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ELECTION 2016

Cullman County election results

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CULLMAN – Election results are in for Cullman County, with a whopping almost 68 percent voter turnout.

All of those who ran unopposed have officially been re-elected.

These include:

- C. Wilson Blaylock- Disrict Attorney, 32nd Judicial Court
- Kim J. Chaney- District Court Judge, Cullman County, Place No. 1
- Kenneth Walker- Chairman, Cullman County Commission
- Gene Sullins- Member, Cullman County Board of Education, West Point/ District No. 1
- Heath Allbright- Member, Cullman County Board of Education, Holly Pond/ District No. 3

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SPECIAL FARM-CITY ISSUE

Local farm preserves family heritage



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Melanie Glasscock tends the cattle on the farm that has been in her family since the 1800s.

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Cullman man charged with murder in death of woman in Good Hope



CCSO

Lawrence Feldman

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GOOD HOPE – Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) investigators on Monday charged Lawrence Feldman, 47, of Cullman with murder. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victim as Tracy Edy, 44, of Good Hope. P14

Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart youth come together to raise funds P14



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Changing of the guard in Holly Pond

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HOLLY POND – Monday night's town council meeting in Holly Pond saw the swearing-in of new mayor Bill Oliver and the members of the council. Oliver was elected after outgoing Holly Pond Mayor Herman Nail, who has worked for the town in some capacity since 1980, announced over the summer that he would not be seeking a third term.

The Holly Pond Town Council includes:

- Place 1: Lou Thomas
- Place 2: Carla Hart
- Place 3: Michelle Bell
- Place 4: Paul Brown
- Place 5: Gladys Wisener
- Mayor: Bill Oliver

After the ceremony was complete, Oliver brought up the first order of business, which was the appointing a mayor pro-tem. Brown was nominated and subsequently appointed to the position.

Some things stayed the same; for example, the council meetings will still be held in the Guy Hunt library at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, and the council also agreed to continue using the same bank for the town funds.

Other things were changed only slightly, like the rules for each meeting. The rules largely stayed the same, but two provisions were offered: (1) imposing a limit on the amount of public input is permitted once the meeting has started and (2) not voting on large issues during the same meeting when they were introduced.

Oliver also appointed each council member the head of a committee. Thomas is in charge of Beautification, Hart is in charge of Lighting, Bell will head the Parks and Recreation committee, Brown will head Safety and Wisener was appointed the head of Sewage, much to the amusement of meeting attendees.

The mayor was also formally appointed as superintendent of utilities.

Other resolved issues included the appointment of Dan Willingham as the town attorney for the next 30 days until the motion can be formally passed, and the council members also examined the most recent audit, which yielded no issues or causes for concern.

The meeting adjourned after the council members voted to continue operating under the old budget until the new one could be put in place during the December meeting.

When asked afterward if he had any specific plans for the town of Holly Pond, Oliver stated that he and the other council members would like to work on lighting, beautification, the building of storm shelters and just making Holly Pond a town that people could be even more proud of.

Local nonprofit providing vets a free Thanksgiving meal

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CULLMAN – Jeremy Hogan hopes to give local veterans and their families something special this Thanksgiving season. He heads up Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW), a nonprofit organization dedicated to making life better for men and women in the Cullman area who served in the armed forces. On Nov. 21, the Monday before Thanksgiving, SFW and the Brandin' Iron of West Point will team up for Thanks-GIVING Day: starting at noon, Brandin' Iron will offer a free traditional Thanksgiving meal to veterans, as well as their spouses and up to two children under 18.

SFW began in January of this year, when Hogan was at a local convenience store. In a conversation there, he heard about a local veteran who needed an access ramp at his house.

He gathered supplies and volunteers, and went to work. Discovering that such needs were unfortunately common, he began organizing personnel and resources, and SFW was born.

In only a few months the organization has provided vets with home repairs and painting, provided transportation to appointments, helped with groceries and even assisted in finding homeless veterans places to live.

Hogan saw many Thanksgiving activities being planned and advertised in the area, but none specifically for veterans.

As the mission of SFW involves improving the quality of life for these former service men and women, it was a logical move for him to create the event.

Local businesses and volunteers have stepped up, but the dinner still needs more sponsors, especially businesses.

Individual sponsorships (one veteran and family) are only $10; and special sponsor packages are available for local businesses and organizations.

Those interested can contact SFW at 256-747-5006. SFW is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Hogan is planning for an attendance of 400, and hopes to see Thanks-GIVING Day become an annual event. Veterans who wish to participate should contact SFW at the above phone number or visit SFW's Facebook page to sign up. More information can be found by visiting the website www.savingforgottenwarriors.org or finding Saving Forgotten Warriors on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Savingforgottenwarriors.org.

Town of Colony swears in council and new mayor

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COLONY – On Monday morning the Town of Colony held an organizational meeting of its town council. Present were the town's new mayor, Donnis Leeth, and council members Margaret Jamelle Dimbo, Curtis Johnson and Myra Twitty. The council currently has two unfilled seats.

Called to order by the mayor and following an invocation by Johnson, the first order of business was the election of a chairman pro tempore. A motion to appoint Johnson passed.

Second, the council voted to establish regular meeting times at Colony Town Hall at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Third, the council had to adopt rules of procedure, and voted to maintain the rules currently in use.

Fourth, the council approved the mayor's appointment of council members Johnson and Twitty to the town's finance committee.

Fifth, the council dealt with the issue of municipal employees.

Leeth noted that job applications have been received, but that he is planning to wait for more. A motion was passed to continue all current appointments and employees at least until the next council meeting.

The last order of business concerned the town's money. A motion was passed to continue using Merchants Bank as a depository for municipal funds.

Leeth then opened the floor for public comment. He first recognized local resident Doug Farley, who came to volunteer for one of the currently empty council seats.

As a question was raised about whether or not Farley actually lives inside the town limits, the issue was tabled for further study until the next meeting.

Former Colony Mayor, Vernon Fields, came forward to wish good luck to the new mayor and council, and to let them know that they may call on him for any assistance they might need in the future.

The meeting then adjourned. Afterward, discussion began about whose names should be on the town's bank account. Leeth was advised by Colony Town Clerk Patricia Ponder that he could be added to the account after he was sworn in, and that he could be sworn in when he goes to file his paperwork at the courthouse.

All other council members were also advised that they could be sworn in at the courthouse, but Dimbo suggested that since Ponder was qualified to do so, she could swear them in at Monday's meeting. All agreed, and Ponder proceeded; the mayor and all three current council members were sworn in.

The council is as follows:

- Mayor - Donnis Leeth
- Council Seat One (Finance) - Margaret Jamelle Dimbo
- Council Seat Two (Streets and Drainage) - open
- Council Seat Three (Police and Fire) - open
- Council Seat Four (Parks and Rec., Library) - Curtis Johnson
- Council Seat Five (Sanitation and Utilities) - Myra Twitty

The Colony Town Council will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall.

The public is welcome to attend.



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City of Cullman swears in council members, new mayor

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CULLMAN – The City of Cullman tonight swore in its city council and new mayor for 2016-2020. It was a packed house at Cullman City Hall, with people filling the seats and lining the walls around the auditorium.

After an invocation by Rev. John Bussman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Honor Guard of the Cullman City Police Department and Cullman Fire Rescue performed the ceremonial Presentation of Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the Posting of the Colors by the Guard, and finally the singing of "God Bless America" by Katie Burney.

Judge Wells R. Turner, III had the honor of administering the oaths of office.

The 2016-2020 Cullman City Council includes:
Place 1: Andy Page
Place 2: Garlan E. Gudger, Jr.
Place 3: John W. Cook
Place 4: Clint Hollingsworth
Place 5: Jenny Folsom

And lastly, newly-elected mayor Woody Jacobs was sworn in to a rousing round of applause from all in attendance. Jacobs narrowly defeated incumbent mayor Max A. Townson in the Aug. 23 municipal election.

Cullman City Clerk Wesley Moore performed the official roll call after the new council and mayor were seated, and there was a brief organization meeting, where Gudger was again voted president of the city council and Folsom president pro-tem. City Attorney Roy Williams, Jr. was also reappointed to his position. Various board appointments were made among the council members, and Jacobs was appointed to the Cullman City Utilities Board.

Gudger took a moment to recognize special guest Mrs. Gracie Grissom, mother of Folsom, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday.



Left to right: Garlan E. Gudger, Jr., John W. Cook, Andy Page, Woody Jacobs, Jenny Folsom and Clint Hollingsworth

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A reception was held in the lobby of Cullman City Hall following the meeting. The crowd included Alabama Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman, Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson, Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Ed Reinhardt, Jr. and former mayor Don E. Green, just to name a few.

