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Mass resignation at Bethsadia VFD leaves area with no EMS or active certified firefighter coverage

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BETHSADIA – A mass resignation at the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department occurred late last week, with seven members leaving their jobs due to a multitude of reasons, all detailed in a letter sent to the Bethsadia VFD Board of Directors and Bethsadia Fire Chief Buddy Carden. The resignation leaves the community with no EMS or actively certified firefighter coverage.

Those leaving include assistant chief Maurice Reynolds, who says that the department covers 27 square miles, which includes 800-900 households.

When reached for comment, Carden said, "They resigned from the fire department, they have no more authority for the fire department."

Carden says there will be a board meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday night, Dec. 1, at Bethsadia VFD, station 1. The public is welcome to attend to hear all sides of the story. The VFD is located at 454 County Road 804 in P5

Cullman Community Band's senior member enjoys a life filled with music P8



Dr. Robert Orr, full time musician, part time retiree! W.C. MANN

Cullman Christmas events and celebrations

By Samantha Vest & Wendy Sack

CULLMAN – The Christmas season is upon us, including all of the various holiday-themed activities the season brings with it. Many cities and towns will have parades, festivals, tree lightings and holiday markets- to name a few- to mark the season. Cullman is no exception. Below are a wide variety of events for you to enjoy over the next month.

Thursday, Dec. 1

CRMC Foundation Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Each holiday season the CRMC Foundation Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony allows members of Cullman and the surrounding area to honor or remember family and community. For a minimum donation of $20, a personalized card is sent to those chosen by the donor to be honored and to the family of those being remembered.

A special event is held on the first Thursday of December to recognize each "light" donated. Refreshments are served and reflective, meaningful Christmas music is performed before everyone walks outside together as the Christmas tree is lit atop CRMC. Named in memory of the late Dr. Herman Ensor, who lovingly established this event for our community hospital, Lights of Love is a special beginning to the Christmas season.

This year's event will be held Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Colonel P4

Cullman High School Broadcast Network: Bringing Cullman High School (and more) to you

Josh McBrayer
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Evolution is a necessity in the world of news and communication, no matter the level in which you are involved. Take ESPN for example. The worldwide leader in sports that broadcasts such huge events as the college football playoffs, Wimbledon and the Masters, started off broadcasting nothing more than slow pitch softball, strongman competitions and Magic: the Gathering tournaments, but they evolved. Such is the case with the Cullman High School Broadcast Network (CHSBN).

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JOHN DRAKE

Noah and Wheeler interviewing bowler

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Update: Local man remains in UAB Burn Unit following Vinemont fire

Loretta Gillespie
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VINEMONT – For Brittany Hamm, daughter of Vinemont house fire victim, Keith Chumley, Thanksgiving was bittersweet. She spent the most of the day at the University of Birmingham (UAB) ICU Burn Unit, visiting her father as permitted, thankful that he was alive, although suffering with third- degree burns over approximately 40-50 percent of his body.

"He is still heavily sedated," said Hamm. "As of now, we don't know exactly what happened, and we won't know until he can tell us."

Chumley's wife, Kim Chumley, lost her life in the fire, which occurred on Saturday, Nov. 19, a little after 9:30 p.m. at 105 County Road 1332.

Keith Chumley, 52, remains in critical condition, on a ventilator, with feeding and breathing tubes, until his body has recovers sufficiently.

According to Hamm, the state fire marshal has not released any information at this point. The investigation is ongoing, and no foul play is suspected.

"It's all speculation right now," she said. "No one knows, although I've seen statements on Facebook but that's all they are - speculation."

The couple's two dogs, Costa and Chance, were not harmed in the fire.

At this time, no details about Kim Chumley's memorial arrangements are available. Friends of the family have set up a Go Fund Me page to help the family with the costs involved; visit https://www.gofundme.com/funeral-expense-for-kim-chumley for information on how you can help.

Background:

http://www.cullmansense.com/articles/2016/11/22/community-raising-funds-family-and-victim-vinemont-fire

http://www.cullmansense.com/articles/2016/11/20/suspicious-house-fire-leads-discovery-body

Georgia woman arrested outside Cullman Wal-Mart for trafficking

Capt. Becky Boyd
CPD

CULLMAN – A Georgia woman was arrested Sunday at a Cullman Wal-Mart store after Cullman Police Department Officer Matt Hollingsworth responded to a call of a possibly intoxicated female on the premises.

Hollingsworth located the suspect exiting the Wal-Mart parking lot in a vehicle.

After observing the suspect's vehicle cross the center line multiple times, Hollingsworth initiated a traffic stop, during which the driver was identified as Jacquelyn Suzanne Cox, 44, of Dallas, Georgia.

Cox admitted to Hollingsworth that she had four alprazolam pills, hypodermic syringes, 11 Concerta ER 54mg pills and other drug paraphernalia.

Cox also admitted to having methamphetamine inside her suitcase. Hollingsworth recovered approximately 2.3 ounces of methamphetamine from the suitcase.

Cox was placed under arrest for trafficking in methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cox is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center on a $1 million bond.

CPD investigators ask anyone with illegal drug information to please call the department at 256-775-7179.



CPD
Jacquelyn Suzanne Cox

Local organization's relief efforts expand; donations will be accepted at Chamber on Saturday

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CULLMAN – Local organization Karma in Cullman is coordinating relief efforts for victims of the fires in Gatlinburg.

"Karma in Cullman is working on gathering items to aid in relief efforts for Gatlinburg, Tennessee," said Karma in Cullman Founder Rachel Bryant. "We have a truck going Sunday morning. We are needing bottled water, hygiene products, diapers, wipes, clothing, formula, coats, blankets and anything you feel may help these people in their time of need."

Karma announced the effort on Monday morning, and the response was overwhelming. So overwhelming, that the City of Cullman and the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce stepped in to help.

"We had a truckload dropped off before we closed," said Bryant. "Saturday, we are setting up in the breezeway by the Chamber so it is easy to find and drop off. We got approval from the mayor and chamber as support of the effort, which is great!"

Until Saturday, items can be dropped off at the Karma in Cullman office located at 785 Alabama Highway 157 near the intersection of 69 and 157. On Saturday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., donations can be delivered to Chamber at 301 Second Ave. SW in downtown Cullman

"For many, this is a family vacation tradition and some it is a family home," said Bryant of Gatlinburg. "Please help us reach out to our neighbors and friends to the north in their time of need."

Donations may also be made directly to the Red Cross of East Tennessee. Do so by texting "Red Cross" to 90999 to make a $10 donation or visit http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/local-chapters/east-tennessee.

"It's the people willing to donate...they are the rock stars," Bryant said.



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Cullman City Council recognizes CHS cheerleaders, passes new pay scale

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Councilwoman Jenny Folsom presents the council's resolution to CHS cheerleading coach Erica Ball, with the team and staff in attendance.

CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council met Monday evening, with several orders of business before its members. Mayor Woody Jacobs and all council members were present.

The council accepted the minutes of the Nov. 14 meeting, before moving to committee reports.

Only one report was offered: Councilwoman Jenny Folsom, for the General Government Committee and on behalf of the council, recognized the Cullman High School (CHS) competition cheerleading team, which was present at the meeting.

The team recently won the state 6A cheerleading competition and qualified to participate in the upcoming National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida.

Folsom gave special commendation to coaches Erica Ball and Stacie Owen, and to assistant Jared Hansom.

She presented to the team a signed council resolution offering an "expression of pride in the accomplishments, sportsmanship and inspired teamwork of the 2016 6A State Championship Competition Cheer Team of Cullman High School."

Jacobs brought no mayor's report. With no public comments, hearings, requests or petitions, the council moved to the three resolutions on the agenda.

Resolution 2017-23 authorizes a renewal of the City's existing lease of the building located at 925 Convent Road NE to the North Alabama Association for Alcoholism, dba The Lighthouse, Inc.

This motion was tabled until the next meeting, pending the presentation of information to the City attorney.

Resolution 2017-24 authorizes the surplus sale of numerous unneeded items in the City's inventory, including several vehicles, furniture and office equipment. This motion passed.

Resolution 2017-25 authorizes a new pay matrix and job classifications for City employees. Under the new matrix, the lowest entry level pay range for City employees will start at $11 per hour.

Police officers will start at $15.62 per hour, and firefighters (on a 106-hour schedule instead of 80 hours) will start at $11.79 per hour.

This motion passed, and will take effect in the upcoming pay period beginning Nov. 30.

The Cullman City Council meets in the Cullman City Hall auditorium on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The public is invited to attend. The next meeting will be on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Good Hope council at odds on funding subdivision infrastructure

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GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope City Council held a regular meeting this week, where the council, alongside Grady Parsons of Living Water Services, discussed the future of Good Hope's utility system, raising the possibility of establishing a long-term maintenance budget in the near future. The proposed budget would be used for needed repairs to the utility system in the city; however, no decisions were made, as further discussions will be needed before the council can decide how to approach the matter.

In the words of Mayor Jerry Bartlett, "Greg Brown has taken the bull by the horns," regarding the increased number of donations received for this year's community Thanksgiving Meal. "We got donations from people that have never donated before; it's helping us get money for other events," stated Bartlett, as he discussed the importance of the meal and how proud he is of everyone that was involved.

Councilman Taft Dillashaw reminded the council that there will be little league signups in the near future. Jan. 30 through Feb. 18 are the days available to sign up for the program. Opening day is currently planned to be held around April 1; however, the exact date is subject to change.

In other business, the City reappointed Christie Chamblee to the office of city clerk for a four-year term.

When the council last met, a representative of the Deer Run subdivision asked the council to aid with the cost of sewer and road construction for the planned development. The council discussed at length their thoughts on the matter, as their decision on how to handle the situation will set a precedent for future requests.

"Personally, I didn't think that we were in the construction business," stated Bartlett as the discussion started with how subdivisions have been constructed in the past.

Councilman John Harris agreed with Bartlett, saying, "Everybody that I've ever worked for didn't help subdivisions."

In the spirit of an open discussion where all angles must be discussed, Councilwoman Susan Eller proposed the idea that adding the subdivision is more of an investment into the community, because as the amount of homes and residents increase, tax revenue for the City increases as well. She proposed a hypothetical wherein the City could include a so-called "population incentive," where if a subdivision brings in a set number of people, the council may aid them with the cost of laying out the infrastructure, costs normally paid by the developer.

To counter that point, Bartlett said, with current property tax rates and the average tax revenue per individual, "It'll take a long time, and I mean a long time, to pay back $50,000." He also mentioned that the City hasn't helped in the past. "(A developer) is building 10 (homes) in Sebastian Circle and we gave him nothing; he built his road, he built his curb, he put his sewer in, he did everything. I don't see how we can justify giving to other builders."

After a lengthy debate, the decision was tabled.

The council reconsidered a previous resolution regarding a property right-of-way at Cabin Fever. The project will continue; however, the council will pay for a .06-acre road to give Cabin Fever a property right-of-way in the amount of $20,000.

The council also approved a one-time pay adjustment of $300 for the City staff for the holiday season.

State fire marshal urges firework safety during holiday season

Steve Holmes
Office of Alabama State Fire Marshal

MONTGOMERY – Alabama State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen urges everyone to exercise extreme caution when using any item that could potentially start a fire, especially while the state is experiencing dangerous drought conditions. Fire sources include many items such as fireworks, cigarettes, matches/lighters, bar-b-que grills, fire pits, chains dragging from vehicle bumpers or trailers, etc.

