that has been recognized as an honor as of yet. She would certainly win, if it were.

That award might be called, "Easiest Job Transition" and it would be awarded to Fuller because when she started this job, she only intended to fill in for the museum curator for a couple of weeks.

However, what was intended to be a short-term, part-time job... turned into a 31- year career for Fuller, who is still hard at work, making sure that things run smoothly at the Cullman County Museum.

"When Margaret Farr asked me to fill in because she was in the hospital, I agreed," Fuller recalled.

After Farr's sad and untimely passing, Cullman Mayor Jack Sides called Fuller into his office and asked if she would consider taking the job full-time.

"When I agreed, he handed me two boxes of slides taken on his trip to Germany. I was to make a presentation of them, and we didn't even have a computer at the time," she said.

Over the years, Fuller has had the opportunity to see and do many things that have greatly impacted the preservation of much of Cullman's rich history.

In one instance, she was part of a group who buried a time capsule containing information pertaining to historical events from 1873-1973.

The capsule was sealed in a rock container designed and made by Frank Schwaiger.

Fuller was responsible for collecting the material enclosed in the capsule, which is scheduled to be opened in 2073.

The museum was opened in its present location in 1975.

Home to many authentic pieces of Col. Cullman's furnishings and belongings, the museum also boasts one of the oldest pieces of antiquity in north Alabama, the Harris Rocker Stamped Pot, the museum's most prized possession, which dates back to between 450-600 A.D.

According to Fuller, the museum's most popular display is the extensive Civil War collection. "We also have a video filmed on the site of the Battle of Crooked Creek," she said.

In the aftermath of Oktoberfest, one which, by the way, eclipsed all past Oktoberfests in revenue and attendance, Fuller and her staff are already gearing up for the busy holiday season just ahead.

"There is always something going on here," said Fuller. "We always say that every day is different at the Big M!

"We have two churches that meet here now, one on Wednesday and the other on Thursdays," said Fuller.

"The Nimble Thimble group meets here every second Friday, and the Sew and Rip It Club on the third Friday of each month. Two events have recently been rescheduled or canceled. The regular Friends of Frankweiler meeting has been moved to January, and author Charlotte Thomas March's reading and book signing has been indefinitely postponed due to illness in the family," Fuller explained.

Fuller and her staff are abuzz with excitement about the 2019 Alabama Bicentennial. Staff member Drew Green has been appointed by Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson as the local chairman for the event.

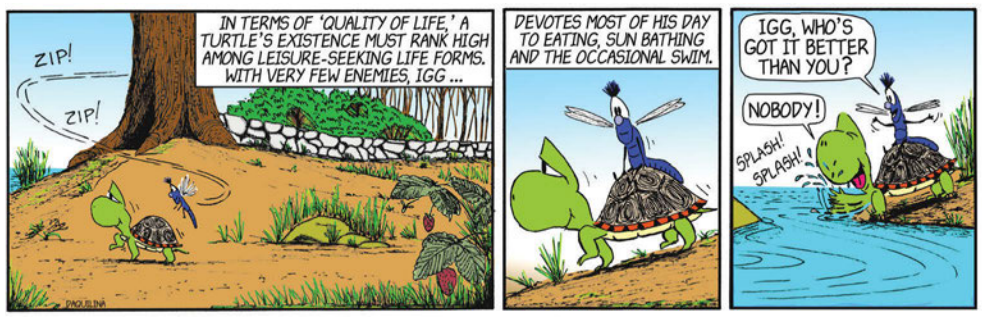
"The event will kick off in March 2019," Green explained. "But we are already planning and getting ready for it. The Bicentennial will be celebrated in several places throughout the state, including Cullman."

Visiting the Cullman County Museum is always a treat, even if you've been before, there is usually something new to see or some event or display that is being showcased. It is one of Cullman's jewels, thanks to Elaine Fuller's dedication.

