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Cullman County EMA issues new emergency plan for Smith Lake Dam

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CULLMAN COUNTY – The Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has issued an updated evacuation plan for areas of the county that could be affected by a catastrophic failure of, or high-volume discharge from, Smith Lake Dam. It should be noted that this plan is part of a larger national level dam safety program initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and is precautionary in nature. It does not reflect any known safety issue at Smith Lake Dam.

The plan itself states, "The probability of the failure of this dam with or without warning is extremely remote. Any unsafe condition or situation would normally be detected early and remedial action initiated as

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First Source for Women to take services on the road



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CATHERINE BETHELL

Annual severe weather preparedness tax holiday starts Friday

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CULLMAN – February tornadoes are fairly rare, but they can occur. Three such occurrences were the Feb. 22, 1983 F1 and F2 tornadoes that affected southwestern Cullman County, and the Feb. 23, 1975 F2 tornado that affected northeastern Cullman County.

On the afternoon of Feb. 23, 1975, a brief tornado touched down in northeastern Cullman County. No fatalities occurred, but several mobile homes and site-built homes were damaged, mostly in the Jones Chapel area. The tornado was brief-traveling only 2miles- and was rated an F 2 on the Fujita scale.

On the afternoon of Feb. 22, 1983, two brief tornadoes touched down in southwestern Cullman County, near Hanceville.

The first was rated an F2 and traveled 1-and-a-half miles, damaging roofs, businesses, homes and cars.

Around $150,000 dollars in damage was

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Wallace State partners with Kids to Love to create a brighter future for foster children

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HANCEVILLE – At any given time, more than 6,000 children are in Alabama's foster care system. Every year, approximately 200 of them reach their 18th birthdays and "age out." Many of these, lacking skills and resources to make lives for themselves, will end up on welfare or in prison. Not only is their plight tragic in a personal sense, it is wasteful in an economic sense: the state spends an average of $70 million per year on former foster kids in the welfare and corrections systems.

Huntsville-based Kids to Love (KTL) says "We believe the better choice is to invest in them now."

KTL is an organization that promotes adoption, but supports foster kids through multifaceted programs like Camp Hope (a place for separated siblings to reunite for short-term gatherings), Christmas for the Kids (a donated gift program) and the Davidson Farm home for girls, among many others.

Lee Marshall, a former news anchor for WHNT in Huntsville, founded KTL and now serves as its full-time CEO. She herself was an adopted former foster child, and has given her life to this faith-based ministry.

Marshall recently met with Wallace State Community College (WSCC) President Dr. Vicki Karolewics and Dean of Applied Technology Jimmy Hodges to talk about her vocational training program known as KTech. The program, based at a facility in Madison County, teaches older foster kids about mechatronics, the field of engineering and industrial

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Community fills Empty Bowls event

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CULLMAN – Beautiful spring-like weather brought people out in droves to First United Methodist Church Cullman (FUMC) on Monday afternoon. The church hosted the 14th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner. Guests enjoyed live entertainment, a silent auction and of course chili, all for a good cause. Proceeds from the event go to the Cullman Caring for Kids United Way food bank; for every dollar raised, seven pounds of food will be purchased to help feed the hungry in the Cullman County area.

Tanya Shearer is the coordinator, and founder, of the annual Empty Bowls event.

She says she views the event as a blessing, and loves seeing everyone in the community come together to help those in need. When the first event was held, roughly 600 people came, raising more than $5,000. Every year since then, the event has grown.

Over the course of 13 years, more than $131,000 has been raised. Shearer says she hopes to match and even exceed last year's donated amount of $15,368.

Carol McFee, who oversaw the silent auction, said it went really well. The bidding was completed at 5:45, and there were more items than ever before.

Bobby Noley is the head chef for the event, and has been since the first Empty Bowls dinner in 2003.

Noley says he's only run out of chili one year, but he hopes to come close every year, because that means more help for the food bank.

Noley says it takes him about four hours to cook the 80-90 gallons of chili served, and he uses more than 180 pounds of ground beef.

Most of the ingredients were donated or purchased at a discounted price.

Todd Henderson is in his first year as head pastor of First United Methodist Church Cullman, and he was very happy with the turnout.

"It's a community-wide effort, and we're proud to be a part of it," Henderson said. He says the church plans to support the event for years to come, and many of the volunteers are church members themselves.

The church uses the event as an outreach event as well.

For her years of service, Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel presented Shearer with an award.

"I want to thank the church for hosting the event, St. Bernard for allowing us to cook the chili there and all of those who volunteers and those in the community who make the event possible," said Shearer.

"I am extremely grateful, and I look forward to helping more people in the future as this event continues to grow."

Sawdust and Thread Gifts opens in Holly Pond

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HOLLY POND – We normally think of folks retiring to Florida, but where do folks in Florida retire to? Well, according to former Floridians Marty and Karen Martinez, Holly Pond is a pretty good place.

"How do you get from Florida to Holly Pond?" said Marty Martinez, "Hang a Left at Georgia!"

After retiring, the couple decided to vacate the hectic Orlando/Daytona corridor for something simpler and more laid back. They were familiar with the Holly Pond area because through friends, and decided the town was just what they were looking for.

On Dec. 14, 2016, the Martinezes opened Sawdust and Thread Gifts on their property at 348 County Road 1731 just north of "downtown" Holly Pond. There, the crafty couple sells various items they have made themselves.

Two slogans, one on a sign by the shop door and the other on their ad flier, both seem to apply, in one way or another: "Just what you were looking for, but didn't know it" and "Anytime gifts for the ones you love."

According to Karen Martinez, "We are making handcrafted items for gifts, so people don't have to run into Cullman if they need a quick gift. We feel we have different things that people don't know they're looking for, but they want them. It's just a different variety from what we've seen from other crafters. We make house accents. He does a lot of woodworking, and I do the sewing."

Marty Martinez specified, "I'm sawdust, she's thread!"

A U.S. Army veteran, he is proud to say that his shop's gifts are made in the U.S.A.

As the name implies, there are lots of wooden and cloth items: signs and plaques, frames, furniture, birdhouses, mailboxes, cross stitching, pillows, shadow boxes, wedding decorations, coat and key racks, and many other items. Unfinished cut wood pieces are also available for other crafters who want to finish projects themselves.

And if customers don't see what they're looking for, they can always ask. The couple regularly takes orders for custom jobs. Karen Martinez proudly showed off pictures of a special-ordered pie safe, hutch and mailbox her husband recently completed.

Sawdust and Thread is off the beaten path; you won't happen upon the shop by accident.

According to Marty Martinez, GPS directions send customers into a creek along Turkey Hop Road closer to town. To make things easier, they included a map on their website (http://sawdustandthreadgifts.com).

Take Brooklyn Road north from the traffic light, DON'T take Turkey Hop Road (!), turn right on County Road 1728, right again on County Road 1731, and look for bigfoot. Yes, look for bigfoot, you can't miss him.

"We're a nice little shop on a back road here in Holly Pond," said Marty Martinez. "If someone needs something in a hurry, or is someone's just thinking about somebody they'd like to deliver a nice message to, this is the place to do it."



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A young customer communes with the "life-size" Bigfoot cutout in front of the shop.

Pointing to one of his signs on the wall, he stated, "'May you find laughter, love and peace here.' Can't say much more than that."

44th annual Cullman Rotary Club Auction to be held March 10

Cullman Rotary Club
Contributor

CULLMAN – The 44th annual Cullman Rotary Club Auction will be held on Friday, March 10 at the Cullman Civic Center. Proceeds will benefit local charities, projects and other community causes.

Admission to the auction is free. Items can be viewed beginning at 4:30 p.m. The silent auction is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., and the live auction starts at 6:45 p.m.

In addition to auction items, there will be a raffle for a Glock 17 9mm handgun and a $500 cash prize donated by Merchants Bank of Alabama.

Tickets are available from any Cullman Rotary Club member for $1 per ticket or six tickets for $5. Tickets will also be available at the auction. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

"The items up for auction are donated by local businesses, industries and individuals and are a great representation of the compassion and generosity of our community. Contributors of the items are recognized at the time of auction.

"The auction is Cullman Rotary Club's only fundraiser for the year and it helps us to provide charitable donations throughout the community," said Fundraising Chair Charlie NeSmith.

Items up for bid have included: vacation packages, grills, TVs, electronics, bicycles, home furnishings, tools, pet supplies, collectibles, oil changes, restaurant meal certificates, gift cards, legal services, massages, etc.

The auctioneer for the event will be Joe Hagan.

"In the past, we have raised as much as $50,000 to go to local charities and projects and we hope with some hard work we will exceed that total this year," said current Rotarian President Dale Greer.

Cullman Rotary Club donates throughout the year to a variety of organizations and programs including: Cullman Caring for Kids, Daystar House, Wallace State Foundation, Brooks Place/Child Advocacy Center, Good Samaritan Clinic, public schools, Boy Scouts of America, Cullman Farm City, Cullman Rotary Park repairs, Childhaven, HOPE, Cullman County Head Start, Margaret Jean Jones (CCCDD) Center, American Cancer Society and D.A.R.E.

Rotary Club members are currently seeking donations to make this year a success.

For more information on the auction or to donate items, contact Charlie NeSmith at 734-8110 or Dale Greer at 739-1891. Be sure to follow current events for Cullman Rotary Club on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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West Point Council discusses Hwy 157 turn lane, imposes fine for sewer dumping

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WEST POINT – On Monday evening, the West Point Town Council once again addressed the upcoming extended deceleration/turn lane on Alabama Highway 157. The lane is planned for the eastbound side of the highway as it approaches the County Road 1242 intersection where Jack's is located.

Across from Jack's on the south side of 157, the owner of Dale's convenience store and gas station in Hanceville will build a similar new store in West Point. On the west side of that site, along 157, is a second site to be developed as a small shopping center. The construction of the deceleration/turn lane will allow safer access to these businesses, and to County Road 1242.

According to Mayor Kenneth Kilgo, the entire project is expected to cost $200,000. At a recent meeting with representatives from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) in Montgomery, Kilgo received a commitment from the department for $100,000- half the estimated amount. Other sources, including the Cullman County Industrial Development Board, have committed $60,000. Any costs not otherwise covered will be the responsibility of the developer.

The Cullman County Road Department will grade and improve the bed for the lane as an in-kind service, and ALDOT funds will pay for the paving.

Kilgo was careful to point out that West Point, the road department and ALDOT will be responsible for improvements along the road only. All development off the road, including entry and exit lanes for the businesses, will be paid for by the developer.

