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Girl Scout troop forming in Colony, looking for members

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COLONY – Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama (GSNCA) is looking for a few good girls... around Colony. The closest troop to the community is located in Good Hope, a fair distance. Parents of girls who want to be scouts may have difficulty making the commute. The Scouts hope to solve that problem.

Kim Searcy, recruitment and community engagement specialist for GSNCA, came to the Colony Town Council meeting Feb. 28 to present a plan to establish a new troop in the town.

Her first order of business is to determine the level of interest in the area, so she's putting out the word.

"There's just not a P4

Candlelight prayer vigil for Claire "Bear" Byars and family March 25



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Two-year-old Claire suffers from a rare cancer that has her living long-term at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. **P16**



Sheriff Matt Gentry CCSO

Don't miss Coffee with the Sheriff

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – Cullman County residents are invited to join Sheriff Matt Gentry and deputies from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office during the month of March for coffee to discuss issues that may be occurring in their communities. Citizens can come by just to chat and have coffee, to get an update on law enforcement activities in their communities or to ask any questions they may have. **P9**

Cullman Regional to host colon cancer awareness seminar

Meredith Easterwood
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Early diagnosis can often lead to a complete cure of colon cancer.

Cullman Regional is hosting a Colon Cancer Awareness Seminar on Thursday, March 16.

Join surgeon, Dr. William E. Smith as he discusses colon cancer awareness and provides information on how, with proper screening, colon cancer can be detected before symptoms develop, when it is most curable.

This lunch-and-learn program will be held in Cullman Regional's Colonel Cullman Room in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building 2- 1912 Alabama Highway 157 E Cullman, AL 35058.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cost of the program is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others. Call 256-735-5600 to register.

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Job readiness workshops to be held prior to huge job fair

Tara Hutchison
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HUNTSVILLE – The Alabama Career Center System will host a series of job readiness workshops beginning Friday, March 10 and continuing through Thursday, March 16 at Career Centers and other locations located throughout the Huntsville area.

Staff from several area Career Centers will conduct the three to four-hour training, which will cover such topics as résumé preparation, interview skills, how to "dress for success," and soft skills such as timeliness and proper communication skills. Workshop participants will receive a Certificate of Participation that they can present to employers at the job fair. Veteran specific training will be provided.

The workshop is free and open to all who are interested, but registration is strongly encouraged.

Workshops will be held in Huntsville, Decatur and Cullman on Friday, March 10.

Workshops will be held in Sheffield on Tuesday, March 14, in Rainsville on Wednesday, March 15 and in Albertville on Thursday, March 16.

The workshop is to help area jobseekers prepare for a regional job fair to be held in Huntsville on March 21 at the Von Braun Center.

The job fair is being sponsored by the Alabama Career Center System / Department of Labor, WAFF News and the City of Huntsville.

"We're glad to be able help local jobseekers polish their skills so that they will be more marketable to employers," said Fitzgerald Washington, secretary of the Alabama Department of Labor. "The first impression is so important when looking for a job, and these workshops will help jobseekers prepare to make a great one!"

Employers looking to participate in the job fair and jobseekers looking to attend can register online at www.labor.alabama.gov/jobfair.

The job readiness workshop and the regional job fair are part of the efforts of the Alabama Workforce Council to foster collaboration between government, industry and education.

The Region 1 Council is made up of the following counties: Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Marion, Limestone, Lawrence, Winston, Madison, Morgan, Cullman, Jackson, Marshall and DeKalb.

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256.383.5610

HUNTSVILLE
Friday, March 10
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2535 Sparkman Dr. NW, Huntsville
256.851.0537

RAINSVILLE
Wednesday, March 15
1 - 430 pm
Tom Bevill Center
115 Main St. West, Rainsville
256.845.2900

TANNER
Friday, March 10
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Robotics Technology Park
6505 U.S. Highway 31, Tanner
256.355.0142

ALBERTVILLE
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2 men charged, 1 with attempted murder, after hitting, dragging CCSO sergeant with car

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CULLMAN – Two men are facing charges after an incident Saturday in which Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Sgt. Daniel Cummings was hit and dragged by a vehicle, according to the CCSO.

Caleb Dennison Alexander, 20, of Lacey's Spring, the driver of the vehicle, has been charged with attempted murder of a police officer, first-degree receiving stolen property, second-degree domestic violence and second-degree escape. He was also charged with failure to appear (FTA) on previous charges of two counts of first-degree theft of property and third-degree burglary.

Alexander is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center without bond.

A passenger in the vehicle, Phillip Chad Pope, 22, of Cullman, has been charged with first-degree receiving stolen property. He is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $30,000 bond.

The incident unfolded on Saturday when Cummings pulled the suspects over on Stewart Road in Good Hope.

"Sgt. Cummings was responding to a call," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. "After he pulled the suspects over and made contact, the suspects drove off, hitting Sgt. Cummings and dragging him underneath the vehicle."

Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), CCSO deputies and Cullman City Police officers gave chase, and the suspects were apprehended a short time later near the National Guard armory in Cullman.

Cummings sustained minor injuries, including bruises and scrapes. He was treated and released from Cullman Regional.

"I'd like to commend Sgt. Cummings for the job he did," said Gentry. "I'd also like to commend the state officers, deputies and city police. They responded very quickly."



Left: Alexander; Right: Pope CCSO

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Cullman Planning Commission reviews and approves proposed site plan for Academy Sports

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CULLMAN – On Monday afternoon, the City of Cullman Planning Commission met at Cullman City Hall, with four topics on its agenda, including a proposed site plan for the long-rumored Academy Sports + Outdoors store.

Academy Sports + Outdoors- 63,000-square-foot facility at 1807 Cherokee Ave. SW. That's just behind the ALDI grocery store.

Tim Hodes, representing Academy Sports, addressed the commission and answered questions about the property layout and design. Responding to concerns about the removal of a small berm on the site (with possible impact on landscaping and drainage), he explained that the area will be landscaped. Staffers from the public works department, as well as Mayor Woody Jacobs, spoke up to say that the issue with the berm had been studied, and was not as crucial a matter as originally assumed, and that the change would have no detrimental effect on the site or area around it.

The commission also pointed out that no valid survey has been submitted to show the exact location of the building. The survey that was submitted would have been valid, except for the lack of a surveyor's stamp/seal that is required by the state. The developer must have that survey stamped and resubmitted.

Questions were also raised about a street the developers have said they will build. The lane between Aldi and the store site, which is currently used to access parking, has been proposed for modification into a street by improvements including paving, paid for by the developer.

Jacobs said that City personnel have visited the site and taken borings that show that, with the proposed improvements, the lane can be made into an acceptable street. The street development, according to the commission, will also need to include a turnaround for emergency vehicles in the form of a cul de sac or t-shaped "hammerhead." The commission and Public Works Department both expressed a preference for a cul de sac, based on safety concerns, but the final design will depend on conclusions about the potential impact of the larger cul de sac on other site features like a drainage pond. Commissioners also pointed out that the site design will have to include sidewalks, if the lane is developed as a street.

A motion was made to approve the site plan, contingent on the stated issues being properly resolved, and passed unanimously.

223 Second Ave. SE

A request was brought to revise a previous site plan for development of a former bank property at 223 Second Ave. SE. The revision would add three drive-through teller lanes in the covered parking lot. With no negative issues recognized by any city department, the revision was approved.

Storm-water piping change on Patriot's Way Southwest: Milo's

Drinkard Development requested a change to its plan for the Patriot's Way site where Milo's is to be built. The company had originally included stormwater drainage in its plan, without knowing that the site already had piping in place. The request to omit the drainage from the Drinkard plan and use existing city drainage passed.

Conditional use request for 1877 Cherokee Ave. SW as a physical therapy clinic

A conditional use request to develop a site at 1877 Cherokee Ave. SW as a physical therapy clinic was reviewed. No negative issues were noted, and commission members pointed out that other medical services are offered in the near vicinity. The request was approved.

Holly Pond Town Council talks infrastructure

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HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond Town Council met Monday evening, with infrastructure on the agenda: roads, town boundaries, water and sewers.

Streets Committee Chair Councilwoman Carla Hart brought a motion to have Wesley Avenue striped from Highway 278 to the town limit, as several motorists have reported having trouble seeing the edges of the road at night. That motion passed.

Hart also noted that town limit signs are missing, leading to a lengthy discussion about just where the limits are. Town Attorney Dan Willingham presented a recent map showing currently known in-town and annexed properties. He admitted that the map could be incomplete, and discussion was tabled for more study.

Public Safety Chair Councilman Paul Brown reported that the town's ISO rating has dropped from 7 to 5. As lower scores are better, this is good news that could result in lower homeowners' insurance rates for town residents.

Parks and Recreation Chair Councilwoman Michelle Bell reported the 155 kids are currently enrolled in spring ball programs, and she commended town workers for repairs to lights at the town's ball fields.