Fairview welcomes new mayor, council members

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FAIRVIEW – On Monday evening the Town of Fairview welcomed its new mayor and council members at its regular town council meeting. After an invocation by returning Councilman Norman Dye, outgoing Mayor Dale Seals came forward to swear in new Mayor Keith Henry, and new council members Joseph Black and Robert Johnson. Returning members Charles Banister and Paula Edge were also present, along with Town Clerk Debbie Shedd.

Mayor Henry took the reins with brief opening remarks. Expressing a desire for cooperation, he stated, "I want unity in the council; I want us all to work together," concluding, "I see good things for Fairview."

Getting down to business, Henry extended a welcome to guests and opened the floor for public comment.

Fairview Lions Club representative Stephanie Giancatarino was present to share the club's Christmas plans, which are to hold a Christmas parade at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 16, followed by children's visits with Santa at the park. The Lions are also seeking the donation of a live Christmas tree to be planted near one of the park's pavilions for annual re-use. After a motion by Dye, the council voted to support the Lions Club projects.

Next, Fairview High School Principal Chris Gambrill presented a plan to secure funding for repairs and improvements to the school's athletic facilities by leasing those facilities and surrounding grounds to the City of Fairview for 10 years at $1 per year, which he offered to pay himself.

As municipalities qualify for certain improvement grants that are not available to schools, Gambrill says the school could potentially use otherwise unavailable funding for parking lots, a new athletic fieldhouse, a freestanding football film room that would double as a community theater, a resurfaced track and a band room.

While the council left the door open to further discussion, no official action was taken on the proposal at this meeting.

The meeting then moved to old business. Henry gave an update on renovations at the senior center, noting that good progress was being made and that the project seemed to be on schedule.

Henry also reported that the town has received a grant to repave a portion of Welcome Road, but that the town will have to pay up front, then apply for reimbursement.

As Fairview lacks up-front funds, it may have to borrow the money. The county might be able to provide those initial funds, though, so a motion was passed to empower the mayor to pursue county funding.

Banister announced that a memorial bench in town hall should be placed in the park. He suggested placing it near one of the park's pavilions, but another suggestion pointed to the senior center. Shedd pointed out another matching bench that would make placement in both locations possible. A motion by Johnson to pursue placement of both benches passed.

The council began its new business by distributing instructions for procedural rules, before Henry gave notice of the upcoming annual Veterans Day Dinner at Chesley Oaks, to which all council members and spouses are invited.

Henry then got down to his big order of business by distributing a list of needed repairs and improvements he has noted around the town. He left space on the list for council members to add their own, and asked them to bring their lists back to a later meeting. He also passed out a collection of photos of numerous problems at the town's ball fields, noting that the issues are not just eyesores, but safety hazards as well. He further distributed photos of issues with local roads and road signage. No motions were made, but the council discussed at length the various problems, planning to address them over time.

Councilman Banister noted that a disc golf basket is missing from the town's course. Further discussion revealed a second basket that was damaged by a vehicle. No action was taken, but council members considered talking with local disc golf enthusiasts about ways to upgrade the course.

Next, a motion by Henry to pay all town bills was passed without discussion.

After brief informal returns to various previous topics, the meeting adjourned.

The Fairview Town Council meets at Fairview Town Hall at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The public is invited to attend.

New mayor, council and jobs in South Vinemont

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SOUTH VINEMONT – The Town of South Vinemont held an organizational meeting and swearing-in ceremony on Monday evening for its new mayor and council members for 2016-2020. Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown administered the oaths of office.

The Vinemont Town Council includes:
- Place 1: Joann Oakley
- Place 2: Sonya Mabry
- Place 3: J.D. Marcum
- Place 4: Toni Helms
- Place 5: Shirley Arnett

Vinemont's new mayor is former Councilman Radginal Dodson. Former Mayor J.D. Marcum took Dodson's seat on the council.

Oakley was appointed mayor pro tempore, or vice-mayor, for the town and will take the role of mayor in the event that Dodson is absent from council meetings.

The council also appointed Vinemont's town clerk, Amy Johnson, and town attorney, Roy Williams, Jr.

In other business, Top Line Trailers of Addison requested a zoning change of the land behind what was formerly a drive-in theater. The company says it will bring approximately 30 jobs to the town through manufacturing and retail at the Vinemont location.

Top Line Trailers will be relocating to South Vinemont and plans to be operational by Dec. 1.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Area preview- playoffs round 2

Johnny Thornton
Sports Editor

Spring Garden Panthers (10-1) @ Addison Bulldogs (11-0)
Class 1A
A.G. Hicks Stadium - Addison
Friday 7 p.m.
SERIES: First meeting
LAST WEEK IN FIRST ROUND: Addison defeated Shoals Christian 63-20, Spring Garden defeated South Lamar 40-14.
SPRING GARDEN: 2nd in 1A, Region 6
ADDISON: 1st in 1A, Region 7

Spring Garden comes to Winston County with the Panthers having scored exactly 500 points in 11 games, an average of 45.7 per contest.

The Panthers have allowed 12.9 a game, shutting out three opponents in the regular season.

Spring Garden started the season 8-0 before losing at Cedar Bluff on Oct. 21 by the score of 29-24 for the Region 6 championship.

Addison dismantled Shoals Christian last week in the opening round with three touchdowns in the first quarter and a 22-0 lead. It became a 37-14 score at halftime and 57-14 at the end of the third period.

In 11 games, David Smothers' Bulldogs have tallied 482 points, scoring 43.7 per contest. The defense has surrendered 210, an average of 19.1 per game.

Addison is 6-0 at home with Spring Garden only 3-1 away from its campus. The Panthers have seven wins against no losses playing at home.

The Bulldogs have reached the second round of the AHSAA playoffs for the first time since 2013. Spring Garden was defeated in round two of the 1A playoffs a year ago by Decatur Heritage 30-22 in overtime.

Addison is one of five schools in Class 1A that is undefeated going into the second round of the playoffs. The Bulldogs are the only north Alabama team that is 11-0 with the other four schools located in south Alabama.

The Bulldogs entered the playoffs No. 3 in the 1A state prep poll.

The winner of Addison-Spring Garden faces the winner of Hubbertville-Hackleburg in the quarterfinal round on Nov. 18 with the site to be determined.

Wallace State basketball teams drop home games to Cleveland State

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's basketball teams lost their games to Cleveland State at Tom Drake Coliseum on Tuesday night. Four days after a thrilling victory over Andrew College, Wallace State's women lost 56-48 to the Lady Cougars.

Sophomore Jasmine Hollis led Wallace State scorers with 11 points off the bench. Freshman Joy Sadler added 10 points off the bench and Jemaiya Lee added six points.

Wallace State led 17-12 after the first quarter. Cleveland State rallied to seize a 23-21 edge with 2:31 remaining in the second quarter on a Keya Jenkins bucket, marking the Lady Cougars first lead of the game.

Cleveland State limited the Lady Lions to two points throughout the rest of the half and held a 29-23 advantage at intermission.

Cleveland State led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter. Wallace State trimmed its deficit to 40-35 as the third period expired, receiving a layup from Janese Richardson and a 3-pointer by Sydney Powell on consecutive possessions.

Wallace State (1-1) got within four points in the final quarter, but Cleveland State never relinquished the lead.

Jenkins led Cleveland State with 13 points.

The Lady Lions were playing their second straight game at home to begin the season after beating Andrew College last week. Kelsey Houston's 3-pointer at the top of the key with 2.5 seconds remaining lifted Wallace State past the Lady Bulldogs.

Houston had 19 points behind five 3-pointers on Friday, and the Lady Lions drained 11 treys as a team.

The Lady Lions play Denmark Technical College at Americus, Ga., on Saturday and Cape Fear Community College on Sunday.

Men's game
Cleveland State 74, Wallace State 62
Wallace State's men dropped their home opener despite having three players finish with double figures.

Ryshante Ellis led the Lions (1-2) in the loss with 14 points, Rashawn Green had 13 and Jaylen McCoy added 11 points.

Cleveland State jumped out to an 11-6 lead early in the first half.

Wallace State cut its deficit to 19-18 with 9:05 remaining after a pair of Zach Allison free throws, but Cleveland State responded by pushing its lead to nine points with 4:30 to go in the first half.

Cleveland State led 39-31 at halftime. After facing as much as an 11-point deficit in the second half, Wallace State trimmed Cleveland State's lead to 55-53 with 7:55 left in the game after a 3-point play by Green.

Once again, Cleveland State answered and eventually extended its advantage to double digits.

For Wallace State, Allison and Josh Hill added seven points apiece.

Cleveland State had four players finish with double figures. Alfonzo Peoples finished with a game-high 16 points, while Elijah Weems, Victor Curry and Jordan Olison each poured in 10 points.