Under Gov. Robert Bentley's "Drought Declaration" all outdoor burning is prohibited and it is critical that everyone comply for the safety of themselves as well as others. Violations of the Governor's "No Burn Order", covering all 67 Alabama Counties, can result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

Regarding fireworks, Pilgreen said, "I know that many Alabama citizens will use fireworks during the holiday season, especially around (the) start of the New Year. However, I hope that they will all be careful to observe some basic common-sense safety rules. The wisest course of action would be to avoid the use of fireworks completely while under the no burn order."

Fireworks that are used by both professionals and consumers are regulated by the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office. However, many municipalities in Alabama have laws prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks within their jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal's Office urges everyone to be familiar with their local fireworks regulations.

Some common-sense safety tips include:

- Keep water and first aid nearby.
- Never attempt to alter or combine fireworks.
- Children should never play with fireworks without adult supervision.
- Never throw fireworks from a moving vehicle or throw or point fireworks at another person, object or animal.
- Always be sure your fireworks are legal and purchased from a reputable dealer who's inspected and permitted by your Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office.

For further information concerning outdoor burning or the use of fireworks, including tips for fireworks safety, in Alabama please call 334-241-4166 or visit www.firemarshal.alabama.gov. To report a suspicious fire, call the Alabama Arson Hotline at 800-654-0775.

Celebrations (from Front)

Cullmann Room at CRMC.

Parade of Trees
The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center has partnered with the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman, also known as Brooks' Place of Cullman. As a part of the Chamber for Charities program, the final Business After Hours event of 2016 will feature a "Parade of Trees" - a fundraiser started in the early 90s. Local businesses will provide decorated Christmas trees and wreaths to be placed in our silent auction.

On Dec. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m., the silent auction will be held with tree proceeds going to Brooks' Place. Music and food provided. Cost is $15 for Chamber members and $20 for future members. Call 256-734-0454 to register.

Friday, Dec. 2
EPIC Ugly Sweater Party
Join EPIC (Emerging Professionals Impacting Cullman) for the EPIC Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-11 p.m. at Top of the Town. Live entertainment, games, and the ugly Christmas sweater contest. Tickets are $20 - call the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or visit www.EPICullman.org to purchase.

Friday, Dec. 2- Saturday, Dec. 3
Christmas in Cullman Parade and Festival
The parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, and will begin at 6 p.m. The route begins at the Busy Bee Café and concludes at Depot Park. Following the parade, a festival will be held at the park, featuring live music, pictures with Santa Claus, games, rides, a petting zoo, a nativity scene, and kid-related activities. The festival will also include the lighting of the official City of Cullman Christmas tree.

Christmas in Cullman continues on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Warehouse District and Depot Park, with music, a car show, carriage rides, kids' activities and pictures with Santa Claus. All of these activities are free to attend. In addition to the main events, many businesses will be offering discounts and specials.

The Holly Market
Holly Market- previously known as the Christmas Arts and Crafts Show- will be held the same weekend as the parade and festival. The market will run from Dec. 2-3 at the Cullman Civic Center and will feature homemade arts and crafts from more than 80 vendors. There is no admission fee. The hours are 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. for Dec. 2, and 9 a.m. -5 p.m. for Dec. 3.

Friday, Dec. 2- Friday, Dec. 23
Winter Wonderland
Sportsman Lake Park will be hosting its annual Winter Wonderland light display during the month of December, beginning on Dec. 2 and ending on Dec. 23.

This event features animated light displays, Santa Claus, candy and hot chocolate, Victorian-style carriage rides and a Winter Wonderland train. The hours are 5-9 p.m. during the week and 5-10 p.m. on the weekends. However, weather may modify these hours, so it is advisable to call before you go. The display will also be closed on December 5,6, 12 and 13. Admission is $5 dollars per vehicle, and an additional $5 dollars if you are interested in the carriage rides.

Saturday, Dec. 3
CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Family Christmas Party
Starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. The group will be singing a few Christmas carols during the Holly Market craft show and then going to Grumpy's restaurant for the Christmas party lunch.

Please RSVP! 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org

Cullman County Christmas Parade
Starts at noon, Dec. 3 at Wallace State at end at Hanceville City Hall. This year's theme is "Honoring God, Country and Hometown Heroes."

Starting at 10:30 a.m., the Hanceville Civitan Club will be selling refreshments at Hanceville Fire Station No. 1.

To enter the parade, contact Hanceville City Hall. There is no entry fee.

Christmas Bazaar
Addington Chapel from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Antiques, arts and crafts. Food will also be for sale, including hot soups, bread and baked goods. The church is in Bremen at 185 County Road 59.

Sunday, Dec. 4
Christmas Tour of Homes
1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Share Club of Cullman presents A Christmas Tour of Homes. Proceeds to benefit Hospice of Cullman County and The Good Samaritan Health Clinic. Tickets are $15 and are available at From the Heart, Hagan Realty, White Willow, Three Pears, The Added Touch, The Added Touch Too, Bill Smith Buick GMC or any Share Club member on Dec. 1.

Saturday, Dec. 10
Good Hope Christmas Parade
2 p.m. Dec. 10 Route will follow from Good Hope City Hall to Good Hope High School. There will be free refreshments at the park. Kids' activities, Santa and a cookie house will also be there. Free hayrides and train rides will also be provided.

Holly Pond Christmas Parade
4 p.m. Dec. 10. Hosted by the Holly Pond Civilian Club, the parade route will begin at Lion's Club Park and continue by the school and on to Governor's Park. Following the procession, the Town of Holly Pond and the Civilian Club will sponsor Christmas Cards in the Park at 5 p.m. at Governor's Park. Expect Santa, luminaries, refreshments and entertainment.

Saturday, Dec. 10- Sunday, Dec. 11
West Point High School Fine Arts to Present "All I Want for Christmas is You"
Dec. 10, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is $5. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Christmas Love and Childhaven.

Friday, Dec. 16
Fairview Christmas Parade
Dec. 16. Check our online calendar as details become available.

Friday, Dec. 16- Saturday, Dec. 17
Wallace State to Present "In the Mood for Christmas"
Wallace State Community College will present "In the Mood for Christmas" on Dec. 16-17 at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Staged as a variety show, "In the Mood for Christmas" will feature a wide range of musical and theatrical entertainment from the Fine and Performing Arts programs at Wallace State, including the Wallace State Singers, Jazz Band, Concert Band and Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

Stay up-to-date with all Cullman events at http://www.cullmansense.com/calendar.

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West Point High School Fine Arts: "All I Want for Christmas is You"

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WEST POINT – The West Point High Fine Arts program is up to something, and it's good! On Dec. 10 and 11 in the West Point auditorium, WPHS Director of Bands Ty Parker and his students will present "All I Want for Christmas is You," a holiday concert with a stunning light show.

Admission is only $5, and there will be four shows for the public: 5 and 7 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 10 and 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The proceeds will go to benefit the Warrior Band, Christmas Love and Childhaven.

"We are going to have a special show on Friday afternoon at school," Parker said. "This will be school-wide only, and then the shows on Saturday will be open to the public. This is to give all the elementary students that normally would not have exposure to the arts an opportunity to see what we do."

Parker sees the event as a collaboration between all the arts programs within the school.

"We will be using a new light-show software which the students will learn," he said. "We will also feature the dance-line and the choir in the show."

Parker is always excited to bring performance arts to the community, and he says he is even more excited to celebrate the holiday season with the community.

"A portion of the attendance fees will go to Christmas Love and Childhaven," Parker explained.

"We have been having fun and are excited to prepare these classic songs for the community."

Parker says he sees these performances as an opportunity to bring the community together around something other than football games, which not all students are able to attend.

"Football is great, but not everyone can attend those," he said.

"This gives the students and the whole community, really, a chance to come together and celebrate the season and appreciate all the hard work these kids have done."

Resignation (from Front)

the Bethsadia community.

The letter, dated Nov. 23, can be seen below.

TO: Fire Chief Buddy Carden
Board of the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department

Re:: Resignation of the undersigned
Cc: Joe Golden
James Curtis
Wayne Collins
Phyllis Little
Chad Floyd

Effective immediately, (November 23, 2016), the undersigned active members of Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department, submit our resignation from the department jointly and individually.

As a courtesy to both Chief Carden and the Board, below are just a few of the reasons for this resignation notification.

All resignees have or soon will, return all equipment, gear, communication devices and any/all items owned by the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department.

This effectively leaves the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department without any EMS coverage, or any active certified firefighter coverage.

Should Chief Carden, or the Board, have any additional needs or questions, you may contact:
Maurice Reynolds (256) 339-3216
Cody Bice (256) 615-5628
This is point of contact for all the undersigned.

Maurice Reynolds
Ron Robbins
Cody Bice
Gayla Robbins
Seth Brock
Cody McNabb
Dex Bates

The last election at Bethsadia VFD was in 2011.

The first order of business after the election was to change the terms of the board members from 1, 2, and 3 year terms to none having an expiration on their term. This is a direct violation of the bylaws.

The board decided that night that they would not have elections in the future. The bylaws state that elections will be held each November.

The bylaws of BVFD state that the chief must have or can achieve a 160 certification. According to the Alabama Fire College Database, Buddy Carden does not have any certifications.

People who join are allowed to drive vehicles without any training, background checks, or drivers license verification. Some of these are known convicted felons.

No actions are taken when it is known that members of the department break the law while responding as part of the fire department.

National Incident Management System training is not required which disqualifies the department from most federal grant.

People are allowed to respond to calls with equipment which they have no training on how to operate.

Purchases are made without using our tax exemption number, costing the department money.

Equipment has to be taken outside of our coverage area for fuel rather than using resources that are in our area.

Safety is not a priority one as there is no routine use of PPE.

Response of equipment and personnel is often delayed or cancelled until the chief gets on scene to determine if equipment or personnel is really needed. This includes automatic aid from other departments.

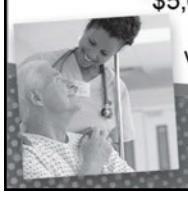
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Dec. 13, 2016	Fairview Town Hall	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 20, 2016	Cullman Sr. Center	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 22, 2016	Baileyton Town Hall	9:30 a.m.

You **MUST** bring the following items:

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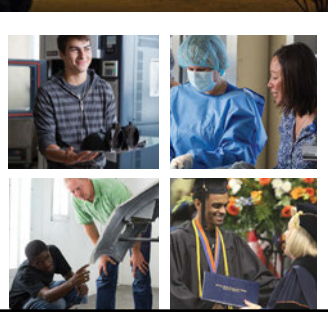
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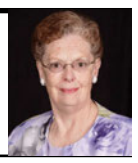
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning, Tribune readers and families. Hope that everyone has enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday. It was very unusual to realize that the children were out of school for a total of five days. When I was in school, we only received one day during this week – the actual day of Thanksgiving. When we went back, it seemed the longest period of time until Christmas break. Usually it was so cold we couldn't get outside to play, so inside we stayed. Some of us didn„t have good heating systems like today, so it was extremely hard to cope.

I was pleasantly surprised on last Sunday morning following morning worship services, when members of the Fidelis Sunday School Class of my church appeared at the door to my new home.

