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Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

NASHVILLE – Kassie Wilson is busy these days. She just returned to Nashville from a trip to Canada.

"We were performing in Canada this weekend and had a layover due to weather conditions. We didn't get home till last night," she said. "It was quite the experience to say the least."

Kassie's grandparents- Billy and Charlotte Wood, live in Cullman. If you attended the recent Farm-City Banquet you were fortunate to hear her performing there.

"The past four years we have been doing music full-time," said Kassie, who is a two-time winner of the P16



BILLY POPE

Kassie Wilson

Santa Claus comes to Baileyton



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Santa shares a moment with a lucky little girl at the Town of Baileyton Christmas party.

Christmas events and celebrations

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. Admission is $5 dollars per vehicle, and an additional $5 dollars if you are interested in the carriage rides.

Friday, Dec. 16
Fairview Christmas Parade
The Fairview Lions Club invites you to come fellowship and celebrate the reason for the season!

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. and follow in front of Fairview High School, with the tree lighting to follow at Fairview Park.

The band will play "Silent Night," and there will be a scripture reading. Santa Claus will be there! Free refreshments to follow.

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 7 p.m. 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 P14

Colony to open community game room and gym for Christmas holidays

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COLONY – The town of Colony is planning something special for its kids and those of the surrounding area. On Dec. 19, the Parks and Recreation Committee will open a game room at the town's Educational Complex behind the town hall, as well as the Community Center gymnasium at Vivian B. Allen Park. Mayor Donnis Leeth can hardly wait to see the first children and youth come through the doors.

He said, "I'm excited to see these kids' faces when they see what we've got out there."

The game room will feature two of each of the following recreational equipment:

- Foosball tables
- Air Hockey tables
- 9-foot Shuffleboard tables
- Electronic Dart boards
- Table Tennis (Ping Pong) tables

This is a new thing for the Colony Town Council, and the game room and gym are opening on a P14

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Colony Town Council now complete

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COLONY – Council members couldn't say when the town last had a full town council, but it has one now. At their regular meeting Tuesday evening, the council unanimously voted to appoint local residents to fill two long-vacant seats:

- **Seat 2** (Streets and Drainage) - Julian Fields
- **Seat 3** (Police and Fire) - Tam Malcom

This brings the council to its full number of five council members plus the mayor.

The meeting opened with all current members present, along with both of the proposed appointees. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without discussion, then business moved to committee reports.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councilwoman Jamelle Dimbo said that she expects to be able to present a tentative town budget in January, and that the town will renew its annual membership in PALS (People Against a Littered State) and the Arbor Day Foundation.

She has also ordered Labor Law posters for town facilities.

Reporting for the Parks and Recreation Committee, Councilman Curtis Johnson stated that the town gym and the game room at the Colony Educational Complex are almost ready to be opened for community use during the Christmas school break.

He also reported that a new stove is being purchased for the kitchen at the Educational Complex.

No other reports were brought.

Nor were any responses made to calls for petitions, appeals, applications or complaints.

Under resolutions, the council appointments took place. Johnson moved to appoint Julian Fields, and Dimbo moved to appoint Tam Malcom; both were unanimously approved.

Dimbo brought two other motions, both of which passed:

1. To allow the mayor and council members reimbursement for mileage when driving on town business.

2. To open the game room at the Educational Complex on a trial basis with flexible hours, starting on Dec. 19.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Following the adjournment, both new council members were sworn in by Colony Town Clerk Patricia Ponder.



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The Colony Town Council members are (front) Julian Fields, (center) Jamelle Dimbo, (back, l-r) Mayor Donnis Leeth, Tam Malcolm, Myra Twitty and Curtis Johnson

Commission executes gun range agreement with CCSO

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CULLMAN – Tuesday's Cullman County Commission meeting was a packed house, with a public hearing for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding for the Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) and the execution of a licensing agreement between the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and the commission for the use of the county gun range.

"Commissioner Garry Marchman and I have been working on it since I took office," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry of the gun range. "We've been trying to come up with a positive solution. We have a contract to come together and fix it and finish it."

Essentially, the gun range, which is located off Highway 69 at Dodge City on the outskirts of the old county landfill, will now be under the direction of the CCSO, but that doesn't mean it will be only for CCSO activities.

"We're going to use it as a place for deputies to go shoot," continued Gentry, "and also for the events we hold for the public like the Citizens' Academy and our firearms training classes."

Gentry says there's still a lot of work to do to fix up the range and get it ready, but he is hoping for a Spring 2017 opening.

"Once it is complete we're going to open it up for deer season," he said. "We'll have deputies there to assist and people can come and get their rifles tightened up."

Right now, there's only one public range in Cullman County, according to the sheriff, and that's Maple Ridge.

"The Cullman Police Department has one, and the Fraternal Order of Police have one, and those are private," said Gentry. "Now the sheriff's office will have one, but it will be public."

A public hearing on JARC was held as a part of the program's grant-funding process. CARTS previously applied for and was awarded the grant, which is funded by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and Department of Human Resources.

According to ALDOT, "the goal of the JARC program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and nonurbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities."

The program, which in Cullman County is facilitated by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources, utilizes CARTS buses to provide transportation, to those who qualify, to and from work, daycare and volunteer activities.

Other items of new business included:

- A public hearing was set for Feb. 28, 2017 concerning vacating an unnamed county road based on the request of a private citizen.
- Payment was authorized to the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund for renewal of liability insurance for Jan. 1, 2017-Jan. 1, 2018 in the amount of $406,673.
- Chairman Kenneth Walker was authorized to sign a consent order detailing the terms under which a taxpayer will pay delinquent sales and use tax to the Cullman County Sales Tax and Revenue Enforcement Office in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.
- Authorization was given for the purchase of a Yamaha Wolverine R-Spec for Stony Lonesome OHV Park with funding from an Outdoor Access Initiative grant.
- Authorization was given for the purchase of a server for the Sales Tax Department in the amount of $6,643.17.
- Authorization was given for the payment of $15,000 to the City of Hanceville for the maintenance of Mud Creek, as per the annual maintenance agreement.
- Authorization was given for the replacement of the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency's outdoor warning siren activation equipment for the EMA's radio room. The new system, $11,275, works on the polygon system, according to EMA Director Phyllis Little, meaning that sirens will be able to be activated only in affected areas of the county. The current system sounds sirens throughout the entire county.
- Authorization was given for purchase of glass countertops for the revenue office, $5,350, from Cullman Overhead Door & Glass.
- A bid from Walker Brothers, LTD for $240,800 was accepted for the painting of the Hamby Chapel water tank. There were nine total bids; one came in lower, but it was retracted.
- Authorization was given for the purchase of of a 2017 Dodge Ram truck for the EMA from Tallassee Automotive, Inc. in the amount of $42,325.
- Authorization was given for the purchase of a one-man pothole patcher from the ACCA County Joint Bid Program, $198,777.

Santa Claus will be at the Cullman County Courthouse on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the first-floor entryway. The public is welcome.

All Cullman County offices will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The Cullman County Commission will meet next on Tuesday, Jan. 10. A work session will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the meeting following at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room. The public is welcome to attend.

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Cullman City Council recognizes CHS band; bids awarded for wastewater treatment plant improvements

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council met Monday evening, with Mayor Woody Jacobs and council members Jenny Folsom, Clint Hollingsworth and Andy Page in attendance. Councilmen John Cook and Garlan Gudger were absent.

After the invocation, the rules of procedure were suspended to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Nov. 28 and 30 meetings. Both were accepted without discussion.

As the council moved to committee reports, no reports were brought, but Page stepped out and invited Cullman High School Band Director Christopher Smith, Assistant Director Doug Teuscher and student representatives of the CHS band program (including both marching and symphonic bands) to come forward.

He presented them with a council resolution congratulating them on recent accomplishments, including:

1. Performing in the 2016 Magnificent Mile Festival Lights Parade in Chicago, an event broadcast on television and internet, and attended by more than 1 million spectators.

2. Receiving all superior ratings and winning multiple "best-in-class" awards at marching band competitions this year.

3. Participating in the 2015 Veterans Day America's Parade in New York.

4. The 2015-16 symphonic band's achievement of superior ratings for the 23rd consecutive year at the Alabama Bandmasters Association Performance Assessment.

The resolution specifically recognized CHS Band President Myles McLeroy, Vice-President Wes Ellard and Drum Major Jackson Shaw.

The document presented to the band concluded, "BE IT RESOLVED, on the 12th day of December, 2016, that the Mayor and City Council of Cullman, Alabama, on behalf of our citizens, do hereby extend to the 2016-17 Cullman High School Band this expression of pride in their outstanding accomplishments."

Getting back to regular council business, Jacobs brought his report.

The singular item involved the closure of streets around the city parking deck on Third Avenue Southwest and Third Street Southwest for 1-2 days in the coming week. Water Department Superintendent Chris Freeman, who was in attendance, said the closures will be necessary for the running of a new sewer line under the deck.

He also said that the north deck entrance will be closed, but the deck will remain accessible through the south entrance.

After the conclusion of the mayor's report, the floor was opened to comments from the public or anyone not on the agenda, with no response.

The council then addressed multiple city requests, voting to pass all that were presented, including:

1. A request from Water Superintendent Chris Freeman to purchase from two existing city bids two work trucks from Mitch Smith Chevrolet in the budgeted amount of $77,443.

2. A request from Sanitation Superintendent Larry Jones to purchase from an existing city bid one work truck from Mitch Smith Chevrolet in the budgeted amount of $40,000.

3. A request from Street Superintendent Scott Talley to purchase from an existing city bid two work trucks from Mitch Smith Chevrolet in the budgeted amount of $77,443.

4. A request from Garage Superintendent Mason Kugler to purchase from NJPA bid list a computerized alignment system from Mohawk Lifts in the budgeted amount of $27,411.

5. A request from Garage Superintendent Mason Kugler to purchase a JPRO Professional Diagnostics Tool Box from Stewart Auto Parts in the budgeted amount of $5,000.

6. A request from Court Clerk Dana Phillips and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Watson to approve the lowest quote from Walker Brothers LTD for a construction project in Municipal Court in the budgeted amount not to exceed $35,145.

7. A request from Joey Pannell of Catfish N Que, Inc. located at 1610 Main Avenue SW for a restaurant alcohol license which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Alcohol Review Committee.