For more information on upcoming events and schedules, visit:

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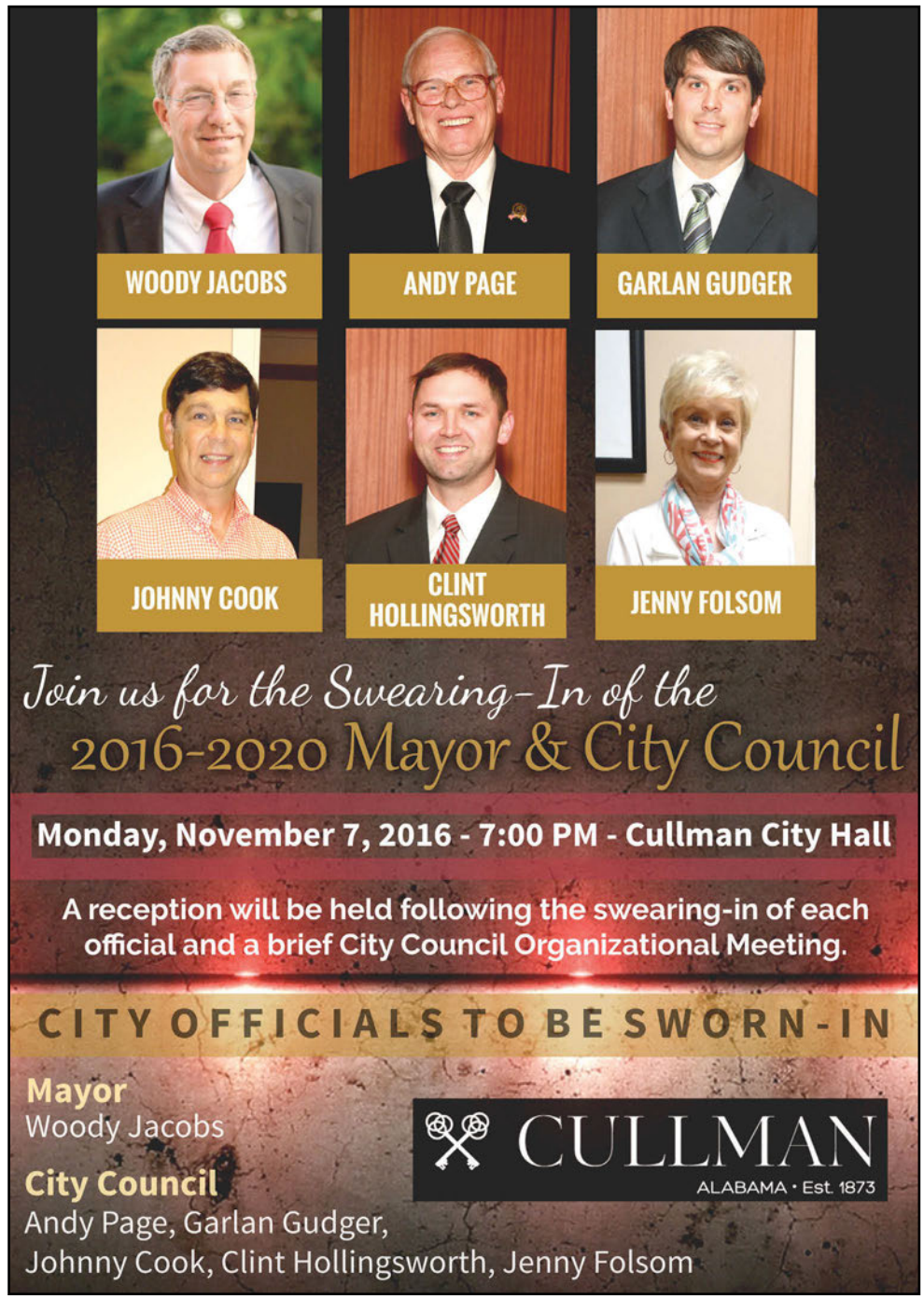