They visited to bring me house- warming gifts from the class and see the interior of my new home. Among those attending were my sister, Judy Floyd, Maggie Smith, Judy Jones, Darlene Norris, Gail Hatley, June Henderson, Betty Benefield and Carolyn Bryan, teacher of this class. Thank you for the gifts and visit, Fidelis Class.

Did you and your family enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together? I was invited to two different places to eat. I chose to eat at White City with the Horton Clan.

My other sister, Nancy Horton and her husband, Lane had a house full of relatives.

Those included were Gina and Doug Webb; Anthony, Susan and Josh Marks, Nathan, Kerry, Isiah and Ella Horton; a guest, Mrs. Hawthorne, who is the Mother of Kerry Horton; Shannon, Gennifer and Mavanea Baker and yours truly. We had a very enjoyable lunch. I got to bring some delicious leftovers home with me.

On my way home I stopped by the Floyds. They were also having a large afternoon Thanksgiving dinner. In this group were Walter and Judy Floyd, Paul and Candace Auffant and Drew, Dee, Ronan and Kadin Floyd. On Friday they also stopped by to see my new mobile home. Everyone has been very complimentary of my new home.

On Friday, also, Anthony, Susan and Josh went back to Augusta, Georgia, where they formerly lived to see their other relatives, including Susan's mother and her older son, Robert, who is celebrating his birthday this week.

On Sunday morning, Reverend Benjamin Smother extended a big thank you to the church family for furnishing food for his family, while his wife, Jada was recovering. As you know, the new baby was born last week, and came home on last Saturday. The little girl was named Karis Jada Smothers. They are doing as well as could be expected.

Well, it's time for the Holiday whirlwind to begin again.

The next holiday weekend will be Christmas. Our community is gearing up for the Christmas celebration with Holly Pond- Holly Days' Christmas Cards in the Park at Governor's Park the entire month of December. Area groups, merchants and even, individuals do a wonderful job with their Christmas displays.

This will be followed by the Holly Pond Christmas Parade at 4:00 p.m. on December 10.

The "Grand Illumination" of Governor's Park will follow the Christmas Parade. There will be hot chocolate and cookies at the Town Hall and the Holly Pond Elementary School Chorus will be presenting an outdoor concert of Christmas music. Of course, the "Big Man in the Red Suit" will be in the Park Gazebo welcoming little ones and hearing their wishes. For further information, please contact any Civitan Member.

Until next time, be safe and comfortable.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1928

Thomas Owen, an excellent citizen and prosperous farmer of Bremen, was a business visitor to the city last Friday, paid us a call and renewed his subscription for another twelve months.

J.D. Turner, a good citizen and farmer of Route Three, was a business visitor to the city Saturday, paid a visit and had the address of his son, Bunie Turner, Detroit, Michigan, added to our list.

Asberry Lawrence, a good citizen and farmer of Route Five, was in the city on business Saturday, paid our office a visit and left the cash for the Tribune to be sent to his address for the incoming year.

Mrs. Mary Keller and charming daughter, Miss Lena Keller, of Route Two, were shopping in the city Saturday, honored us with a visit and Mrs. Keller renewed her subscription for another twelve months.

J.W. Self, of Nyota, spent the first of the week in the city for treatment of a cancer on his left ear.

For many years he has been employed by the coal mining company at Nyota and said that during the past week they secured a large contract from a New Orleans refining company for all the steam coal that they would be probably able to mine for the incoming year.

A.P. Scott, an excellent and hustling farmer of Holly Pond, Route One, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday, honored us with a visit and left the price of one year's subscription to the Cullman Tribune.

R.L. Hamrick, a good citizen and enterprising farmer of Hanceville, Route One, was a business visitor to Cullman Friday, paid us a visit and left the cash for the Tribune to go to his address for twelve months.

Professor Mullins, director of the Fairview Vocational School and Professor Williams, director of the Arab Vocational School, are spending a month in Auburn, attending the special school for vocational teachers of the state.

Vesta Harris, an excellent citizen and successful farmer of Route Three, was a business visitor to the city Monday, honored us with a visit and left one twenty-five for his name to be added to our subscription list.

The many friends of Miss Elsie Jean House are pleased to learn that she is making a nice recovery from having her tonsils removed and a complication of troubles that she had suffered from for the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Guthrie and children returned home Saturday from a delightful motor trip to Florida, where they spent a week with relatives and visiting different points of interest in the land of oranges and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hargett, of Russellville, who are spending a few days in Falkville with Mrs. Hargett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, spent a few hours in Cullman Wednesday and Mr. Hargett honored the editor with a short visit.

William Bottcher, of Hanceville, Route One, one of the leading citizens of our county and a successful farmer, was a business visitor to the city last Thursday, paid us a visit and left the cash for the renewal of his subscription and for the paper to go to the address of his daughter, Mrs. A.J. Bowling, who with her husband, have recently moved from Birmingham to Knoxville, Tennessee.

A.J. Galin, an excellent young citizen and good farmer of Route Eight was a business visitor to the city Saturday, came by to see us and left the cash for a renewal of his subscription another twelve months.

Doctor and Mrs. Kessler and children, of Birmingham, drove up to Cullman Sunday and spent the day and night with Doctor and Mrs. J.P. Kessler. Doctor A.H. Kessler is an older brother of Doctor J.P. Kessler and is well-known to a number of our people as he formerly was a frequent business visitor to our city, treating several patients.

Rev. Father Charles, business manager of Saint Bernard College, was called to Pennsylvania, Tuesday, by telegram announcing the death of his brother.

The many Cullman friends of Reverend Father Charles deeply sympathize with him over the loss of his brother.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

It Is Called "It Don't Matter Family Restaurant"

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I always have an eye out for a new place to eat; especially a good one. Eating out has become somewhat of a national pastime. When I was growing up, dining in a restaurant was a rare treat. When Mom was gone, which she rarely was, Dad might take us to the Dairy King for some broasted chicken, or when we traveled, which we rarely did, we might stop for something along the way. Even then, we often took a picnic lunch Mom had prepared at home. We stopped to eat it at one of those now long gone roadside picnic areas with the concrete tables. These days, eating out has become so common that eating at home may be the rare treat. Someone quipped that years ago Mom said, "Let's eat," and the family headed to the dining room, but now when she calls the family everyone heads to the car!

As we traveled down highway 331 last Saturday, a few miles south of Montgomery, I saw a billboard that caught my eye. The sign advertised a restaurant in the approaching town. The place is called, "It Don't Matter Family Restaurant." I asked, "What kind of name is that?" I'm no grammar expect, or the grammar police, but my second thought was that the name was grammatically incorrect.

Sure enough, a mile or so down the road, in the town of Highland Home, there it was. As I saw the name again, I reconsidered my first thought. This time I thought it was ingenious.

I'm not certain this is what the name means, but here's my guess. Most likely, you've loaded up in the car and asked this typical question, "Where do you want to eat?" No doubt, you've heard the answer, "I don't care," or in the case of the restaurant in question, "It don't matter."

So, if you are near Highland Home, Alabama, you can literally go eat at "It Don't Matter." Yes, they could have named it "It Doesn't Matter," but honestly, it don't, I mean doesn't, have the same ring, does it? Song writers often use the phrase in songs like "It Don't Matter to Me," because it flows better than "It Doesn't Matter to Me."

Now in a town the size of Highland Home (population 944) it really doesn't matter, because there really isn't any other place to eat – at least not that I saw.

In larger towns or cities, there are numerous dining choices but when your family members say, "It doesn't matter to me," don't you dare to believe it! It does matter and once you begin naming possible choices you quickly realize so. What if you say how about The Cholera Cafe? You are likely to hear, "Absolutely not!"

You ask again, "Okay, then where do you want to eat?" Once again you hear, "I told you, it doesn't matter to me!"

We didn't stop to eat at "It Don't Matter Restaurant," because I didn't know about it and we had already eaten in Montgomery. I've already decided, next time I travel down that road I'm going to give it a try.

Life is filled with choices. Choices often come with consequences. Some choices change lives, ours and others, forever. Choices can ruin lives, improve lives and even end lives.

I used to tell my daughter, especially in her teenage years, to make wise choices. We don't always know what is down the road, and sometimes we do, but many of our decisions are much more important than where we eat our next meal.

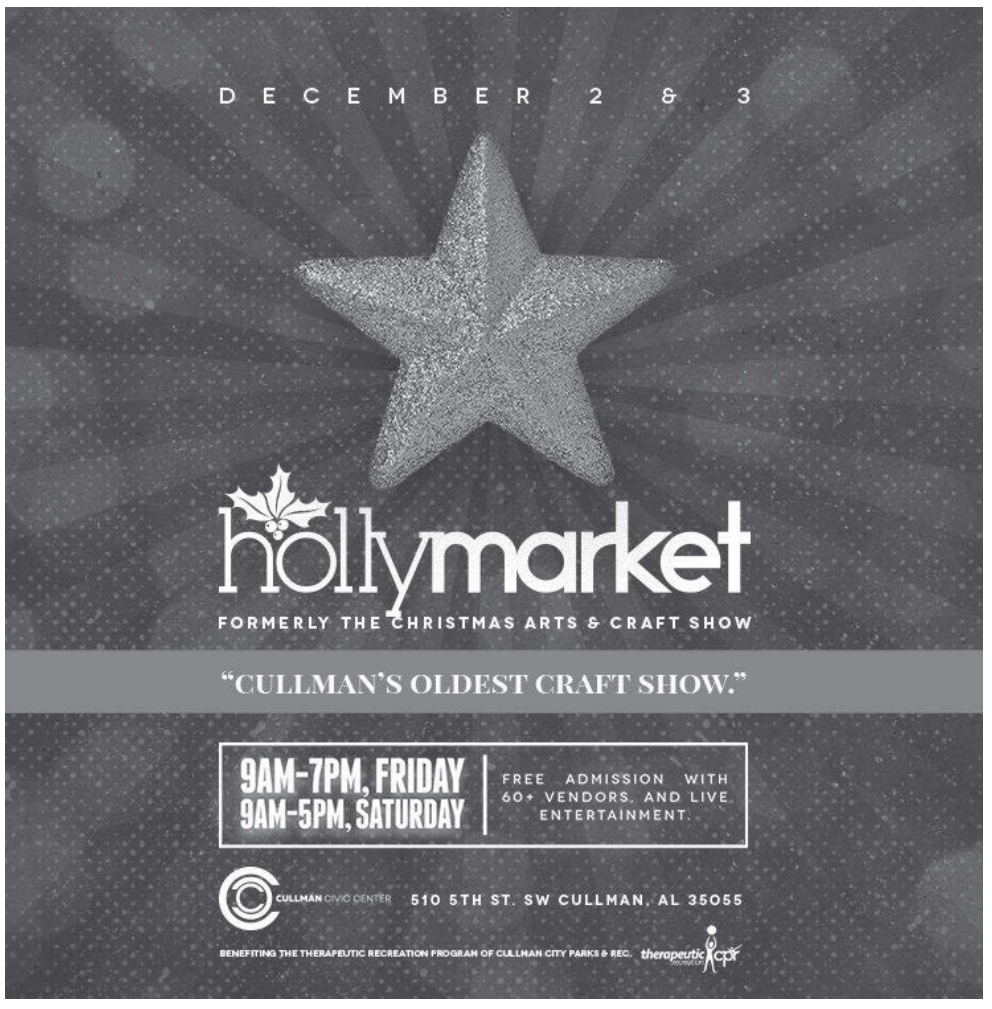
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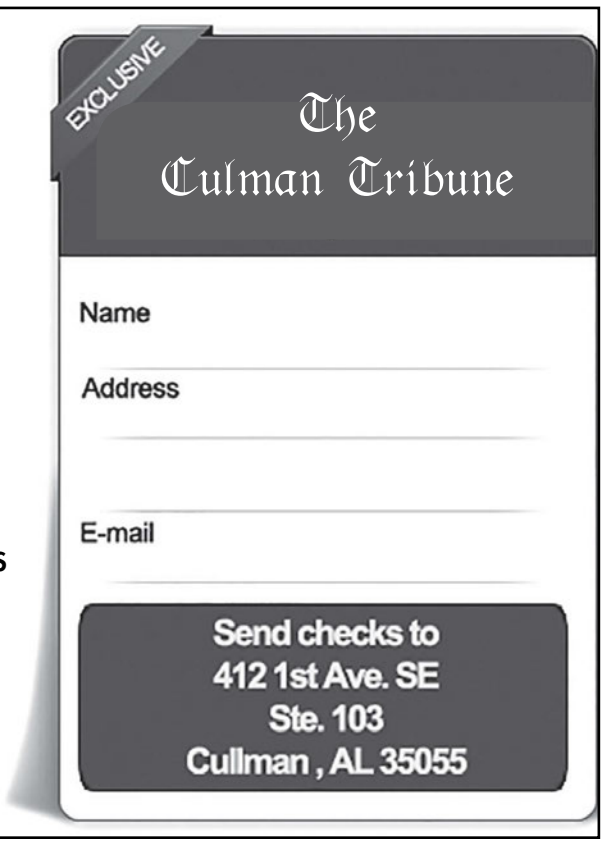