Wallace State played its home opener after splitting a pair of games over the weekend in Tennessee. In a 24-point victory over Clinton Junior College, McCoy scored 20 points for Wallace State, while Ellis poured in 14 points.

Wallace State hosts a pair of NJCAA perennial powerhouses beginning Friday. The Lions welcome Chipola College at 7 p.m. on Friday and top-ranked Northwest Florida State College on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit http://athletics.wallacestate.edu/.



Wallace State guard Zach Allison dribbles as he looks for an open teammate against Cleveland State.



Wallace State's Rashawn Green converts a reverse layup for two of his 13 points in Tuesday's game against Cleveland State.



Wallace State freshman Taylor Hollingsworth defends a Cleveland State guard in their game Tuesday night.



Wallace State guard Janese Richardson attempts to dribble past multiple Cleveland State defenders in their game on Tuesday night.

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Agriculture: stewards of a healthy planet

The purpose of Farm-City Week is to bring about a better understanding between rural and urban people by increasing their knowledge and appreciation of each other as partners in progress. Farm-City Week is celebrated each year beginning on the Friday prior to and ending on Thanksgiving Day.

Farmers are often called the original stewards of the land. But the contribution of agriculture to a clean environment extends beyond their fields, pastures and barnyards.

This year's theme for National Ag Day and Farm-City Week captures the global impact of farmers' stewardship.

"Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet" speaks to both the universality of efforts by farmers to protect the environment and the work they are doing to improve conservation and sustainability.

Air, water, soil, plants and animals are all part of healthy ecosystems. Farmers are the caretakers of these resources.

Today's farm and forestry practices are reducing wind and water erosion, improving soil fertility, creating wildlife habitats, preserving biodiversity and enhancing animal and plant health.

But there's more to a healthy planet than just the environment.

Farmers are also stewards of human health. Agriculture today is more productive and efficient than ever before.

Each farmer feeds about 155 people using less land and fewer resources.

Thanks to new varieties and technologies farmers are producing larger quantities of more nutritious foods and have accepted the challenge to feed 9 billion people by the year 2050.

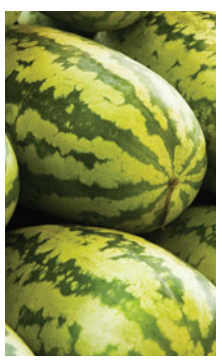
We cannot have a healthy planet with hungry people. Poverty and desperation can cause people to abandon sustainable practices in the effort to feed their families.

Agriculture is combatting this by increasing production and developing genetically superior varieties that are drought resistant and fortified with key vitamins and nutrients.

Whether its farming's contributions to biomedical research and hunger relief or the health benefits of lean meat and nutritious fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains, there are countless ways agriculture enhances the health of our planet.







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Cullman County Agriculture, Forestry, and Related Industries

Total Impacts: $2.4 Billion and 15,555 Jobs

Total Production

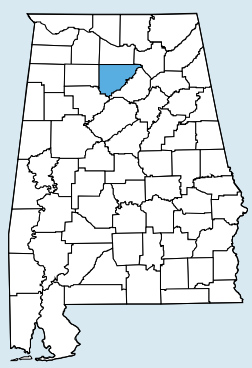
In 2010, $948.6 million was generated through the county's agricultural and forestry production sector.

Agricultural Production

Cullman County ranked first in the state in broiler production. Poultry and egg contributed 85.5 percent of the county's total agricultural and forestry production, making it the largest agricultural commodity.

Cullman County also ranked first in cattle production. It contributed 3.4 percent of the county's total, making it the second largest agricultural commodity. Cullman County also ranked first in dairy cattle and milk production, which contributed 0.5 percent of county's total agricultural and forestry production.

Cullman County ranked second in vegetable and melon farming, which contributed 0.5 percent of county's total and was the fourth largest commodity.



Total Land Area: 472,595 acres

Farmland: 229,245 acres

Timberland: 232,292 acres

Number of Farms: 2,465

Population: 80,536

Total Employment: 38,939 jobs

Total Economic Activity: $4.8 billion

Top Industry Groups:

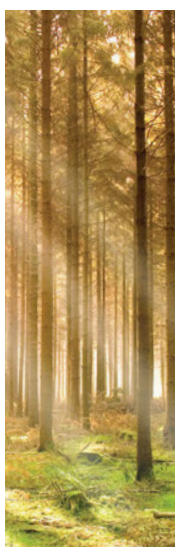
- Agriculture, Forestry, and Related Industries
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate and Rentals

Top Agricultural Commodities				
Commodity	Production (Mn$)	Jobs	Value Added* (Mn$)	Indirect Business Taxes (Mn$)
Poultry & egg	810.7	3,912	260.7	14.4
Cattle	32.0	352	9.1	0.9
Dairy cattle & milk	4.7	47	1.9	0.1
Vegetables & melons	4.6	37	2.5	0.1

*** Value Added** is the value that is added to a product at the stage of its manufacture or distribution.

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Forestry Industry				
County	Production (Mn$)	Jobs	Value Added (Mn$)	Indirect Business Taxes (Mn$)
Cullman	34.0	255	19.5	1.2



Forestry Production

Timberland accounted for 49.2 percent of the surface land area of Cullman County. Total forestry production contributed 3.6 percent of the county's total agricultural and forestry production.

Overall Contributions to Cullman County

Cullman County's agricultural, forestry, and related industries generated 15,555 full- and part-time jobs, representing 39.9 percent of the county's total workforce (38,939 jobs).

The total impact of agriculture, forestry, and related industries was $2.4 billion, which was 50.0 percent of the county's total economic activity ($4.8 billion). The indirect business taxes impact was $65.5 million, 40.2 percent of the county's total indirect business taxes.

Economic Impacts				
	Production (Mn$)	Jobs	Value Added (Mn$)	Indirect Business Taxes (Mn$)
Agricultural & Forestry Industries	**1,930.7**	**10,579**	**709.9**	**40.8**
Crop, livestock, forestry & fisheries production	948.6	5,423	331.7	18.9
Food & affiliated products manufacturing	420.1	1,936	127.4	6.4
Forest products manufacturing	561.9	3,221	250.9	15.5
Related Industries	**471.3**	**4,976**	**219.8**	**24.7**
Agricultural inputs & services	291.2	1,795	113.8	6.0
Food & affiliated products distribution	180.1	3,182	106.0	18.7
Total	**2,402.0**	**15,555**	**929.8**	**65.5**

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Local teacher explains importance of agriculture education

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CULLMAN - Local educator, David Benefield, has been an educator at Cullman High School, and involved with the school's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, for 20 years. He currently teaches agri-science at the high school and says he enjoys educating children about agriculture principles that may be useful for them in their futures.

Given his background, Benefield says he views Cullman's Farm-City program as "a very positive program, especially in our county, that helps link the agriculture industry that's in the county with people that live in the city."

Said Benefield, "The Farm-City program provides people who may have not had the exposure to agriculture the knowledge of what goes on at the farm."

Benefield says he also views the program as a necessity because agriculture no longer has as much of an impact as it once did. "As Cullman grows, we will have people that will not have as much knowledge when it comes to agriculture. With Cullman being the number one county in the state for agriculture, one would think that everyone in Cullman County, city included, would know about agriculture, but it's simply not that way. There are people are generations removed from actively practicing agriculture," he said.

The FFA has is involved with the program, but not as much as in years past. The Farm-City committee picks an outstanding FFA member to recognize every year, according to Benefield.



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Cullman County Commission recognizes Extension 4-H staff

Elizabeth Self
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission recently recognized Alabama Extension professionals for their outstanding service to the county's 4-H program. The county staff received the Crystal Clover, which recognizes Cullman as a 4-H Centennial Youth Initiative County.

Alabama Extension Associate Director Dr. Paul Brown presented the award and medals of excellence to the 4-H Team.

"We established the Centennial Youth Initiative in 2014," Brown said.

"We asked each county to put together a county 4-H team to develop a plan of work for the future that would get young people engaged as we move forward."

County Commissioner Garry Marchman presented a proclamation honoring Cullman County 4-H accomplishments.

"On behalf of the Cullman County Commission and as a former 4-H-er, I want to express our appreciation for the efforts of the Cullman County Extension team in achieving CYI status. We deeply appreciate their commitment to the youth of Cullman County and look forward to the continued growth of the 4-H youth program," he said.

More than 1,500 youth were involved in Cullman County programs last year.

In addition to the award of CYI county status, James Conway will be assigned as the full-time 4-H Club Foundation regional agent for Cullman County.

The funding for this agent is provided by Alabama Extension and the 4-H Club Foundation.