Other business

In other business, the council voted to split the cost of an LED billboard/ marquee in front of the new fire station. Tim Martin, of the West Point Fire Department, explained that the sign will be 53 by 63 inches, two-sided, and will cost an estimated $29,425. The town and fire department will each pay half. The sign will be used for town business: advertising municipal events, weather alerts, road conditions, etc. At present, no plans are in place to allow private or commercial advertising.

The council also voted to levy a fine for dumping in the town's sewer system. Noting that two out-of-town trucks had recently been spotted trying to dump grease and sewage down manholes, the council chose to assign a $2,000 fine for each offense. The amount was determined by Town Attorney Dan Willingham to be the highest amount that could be charged for a misdemeanor offense.

The West Point Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Fire department hot topic for Garden City council

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GARDEN CITY – A large portion of the Garden City Town Council meeting this week focused on the town's volunteer fire department and services. Of concern is that many of the people who live outside the town's limits, yet still in the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department's coverage area, are not paying their fire dues. The council proposed allowing homeowners and industrial businesses to have up to two fire meters for free, but charging them for additional meters, but ultimately decided to wait until next month's meeting to see what the numbers look like. The council also passed a motion to have the fire dues billed directly to residents through the Cullman Electric Co-op.

The VFD reported that some of its firefighters are being re-certified in CPR, and the council passed a motion for the junior firefighters to join them.

The department also mentioned the need for additional protective equipment (helmets, gloves and hoods) and replacement parts for their radios, both of which the council voted to purchase.

The VFD also reported the need for new air packs, because they only have six, which are old and worn-out. The department said that if a grant could be found, they needed 14 air packs and 14 spare bottles, which would give most firefighters approximately 40 minutes of oxygen.

When Mayor Tim Eskew asked if Public Works had anything to present, the issue of debris on Highway 31 from a Good Hope Contracting project was brought up. The report said that the state refused to touch the concrete until Good Hope paid off the contract and that citizens would be responsible for cleaning their own property, some of whom have gravel pushed several yards up their driveways and lawns. Several council members had their own complaints, and Eskew decided that if the next person he talked to couldn't help, he would take the issue all the way to the governor.

Other items of business:

The water department mentioned the possibility of getting a new grant for equipment or new projects and proposed the idea of killing the line under the railroad to put a larger line near the bridge.

The council approved bids for fire equipment such as hoses, radios, helmets and shields.

The council allowed the issue of funding for the Cullman County Water Festival to die at the table.

The council granted permission to a man who requested to do metal detecting at the old school.

Discussions were had about possible improvements to the basketball court at the park, the most popular idea being to have lines drawn so players could more accurately see where to throw three-pointers and free-throws.

Town Clerk Pam Leslie informed the council that the sewer sampling price from Living Water Services has gone up by $8.88 per month.

People Against a Littered State (PALS) statewide community cleanup day, which will take place on April 22- the council discussed community groups, like the fire department or the local Boy Scouts, who could help clean certain areas of the town, but no motions were made.

The Garden City Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Holly Pond's Kirsten Campbell to compete in Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant

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SYLACAUGA – Forty-six young ladies from across the state, including one from Cullman County, will compete for the title of Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen 2017 and $500,000 in scholarships on March 4-5 at B.B. Comer Memorial High School in Sylacauga. The pageant is the only affiliate of the Miss Alabama Pageant.

Cullman County's Kirsten Campbell, 15, a sophomore at Holly Pond High School will be competing.

The winner will receive a $5,000 cash scholarship as well as four-year full tuition scholarships to the University of Alabama, Auburn University, Troy University, the University of Montevallo, the University of North Alabama and Jacksonville State University.

Preliminary awards will be presented in talent and evening wear.

Awards for excellence in community service and fundraising for Children's Miracle Network will be made, and contestants will select the recipient of the Miss Congeniality award.

Judges will score the contestants in talent, private interview, evening wear/onstage question, lifestyle and fitness, and scholastic achievement.

Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen 2016, Tiara Pennington, is a senior at Helena High School and was a top eight semi-finalist at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in Orlando, Florida, last July.

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Wenonah ends Lady Aggies' best-ever season 67-46 in Northwest Regional final

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HANCEVILLE – Not having a healthy Abbi Taylor, along with an ineffective second quarter, was too much for the Fairview Lady Aggies to overcome Wednesday afternoon when they played No. 2 Wenonah for the Class 5A Northwest Regional title.

Wenonah went back to Birmingham with its fifth consecutive regional crown, turning back Fairview 67-46 at Tom Drake Coliseum.

The loss concluded the best season ever for Fairview, with 28 wins against seven losses. The 2017 Cullman County tournament champion came into the game with 14 straight victories and a No. 10 state ranking in the 5A class.

A close first period against an athletic Wenonah team had the Lady Aggies down by only the score of 16-13.

But in the second period, three possessions in which they failed to score and losing Taylor for half of the quarter from a foot injury hampered the chances of the Lady Aggies to hang in with the Lady Dragons.

Wenonah led 32-20 at halftime.

"We did the best we could," coach Mary Hartline stated after the game. "We did go cold. The shooting was not where we wanted it. We had two goals coming into the game, turnovers and blocking out on rebounds. We got past half court consistently."

The first-half shooting was only 6-of-26 and 2-of-13 in a three-point attack that featured a variety of weapons.

Fairview was outscored 20-13 in the third period by the Lady Dragons, with hopes of a comeback evaporating, as they trailed 52-33.

The Lady Aggies were only outscored 15-13 in the fourth, with Jada Golden hitting a pair of treys and Taylor Yeager scoring on a drive to finish her final game of the season with 10 points.

Guard Abby Schnittker was steady during the afternoon, scoring 12 points, shooting 4-of-4 from the line and getting five rebounds.

Yeager delivered 10 to the total, Golden scored nine; Maci Yeager shined off the bench scoring seven, with Taylor limited to six points due to the injury she suffered when a Wenonah player stepped on her foot. Taylor played only 14-and-a-half minutes.



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Jordan Moore scored two from the line as Fairview showed accuracy by shooting 90 percent in the game on 9-of-10 from the stripe.

Taylor, Yeager and Schnittker earned selections to the all-tournament team.

Leading Wenonah, who improved to 28-3, was Jayla Morrow, who scored 20 and was named the regional MVP. Alexus Dye netted 15 while Faith Reynolds scored 13.

Fairview loses Golden and Maci Yeager to graduation. Hartline had a hard time holding back the tears about how hard these two have worked since she started coaching in the middle school program at Fairview seven years ago.

Hartline now has three seasons leading the varsity, and Fairview has posted 66 wins and been in the Northwest Regional two of the three years, earning a berth to the title game.

Yeager, Taylor, Schnittker and McKinna Yearwood will anchor an experienced squad next season, along with depth from Daiyla Dean, Jordan Moore and Katie Ball.

Lady Eagles come up short against Tanner in regional championship, 66-47

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HANCEVILLE – A nightmare of a second quarter offensively prevented the Cold Springs Lady Eagles from seeing their basketball season extend into another week.

Tanner claimed the AHSAA Class 2A Northwest Regional title Monday afternoon by the final score of 66-47 at Tom Drake Coliseum.

Down 9-8 after the opening quarter, the No. 5 ranked Lady Eagles managed to score only twice from the floor with field goals by Camryn Crider and Emme Willoughby.

Tanner clamped down on the Lady Eagles' attack, holding them to 28 percent shooting by halftime with just 6-of-21 made. The three-point attack was neutralized by going zero for three.

The No. 3 ranked Lady Rattlers scored seven times in the second half to give them a 26-13 lead by the break. Tanner's scoring was distributed between Nariyah Timmons, Jessika Milton and Kirstin Brown, who combined for 15 of the 17 points in the period.

"They jumped on us and we just couldn't pull it out," Cold Springs coach Tammy West said. "Tanner is a really, really good team."

Willoughby did what she could to keep the Lady Eagles in striking distance, but it was not enough. The senior had 14 by the end of the third period. Cold Springs trailed 39-27 late in the quarter, then Tanner got two baskets by driving to the goal and carried a 43-27 lead into the final eight minutes.

The offense remained hot for the Lady Rattlers, who improved to 24-7 with their second consecutive regional title and third one since 2013.

Willoughby closed out her final quarter in a Cold Springs uniform, scoring seven, and finished with 21 points, earning her a spot on the all-tournament team.

"We are going to miss Emme," West added. "She is a great player to coach. She is a sweet kid. But we also have to move on. The regionals will be our goal next year."

Crider wound up with eight, Elizabeth Hill collected seven, Prisca McAnnally had six, Neely Ellison scored three and Sadie Terry dropped in two.

Brown scored 23 and was named the regional tournament MVP.

Hill was added to the all-tournament team for having a great performance in the Lady Eagles' semifinal win over Red Bay.

Cold Springs will look to replace Willoughby, the only senior they will lose from the squad. The team will be very experienced with Crider, Hill, Terry, Ellison, McAnnally and Aubrey Negron a year older and ready to make a solid run through a challenging schedule that will begin in early November.



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Profiles in Faith: Etha Baptist Church

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CULLMAN – Etha Baptist Church can be a little hard to find: it has a Cullman address, but is located about midway between Fairview and Eva. It may be a challenge to figure out where they are, but the people have a clear view of where they're going: to their neighbors' homes, to Fairview's schools and park, and eventually to Nicaragua.

Etha, a congregation affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, is one of the older churches in the county, organized in 1883.

It currently averages 170-200 on Sundays, with an eight-member staff. Its programs include active youth and children's ministries, along with addiction recovery on Thursdays and Bible college classes on Monday evenings. The church even has teams specifically tasked with making new visitors feel welcome, and with staying in touch with those visitors afterwards.

Pastor Timothy Lipsey shared about his church:

"We're a growing church. We've seen God do great things this year. Since I've been here, we've been a pretty strong church. We've been involved in the community; we've done free car washes for people, we've put on events like Rick Burgess, and we had several thousand show up for it at Fairview High School. We do countless ministries. We feed the teachers every year at Fairview High School, feed the football teams. We put on a free movie at the park, and we're platinum helpers for the fireworks on the 4th of July at Fairview Park. We do a lot of missions work. We have a lot of missionaries that we support, on top of supporting the Southern Baptists. The North Alabama Bible Institute's out from under Etha Baptist Church--me and Dr. Chambers (First Baptist Church Fairview) co-founded it. We've just got a lot of positives going on."