8. A request from Street Superintendent Scott Talley to lease from an existing city bid two backhoe loaders from Thompson Tractor Company, Inc. in the budgeted annual amount of $33,458.

9. A request from Water Superintendent Chris Freeman to purchase from an existing city bid a work truck from Eckenrod Ford in the budgeted amount of $39,690.

The council then addressed five resolutions, passing four. The fifth resolution, concerning a board appointment, did not require a vote.

The first two involved bid awards for long-awaited improvement projects at the City's wastewater treatment plant.

1. Resolution No. 2017-26 – To award bid for tertiary filter installation for the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant to the lowest responsible bidder, B.H. Craig Construction, Inc., in the budgeted amount not to exceed $2,494,500.

2. Resolution No. 2017-27 – To award bid for sanitary sewer/regional lift station improvements for Cullman WWTP to the lowest responsible bidder, Apel Machine & Supply, Inc., in the budgeted amount not to exceed $897,410.

The next two were as follows:

3. Resolution No. 2017-28 – To award bid R-01762 for one or more 4WD crew trucks to the lowest responsible bidder, Eckenrod Ford Lincoln, in the budgeted amount of $39,690 per truck.

4. Resolution No. 2017-29 – To award bid R-01763 for one or more half ton 4WD work trucks to the lowest responsible bidder, Mitch Smith Chevrolet, in the budgeted amount of $33,017 per truck.

The last resolution, under "board appointments," involved Rick Harper, who had previously been appointed to the zoning board.

Harper declined the appointment, due to a conflict of interest.

With no further business, the council adjourned.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Good Hope council addresses old sewer lines, road construction

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GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope City Council met this week, fresh off a successful parade and Christmas in the Park event over the weekend.

"It was a huge success," said Councilman Greg Brown. Mayor Jerry Bartlett commended Brown for his hard work with the event, citing Brown's ability to raise a large amount of funds that the city can use for future projects.

The council discussed at length current problems with city sewer lines, specifically, the stress put on pipes by the new motors that were placed in the city sewer system to prepare for future growth in the area.

"There is so much pressure on those old lines, and the sewer lines coming from the houses that the 't' (joint) in the PVC pipe vibrates and cracks at the 't'(joint)," said Bartlett.

It is planned that members of the City of Cullman Wastewater Department will come to Good Hope to advise the City of Good Hope's department on how to best approach the situation, according to Bartlett.

In new business, the council passed two resolutions pertaining to road work near Jack's Truck Stop. The first resolution was aimed at amending the scope of work to be done on the project, which was approved in March. The project will now be divided into two phases. The second resolution awarded Carcel & G Construction phase one of the project, budgeted at $225,000.

"In January, they will start paving the road that goes south of Cabin Fever. Then, they'll close the entrances and widen the one to the opening of Cupp Road providing them a signal to come out of Cabin Fever," said Bartlett.

Bartlett announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m., hosted by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, for the new American Legion Post No. 4 building at 181 Reid Road in Good Hope. The event is open to the public, and all of those who can made it are invited to attend.

The Good Hope City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

CCCDC awards grants to Dodge City Senior Center and Beat 8 Community Center

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CULLMAN COUNTY – The Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) recently awarded two grants.

The Dodge City Senior Center received $12,000 for upgrades to the interior and the purchase of tables, chairs and other items.

Also receiving $12,000 was the Beat 8 Community Center, for outside improvements such as repaving and handicap accessibility features.

Funding for CCCDC grants comes from taxes-Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in lieu of taxes and beer taxes.

To learn more about the CCCDC or to submit a grant application, visit http://co.cullman.al.us/cccdc/cccdc.html.

The next meeting of the CCCDC will be Monday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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PREP / PREP GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Bearcats get the best of the Warriors; Lady Warriors continue impressive season

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WEST POINT – It is a night that most Cullman County hoops fans look forward to each year. The night when West Point and Cullman lock horns and go to war on the hardwood, and Tuesday night was no exception. Jim Boyd Gymnasium was rocking, filled with both West Point and Cullman fans as the Bearcats came calling.

Senior Alex Hernandez got things going for West Point (4-8) with an easy bucket under the goal. Cullman (5-7) countered with two from Dylan Finch. Nicholas Williams followed Finch, adding two to the Cullman total, but West Point fired back with five and controlled the rest of the quarter to go up 16-9 after one.

Early in the second, both teams exchanged points with neither able to gain an advantage, that is until the closing minutes of the half. Andrew Morton knocked the bottom out of a three and Finch found an open lane to the basket allowing Cullman to score the last five points of the half and head to the locker room down just one possession.

Whatever Cullman head coach Bobby Meyer said to the Bearcats at the half worked as they looked like a different team hitting the floor in the second. The Bearcats put up 18 in the third while holding West Point to just 11 to take their first lead since midway through the first quarter as they headed to the fourth up 43-38.

With both teams in the bonus for the majority of the fourth quarter, Cullman was able to keep their lead and improve to 6-7 by a final of 62-53. Cullman looks to get to .500 Friday as the take on Hayden at home. The Warriors will undoubtedly have redemption on their minds as the Aggies of Fairview head to West Point Friday.

West Point 68, Cullman 45 (Girls)

Cullman (4-5) got the scoring started with a 3-point basket that was drilled on the near wing by Sierra Easterwood. West Point (11-1) answered right back when Bailee Yearwood drained a three of her own.

Anna Evans gave the lead back to the Bearcats, albeit briefly, with an easy bucket, but the rest of the quarter belonged to West Point as the Lady Warriors went on a 13-2 run that lasted the rest of the quarter and gave them a 16-7 advantage after one.

West Point picked up right where they left off, extending their run to 20-2 before a pair of free throws by Anna Murphy gave the Lady Bearcats their first points in more than five minutes.

West Point kept their foot on the gas and the pressure on the Cullman offense, scoring another 13 points before the half for a comfortable 22-point lead at the break.

Cullman fought back in the second half, matching the Lady Warriors point for point and trying to claw their way back into the contest.

However, West Point continued to get good looks at the basket and knocked down their open shots, doubling up Cullman 48-24 heading to the fourth.

Cullman saved their best quarter for the last, scoring 21 points in the frame, but it was not enough to stop the streaking Lady Warriors as they improved to 12-1 by the final of 68-45.

West Point will be back in action Friday as they welcome the Fairview Lady Aggies to town. Cullman will also be in action Friday as they play host to Hayden.

PREP / PREP GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Eagles stay undefeated; Eagles win

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Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – After defeating the Fairview Lady Aggies at Cold Springs in their first meeting, the Lady Eagles looked to not only stay undefeated, but win at a very tough place. Elizabeth Hill and Emme Willoughby combined for 41 points and No. 4 Cold Springs had a double-digit lead going into the final quarter. They held off a furious rally by a talented Aggie squad to win, 57-51, and stay undefeated at 10-0.

The first quarter saw the lead change hands several times, as each team looked to get that early advantage. Fairview finished the quarter strong when Abby Schnittker hit a layup just before the buzzer sounded to give them an 11-10 lead.

The second quarter saw Cold Springs take a 12-11 lead when Willoughby grabbed the offensive rebound and put it back in. But Fairview grabbed the lead right back on a Jada Golden three. They took a 16-13 lead on a Schnittker layup. But Camryn Crider, Hill and Willoughby sparked a quarter-ending 11-3 run with three straight 3-pointers and a layup to give the Lady Eagles a 24-19 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Cold Springs looked to stretch their lead after a Rachael Yearwood layup cut the lead to three. Mission accomplished as three straight Eagle possessions turned into three straight threes as part of a 9-3 run to stretch the lead to 33-24. A Schnittker three cut the lead to 33-27, but Sadie Terry pushed the lead to 34-27 after hitting 1 of 2 at the free-throw line. Hill and Willoughby scored the final four points of the quarter to extend the lead to 38-27 after three.

Fairview tried to rally in the final quarter and they got off to a quick start as layups by Golden, Schnittker and Taylor Yeager, the last two coming off Eagle turnovers, cut the lead to 38-33, but Willoughby stopped the rally with an old-fashioned 3-point play to move the lead back up to 41-33. Every time Fairview looked to rally, Willoughby and Hill put a stop to it. The Lady Aggies did cut a double-digit lead to 50-47, but Hill and Willoughby hit clutch free throws to help preserve the win.

Hill led the Lady Eagles with 21 points. Willoughby finished with 19 and Crider ended up with six. They will travel to Falkville on Friday.

"Elizabeth Hill has really helped us out." Cold Springs coach Tammy West said. "She's very coachable. She's been solid for us this season. Emme Willoughby's a very solid player. She never makes mistakes. We missed free throws that kept them in the game, but we hit just enough at the end to win. This was a very big win for us."

Golden and Yeager each finished with 13 for Fairview, and Schnittker had 12. They fall to 10-3 on the season. They will travel to West Point on Friday.

Cold Springs 39, Fairview 35 (Boys)

Trailing by eight on the road against Fairview, Cold Springs rallied to take home a huge win.

It took almost two minutes for the first points of the game to be scored by either team, with the honor going to Cold Springs' Hunter McClendon, then Tyler Ball put up the first points for Fairview. The Eagles took a 10-4 lead, but the Aggies scored the final five points of the quarter, the last coming on a three by Samuel Elrod to cut the lead to 10-9.

The second quarter saw both teams struggle with turnovers to start out, but Fisher Willoughby helped the Eagles get out of their funk with five quick points sandwiched around a Jacob Hill layup to extend the lead to 15-11. Following a Fairview travel, each team traded baskets on their next two possessions, and Bryson Fletcher hit a layup with a little more than four seconds remaining in the first half to make the score, 20-17, which would be the score at the half.

The third quarter belonged to Fairview as they outscored the Eagles, 13-2, to take a 30-22 lead going into the final quarter. Cold Springs went on a run to start the fourth quarter. Eli Hamby started it out with two free throws, then Jesse Lee hit a three off an Aggie turnover to cut the lead to 30-27. Grant Howard extended the lead back to five with a jumper from the free-throw line, but Lee came right back with another three to make it a 2-point game with 4:13 remaining.

Two more Hamby free throws tied the game at 32 with 3:53 remaining and Lee gave the Eagles the lead with two more from the line. Lee pushed the lead to five with a layup, then Klayton Knop put back a miss to cut the lead to 37-34 with 10.8 seconds remaining, but Willoughby clinched the game by hitting two free throws to help his team take home a hard-fought win on the road.