"This new CYI status is going to allow us to increase our 4-H efforts in the county," said Tony Glover, county Extension coordinator.

"We will be able to expand our 4-H programs to additional schools in the county and reach more youth."

Cullman County is one of 22 counties in Alabama designated as a CYI county.

The Centennial Youth Initiative (CYI) is committed to developing 4-H programs in Alabama to increase access so that more youth can participate in the program, and to enhance the learning experiences available to youth.

The award is based on the following standards of excellence in Alabama 4-H programming:

- Forming a unified Alabama 4-H team and program
- Utilizing consistent research-based curriculum resources
- Diversifying delivery modes tailored to today's youth
- Promoting plan-of-work development and teamwork at all levels
- Aligning staff and position assignments to support program resources and delivery modes

Hazards & Threats

There are many natural, technological or national security hazards that could occur in Alabama and result in an emergency or disaster. Hazards are those sources of potential danger or adverse conditions, but not all hazards have the same likelihood of occurring in a given time period. The likelihood of an event happening in that time period is calculated based on records of previous events in Alabama.

Assessing the risk of impact from a hazard is based on the likelihood of the event happening and on the effect of the event on physical elements (assets) in the community. Each asset has some vulnerability to hazards. For example, buildings are vulnerable to high winds and floods. The level of risk to a hazard is determined by the amount of vulnerability and the likelihood of that hazard occurring.

Alabama's Top 10 Natural Hazards

- Flooding (high risk, high impact)
- Tornadoes/Wind Storms (high risk, high impact)
- Hurricanes (high risk, high impact)
- Winter/Ice Storms (high risk, medium impact)
- Lightning (high risk, low impact)
- Drought (medium risk, low impact)
- Hail (medium risk, low impact)
- Extreme temperatures (medium risk, low impact)
- Wildfire (low risk, low impact)
- Urban Fire (low risk, low impact)

Alabama's Top 10 Technological Hazards

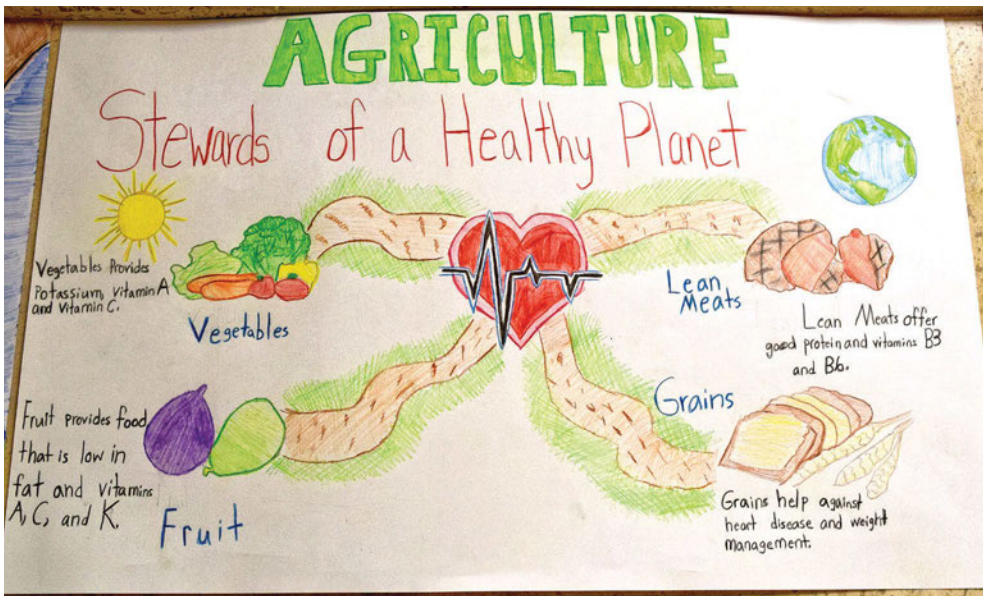
- Energy Crisis (medium risk, medium impact)
- Transportation (air/sea/rail; medium risk, medium impact)
- Terrorism (low risk, high impact)
- Chemical Stockpile (low risk, high impact)
- Radiological Attack (low risk, high impact)
- Radiological Fixed Facility (low risk, medium impact)
- Dam Failure/Breach (low risk, medium impact)
- Hazardous Materials Fixed Facility (low risk, medium impact)
- Cyber-terrorism (low risk, medium impact)
- Hazardous Materials Transportation (low risk, low impact)

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Steve and Lisa Lake: 2016 Farm Family

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



SUNLIT IMAGES, GREENWOOD, IN

Left to right bottom row: Audrey Kate Oldacre, Steve, Kiah, Lisa, & Bryn Lake. Left to right top row: Ethan Lake, Todd & Emily Oldacre, Heath, & Mandi Lake.

CULLMAN – Steve and Lisa Lake have been pulling rhythmically in tandem for years, moving themselves and their family forward, as well as being part of Cullman County's thriving agricultural community and a close-knit church family.

The Lakes were named 2016 Farm Family of the Year last year, and are humbled to be recognized by the Farm-City Committee as worthy of the honor. The Farm-City Committee, during its annual Farm-City Banquet in November, recognizes a Farm or City Family in alternating years. This year, a City Family will be named for 2017.

"Because Cullman is such a large agricultural county, it's a real honor to be recognized for something you love to do," said Steve.

When Lisa Woods first met Steve Lake, she was still in high school. On one of their first dates, he cautioned her to wear old clothes because they would be hauling hay.

It must not have scared her off because they were married about a year later.

In 1983, Lisa went into the marriage not knowing how to cook or take care of a house.

"Not only did I not know how to cook, I didn't eat vegetables and didn't even know what they tasted like," she confessed. Steve ate a lot of burned meals and occasionally some that hadn't cooked nearly long enough, as was the case with the cornbread that looked fine but was still runny in the middle. "It just sort of slid off of the plate. I enjoyed a lot of constructive criticism at the time," she laughed. "But he didn't complain he would just eat it."

At that point she worked for the telephone company in Birmingham. "I got up every day and put on a dress and heels," she said. "But five years and two babies later, about the time my oldest was starting kindergarten, I was ready to come home. I prayed about it a lot," she recalled.

So, she traded in her high heels for muck boots and jumped in with both feet. The first thing Steve put her in charge of was taking care of 10 sows and scores of piglets. "We didn't stay in the pig business very long," she laughed.

Since then, Lisa has worked alongside Steve, feeding and caring for chickens and helping with hay and cows. Steve has at times worked public jobs, first for Donahoo Construction and was later in charge of maintenance at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

"The Lord has honored my decision to quit and help on the farm, whenever He saw a need in our lives, He supplied whatever it took to meet it," said Lisa, emotions evident as she voiced her gratitude.

In 1985 they bought a farm where they raised three wonderful children and sent all of them to college, paid for weddings and are now the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

In 1992, Lisa started her own screen-printing business to help make ends meet. She also drives a bus route. Steve farms full-time.

The couple has always been active in the farming community surrounding Cullman. Steve has been president of the Cullman County Cattlemen's Association, as well as sitting on its board of directors, while Lisa was chosen as leader of the Cattlewomen. In 2002 they were chosen Alabama Poultry &Egg Association's Family of the Year. Lisa has also served as chairperson of the Cullman Farm-City Committee.

For the past 30 years, both of the Lakes have taught Sunday school at Bethlehem West Baptist Church. Steve, who is a deacon, has also served as Sunday school superintendent, training union superintendent, Sunday school teacher and youth director. He has been on several building committees as well as the pulpit committee and currently serves on the cemetery committee at Bethlehem Cemetery.

At the present time, Steve serves as the president of the Cullman Farmers Federation, and is the director for the Cullman County Cattlemen's Association. He is a past board member for the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, and has served on the Cullman County Poultry & Egg Association Board as secretary/treasurer.

Lisa teaches the adult ladies class at Bethlehem West, is a member of the choir, and is also chairman of the event planning committee.

In the past, she has taught the youth at just about every age, directed a youth choir, served as past vacation Bible school director for more than 15 years, and still teaches or works in some capacity.

She is currently a director on the Women's Leadership Committee of the Cullman Farmers Federation, director for the Cullman County Cattlewomen, where she served as past president, and past district director of the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association.

In addition to their farm and Lisa's business and bus route, Steve and Lisa have both delivered Meals on Wheels for the West Point Community Center. Lisa was at one time the director of the Battleground School Preservation Board.

In spite of their demanding schedules, they have always found the time to be active with their children's school and athletic endeavors. Steve coached several of their teams, but more importantly, the couple made sure that their children understood how farming affects the economy and their way of life.