Mayor Bill Oliver reported that one of two pumps is out at the town's water plant, and that the price quote on replacement parts was double what was expected. The council took no action, but the report led to a discussion of other water-related issues. Willingham recommended that the council adopt a comprehensive ordinance to cover sewers, drainage and water treatment. Oliver asked Willingham to bring more information.

The mayor then gave an additional report on roads, saying that town workers have surveyed area roads to be prepared to move swiftly after potential infrastructure funding that might become available from the federal government.

He singled out Turkey Hop Road as possibly the worst road in the area, noting that repair estimates on that road run from $15,000 to $30,000; no repairs are currently planned.

Alan Murphy of the Holly Pond Library Board brought a request that the council approve extended hours for the library, to make it a full-time facility. If approved, the hours will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday. The council agreed to consider the matter, but no action was taken.

Oliver then brought a request that the May 1 council meeting be moved to Tuesday, May 2, so as not to conflict with children's activities taking place at the library on the regular meeting day. The council informally agreed.

Lastly, the council voted to extend the hours for city maintenance man Rodney Hays by 5 hours during the summer months, to allow for extra maintenance work around town. The extension will take effect at the end of the school year, since Hays drives a Holly Pond school bus until then.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets the first Monday evening of each month, at 7 p.m. in the Guy Hunt Library conference room. The public is invited to attend.

Fairview council weighs costs of park maintenance, talks new senior center

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FAIRVIEW – With the weather warming up and spring sports starting back, the Fairview Town Council is planning ahead for future maintenance of the community park. After the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, Mayor Keith Henry welcomed the meeting's guests. One guest, Kenny Brockman, offered his services for mowing and upkeep of the park. After a brief discussion of what actions would need to be taken and which ball fields needed maintenance, Brockman offered a price of $325 per cutting for four fields.

The discussion continued as the council considered what they spent on mowing costs last year - including gas and mower repairs - and what areas were regularly mowed. As talks of the park went on, the conversation gradually moved to considering various prices for leasing land for hay.

Council members talked about which rates would help them make the most money when they rented out land to people for hay, and after a while the conversation was steered back to mowing companies for the park. Henry said that he already had someone in mind to hire, but it depended on whether or not the town could afford his rate of $20 per hour. There was talk of negotiating the rate down to $18 per hour, but the council still agreed to see if the town could afford it or if they would need to hold interviews to find the company with the best prices.

The first order under old business was an update on the new senior center being constructed. Henry said there will be a meeting sometime this week for the final inspection of the center, which should be open within the next few months.

After that, the council talked about property for sale beside the Brandin' Iron restaurant, which the restaurant owner plans to purchase in order to open another business. Henry said that it will be another month or two before the business plans and blueprints are finalized enough to present to the council, but the basic idea is a fitness gym which will be divided into men's and women's sides.

Various park updates discussed included new lights arriving today (Monday) and the purchase of 30-year shingles for the concessions stand roof.

The last order of old business regarded the property being sold by Ms. Jean Bailey.

She has been working with her lawyer to get a good price on the property, and the council agreed to wait as long as she needs to get the estimate. The general consensus of the council was that the Bailey Trailer Court would be a tremendous benefit to the community, as the land could be cleared of trailers and used as a parking area for the community park. There was also a suggestion of putting a storm shelter there when the opportunity becomes available.

The last thing discussed was new business, which had only one motion made. Last month, the council voted not to pursue the storm shelter project because they couldn't match the grant money, and this month they needed to vote to formally adopt a resolution to take the shelter out of their project budget. The resolution passed and, after motioning to pay the bills, the meeting adjourned.

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Former Good Hope standout Kayla Tillman named to Southern States Conference all-tournament team

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FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

MONTGOMERY – Former Good Hope standout Kayla Tillman shined for Faulkner University, getting the no. 6 seed Lady Eagles to the semifinals of the Southern States Athletic Conference Tournament over the weekend at the Cramton Bowl Multiplex facility.

Tillman scored a game high 21 points, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send Faulkner to the conference semifinals by a 73-72 overtime victory against Martin Methodist.

Tillman was deadly from three-point range in the quarterfinal, hitting 7-of-9.

The junior tied the game at the end of regulation with a three and then stayed hot in the overtime to complete an upset of the no. 3 seed Red Hawks.

That performance by Tillman propelled her to the all-tournament team.

Faulkner was eliminated by Bethel in the semifinals 66-46.

The Lady Eagles concluded the season at 19 wins, 13 losses. Faulkner was 10-10 in conference play and had a 13-3 record in games played on its campus.

Tillman ranked 13th in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) in 3-point field goals made this season, with 78.

She was 20th nationally in 3-point field goals per game with three.

Tillman tossed in 305 points during the season, a 9.5 average, and has accumulated 719 in her career, with one season remaining for her at the school in Montgomery.

Faulkner will look to have another strong ball club for 2017-18, despite losing four seniors to graduation.

Tillman will be the top scorer back for next season with plenty of depth coming from former Wallace State standout Hannah Vest, sophomore Chelsea Burt, senior Brandy Alley and former Hartselle standout Kayla Key.

Baileyton mourns loss of Councilman Walker Mead

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BAILEYTON – The Baileyton Town Council met this week, with one notable absence. The council and the town of Baileyton are mourning the loss of Councilman Walker Mead, who recently lost his battle with cancer. The remainder of Mead's salary will be given to his surviving family immediately to aid them in their time of need. (Look for a full profile on Mr. Mead this week at www.cullmansense.com.)

The council will nominate an individual to fill Council Place 1 for the remainder of the term on Friday, March 10 at 5 p.m.

In old business, the council discussed the purchase of three baseball plates for the upcoming youth baseball season. Each plate is estimated to cost $75; however, the council expects the plates to last many seasons.

The town sold a Blazer on GovDeals.com for a net gain of $832.50.

"We are truly blessed," commented Mayor Johnny Dyar. This is the first time that the town has sold a vehicle, and they don't expect any issues to arise from the sale. The town wishes to soon list a Ford Expedition on GovDeals.com, and passed a motion to list the truck at a minimum biding price of $4,000.

Regarding to renting the town hall basement, the council banned an individual in January from renting the premises due to damage done to the basement when the individual last rented in December; however, the individual requested that they be allowed to rent in the near future.

This caused quite a debate among the council and numerous citizens of the town that care deeply about the health and safety of the town hall. The council voted to draft a rental contract since there was none in place prior to the damage done in December to address any possible damages.

Among the possible solutions, the council discussed adding a deposit to the $35 fee of renting the basement for an event; however, the exact amount hasn't been set.

In new business, the council approved the purchase of new countertops for the concession stand at the baseball field. It was bought to the council's attention that the heat generated from various cooking appliances caused the paint to chip off the counter which is a health violation, according to the health department.

Also regarding the upcoming baseball season, Dyar reviewed the new Dizzy Dean pitching rules which will only allow a youth pitcher to throw 35 pitches in a game with a 48-hour resting period before they can pitch again. This has caused the town to revise when, and how many, games they wish to schedule once baseball season begins. The maximum amount of games allowed in a season is 24 to 26, depending on the age of the youth group.

The medical clinic building is still available for rent, in hopes that a doctor or a nurse practitioner will locate their practice in the town. The building is in superb condition, according to council members, and anyone interested may call the town clerk at 256-796-6447 Monday-Friday from noon-7 p.m.

In other news, Dyar, as President of the Cullman County Mayors and Commissioners Association, will be traveling to Montgomery with Mayors Kenneth Nail of Hanceville, Jerry Bartlett of Good Hope and Kenneth Kilgo of West Point to lobby about the governor's proposed elimination of the sales tax on groceries and pharmacy items. Dyar did not confirm the association's position on the proposed changes, but commented, "The taxes mean a lot of money to small towns."

Dyar announced his ambition to run for the East Cullman Water Board. "Someone from this end of the county needs to be on the East Cullman Water Board; someone needs to bring the issue up... people on fixed incomes cannot afford an increase to their water bill." Dyar says he fears a monumental increase in water bill prices in the coming years without someone who is willing to represent those who simply cannot afford an increase.

The Baileyton Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Scouts (from Front)

lot of girls that come from this side of the county," said Searcy, "and I want to make sure that I can reach them."

In the next few weeks, she will also be visiting Hanceville, Dodge City and Cold Springs.