Lee finished with 12 to lead the Eagles, 10 coming in the final period. Blake Wood had 10, and Hamby finished with eight. The Eagles improve to 5-4 on the season and will travel to Falkville on Friday night.

"The third quarter was really bad for us, but the defense really stepped up in the fourth quarter," Cold Springs coach Tim Willoughby said. "Jesse Lee really stepped up big for us in the fourth quarter. It's really tough to win games on the road, but we were able to pull it out."

The Aggies' leading scorer was Fletcher, who ended up with 11. Eight other players scored at least two points. Fairview falls to 5-7 overall.

"We made a lot of costly mistakes in the fourth quarter, and they converted those into easy layups," Fairview coach Eddie Groves said. "We need to look at the positives and eliminate the negatives. We play at West Point Friday night. We need to handle the pressure up there and see if we can get out of there with a win."



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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Close and not-so-close contests in round 1 of county middle school tournament

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GOOD HOPE – One upset, one near upset and two dominant performances highlighted the opening round play in the Cullman County Middle School Girls' Basketball Tournament Monday night.

Tournament host Good Hope provided the stunner when the No. 6 seed Lady Raiders eliminated No. 3 seed Hanceville 47-29. A 17-1 run in the second quarter turned the game to Good Hope's advantage for the rest of the evening.

Top seed Cold Springs romped over eighth seed Vinemont 42-12, fourth seed Parkside doubled up fifth seed Holly Pond 26-13 and second seed West Point broke open a close first half by taking care of seventh seed Fairview 47-21.

This sets up the semifinal round Thursday on the Good Hope High School campus with Cold Springs and Parkside playing at 4 p.m. followed by Good Hope and West Point meeting at 5 p.m.

The winners advance to the title game that will be Saturday at 3 p.m.

Good Hope 47, Hanceville 29

Down 9-8 after the first period, Good Hope got control of the game with a field goal from Renee McLeod early in the second and was never behind after that. The Lady Raiders tallied 17 consecutive points, holding Hanceville to a free throw from Dynasia Simmons with 40 seconds left until halftime.

Good Hope went to the locker room with a comfortable 25-10 advantage.

Hanceville could not stop the Good Hope attack in the second half as they continued to build the lead. The largest advantage for the Lady Raiders was 44-17 with 4:34 to play in the contest on a steal and layup by Meagan Runge.

Runge led the upset with 16 points, followed by Ruby Lucas at 12, Desire Odachowski at 11 with three baskets from 3-point range; McLeod, Mallory Hammock and Morgan Hammock at two and one from Alexus Buckelew.

Simmons paced Hanceville with 14 points, Zoe Joles scored nine, Malorie Morgan, Katelynn Hurst and Victoria Stanley tossed in two each.

Cold Springs 42, Vinemont 12

This game belonged to Cold Springs after the first 6:00 with a 14-1 lead and a 30-4 advantage at halftime. Half of the scoring by the Lady Eagles came from downtown with five treys made by intermission.

It was 37-11 after the third quarter as Kyla Aaron directed a balanced Cold Springs attack with nine, Lacey Rice and Brooklyn Crider eight each, Madison Bruer seven, Haley Williams three and Morgan Chasteen two.

Vinemont got eight points from Madysen Hacker, two from Alexis Holmes and Paige Holcomb.

Parkside 26, Holly Pond 13

It was a slow start by both sides with neither able to get any points in the first period until less than 90 seconds was showing on the clock. Holly Pond scored first for a 2-0 lead, then Parkside closed out with a 6-0 run to end the first period and a 6-2 advantage.

A 9-0 run sent the Lady Panthers to the half with a 15-2 cushion. Holly Pond tried to come back in the third, closing to 19-9, but could never shake off the huge deficit and was eliminated in the quarterfinal round.

Molly McKelvy scored nine for Parkside with Jacy Gorham and Morgan Lindsey adding five each, Cassidy Thompkins three and Kaitlyn Benson and Makalya Latham two each.

For Holly Pond, Rebecca Bell and Kaylee Stallings tossed in four each, Kennedy Twilley three and Abigail Kusz two.

West Point 47, Fairview 21

Overcoming a 9-5 deficit following the opening stanza, West Point went ahead with an 11-5 advantage in the second period and was up at the break 16-14.

The game became a West Point domination in the second half with 16 unanswered points, featuring scoring by Braelee Quinn, Sidney Smith and Lessie Allison to give the No. 2 seed a 36-18 lead when time ran out in the third.

Smith was tops for West Point with 14, Allison netted 10, Quinn scored nine, Kali Brown and Destiny Sellers four each, Ryleigh Jones, Ava Jo Rushing and Summer Mendoza two each.

Molly Freeman's eight led Fairview with Cassidy Hutchison scoring six, Kyleigh Aleman-Limon three and Desiree Speegle and Claudia Landers two each.

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. MERRY CHRISTMAS. This is just a reminder that this is becoming the busiest time of the year, as if we need reminding! If you don't believe it, check the calendars for any church or organization. They are trying to get all the seasonal activities done before the holidays. In addition, we are decorating and cleaning and cooking for all the friends and family that will be spending time with each other in the next couple of weeks! We certainly love all the hustle and bustle, though – and should not complain but remember that we are Blessed.

The Prime Time Singers of the East Cullman Baptist Association presented the first two of our holiday programs on Monday, December 5th and concluded the programs on Monday, December 12th in Hanceville.

This week we went to the Hanceville Nursing Home and then to the Brooksdale Assisted Living. To put a climax to this year's programs, the singers then went to the Moody Center in Hanceville, where we were served a Christmas meal and had fun and fellowship together.

Each one of us carried a small gift to be passed around. We usually have two or three visitors including perhaps some retired members or out-of-towners. It is always a time of happiness and good cheer. We present the same program of traditional music at both places.

Three of the senior adult Sunday school classes of my church, First Baptist in Holly Pond held their annual meal and party last Friday night in the church fellowship hall. We had a good group that enjoyed soup, sandwiches and yummy desserts.

We played a game for passing around gifts and had a great time. Sadly, several people were unable to come because of prior obligations and grandchildren involved in activities.

The highlight of this past week-end in Holly Pond was the Christmas Parade held in the cold on Saturday afternoon, December 10th. This event was sponsored by the Holly Pond Civitan Club with some members of the Homemakers Club also helping. Our Grand Marshal of the parade was our new mayor, Mr. Billy Oliver. Also participating was the junior glee club from the Holly Pond Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. Melissa Roberts and the Holly Pond High School Bronco Marching Band, under the direction of Miss Louette Benefield. The parade ended with the appearance of Santa Claus himself. He was all decked out, riding on top of a shiny new red Corvette Convertible car, compliments of the Cullman Chevrolet dealer. Very nice indeed.

The adult choir of my church will present their program next Sunday night in the church sanctuary. They have blessed us in the last few Sundays with sample numbers from the program. It promises to be a wonderful event. Mrs. Melissa Roberts is also in charge of this program.

It's almost time for the children and teachers at the school to enjoy their holiday break. I know they are looking forward to these two weeks. This also means the end of the first semester of school classes for this year. My, how time does fly.

Until next week, remember to be careful, have fun and keep warm.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From the Files of 1940

Miss Warnke Is Bride Of Ted Graveman On Wednesday

Miss Mary Warnke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Warnke and Ted Graveman were married on Wednesday afternoon, October 9th, at 3:30 in the Sacred Heart Rectory with Father Phillip, O.S.B. officiating at the ceremony.

Attending her sister as maid of honor was Miss Edith Warnke, who wore a blue dress with black accessories and a shoulder corsage of pink roses.

Ben Graveman served his brother as best man.

The bride wore a soldier blue ensemble, with black accessories and a corsage of sweetheart roses.

After the wedding, the parents of the bride entertained at their home for the wedding party and immediate families, of the couple.

Bride-Elect Is Complimented At Shower On Friday Evening

Honoree at a miscellaneous shower on Friday evening was Miss Pauline Chandler, who will be married on October 20th to Harold Griffin.

Mrs. Ralph Wright and Mrs. Adam Turner were hostesses at this party, at the home of the former.

High scores at the games were Miss Chandler and Mrs. George Abbott. Each was presented an attractive gift. Also the honoree received many useful gifts.

Delicious refreshments were served to the guests, who were Mesdames Herbert Wagner and Kenneth Calendar, of Birmingham, Alvis, Bertha Ross, Leonard Wagner, George Abbott, Otto Buettner, Frank Goodwin, Sherman Clemmons, Harry Chandler, S.V. Foust, Clarence Keller, Fred Cole and Misses Eulala Bates, Evelyn Loper, Mildred Chandler, Ruby Chandler and the honoree.

Mrs. Josephine Bailey Dies At Age Of 77 Years

Mrs. Josephine Bailey, who at the time of her sudden death, on October 2nd, was 77 years old, was buried in the Duck River Cemetery, on October 3rd, at 11 o'clock.

Reverend Garrett, pastor of the Holly Pond Methodist Church, was in charge, of the funeral services.

Mrs. Bailey is survived by three sons, G.M., M.G. and A.N. Bailey, all of Route Eight; two daughters, Mrs. Lula Segers, of Route Three and Mrs. Essie Lambert, of Route Eight; four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wisner, of Phil Campbell, Mrs. Dora Gorham, of Holly Pond, Mrs. Lucy Byrd, of Birmingham and Mrs. Lydia Sanford, of Route Three; six brothers, N.S. Stisher, of Holly Pond, Ben Stisher, of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Ezra and Walter Stisher, both of Texas, Arthur Stisher, of Cleveland and Oscar Stisher, of Route Three.

Fischer and Son directed.

County F.F.A. Hold Meeting

Maxie Blalock, of the Cullman Chapter, was elected president of the Cullman County District of Future Farmers of America at a meeting held at Cold Springs, on Wednesday, September 25th.

Other officers elected for the coming year were Kellie Sizemore, of Holly Pond, Vice-President; Ray Dunlap, of Hanceville, Secretary-Treasurer; Milton Sooley, from Cold Springs and C.L. Legg, reporter from West Point. The second vice-president is to be elected from the Fairview Chapter. W.L. Martin, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the Cullman County High School is to be the district advisor for the year. Each of the six chapters is to be host at one meeting during the year. The meetings will take place every six weeks. The next meeting will be at Fairview, on Wednesday night, November 6th.