"We traveled a lot of miles showing beef cattle," Lisa recalls. "Ethan had the Reserve Grand Champion Steer one year at the Jr. Beef Expo in Montgomery, and both of the boys won numerous awards and ribbons."

All of their efforts over the years were rewarded in 2015. Being chosen as 2016 Farm Family of the Year by the Cullman Farm-City Committee was an honor. Since then, they have enjoyed the Farm Tour, where Steve spoke at the lunch held at Camp Meadowbrook. They also rode in the Cullman County Fair Parade.

This couple is a shining example of what a farm family really is; dedicated, honest, hard-working, helping to build agriculture and their community, being involved in civic organizations and being role models to young farmers throughout the area.

"We really appreciate Alabama Farm Credit for nominating us," said Lisa. "They have been wonderful business partners, and friends."

Although farming sometimes means sacrificing other things, like family vacations, it has been a good way of life for the Lakes -the good obviously outweighing the sacrifices they've made. "There's a rhythm to farming," Lisa said thoughtfully, referring to the cycle of life on a farm. Planting, harvesting, raking, baling and hauling hay, feeding livestock and watching the sky for rain, it's what makes a farming family strong.

This year's Farm-City Banquet will be held on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center, where the 2017 City Family will be named.

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Cullman County Master Gardener class to begin Jan. 25, 2017

Elizabeth Self
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Extension Office plans to offer the Alabama Master Gardener Class each Wednesday beginning on Jan. 25, 2017 and continuing through Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Master Gardener Classes begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All the classes except for two will be held in the conference room of the Cullman County Office Building.

If you register for the class before Dec. 31, the fee is $125 and includes the cost of a thick reference notebook, refreshments, travel expenses for speakers and the cost of a background check. Our office will be closed for the holidays beginning Wednesday, Dec. 21 through Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

As long as your application is postmarked on or before Dec. 31, you will receive the discount. After that date, the fee increases to $150.

If you are interested in attending the class, but would like to divide the cost, you may make three payments of $50 each.

The first would need to be included with your application and the remainder paid before the first day of class.

A number of gardening topics are covered in the class, including: Plant Physiology, Soils & Plant Nutrition, Growing Herbs, Weed Identification & Control, Home Lawns, Home Fruit Production, Plant Propagation, Home Vegetable Gardening, Plant Selection, Annuals & Perennials, Wildlife Damage Control, Plant Pathology, Basic Entomology, Landscape Design and Care & Maintenance of Ornamentals.

The main purpose of the Master Gardener Program is to develop volunteers to assist the Extension Office in meeting the horticultural needs in the area.

Fifty volunteer hours are required for certification as an Alabama Master Gardener and participants have one year from the beginning of the class to complete this requirement.

Please complete and print Parts I & II of the Alabama Master Gardener Volunteer Program application and mail or bring it by the Cullman County Extension Office at 402 Arnold Street NE Suite G-1, Cullman, AL 35055.

Part III contains information regarding the background check; once your application request is accepted, I will give you instructions for completing the background check forms.

Please return your application as soon as possible as a minimum of 15 people must register in order for us to offer the class.



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Birds eye view of a woman gardener weeding an organic vegetable garden with a hand fork

We will notify you on or before Wednesday, Jan. 18 as to whether or not the class will be held.

Feel free to contact me at the office 256-737-9386, cell 256-595-2478 or email: tcc0029@auburn.edu if you have any additional questions. Tim Crow, REA Home Grounds, Gardens & Pests.

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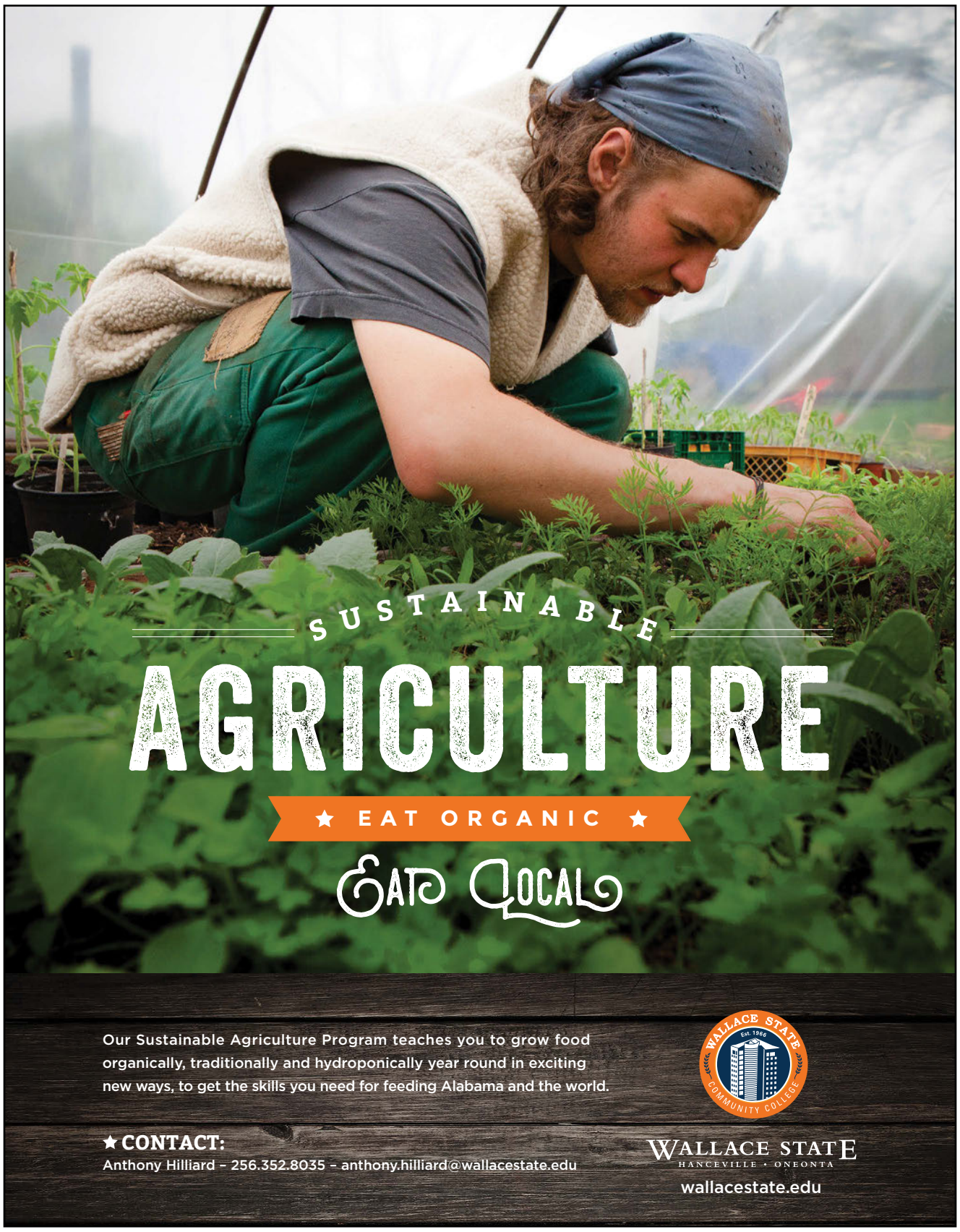
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Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Frederick McKenzie Foreman, 85, of Opelika, formerly of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Foreman passed away November 3 at his residence.

John William "Johnny" King, 54, passed away November 2. A Mass of Christian Burial was held November 4 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church; Rev. Patrick Egan, O.S.B. officiated; with interment in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Funeral mass for Thomas James Buddy Gasser, age 82 of Cullman, was held November 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fr. Patrick Egan, O.S.B. officiating with burial at Bethlehem West cemetery. Moss-Service Funeral Home directing. Mr. Gasser passed away November 1 at his residence. He was born in Cullman October 11, 1934 to Paul Bernard and Anna Marie Tekulve Gasser. He retired in 1997 from Monsanto in Decatur after 34 years and served 6 years in the Army National Guard.

Jimmie Lou Little, 83 of Russellville, entered into rest on November 1 at her residence. Mrs. Little was born on March 21, 1933 in Haleyville. Jimmie was a member of Lynn Church of Christ for 70+ years. She was a graduate of Lynn High School and Northwest Alabama Technical College, where she received her Associate degree as an LPN. She was a devoted Christian and worked as an LPN for 40+ years. She enjoyed crocheting, oil painting, sewing, caring for others, and cooking for Randy and Scott as they were growing up. She was "Mamaw" to everyone that knew her. No matter where she roamed, Lynn was always home to her. Funeral service held at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville; Vance Hutton and Blake Jones officiated. Burial followed in Lynn City Cemetery.