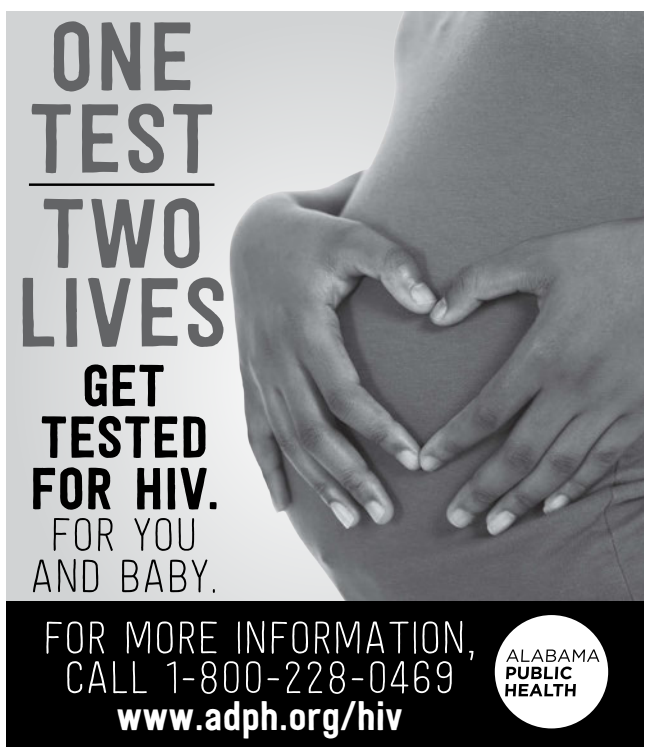
The initial target group for recruitment will be girls in kindergarten through the fifth grade.

Searcy says she wants to hear from older girls as well, and they will be developed as leaders to help teach younger girls.

If you live in the Colony area (not just in the town), and are the parent of a girl who might be interested in joining the Girl Scouts, you can contact Kim Searcy at ksearcy@girlscoutsnca.org or call 800-734-4541, ext. 1006.

For more information on the Girl Scouts, visit www.girlscoutsnca.org.

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Harmony School getting ready for spring in outdoor classroom

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LOGAN – Harmony School will be holding an Outdoor Classroom Workday on Tuesday, Mar. 24. Students, parents, faculty and community volunteers will be building pollinator and butterfly gardens, planting native plants and trees, establishing a berry patch and working on raised beds. They will also be constructing a sensory garden with plants and herbs that will provide multi-sensory experiences of sight, touch and smell.

A weather station, information kiosk and cardinal direction sign will also be built.

Workers will take shifts throughout the school day, from 8 a.m. until around 2:30 p.m.

The Outdoor Classroom Program is a cooperative effort between the Alabama Wildlife Federation, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Harmony's outdoor classroom (as well as those at several other area schools) was built with assistance from the North Alabama Agriplex.

The Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program works with schools to provide hands-on, outdoor learning opportunities that allow students of all ages to utilize multiple-disciplinary skills in a fun and exciting environment.

At present, more than 300 schools (as of 2016) across Alabama are developing outdoor classroom sites through the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program.

According to Harmony's librarian and outdoor classroom teacher Lea Scott, "The goal for our outdoor classroom site is to provide hands-on learning stations where students observe insects, birds and reptiles as well as grow edible crops and learn about nutrition. The gardens will provide a natural lab for our outdoor classroom site where students will participate in hands-on, real-world activities as they study the micro-ecosystems they've created.

"In addition, the flowers, plants, shrubs, trees and water areas will provide valuable food, shelter and water as wildlife habitat for local wildlife."

Regional school archery tournament coming to Hanceville High School March 16-17

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HANCEVILLE – On Mar. 16-17, Hanceville High School will host a National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) regional archery tournament. Competition will run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days, with awards given out at the close of the tournament on the 17th. Cullman City Parks and Recreation will host its own NASP/ASA competition concurrently at Hanceville Middle School; that event will be open to all competitors.

Launched in 2002, NASP uses archery to promote discipline, attention, listening, development of motor skills, and development of/appreciation for outdoor activities and skills. The program is offered through schools and homeschool associations. To create and maintain a level playing field (to keep affluent schools and competitors from dominating tournaments with fancy equipment), all competitors use the same type of bow and arrows: draw length and draw weight can be slightly adjusted on the lightweight compound bows; but no counter-weights, sights or mechanical devices can be added to the basic off-the-shelf setup of the bow.

In a press release, Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Regional Hunter Education Coordinator Stuart Goldsby shared: "From day one, Cullman County has been host for this Regional beginning with Good Hope H.S. The only regional in the state to rotate among participating schools within your Districts, West Point hosted last year, Hanceville H.S is this year's host, Cullman's East Elementary will host next year with Holly Pond to follow. We also have many Private and Home School participants in the area to participate.

One of only 9 regionals, Hanceville will host schools from all over Northcentral Alabama with over 600 High, Middle, and Elementary participants and families attending.

This year the NASP Bullseye tournament will be held in the Hanceville H.S. gymnasium. Cullman City Parks and Recreation will be hosting a NASP/ASA 3-D tournament in the M.S. gymnasium. Alabama Army National Guard will attend with their METS team and interactive Climbing Wall. We also have Jeh Jeh Pruitt, FOX 6's Good Day Alabama, broadcasting live morning of the 16th.

A recognized activity by Alabama State Board of Education, over 400 NASP schools state wide will program archery for 50,000 students this year. Many will go beyond the classroom to represent Alabama in Louisville, Kentucky. for national honors, participate in park and recreation programs, and local tournaments state wide. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is proud to be the sponsor of this program changing lives one arrow at a time and we look forward to seeing you there."

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Fairview Alumni Association drawdown set for March 18

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FAIRVIEW – Mark your calendars for March 18. That's when, in the Fairview High School lunchroom, the $10,000 Fairview Alumni Association Drawdown will take place. The event will get underway with a meal at 5 p.m., with the drawing at 6 p.m.

The event, which is the association's largest annual fundraiser, raises money for the five scholarships that the association awards to deserving students from Fairview High School.

The drawdown is led by Alumni Association President Mark West.

There are only 250 tickets sold to the event each year, and there are still some available.

"And you do not have to be present to win," said West.

"They have been doing this since the 1980s, and we are currently helping about 16 students pay for college," West explained.

The association doles out five scholarships each year. Three of the awards are 4-year, $1,000 per-year awards, and the other two are $1,000 per-year scholarships for students attending a trade school.

"We select the winners of the scholarships based on the results of the scholarship application," West said. "This takes into consideration the applicant's test scores, their GPA and their actual financial need. All of that is added up and scored by volunteers from the Fairview High School faculty, and the scholarships go to the students with the highest scores."

While the drawdown helps supply the scholarship fund with money, a percentage of the cash raised during the event also goes back to the school to help with other needs around campus.

According to West, the funds are dispersed throughout the elementary, middle and high school, to help tackle needed projects. "Last year some of the money was used to help replace the curtains that had become too old," he said.

To purchase a ticket to the upcoming event, which cost $100 each, contact Mark West at 256-347-5996. Or call Sherrie Hunter at 256-339-2202.

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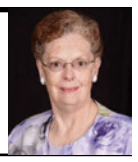
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning *Tribune* readers and families. Welcome to the first week of March that "came in like a lion." Usually we have severe weather conditions during this month, and Tuesday of the past week did give us a little bit of a scare. I think we missed the worst part of the storms. Thank goodness.

Congratulations to the Broncos for participating in the state basketball tournament. We continue to be very proud of these fine young men. Sadly, they were eliminated in the first round by Midfield, who went on to become the state champions.

Now it is on to the springtime sports including volleyball for the girls, soccer, softball and baseball seasons, etc. This is also the beginning of "March Madness" for college basketball teams across the nation. I have seen some very good Southeastern Conference Girls games this past week.

This also marks the beginning of the Vidalia onions sales sponsored by the local Civitan clubs across our area. I know that Holly Pond, Cullman and Hanceville Civitan Clubs are gearing up for the push of sales. These wonderful, sweet onions are only $10 for a 10-pound bag. Civitan clubs in our district have the onions delivered directly from the farm in Georgia so they are very fresh.

Deadline for onion sales is April 24th with delivery around the first week of May, depending on weather conditions and when they can get them out of the ground and packaged for sale. If you would like to purchase a bag, you can call me at 256-796-2876 in Holly Pond or any Civitan member. I would gladly like to get some to you.

Speaking of Civitan news, last Tuesday night was the program meeting for our club. We had a most interesting speaker, Mrs. Heather Sinyard, who presented a most interesting talk on beekeeping. She brought some of her bees to show us and told us about the different stages they were in. Mrs. Kay Stewart oversaw this program. Heather is also a hairdresser in Cullman, is a Mother, and shows her bees around various places. She presented a most interesting program and it was very informative.

Club members in attendance included: Bill and Sharon Oliver, Walt and Judy Floyd, Carla Hart, Tammy Baker, Lyndell House, Lynn Jetton, Kay Stewart and Jimmie Dean Carnell.

A few of the club members were unable to attend due to going to Holly Pond Funeral Home for the visitation for Mr. Donald Chambers. Don was buried on Wednesday in Holly Pond cemetery. Don was the husband of Rita Holcombe Chambers. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Holcombe. They lived on the New Hope Road from here. Rita is a very active member of the New Hope No.2 Baptist Church. Don was a former employee of the Pepsi Cola Company during his working years. Christian sympathy is extended to this family.