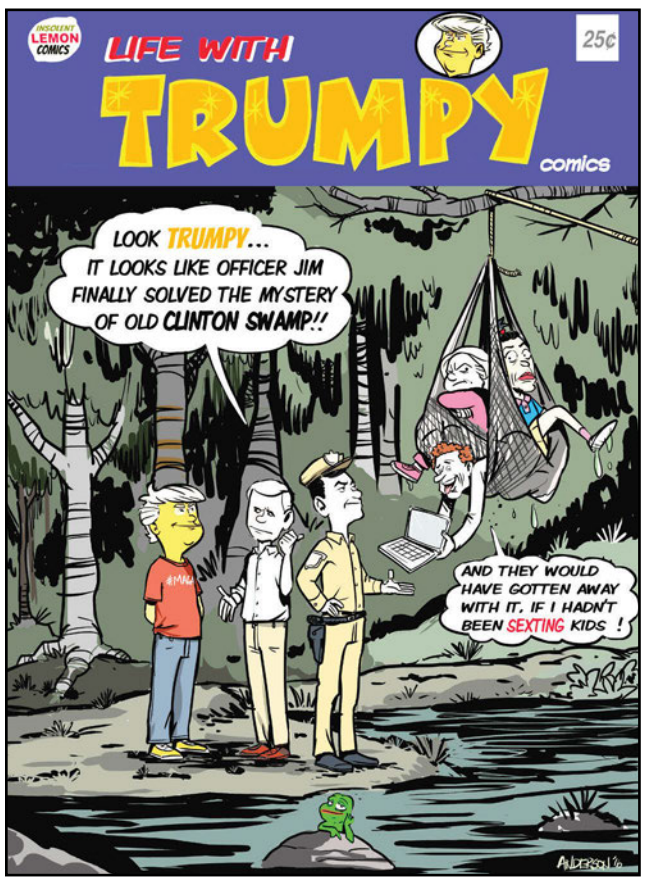


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# Editorial Cartoon




# Poet's Corner

## THE PASTOR

In the deep woods, the trees and blue

sky form the top of his cathedral.

A stream meanders near and he hears

the trickle upon the pebble stones.

There are no need of benches

or sermon to preach.

No wandering sheep here or souls to keep.

He kneels before he weeps.

Bowing his head

to the soil beneath

on calloused knees

alone,

To his own altar call.

By: Randy C. Hale

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# Chickens and cows and pigs, oh my!

**Loretta Gillespie**
Tribune Correspondent

It's a takeoff from a famous line in "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," spoken by Dorothy Gail of Kansas. "Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!" says a frightened Dorothy to her little dog, Toto.

Much like Dorothy, who found herself in a magical and enchanted place much different from her home, I grew up with one foot in each world-the citified world where I lived right in the heart of town with my mother, and the country world where I visited my grandparents near a little wide spot in the road called Landersville, Alabama.

To those of you who grew up on a farm there wasn't much magic in visiting the barn on cold winter mornings and watching the steam come out of a cow's nostrils just as the sun comes peeking over the horizon, but to a city-bred child, that steam is as enchanting as a dragon's breath and the mules in the far stall are like noble steeds eager to charge into battle with knights on their broad backs and pointy things on their foreheads that made them look silly but very colorful. We tried putting some Solo cups on my granddaddy's mules, Mert and Bert, but he made us take them off, not caring that the mules would suddenly have been transformed from reluctant plowers of cornfields into charging steeds ready for battle. Well, we couldn't get the pointed paper cups to stay fixed in the right place between the big brown eyes of the mules, so it was probably a moot point anyway, if you'll pardon the pun.

We honed our imaginations by creating places we'd read about, the Sahara Desert, the wilds of deepest, darkest Africa, where there were lions hiding behind hay bales, no matter if there were hay bales in the Rudyard Kipling's stories or not, we put them there.

We made mud pies and pretended they were fit for royalty, often mixing in seeds and rocks and corn tassels to make it look more tempting to the king or queen we were serving. Guinevere and King Arthur (my grandparents to anyone else) sat through many a mud pie meal, always encouraging us to play outside and never minding if we got muddy, knowing that mud washes away quickly but childhood is such a fleeting thing.

Our minds were filled with possibilities from dawn until dusk, when fireflies became fairies and Peter Pan lived in every shadow. We knew the wild west stories, perhaps, best of all, because everyone knew that Indians once lived and breathed right here in the very valley where we played, so we carried on their traditions, pretending to shoot homemade arrows into the sky and dodging their pretend flames as they rained back down on us.

Every day was an adventure.

Those of you who had the great fortune of living your whole lives on a farm might not have noticed some of this magic around you, being busy with chores and trying to figure out how in the world to get off the farm, but it was there, you just had to be hyper-aware to see it.

Back in the city we were transformed into completely different children. We wore things called pinafores, sort of like a fancy apron with ruffles that tied in the back with sashes. I hated them....mine always got wet when I went to the bathroom.