Mission work is a big emphasis at Etha, and the church has members who believe in more than just signing checks. In the last year, they have sent two teams to Nicaragua to support ministries in that country.

Lipsey explained, "We are working with Open Hearts Ministries. We carried a team last year of about 15 that went to Nicaragua in the summer; and then in October me, my wife, my youngest son, Miss Jo Anna (church administrator) and her husband Bobby and daughter Shay, we traveled back to Nicaragua and stayed about five days on a mission trip."

This coming June, Etha will make another journey to the Central American country.

"We're actually carrying two crews," said Lipsey. "We're carrying a crew of 10 that's going to be a construction crew, and we're going to help build a feeding center, and we're going to help put water in. It's actually a farm that'll supply the food for the feeding center. We're going to build a bigger kitchen, put a whole new roof on this farm's house, and do some adding on to it, to where it is able to sustain what we're trying to do in growing that ministry down there.

"Then we're going to carry another team that will go down, and they're going to do door-to-door salvation stuff: they're going to present the Gospel. That's a 20-person team."

Mission work takes prayer and commitment, but it also takes money; in this case about $5,000 to purchase needed construction materials and supplies. In order to raise those funds, Etha will be holding a series of fundraising events, starting on Friday, Feb. 24 with a barbecue at the church. Pulled pork or chicken dinners will be available for $10, and sandwich plates will be $8. Meals will be served from 3-7 p.m.



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A photo from a 2016 mission trip

Lipsey shared about his fundraising goal, "What we're trying to do is get all the construction material bought and finished; and when our team gets down there onsite, we want to be able to go to work, and in our week of being there we want to be able to finish it. And then we've got other fundraisers that we're doing to help people get on the mission team, and be able to go if they can't afford to go on a missions trip."

Lipsey also spoke about the impact of mission trips on his church: "It is one of the best things to go. As a pastor, it helps me to sit back and look at what we're not doing here in America. We get over there and, man, it changes your life to see people really thankful and people not caring to minister. The Christians really jump in there to minister. Then we get back over here, and it shows us what we're not doing, because we're not trusting in God and we're not doing some things; we become more complacent. I want to see our church come out of being complacent, and step out more into doing mission projects in the community.

"Our motto is 'A Real Church for Real People Serving Jesus,' and we want to be that. We want to be a real church. We don't want to be a church that's not doing nothing for the Lord, and sitting back and waiting on something to happen. As pastor, it's just been a blessing to be here going on 13 years."

For more information, visit Etha Baptist Church on Facebook or http://www.ethabaptist.com.

To learn more about Friday's BBQ fundraiser, visit http://qrne.ws/bbqmissions.

Fairview Theater has #Viral message for audience

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – Mark Dobbs, Fairview High School theater teacher and director of Fairview Theater Works, put together a simple yet powerful performance over the weekend at the school's auditorium. With assistant director Leah Rodriguez, light/sound technician Ally Grund and technical assistants Katie Tucker and Kayley Hall, Dobbs helped deliver several important messages through FTW's rendition of the short play "#Viral."

The play's central plot point revolves around a cruel prank played on an unnamed high school "queen bee," involving shaving her bald and stripping her down to her underwear and then posting pictures of the event online. The story is told by six female characters who were each connected to the prank in some way:

Megan (Beth Ozbolt): The girl who actually shaved the queen bee. She used to be the girl's best friend but claimed that the victim "had it coming" after the mean pranks she had pulled on the other members of their friend group.

Deb (Allison Frost): The girl who stood by and watched. She insisted that the girl knew they were joking and was being a hypocrite for not being able to handle being treated the way she had treated others.

Anna (Averie Harris): The shy girl who did nothing in order to avoid confrontation. She didn't agree with what the other girls did but she didn't want to stir up any trouble, so she stayed quiet.

Morgan (Abbie Compton): The girl caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. She ended up in the locker room where the prank took place by coincidence, but her idea of minding her own business and not getting involved in the other girls' drama allowed the cruelty to happen.

Lucy (Cayla Allen): The girl who spoke up. She saw what happened and immediately ran for a teacher despite knowing that she would lose her friend group for it.



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Barbara (Kelly Harrington): The teacher. She helped the girl get dressed, called her parents, talked to the principal and filed the report.

The girls were joined on stage by the personified voices of Internet "trolls," played by Devin Burks, Devan Humes, Aaron Moylan, Jesse Smith and Richard Stewart. The boys brought to life the cruel comments that people left on the pictures of the bald, naked queen bee, reading out comments like "ugly," "worthless," "she should be ashamed" and "go kill yourself."

Later they took on the voices of the outraged parents who blamed the school and administration for not supervising the girls' activities. It was at this point that Barbara gave a message to the parents in the audience: Stressed and over-worked school teachers are responsible for teaching students math, science and reading. Basic human decency is for the parents to teach.

One of the main themes throughout the act was the idea that women have to knock each other down in order to raise themselves up. Girls grow up being taught that they need to be in competition with each other, that another girl's beauty or intelligence or virtue somehow diminishes their own. The need to be the best at the expense of others is toxic, and young women need better messages throughout their lives to let them know that it's okay to not be perfect at everything.

Fairview Theater Works has four more productions planned through the remainder of the school year. "The Seven Torments of Craig and Amy" will be performed on Friday, March 24. Tuesday, April 18 will be the middle school production of "The Wizard of Oz" and the high school production of "Jerry Finnegan's Sister." The final play of the year will be "The Last Day of School," performed on Monday, May 15 by the senior class. All performances will start at 6 p.m.

News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning, *Tribune* readers and families. This past weekend was like early springtime. We are loving all the pretty spring flowers that are starting their show a little early.

Congratulations again are extended to the Holly Pond Bronco Varsity Boys basketball team. They played their closest game of the season on last Saturday afternoon at the Tom Drake Gym at Wallace State in Hanceville. This was indeed a nail biter, as they won by a 71- 66 game over Lauderdale County. On top of it all, one of the main players, Drew Jones, injured his foot area and didn't play the last part of the game. Hopefully he will be all right for the regional title game on Wednesday. If they are winners, then they go to the state tourney which is played in Birmingham. I must also commend the fans from Holly Pond, for their good attendance, we saw many friends and neighbors at the game. Of course, when you play in a place that big, you can never see everyone that is there. On Sunday morning, the coach's wife, Mrs. Morris, came to me and said she saw me and was glad I got to see the team play. This was the first time I had seen them play this season. I thoroughly enjoyed the game and the atmosphere in the building.

Basketball is not the only activity in this small town. The Holly Pond Homemakers Club held their monthly meeting on last Tuesday, February 14 in the fire hall. Mrs. Carolyn Bryan, president, presided. Since this was Valentine's Day, we were hoping that some of the members would bring Valentines to share. Mrs. Carolyn did bring one from her husband that was nearly thirty years old. The devotional was presented by Mrs. Maggie Smith. Judy Floyd led in the pledge to the flag. Minutes of last month's meeting were presented and approved. Brenda Scott presented a report from the cemetery board. They recommended that Benny Fortner be hired as caretaker for the cemetery. They appointed him to serve for one year at the same salary as the other groundskeepers. Reports were also asked for other committees.

Mrs. Bryan divided the group into two sections and played a Valentine Trivia game. Following this game, we were served delicious Valentine refreshments.

Members attending included: Annette Yates, Gladys Wisener, Brenda Wisener, Amelia Wisener, Eloise Stevens, Maggie Smith, Louise Scott, Brenda Scott, Madelyn Robertson, Linda Reid, Janice Murphree, Sue Morris, Judy Jones, Londalene Jean, Lyndall House, Nell Harbison, Judy Floyd, Jimmie Carnell, Marilyn Calvert and Carolyn Bryan. The next meeting will be March 14th with the program to be presented by Amanda Scott.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club held their monthly meeting Tuesday night, February 14th in the conference room of the Guy Hunt Library. Lynn Jetton, president, presided. Several items of business were discussed. Plans were made for the upcoming months, including the Easter Egg Hunts, the Essay contests and others. It was also announced that the Clergy Appreciation dinner would be held later than usual. We wanted to have the meal at the Holly Pond Café, but can't yet due to their renovation. Other items will be also announced later.

Members attending included: Lynn Jetton, Kay Stewart, Jimmie Carnell, Bill and Sharon Oliver, Gladys Wisener, Janice Murphree, Walt and Judy Floyd, Lyndall House, Carla Hart.

Until next week, stay safe, and enjoy the springtime weather.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1939
Mount Pisgah News
Mr. John Ivey visited Mr. Hiram Ivey, of Joppa, on Sunday evening.

Misses Jennie Miller and Ruth and Ruby Johnson were the Saturday evening callers of Miss Marjorie Jackson.

Among the number represented at the reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Joy Lackey's, on Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mints, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hafer, Reverend R.H. Ridgeway, Mr. Jesse Dye, Eloise Mints and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Lackey and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mints, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Nealie Reesie Whitaker, age 58, died on February 4th, at Steppville, Route One and was buried on February 5th, at the Center Cemetery with Reverend R. McKibbins officiating and Drinkard in charge. Mrs. Whitaker is survived by her husband, Mr. Tom Whitaker, four sons, Hughes, Luther, Guy and Curtis and one daughter, Mrs. Lola Brannon.

It will take Martha Anne, the nine month old daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Singleton, quite a time to become acquainted with her relatives. Beside her parents, she has two grandfathers, two grandmothers, two great-grandfathers, three great-grandmothers and two great- great-grandmothers.

The Crosley Radio Station, WLW in Cincinnati, is telling the world about Cullman on a nationwide hookup on Wednesday night, February 22nd, at 10:30 p.m., Cullman time. Letters are going out of Cullman daily by local residents and especially business firms, telling persons in other cities and states to listen to this broadcast. Cullman will receive more publicity on this one night than ever before and it is believed practically every citizen of Cullman and Cullman County will be at a radio on the night of February 22nd, to hear the "Salute to Cullman." Freda Joyce Wooten, daughter of Mrs.

Cora Wooten, died at 4:00 o'clock, on Thursday afternoon, February 2nd, at the Protestant Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. She was stricken with flu and pneumonia in December. Following this serious illness, a head ailment resulted from which the deceased never recovered. Two operations were performed prior to her passing.

Freda Joyce was well-liked by members of the younger set in Cullman. She was a graduate of the class of '34 at the Cullman County High School. Recently she graduated as a registered nurse at the Protestant Hospital in Nashville.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Cora Wooten, two sisters, Madeline and Norma and one brother, Jimmy.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist Church, the past Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Reverend R.B. Lavender, assisted by Reverend J.S. Blackburn. Interment followed in the Protestant Cemetery.