The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a luncheon on Wednesday, March 8th at the Col. Cullman Museum. Guest speaker was Amanda Roberson, with ALACARE Veteran Opportunities. Twelve members of the chapter are attending the DAR State Conference in Auburn, this weekend. They are Brenda Scott, Rhonda VanZandt, Athelia Gibbs, Donna Cornelius, Geraldine Farr, Peggy Day, Linda Schiger, Jane Neal, Pat Kahler, Belinda Kilgore, Jimmie Carnell and Judy Floyd.

Until next week, have a safe time and keep comfortable.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1936

The E.C. Kinney Store, at Blount Springs, was robbed of about $100.00 worth of flour, lard, etc. on Monday night.

The Cullman Ice Factory has been awarded the contract to ice all Fruit Growers Exchange Cars for this strawberry season. Heretofore the cars had been iced, either in Boyles or Decatur.

Mrs. R.J. Fuller announces the marriage of her daughter, Christine to James M. Smith, in Decatur, on December 28th, 1935.

Married on February 9th were Miss Velma Dean Taylor and Gerry Lynn.

Miss Gladys Tankersley is recovering from an appendectomy she underwent in Decatur, recently.

Mrs. Max Luther and little daughters, of Albertville, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Smith.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Baker, at Hulaco, burned on Wednesday night. Only a few furnishings were saved.

From The Files Of 1956

Cullman County Boy Scouts And Cubs; Will Celebrate 46th Anniversary

Twenty Boy Scouts and two Cub Packs of Cullman County are joining others over the nation in celebrating the 46th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, February 6th-12th.

Among special awards received by local people last year were Eagle Scout Award to Joe Hinkle and Edwin King, all of Troop 241; God and Country Awards to Charles Henkey, of Troop 219 and President's Streamer Award to Scoutmasters, Glenn Adderhold, Leon Poole and Reverend Edwin King.

District officers of the Scout movement here are: William H. Wachter, chairman, Wilfred Tucker, vice-chairman, W.J. Edwards, commissioner, J. Paul Martin, advance chairman, C.L. Burke, finance chairman, L.W. Yates and J.Y. Moultrie, organization and extension chairmen, Ed Turner, leadership training chairman and Carl Stiefelmeyer, Doctor Frank Stitt,

H.G. Turner and Virgil Fowler, members to the executive board television council.

The Boy Scout Troops are Troop 24, sponsored by Kiwanis Club, with Doctor Jack Vogel as representative and Jack Riley, Ralph Bland and Robert Stewart, troop committee. Reverend F.J. Mehrtens is Scoutmaster and Tom Hagan is assistant. Boys in the troop are Bobby Burnham, James Metz, Charles Rogers, Phillip Whitt, James Patterson, Robert Martin, Frank White, Eddy Paschal, Johnny Flowers, Billy Moody, Perry Nicholas, Keith Murphree, Alvin Russell, Joe Twilley and Jerry Wilson.

Troop 35, of Cullman, with West Methodist Church Men's Club as representative and L.D. Widner, D.A. Sharpton, Eulis King and P.G. Kilpatrick troop committee, Reverend Sammy Stabler as Scoutmaster and Gordon Wilcutt, assistant. Members of the troop are: George Stabler, L.D. Widner, Junior, Jerry Wilson, Alfred Parrish, Curtis Wilson and Harry Bain.

Troop 33, of Hanceville, with Marvin Ashwander as representative and Reverend Hubert Hunting, James Nail and C. Raper, troop committee and Jackie Morgan as Scoutmaster. Members of the troop are Bob Bland, Wayne Chappell, Sudduth Gibbs, Charles Cobb, Tommy Combs, Wallace Hestla, David Luna, Charles Nail, Vann Gibbs, Junior and Ray Nail, both explorers.

Troop 34, of Bolte, with Otto C. York as representative and Leroy West, William Leigeber, David Burnham, Troy Bontrager and Asple Leipert, troop committee and Junior Rigsby as Scoutmaster and Phillip McCain assistant. Members of the troop are Ronald Bontrager, Kenneth Leipert, Russell Rigsby, Doyle West and David York and Bertis Torrence and Charles York, both explorers.

Troop 45, of Garden City, with First Baptist Church as representative and J.M. Ray, John L. Folsom, L.N. Smith and Carthel Helms, troop committee and J.L. Milam as Scoutmaster. Members of the troop are Ronald Reid, Jimmy Ray, Steve Thomas, Ronald Cole, Jimmy French, David Chappell and Kelley Milam and Van Fowler, Charles Anderton and Harvey Helms, explorers.

Troop 98, of Crane Hill, with J.M. Mauldin as representative and Ray Brown, Adrain Pittman and J.T. Williams, troop committee and Marvin Key as Scoutmaster. Members of the troop are Wayne Williams, Gerald Campbell, Rayford Calvert and Terry Calvert.

Explorers are: Billy Calvert, Coleman Harris, Jay Mosely, Rayburn Williams, George Mauldin and Jack Kilgo.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

How Bubba Lost His Marbles

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I was still a little kid when Bubba, my older brother, lost his marbles. Well, actually, he didn't lose his marbles, I hid them. Oh, you thought I meant those marbles. No, no, he didn't go around the bend; his marbles went under our house – with a little help. I'm talking about real marbles. These were glass marbles that came in a variety of colors, and patterns, and had different names. Some were solid colored and some crystal clear. Some were called bumblebees, cat's eyes, comets, tri-lites and swirls, to mention a few.

Way before the invention of computerized games, kids played marbles. We collected them and traded them with our buddies. I still have a coffee can full of marbles, somewhere around the house.

We took pockets full of marbles to school so we could shoot them during recess. Mama allowed me to take mine, but she warned me that I had better come back home with the same amount. Mama did not believe in gambling in any shape, form, or fashion. She eventually learned to even make sure I brought back the same marbles. That's where the different colors and designs could cause problems!

Bubba had a much larger collection of marbles than I did. I know the Bible says we should not covet thy neighbor's house, wife, servant, ox, or donkey. He did not say anything about your brother's marbles. Okay, he did say anything that belongs to your neighbor, so that probably covers your brother's marbles too!

One day, perhaps by accident, or maybe not, I discovered that Bubba's marbles fit through a hole in our living room floor. There was a perfectly round hole, about an inch in diameter, over near the wall. I was amazed as Bubba's marbles mysteriously, almost magically, disappeared, right before my eyes, down that hole. I figured Bubba would not enjoy my trick, so I never demonstrated this for him. I think by that time in his life, he was more interested in a particular girl named Bobbie Sue than his marbles. He obviously, didn't notice his vanishing collection.

A few years later, I decided to crawl under our house and retrieve Bubba's marbles. We had a crawl space under there, but the further you went, the smaller the space got.

Before I reached the spot where the marbles rested, I thought I was stuck. Actually, I was not, because I eventually backed my way out, but I made a new discovery that day – panic attacks!

I envisioned someone finding my bones many years later and wondering who I was and what had happened to me. To this day I don't crawl under houses.

The old house is now empty and falling in. No one has lived in it since Mom passed away fifteen years ago. A couple of years ago, Bubba and I were cleaning up around the old house when we discovered the floor was falling in. Since more than half a century had passed since my crime, I figured I was safe to confess. We pulled back a few rotten boards, and even after all those years, there laid Bubba's marbles. Graciously, Bubba even gave the thief part of the treasure and he took a few for himself.

Jesus said we should not lay up for ourselves treasures on earth but in heaven. It seems that I laid up treasures under our house and we broke through the floor and found them. Honestly, those treasures are nothing more than cheap glass marbles. The real treasures are the ones laid up in heaven. They are eternal.