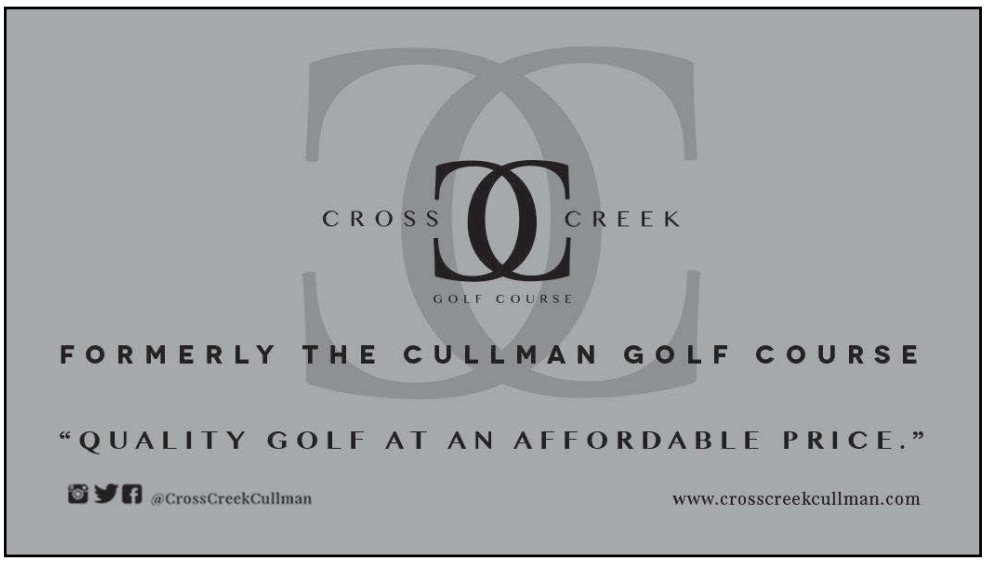
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PHARMACY TOPICS *by Eddy Hoenig*

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.

Chronic use of some drugs for heartburn and gastroesophageal reflux (GERD) speeds up the aging of blood vessels, according to a published paper in Circulation Research, an American Heart Association journal. This accelerated aging in humans could lead to increased cardiovascular disease, vascular dementia and renal failure. These findings support recent epidemiological and retrospective studies that observed associations between the long-term use of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and an increased risk of heart attack, renal failure and dementia. PPIs like esomeprazole (Nexium) are widely used for the treatment of GERD. These medications are sold over-the-counter in the United States so medical supervision is not required. While these drugs are effective when taken as prescribed, they were not approved for long-term use and evidence suggests that up to 70 percent of PPI use may be inappropriate. While PPIs were shown to affect vascular aging, H2 blockers like ranitidine did not adversely affect the endothelium. Brand examples of H2 blockers are Zantac and Tagamet. The FDA estimates about 1 in 14 Americans have used a PPI. In 2009, PPIs were the third-most taken type of drug in the United States and are believed to account for $13 billion in annual global sales. In addition to GERD and heartburn, PPIs treat a wide range of disorders, including infection by the ulcer-causing bacterium Helicobacter pylori, Zollinger-Ellison syndrome, and Barrett's esophagus. PPIs come in a variety of forms, always ending with the suffix "-prazole" and other brand examples include Prilosec and PrevAcid.

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Among patients with melanoma, those who received both ipilimumab (Yervoy) and local peripheral treatments such as radiotherapy or electrochemotherapy had significantly prolonged overall survival compared with those who received only ipilimumab, according to a retrospective clinical study published in Cancer Immunology Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

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Music (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE – Robert Orr has been retired for 21 years, but you'd never know it by talking to him. At 88 years of age (he was specific: "88 years and 7 months!"), he has earned his rest; he just chooses not to cash in on the plan. An active member of First Baptist Church Cullman, Orr also sings in a local community senior choir led by his wife Helen Orr, and plays clarinet for the Cullman Community Band. While admitting age is difficult for some people, he wears his like a badge of honor.

"I'm proud to be 88-and-a-half," he said. "I'm proud I can still get out and do as much as I do."

Orr's story began in Bryson City, North Carolina, near the Qualla Boundary Cherokee reservation along the eastern boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains.

There he was born in 1928, and there he lived until he graduated from high school. In 1941, when he was in the seventh grade, Orr decided to get involved in his school's music program. His parents sacrificed to buy him a professional grade clarinet, and he was off to the races.

By 1944, he and school friends had organized a dance band that played for school functions, and even hit the road regularly.

Every Friday evening, they made the 10-mile drive down to the town of Cherokee on the reservation, where Orr earned $1 per hour, a substantial bonus over the 25 cents per hour he made from his part-time job at the local Belk. They even played their horns, woodwinds and vibraphones in local churches.

Orr reflects on his experience in those small conservative country churches, "That was pretty advanced for that time."

When he graduated in 1945 (In his system at that time, there were only 11 grades), he headed to then Wake Forest College, where he majored in history and government with the intent of becoming a teacher. Music wasn't far away, though; a new college instructor had just started a marching band, symphonic band and choir. Orr joined all three.

After he graduated from college in 1949, he got his teaching job; but after two years Uncle Sam had another idea. Orr was drafted into the Army during the Korean War.

After basic training, he received advanced training as a light weapons infantryman. He would not get the chance to try out his skills, though.

In Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Orr recalled, "My whole company got sent to Korea, and I stayed there and pulled KP (kitchen duty)." The college-educated teacher soon found himself assigned to a training unit at the base, and he served out the duration of his enlistment in that capacity. In 1953, he left the Army and returned to teach in his hometown for two more years.

During that time, Orr took an interest in religious education, and in 1956 enrolled in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he received a master's degree in religious education and started on a doctorate. Before he could write his dissertation, though, his plans got changed again: Orr was recruited to work for the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board (now called Lifeway) in Nashville. There he finally found a place where he could settle down. He remained with the board for 33 years, retiring in 2005.

While there, Orr racked up two more achievements. The first he would say was easily the more important. Still single at 39, he ran into a young lady in Nashville who had grown up in the same church he did back in Bryson City.

The two had even gone out a time or two, but being more than eight years apart in age (she is younger) was too much of a problem in their youth.

Orr laughed, "I told her I had to wait for her to grow up."

At 39, he no longer hesitated. In 1967, Robert and Helen Orr were married. They are still together today, and will celebrate their 50th anniversary next year.

A few years later, he kept his unfulfilled academic commitment and completed his doctorate. That's right: he's Dr. Robert Orr. He prefers not to use the title, though, and admits that his diplomas and other academic certificates are packed up.

During the span of his board career, Orr continued to play his clarinet, though only sporadically, for occasional church services and the like. When he retired in 2005, that changed quickly. He found himself in the Cullman area at the time that First Baptist Church was forming an orchestra. He dusted off his clarinet and signed up.

Very shortly afterwards he received an invitation that would make him a charter member of the Cullman Community Band. The church orchestra dissolved in 2009, but the community band is going stronger than ever. And so is Orr.

"I've had a lot of ailments, but they haven't kept me from being active," he said, "and I thank the Lord for that."

Orr's wife Helen directs the Senior Spirit Singers, a 50-member senior adult community choir that sings at nursing homes, church organizational meetings and other events. Orr sings in the choir, and also in a specialty quartet within the larger choir, in addition to his instrumental duties with the band.

The Orrs love music and enjoy the active lifestyle they have been able to maintain. Various health issues, joint surgeries and a recent automobile accident challenge them, but have not stopped them.

Orr proudly stated, "We decided quite long ago that, in retirement, it's better to wear out than to rust out."

Network (from Front)

into the Cullman High School Broadcast Network, began as an extension of the original 'CATS 55' TV studio," said John Drake, who oversees the Cullman High School Broadcast Network and who has taught the multimedia class at Cullman High School for the last 11 years. "My students in multimedia plus students in theater a few years back wanted to create a school and community variety show that could be shown during the Bearcat period. We ended up naming it the Bearcat News Network. We also used the Bearcats Sports Network some. So, we are still referred to as the BNN, Bearcat News, Bearcats News Network, Cullman Community TV or CATS 55 depending on when you started watching us, but currently we are sticking with the Cullman High School Broadcast Network."

Despite the name changes over the years, and the students that have come and gone, the news and sports provided by the CHSBN has maintained the same high-quality programming that they were founded on.

"When I was in eighth grade at Cullman Middle School, I did the morning show and I really liked it," Abbie Kate Hancock told the Cullman Tribune as she was working with Drake on a video package to submit to Mississippi State University. "That is when I decided I wanted to be a part of BNN (Bearcat News Network)."

The multimedia class and the CHSBN are open to any student who is interested in broadcasting.

"I have all types of students involved in my program," said Drake of his willingness to teach anyone the broadcasting ropes. "Really anyone at CHS can be involved in the CHSBN if they are willing to learn and want to be a part of broadcasting."

Not all students who are involved with the CHSBN plan on a career in broadcasting, like Zac Bell.

"I am going to Auburn for aerospace engineering actually," Bell said on whether or not he planned on a career in broadcasting. "But I really enjoy graphic design and stuff like that. As well as the telling of the story and being able to edit (video). It is a lot of fun for me to make my own personal movie projects for my group of friends or some organizations that I am associated with. So I am sort of that free help to (CHSBN)," he said with a smile.

An important aspect of any TV or video broadcast is the camera operator, and that is where Bishop Lee comes in.