The Cullman Bearcats, of County High, trounced the Phillips Crimsons, of Birmingham, last Friday. They were led, as usual, by Cullman center, "Papa Tree Tops" Seals and by stellar guard, Maxie Blalock, who put on a show. Other Bearcat scorers were Strickland, 5, Brittain, 4 and Basenburg, 4.

The following were drawn to serve on the Grand Jury for Cullman County: J. Irvin Tucker, farmer, of Crane Hill; Luther H. Tucker, farmer, of Cullman Route One; P.H. Graves, farmer, of Cullman Route One; Ramon Harbison, farmer, of Bremen Route One; Woodrow McPhearson, farmer, of Arkadelphia; Ralph Hawkins, farmer, of Arkadelphia; Paul Jackson, farmer, of Steppville; W.E. Bannister, farmer, of Steppville Route One; Claude Weeks, farmer, of Hanceville Route One; J.I. Livingston, farmer, of Cullman Route One; W.M. Woodall, farmer, of Cullman Route Six;

O.S. Livingston, farmer, of Cullman Route Six; Robert Speere, farmer, of Cullman Route Two; Euell R. Bain, of Cullman; Charles W. Dorrough, merchant, of Cullman Route Two; C. Thurman Alldredge, farmer, of Cullman Route Four and C.J. Mize, farmer, of Cullman Route One.

Marriage Licenses
February 3rd
James Mize, 19, to Gladys Wilkins, 18 and Archie Bradley, 20, to Geneva Green, 23.

February 4th
C.M. Hall, 28, to Fannie Vest, 31.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Selfies can serve a dual purpose

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Billy Bob Bohannon celebrated his fifteenth birthday this week. Yes, he does look much older, but that is his actual age. Billy Bob is a character I created fifteen years ago. I first performed as Billy Bob at a Valentine's banquet, at the church where I served as pastor, after the scheduled humorist had cancelled. I never dreamed of performing as Billy Bob more than that one time. Fifteen years, and hundreds of programs later, Billy Bob is still going strong. Ironically, this year someone called a few days before Valentine's to ask me if I would come "minister" at their church. The person they had arranged to come had cancelled. I'm right back where I started, pinch hitting for a "no show."

During those fifteen years, I have been blessed to perform for churches, denominational events, civic groups, numerous clubs, family gatherings and who knows what else. I have even performed for the Alabama state legislators.

For those various programs in a multitude of venues, I have also dressed in almost anything you can imagine.

No, I'm not talking about the wild outfits Billy Bob wears, although I must admit I've worn some pretty crazy looking stuff. What I am talking about are the dressing rooms I have used.

Occasionally, I have performed in a venue that has a real, honest to goodness, dressing room, but not often. I have dressed in men's restrooms more times than I can number. I have dressed in classrooms.

These usually have windows and sometimes doors that don't lock. I could write a story about some of those experiences, but let me simply say a few people have accidently seen more of me than either of us was comfortable with.

I have dressed in pastor's offices and church libraries. I have dressed in children's nurseries with miniature commodes, sinks and chairs. You should try sitting on, well, never mind that one.

I have even dressed in a broom closet – more than once. I have dressed in storage rooms with all those cans of green beans for banquet dinners. I ate a banquet meal the other night that did not include green beans!

Perhaps the worst part about dressing in those places was that most of them did not have mirrors. I have tied neck ties so many times that a mirror is not needed. Combing my hair, or what's left of it, without a mirror, is a different story.

Recently, I made an amazing discovery. I had performed already, but I was not the final person on the program. I needed to change clothes and go back out for the remainder of the program, but because I had worn a hat during my part, I knew my hair was a mess.

It was then when I thought about a unique use of my cell phone. In this age of selfies, have you ever used your camera as a mirror? Ladies you could do your makeup and lipstick.

It is almost as good as having a mirror except that it leaves you with only one free hand. With one hand I held out my phone, with the other combed my hair, snapped a selfie and headed back in! As I write this column, I am about to wrap up a week of Valentine's banquets. Thank you to all who have had me come this week and over these past fifteen years. I have enjoyed this unforeseen ministry more than I could have ever imagined. In case you've never seen Billy Bob, I'll comb my hair and send you a selfie!

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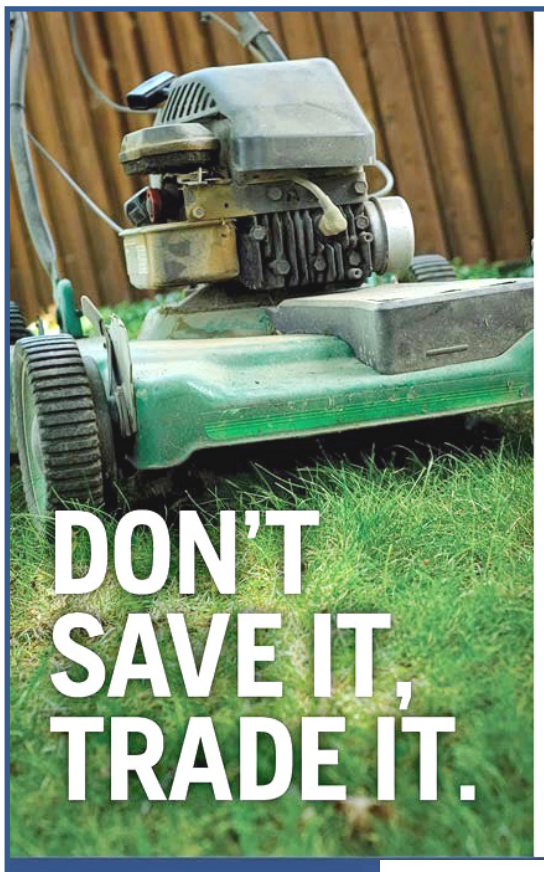
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PHARMACY TOPICS
by Eddy Hoenig



Front L-R: Sonja Sewell, Launne Reid, Sue Miller.
Back L-R: Kathryn Striker, Eddy Hoenig, RPH

Among nearly 120,000 adults with type 2 diabetes, there were no significant differences in the associations between any of nine available classes of glucose-lowering drugs (alone or in combination) and the risk of cardiovascular or all-cause mortality, according to a study appearing in *JAMA*. Diabetes was estimated to account for approximately 1.5 million deaths in 2012 and disability (blindness, limb amputation, kidney failure, cardiovascular events) among 47 million people in 2010. Lifestyle modification and glucose-lowering drug treatment are the mainstay of therapy to prevent and delay diabetes-related complications. A large number of glucose-lowering drug classes are approved for type 2 diabetes. Randomized clinical trials of diabetes medications have been generally insufficiently powered to establish the role of drug treatment for preventing cardiovascular death.

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Researchers have found that an existing drug can be used to halt progression of another disease that is a leading cause of liver transplants. A new study published in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that the diabetes drug pioglitazone is safe and effective in certain patients who have nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, or NASH, a chronic liver disease caused by a buildup of fat. NASH is often known as "silent" liver disease and affects 10 to 20 percent of the population and perhaps as many as one-third of all patients with adult-onset diabetes in the United States, according to recent studies. Left unchecked, NASH can cause chronic inflammation that leads to liver cancer or cirrhosis. NASH is now the second-leading cause of liver transplants and the numbers continue to grow each year. Early diagnosis and treatment of NASH is crucial for those who are at greatest risk for the disease, usually obese patients who also have prediabetes or type 2 diabetes.

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No. 2 Holly Pond tops Locust Fork to win regional; headed to the Final 4

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HANCEVILLE – For a half, Locust Fork was not run off the Tom Drake Coliseum floor by the No. 2 ranked Holly Pond Broncos in the Northwest Regional 3A championship game Wednesday afternoon.

Defense, a trademark for the Broncos all season, took over after intermission. Holly Pond cut off Locust Fork's ability to score from the basket and outside and went on to roll past the Hornets 65-42 and continue their season into next week with a semi-final game at the BJCC Arena against No. 1 Midfield on Tuesday morning.

"We were anxious to begin the game," coach Mitch Morris said. "We were waiting for something big to happen. We forced shots and got frustrated. We got our composure back in the third quarter."

A big part to the Broncos getting control of the game was allowing Locust Fork just two made shots in the third, while the Holly Pond offense started to find a rhythm and delivered 21 points to their side of scoreboard.

A 33-25 lead at the half became a 54-31 margin when time ran out in the third. Holly Pond scored six times in the third, three coming from long range as Drew Jones, Matt Cahoon and Andrew Shaw landed treys.

What brought the crowd to their feet in the fourth was when Cahoon picked up a steal at midcourt and stormed down the floor, finishing with a spectacular slam- giving Holly Pond its Northwest Regional championship and a date with destiny next week in Birmingham.

The concern was with Jones, who had a dislocated toe. The injury never affected the senior, who scored 25 points and was named the regional MVP.

"Drew Jones is really smart on the court," Morris stated. "We kept asking if he was okay. We didn't sit him out a lot like we wanted to, but we kept checking on him to see if he was okay."

Jones shot 50 percent for the title game, hitting 9-of-18, and added 10 rebounds to his stat sheet.

Jake Harris came off the bench and produced nine on three treys with Cahoon scoring eight and gathering nine rebounds. Dawson Foust and Bailey Smith scored five each, McKinley Garrett and Griffin Morris had four each, Shaw scored three and Michael Lambert had two.

The Broncos were 22-of-60 from the floor, 10-of-29 in 3-point shots and 11-of-17 from the line. Holly Pond out-rebounded Locust Fork 47-32 and forced the Hornets into 24 turnovers.

Bay Etheredge got 15 for top scoring honors for the Hornets with Camron Hays adding 11. The Hornets were just 12-of-47 for 25 percent and 6-of-25 from long distance for 24 percent.

Smith was named to the all-tournament team along with Jones.

Holly Pond's winning streak is now at 16 games as they take a 32-1 record to Birmingham for a final four game at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday with Central Regional champion Midfield, the current No. 1 team in 3A basketball.

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HANCEVILLE – First Source for Women (FSW), a pro-life pregnancy and parenting resource center in Hanceville, sees around 90 visitors a month. The agency is one of only a few in this part of the state, and serves a large area, including other surrounding counties. It is not always an easy thing for a client to get to the FSW office. Add to that the organization's understanding that its message gets out to more people when its own people get out more.