We wore patent leather Mary Janes on Sunday mornings and sweaters with chains below the chin to keep the shoulders of the sweaters from slipping from our arms. We had to endure hurtful plastic headbands with fake flower petals glued to them and bits of netting like our mothers wore in their hats, especially on Easter and the few funerals I can remember being dragged to.

You've never endured suffering like that of a 10-year-old girl trying to sit still in a stiff, scratchy can-can slip, especially a new one. If you are too young to remember can-cans, let me define them for you. Paint yourself a mental picture of a metal, mesh tutu, one with three layers, that starts at the waist and extends to the knees. Every time you move it starts to stick into the tender skin of your thighs- like bathing with steel wool pads...Talk about complaining, we did not stop complaining until time to leave so that we could take off those instruments of torture, worn to make our much shorter dresses bell out like the antebellum dresses from "Gone with the Wind." Scarlett never suffered so much as we did, she was just make-believe – this was for real.

In the coming weeks, Cullman and other parts of the South will celebrate Farm-City Week, a time of sharing experiences and cultures- suburban, urban and rural. When you see the eyes of those little children who come to visit the farm where you take for granted the things that bring them immeasurable delight, like seeing milk come from a cow, or a real pig, just like Charlotte, or chickens who are alive and don't really have digits called nuggets anywhere on their proud bodies as they strut around the garden, let yourself see these wonders through their eyes just for a few magical moments... it may change the way you look at cows and chickens and pigs, forever.

**DISASTER PREPARATION**

# When the lights go out

**Dave Robinson**
Contributor

I am always impressed at how well our electricity stays on, especially during some of our big wind storms. But we all know that every so often, our power goes out for one reason or another. A transformer blows, a tree comes down across a line somewhere, or a drunk driver takes out a power pole. Whatever the reason, we are sometimes left in the dark. That's when we grab a flashlight, start looking for those candles and drag out the Coleman lantern.

That's also when we walk into a darkened room and out of habit flip the light switch. Then we feel just a wee bit silly and hope nobody else noticed. Admit it, we've all done it. I thought so.

So let's talk about emergency generators. Should you buy one, which one do you need? Can you justify the expense? How much gasoline should you store? Here's my take on the subject. I own a generator, but I don't consider it a long term solution. Three or four days maybe a week at the most. The reason? They require fuel. Most are gasoline powered; some are propane, some diesel and some even use natural gas.

If you make the decision to buy a generator, here are some things to keep in mind. Consider the wattage output. How many watts do you need? (voltage x amperes = watts) If you buy a 4000 watt unit, what can you expect that it will power up?

Check the online charts to see how much electricity your appliances use. Then decide what size (wattage) you need to do what you want. You'll find you probably can't expect to power up your entire home on a 4000 watt generator. Or almost any portable generator for that matter.

Now for the NO-NOs. Please don't leave your generator running in an enclosed area, like your attached garage or back porch or basement. The reason? Carbon monoxide will kill you. Secondly, some ingenious types have figured out that if you wire a male plug to both ends of an extension cord, you can plug into any outlet and power up your house.

This is a really bad idea for several reasons. You could overload your generator and possibly burn it out. Or you could heat up your electrical circuits causing a fire hazard and most importantly it is a danger to utility workers. When a worker is repairing a line he thinks is dead and Harry Homeowner has plugged a generator into the system it will energize the line he is working on. I'm no electrician but I'm told when 240 volts passes backwards through the transformer into the power grid, it becomes 24,000 volts. My numbers may not be accurate, but the principle is correct. Understandably utility companies really frown on this practice. Don't do it!

Do your research, shop around and use some common sense. As always if you have any questions or comments you may email me at disasterprep.dave@gmail.com. Previous columns can be found on my blog at www.disasterprepdave.blogspot.com.

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# Options (from Front)

**Loretta Gillespie**
Tribune Correspondent

**CULLMAN** – Judy Watts loves making people feel better. She is a proud cancer survivor who wants others who have had the devastating news to know that there is hope, and that she is living proof.

She started her business after she, her sister and her mother discovered that finding clothes that fit properly after surgery is difficult. Her idea for a local shop for women who need help with wigs, bras and scarves, among other products, has been a real godsend for women who have previously had to drive long distances to find the things they need.