"For me, mainly not knowing the sport very well," Lee answered when asked about the challenges he faced in a typical broadcast. "I am not a big sports guy so I kind of have to learn on the fly, what's going on, but after a few minutes I usually get the hang of it."

It takes a pretty big team to cover all of the events that the CHSBN does. The main broadcasting team is made up of 13 students who are dedicated to providing the quality programing that is produced by the CHSBN. The aforementioned Hancock, Bell and Lee, along with Carter Bowen, Wheeler Eastman, Noah Fondren, Ann Carol Braswell, Lexi Clemons, Dawson Culver, Caleb Coley, John Brown and John Guthrey make up the main broadcasting team.

"I really expect all students to be able to do all jobs," Drake said when asked about each student's role in the program. "Naturally, some are better at particular jobs. Commentating may be the most difficult. You have to know your subject and limit dead air time. That is tough to do sometimes. All the jobs are important though. You need good camera operators, audio and graphic technicians. It really takes a talented group to pull off a good broadcast. They also need to be able to think logically and be good troubleshooters. Something will go wrong and be a challenge with all broadcasts."

Each broadcast has its own unique set of challenges but with numerous broadcasts now under their belt, the CHSBN has it down pat. From football and basketball to the newer sports such as bowling, the they cover it all.

"We plan on covering all sports at Cullman High School," said Drake. "We officially went on air last year during basketball season on Jan. 28, 2016. Since then, we have broadcast approximately 100 events. We have covered football, volleyball, bowling, swimming and both boys and girls this year. We also broadcast the Cullman High School graduation, theater, the city school board forum, awards assemblies and our Veterans Day celebration."

A lot goes into a broadcast, like arriving early, sometimes the day before, to set up equipment and to make sure you get the perfect shot at the perfect time.

"A typical broadcast would have one to four camera operators, but we usually try to limit the broadcast to two camera operators, a computer graphics operator, one to two commentators and one person to be free to be the director of the broadcast," Drake said of a typical setup. "We have actually had two broadcasts of two different sports going on at the same time. We broadcast baseball and soccer at the same time last year with two different crews simultaneously. This year we broadcast bowling and basketball at the same time. I also monitor the broadcasts on a mobile device or computer as they are happening to see how the final product looks to the general public."

As the CHSBN continues to turn out a quality product that showcases not only Cullman High School sports, but all the happenings around CHS, other organizations are starting to take notice.

According to Drake, along with covering at least one game, match or meet from each sport CHS offers, the CHSBN has been contracted by the Alabama High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of High Schools to cover several state events. This will include the Northwest Regional Basketball Tournament and the 1A-3A State Track Meet.

Drake adds that the network and, by extension, the class will prepare students for careers in the field of communication.

"Most importantly, it just flat out gives them an opportunity to experience something for real," Drake said of the program he has helped build. "It is not something lectured to them, or a video to watch or book to read. They actually get to do something, that in turn allows them to learn something. They learn how to problem-solve on the fly and under pressure. They learn how to work together and get along. They learn that they have to stick with their job for the night and do it well or the whole production may be sub-par or fail entirely. They also learn what it is like to put out a good product versus a mediocre or bad product. They learn that the more organized and planned the broadcast is, the better it will turn out. Ultimately, they get to have fun while learning skills that they will use in whatever career path they end up choosing."

If you have never sat down and watched a CHSBN production, do yourself a favor and make it a point to do so. The effort the students and Drake put in on a daily, and nightly, basis makes for a fantastic product. Being a fan of sports, I myself have watched several broadcasts, and believe me, you will not be disappointed.

Brooks' Place taking final bids for Parade of Trees silent auction

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



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CULLMAN – Brooks' Place annual Christmas Parade of Trees silent auction will take final bids on Dec. 1. The proceeds benefit the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman, better known as Brooks' Place.

Brooks' Place is a private, comfortable, child-friendly setting that provides a safe space for child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

According to Executive Director of the Cullman Child Advocacy Center, Gail Swafford, Brooks' Place is a private, nonprofit agency whose purpose is to provide a well-coordinated multi-disciplinary response to allegations of child abuse, beginning with a forensic interview and including specialized trauma-focused counseling for the child victims, non-offending parents/caregivers and siblings.

"Our staff includes mental health professionals trained in trauma-focused therapy, a family advocate who assists the family with obtaining basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, and other needs," she continued.

"Therapists provided over 1,000 counseling sessions last year. The family advocate also assists the family with filing for crime victim's compensation, accompanies the family to court as well as assisting the family with other needs," Swafford explained.

"There are three staff members who have been specially trained to conduct legally sound forensic interviews of children alleged to have been abused. Interviews are conducted in a non-leading way so that the child tells what happened in his or her own words."

Last year alone more than 200 interviews were conducted.

"Our main focus is the safety of the child, first and foremost," said Swafford.

"We are also here for the non-offending parents/caregivers and siblings as well," Swafford stressed.

"This is a family issue. The secrecy of child abuse is a strong dynamic within the families. It is very important that we work with the family as a whole to assist in the healing process. Many times, parents/caregivers are victims themselves. When the abuse is disclosed, it reminds them of their own wounds; many did not have access to counseling when it happened to them.

"That takes a lot of guts for a child to tell someone that they have been abused," said Swafford.

"I often tell them that they are my heroes," she said.

"I tell them that heroes help other children who are afraid to tell anyone what has happened to them," Swafford explained. "Because of them some other child won't have to keep the secret of abuse."

Families and victims are never charged for services at Brooks' Place. If a victim needs counseling at any point, even in the future, the service is still available at no charge.

According to Swafford, funding for these services and others is provided through grants, corporate and individual donations and fundraisers, like the Christmas Parade of Trees.

Since 1998, the annual Christmas Parade of Trees has provided additional funding for Brooks' Place so that they can continue to provide these services and to maintain a place for victims to come where they can feel at ease.

The fundraiser allows people to bid on fully decorated trees and wreaths at a silent auction, which will end on Dec. 1.

Trees are located at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, in downtown Cullman.

This year there are a total of 19 spectacular trees of all sizes, decorated in dazzling holiday themes, including wreaths available to view before bidding ends on Dec. 1. You will be amazed at the attention to detail and sparkling colors of this season's offerings!

"As a part of the Cullman Chamber for Charities program we are happy to partner with Brooks' Place of Cullman," said Chamber President Leah Bolin.

"This organization does so much for families and children affected by child sexual abuse. We know any support given to this organization will impact those in immeasurable ways."

Be sure to drop by the Chamber when you are in town to check out these trees and leave your bid. All benefits go directly to Brooks' Place.

For more information, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.

Final bids in the silent auction will be taken on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Chamber, located at 301 Second Ave. SW, Cullman.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on December 19, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-___(set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – ____

TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS

WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit:

"A parcel of land, otherwise known as an undeveloped alleyway, which is twenty feet by two hundred and twenty-one feet, more or less, located directly east of 1299 10th Street SE."

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Cullman, Alabama, a warranty deed, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City of Cullman, Alabama, does convey the premises described Section 1 hereof to the adjoining property owners for its fair market value.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Wesley M. Moore – Cullman City Clerk

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SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit:

"A parcel of land, otherwise known as an undeveloped portion of Short Street, which is fifty feet by two hundred and eighty feet, more or less, located directly west of Broadway Avenue SW."

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Cullman, Alabama, a warranty deed, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City of Cullman, Alabama, does convey the premises described Section 1 hereof to the adjoining property owners for its fair market value.

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Legal Notice

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

2012 Nissan Sentra, Vin. #3N1AB6AP0CL632861.

This vehicle will be sold on January 9, 2017, for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Phone number: 256-775-3754.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

OVERTON MELVIN L, Plaintiff,
V. Case No.: DR-2016-900307.00
COLE SHIRLEY ANN, Defendant.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE EDITOR OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff has filed a divorce action in the Circuit Court, of Cullman County Alabama, and that an Order was entered directing service be made upon the Defendant by publication. You are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, *Melvin Hasting, 407 2nd Avenue S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055*, an Answer to the Complaint before the 9th day of January, 2017, or a Default Judgment will be entered against you.

DONE this 4th day of November, 2016.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

YAHN KELLY, Plaintiff,
V. Case No.: DR-2016-900287.00
YAHN CARLOS WAYNE, Defendant.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: THE EDITOR OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 4th day of November, 2016.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE** Alabama, Cullman County Default having been made pursuant to the terms of that certain mortgage executed by Penny L Johnson, a married woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, it's successor and assigns, dated 11/03/06, said mortgage being recorded in Book 1496, Page 122, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, AL said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"). Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or certified/bank check only. The conducting of the sale will be handled by Auction.com. More information concerning their policies and procedures on bidding at the foreclosure sale can be found on their website Auction.com. The certified/bank check should be made payable to or endorsed to RCO Legal, P.C. The sale will take place at 11:00 AM on 01/26/17 at the backside of the Courthouse of the Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055, the following real estate, situated in Cullman County, AL, to-wit: LOT NUMBER THIRTY THREE (#33) OF LAKELAND ESTATES SUBDIVISION SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP SOUTH 3 WEST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 61, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. Said property is commonly known as **408 COUNTY RD 1408, CULLMAN, AL 35058.** The indebtedness has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of said Mortgage and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Mortgage and Note. In accordance with Ala. Code §6-5-248(h) notice is given that Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Penny Johnson aka Penny L. Johnson or tenant(s). RCO Legal, P.C. 2970 Clairmont Road NE, Suite 780 Atlanta, Georgia 30329 (770) 234-9181 (770) 234-9192 Cullman Tribune 7345.29569 12/01/16, 12/08/16, 12/15/16 TS#: 7345.29569 FEI # 2013.04840 12/01/2016, 12/08/2016, 12/15/2016,

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **A-8,** rented to **Melissa Comer,** on **March 24, 2016,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 10, 2016** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: tool box, tools, deer stand and fishing pole.

Contents of storage unit **A-1 & A-32**, rented to **Rioh Pheigh,** on **April 4, 2014 & December 5, 2014,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 10, 2016**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: tools, computer, heater, Christmas tree, wooden table and wooden bed and frame.

Contents of storage unit **A-21 & D-5**, rented to **Wayne Wilson, Junior,** on **May 30, 2014 & July 31, 2012,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 10, 2016,** at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: toolbox and tools, wooden dresser, deer feeder, crib, wooden table and stereo and speakers.

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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 12th day of October, 2016.

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

2nd November

Lisa McSwain (JW)

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF CHRIS SCHAEFERS AND SARAH FISH
CASE NO: AD2016-053

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

KAYLA LECOMPTE, MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DON WOOD, biological father address unknown

The Petition for Adoption which is attached to this Notice is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Petition to the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and you must file the original of your answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or P.O. Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE AND PETITION AS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN AND, RECEIPT IF YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF November, 2016

STUART L.MOORE
409 Second Avenue Southwest
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256-739-0148

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will receive Bids from qualified Contractors for the construction of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Storage Facility, 1910 Beech Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama until 2:00 pm Friday, December 2nd, 2016, at the Conference Room of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, 1910 Beech Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

The Project consists of the construction of a new metal framed building with concrete slab, approximately 4000 gross square feet enclosed.