This is where Save the Stork (STS) comes in. STS, a fellow pro-life agency, has designed a mobile unit known as the Stork Bus.

A modified Mercedes Benz Sprinter, the bus helps FSW offer many of its in-house services on the road, in remote areas.

According to the STS website, "All Stork Buses are equipped with exam tables, restrooms, multiple seats for counseling, a work area for a sonogram machine and technician, multiple monitors and media inputs, a built-in space for an iPad, internet connection, soft lighting, a refrigerator, air conditioning and plenty of storage space.

"We've packed a lot in to give each expectant mother the best experience possible."

FSW Executive Director Catherine Bethell shared some of her agency's services that will be available free of charge on the Stork Bus:

- Pregnancy testing
- Ultrasound procedures
- Educational, mentoring and counseling services
- Access to items from the FSW Baby Boutique
- Referrals

Such a piece of equipment doesn't come cheap. FSW recently wrote one of the biggest checks it has ever cut to help pay more than $70,000 in costs.

As people and other organizations have heard about the project, though, they have turned out to help the effort.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs recently got to tour a Stork Bus that stopped by on its way to another center.

A short time later, the Cullman City Council appropriated $10,000 to help FSW make the purchase.

Cullman Savings Bank and its CEO John Riley made a contribution and set up a fund to support the organization.

Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman, U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, and the Cullman Lions/Lioness Clubs have also made recent contributions to FSW.

FSW's Stork Bus is on order, and is expected to be in Hanceville in August or September, and in service in the fall of this year.

For more information on Save the Stork and Stork Buses, visit https://savethestorks.com.

For more information on First Source for Women, visit http://www.firstsourceforwomen.org or call 256-352-5683.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE HAGA, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Robert Carson Haga on the 15th day of February, 2017, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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 law or the same will be barred.

Robert Carson Haga, Personal Representative

To the publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Children (from Front)

maintenance that keeps modern industries up and running.

With demand high and growing every day (the average skilled technician in the U.S. is 59 years old), Marshall saw the field as a wide-open opportunity for committed students to prepare themselves for a stable career with good income. Students in her program can graduate as a Siemens Certified Mechatronics Systems Assistant.

That's where WSCC comes in. Marshall is working with Hodges and Karolewics to create a gateway program that would allow students who complete KTech to apply their knowledge and certification toward an associate degree in mechatronics.

Hodges said, "They can offer a level one certification to high school students. The partnership that we're working on is that when a student comes through her program and achieves a Siemens Level One certification, they'll be able to transfer that; and that equals out to 12 to 15 credit hours.

"We're going to create an articulation agreement, so those students who finish with her can come straight on into Wallace, and go into my mechatronics program which offers an associate degree.

"They can go straight to work (with their first certification from KTech), or they can continue on and get an associate degree, and become even more employable."

Hodges spoke briefly about Marshall's decision to approach WSCC.

"She says that she serves quite a few orphans from Cullman County, so that's why she was excited that these students can get a level one certification with her, then return home to continue their education at WSCC. She's excited, and Dr. Karolewics is just very excited about it."

If all goes well with the necessary partnership agreements, the joint KTech/WSCC program could be underway by fall 2017.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, March 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
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Writ of Execution Parties: Johnny Albright
vs.
Terry Wright
6231 Alabama Hwy 69 North
Cullman, Alabama 35055

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Terry Wright, property, described as follows:

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Beginning at the Southwest corner of said twenty acre tract; thence east ALONG THE South line of said twenty a distance of 660 feet; thence north a distance of 250 feet to the Chumbley Road; thence west along Chumbley Road to the west line of the twenty acre tract to a point which point is 300 feet north of the point of beginning; thence south along the west line of the twenty acre tract a distance of 300 feet to the point of beginning, subject to a twenty foot wide easement on the west side of the twenty acre tract, leading north from the southwest corner of the twenty acre tract to the Chumbley Road. Containing herein five (5) acres, more or less.

Source of title: Deed Book 524, Page 009 (Fiche 70, Frame D2) Office of Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Terry Wright, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 6th day of February, 2017.

BY: Matt Gentry
Sheriff Matt Gentry

Team Powers invites you to the:

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Event will be April 1, 2017 at the Heritage Park Soccer Field
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Tracy Powers- tpowers35057@hotmail.com

Legal Ad

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicant listed below:

Mae's Hous - 111 Second Avenue NE – Special Events Alcohol License More Than 30 Days

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. PC-2016-334

Floyd L. Arrington, Deceased **Notice to Creditors by Publication**

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of January, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Michelle Johnson,
Personal Representative of the Estate of Floyd L. Arrington

JERRY L. KILGO,
Attorney for Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: **AD2017-008**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

CONNER ALAN GOFF

A MINOR CHILD. DOB: **04-25-2005**

NOTICE OF PETITION OF ADOPTION TO BE PUBLISHED

TO: Any Alleged, Purported Father, known or unknown person, who might be the biological father of Conner Alan Goff.

YOU MUST ANSWER THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION FILED BY DENNIS ALAN GOFF & CINDY RAE GOFF WHICH WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017, 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, SUITE 101, 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 10th DAY OF February, 2017.

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

Attorney for Petitioner:
Melvin Hasting
407 2nd Avenue S.W.
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0517
256-736-2230

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JANET D. BROADBROOKS * CASE NO: PC2011-186
Deceased *

NOTICE OF HEARING ON REPORT OF INSOLVENCY

TAKE NOTICE that a Report and Statement of Insolvency has been filed by Phylena A. Broadbrooks Babbitt as Personal Representative of the Estate of Janet D. Broadbrooks, deceased, on 22nd day May, 2011.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all the creditors of and all persons interested in the estate that a hearing has been set for the 24th day of March, 2017, at 9:30 A.M. in the Cullman County Probate Court to hear and determine said Report of Insolvency.

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

NOTE: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please public the foregoing notice once a week for (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney at Law
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)
PAUL HILLARD BIRMINGHAM, SR.,) CASE NO.: PC-2017
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to PAUL HILLARD BIRMINGHAM, SR., on the 26th day of January, 2017, by the HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ETTA LOUISE BIRMINGHAM HIGGINBOTHAM,
As Personal Representative of the Estate of PAUL HILLARD BIRMINGHAM, 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.

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

atty for petitioner:
Thomas E. Drake II
419 2nd ave SW Suite B.
Cullman, AL 35055
256-739-9445

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CATHERINE S. LEDFORD,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-000355.00**

HAL ROSS LEDFORD,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Hal Ross Ledford, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Catherine S. Ledford's Complaint for Divorce by April 17, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2016-000355.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 15th day of February, 2017.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
RANDY A. HAMES
427 2nd AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
THE ESTATE OF DONNA SUZETTE WILSON MORROW,) Case No. PC2016-338
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **ERIKA MORROW FOSTER**, Personal Representative on the 1st day of February, 2017, 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 time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

R. Champ Crocker
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 2700
Cullman, Alabama 35056
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Champ@ChampCrocker.com

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune
219 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

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

Tammy Brown
(Tammy Brown, Probate Judge)

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BLOUNT IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF :
AELAND CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN HULL CASE NO. 2016-288
A minor. DOB: JULY 8, 2015

AND

AURIANNA GRACE HULL CASE NO. 2016-289
A minor DOB: MARCH 6, 2013

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ANY PERSON CLAIMING TO BE THE NATURAL PARENTS OF SAID MINOR CHILDREN; BORN TO BRITTANY DIANNE KILLOUGH & JUSTIN SETH HULL, whereabouts unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in Probate Court of Blount County Alabama by the Petitioners, PETE WHATELEY & WILMA WHATELEY, on the 20th day of December, 2016. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of being served this notice herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Blount County, Alabama, 220 Second Avenue East, Oneonta, Alabama 35121.

DONE this 24 day of January, 2017.

Chris Green
Chris Green
Blount County Judge of Probate

Attorney:
Sara Baker
100 Fifth Street SE
Cullman, Al. 35055
Telephone: 256-737-7181

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CHRIS GREEN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

To: Cullman Tribune

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Weekly online news recap, Feb. 16-22

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Here's a recap of our online news you may have missed since last Thursday.

CCSO makes multiple arrests; meth, ICE, meth lab, pills, firearm seized

CULLMAN COUNTY – Seven people were arrested over the weekend for various drug charges, including unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. The Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) executed a search warrant on County Road 1836 in the New Canaan community, leading to the arrest of five suspects. While inside the residence, CNET and Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies located multiple suspects as well as 6 grams of methamphetamine, 20 Valium pills, marijuana, a 9mm pistol and drug paraphernalia.

Anchor, youth development and leadership, clubs chartered at Vinemont and Holly Pond

CULLMAN COUNTY – Holly Pond and Vinemont High Schools recently chartered Anchor Clubs, under the leadership of the Pilot Club of Cullman, joining more than 8,000 Anchor members across the world. Pilot Club leaders recruit youth members through the establishment of Anchor Clubs in local middle and high school public and private systems. As a part of Pilot International, Cullman Pilots provide financial and hands-on support for initiatives focusing on Anchor Clubs (Youth Development & Leadership), Brain Safety and Fitness and Caring for Families in Times of Need. Youth Development & Leadership is a primary focus area which teaches youth how to lead with a service minded heart to "do more, care more and be more" with in-school activities and projects. Anchor Clubs provide training in leadership skills, becoming better citizens, developing integrity and responsibility and identifying needs of others. Developing these skills will improve opportunities for scholarships, college and careers.

Registration for outdoor programs now open at CP&R

CULLMAN – Cullman City Parks and Recreation has several outdoor programs registering now for adults and children. Youth Outdoor Adventure, Kayaking Classes for beginner and intermediate boaters and Community Garden Classes are all open now for registration at the Cullman Civic Center or online at www.CullmanRecreation.org.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CATA showcases career programs at open house event

VINEMONT – On Thursday evening the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA, formerly the Cullman Area Career Center) held an open house for prospective students, parents and other interested visitors. All 18 of the school's programs were represented, working areas were open and active, and staff from CATA's partner programs at Wallace State were present.

Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner this Saturday

CULLMAN – The annual Cullman Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. The cost is $10 per-plate, with a choice of either ham or a catfish filet.

The Link hosting 5-year celebration

CULLMAN – The Link of Cullman County will host its 2017 annual event and fundraiser on March 2 at The Link of Cullman County Community Place, 708 Ninth Street SE. Festivities will begin with a ribbon cutting at noon with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

Cullman Band "spirit nights" to help complete fundraising for new uniforms

CULLMAN – The Cullman Band Boosters' (CBB) effort to purchase new uniforms for the Cullman High School Band continues with an upcoming series of spirit nights at local restaurants. First up will be a spirit DAY at Mad Dog Mike's Barbecue in Berlin on Saturday, Mar. 11 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mad Dog Mike will donate a portion of all sales that day to the boosters' uniform project.

Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes new associate pastor

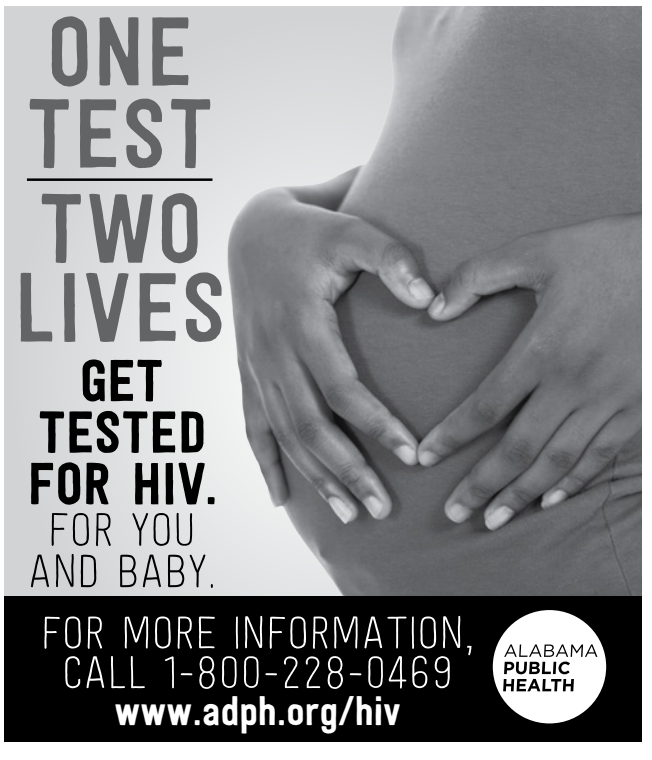
HANCEVILLE – On Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville installed and welcomed their new associate pastor, Rev. Dr. Carl L. Beckwith. The service was officiated by Trinity's Senior Pastor, Rev. John Jankens and the Rite of Installation was performed by the president of the Southern District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Rev. Kurtis Schultz.

First Source for Women offers help for women facing pregnancy

HANCEVILLE – When a woman finds herself in the sometimes frightening circumstance of an unplanned pregnancy, she may feel backed up in a corner with few options. First Source for Women (FSW), a faith-based pregnancy support service located in downtown Hanceville, seeks to provide women the help they need to give every baby a positive start in life. FSW is an openly pro-life organization, and does not provide abortion referrals. Instead of focusing on what they feel clients should not do, they bring together resources to show them the positive things they can do.







OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: FEB. 15 - 21

Graveside service for Sarah Widner Hedgecock, age 69 of Cullman, held February 18 at Cullman Memory Gardens; Rev. Scott Hedgecock officiated. Moss-Service Funeral Home directed. She was born April 8, 1947 in Cullman to Lester and Nollie Goodwin Widner. She was a nurse. Survivors include a daughter; Wendy (Nicholas) Smith, sons; Brian (Shonni) Hedgecock, Scott (Laura) Hedgecock, sister; Gail Speegel, brother; L. D. Widner, seven grandchildren.

Funeral service for Agnes Elizabeth Waldrop, age 89 of Cullman, held February 18 at Welcome Baptist Church. Burial followed in the adjoining cemetery; Bro. Truman Gable officiated. Cullman Funeral Home directed. Mrs. Waldrop was born on January 10, 1928 to the late John & Cynthia Moon McSwain; she passed away at home on February 16, 2017. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wintford Waldrop; 2 – sisters, Jewell Hendrix & Sylvia McSwain; 4 – brothers, Void McSwain, Brice McSwain, Billy McSwain & Cleveland McSwain; and one great-granddaughter, Leah Lowery. Survivors include 3 – Daughters – Betty Waldrop, Joyce (Mike) White & Michelle (Ben Latz) Waldrop; 2 – Sons – Kenny (Ruby) Waldrop & Ricky Waldrop; 14 – Grandchildren – Kimberly, Stephanie, Sherry, Deanna, Tina, Anthony, Andrew, Allen, JoAnn, Joleen, Joshua, Alicia, Patrick & Lashae; 33 – Great-Grandchildren; 12 – Great-Great-Grandchildren.

Mr. George Kenneth Chambers of Cullman passed away on February 15, 2017 at Huntsville Hospital at the age of 73. He was born in Cullman on June 11, 1943 to George Washington and Lonie Mae Pope Chambers. He is preceded in death by his parents, Son: Howard Kirk Chambers and Brother: Bobby Dean Chambers. Mr. Chambers worked for Bellsouth for 33 years and he also served in The United States Air Force for 4 years and 3 months. Funeral service held February 18 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel; Rev. Larry Duke officiated. Interment will be in Flint Creek Cemetery. Survivors are: Wife: Bobbie Chambers, Sons: Scottie Kell (Dawn O.) Chambers, Toby (Joell) Chambers, Cary Kip (Dawn A.) Chambers, Sister: Mary Sue Eubanks, six grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Memorial service for Cynthia Anders held February 19 at the 1st Church of the Nazarene in Cullman. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Funeral service for Mr. Thomas E. Whisenant, age 75 of Summit, held February 19 at Holly Pond Funeral Home with Richard Saylor officiated. Interment following in Rock Springs Cemetery. Mr. Whisenant passed away on Friday, February 17. He was born in Morgan Co. Alabama on June 2, 1941 to Clarence Earl and Erma Drinkard Whisenant. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After his service to our great nation he earned his associate's degree and worked as a self-employed welder. He is a member of The United Association of Pipe Fitters Union. Mr. Whisenant is preceded in death by his parents and three, brothers, Billy Gene and 2 infants. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Elvye Gossett Whisenant; daughters, Mattie Denise (Jeffery) Dempster and Damita Ryan; grandchildren, Ashley (Josh) Sauders, Matalynn Dempster, Hannah Dempster, Sarai Dempster, and Katrina Ryan; expecting a great grandchild in October; and a sister-in-law, Gisele Whisenant. Mr.Whisenant's nephews will serve as pallbearers, Steve Whisenant, Bruce Whisenant, Phillip Whisenant, Patrick Whisenant, Mike Meigs, Ken Meigs, and Jan Williams. Holly Pond Funeral Home honored to serve the family.

Funeral services for Cranston Wayne Murray, age 82 of Vinemont, held February 19 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Ray Ponder officiated; interment in Shelton Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Murray passed away February 17 at his residence. He was born September 20, 1934 in Cullman County to the late Willie Lee Murray and Katie DeEtta Swann Murray. He was retired from Eastern Airlines. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Winna Lou Sartin Murray; a sister, Edrie; brothers, David, Danny and DeLois; and a son-in-law, Steve Mayo. Survivors include his daughters, Charlene (Philip) Grissom and Crystal Mayo; sister, Mary (Ray) Hogland; sister-in-law, Denise Murray; grandsons, Aaron Grissom, Luke Grissom, Tyler Velarde, and Corey (Magin) Smith; granddaughter, Kristina Denham; and great-grandsons, River Layne Smith (due in April) and Brody Allen Denham.

Irene Thomas, 79, of Nauvoo, entered into rest on February 17, 2017 at Hendrix Health Care. Ms. Thomas was born on May 10, 1937 in Winston County. Irene was a 1956 graduate of Winston County High School. She retired from Winston Uniform in Double Springs and was a secretary for their Union. Irene loved to watch wrestling and watch birds from her front porch. Funeral service held on February 20 at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Brother John Autry officiated. Burial will follow in Old Enon Cemetery. Irene is survived by her sons, Ricky (Connie) Thomas, Greg Ray Thomas; brothers, Wallace (Wilma) Thomas, Travis (Kathy) Thomas; sisters, Minnie (Keith) Barton, Peggy (Terry "Doc") Grace, and Ruby Gilbreath. She was "Granny" to 10 grandchildren, Derick Thomas, Dana Borden, Bradley Thomas, Josh Owens, Joe Webb, Angie Webb, Ashley Webb, Annalee Webb, Amanda Webb, Wade Concord, Adam Godwin, Randy Finley, Jana Allen, and 8 great grandchildren, Jason Concord, Tristan Borden, Sladen Garrison, Hunter Owens, Gabe Borden, Mattie Owens, and Jaxon Diveto. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Jonathan Manor; parents, John Aulcie and Isabell Thomas; brothers, Ottis Thomas, Edward Thomas; sisters, Earnestine Raley, Faye Richardson, and Doris Thomas.

Memorial services for Anthony Wade Bryan, 52 of Cullman, are incomplete at this time and will be announced later. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Bryan passed away February 20.

Funeral services for Janice Marie Campbell, 70, of Warrior held February 21 at Blount Springs Baptist Church; burial in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Mrs. Campbell died on February 19. Hanceville Funeral Home directing. Survivors include her husband, Johnnie Campbell; children, Wendy (Steve) Graves, John (Renee) Campbell, Allison (Daniel) White and Amanda Campbell; brother, Frank Raymond (Lynda) Sheets, Jr.; sister, Gail Southern and a host of grandchildren, nieces & nephews. Mrs. Campbell was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Raymond & Charlie Mae Tisdale Sheets.

Funeral Services for Ruth Landers Bright, age 95 of Holly Pond, held February 21 at Holly Pond Funeral Home with Floy Bradford officiating. Interment following in Eidson Chapel Cemetery. Mrs. Bright passed away Saturday night in Cullman, Alabama. She was born in Randolph County, Alabama to Oscar D. and Dovie Skinner Landers. She worked as a seamstress and was a member of Eidson Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Bright is preceded in death by her husband, William C. "Bill" Bright; brothers Robert, Hoyt, Howard, Dewey, Frank, and Kenneth Landers; and sisters, Bessie White, Lovenina Snell, Mae Watson, and Charlotte Cook. Survivors include a daughter, Faye (Rickey) Robinson; sisters, Lee McDowell and Reba Bryant; and a host of nieces and nephews. Holly Pond Funeral Home honored to serve the family.