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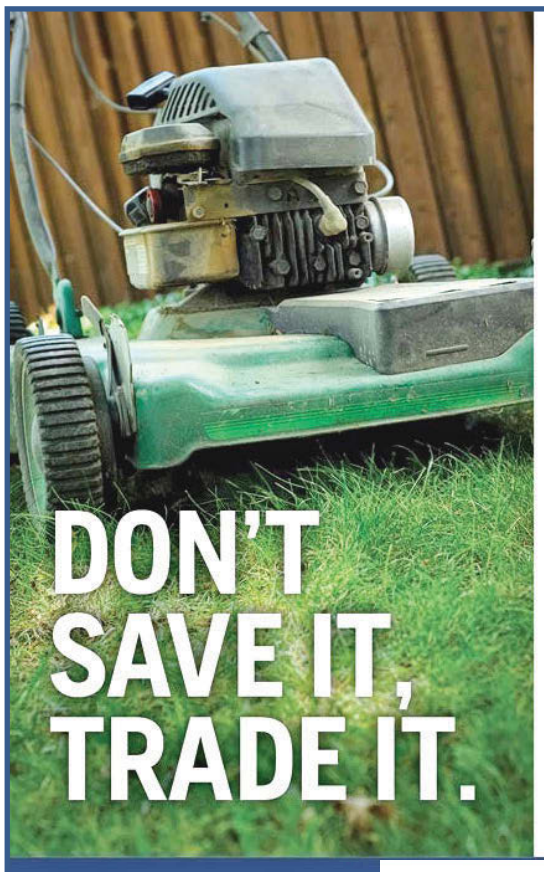
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PHARMACY TOPICS

by Eddy Hoenig

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

A team of researchers has discovered that aspirin use is associated with a significantly reduced risk of developing bile duct cancer, also called cholangiocarcinoma. The results are published in *Hepatology*. The study found that individuals who took aspirin had more than a two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half-fold lesser chance of developing bile duct cancer, compared to individuals who did not take aspirin. Bile duct cancer is an uncommon cancer that forms in the slender tubes (bile ducts) that carry digestive fluid through the liver. The disease occurs mostly in people over 50 and can cause symptoms, such as yellowing of the skin and eyes, intense itchiness of the skin and white stools. Bile duct cancer is an aggressive type of cancer that progresses quickly and is difficult to treat.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has warned about the risk for serious bleeding that comes with over-the-counter (OTC) aspirin-containing antacids for heartburn, acid indigestion and sour or upset stomach. It's not a new warning. In 2009, the FDA added the risk for serious bleeding to the labels of all OTC products, including antacids, that contain aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). However, the agency said in a news release today that it has received reports of eight serious bleeding events associated with aspirin-containing antacids since 2009. In each case, the patient landed in a hospital. Serious bleeding is more likely for patients who are older than 60 years of age; have a history of stomach ulcers or bleeding problems; take an anticoagulant or steroid medicine; take another drug containing an NSAID; or drink three or more alcoholic beverages each day. Consumers considering an OTC antacid should study the label to see whether it contains aspirin. There are OTC products without aspirin that also can relieve their stomach problems, the agency noted.

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Cullman's Lawson Schaffer makes an impact for Crimson Tide team

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TUSCALOOSA – Cullman native Lawson Schaffer may not get the same number of minutes with the University of Alabama, but that doesn't mean that the former Bearcat standout can't deliver in an impact situation.

In Alabama's final game of the regular season at Coleman Coliseum last week, Schaffer was inserted into the lineup in the first half. The sharpshooter connected on a 3-pointer that inspired the Tide to take the lead over Ole Miss by halftime, going on to top the Rebels 70-55.

His basket inspired the crowd and teammates; Ole Miss was never the same after Schaffer showed them what he could do in a clutch situation.

"That sparked us and got us going," teammate Dazon Ingram told The Tuscaloosa News after the game. "Lawson is a fan favorite and when he hit that three, the crowd went wild and got us all going."

Alabama coach Avery Johnson said earlier before the game he planned to put Schaffer into the lineup for the first half following a media timeout.

"I told them I was going to put Lawson into the game and this was no joke," Johnson remarked. "So I did. It didn't hurt us. He made the shot which was huge for us.

"So my Twitter page was going to blow up with people from Cullman telling me I should have done this all year."

The victory by Alabama propelled the Tide to a fifth-place overall record in the SEC with 10 wins in 18 games. An improvement from 2016 with the Tide optimistic of making a run into the tournament this week in Nashville, so they can continue well into the month of March.

Schaffer and the rest of his Bama teammates got additional exposure from the SEC Network as it aired "SEC Inside" on Saturday afternoon.

The network went behind the scenes with Alabama in its recent four-overtime win at South Carolina and followed the Tide on a workout Feb. 22, a day before they faced the University of Georgia at Coleman Coliseum.

Schaffer is well remembered for his days at Cullman High School as the Alabama Sportswriters Association Class 6A player of the year, a two-time all-state performer, Cullman High's all-time leading scorer with 1,997 points and MVP of the Mitch Smith Yuletide Classic his junior season.

Schaffer's popularity with the Alabama student body came into play in his freshman season, once the Tide entered their conference schedule.

"It's the craziest thing I've ever seen in my entire life," Schaffer said in an interview with AL.com in February of 2016. "It's not like I'm anything to cheer about. It's the weirdest thing. It's awesome at the same time because it makes you feel that you are part of something great."

The roar of the crowd on March 1 was loud as ever and the end result was Alabama getting control of the game and beating a very competitive Ole Miss team that is seeded a position behind the Tide, because of the Alabama triumph.

Schaffer and the Tide will play at Bridgestone Arena Thursday against the winner of the Mississippi State-LSU game. A victory sends the Tide to the quarterfinals with a matchup against No. 4 seed South Carolina.



CRIMSON TIDE/FACEBOOK

Schaffer takes advantage of the opportunity to come back to Cullman when he can during the season. He visited with the Tribune at the Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament on Thanksgiving night and reflected on the current status of being a member of ball club that competes in the ever-popular SEC.

For Schaffer, it's like a dream. A chance to put on a collegiate uniform and appear in venues like Rupp Arena, Thompson-Boling Arena, Auburn Arena, Stegeman Coliseum and the Pete Maravich Assembly Center is rewarding for a young man who blends the passion of the game into hard work every time he's out there for practice or a game situation.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 10
AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 12

WHEREAS, the owner of the property annexed by Ordinance No. 2014-12 did not request this annexation;

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman therefore did not have jurisdiction to annex this property;

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends Ordinance No. 2014-12 be rescinded and repealed;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2014-12 adopted by the City Council on the 27th day of May 2014 is hereby rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 27th day of February, 2017. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this the 27th day of February, 2017. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNIMPROVED COUNTY ROAD.

WHEREAS, Mallard Pointe Development, LLC, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission held a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, occurred once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Office Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, Mallard Pointe Development, LLC requested a vacation of a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A strip of land being in a part of the NE Quarter of the SW Quarter, in Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, as shown on the recorded map of Simpson Creek Circle View Subdivision, 2nd Addition, recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama at Map Book 7, Page 83, lying west of Lots 7 & 8 and bounded on the north and south by Cullman County Road #225, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the northeast corner of Lot 11 of said Simpson Creek Circle View Subdivision, 2nd Addition, said point being an open pipe(2"), and run N 89°09'03" W, along the north line of said Lot 11, a distance of 306.54', to a square tube(1"), the northwest corner of said Lot 11 and a point on the southeasterly right-of-way of Cullman County Road #225; thence S 19°51'57" W, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 47.45', to a square tube(1"); thence S 15°46'17" W, along said southeasterly right-of- way, a distance of 227.53', to a capped rebar(Smith); thence S 80°09'32" W, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 11.05', to the POINT OF BEGINNING of said right-of-way to be described and a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the left, with an arc length of 98.32', leaving said southeasterly right-of-way of County Road #225, with a radius of 153.19', with a chord bearing of S 12°33'59" E, with a chord length of 96.65'; thence S 30°57'13" E, a distance of 81.09', to a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the right, with an arc length of 93.60', with a radius of 182.20', with a chord bearing of S 12°09'46" E, with a chord length of 92.57'; thence S 02°33'13" W, a distance of 28.46', to an open pipe(2"), the northwestern most corner of said Lot 7 and a point on the northeasterly right-of-way of said County Road #225; thence N 39°29'41" W, along said northeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 62.64', to a capped rebar(Smith); thence S 84°12'47" W, along the northwesterly right-of-way of said County Road #225, a distance of 10.14'; thence N 05°38'00" W, leaving said right-of-way of said County Road #225, a distance of 16.94', to a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the left, with an arc length of 35.59', with a radius of 68.72', with a chord bearing of N 20°28'21" W, with a chord length of 35.20'; thence N 30°27'34" W, a distance of 92.59', to a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the right, with an arc length of 99.94', with a radius of 249.14', with a chord bearing of N 12°18'09" W, with a chord length of 99.27', to a point on the southeasterly right-of-way of said County Road #225; thence N 80°09'32" E, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 51.78', to the point of beginning.

SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS 0.31 ACRE OR 13394 SQ. FT. MORE OR LESS.

WHEREAS, an action was requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road.

WHEREAS, said resolution and notice was posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et. seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desired had an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. Public notice was posted a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of Resolution No. 2017-19 vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, was considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Cullman County Commission Office Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place a resolution was adopted on February 28, 2017, vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, which is hereby attached.

Dated this the 28th day of February, 2017.

BY: _____
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 775-4893

To The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish once no later than Fourteen (14) days after adoption of the February 28, 2017 Resolution: 2017-19.