Charles William Skipper Dies At Home On Tuesday

Death came to Charles William Skipper, longtime cotton buyer in Cullman, on Tuesday morning, at 4 o'clock. At the time of his death, he was 49 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Zion Church, on Wednesday afternoon, October 9th, at 2:30 with Reverend O.S. Gamble and Reverend R.B. Lavender conducting the services. Interment followed in the adjoining cemetery, with Drinkard directing.

Active pallbearers were John Fricke, O.P. Jackson, Roy Williams, Claude Kempson, Ed Heitmueller and Jesse Collier.

Honorary pallbearers were Doctor J.G. Daves, T.G. Kennedy, C.A. Stiefelmeyer, A.B. Holmes, J.B. Daniels, Luke Holland, V.O. Callahan, C.A. Wunderlich, Ross Wunderlich, John Huffstutler and Russ Ridgeway.

Hanceville Happenings

Mrs. Alma Ryan Entertains Garden Club On Wednesday

Mrs. A.D. Rutherford presided at the regular meeting of the Garden Club, in the absence of the president, Mrs. George A. Green. Mrs. Alma Ryan, the hostess for the afternoon had her home decorated with lovely flowers.

During the business hour, the club voted to repair the drinking fountains at the two school buildings. The club will also enter a stunt in the Stunt Night, sponsored by the Beta Club on Saturday night, October 12th at the high school auditorium. Mrs. Arthur Graf is chairman of the committee to plan the stunt.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Which Way Do We Go?

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Do you remember the days, long before any of us had ever heard of a GPS, when we sometimes stopped to ask someone for directions? Last week, I did a program at a church in a city where I did not know my way around. I asked the minister if he could tell me how to get to my motel. He asked, "Do you not have a GPS?" He wasn't being short or rude. He went on to explain that it would be easier for me to follow my GPS than the directions he could give. After what seemed like thirty-eight turns, by the time I arrived at my room, I realized he was probably right.

Asking or giving directions has almost become a lost art. Perhaps no one is happier than we menfolk. We absolutely despise having to ask anyone for directions.

Truthfully, what we hate is admitting that we don't have a clue how to get wherever we are going. For generations wives have asked their husband, "Are you lost?" only to him say, "I'm not lost. I'm just taking the more scenic route." She rolls her eyes and says, "Uh-huh."

If we do eventually stop for directions, we have learned that a complete stranger is the best person to ask. That way, we don't suffer the insult of being laughed at by someone who knows us.

The two most feared words of most any male driver is to hear someone say as he walks away, "He's lost." It may not break the male ego, but it can certainly bruise it quite badly. Some have even suggested that the Hebrew children wandered in the wilderness for forty years after they left Egypt, because a man, namely Moses, was driving the church bus and he refused to stop for directions. Of course, Bible scholars all know that this is not actually true. They didn't even have buses back then.

Now, I will be the first to admit that getting directions from another person is not an exact science. You might ask some good ole boy in Arkansas how to get to South Carolina and end up in Serbia. Years ago, before the implementation of the 911 system, many roads, especially in rural areas, didn't have names. Some local resident might tell you to go past where the old Johnson house used to stand and take the next road to the right. But, if you replied, "I don't know where the Johnson house stood." He might answer, "Well then, you can't get there from here." As a seminary student, I served a church in Choctaw County that was located somewhere between nowhere and nothing. Some friends of ours drove up one weekend to visit us. I had given them fabulous directions but, unbelievably, they got lost anyway. They stopped to ask a man and he said, "You turn right here and left there, and then go way, way, way, way, way down that road and then go just a tad bit further!" I'm not sure how they ever found us, but they did.

Isn't it amazing that the Magi ever found the baby Jesus. They didn't have a GPS, or even a map. They followed a guiding star. When they got close, even though they were men, they asked for directions. They asked King Herod, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?" Herod didn't know, so he called for the chief priests and the scribes. They directed them to Bethlehem, where they found the Christ child, worshipped him and presented him gifts.

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PHARMACY TOPICS *by Eddy Hoenig*

Hospital Discount West



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Repeat intravenous treatment with low doses of the anesthetic drug ketamine quickly reduced suicidal thoughts in a small group of patients with treatment-resistant depression who had been experiencing suicidal thoughts for three months or longer according to a report in the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. It is well-known that having suicidal thoughts increases the risk that patients will attempt suicide and the risk for suicide attempts is 20 times higher in patients with depression than the general population. The medications currently used to treat patients with suicidal thinking – including lithium and clozapine – can have serious side effects, requiring careful monitoring of blood levels and while electroconvulsive therapy also can reduce suicidal thinking, its availability is limited and it can have significant side effects, including memory loss. Primarily used as a general anesthetic, ketamine has been shown in several studies to provide rapid relief of symptoms of depression. In addition to excluding patients who reported current suicidal thinking, many of those studies involved only single ketamine dose.

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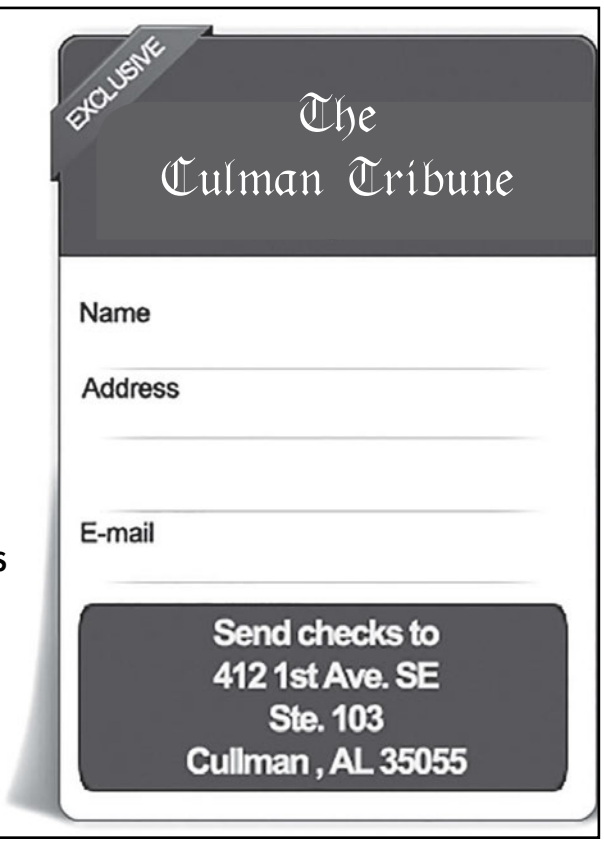
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Good Hope takes top middle school honors at Auburn

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GOOD HOPE – While high school robotics is becoming all the rage, some areas of the field are open to middle schoolers with enough nerve to play with the big kids. The BEST program, outlined in part 1 of this series, has a competition category for middle schools, and Good Hope Middle School (GHMS) has taken full advantage of it. The school's team just returned from Auburn with one of the highest honors a middle school can win in BEST competition.

Jena Mayo is in her third year as team sponsor, while the GHMS program has been around one year longer. In each of her three years, she has seen her team advance beyond the local hub competition at Wallace State to receive an invitation to "South's BEST" in Auburn.

Mayo describes the competition: "South's BEST at Auburn is a southeastern regional where all of the local hub winners from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi come together for a championship. All teams, high school and middle schools, magnet, career tech, public and private schools all compete together with no separate divisions.

There is an individual head to head robotics competition on the game field and then there is also a competition for the BEST award.

This combines the results of the robots with four other categories including engineering notebooks, marketing presentations, marketing booths and interviews, and spirit and sportsmanship."

Without divisions, a middle school faces a truly daunting task against teams who have had years more training in mathematics and other fields.

Mayo continued, "At South's BEST, they recognize the difficulty of a middle school team competing at such a high level when they have not even covered in class most of the material required to complete the project. They give a special award to the middle school team that ranks the highest in both sides of the competition, robot and BEST award. GHMS was the highest ranking middle school team for the overall BEST award."

All this is to say that in BEST Robotics, GHMS currently sits as the top middle school in the five-state southeast region!

The GHMS team is a large group of students with several mentors, adult volunteers who assist the team in various ways. Team members are: Sophie Davis, Charli Overton, Bryant Childs, Elijah Anderson, Alyson Williams, Zachary Hall, Taylor Brown, Sara Owens, Wyatt Creel, Tripp Taylor, Lily Williams, Hailey Harris, Preston Seymore, Landon Holmes, Adam McCluskey, Juliana Sprayberry, Matt Self, Logan Self, Josh Ponder, Jeb Jarrett, Jessica Costello, Paydon Bagwell, Braxton Marshall, Chloe Glover, Maddie McKenney, Rudi Derrick, Morgan Martin, Grant Seymore and Charlie O'Neil.

Four mentors help out the team. Nathan McCluskey, John McKenney and Eric Martin help the students construct their robots, doing some of the power tool work that might be a little out of reach for some middle schoolers. Shannon Self helps with engineering, teaching



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GHMS Robotics team with its robot and recent awards.

students how to design robots on computers using CAD (computer-aided drafting) software.

The South's BEST competition marks the conclusion of the season for GHMS robotics, but their break will be brief.

Next year's competition theme was revealed at the end of the tournament, so members and mentors already have some idea of the task ahead of them. Preparations for the next competition will begin right after students return from Christmas break, along with the start of recruiting the next crop of team members.

Mayo explained, "We spend the off season learning skills that will improve our team members' skills, including programming, critical thinking, and marketing skills and strategies. We also prepare for an outreach program with the fifth-grade students at GHE (Good Hope Elementary School)."

The sponsor is happy about all her team has accomplished, and ecstatic about this year's award. She said, "This is a huge accomplishment, and I could not be prouder of my team!"

Fairview Robotics wins at local competition; competes at multi-state regionals

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FAIRVIEW – Robotics is a hot new field, not only of study, but of competition for high schoolers and middle schoolers across the country. For students at Fairview High School (FHS), their studies are starting to pay off in the competition arena.

FHS is involved in a national robotics program known as BEST: Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology, a free program (funded by corporate sponsorships from the science and technology sector) to get students interested in and prepared for careers in engineering and technology. The BEST website www.bestinc.org has tremendous amounts of information, but FHS Robotics team sponsor Nick Feldner gives us a compelling snapshot.