Funeral services for Harvey Warren Haynes, age 81 of Cullman, held February 21 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with John Byars officiating; interment in Holly Pond Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Haynes passed away February 19 at Woodland Village Healthcare. He was born January 10, 1936 in Cullman County. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dock Estes Haynes and Sally Carpenter Haynes; a son, Jeffery Haynes; brother, Clifton Haynes; and a sister, Ola Bell Lambert. Survivors include his three daughters, Theresa (John) Byars, Debbie (Tobby) Blackwood and Tanya (Kenney) Campbell; one son, Dennis (Natalie) Haynes; a daughter-in-law, Judy Haynes; sister, Era (Doug) Maynard; ten grandchildren, Tova, Tiffany, April, Amie, Jamie, Alex, Trevor, Macy, Ty, and Jeremy; and nine great-grandchildren, Atticus, Athena, Jordan, Colton, Lexie, Kensley, Callista, Hayden, and Randy.

Funeral services for Ethelene Kretzschmar, 92 of Hanceville, held February 21 at Hanceville Funeral Home; interment in Garden City Cemetery. Mrs. Kretzschmar passed away on February 19. She is survived by her sister, Gracie Tankersley and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Bertha Bales Morgan; husband, John Kretzschmar and brothers, Buddy, James, Alfred and Leon Morgan.

Graveside service for Bobbie Sue Cruce, 81 of Cullman, held February 21 from Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery, Warrior, AL; Rev. Earl Goode officiated. Moss Service Funeral Home directed. She passed away February 18 at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born September 17, 1935 in Jefferson Co. to Oliver and Bertha Hill Cruce. She was a system analyst for the Southern Co. Survivors include three daughters, two sisters, one brother and seven grandchildren.

Melvin Lee Davis Melvin Lee Davis, 73 of the West Point community in Cullman, Alabama, passed away at his home on Sunday, February 19. He was born on January 8, 1944 to Hershel Lee Davis and Rhoda Green Davis in the Greenhill community of Lauderdale County, Alabama. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Carmon Davis. He was also preceded in death by beloved family members, Ferrell and Betty Blackwood, Franklin Trousdale, Bob Lyell, Randy Blackwood and Patsy Blackwood Doherty. Mr. Davis retired from Loparex, Inc. in Cullman, Alabama. He enjoyed traveling and playing golf. He thoroughly enjoyed life and he always tried to make people laugh, even in his final days. One of his favorite sayings was, "People have more fun than anybody." He was a firm believer in Jesus Christ and a member of Bethlehem West Baptist Church for 45 years. Mr. Davis served in the U.S. Navy as an airman on the flight deck of the U.S.S. Roosevelt aircraft carrier from 1962 to 1966. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Rebecca Blackwood Davis; a brother, Phillip (Shelia) Davis; sisters, Shelby Jean Davis Trousdale and Sandra Davis Lyell; a sister-in-law, Clara Davis; and a brother-in-law, Ron (Teresa) Blackwood. Melvin was also blessed by a host of Nieces, Nephews, extended family and friends whom he loved with all his heart. He always told each one of them that they were his favorite and he meant it. Funeral service held at Bethlehem West Baptist Church on February 22. Interment will be at the church cemetery following the service; Brother Shane Wheeler and Brother Jerry Lake officiated. Pallbearers will be nephews. Cullman Funeral Home is assisting the family. The family would like to extend special gratitude to the staff of Alacare Home Health and Alacare Hospice; Dr. Elliott, Mandy, Blair, Stephanie, Jeremy and Tammy who helped us shower Melvin with love in his final months. We also like to acknowledge our families, friends, BWBC Church family and his Chesley Oaks golf buddies for every act of kindness shown to us. You helped make his final days a wonderful blessing. His oncologist, Dr. Allen Yeilding, and staff at HOAA were amazing.

Funeral service for Robert Joseph Veigl Sr., 83 of Vinemont, held February 22 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Veigl passed away February 17 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born in Cullman County of September 9, 1933 to Emil and Gertrude Veigl. He was retired from the United States Air Force at rank of MSGT and retired from The United States Postal Service. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was recipient of The Bronze Star Medal, The Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and various other awards and citations. He will receive full military honors. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kevin Veigl; two brothers; and one sister. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Veigl; two sons, Bobby (Renae) Veigl, Joey (Julie) Veigl; sister, JoAnna Jetton; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Randy Joe Flake, 55 of Double Springs, entered into rest on February 19, 2017. Mr. Flake was born on September 30, 1961, in Haleyville, Alabama. Funeral service held February 22 at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Brother Steve Wakefield officiated. Burial followed in Frost Chapel Cemetery. He is survived by his son, Alex Flake and his wife April; brother, Herman Flake; sister, Betty Flake; he was "Pa Paw Joe" to 2 grandchildren, Lexie Flake and Matilyn Flake. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Evie D. Flake; brother, Odis Flake; sister, Reba Faye Barton; daughter, Stephanie Flake, and grand-daughter, Lilly Flake.

Funeral service for Elizabeth Ann Seckfort Dooley, age 97 of Cullman, held February 23 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Delbert Freeman officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Dooley passed away February 20 at Folsom Center. She was born August 6, 1919 in Cullman County to the late William and Frieda Mueller Seckfort. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Lester Dooley; two brothers, Charles "Snooky" Seckfort and William "Buddy" Seckfort; a sister, Lula Mae Cosper; and daughter-in-law, Leonora Dooley. Survivors include her daughter, Margaret (Donnie) Bailey; two sons, Douglas Dooley and Paul (Barbara) Dooley; three grandchildren, Alicia (Jason) McClain, Stephanie Ferrell and Leanne (James) Kelly; four great-grandchildren, Zachary McClain, Katelin Ferrell, Kyle Ferrell and Kaleb Ferrell; and one brother, George Seckfort. The family would like to extend special gratitude to the staff of Folsom Center and to Hospice of Cullman County for the special care and love to our Mother and our entire family.

Thomas "Tommy" Glenn Bennett, 54 of Double Springs, entered into rest on February 17 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Bennett was born on December 12, 1962, in Zion, Illinois. Tommy served in the United States Army National Guard for 28 years and received numerous metals and achievements. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom in the 101st Airborne and was deployed to Iraq from May 2003 to April 2004. Tommy was a member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church for 6 months. He was a hard working truck driver for nearly 30 years and was known as "Bowhunter" on the CB. He loved riding motorcycles with his friends. Memorial service held February 25, 2017 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Double Springs. Brother Buford Parker will officiate. Tommy is survived by his loving wife of 3 years, Stephanee Bennett; parents, Walt and Judy Bennett; sons, Christopher (Valerie) Bennett, Joshua Bennett; step-son, Jaycob Bray; and sister, Becky (Mark) Doss. He was "Pawpaw" to a set of twin granddaughters, Emma and Olivia Bennett. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tonya Bennett; grandparents, Virgel and Ethel Bennett, and Lemy and Gladys Lewis.

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Dam (from Front)

appropriate."

The stated purpose of the plan is to "establish procedures for warning, evacuating, and sheltering persons who would be endangered in the event of the individual failure of the Lewis Smith Dam. It also addresses similar emergency response actions which might be required in the event of flooding, caused by emergency releases from the Lewis Smith Dam spillway, turbines, and sluices. The plan is designed to accomplish these functions with minimum confusion and maximum speed consistent with the Cullman County Emergency Operations Plan to save lives and protect property."

CEMA estimates that high-volume water flow from the dam would affect approximately 810 residents at 310 residential addresses.

Municipalities that could be affected include Colony, Dodge City, Hanceville and Good Hope.

The unincorporated areas of Cold Springs, Bremen, Arkadelphia, Black Bottom, Valley Grove and Cates Bottom are also within the scope of the plan. These areas are primarily located west of I-65 Exit 291, along and south of Alabama Highway 69, and around Alabama Highway 91.

The following county roads include potentially affected locations: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 18, 24, 25, 35, 45, 47, 54, 92, 169, 501, 504, 509 and 517.

Additionally, portions of the following state and local roads could be affected: Hwy 69S, Hwy 91S, Colony Road, Johnson Circle, Plum Drive, Ward Hill and Wooley Road.

The plan describes three conditions that could result in flooding below the dam:

• **Condition C** - The dam is in no danger of failing, but water flow conditions at the dam are still expected to cause downstream flooding.

• **Condition B** - A potential failure situation is developing.

• **Condition A** - Failure is imminent or has already occurred.

Under Condition C, the Alabama Power Company, which maintains the dam, would be responsible for all operations and communications.

Under Condition B, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) would be notified by a dispatcher or coordinator at the Alabama Control Center, then the AEMA would contact and coordinate with CEMA.

CEMA would activate the Emergency Operations Center at CEMA headquarters and contact law enforcement and volunteer fire departments in affected areas. Voluntary evacuations could be recommended, and could be ordered if conditions continued to deteriorate.

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) could assist with warnings and traffic control in the event of evacuations.

Under the most urgent situation of Condition A, the Alabama Control Center would contact CEMA directly, to save time.

The Emergency Operations Center would be activated, and local law enforcement and volunteer fire departments would be activated. ALEA would assist with tasks of warning, traffic control and search and rescue.

The plan notes that, for residents who live 0-3 miles below the dam, the first notice of dam failure would likely be the discovery of rapidly rising water.

Those living in this area should be prepared to move to higher ground immediately and await rescue.

When warnings must be issued at any level of emergency, the plan indicates a wide variety of potential means, in order to reach as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

These include (from the plan):

• Emergency Alert System (via broadcast media)

• NOAA Alert Radio

• RAVE Messaging Mass Notification System

• NIXLE Alert System (Sheriff's Office)

• Mass Email (all-inclusive of media, critical facilities, businesses and private citizens)

• Social Media – Facebook, Twitter

• Public Address (PA) Systems mounted on emergency vehicles

• Electronic Roadside Signage (based on availability)

• Door-to-Door – if necessary at the time of the incident and practical

In the event that evacuation must occur, Cullman County designated shelters can accommodate 1,293 people. The projected affected population numbers only 810, of whom up to 60 percent are likely to check into hotels or stay with friends/family; so shelter space should not be an issue.

Thirteen Red Cross approved shelters and reception centers (locations to which an evacuated person can go to be assigned to a shelter) are listed as:

• Cullman Civic Center - Cullman

• Wallace State Community College - Hanceville

• Ryan School - Joppa

• New Hope Baptist Church - Cullman

• Living Faith Baptist Church - Cullman

• Ryan's Creek Baptist Church - Cullman

• VFW Post 2214 - Cullman

• Temple Baptist Church - Cullman

• Cullman Church of Christ - Cullman

• First Baptist Church - Hanceville

• Hanceville Public Library - Hanceville

• Hanceville Civic Center - Hanceville

Appendices list numerous agencies, and detail the responsibilities of each in the event of a failure incident.