Audie Lee Campbell of Vinemont passed away on October 31 at Summerford Nursing Home at the age of 88. She was born in Cullman on March 26, 1928 to Dallas President and Frances Maggielou Smith Dye. She is preceded in death by her parents, Husband: George Joseph Campbell, Daughter: Kathy Campbell, Sons: Roy Campbell and Edward Campbell, Sister: Elzie Ward, Brothers: Doyle, Coyle and Monroe Dye. Funeral service held on November 4 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel; with Rev. Truman Davis officiating. Interment will be in Ebenezer Cemetery.

Closed casket funeral service for William Jordan, age 90 of Cullman, was held November 5 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Reverend Larry Duke officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Jordan passed away November 1 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center. He was born December 25, 1926 in Cullman to Herbert J. Jordan and Vera Wilhite Jordan. He was a World War II veteran and a lifetime Mason, a member of the First Baptist Church, and was a Cullman County merchant in the Ebenezer community at the family business known as The House of Jordan with his wife (deceased) for over 59 years before closing the store in 2015.

Marcell Ginn, 80 of Bremen, passed away November 3 at her residence. She was born January 4, 1936, in Cullman. She was preceded in death by her parents, Era and Agnes Wilson Baker; husband, Jonah Pat Ginn; sons, Timothy and Michael Richards; sister, Ruth Moon; brothers, Harold and Buddy Baker. Funeral service held November 5 at Moss Service Funeral Home; Rev. Jerry Lake officiating, with interment in New Prospect Cemetery.

Mr. Arlin Blanchard Queen, 73 of Cullman, Alabama died on November 4 at Hanceville Nursing Home in Hanceville, Alabama. Born, March 20, 1943, he was the son of the late William Queen and the late Roxie Nichols Queen. He was the husband of the late Bobbie Queen. He was employed by American Trim. A Funeral service was held November 6 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with the Fred Rivers officiating.

Funeral services for Henry Hollis Hitt, 85, of Marietta, Georgia were held November 6 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel; Greg Bailey officiating with burial in Mt. Zion Nazarene Cemetery. Mr. Hitt died on November 4 at his residence. He was born on October 6, 1931 in Blount County to James Manley and Charlotte Myrtle Reid Hitt and is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Billy Joe Hitt; and a sister, Rose Nell Williams.

Funeral service for Marceal Woodward Shaw, 90, was held November 7, at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Mrs. Shaw passed away on Friday, November 4. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Mrs. Merl S. (Rivers) Mayo passed away November 5 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She was 81 years old. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday November 8 at Moss Service Chapel; interment at South Cemetery in Blount County. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Earlene Grace Guttery, 86 of Double Springs, entered into rest on November 5 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Earlene was born on September 5, 1930 in Jasper. She loved gardening, dancing and shopping. She was admired by many people for her strength in raising three children by herself and how close she became to God. Funeral service held at Nichols Funeral Home on November 8 in Double Springs; Pastor Mike Joiner will officiate. Burial will be in Double Springs Memorial Cemetery.

Charles "Charlie" Shoemaker, 66 of Vinemont, died on November 6. He was preceded in death by his son, Charles Wayne Shoemaker; and sisters: Vilene Lynn and Reba Rooks. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Shoemaker, son, Kelvin Shoemaker (Tracey); sisters: Gail Dotson (Virgil) & Joyce Pigg (James); Brothers: David Shoemaker (Vetra) & Robert Shoemaker (Virginia); 3 grandsons and a great grandson. The family will celebrate Charlie's life on November 11 at Bethel Baptist Church in Blair, AL. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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CULLMAN COUNTY — CASE NO: PC2016-155

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

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

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

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

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
MICHAEL D. HAYNES
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
C.O.A.
A Minor Child, 10/27/2015
CASE NO. JU 2015-618.02

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of C.O.A. born on or about 10/27/2015 to Mikayla Williams, respond to the Petition by the 15 day of December, 2016, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 739-9300 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 13th day of October, 2016.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

NATHAN A. BROCK,
Attorney for Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate/Tammy Brown

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama, 35055

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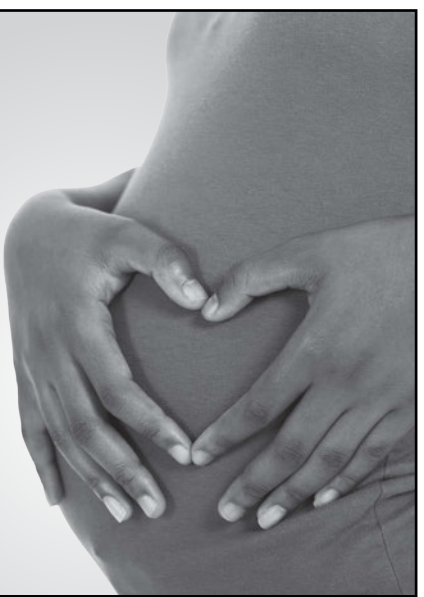
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Local activist hosts sexual education reform forum

Andrew Cryer
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CULLMAN – Local education reform activist Tori Partridge, 17, of Phelan held an open forum recently at Victim Services of Cullman to discuss the Alliance for Healthy Youth (AHY) and their mission both statewide and nationally. Another forum is planned for February or early spring of next year; however, more frequent meetings may occur if interest grows in the community for sexual health and education reform.

The statewide organization, of which Partridge is a council member, is the Alabama Alliance for Healthy Youth (AAHY). The AAHY is a statewide group of youth and adults working together to influence policies and programs that support sexual health and educational justice. The group seeks to improve overall school climate and sexual health education in Alabama's schools and communities through advocacy.

The national group, Advocates for Youth, has various missions in various states; each state that the organization is active in has its own priorities, but they all work to achieve the common goal of comprehensive sexual education. Other projects of the national organization include the One in Three campaign which is mostly centered around reproductive rights.

Partridge first got involved with the AAHY after meeting Lisa Moyer at a girl's fair held at Holly Pond, "She (Moyer) was passing out applications and talking about how they were about to start the new year with a new council," said Partridge, who thinks that getting to where she currently stands is a big deal. "I was one of 50 applicants and the only person from Cullman County to receive a spot on the council," she said.

The council is comprised of 10 members representing the entire state of Alabama; most members are from Birmingham, Tuscaloosa or Mobile. She gets paid for her work and got to visit Washington D.C. in September to lobby and learn the legislative process; the group will be going to Montgomery in January to lobby on Advocacy Day.

The goal of local forums and meetings, like the one held in Cullman recently, is to, "inform and educate younger people to get more support for changing the sexual education law that we have now into a comprehensive sex education law," said Partridge. "The main thing that we want to change is the fact that the information taught doesn't have to be medically accurate, which is very scary."

Not only does the group wish for Alabama students to have medically accurate information, but they also wish, according to Partridge, "to get homophobic language out of the sex ed law that's really outdated since there are no laws against being gay."

Most of those in attendance were students of Holly Pond High School or were recent graduates. One such recent graduate was Lauren Leach who graduated with Holly Pond's class of 2016. In order to graduate, Leach says she was required to take a health class, but there was no sexual education component to that class— at all.

"I wasn't educated like I should have been," said Leach. "It should have been a requirement that we be taught proper sexual education because some people may not be able to look that up at home or some parents may not teach it to their kids; kids should not be graduating high school without receiving a proper sexual education."

"It's such a shame that we don't talk about condoms or the Cullman County Health Department because it's such a great resource," said Partridge as the conversation shifted to what's already available in Cullman County. "It's open to people that are 14 and up. They can go there and receive any type of clinical help such as physicals or STD tests, but no one knows about it. It's really unfair that we have such a great resource right there in our back yard that we don't teach or talk about." More resources that are available include free condoms and free birth control, according to Partridge.

"They don't want us to know about it, that's the thing," commented Leach.

Phillip Thompson, 17, of Holly Pond says that even if



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sexual education is covered in school, it's mostly just an STD scare tactic to make students stay abstinent.

"We had one module on sex ed that was just all STDs and that was it," stated Thompson. "It never talked about anything like contraceptives or abortion. Not only did it not go over how to prevent pregnancy, other than abstinence, but it didn't go over what to do if it happened."

The group discussed how they feel that LGBTQ+ youth suffer from our current education policy.

"It's so frustrating how queer people aren't receiving the education that they need," said Partridge. "While every person is affected by the lack of comprehensive sex education, queer people are affected the most," said Partridge.

Thompson chimed in, "It's easier for straight people who may not receive a good sex ed class to figure things out being around other straight people that are in the same situation. They can ask their friends and it's accepted to talk about that, but it's not that way if you're gay."

"The current law portrays gays as the only people who are at a higher risk for STDs," said Partridge. She feels that being at a slightly higher risk for STDs is not all that there is to being LGBTQ+. "That's not all there is to being a queer person and I hate that it's pushed to be only a negative thing," said Partridge.