A copy of the building specifications can be obtained beginning Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, 1910 Beech Ave SE, Cullman, Al 35055. Contact Major Matt Hogue @ 256-734-0342 or 256-255-5145

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Advertised: November 17, 22 & December 1st, 2016

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF CHRIS SCHAEFERS AND SARAH FISH — CASE NO: AD2016-054

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

SARAH WOOD, MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DON WOOD, biological father address unknown

The Petition for Adoption which is attached to this Notice is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Petition to the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and you must file the original of your answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or P.O. Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE AND PETITION AS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN AND, RECEIPT IF YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF November, 2016

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CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY — CASE NO: **AD2016-069**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

VIOLET SADDIE LEE,

A MINOR CHILD. DOB: **08/03/2008**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO BE PUBLISHED

TO: COLLEEN CHRISTINE REYNOLDS, NATURAL MOTHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

YOU MUST ANSWER THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION FILED BY KENNETH WILLARD JACKSON WHICH WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016, AND THAT SHOULD YOU CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION HEREIN WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE SAID PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

DONE THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2016.

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

Attorney for Petitioners:
GREGORY A. JOHNSON
427 Second Avenue S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone (256)739-0006

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM HENRY JORDAN
Deceased — CASE NO.: PC2016-304

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of November, 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.

GEORGE W. PONDER, III

Roy W. Williams, Jr.
JACKSON & WILLIAMS
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 739-5400

To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JOSEPH ALLEN FERRELL and DEBORAH KAYE FERRELL, FOR THE ADOPTION OF A MINOR. — Case no: AD 2016-073

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JASON PAUL CARSON, THE NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO ALYSIA KAYE FERRELL ON MAY 19, 2003, address unknown

The Petition for Adoption which is attached to this Notice is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Petition to the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and you must file the original of your answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or P.O. Box 970, Cullman, Alabama, 35056. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE AND PETITION AS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN AND RECEIPT IF YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION.

DONE THIS 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

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

Joseph W. Propst, II, Attorney
810 Sixth Avenue, SE
Decatur, AL 35601

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Rain brings short-term relief for wildland firefighters, but Alabama not out of drought yet

Elishia Ballentine
Ala. Forestry Commission

MONTGOMERY – Although rainfall amounts varied across the counties of the state last night, it is expected to give only short-term relief to the wildfires burning recently in Alabama. According to Interim State Forester Gary Cole of the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC), there was not enough rain m night to lift the statewide 'No Burn' Order. However, additional rain tonight and tomorrow may allow the situation to be re-assessed later this week.

"The precipitation we received should temporarily help us with the wildfire situation and hopefully more rain is on the way," stated Cole.

"This reprieve will allow firefighters some much needed rest, as well as an opportunity to perform equipment repairs and maintenance."

Meanwhile, Monday was a historic day in the number of active wildfires burning in Alabama for one day: 108 fires destroyed 2,742 acres across the state.

Cole continued, "Most of us veteran firefighters here don't remember that many fires in one day. Not only was the number of wildfires higher, but they were also larger in size."

"I cannot thank the men and women with the Alabama Forestry Commission enough for their dedication, tireless efforts and countless hours spent battling fires across the state," Gov. Robert Bentley said.

"Because of their efforts, wildfires in Alabama have been prevented from doing extensive damage. Their commitment to protecting life, property and wildlife does not go unnoticed."

Of recent wildfires, at least eight exceeded 100 acres in size, including a 400-acre fire in Marengo County, a 357-acre fire in Russell County, and one for 235 acres in Jefferson County.

There were seven fires in Wilcox County alone, burning over 700 acres. In the last 30 days, a total of 1,074 wildfires have consumed over 15,000 acres of land in Alabama. Since Oct. 1, AFC wildland firefighters, with the assistance of volunteer fire departments, have battled 2,213 wildfires burning approximately 28,787 acres across the state.

The statewide Drought Emergency 'No Burn' Order remains in effect which was declared by Bentley on Nov. 7. This regulation, prohibiting all outdoor or open burning, makes it illegal for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, woods, wildlands or marshes; build a campfire or bonfire; or burn trash or debris.

If convicted, the penalty for violating the No Burn Order is up to six months in jail and a fine of up to $500. To report persons burning in violation of this law, contact your local law enforcement.

For more information on the current wildfire situation in the state, visit Alabama Forestry Commission's website at www.forestry.alabama.gov.

Wallace State-Oneonta campus hosting CDL orientation on Dec. 20

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

ONEONTA – Wallace State-Oneonta is hosting a Commercial Driver License (CDL) orientation meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m., as the campus prepares to offer CDL classes beginning in January.

Wallace State's CDL classes train individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to drive trucks and buses, delivery vehicles, for-hire vehicles and other commercial vehicles. CDL classes can be completed in four weeks and have students immediately ready to fulfill a high-demand profession.

Wallace State already conducts CDL training at its Hanceville campus and at the Winston County Works site in Double Springs.

Evening and weekend CDL training is also available through Wallace State's program. Financial aid assistance is available.

You can reach the Wallace State-Oneonta site at 205-625-4020 or by email at wscconeonta@wallacestate.edu. You can also contact Melinda Edwards at 256-352-8172 or email her at Melinda.edwards@wallacestate.edu. You can also contact 256-352-7826.

For more information about the Wallace State-Oneonta campus, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

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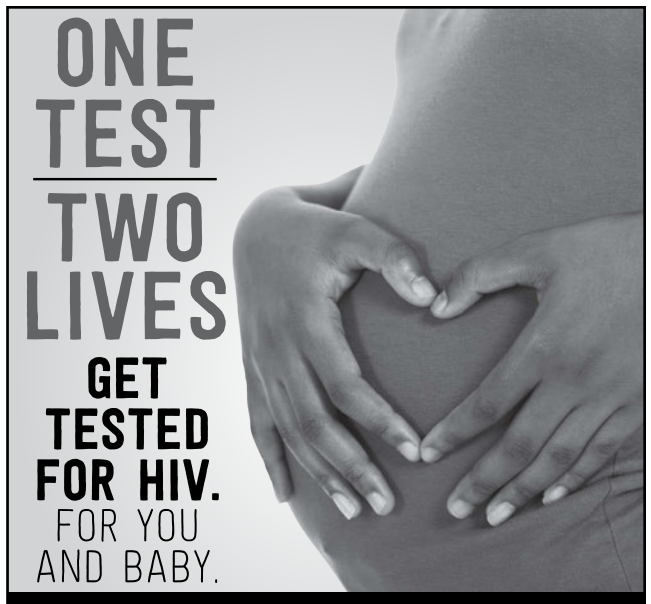
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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOV. 22 - 29

Funeral service for William Jackson Hunter, age 86 of Cullman, was held November 23 at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Fairview Methodist cemetery. Mr. Hunter passed away Monday at CRMC. He was born in DeKalb Co. June 21, 1930 to Washington Francis and Lillian Ruth Morgan Hunter. He was a dairy and sod farmer.

Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Earlene Moore, 76, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Moore passed away November 22.

Funeral service for Mrs. Joyce Marie Freeman Gregory, age 65 of Holly Pond, was held November 25 at Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Etha Cemetery. Mrs. Gregory passed away on November 22. She was a Breakfast Manager at Jack's in Holly Pond for 10 years, before her health declined. She was born on September 15, 1951 in Cullman Co. to Jackson David and Georgia Lucille Springer Freeman.

Buster Rogers Corley, 66, passed away November 22. Funeral service was held November 26, at Moss Service Chapel, with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Rev. Allen Kuykendall and Mike Corley officiated.

Funeral service for James DeVaughn DeMoss, 26, of Hanceville will be Saturday at noon at Hanceville Funeral Home; burial in Colony Cemetery. Mr. DeMoss passed away November 22. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Harold Rex Burleson, 79 of Baileyton, passed away on November 23 at Shepherd's Cove in Albertville, Al. He was born March 25, 1937 in Hackleburg, AL. He was the son to the late Younon and Annie Armstrong Burleson. Mr. Burleson served as an educator in the Cullman County School System for 34 years. He started his career at Cold Springs, became Principal at Joppa Junior High School, but ultimately settled in as a Democracy and Economics teacher at Fairview High School. During his tenure at Fairview, he also drove a school bus and his route was through the Welcome Community. He was a graduate of Holly Pond High School, class of 1955, and earned his bachelor's degree in Education at the University of North Alabama (formerly the Florence State Teacher's College). He then earned his master's and AA in Education Administration at Alabama A&M University. Mr. Burleson was also a veteran of the United States Army. He thoroughly enjoyed his family and his farm. Funeral service for Mr. Burleson held November 27 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services for Nancy Lou Thompson, 55, of Hanceville held November 27 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Mt. Grove Congregational Cemetery. Mrs. Thompson passed away on November 25. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

William Clifton Dunlap, 90, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Westminster Assisted Living in Cullman on November 25. Preceded in death by his parents Tom and Effie Mae Dunlap, his beloved wife Iva Lee "Boots" and son, David Lee. He leaves behind two siblings, Tommy Dunlap (Dianah) of Lafayette, TN and Lucille Gilley of Brooklyn, AL; 3 sons, Larry (Joan), Tim (Tammie) and Phillip; 4 grandchildren, Kyle Dunlap, Alex Lee Dunlap, Stephanie Wiggins, Elizabeth Dunlap and 1 great grandchild. Born on May 27, 1926, WC was a World War II Navy Veteran, a devoted husband and proud father providing his family with hard, honest work crossing the country as a long haul truck driver and later provided transportation for many well-known and unknown musicians and celebrities. Known for his backwoods common sense and practicality, he was loved by all. He offered hours of entertainment to his friends and family with his stories from the road. He continued his love of travel and this country into his retirement. Funeral service to be held at Holly Pond Funeral Home on November 28. The family wishes to recognize and thank the staff at Westminster Assisted Living who cared for and loved WC the last years of his life, as well as the nurses of Southern Care Hospice Services, who made this transition so much easier for them and for WC.

Funeral services for Rev. Garland McCarn, 71 of Bremen, will be November 28 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Ryan's Creek Cemetery. Mr. McCarn passed away November 25. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Larry Baker, 71 of Haleyville, entered into rest on November 26 at Shelby Baptist Medical Center. Mr. Baker was born June 2, 1945, in Haleyville, Alabama. Larry attended Haleyville High School. His life was centered around his wife Dot. They were totally in love and devoted to one another. They worked side by side in the restaurant business for many years. Larry was her caregiver until her death in 2015. Funeral service held at Nichols Funeral Home, in Haleyville, November 28. Brother Greg Beasley and Brother Tim Edwards officiated. Entombment followed in Winston Memorial Mausoleum.

Funeral service for Charles Quentin Nigg, 94 of Hanceville, held November 29 at Hanceville Funeral Home; Pastor Theron Robertson officiated; burial in Cullman City Cemetery. Hanceville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Nigg passed away November 24 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab.

Funeral service for Maye Stricklin, 89 of Bremen, held November 29, 2016 at Cold Springs Baptist Church; Reverend Tommy Graves officiated. Mrs. Stricklin passed away November 25 at her home surrounded by her husband and family. She was born March 10, 1927 to Ray Dooley and Ettie Mae Forsyth Dooley. Mrs. Stricklin was a homemaker, who loved caring for her family. She enjoyed Atlanta Braves baseball and Alabama football. She loved gospel music. She was a talented lady who loved drawing and painting, sewing, cooking, crocheting and spending time with her family.