Said Feldner, "The BEST program provides opportunities to students that do not typically exist at small rural schools. Our students are not only introduced to basic engineering skills, but have the opportunity to learn software programming, 3D graphics rendering, audio/video techniques and business management. Students get real world application to critical thinking and problem solving. Most students don't even realize the extreme educational value of the program because the game/competition makes the learning experience so much fun."

The FHS team is set up like a corporation, with Caleb West as its CEO, Hope Bowen as the marketing director and Connor Pendergrass as the engineering director.

According to Feldner, "An equally important part of the competition is the business aspect. Each team develops a marketing plan to promote the robot through a trade exhibit, interviews, commercials, T-shirts, websites and sales presentation."

Of course, the business end relies heavily on the performance of the product. That's where other team members come in. "Corporate officers" West and Pendergrass, along with Jesse Harris, Brandon Garretson and Jordan Trammell, serve as competition drivers for the team's robots. A total of 20 students from grades 7-12 fill out the team's roster.

Each team also has mentors, volunteers from technology and engineering fields who come in to help the students. Feldner was insistent that particular credit be given to FHS mentor Chris Calloway, a mechanical engineer who teaches the students how to use various machines and equipment, and guides them through the processes of engineering, machining and constructing their robots.

At this year's North Alabama BEST competition at Wallace State in October, FHS Robotics won the Robotics Game portion for the second time in a row, qualifying it to attend the multi-state South's BEST tournament in Auburn this past weekend. From 22 hubs like Wallace State all over the Southeast, 58 high-placing teams were invited.

Feldner described this



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year's event: "This year's game was an agriculture theme. Teams had to design and market robots that would harvest various items that represented crops such as corn, tomatoes and lettuce. Robots could also herd pigs, plant seeds and control an irrigation valve."

He continued, "The events hosted at Wallace and Auburn resemble athletic events on a grand scale with bands, mascots, cheerleaders, officials, etc. It also has the feel of a rock concert with elaborate props, lighting effects, music and hosts."

At Auburn, FHS placed 30th, not just out of the 58 teams there, but out of all BEST teams in the five-state southeast region.

Feldner has been with the FHS Robotics program since it started seven years ago, and has become a strong advocate for BEST because of what he has seen it do for his students.

He stated, "At Fairview we continue to participate in BEST year after year because of all these benefits, but ultimately a program like this gets students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers where they might not have considered them before. We have had many students over the years choose college majors in these areas because of the BEST program. In fact, scholarships have even been awarded to members because of their participation in BEST robotics at Fairview. It's hard to argue against such a program and I highly encourage other schools in the area to join in."

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

No surprises in boys' middle school hoops tournament Tuesday night

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GOOD HOPE – All of the high seeds in the boys' division of the Cullman County Middle School Basketball Tournament Tuesday put together a winning formula to move on to the semifinal round.

The quest for success began with No. 1 seed Parkside taking down No. 8 Vinemont by the score of 34-19, No. 4 seed Cold Springs holding off No. 5 Good Hope 35-27, No. 3 Holly Pond getting past No. 6 Fairview 34-31 and No. 2 West Point outscoring No. 7 Hanceville 53-32.

This sets up the semifinal matchups on Thursday at Good Hope Gymnasium with Parkside vs. Cold Springs at 6 p.m., followed by Holly Pond vs. West Point at 7 p.m. The winners return to play for the championship Saturday at 4:15 p.m.

Parkside 34, Vinemont 19

Parkside got command of the game with Vinemont early, taking a 12-4 lead after the first period. A basket by Jack Brown as time expired enabled the Panthers to build an eight-point cushion.

Parkside extended the lead to 22-7 by halftime and was ahead 26-14 when the third quarter came to a close.

The Panthers scored their final four points from the foul line and held a comfortable advantage when time ran out on a Vinemont bid for an upset.

Owen Yarbrough and Eli Loyd scored eight for the Panthers with Brown and JT White scoring six, Nathan Coker four and Austin Johnson two.

Leading Vinemont were Austin Riddle and Colby Miller with eight each and Tanner Brown with three.

Cold Springs 35, Good Hope 27

Cold Springs' David Alexander had the hot hand for the Eagles as he scored four consecutive baskets from 3-point range in the second quarter and propelled his team to a 23-15 cushion by intermission.

The Eagles were able to outscore the Raiders 12-6 in the third and carry a 35-21 lead to the final stanza. Cold Springs was unable to get a point on the scoreboard in the final 6:00, but had a lead that was large enough to overcome the scoring problem in the quarter.

Alexander wound up with 18 to lead Cold Springs, Micah Calvert added six, Brody Peppers three and Zeke White and Jeffery Hill with two each.

Tanner Malin's 11 paced the Good Hope scoring, getting support by Colton Bagwell with seven, Lane Speegle five and Austin Cordes and Eli Pugh two each.

Holly Pond 34, Fairview 31

Tucker Gambrill gave the Broncos the lead when he ripped a 3-pointer before the horn sounded at halftime. That basket made the score 17-14 and sent the Broncos on to a 15-6 run in the third period to up their margin to 32-20.

But Fairview never stopped playing. The Aggies charged back in the fourth quarter by getting five points from Eli Speegle and four by Will Bailey that closed the deficit to three in the closing seconds.

Fairview had a chance to go for the tie, but was called for traveling with 1.4 seconds remaining. Holly Pond inbounded and ran out the clock to escape a hard-fought quarterfinal.

Gambrill was the leader for the Broncos, delivering 14 points to the victory, Levi Boatright scored five, Ethan Burnham four and Parker Sellers, Druss Hays and Casey Brown three each.

Will Bailey's eight was tops for Fairview with Peyton Bailey and Speegle producing seven, Preston Ryan five and Clayton Strane four.

West Point 53, Hanceville 32

In the finale, West Point turned a 13-7 first quarter advantage into a 29-15 lead at the break. They kept the offense clicking with a 15-6 run in the third and a 44-21 lead.

Kobe Bowers anchored a balanced attack for West Point with 15, Kaleb Heatherly and Aubrey Cleghorn added 11, Will Cochran nine, Andrew Williams five and Jacob Dye two.

Hanceville's scoring was paced by point guard Brodie Malcom with 11, Garrett Turner with four.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 19, 2005 by Tabitha A. Bonner, a single woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1424, Page 163 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 5, 2017:

Thirty-three (33) acres, more or less, in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twelve (12), Range Four (4) West Viz Beginning at a sweet gum near a branch at a corner of lot sold to J.W. Johnson 270 feet E of the SW corner of said lot; thence due E to the Cullman and Bremen Highway; thence along W boundary of said highway to an intersection with a line parallel to and ten feet south of a store building; thence on said parallel line 152 feet to an intersection with a line parallel with and ten feet W of the small dwelling house; thence with last named parallel line 83 feet to the Brushy Pond Highway; thence along the S side of said highway to the N line of said forty acre lot; thence due W to the NW corner of said lot; thence S 880 feet to the NW corner of said J.W. Johnson lot; thence with the boundaries of the said J.W. Johnson lot to the place of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12, Range 4 West and go E 640 feet to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road, then go in a Southerly direction along the center of said road 923 feet to the point of beginning, then go back along center of said road in a Northerly direction 260 feet, then go in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to said road 170 feet, then in a Southeasterly direction to the point of beginning, this land being one-half acre, more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12, Range 4 West and go E 640 feet to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road, then go in a Southerly direction along center of said road 663 feet and then go in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to said road 170 feet to a point of beginning, continue along said perpendicular 84 feet to NW corner, then Southeasterly along a meandering Branch 167 feet to SW corner; thence in Easterly direction 294 feet to Southeast corner; thence 20 feet along abandon Brushy Pond Road; thence back to point of beginning..

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: From the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence W along the S boundary of said forty to the intersection with the W R.O.W. of old Hwy. # 69; thence S21°00'W along said R.O.W. a distance of 31.2 feet to the point of beginning; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 340.6 feet to a point; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 192 feet to a point; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 340.6 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of old Hwy. #69; thence an interior angle of 90 degrees 00' a distance of 192 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the NW ¼ of SW ¼, and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: From the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, go W along the S boundary of said forty to a point on the W right-of-way of Old Hwy. #69; thence continue along same said line a distance of 77 feet to the point of beginning; thence N66°45'W a distance of 267.5 feet to a point; thence S88°00'W a distance of 114.6 feet to a point; thence S7°00'E a distance of 73.8 feet to a point on the S boundary of said forty; thence E along said boundary a distance of 354 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing three tenths of an acre, more or less. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Sec. 16, T12S, R4W and go E 640 feet more or less to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road; then go in a Southerly direction along center of said road 663 feet more or less to a point; then go in a Westerly direction 254 feet more or less to the center of a meandering branch; then go in a Northwesterly direction 1200 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

All of the above described property situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to restriction on construction or placement of any structure in front of the residence located on 28250 County Road 222, Cullman, Alabama, that would obstruct the view of said residence from County Road 222 and Old Highway 69 as set forth in instrument dated March 15, 2000, and filed March 22, 2000, in Deed Book 489, Page 624 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-December 15, 22, 29, 2016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 26, 2002 by Shelia Kilgore a married woman and husband James Kilgore, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1254, Page 352 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 5, 2017:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 10, Range 1 West.

Property Address: 126 County Road 1646, Cullman, AL

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-December 15, 22, 29, 2016

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER, DECEASED.) CASE NO. PC2016-155

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to FREDDIE DONALD SMITH, Personal Representative on the estate of WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER on the 12th day of December, 2016 by the Honorable TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Michael D. Haynes
MICHAEL D. HAYNES
Attorney for Estate
412 First Avenue, SE
Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 737-5068

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER DECEASED) CASE NO. PC-2016-155

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: MABLE PICHELMAYER, Sister, Deceased
LILLIE MAY WOLFE Sister, Deceased
DAWN WOLFE Niece, Deceased

AND: ANY AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE DECEASED.

On the 7th day of September, 2016, a certain paper in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Freddie Donald Smith, and his petition for the probate thereof as such will. Freddie Donald Smith was appointed Personal Representative on December 12, 2016, and as the same day set for hearing. Heirs having objections or claims must file and contest the same, if it be deemed proper.

Given under my hand and seal of Court this the 12th day of December, 2016.