Included are notations of which entities have primary, secondary and support duties for each listed task. (See the only version of this article at www.cullmansense.com to see a copy of the plan.)

The plan indicates that significant forethought has gone into preparing for a catastrophic event at Smith Lake Dam, and that tremendous resources will be brought to bear quickly in an emergency.

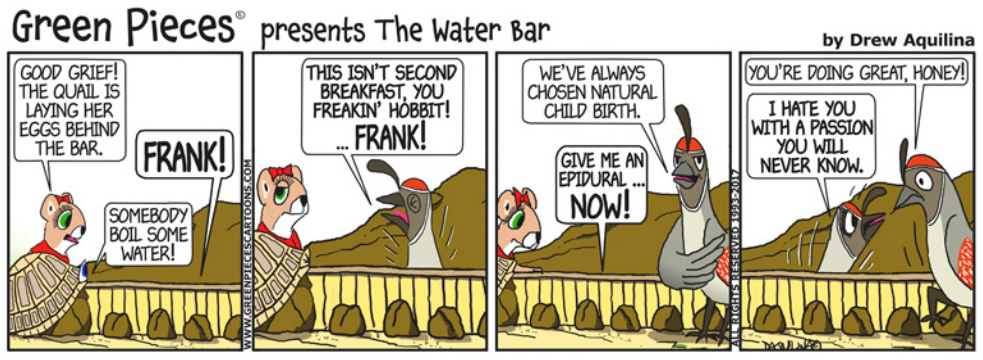
It should again be noted, however, that no resident should be alarmed by this plan.

It is a precautionary measure which, under federal law, should take place around every such dam in the country.

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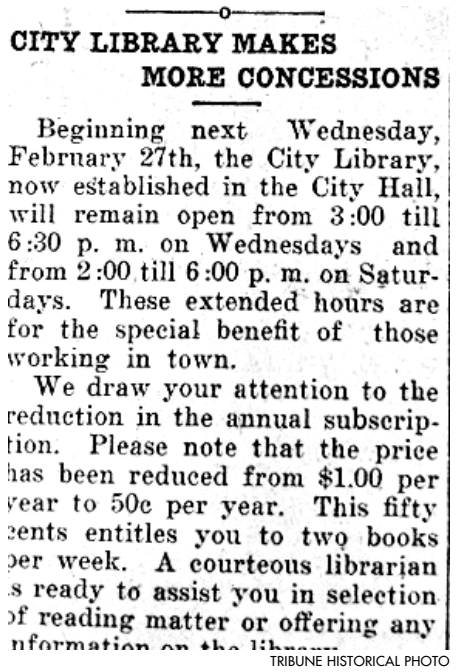


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This week in Cullman history

On Feb. 27, 1935, Cullman's library- then located in the city hall- changed and extended its hours. Before Feb. 27, the library's hours were 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday. After this date, library hours were extended for an hour and a half on Wednesday- from 2-6:30 p.m.- and changed to 2-6 p.m. on Saturday. In addition, the library reduced its yearly subscription rate from $1 to 50 cents

Compiled by Samantha Vest



CITY LIBRARY MAKES MORE CONCESSIONS

Beginning next Wednesday, February 27th, the City Library, now established in the City Hall, will remain open from 3:00 till 6:30 p. m. on Wednesdays and from 2:00 till 6:00 p. m. on Saturdays. These extended hours are for the special benefit of those working in town.

We draw your attention to the reduction in the annual subscription. Please note that the price has been reduced from $1.00 per year to 50c per year. This fifty cents entitles you to two books per week. A courteous librarian is ready to assist you in selection of reading matter or offering any information on the library

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NIGHT

He took the old cardboard he found and
laid it over him in a makeshift blanket. He
had a multimillion dollar roof over his head
but only two nickels in his pocket.
Listening to the cars pass overhead served as a type
of white noise that he needed to gradually fall asleep.
His mind traveled back to his former home and
the people he once knew. Before the layoff,
the divorce, the nervous breakdown.
He began to sleep for dreams happen to those
who live in mansions or those upon the streets.

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There but for fortune: A mother's story, Pt. 4

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

This is the true story of heartache, physical, sexual and alcohol abuse, love, hate, financial burdens and finally, finding joy, happiness and hope.

We trust that you will understand why the names and some of the circumstances had to be changed to protect the privacy and safety of some of the people in this story. It contains information that is true, but the situations have been framed in slightly different circumstances, or alternative locations to protect the source of the story. In some cases, several people have been combined into one person or events gathered into one time frame for the same reason, to protect the source of the story, who still lives in Cullman County.

This could very well be happening right there in your neighborhood. It could be happening to one of your classmates, your co-workers or your neighbors. It could happen to you, as the song says, "There but for fortune, go you, or I."

The story of Keri's life might have turned out even worse than it was, had it not been for the people who cared enough to step in and begin proceedings to prosecute her abuser. The man was eventually sent to trial and sentenced to jail for sexual assault of a minor.

There were many incidents that were too graphic to print here, but Keri survived, somehow...

The couple she trusted with her story eventually got custody of Keri. She still stays in touch with them and credits them with saving her from a terrible, unthinkable situation.

Although her life took a turn for the better at that point, it hasn't been an easy road for her. "I still don't sleep very well," she confessed. "I wake up about every two hours. I worry a lot, and am afraid about my children getting sick in the middle of the night. I still have horrible dreams of things that happened, of things that could happen, it's sort of like night terrors, I guess."

Most of us can only shake our heads at a story like Keri's, thanking God that we never had to live that life...but for those who live it, it is like being in a prison of the mind, where you are trapped but people only see what you show them on the outside. You might not be bruised and bleeding outwardly, but you are wounded just the same.

As time passed, Keri became caregiver to the couple whom she credits with giving her hope for a brighter tomorrow.

"I was raised by grandparents, my mom wasn't round, and my dad wasn't in the right state of mind to raise children. That lady gave me hope to be a better person," she said with determination.

Keri was married the first time to a man who didn't find it convenient to work - that marriage didn't last long. She worked in an office and had to be there early in the mornings and would have to leave the children with her husband. "Basically, I was like a single mom with a live-in babysitter," she said ironically.

They had a daughter, who is 12 now. She also has a son who is 11, and has some problems in school, mainly caused by dyslexia and some other health problems.

Between then and now, the road has been rocky. Understandably, Keri has trouble with intimacy and trust issues and is always wary of life, even when everything is going well.

She once won $2,000 in the Tennessee lottery, paid off everything they owed and then before long, found herself even deeper in debt. "We took a lot of things for granted," she admitted. "After that, I started buying our clothes and other things we needed at yard sales, and often would buy for other people when I saw a good bargain and knew of someone who might need that item."

Often Keri would fill her van with odds and ends and clothes and drive to Cullman where she donated the items to a shelter. Sometimes she took food from her own pantry to donate to others having a hard time.

She'd been there and she felt compassion for those who found themselves in a bad patch. Her heart was in the right place, but it landed her in the same situation as those she was trying to help.

Her job as a home health aide also brought out her caring side. She formed deep and lasting attachments to the patients she worked with and their families.

That nurturing part of her personality, which was absent for much of her childhood, came out as she helped to care for those who couldn't care for themselves any longer.

Presently, Keri is married to her husband of five years. The couple has a combined family which includes a total of five children. Together, they have a 5-year-old daughter.

"About eight months ago, my husband got a message on Facebook saying that his children from a former marriage wanted to reunite with him. We met with them and as a result of that meeting the boys are a part of our family now."

Keri's husband had a hard time growing up, much like she did. They know the value of family and want to make theirs a strong one. "He never knew his dad," said Keri.

"He never could get much information out of his family about him, but we did know his name, and in 2015, we found out where he was and contacted him. We didn't hear anything for a long time, then, about two months ago, when we finally made contact."

Not long ago, both Keri and her husband lost their jobs. They have found employment now, but during the time they were out of work, they got in a financial bind and lost their home.

The foreclosure was devastating for her. Her insecurities multiplied a thousand -fold. She never had much, and now she was losing that... "I need to get our belongings out of the trailer that is being repossessed, but I might not be able to do that," she said, worried more about her children than herself.

Part 5 of "There but for fortune: a mother's story" will be published next week, in the March 2 edition of The Tribune.

Disaster prep: timely tips

Dave Robinson
Contributor

Of the many (mostly lame) excuses I hear for not prepping, one of the most common is that it takes too much time. Now I won't mislead you. There is some time involved. It also takes some thought, some effort, some planning and some expense. But there are plenty of things you can do that will get you going in your preparations, that won't take up much time. This week's column will give you some simple tips that take little time but are invaluable in the event of a disaster.

- **Tip #1:** Purchase a notebook for accumulating information, phone numbers, insurance policies, and the like for reference in case of an emergency. Either that or store your information "on the cloud" and you can access it from any computer. Just remember that in a disaster, you may not be able to get online.
- **Tip #2:** Wash out some empty juice jugs. Swish a bit of bleach, rinse and fill with water for an emergency. Be sure to date them and refill after a year. Another idea is to put some of these (not quite full) in your freezer so when you lose power you can transfer certain items to an ice chest and the frozen jugs will keep things cool for a few days. Then when the ice melts, you can still drink the water.
- **Tip #3:** Discuss with the rest of the family where you will meet up after a disaster. Pick three or four locations and play "what if."
- **Tip #4:** Choose an out-of-state relative with whom you can relay messages if necessary. Often it is easier to get a message out-of-state than it is to get connected locally.
- **Tip #5:** Pick up a few extra canned goods each time you visit the grocery store.

Individually these tips take very little time. So set aside five minutes each day and start checking off items on your list.

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Holiday (from Front)

sustained. The second was rated an F1 and traveled 1 mile, damaging trees and at least one mobile home. No injuries or fatalities were reported from either of these tornadoes.

Alabama will hold its sixth annual severe weather preparedness tax holiday, starting Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. and ending Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 at midnight, giving shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain severe weather preparedness items free of state sales tax.

The City of Cullman and Cullman County will also waive taxes for the holiday, meaning consumers can save 10 percent on certain items.

According to the Alabama Retail Association, the tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:

- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include: Coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors. Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax-free. See: https://alabamaretail.org/news/2017-severe-weather-tax-holiday.

For a full list of tax-free items and participating cities and counties, go to: https://alabamaretail.org/resources/salestaxholidays/severe-weather-preparedness.

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