She calls her shop Options because it offers women options for dealing with things like the changes in body type that radical surgery causes, wigs for ladies who have lost hair due to chemotherapy and other things that give women hope and courage- the options that they can't find in a regular department store.

Judy herself is the bonus.

Having had cancer, she is not just a lady who can help you pick out a nice wig, she is also a lady who sat in that chair to choose a wig, walked in those shoes and had those same fears and concerns as her clients.

One day she decided to give even more of her talents to those she felt could benefit from her experience. She called a friend, Virginia Pritchard, a local Mary Kay representative. Together, the two put together a package for women Judy felt might need a boost.

She started with the staff at the two oncology centers here in Cullman, explaining her plan to them. She was offering a free make-up session, and a wig fitting, for one patient from each facility. The offices of both worked with Judy to have drawings for the makeovers, choosing one patient from each.

**Wendy**

Wendy Jones won the first drawing. When she came into the shop with her husband, she was bubbling with excitement.

Wendy's story starts out like many women's; her boyfriend discovered the lump. She went to the doctor, who diagnosed her with fibrocystic disease and advised her to watch it for a while. That while turned into almost two years because Wendy, believing it to be nothing more than a cyst, skipped her next annual mammogram. By then she was 41 years old.

Wendy and her boyfriend of three years were married three months after she was diagnosed with breast cancer which had spread to her lymph nodes. By the time of the definitive diagnosis, Wendy's was a stage 3A cancer, and it had started to become painful.

One doctor advised her that if she chose a lumpectomy, it would leave very little breast, and that it was her decision as to which option she chose. She and her husband, Lee, discussed it and prayed about it. Ultimately, it was Lee's understanding and something he said that motivated Wendy to have a double mastectomy.

"He told me that he didn't need those, that he was in love with my heart," said Wendy. "He has been such a blessing to me throughout this whole thing, he's never left my side, gone to every doctor's appointment and slept many nights in an uncomfortable hospital chair because he didn't want to leave me."

Ironically, it was Lee's ex-wife, Jennifer Chambers, who became Wendy's other critical support system. "She was just finishing up her battle with breast cancer when mine was diagnosed," recalled Wendy. "She was there for me, encouraging me, telling me what to expect and supplying me with hats that she no longer needed. She helped calm my fears and has become my very best friend," said Wendy.

The couple has a blended family of children and grandchildren ranging in age from 24 years to nine months.

"All of the children have been so supportive," said Wendy, gratefully. "My 12-year old daughter has even decided that she is going to find a cure for cancer when she grows up."

Even with such marvelous love and support, Wendy did experience some of the inevitable depression that often goes along with cancer, chemo and recovery. She took antidepressants for a while, but now is her former optimistic self, full of excitement with each new day.

"My advice to those going through this now is to never lay down for it! Get up and do something every day, and then pray, pray, pray! God will bring you through it!"

She also cites her church family, Emeus Baptist, in Logan, and her pastor, G.T. Robertson, as being very crucial to her while she was in such turmoil.

She let Lee shave her head and says that she sported her new look for a long while, but when she went in for radiation one day, Dr. Karolewics' nurse, Sherry, came back and asked her if she would like to have a free makeover; she readily accepted the offer.

"The lady at Options, and Mrs. Pritchard, were wonderful," said Wendy. "Mrs. Watts gave me a beautiful wig, and they both made me feel so pretty!"

The first place she went after the makeover was back to Dr. Karolewics' office, where the staff was very complimentary of her new look. "They kept telling me how pretty I looked," Wendy laughed.

She was quick to praise them, too, as well as Dr. Karolewics and Dr. Marecle, and the staff. "They could not have been more supportive," she said.

**Chelsea**

For Chelsea Lanier, the scenario was a little different. The winner of the drawing at her cancer center was an 82-year-old lady who thoughtfully requested that the makeover be donated to one of the younger patients, who might need it more than she did.

Fortunately, Chelsea's name was chosen by the staff. She was notified of the free makeover, and although at first she thought of it as just another handout, a way of drawing attention to her illness, she came to understand that this might help her morale, so she put on her game face and bravely took Judy up on her offer.