To the Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE:

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

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

Of Counsel:
Michael D. Haynes
Attorney for Petitioner
412 Fist Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 737-5068

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,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of MATTIE RUTH KENNER, Deceased) Case No. CV 2015-900422.00

NOTICE OF ORDER SETTING HEARING

TO: Eleanor Clopton, Byron Wendell Kenner, the unknown heirs of Mattie Ruth Kenner, deceased, the unknown heirs of Tom Kenner, and following real property located in Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: A tract or parcel of land being a part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 13, Range 3 West. Located where the North right-of-way of Highway 91 crosses the SE line of the above described property continue West along said right of way a distance of 160 yards to a point of beginning; thence North 201 feet, thence West 210 feet, thence South 201 Feet, thence East 210 feet more or less back to the point of beginning.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 26th day of January, 2017 at 9:00am in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama before the Honorable Judge Gregory Nicholas, in regards to the Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment Quieting Title to Real Property and Order To Sell Real Property To Pay Administrative Expenses and Distribution to Next of Kin filed by Bettye Scruggs and Eleanor Turner as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Mattie Ruth Kenner, deceased.

DATED this the 17 day of Nov., 2016.

GREGORY A. NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

BEVERLY PASCHAL POSTON
Attorney for Petitioner
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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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
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-0148

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO.: AD2016-074

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF THERESA MADDOX

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SONIA LYNN BROCK, Natural mother 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 29th DAY OF November, 2016.

Alex J. Chaney, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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:

1988 Isuzu Conventional, Vin. #JAACL11E6J7208436.
1994 Honda Accord, Vin. #JHMCD5550RC014140.

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Johnson's Auto Tire and Tow, LLC, 178 County Road 1332, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

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, Alabama 35055
256-739-0148

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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 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
416 First Avenue, SE
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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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC-2016-298

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE HAGA, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ROBIN NADINE HAGA AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Probate of Will has been filed in the Estate of Robert Lee Haga by Robert Carson Haga, Petitioner. A hearing shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th day of February, 2017, to consider said petition.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *CULLMAN TRIBUNE:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721 telephone

STATE OF ALABAMA — IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY — CASE NO: PC2015-307

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **RICHARD JEROME BURKETT,** DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL CLAIMS AND SETTLEMENT

TO: NANCY LOGAN BURKETT, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

This day comes C. Michael Burkett, Personal Representative of the said estate, and filed a Petition for Hearing of Final Claims and Settlement. It is ordered that the 10th day of March, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. be appointed a day for hearing and determining the same, at which time all persons in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

C. MICHAEL BURKETT, Personal Representative
The Estate of **RICHARD JEROME BURKETT,** Deceased

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
December 15, 2016

Cullman Theatre competes at State Trumbauer; Drew Fillinger named to all-star cast

Andrew Cryer
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CULLMAN – In the first week of December, the Cullman High School (CHS) theater department, Cullman Theatre, participated in the State Trumbauer Theatre Festival. After winning best-in-show at district with their one-act production "Godspell," the group went on to state competition on the campus of the University of North Alabama. They performed to a packed house of more than 1,700.

"Godspell," in a nutshell, is a play based on the book of Matthew from the Bible. It is set in a 1960s-urban setting, and poses the question, "What if Jesus came back during the 1960s?"

Playbill.com says, "The Gospel According to St. Matthew is presented in a series of skits and songs, with Jesus and his disciples presented as loving clowns, in this musical featuring songs by Stephen Schwartz, conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak."

Although the play was originally meant to have clowns, Cullman Theatre opted instead to have the actors dressed in hippie/regular clothing.

According to CHS theater instructor, Wayne Cook, "Trumbauer is the highest competition that we can do in our state for theater competition. This year was the 75th annual Trumbauer Festival. We were very well received, and many people were excited to see us there. Just to be there was an honor."

"Drew Fillinger was named to the all-star cast at State for his portrayal of Jesus in this production," said CHS Principal Kim Hall.

"Students also competed in numerous individual events and were awarded the top honors with superior medals. The following students received superiors at state – Drew Fillinger (two superior medals for musical theatre and solo dramatic acting and one superior for all-star cast), Blake Tetro for duet comedic acting, Maddie Murphree for duet comedic acting, Rutland Turner for solo dramatic classical acting, Ella Morring for solo dramatic classical acting, Justin Weygand for duet musical theatre, Riley Adams for duet musical theatre, Winter Murray for solo dramatic acting, and Alyssa Sandlin for solo comedic acting."

Fillinger is possibly the first student from CHS to be named to the all-star cast, according to Hall and Cook.

Kaylee Cowart, cast member, describes what it takes to win the various awards awarded at a Trumbauer festival, "It's based on facial expressions, how long your monologue is and the way one moves."

Individuals actors perform monologues, while the whole cast together competed in the one-act performance. They have been practicing since school started this year for their performances.

This was the first time that the CHS theater department has gone to the State Trumbauer Festival in many years, and, according to Cook, this was the first year that they've competed with a one-act.



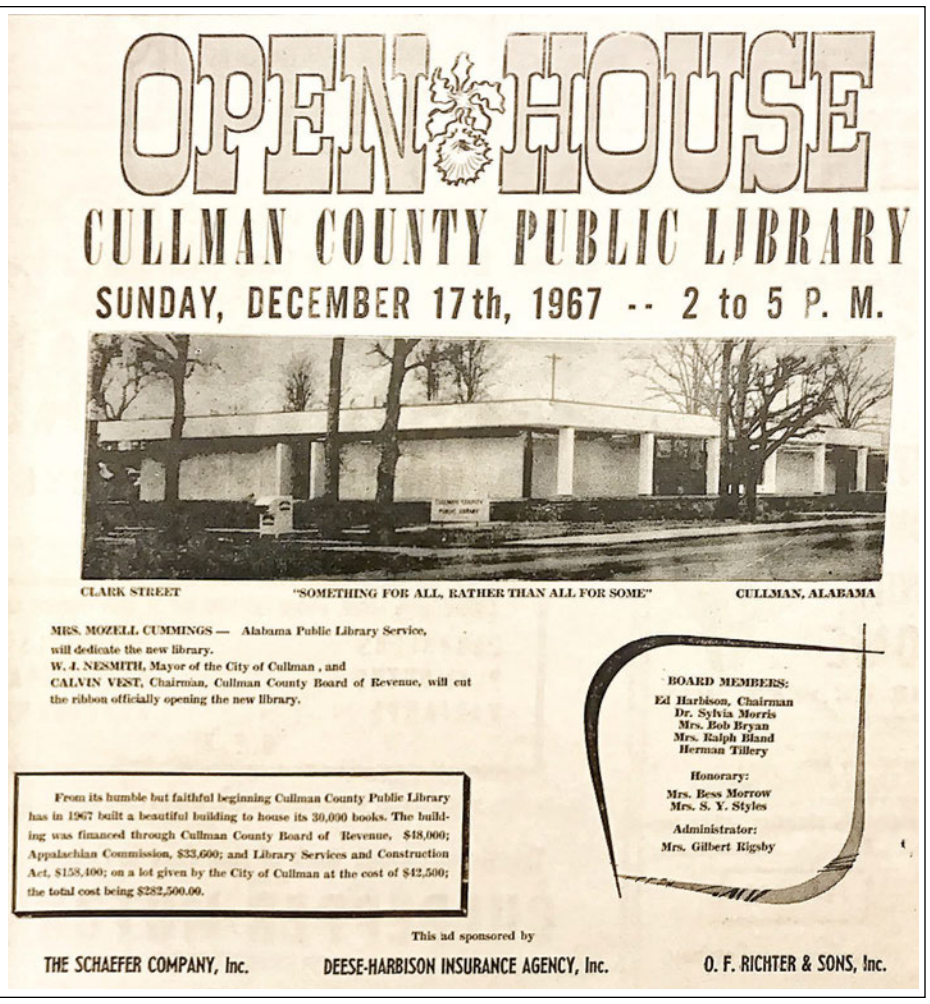
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This week in Cullman history

On Dec. 17, 1967, the Cullman County Public Library opened its main branch at 200 Clark Street NE. The new building was financed by the Cullman County Board of Revenue, the Appalachian Commission and the Library Services and Construction Act. The land for the library was purchased from the City of Cullman. The open house was held from 2-5 p.m., and included a dedication by Mrs. Mozell Cummings of the Alabama Public Library Service and a ribbon cutting by Mayor W.J. Nesmith of the City of Cullman and Chairman Calvin Vest of the Cullman County Board of Revenue. At the time of the opening, the library's collection consisted of 30,000 books.

Compiled by Samantha Vest



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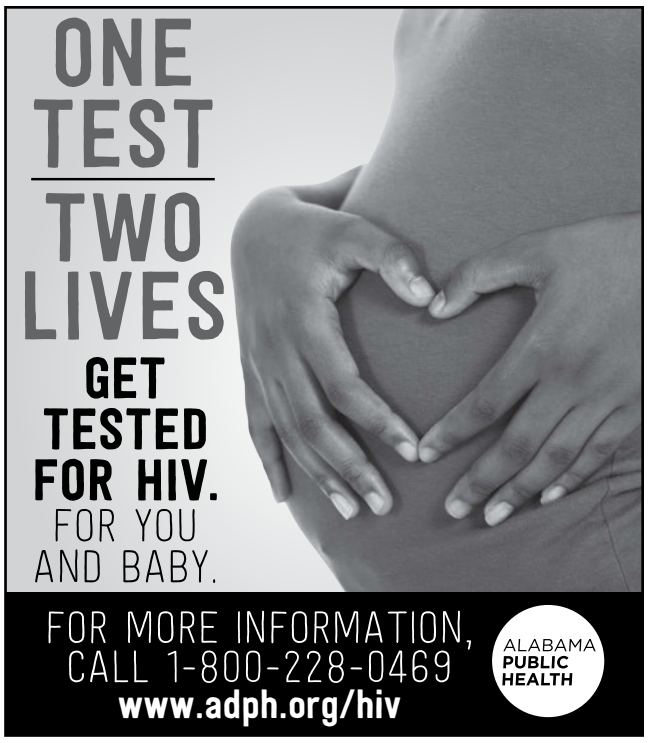
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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: DEC. 7 - 13

Agnes Riggs, 86, of Haleyville, entered into rest on December 7, 2016 at Haleyville Health Care. Mrs. Riggs was born on March 27, 1930 in Hackleburg, Alabama. Agnes was a member of Faith Church for 34 years and served in the ministry of helps. Funeral services held December 9 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville; Brother Gary Wakefield officiated. Burial followed in Odom Gray Cemetery in Jasper, Alabama.