Legal Notice

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

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2000 Chevrolet Cavalier VIN # 1G1JC1243Y7136250
2000 Chevrolet Blazer VIN # 1GNDT13WOY2185883
2000 Pontiac Grand Prix VIN # 1G2WP52KXYF171532
2012 Nissan Maxima VIN # 1N4BA41E55C805396

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on April 14, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

This vehicle will be auctioned at our Albertville, Alabama location, 9821 US Hwy 431:

2004 Chevrolet Corvette, Vin. #1G1YY22GX45114235

NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNIMPROVED COUNTY ROAD.

WHEREAS, John Bryant, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission held a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, occurred once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Office Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, John Bryant requested a vacation of a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A R.O.W. along an Unimproved County Road described as follows: Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, thence N 88°53'55" W 441.11 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the East R.O.W. of said road and the point of beginning, thence S 6°15'00"W 64.40 feet to a point on said East R.O.W., thence S 4°48'42" E 99.87 feet to a point on said East R.O.W., thence S 6°45'49" E 114.07 feet to a point on said East R.O.W., thence S 2°58'30" E 207.40 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the North R.O.W. of County Road 1082, thence S 73°17'55" W 31.07 feet along the North R.O.W. of County Road 1082 to an existing iron on the West R.O.W. of said Unimproved County Road, thence N 2°58'30" W 214.73 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of said road, thence N 6°47'50" W 112.08 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of said road, thence N 4°49'18" W 100.90 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of said road, thence N 26°12'55" W 75.73 feet to an existing iron on said West R.O.W., thence S 88°53'55" E 70.55 feet back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, an action was requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road.

WHEREAS, said resolution and notice was posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et. seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desired had an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. Public notice was posted a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of Resolution No. 2017-18 vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, was considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Cullman County Commission Office Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place a resolution was adopted on February 28, 2017, vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, which is hereby attached.

Dated this the 28th day of February, 2017.

BY: _____
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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 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
Clerk of Circuit Court

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2017-038

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WESLEY OWEN WEEKS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Donna Jo Oden and Wesley Owen Weeks Jr. on the 21st 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.

Donna Jo Oden and Wesley Owen Weeks Jr., Joint Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2016-298

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
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

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
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
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:

The West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of section 30, Township 9, Range 1 West, containing 20 acres, more or less, LESS & EXCEPT THAT PORTION HERETOFORE SOLD TO CARLTON JACOBS.

Also less and except the following:

A part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 9, Range 1 West, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said twenty acre tract; thence north a distance of 300 feet to the right of way of the Chumbley Road; thence continue north a distance of 480 feet to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed; thence continue north a distance of 510 feet; thence east along the north line of the twenty to the east line of the twenty; thence south a distance of 350 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of the Carlton Jacobs property; thence west a distance of 315 feet to a point; thence south 149 feet to a point thence west a distance of 335 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6 ½ acres, more or less. Also, an easement 20 feet wide on the west side of the twenty ACRE TRACT, LEADING NORTH from Chumbley Road to the point of beginning of the property hereinabove conveyed.

Also less and except the following:

A part of the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 9, Range 1 West, being more particularly described as follows:

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2017-048

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JERRY JACKSON LUCAS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Amy Lucas Smith on the 24th 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.

Amy Lucas Smith
Personal Representative

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

CLASSIFIEDS

AUCTIONS

TWO HEAVY Equipment Auctions - Number 1 - Saturday, Mar 18th, 9:30 AM. 279 Crescent Road, Blairsville, GA 30512; CAT, Komatsu, John Deere & Kubota, Trucks, Trailers, and more. Number 2 - Friday, March 24, 9:30 152 Godley Road, Port Wentworth (Savannah) 30147; New JCB Loader Backhoes, Rollers, Skid Steer Loaders, Diesel Engines & replacement parts. 1-678-673-9194. www.joeymartinauctioneers.com. GA2627.

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Weekly online news recap, Mar. 2 - 8

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

Sacred Heart UN-Gala: different clothes, same good cause

CULLMAN – On Saturday evening, Sacred Heart School (SHS) held its eighth annual Legacy Gala at Stone Bridge Farms' Browne Stone Centre. Previously a formal soiree, this year's event went casual, earning it the self-styled title of the "un-gala." While the wardrobe was a little easier, the cause was the same: to raise scholarship funds for SHS students. The school currently has 186 students enrolled in pre-K through the sixth grade. According to SHS Financial Manager Ron Gates, approximately 40 percent receive some type of scholarship.

Fun, learning and support for diabetic kids at Hope Horses, Inc.

CULLMAN – For the past few years, Camp Seale Harris has partnered with the Cullman Community Lions Club to put on a Family Fun Day for children with diabetes and their families. The event, along with most other events the camp puts on, aims to provide children and parents with a fun day together as well as education on diabetes and resources the families can turn to. This year's event was held at Hope Horses, Inc., a nonprofit that provides therapeutic riding opportunities to children and adults with special needs.

The Link of Cullman celebrates five years of service, new facility

CULLMAN – Seven years ago, Dawn Owens felt a calling to serve the needy in the Cullman community. She met with various people and groups around the area, and the eventual result was The Link of Cullman County. This week, the organization celebrated five years of service by moving into a new and more spacious facility located at 708 Ninth St. SE in Cullman. On Thursday, the Link held an open house at its new home, followed by a fundraising silent auction and dinner.

Cullman kicks off Alabama bicentennial celebration

CULLMAN – Choirs sang and bands played as the city of Cullman officially kicked off its observance of the 200th anniversary of Alabama statehood, during a ceremony at the Cullman Depot Friday afternoon. This day was chosen, since it was on March 3, 1817 that the U.S. Congress passed the act that would lead to the creation of the Alabama Territory.

Jacobs proclaims March MS Awareness Month in city of Cullman

CULLMAN – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Friday proclaimed the month of March 2017 "MS Awareness Month" in the city of Cullman. The proclamation was presented at the office of Dr. Christopher Laganke, North Central Neuology. Laganke has long been a strong supporter of muscular sclerosis research. On hand to accept the proclamation from Jacobs were Laganke, Sheila M. Edwards, Lynn Harris, Ron Seybold, Ann Nuss, Rachel Bryant and Summer Breakow.

Colony hosts National Weather Service Skywarn storm spotter class

COLONY – When the news or your weather radio warns you that bad weather is happening where you are, those alerts aren't just based on people looking at computer screens in Huntsville. The National Weather Service (NWS) Huntsville office does have computer screens full of various images from its radar station, but radar can only go so far and can only show so much. The NWS benefits greatly from "boots on the ground," or in this case, eyes on the sky, out in the areas where weather events are actually taking place.

Kids are the winners: Childhaven yard sale declared a success

CULLMAN – Childhaven's efforts to help its kids got a shot in the arm from its yard sale Friday and Saturday. Dr. Jim Wright, Childhaven executive director, said, "It's been a good couple of days; very good, actually. The community's been very responsive. I don't have a final count yet for certain, but it's going to be somewhere in the area of $2,300-$2,400. We've been very blessed. It's been a good thing." The funds from this sale will help pay for most of the 30 kids who live at Childhaven to go to Disney World this spring break. According to Wright, the group takes a trip to the mountains or beach most years; but once every five to 10 years, there will be a big trip to Disney World.

4th annual MHM Expo draws huge crowds

CULLMAN – For the fourth year in a row, the online Mothers Helping Mothers (MHM) community put on their annual expo in Cullman, this year at the Cullman Civic Center, to allow small business owners the chance to advertise and sell their wares. This year's expo had so many participants, the civic center auditorium was practically standing-room only. Along with local stores, stay-at-home parents who run their own business from home came to display their crafts and meet other people like them in the community. Founder of MHM, Tiffiney Crawford, said that the word "community" extends to all 8,500 women in the organization, not just the Cullman area. In fact, one woman has been driving from Florida for the past two years just to participate in this expo. MHM is an online support group for every mom out there, no matter where they're from or how old they are.



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Stars and Stripes Rodeo goes off without a hitch

CULLMAN – On Friday and Saturday evenings, the West Point Band Boosters presented the 34th Annual Ford IPRA Stars and Stripes Rodeo. Friday night mostly featured special activities for children and families, such as face painting and boiled peanuts, with the main event on Saturday night. The West Point FAA String Band set the mood for an old-fashioned rodeo. The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center was nearly full to capacity on Saturday night as more than 130 individuals competed in everything rodeo.

Lovell's homer carries Bearcats to 5-2 victory over James Clemens

CULLMAN – Owen Lovell belted a pitch over the left field fence for a 3-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning, lifting the Cullman Bearcats past the James Clemens Jets 5-2 at Bill Shelton Field Thursday evening. The home run from Lovell was the second by the Bearcats in the game and enabled Cullman to regain control of the contest, after they allowed James Clemens to tie the score in the top half of the sixth on a double and two errors.