According to the group, another issue that is involved in comprehensive sexual education, that many individuals don't realize, is what exactly a healthy relationship is and what consent is.

"A huge part of it is the healthy relationship side of it. We're never taught stuff like that, but it's something that is important for everyone to know. It's unfair to expect people to know about these things if we are never taught about it," stated Partridge.

It was the opinion of those in attendance that not everyone comes from a religious background or shares the same beliefs.

"In a small town where there is a church on every corner, religion plays a big part," commented Leach.

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Left to right: Becky Cook, Marie Wright, Regenia Geisen, Rex Smith, Rph. And Vanessa Patton

Treatment with testosterone improves sexual function and mood in older men with low testosterone levels, report Yale researchers. The results published by *The New England Journal of Medicine* were the first to convincingly show the benefits of testosterone for men over age 65, said the researchers. As men age, their testosterone levels tend to decline, leading to decreases in sexual function, mobility and energy. While testosterone has been studied as a potential treatment, the results of previous trials have been inconsistent. The researchers found that men who received testosterone therapy for one year, versus those on placebo, saw significant improvements in sexual function, including sexual activity, sexual desire and erectile function.

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A new report in the journal *Epilepsia* suggests that use of topiramate in conjunction with other anti-epileptic drugs may enhance its propensity to cause fetal malformations.

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During rehabilitation following an acute hospital stay, medications that block neurotransmitters may be overprescribed to older patients, suffering from delirium superimposed on dementia, according to health researchers. Specifically, strong anticholinergic medications may be prescribed to older adults when there are other suitable options. An anticholinergic medication blocks the neurotransmitter acetylcholine in the nervous system. These drugs are prescribed for a variety of symptoms, including incontinence, depression and insomnia. While their use can be very beneficial to some, they are also known to have significant adverse effects. In a study published in the *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, people on anticholinergic medications had worse attention and physical function and a longer stay at the rehab facility.

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Funds (from Front)

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – This weekend, the Knights of Columbus and the youth group of Sacred Heart Catholic Church came together to raise money for roof repairs at Sacred Heart School.

The roof of the school began to leak, and excess moisture caused mold to begin growing, which posed a health risk to the students, so measures were undertaken to clean and repair the areas. The cost to fix everything was estimated to be around $200,000, so the Knights and the youth group set up fundraisers to help ease the financial strain.

A BBQ baked potato supper was hosted by the youth group, and the Knights held a Bingo game immediately following the supper.

Members of the community were more than happy to help the school, filling the Family Life Center and causing the supper to completely run out of potatoes. Even people who neither ate nor participated in Bingo donated to the repair fund.

It is currently unknown how much money the two groups raised. When asked for a comment, youth director Jacqueline Hill stated, "We saw a need and we're trying to fill it."

The youth group will be hosting other fundraisers in January and February for Relay for Life.

Murder (from Front)

"Last Thursday, Nov. 3, CCSO deputies responded to a call at a residence on Chad Drive in Good Hope," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"Upon entry, deputies discovered the body of a deceased female and the suspect."

Feldman was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at the time, says Gentry.

"Upon further investigation and with more evidence, the suspect was charged with murder," said Gentry.

This is an ongoing investigation; the CCSO will release more information as it becomes available.

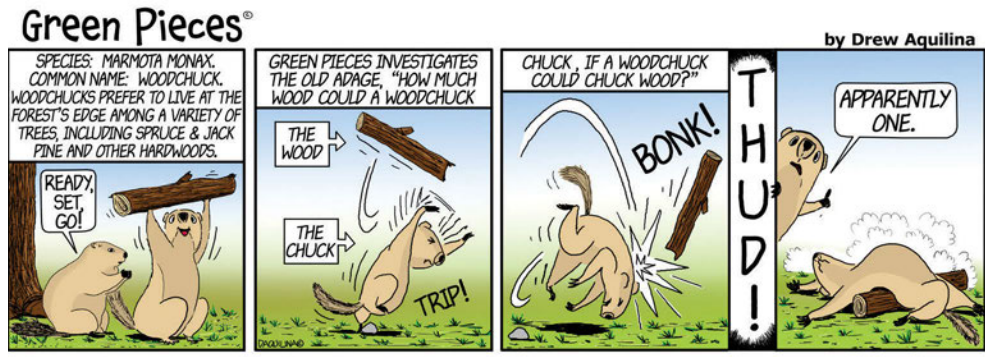
Feldman is currently being held at the Cullman County Detention Center without bond.

Election (from Front)

Republican Wayne Myrex defeated his opponent, Independent Laurita C. Hogland for the Cold Springs/ District No. 5 seat on the Cullman County Board of Education.

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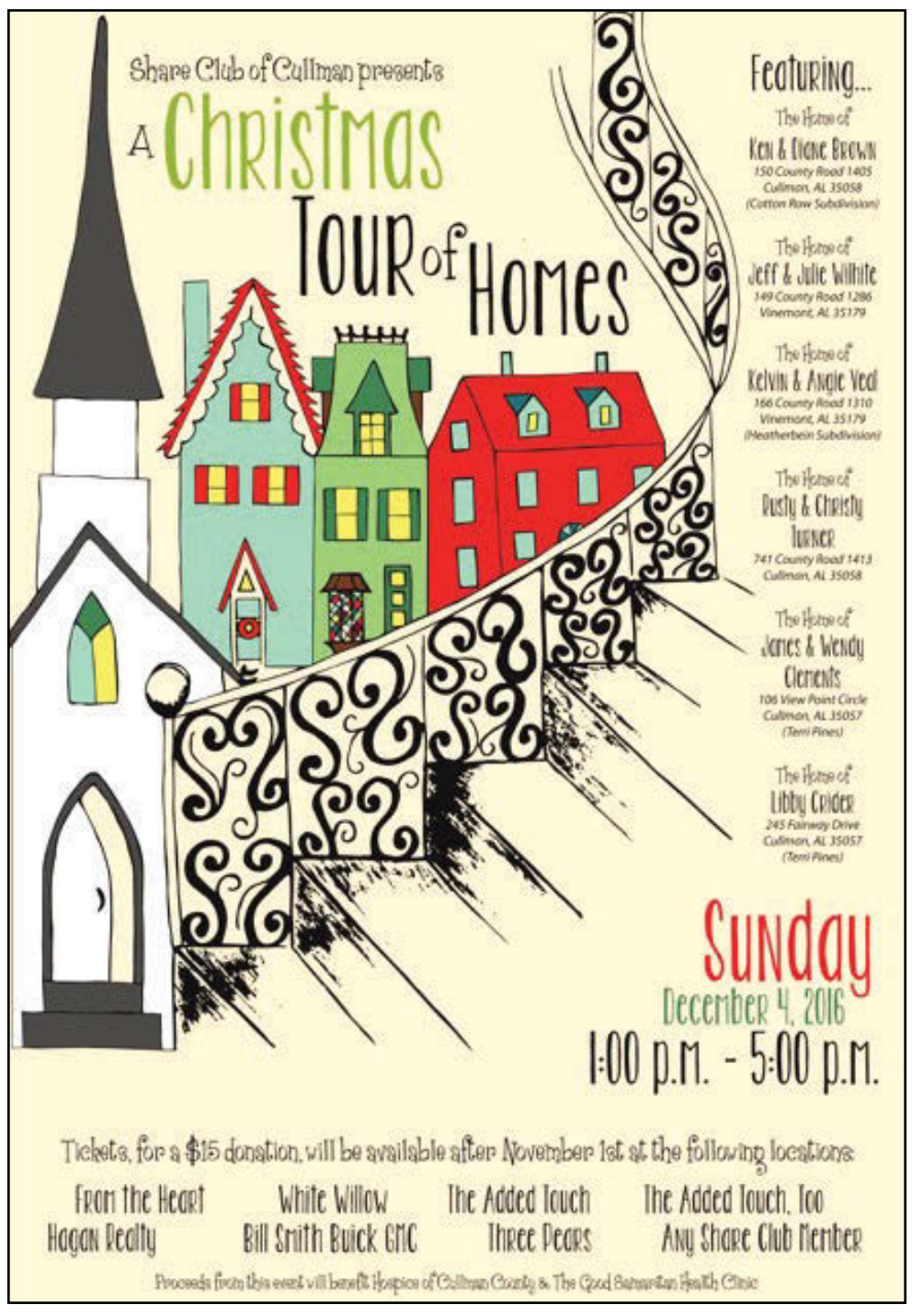
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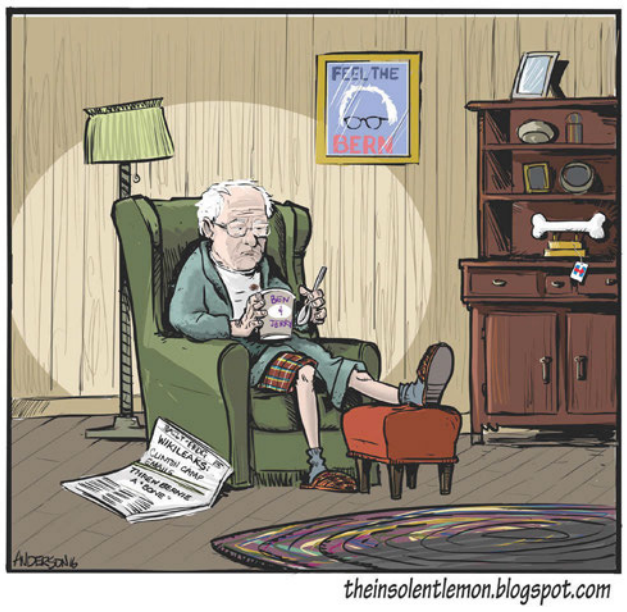
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and listen to its melody.