Mr. Archie A. Blevins of Vinemont passed away on December 6 at his residence at the age of 84. He was born in Cullman on May 1, 1932 to Lee Jack and Gladys Baker Blevins. He served 20 years in The United States Air Force. Funeral services will be held on December 9 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel; Pastor Gary Peoples officiated. Interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Houston Guy Giles, 22 of Hueytown, held December 10 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Duck River Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Giles passed away December 7. He was born June 21, 1994.

Ricky D. Grimes, 59, of Haleyville, entered into rest on December 7 at UAB Hospital. Mr. Grimes was born March 11, 1957. Ricky was Pastor of The Shining Light Church for 19 years. He was a graduate of Haleyville High School and delivered drapes for Haleyville Drapery for 20 years. Ricky loved going to church and Alabama football. Funeral services held December 11 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville; Brother Mickey Crane, Brother Frank Deisdero, and Brother Ricky White officiated. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery.

Funeral services for Brenda Kay Stripling, 62 of Cullman, held December 11 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Emeus Cemetery, Rev. G.T. Robertson officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Stripling passed away December 9. She was born January 28, 1954 to George Lee and Della Jewel Ayers Suggs.

Funeral services for James Holt, 71 of Cullman, held December 11 at Cullman Heritage Chapel; interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Ray Ponder will be officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Holt passed away December 8 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born August 16, 1945 in Decatur, Alabama.

Melba Vernell Strickland Dye, age 84, longtime resident of Eva, Alabama lost her battle against pneumonia, heart disease and kidney disease on December I n Guntersville, AL. Born on September 29, 1932 to Homer and Ruby Johnson Strickland in Fairview, she was a faithful and very active member of Daniel's Chapel Baptist Church. She was a hard-working, devoted and very loved mother to her daughters. Known for her generous heart, big beautiful flower gardens, delicious feasts, and wonderful gatherings - she was beloved by all.

Jack Aaron Mercer of Cullman passed away on December 9 at Cullman Regional Medical Center at the age of 54. He was born on September 22, 1962 to John Aaron and Frances Schmuck Mercer. Funeral services held December 12 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Chambers officiating. Interment will be in Crosses Chapel Cemetery.

Funeral services for Danny F. Day, 69, of Hanceville held December 12 at Garden City Church of God; burial in Center Hill Cemetery. Coach Day passed away on December 9. Danny graduated from Hanceville High School; where he excelled in every sport he played. He received a scholarship to St. Bernard College; where he played baseball, basketball and soccer. He was a teacher and coach at several high schools in Alabama for over 45 years and in 2000 Coach Day's team at Aliceville High School won the state football championship. In 2010 Coach Day was inducted to the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame.

Debbie Kae Smith, 63, of Addison entered into rest on December 9, 2016 at Cullman Regional Hospital. Debbie was born on January 6, 1953, in Dania Beach, Florida. Funeral services held December 12 at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison; Brother E.J. Ergle will officiated. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral services for Larry Neal Watwood, 65 of Cullman, held December 13 at Journey Church in Eva; burial at Woosley Cemetery in Guntersville. Moss-Service Funeral Home directing. Mr. Watwood passed away Saturday at Baptist Medical Center-Princeton.

Alma L. Tyree, 91 of Arley, entered into rest on Sunday, December 11 in Cullman. Alma was born on April 11, 1925 in Curry, Alabama. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church for over 60 years. She retired as a Poultry Inspector, having worked for both the Government and in the private sector at Marshall Durbin Company. Alma enjoyed quilting and singing, as well as playing Bingo and Skip-Bo. Funeral services held December 13 at Liberty Baptist Church in the Helicon Community; Brothers Greg Dollar and Logan Denson will officiate. Burial held in the adjoining cemetery.

Funeral services for Hazel Cox Cupp, 97 of Good Hope, held December 15 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Rodney Thompson and Brad McDonald officiating; interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ma Cupp passed away Tuesday, December 13th at her residence. She was born July 24, 1919 in Marshall County to the late Boyd and Minnie Parker Cox. She was a homemaker and beloved mother and grandmother.

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Celebrations (from Front)

State, including the Wallace State Singers, Jazz Band, Concert Band and Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

Friday, Dec. 16- Sunday, Dec. 18
Live, Walk-Through Nativity Story
Valley Springs Baptist Church will have a live, walk-through Nativity story, Dec. 16-18, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Live animals and actors. Free event. 6979 County Road 437, Cullman, AL 35057

Sunday, Dec. 18
Cornerstone Revival Center presents Sounds of Christmas
Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. Come experience the musical celebration of our Savior's birth with the drama team, kids' choir, men's quarter, mass choir and music influenced by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra as well as other groups. 3151 Alabama Highway 69 N in Cullman

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

Room (from Front)

trial basis for the Christmas season, and could lead to expanded usage and recreational offerings in the future. Town Clerk Patricia Ponder says that they hope to get the facility's kitchen inspected and ready to serve food before students get out for summer vacation.

For now, the two facilities will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the following days:

- Monday, Dec. 19
- Wednesday, Dec. 21
- Friday, Dec. 23
- Tuesday, Dec. 27
- Wednesday, Dec. 28
- Thursday, Dec. 29

Kids coming to either facility must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian age 19 or older, who must remain onsite while their children are playing.

These facilities will not just be for Colony's kids. Families from all surrounding areas are invited to come. The council is not projecting numbers, but expects a healthy turnout at both venues from a good number of families with children in the town and surrounding communities.

Said Ponder, "Once the first child sees it and has fun, we won't have any problem in this area."

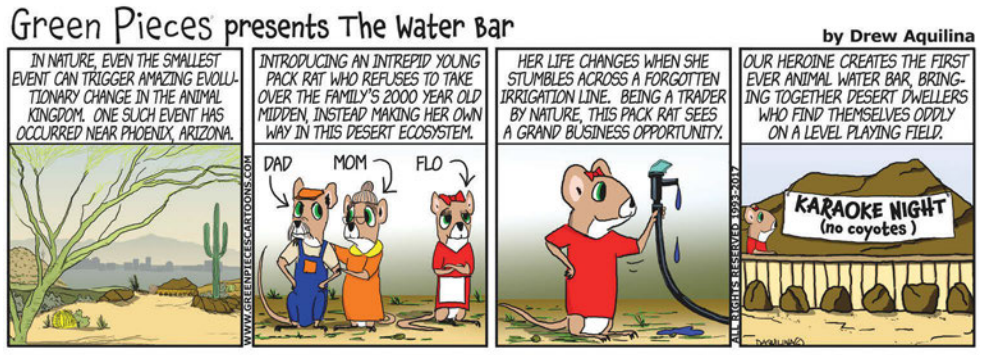
Town officials have been working toward building the Educational Complex into something special this year. Back in the summer, Colony restarted its summer camp program at the facility (http://www.cullmansense.com/articles/2016/07/15/colony-summer-program-makes-educational-complex-community-hub).

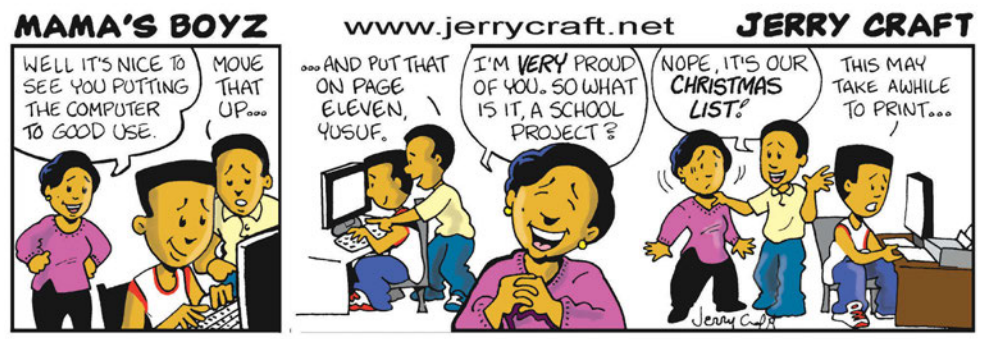
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Poet's Corner

KRIS KRINGLE

How do I keep Christmas from overtaking me.

The agenda of so many places

that I'm supposed to be.

The rain and sleet, through heat and

snow around the world to go.

The strength I lack to pack my

sleigh, The jolly Ho Ho Ho's.

And all those chimneys in just one

day that I will have to squeeze.

And driving all those reindeer,

their gases in the breeze.

I'll have to think of something to

make it through the day.

Some blessed thought of pleasure

that I will have to pray.

I'll think about tomorrow when calmness settles in.

When I will drop my jingles jangles to the floor again.

I'll rest my aching feet, brush cookie

from my beard, and give the elves some

time off before next year begins.

And sometimes later on when north

pole gates are fastened tight,

I'll lay upon my bed enjoying the silent night.

By Randy C. Hale

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FOXGLOVES & FIREFLIES

Wind and water

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

I thought about the power of wind and water a lot last week. The gale force winds and the sound of rain pounding the windowpanes were unrelenting and fierce as storms raged over north Alabama the week before, spawning tornadoes and causing weather sirens to erupt several times.

I've always been one of those weird people who loves storms; they seem to give me a lot of energy. And Lord knows, we needed the rain in the worst way after the drought that has killed so many trees and shrubs, not to mention crops, but it was still daunting to watch as the wind whipped the trees and the rain fell in sheets that were at times impenetrable, like curtains of water cascading down the glass in the sunroom.

I thought about the people who have to drive in this weather, those who make a living carrying packages and cars and home goods from one place to another, truckers, who face this kind of weather all the time, and I wondered how they stayed between the lines.

I thought about people who have survived tornadoes but lost everything they had, and wondered how they can bear to hear winds like this, bringing with them the memories of April 27, 2011, and the wreckage that resulted in just a few minutes' time.

I wondered how boats stay afloat in weather like this, and how people who find themselves homeless cope with such horrific conditions.

We, most of us, are so blessed, and we say the words, but I wonder how many times we really stop to think about what they mean. We take so much for granted... things like warmth, and being dry, having a roof over our heads, and food to eat.