Big innings fuel West Point win over Good Hope, 12-2

WEST POINT – The Warriors had the sticks going early and often versus Good Hope Friday afternoon, taking care of the Raiders in five innings. After David Doss sat the Raiders down in order to open the game, West Point went to work. Levi Allred led off the West Point half of the first with an infield single and quickly moved to second on a bad pickoff throw to first. The next Warrior struck out, bringing Christopher Martin to the plate where he promptly smashed an RBI double to score Allred.

Cullman edges James Clemens, 3-2, in Thursday night softball

CULLMAN – It was a cold one Thursday afternoon as the Cullman Lady Bearcats hosted the James Clemens Lady Jets. Offense was hard to come by for both sides, but Cullman scored two in the first and added one more in the third, which was more than enough for Olivia Schwaiger, who went the distance in the Lady 'Cats' 3-2 win.

West Point defeats Hanceville, 7-5, in error-filled game

HANCEVILLE – It was a back-and-forth game between the West Point Warriors and the Hanceville Bulldogs. There were eight errors in the game between both teams, but West Point overcame their sloppy defense by coming up big on offense late to defeat Hanceville, 7-5.

Cullman wipes out early deficit to run-rule Sparkman, 14-4

CULLMAN – A patient Cullman baseball team fought off an early four-run deficit to Sparkman, routing the Senators 14-4 Monday night at Bill Shelton Field. A seven-run sixth inning on seven hits, including Owen Lovell's second home run of the season, got the call over by the 10-run rule. Cullman avenged a 4-0 loss to Sparkman on Feb. 23 and has won six in a row.

That will do the (hat) trick; Abby Branham scores three in 5-1 Cullman win

CULLMAN – On a chilly Thursday night, the Cullman Lady Bearcats welcomed the Brewer Lady Patriots to Oliver Woodard Stadium for a little soccer action. From the opening kick-off to the final whistle it was all Cullman as they dominated the game, controlling the ball and keeping it on their half of the field for the majority of the match, dropping the Lady Patriots 5-1.

Fairview holds off Arab, 5-3, in Friday night baseball

FAIRVIEW – Offense was really tough to come by for both sides early on, but Fairview scored in the third and the sixth, and held off a last-inning rally by the Arab Knights to win, 5-3, on a cold Friday night at Fairview. It was a pitcher's duel early on between Arab's John Michael Boles and Fairview's Tyler Ball as they each retired the other side in the first two innings. Ball recorded three strikeouts through the first two innings.

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAR. 1 - 7

Funeral service for Debra Leah Hale, 61, passed away March 2. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Moss Service Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Funeral service for Kerry Wayne Evans, age 87 of Cullman, held March 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Patrick Egan, O.S.B. officiating; interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Evans passed away February 28 at his residence. He was born March 8, 1929 in Cullman to the late Charlie Gold and Eddie Aline Haynes Evans. He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Margaret V. Evans; and five great-grandchildren. Survivors include his wife Charlotte Schaffer Evans; daughters, Sarah Evans Barbadillo, Karen Evans Campbell and Carlene Evans Parris; sons, Everett C. Evans, Donald W. Evans and Carl V. Evans; 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service for Vickey Minor, age 48 of Cullman, held March 3 at Cullman Heritage Chapel. Rev. Truman Gable officiated; interment in Welcome Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Minor passed away March 1 in Blountsville, AL. She was born July 17, 1968 in Marshall County. She is preceded in death by her father, Edgar Minor; sister, Audrey Minor; step-father, Howard Martin; step-brother, Harold Martin; and two nephews, Michael Green and Josh Hankins. Survivors include her mother, Ithema Martin; two brothers, Aubrey (Kelly) Minor and Gary (Shelia) Minor; sister, Becky Nails; step-sister, Shelia (Phillip) Kelsoe; special friend, James McAnalley; special daughter, Kaydale (Luke) Floyd; grandchildren, Lanie and Trey Floyd; three nephews; one niece; and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Wilda C. Weaver Hyche, 93 of Cullman, held March 3 at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Cullman City Cemetery; Rev. Chuck Worley officiated. Mrs. Hyche was born May 11, 1921 in Jefferson Kansas to Orville and Laura Cox. She moved to Alabama in 1939. She retired in 1983 as assistant Vice President of the Federal Land Bank Assn. of Decatur. She was a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church and was active in Senior Adult Ministries. She preceded in death by her parents, husband; Richard Hyche a sister and a brother. Survivors include two sons; Larry (Martha) Weaver, Donald (Mary) Weaver, step-daughter; Janet (David) Hobbs, step-sons; Ricky (Bobbie) Hyche, Randy (Donna) Hyche, sixteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be grandsons.

Funeral service for Dennis James Brady, age 51 of Cullman, held March 4 at Cullman Heritage Chapel. Pastor Johnny Crompton officiated; interment in Warrior Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Brady passed away March 1 at his residence. He was born August 29, 1965 in Birmingham. He was a member of Iron Workers Local 92. He was an all-time Alabama fan and he could always put a smile on your face. He had such a tender soul and a heart of gold. Heaven definitely gained a wonderful angel. He will forever be missed and loved. He was preceded in death by his father, Pat Brady; grandparents, Homer and Ruth James; and brother, Malcolm Turner. Survivors include his mother, Verline James Reynolds; special friend, Angie Brady; brothers, Patrick (Cindy) Turner, Tim (Beverly) Turner, and Daryl (Tina) Brady; sister, Glendean (David) Moon; nieces and nephews, Alicia (Randy) Jennings, Misty (Keith) Hodges, Tifanie (Nic) Parker, Jeremy (Melanie) Turner, Alanna (Kevin) Twilley, Jaime (Richard) Stevens, Zachary Kelley, Shelly (Jason) Wilson, Breanna Brady, Elizabeth Brady, Joey Horton, Christina Mechaw; and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Robert Earl Pittman of Crane Hill Alabama passed away on March 3, 2017 at Cullman Regional Medical Center at the age of 87. He was born in Cullman on January 1, 1930 to James Homer and Lidia Paulene Bates Pittman. He served in The United States Army and he worked at Pemco, formerly Hayes Aircraft.He is preceded in death by his parents, Wife: Gusta Pittman, Brother: Wallace Pittman, Step-Son: Jerry Rollo. Funeral services held March 5 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel; Rev. Wayne Williams officiated. Interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are: Daughter: Shirley (Lee) Wingo, Brother: Frank (Shirley) Pittman, Step-Son: Cleo (Shelia) Rollo, Daughter-In-Law: Glenda Rollo, Seven Grandchildren and Eleven Great Grandchildren.

Funeral Mass for John Paulovich, 85 of Cullman, held Saturday March 5 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Cullman, AL. Mr. Paulovich passed away on March 1. He was born on April 5, 1931 to Joe and Sarah Paulovich of Selma, AL. He is a graduate of St. Bernard High School (class of 1948) and St. Bernard Jr. College (class of 1950). He served in the Air Force from 1950 to 1955. He also graduated from Gradwall in St. Louis, Missouri. He enjoyed his health professional career in Cullman working with Drs. Roy and R.E. Williams as well as many years of service in Birmingham working at Cooper Green Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Paulovich of 63 years, children; Sarah (David) Seymore, Joe (Karen) Paulovich, Lisa (Joey) Saia and Dan (Danza) Paulovich; four granddaughters; Katie (Simon) Ranelli, Sarah Beth Seymore, Payton Paulovich, and Gabrielle Saia. Great Grandsons Jackson Nix, Anthony and David Ranelli.

A celebration of life for Wallace Kay Barnett, 82 of Hanceville, held March 6 at East Side Baptist Church; Rev. Tony Tidwell and Rev. Ken Allen officiated; interment with military honors in Hopewell Cemetery. Mr. Barnett passed away March 2. He was born in Warrior, Alabama to Ervin M. and Eula Gamble Barnett. He grew up in the Hanceville area and graduated from Hanceville High School in 1952. At the age of 21, he entered the U.S. Navy and loved his duties on submarines. He spent 22 years on active duty and he and his family traveled the nation. But after retirement, he returned home with his family to Hanceville. Here, he began his second career with 3M Company in Decatur, Alabama. He retired from 3M after 16 years of service. For the past several years, he has been known as "Mr. Kay" at McDonalds in Hanceville. He loved all of the kids that came in and none left without a toy. He was always busy helping others. He loved the Hanceville Lions Club and lived by the Lion's motto "WE SERVE". Whether it was cooking pancakes or selling Boston butts, he was always having fun. It was an honor for him to receive the highest honor given to a Lion, the Melvin Jones Fellows Award in 2005. He was an avid supporter of Wallace State College and loved Auburn University football. He attended all of Auburn's home games for many years and tail-gating was an event for him! He is survived by his loving wife, Selma Davenport Barnett; daughter, Sherri (Chuck) Troxler; son, Stephen (Kristi) Barnett; grandson, Stephen Michael Barnett; great-grandson, Waylon Kolt Barnett; granddaughter, Aimee Troxler (Nate) Longo; great-grandson, Daniel Flahart and great-granddaughters, Kinsley Flahart and Laikyn Longo. He is also survived by very special friend, Zac Scott, who has been like another grandchild, and his mother, DeAnn Scott Ferrell. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harold, Raymond, Alan and Russell Barnett and sister, Margaret Barnett Hester. His family is proud and thankful for his blessed life and the legacy he leaves. Pallbearers were Ronnie Chamblee, Larry Cornelius, Danny Taylor, Bob Stephens, Chris Wright, Rex Jordan, Matt Bailey, Bob Schultz and Kenneth Quick. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Hanceville Lion's Club Scholarship Fund at P.O. Box 413, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Mr. Greg Stricklin passed away March 2 at the age of 69. Funeral service held March 6 at Moss Service Chapel, with interment at Addington Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Tommy Graves officiated. He is survived by his Wife: Maxine Marie Speer Stricklin, Father: Leldon Stricklin, Children Jerry Stricklin and Chasidy Marie Hancock, Granddaughter: Alexus Mahlee Buckelew, Brothers and sisters: Michael (Helen) Stricklin, Donald (Rita) Stricklin, Billy (Phyllis Stricklin, Sherlou (Linda) Speer, Ernest (Charlene) Stephens, Tamala Still, Good Friends, James Still and shooting buddy: Mike White. A host of nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his Mother: Maye Dooley Stricklin, Mother-In-Law: Lexie Marie Speer and Brother-In-Law: Hershel Speer.