She arrived on Oct. 25, full of anxiety, but she was only there for a few minutes, talking with Judy, before becoming fully aware that this was a service that Judy wanted to use for helping women who have cancer cope with their new reality. Chelsea's apprehension began to fade as she tried on several colors of wigs. Some giggles and some eye rolls later, she chose the one which most closely resembled her natural hair color and style.

"Chelsea is a very determined, motivated person with a great attitude," Judy commented later.

Chelsea comes to Cullman from Decatur for treatments, after being told by four professionals that she didn't have cancer and that she had nothing to worry about. "Starting with my gynecologist, and going then to an oncologist in Huntsville, and later a family doctor, and finally a surgeon, who was in agreement with the others. They all assured me that what I felt, which by that time was about the size of a half-dollar, was only a fibrous cyst, and that it should be watched for several months to see if it changed," Chelsea explained. The fact that she was only 29 years old may have factored into the misdiagnosis by all of the doctors.



**Lanier before and after her makeover**

CHELSEA LANIER

A surgeon even informed her that doing a biopsy might possibly deform her breast, and that, again, it was nothing to worry about.

But her mother, Tammy Clark, thought differently.

"She kept encouraging me to seek another opinion," said Chelsea, who kept telling herself that all of these professionals couldn't be wrong. However, at the insistence of her mom, she did go to another doctor in Cullman, this time, one who listened to her and agreed to do an ultrasound because Chelsea was having some pain in her arm pit by this point.

"He still didn't think it was going to be cancer," she said.

But after another mammogram at Cullman Regional Medical Center (CRMC) there was cause for concern.

"Although even the ultra sound technician didn't seem to think it serious, the doctor ordered another ultra sound. He had seen something suspicious," said Chelsea.

Her dad took her to CRMC the day of the biopsy. It fell to him to break the news to her that the doctor had found cancer during the biopsy. A pathology report confirmed the devastating news.

"I'd had to give them a urine sample when I went in, so the first thing that came out of my mouth when Dad told me that it was cancer, was, 'I'm not pregnant too, am I?'" she laughed.

But it was more serious than they all thought. A PET scan and an MRI were done, confirming that there was cancer in Chelsea's liver, bones, breast and lymphatic system. It was in stage four.

Dr. Evans made some phone calls on Chelsea's behalf, getting her in to see Dr. Nacilla, who Chelsea says is great. "He and his whole office staff are wonderful," she said gratefully.

Her grandmother, an Alzheimer's patient, died just as all of this was happening.

"I feel like she knew that my mother would need me," said a stoic Chelsea, who had to miss the funeral because it fell on the day of her first chemo treatment. "She would have wanted me to take care of this," she said.

The chemo treatments went smoothly for Chelsea, who had tried to prepare herself for the worst.

"I was surprised, but had very little nausea, just some flu-like symptoms that went away quickly, but although the physical part was not so bad, the mental part was like a rollercoaster," she admitted.

"I take something for depression, for anxiety, and I'm seeing a therapist, which has really helped," she said. "It is somehow validating for someone other than your family to hear you cry."

When she decided to go for the free makeover, she didn't expect too much, but was pleasantly surprised at the lift in her spirits.

"It helped me to feel normal again," she said. "With cancer, you are stripped down to a body fighting to survive, so to be able to look normal gives you courage to be normal – not to have people staring at you, wondering what's wrong with you helps you to carry on a more normal life."

Later, because she had such positive feelings about her new look, she went out and did a seemingly simple thing – she purchased an eyebrow pencil.

"For some reason, losing my eyebrows was even more traumatic than losing my hair," she confessed. "It really helped my self-esteem to be able to look more like myself before I got sick."

In fact, she decided to re-enroll in graphic art classes at Calhoun, and says it has helped tremendously in occupying her time and thoughts through this tumultuous period in her young life.

The 2005 West Morgan High graduate, who holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Mississippi State University, is also eager to find work in her field so that she can complete the requirements for her license.

She has many plans that she fully intends to fulfill. This disease might be a monster, but Chelsea Lanier is a fighter and as fierce as a lion about beating it. Armed with determination and a slender, unassuming little eyebrow pencil tucked into her purse as a talisman, she goes forth each day, not willing to let anything deter her in reaching her goals.




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