Funeral service for Mark Shannon Hancock, 48 of Mt. Olive, held November 29 at Ryan's Creek Baptist Church; Dillon Calvert officiating; with interment in Bethany Cemetery. Mr. Hancock passed away on Thursday, November 24. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Hansel Kermit Scogin, 91 of Haleyville, entered into rest on November 27, 2016 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mr. Scogin was born March 18, 1925 in Haleyville. Hansel served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of Old Union Baptist Church for 67 years, where he was a Sunday School teacher and a Deacon. Hansel attended Phillips High School and later received his GED. He worked in lumber yards, Lehman Chicken Houses, and at Marshall Durbin Feed Mill, as a day foreman. Hansel enjoyed doing field work on his John Deere tractor, gardening, playing and listening to music, and reading. Funeral service held November 29 at Nichols Funeral Home, Haleyville; Brother Velon Bradford officiated. Burial followed in Old Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

Graveside service for D.L. Blackwood, 91 of Hanceville, held November 29 at Hopewell Cemetery. Mr. Blackwood passed away on Sunday. He was born August 4, 1925 to John and Rosa Sullins Blackwood. He served in the US Army during World War II. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Almus Carl "Tap" Strickland, 88 of Arley, passed away on November 28 at his home. He was born on August 26, 1928 in Marylee, Alabama. Tap was a member of Arley First Baptist Church for 22 years where he served as a greeter. Funeral service held November 30 at Arley First Baptist Church. Brother Roger Houston will officiate. Burial will be in Arley First Baptist Church Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directed.

Graveside service for Mary Rasinski, 84 of Gardendale, held November 30 at Springhill Cemetery. Moss-Service Funeral Home directing.

Memorial service with military honors for Denver Sherrill Campbell, 75 of Cullman, held December 1, 2016 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel; Minister Mike Waters officiated. Mr. Campbell passed away November 28.

Funeral service for Mrs. Veneda Chambers Daniel, age 82 of Holly Pond, held December 1, at Pleasant View Baptist Church. She was born in Cullman County to James Otto and Dessa Mabrey Chambers. At the time of her husband's death, they had been married 63 years. She was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church. Mrs. Daniel passed away November 25. Holly Pond Funeral Home directed.

Funeral services for Harold M. Calvert, 80, of Bremen will be Friday, December 2, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; Bill Hall and Charles Sinyard officiating; with interment in Ryan's Creek Cemetery. Mr. Calvert passed away on Tuesday. He was born in Cullman County on September 19, 1936. Hanceville Funeral Home directing.

Ruth Williams 68, of Haleyville, entered into rest on November 29 at Grandview Medical Center surrounded by loved ones. A complete obituary and arrangements will be announced at a later date by Nichols Funeral Home.

Memorial services for Cappi Ann Mardis will be Saturday, December 3 at Ryan Baptist Church; Terri Hudson officiated. Mrs. Mardis passed away November 22, in Huntsville, formally of Arab, AL. She was born April 26, 1956 to A.B. and Randall Byrum Mardis.

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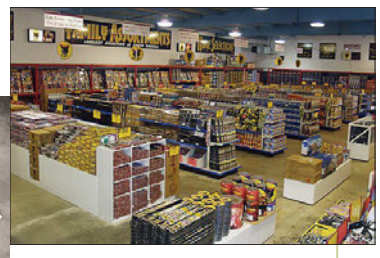
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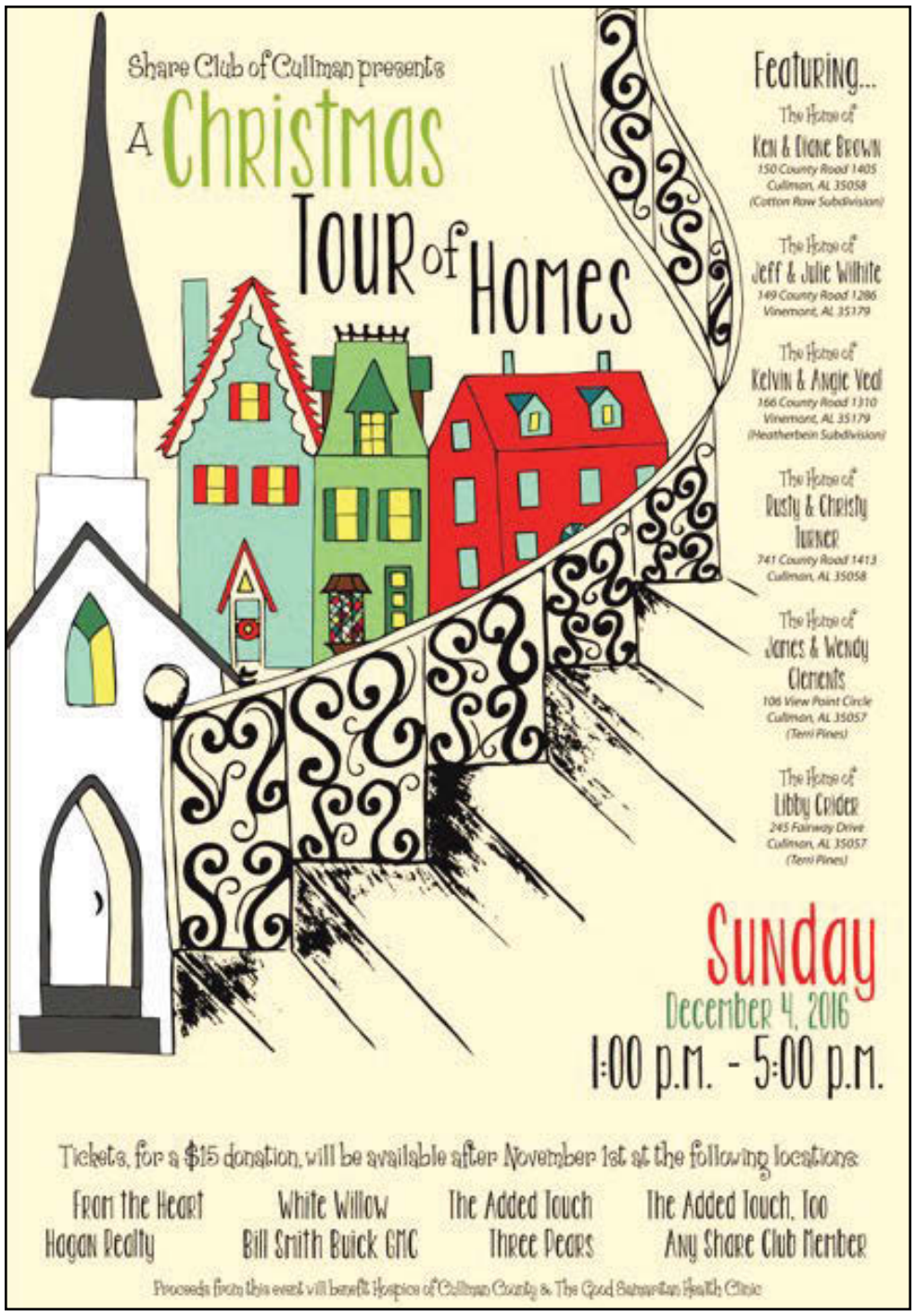


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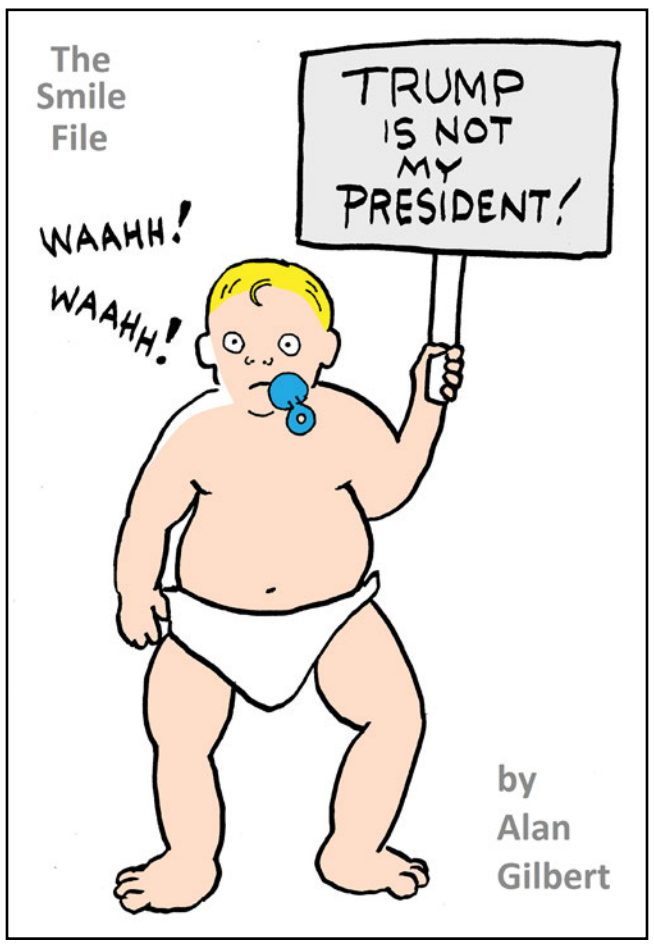
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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church wishes to thank the Cullman community for attending and supporting our Oktoberfest German Dinner on Friday, October 7th. It is always an honor to be a part of Cullman Oktoberfest.

Thanks to all of you, we raised over $2,000 for two community outreach programs: The Knapsack Feeding Program at First United Methodist Church, which provides food for school children over the weekends and the Bible Club at Hanceville Elementary School, a fun, afterschool program that teaches children about Jesus.

Thanks again for sharing hope and the Word to the "Least of These." We look forward to seeing you next year at our Oktoberfest meal. Prost!

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POET'S CORNER

BLUE THINGS

I sometimes take them down, those box of blue
things that I own. I should do something with them
I guess,
instead of just fumbling through them one by one.
A couple of them have faded in time
and do not hold their normal hue.
Some seem to have darken to a deeper
sea, as blue as blue could be.
I look at them all a little differently each time and
place the most faded ones
on the bottom where they belong And soon
put back the ill fitted lid , and return them
to their normal place upon the shelf.

Submitted by Randy C. Hale

FOXGLOVES & FIREFLIES

Savers of strings and other things

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

I spent all day yesterday in my attic. Hunching over to avoid the gabled beams, I labored for hours packing away Halloween and Thanksgiving/fall decorations, stacking items collected over a lifetime to the rafters.

I was especially nostalgic this year, taking care to pack carefully in case someone else had to unpack it the next time. Wrapping each ceramic turkey and every platter tenderly, tucking the gravy boats and ladles safely in tissue paper and bubble wrap.

I wasn't being morbid, just wondering how many more trips I could make up those fold-down attic stairs. Maneuvering those rickety things with an armload of breakable turkeys is no small fete.

This isn't valuable high-dollar stuff we're talking here, just a mother's memories.

Little handprints on brightly colored construction paper fashioned to look like turkey feathers and signed in crooked block letters with the names of my children.

There are dozens of Thanksgiving salt and pepper shakers, one for each year. All colors, shapes and sizes, each one a memory.

Saving all these things comes naturally to me. My grandmother saved everything -string, marbles, rusty nuts and bolts and chipped China cups. It may be a Southern thing...I'm not sure.