This is a list I compiled while keeping a close eye on a pecan tree outside, fully expecting it to crash into the skylights at any moment. This list is one that we should all keep and make sure that our excess is donated to places where it does the most good.

- Warm socks
- Gloves and mittens
- Coats
- Sheets and blankets
- Pillows
- Those hand warmers that hunters use
- Handiwipes/ antibacterial soap and lotions
- Laundry soap/ towels and washcloths
- Toothbrushes/ toothpaste/deodorant
- Chapstick

Other cold weather needs

- Check in with neighbors, the elderly, homebound, etc.
- Wrap pipes outside
- Bring in pets or provide them with a safe place out of the freezing cold

Taking warmth for granted is like not missing your water until your well runs dry, you just don't think much about it until you need it and it isn't there. But we all need to conserve, just as we conserved water during the drought, or at least, as we should have.

Many people have become victims of abusive situations, through no fault of their own. Lots of them are children. Others have lost jobs, lost their homes, and for the first time in their lives, find themselves without the basic necessities of life.

The Bible reminds us over and over again that it is more blessed to give than to receive, that we never know when we are entertaining angels unaware (Hebrews 13:2) and that giving to them is as giving to Him (Matthew 25:35). Isaiah 58:7 tells us "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

Proverbs 19:17 promises, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Ester 9:22 makes this reference, "As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor."

Deuteronomy 15:11 points out, "For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."

It is easy to pretend that there are not people in Cullman County who are cold and hungry. It is easy to look the other way when we see the Salvation Army workers out with their bells and their donation pails. It is easy to spend hundreds and even thousands of dollars on gifts that will be little used and soon forgotten. It is hard, sometimes, to do the right thing...

There are many places in Cullman that would appreciate your donations of any of the above-mentioned items, or a financial donation if you are in a position to do so.

Here is a partial list:

- The United Way of Cullman County/ 256-739-2948
- Cullman County Department of Human Resources/ 256-737-5300
- Daystar House for Women and Children/ 256-734-4942

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Getting your medical kit together

Dave Robinson
Contributor

First aid kits are cool! Like gadgets, I can't pass up a good one. Every time I see a display of first aid kits I have to stop and look them over. I don't always buy, mind you, but I do check out the contents to see if this one is any more comprehensive than the one I just looked at. Fact is I have one in every vehicle I own, including a special "Outdoorsman kit" in the tool compartment of my ATV! I once ran across a real sale at an Eddie Bauer store and bought a very nice travel kit that was marked 75% off! The fact is most first aid kits all contain the same things. A few Band-Aids, gauze bandages, some tape and maybe some pain killers or antacid tablets.

The problem I see is that if I happen upon an accident that truly requires some serious medical attention, a few Band-Aids and some little gauze patches aren't going to do a whole lot of good.

I don't suggest you carry a full-blown trauma kit with you everywhere you go, but what I do suggest is that you at least take a good look at what you have in your trunk and possibly upgrade it a notch or two.

Bigger, better bandages, maybe a triangle bandage or something you can use to fashion a splint. Better yet, get some training on how and when to use a splint or triangle bandage.

A generation ago my wife and I went through E.M.T. training (at least that's what they called it back then) and we volunteered on the local ambulance crew. Some of what we learned back then is now out of date. Is it five chest compressions and three mouth-to-mouth breaths or is it fifteen compressions and five breaths? Fact is, neither are correct according to today's paramedics. The Red Cross website (www.redcross.org) now advocates a hands-only technique that does not use the mouth-to-mouth method at all. (Whew what a relief, if you've ever tried mouth-to-mouth you can agree with me it is no fun!) Go to a class and as you update your skills, you will update your confidence level as well. I should add that full CPR training is available upon request, but learning the hands-only method can be done online by watching a video at the Red Cross website.

The kit you have in your car should look different from the kit you have at home. Your home kit should have more of a long-term feel to it. Extra over-the-counter medications like antibiotic ointment, hydrogen peroxide, some alcohol (no, not that kind) and some diarrhea medication. Like most other kits, once you get started it will grow and you'll need to get a bigger box to hold it all. (Experience talking here.) As you already know, I am an advocate of building your own kits. You'll save money, plus you will have quality components and not a lot of stuff you'll never use.

Dave Robinson is the Postmaster in Bandon, Oregon, and the author of "Disaster Prep For The Rest Of Us".

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
December 15, 2016

Couple featured in "Best of Ala. Living" cookbook

Lenore Vickrey
Alabama Rural Electric Association

CULLMAN – Kirk and Robbie Sue Vantrease of Cullman are among the nine featured cooks in the just released "Best of Alabama Living" cookbook, published by the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA).

The Vantreases, members of Cullman Electric Cooperative, are longtime contributors to the recipe pages of "Alabama Living," the official publication of the electric cooperatives of Alabama.

Their recipes have been chosen for the magazine since 2011, with Chipotle Chicken Breasts chosen for the honor of Cook of the Month in March 2011.

In an interview for the cookbook, the Vantreases said they consider themselves foodies and try to eat healthy.

"We like to know what's in the food and we try to buy as much local produce and meat as we can," said Robbie Sue Vantrease.

When her husband couldn't find a barbecue sauce that suited his taste, he came up with his own. He makes a big batch every year and gives some away as presents.

Recipes by the Vantreases included in the book are Crab Cakes, Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp, Chipotle Chicken Breasts, Creamed Spinach with Bacon, Bacon-Topped Meat Loaf and Single-Serve Cauliflower Crust Pizza. The colorful cookbook contains more than 250 recipes from appetizers and brunch to main dishes and dessert, all from readers of "Alabama Living."

The cookbook is available for $19.95 online (includes shipping) at alabamaliving.coop or by mail by sending a check to Best of Alabama Living Cookbook, P.O. Box 244014, Montgomery, AL 36124-4014. The cookbook can also be purchased at the Cullman Electric Cooperative office for $20 while supplies last.

The AREA is a federation of 22 not-for-profit electric cooperatives that provides dependable electricity to more than 1 million Alabamians in 64 counties.



AREA

Kirk and Robbie Sue Vantrease

Behind the scenes: Share Club of Cullman

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – This time of year, there is a lot of hustle and bustle, the weather turns sharply colder and people are often preoccupied with their Christmas shopping, parties and trips out of town. But for those in our community who are sick or have relatives who are in the care of hospice, the holidays can be a time of great stress.

However, there are people and organizations who are dedicated to helping those who find themselves in a medical crisis.

The Share Club is one such organization, dedicated to raising funds to help with medical expenses at Hospice of Cullman County and the Good Samaritan Clinic.

Since 1972, members of the Share Club have been working behind the scenes, helping provide funds so that these agencies can carry on their vital work in our area.

In order to do this, they need sponsors whose donations make this work possible.

The Share Club also holds annual fundraisers, like this past spring's Valentine's Party and auction, held in conjunction with the Good Samaritan Clinic at Top of The Town.

The recent Christmas Tour of Homes in Cullman is also one of their annual fundraising events.

"We have some wonderful homeowners who were willing to open their homes to others for this event," said co-chairperson for the tour, Mary Jane Waldrop. Fellow co-chairman this year is Maria Stanford.

This year's tour was very successful in spite of dreary weather.

"The community has been very supportive of this event," Waldrop continued.

Over the past 40 years the Share Club's efforts have resulted in $163,000 in funding which has been distributed throughout the community to help support worthy causes.

"We couldn't do this without the help of our sponsors and the community," Waldrop stressed.

The club holds monthly meetings for nine months of each year, at which approximately 34 members bring items that are in need by Hospice of Cullman County, such as T-shirts, flat sheets or gift cards.

The organization also relies on the donations of the 51 community sponsors who donate $100 each per year to the cause.

"We always welcome more sponsors," said Waldrop. "We could not do what we do without their support."

Charter members of the group include Susan Powell, who was the Share Club's first president, Linda Price and Connie Johnson Hardiman.

Current, active charter members are Deborah McAfee and Bonnie Heatherly. Mary Leah Moss serves as the current president of the club.

If you would like to be a part of this worthwhile cause by becoming a sponsor, please contact any Share Club member. You can leave a message on Facebook at Share Club of Cullman.

Wilson (from Front)

Coyote Ugly competition.

"When I am in town we play four times a week at different venues in downtown Nashville, mostly at Margaritaville and Benchmark."

Kassie and her husband, Ben, are also the worship leaders their church. "It's an honor to get to serve and sing for the one who gave me my voice and my talents," she said.

The couple travels a few times a month singing at weddings, house concerts and private events.

"I know it's rare but we love being able to sing and play music full-time," she continued. With the recent release of her third CD "Family Ties," Kassie is living her dream.

"I am really proud of this album, it is a true representation of my work as an artist," she said. Kassie co-wrote and, with her husband, Ben, co-produced the project.

"He is such a talented man I also co-wrote all of the songs with him except one. I love all the songs on this album but my favorite two are 'Family Ties' written with Ben Wilson, Molly Stevens and Declan McGary, and 'Season's Greetings' written with Tawyna Reynolds," said Kassie.

"Family Ties" is close to Kassie's heart, written about her relationship with her family.

"It's funny because sometimes family can drive us crazy but at the end of the day when you've had a bad day and you need someone to talk to or lean on it's your family you can always count on," she smiled.

Another of the songs on the holiday CD is titled, "Season's Greetings" and according to Kassie, is a fun light-hearted song.

"I think everyone can relate to this one. It's a Christmas song that is sure to make you laugh and get you in the Christmas spirit."

Understandably, Kassie and Ben are excited about the release of Kassie's first music video for "Season's Greetings."

You can check it out on her website, http://www.kassiemusic.com/, or on YouTube channel, http://qrne.ws/kassie.

"It was so much fun making this video and I look forward to making more in the future," she said.

The album is available to purchase or download on Kassie's website and iTunes. You can also follow her progress on https://www.facebook.com/kassiemusic/ and on Instagram @kassiemusicoffical.

"I hope to get back to Cullman soon," said Kassie wistfully.

"I really loved getting to perform at The Farm-City Banquet. It's always an honor to get to come home and share your gifts with your hometown people and family. I loved to get to play at the Civic Center," she added enthusiastically.

"They recently did some remodeling and it looks so great in there. It was a fun night and I was honored to get to be a part of the event."