The strewn leaves swirling,
snapping like a snare drums cadence.
Joining the score with a thudding bass
an occasional limb will fall.

A buck bugles his mating call.
An acorn descending to the ground
like a triangles ting
becomes a part of this symphony.

I hear the decrescendo of
summers past.
A whisking breath of wood winds blow
as shadows faintly set.

The winter of my life will come
and there will be an end.
But now I have this present time
that I embrace with awe.

I listen to the ROM POM POM!
The tops of trees they SWAY!
The wind blows through these autumn
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By: Randy C. Hale

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Farm Table

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

Nowadays the words 'farm table' usually mean a piece of reproduction furniture sold at high-end shops where anything rustic has been repurposed into a myriad of things, from kitchen cabinets to old well pulleys and molasses crocks. You'll most likely find a replica of your granddaddy's antique Oliver tractor seat morphed into a bar stool sitting around somewhere there, too.

But to farm families, the farm table is something quite different, it's the place where grandmother shelled peas, showing granddaughters how to pop them in half to get the little green string to peel off easier.

It's the place where you did your homework after school, before chores. It's where you made those marks that look suspiciously like your name about the time you were learning to print. It's the scuffs where iron skillets were set down, too hot, for the noon meal, always referred to as 'dinner'. (And correctly so, because dinner, by definition, is the largest meal of the day, and for a farm family, this was served at noon, when everyone came in from the fields ravished and ready for a big meal which never included tofu or counting calories of any kind, and there was only one kind of tea...sweet).

The farm table is where men sat and painstakingly planned their budget, allowing for seeds and fertilizer first, because that's where the money for everything else came from. They licked the business end of a No. 2 pencil, deep in thought, as they tried to figure out a way to make those nickels and dimes stretch for shoes and lunch money.

It's where mother's in aprons made from flour sacks sat to count out their egg money, then tucked it into a sock and hid it away for a rainy day.

It's where the news of the community was shared among the family, who always, always, sat down to dinner (and breakfast and supper, for that matter) together, prayed over their food, and asked blessings on coming harvests.

Its where you learned manners, like not reaching for the last biscuit, or slurping your coffee, or heaven forbid, playing with your food, because food was always serious business, from the time it was a tiny seed planted in the garden, while it was being watered, hoed, harvested, canned and then, eaten – it was always serious because it's what kept the family fed, and often times, it was what bought seed for the next crop.

The family farm table was used for wrapping Christmas presents, usually homemade, maybe a quilt, or a jar of canned peaches, or if it had been a good year, new overhauls and handkerchiefs from down at the store, but only if there had been enough money left over after buying staples like coffee, sugar, flour and salt. And in most cases, tobacco, the kind your granddaddy cut off with a pocket knife, kept in the little pocket of his jaw and spit into whatever was handy.

The farm table saw a lifetime of joys and sorrows. It was where your mother cried when you ran off and got married, and where your father told stories of when he was a boy, how things were so different, and how far he had to walk to and from school, barefoot, in the snow.

If he went to school... because farm kids were considered grown up enough to do a day's work by about the age of 12, and they stayed where they were needed.

Farm tables are probably most associated with big Sunday dinners. The kind where company was apt to drop by on the way home from church, and there was always enough to go around.

The kind where there was both fried chicken and roast beef with all the trimmings, corn on the cob, creamed potatoes, slaw, boiled cabbage, cornbread and, if it was a special occasion, store bought rolls or the good kind, homemade yeast rolls, which is how kids determined how important that Sunday's guests were.

Farm tables were often handed down through generations. Made simple and sturdy, they were meant to last, to see grandchildren and great-grandchildren pulled up close in high chairs, and old men and women who sat and gazed at the children who had grown up too fast, but still came faithfully to Sunday dinner, always staying to help clear up the dishes, and wiping down the table again, and again, until the patina was rich and the surface as smooth as glass.

Then came Formica and laminate tables, and farm tables were relegated to the screened- in back porch, and later to the barn or the shed, where they gathered dust or were used for oiling leather harnesses or for sitting and whittling in the winter. Sometimes they were what was whittled, or burned for firewood.

But then came the generation that dragged them out of dusty corn cribs and out- buildings at old farm auctions. They were rediscovered, and people took them home and stripped away the old finish or cleaned them up and cherished the roughness that told of times gone by, memories that were too precious to cover up with varnish and paint.

Farm tables are once again prized possessions. They stand for what was, and is, good, and honest, and true in our lives, for durability, reliability and steadfastness. They are proof that what goes around, comes around, and that we should not take even the simplest parts of our heritage for granted.

OPINION

Open letter to our new President-Elect

Al Jubitz
PeaceVoice

Dear President-Elect,
Today you are elected to lead this great nation. The campaign season is over. As you prepare to lead us please consider carrying with you these four questions as guidelines of the things you think, say and do for your Presidency and for your administration.

First, is it the truth? Seek the truth at every opportunity and then tell us. We can handle the truth.

Second, is it fair to all concerned? We like to be treated fairly and that one effort could lead to your reelection. Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships throughout our country and the world? We Americans feel friendly towards others and want others to consider us friends. A smile, a conversation, listening to the aspirations of others is a step in this direction.

Fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned? Truth, fairness, goodwill are important but please take the extra step to try to benefit all stakeholders both within this country and all over the planet.

You have earned the right to lead us and we are here to help as we also seek to live by these principles. We wish you well.

Al Jubitz is a retired businessman and founder of the War Prevention Initiative and the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.

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HOLLY POND/BERLIN - Melanie Glasscock is a busy lady. She is a full-time instructor at Wallace State, where she teaches biology and poultry science. In her spare time, she spends one day a week as a veterinarian. And then there's the farm.

In the late 1800s Glasscock's great grandfather received a grant for a 240-acre homestead between present-day Berlin and Holly Pond, along what is now U.S. Highway 278 East.

There he farmed and raised cattle, and today the family tradition continues. The property has been divided up between children and their children, but it remains in the family, and much of it is still pasture land.

Glasscock's share, augmented by nearby land acquired from her mother's side of the family, is still home to a herd of cattle, along with goats, chickens, ducks, horses and a garden.

Some of these might be just for fun, but the cattle are more serious business. Glasscock started with a small group of calves, which she raised to become the foundation of her herd.

Now she runs a "cow/calf operation," with her adult cattle producing dozens of calves each year.

A few will be kept and raised to take the place of older "retiring" cows, but most calves will be sold at market in Cullman to ranchers who will raise them for beef.

Glasscock is very hands-on in a largely solo operation assisted as needed by local family members.

She is close to the work, even calling a few of her cows by name while feeding them.

When asked if she ever has trouble parting with her cows, she admitted that while she has learned not to be too attached to the calves, certain adults have earned designation as permanent crew members.

"It might not be the best thing economically," she explained, "but they will live out their lives here."

Glasscock is committed to doing business in the Cullman area. She occasionally has to venture out, but she says that Cullman is a great place for farmers to do business.

"Shop local," she advises, and she means it. She buys most of her supplies in Cullman, and sells most of her stock to Cullman County ranchers.

"It's good business. I mean, they're our neighbors," Glasscock insisted, as she motioned in the direction of a nearby ranch that has become home to some of her calves.

With her career as a teacher and her credentials as a veterinarian, Glasscock doesn't have to do this.

When asked why she does, she pointed to the issue of family heritage, but shared some more personal reasons as well.

In talking about her cows and other animals, she said, "There's a lot of joy in watching them." Of farm life as a whole: "There's a lot of peace and a lot of satisfaction. There's something in just watching the grass grow."

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