Once I found 14 turkey wishbones in a butter container tucked away in her kitchen cabinet. I asked her why she was keeping them and she replied that she'd read in Heloise's column that if you polished them and tied a ribbon around the end they made pretty adornments for Christmas presents.

There were old brown glass apothecary bottles, and lots of cobalt blue ones that she kept in the sunny west window of her den.

One drawer was filled with every key she'd ever used, the locks long ago changed or forgotten.

Her attic was a depository of castoff items for the entire family.

Old hats, boxes of mismatched gloves, out-of-date shoes and whatnot. It was the perfect place for playing dress-up on rainy days.

Hers wasn't a cramped gable attic like mine. It consisted of a couple of rustic rooms with unfinished floors and walls where my mother and her sisters slept when they were young girls.

There were boxes of old love letters and their musty high school yearbooks, romantic letters from faraway places written by boys in the Army and the Navy, letter sweaters and tons of old black and white pictures of girls in long straight skirts and bobby socks, their hair curled tightly at the ends and lips dark with heavily applied lipstick.

One day not long before she died we were all gathered around Granny's kitchen table talking and eating her mouthwatering fried chicken and made-from-scratch biscuits. She mentioned something about being up in the attic. Everything stopped. Jaws dropped and forks paused in mid-air.

She hadn't been up those stairs in years. Afraid she would fall and break a hip or worse, my mother and aunts had ordered her to stay off the stairs.

"Mother, the very idea! What do you mean, going up those stairs? You know how dangerous that is!" my mom exclaimed, frightened at the thought of what a fall would have done to Granny, now in her mid-eighties.

Granny calmly replied, "I just wanted to see my things one more time."

She went on to explain that by sitting down on the last step she'd bounced on her bottom all the way up, using the same process to get back down.

I think about her every time I perch at that opening in my ceiling.

I can just see her touching her belongings, remembering where she wore each dress, finding precious knick-knacks long forgotten, leafing through old copies of Progressive Farmer and The Saturday Evening Post, and going through plastic bags filled with fabric scraps she'd saved for quilts.

That's why I try to pack everything away so neatly, not knowing when my own kids will ban me from going up there. I say good-bye every year to treasures that will probably be sold at a yard sale for a few pennies someday, just in case it's the last time.

They'll say the same thing, "Mother, you can't be climbing those flimsy old stairs! You'll fall and break something!"

Still, when that time finally comes, just like her, I'll probably sneak up there to see "my things" just one more time.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Earthquake Science 101

Dave Robinson
Contributor

By now everyone knows that earthquakes are caused by a rumbling deep inside the earth and if the rumbling is severe enough, there is damage here on the surface. The amount of damage depends on several factors including the type of quake, and location. Most folks look for a measure of intensity from the newsperson; "There was a quake last night in Outer Slobovia which measured 6.2 on the Richter Scale." We know that was a quake of moderate strength. The higher the number, the more intense the quake, thus the more danger to life and property..

In 1935 Charles Richter developed a scale based on seismographic readings to measure the intensity of earthquakes. For several decades his scale was the state of the art for earthquake measurement. But technology being what it is, the Richter magnitude scale eventually became obsolete, mostly because of its limitations in accurately measuring the quake several miles from the epicenter. Then one of his peers improved on the original and it became the Modified Richter Scale. Again technology drove the geology community to improve and along came the Mercalli scale.

While the Modified Richter Scale is still used to measure the intensity of the quake, the Mercalli Scale is used to measure the effects of the quake.

The effects are varied, compared to the distance from the epicenter. Then to further complicate matters, in the 1970s, along came the Moment Magnitude Scale (MMS). The magnitude is based on the seismic moment of the quake. A formula involving the rigidity of the Earth, the amount of slip on the fault, and size of the area that slipped, measures the MMS. Fortunately for the layman, the numbers to report the MMS are the same as the Richter Scale numbers.

I realize all this can be confusing, but hang on. Did you know that an earthquake measuring 3.0 is ten times stronger than one measuring 2.0? We are conditioned to break down numbers in tenths. For example a sign reading 6.5 miles, means six and one half miles. Not so with the Richter Scale. Using ordinary logic, you'd think a 6.0 earthquake would be twice as intense as a 3.0. Not so, in reality it is three-hundred percent greater!

Scientists can come pretty close with predicting where quakes will happen,and their potential intensity, but even with all of today's technology and measuring equipment, it is still impossible to accurately predict when they will strike. Thanks to GPS technology and literally thousands of sensors drilled deep within the earth's crust, tectonic plate movement as little as one-half centimeter can be detected . Even as you read this, the Cascade Mountains are rising and tilting eastward as the Juan de Fuca plate pushes (subducts) under the Continental Plate along the Cascadia Fault about 60 or so miles off our coast. Currently they seem to be stuck, but they are still pushing. When they become unstuck, we will have an earthquake that may rightfully earn the title, "The Big One!"

Check your supplies and your plan. Now is the time to prepare!

As always, questions and comments can be sent to disasterprep.dave@gmail.com. Dave Robinson is the Postmaster in Bandon, Oregon. He is also the author of "Disaster Prep For The Rest Of Us," available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other online booksellers.

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Take a Christmas Tour of Homes 2016

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Contributor



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CULLMAN – This year's Share Club Christmas Tour of Homes promises to be filled with wonderful ideas that you can take home and incorporate into your own décor.

You'll see everything from Diane Brown's impressive Jim Shore collection, which includes a treasured nativity and crèche, as well as numerous ornaments, to the European flair of Rusty and Christy Turner's Lake Catoma home, the soft, traditional and elegant color themes of the Lake George home of the Veal family, the Christmas collections of many years enhanced by real greenery to welcome the season at the ancestral home of Jeff and Julie Wilhite, and the beautiful Teri Pines home of James and Wendy Clements.

There is truly something for every décor, theme and style on this year's tour.

The home of Ken and Diane Brown - 150 County Road 1405 Cullman, AL 35058

Located in peaceful Cotton Row, a subdivision off Basch Road, is the attractive home of Ken and Diane Brown. The Browns purchased this home in 2001 and were determined to renovate it to be both pleasing to their tastes and accommodating to the needs of their handicapped son. This large five-bedroom, four-bath home is now equipped with wheelchair ramps and a garage apartment that contains a handicap accessible bathroom. The homeowners love to entertain family, as well as guests, so their house is always bustling.

Diane Brown takes great joy in decorating for the Christmas season. She especially enjoys her impressive Jim Shore collection, which includes a treasured nativity and crèche, as well as numerous ornaments. One would be hard pressed to find any space untouched by her holiday flair, and although her decorating style isn't subtle, it is aesthetically pleasing and delightful to behold. We are certain Santa gives this décor a big "thumbs up!"

The home of Rusty and Christy Turner - 741 County Road 1413, Cullman, AL 35058

In 2006 Rusty and Christy Turner asked Christy Turner's father, Ray Calvert of Calvert Construction, to build their classically detailed home overlooking beautiful Lake Catoma. This family-friendly design arranges rooms on the diagonal for flexible flow and offers interiors that "live big" in less square footage.

The master suite is private and absolutely stunning. It features polished limestone countertops in the master bath and a walk-in closet of extraordinary size. The kitchen, with maple cabinetry and granite countertops, opens to the family room. The homeowners consider this room, with its impressive fireplace, the heart of the home. They love the warmth and comfort that permeates this space. The children's living area includes floor-to-ceiling bookcases with an attached, sliding ladder that gives this part of the home a touch a whimsy. Delightful Christmas décor in the Turner home both enhances and highlights the European charm, character, and personality of this custom-built home.

The home of Angie and Kelvin Veal - 166 County Road 1310, Vinemont, AL 35179

The home of Angie and Kelvin Veal was built in 1991 by local contractor Dan Sims and is located on Lake George property formerly owned by the Heitmueller family. The design of the home features amazing views of the lake from almost every room, where one can catch sightings of bald eagles. The open concept provides comfort of living and great enjoyment for family gatherings.

Limestone, Pennsylvania Bluestone Slate and European/French arch accents customize the home in addition to hardwood floors, a custom nautical medallion and an elegant stairway in the foyer. Their Christmas décor always includes some old and new with soft, traditional and elegant color themes. The Veal family has had many Christmas memories here and are looking forward to many more.

The home of Jeff and Julie Wilhite - 149 County Road 1286, Vinemont, AL 35179

The home of Jeff and Julie Wilhite was originally owned by Jeff Wilhite's grandparents, Carl and Gladys Wilhite, 60 years ago. The eclectic style of the home features do-it-yourself items and reclaimed objects from junk stores.

The dining room table was built by Jeff Wilhite from salvaged wood from the property's barn. Julie Wilhite purchased the benches at a yard sale and refinished them to match. A junk shop bathroom chandelier was antiqued and refurbished with crystals by Julie Wilhite. In the landscaping, stones and bricks repurposed from an old house and a torn down church should be noted. Check out all the hand crafted and repurposed items recorded on a list for you on Tour Day. Christmas collections of many years are enhanced by real greenery to welcome the season.

The home of James and Wendy Clements, 106 View Point Circle, Cullman, AL 35057

The house that became home to James and Wendy Clements in July 2015 was built in the southern living style in 2000 on three lots in the Terri Pines subdivision. The couple spent their first year in the house making lots of renovations and updates.

The floor plan of the house is very open with a beautiful stone fireplace, newly refinished hardwood floors, all new light fixtures and fans, newly tiled basement that looks like hardwood and an open second floor landing to the main floor. The home has four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths and an adorable playroom. The backyard has a newly updated screen porch and cement patio perfect for entertaining while overlooking the naturally wooded lots.

The home of Libby Crider - 245 Fairway Drive, Cullman, AL 35057

Built atop a lovely, wooded lot in 2011 and nestled in a quiet cul de sac in Terri Pines, the home of Libby Crider and her children is a stunning mix of rock, wood and metal. As welcoming as it is beautiful, the home's open plan accommodates loads of entertaining. A serene screened porch with generous bed swing beckons relaxation.

This home has details rich in character and history including heart of pine flooring, hand hewn beams, reclaimed wood ceilings and unique interior doors which were all selected individually by the homeowner. Christmastime is a time to celebrate faith and family for the Criders. Their seasonal décor is mesmerizing, tastefully placed and pleasing to the eye. Take note that most of the décor is available in the homeowner's retail store, White Willow, in downtown Cullman.

Proceeds from the Christmas Tour of Homes benefit Hospice of Cullman County and the Good Samaritan Clinic.

"Share Club consists of approximately 35 members who have been and are dedicated to strengthening our community and enhancing the lives of our community members through volunteer service. We are a strong group of women who love our families, our neighbors and our community," said Share Club member Mary Jane Waldrop.

"Although we serve the community through numerous events and projects, our main project is the annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Over the years, we have been blessed to show Cullman's finest homes decorated for the season to hundreds of community members and friends. Share Club supports numerous worthy causes, but we are especially proud of our donations to Hospice of Cullman County, which is over 163,000 to date. The 2015 and the coming 2016 Christmas Tour of Homes will benefit Hospice of Cullman County and Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

"We are proud to present this year's Christmas Tour on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1-5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the homes or purchased in advance at Cullman Cabinet, The Added Touch Too, From the Heart, Three Pears, White Willow, Hagan Realty or any Share Club member for $15 donation for each ticket."

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