Funeral service for Patricia Lynn Fulmer, age 57 of West Point, held March 5 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Carl Malin officiating; interment in Duck River Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Fulmer passed away March 2 in Cullman. She was born August 24, 1959 in Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie "Larry" Fulmer; grandmothers, Janice McCardle and Eloise Spradlin; and a sister, Angie Spradlin. Survivors include her parents, Wilburn "Web" and Lula Spradlin; daughters, Laura (Jason) Nichols and Angela Fulmer; a son, Brian Fulmer; grandchildren, Alec (Kayla) Fulmer, Joshua Fulmer, William Nichols, Alyssa Fulmer, Lawrence Nichols, Mason Fulmer, Jett Nichols and Elliott Nichols; brothers, J.R. (Kristy) Spradlin and John (Denise) Spradlin and a sister, Susan (Glenn) Runge.

Funeral services for Tradford Ethredge Runge, age 85 of Cullman, held March 6 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with Rev. Jerry Freeman officiating; interment in Union Grove Cemetery in Morgan County. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Runge passed away March 3. He was born March 1, 1932 to the late Coleman Frank and Ferby Delaine Holmes Runge. He was a mechanic. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael Runge; brothers, Wayne Runge and Frank "Dick" Runge; and a sister, Avanell Runge. Survivors include his daughters, Terri Cosby, Vicki (Damon) Monk and Patsy (Ron) Winfrey; a son, Danny (Carla) Calvert; grandchildren, Leslie (Dusty) Latham, Jonathan Shiflett, Austin (Heather) Shiflett and Dusty Monk; and two great-grandchildren, Justin and Rylee Latham.

After a wearisome struggle on this earth, Carolyn Annette Alvis, aged 57, fell asleep and woke up in the comforting and loving embrace of her Savior on March 4. Carolyn was born January 14, 1960 in Cullman. She was a proud graduate of the St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Birmingham, AL and worked as a registered nurse at the Cullman Regional Medical Center until health forced her into early retirement. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran in Hanceville, AL and subscribed to the Cullman Times all of her adult life- always reading it in what she believed to be the only proper order- the obituaries first, of course. She is survived by two sisters Betty Freeman of Decatur and Margaret Brown (Johnny Brown) of Cullman, 3 brothers LJ Alvis (Pete Alvis) of Decatur, Jim Alvis (Betty Alvis) of Cullman, and Tim Alvis (Amy Alvis) of Michie, TN, her sister-in-law Betty Alvis (widow of Charles Alvis) of Decatur, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family who will miss her. She is greeted in heaven by her parents JV and Alla Bea (Burks) Alvis along with her three brothers, Jack, Leon, and Charlie. Funeral service held March 8 at Moss Service Chapel with interment at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery. Pastor John Jankens officiated. Graveside performed by her brother Reverend Tim Alvis.

Mrs. Jane Woodruff Foster, age 90, of Holly Pond, passed away at her home March 6. She was born in Connecticut to George and Helen Woodruff. She is preceded in death by her parents and son, Barry Kaulfers. Survivors are Sons, Vern (Sherrie) McKee, Marty (Sue) Palaia, Larry (Sue) Palaia, Fred (Margie) Deciccio; and numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Arrangements to be announced later by family.

Lloyd Isaac "Buck" Wakefield, 87, of Double Springs entered into rest on March 4, 2017 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Wakefield was born on March 8, 1929. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Korean War. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Double Springs. Lloyd lived most of his life in Winston County. He was nicknamed Buck as a child and that name stuck with him throughout his life. He was a cattle farmer, auto mechanic, truck driver, school teacher and bus driver. He loved to talk and never met a stranger. He was always appreciative for his family and friends and the blessings of his life. During happy times and through the storms, he often reminded us to Trust in the Lord and take "One Day at a Time". Lloyd Wakefield was married to Jean Wakefield for 53 years, raising 2 sons and a daughter: Gary (Karen) Wakefield, Steven Wakefield (fiance' Kathy Gilbreath and her daughter, Rachel), and Gina (Bill) Tittle. He was Papa Buck to 5 grandsons, Josh (Julie) Wakefield, Jobe Wakefield, Jared (Whitney) Courington, Jordan Courington, and Bradley Wakefield; 4 great grandchildren, Caroline, Grant, and James Wakefield and Maggie Courington. He is also survived by 1 brother, Jesse (Erlene) Wakefield, and a host of other relatives. A celebration of life will be held March 7 at the First Baptist Church in Double Springs. Brother Dan Cobb, Brother George Whitten and Dr. Bill Tittle will officiate. A special friend tribute will be given by Dr. Sheila Wallace. Brother Phillip Twilley gave the closing prayer, followed by Military Honors. Interment at Winston Memorial Cemetery. Lloyd Wakefield was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Lena Wakefield; his in-laws, Noah and Flora Cobb; and his grandson, Steven Bradley Wakefield.

Funeral service for Joseph Lee Gregory, 20, held March 8 at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. Mr. Gregory passed away March 5. He is survived by his father, Darrell (Deborah) Gregory; mother, Berlina (Richy) Davis; brothers, Andrew Gregory, Auston Davis, Celestino Brandon Conde and Zachary Hudgins; sisters, Matsin (Jordan) Ibraham, Samantha Conde and Emily Davis; grandparents, Barbara Johnson, Charlotte (Jim Moses) Smith and Mary Knott; nieces and nephews, Rowan and Rylan Ibraham; aunts and uncles, Rick (Kerrie) Wigley, David (Pamela) Gregory, Jerry Wigley, Brenda (J.C.) Thomas, Denise Brown, Lisa Allums, Jason (Emily) Betancourt, Melissa (Bobby) Fuson, Gregory (Ashley) Denny and Sabrina (Jeff) Butler; and a host of other family and friends.

Mrs. Frances Thomas Cochran, age 78, of Cullman, passed away March 5 at her home. She was born in Cullman County to Merritt R. and Lora Duke Thomas. Mrs. Cochran was a member of Bethsadia Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors are her Husband, Bobby Cochran, Sr.; Son, Bobby (fiancé' Elaine) Cochran, Jr.; Daughter, Tammy (Christopher) Barber; Brothers, Curtis, Jerry (Jerl), and Carl (Ginger) Thomas; Sister, Betty (Arthur) Kelly; and Grandchildren, Cassandra (Jeremy) Turner, Dustin Barber; Great Grandchildren, Christian, Aiden and Brendan Turner, Funeral service will be held March 8 in Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery. Chaplin Tim Rice officiated.

Mildred Edna Turner of Hanceville Alabama passed away on March 4, 2017 at Cullman Regional Medical Center at the age of 66. She was born in Cullman on December 11, 1950 to Clyde Henry and Esther Ruth Long Brown. She is preceded in death by her parents, Son: Timmy Barnett, Sisters: Emma Brewer, Faye Parrish, Brothers: Jim, Olvin and Bo Brown. Funeral services held March 9 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel; Rev. Dale Banks officiated. Interment in Bethsadia Cemetery. Survivors are: Husband: Robert L. Turner, Daughters: Amy Shaw, Tabitha Smith, Sons: Scottie Turner, Jerrime Turner, Sisters: Frances Wall, Louise Nelson, Shirley Brown, Martha Connell, Brothers: Frank Brown, Lawrence Brown and Clyde Brown, Eight Grandchildren and Seven Great Grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Hubert Rogers, age 90 of Holly Pond, will be at 11 am Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Holly Pond Funeral Home. Interment following in Haig-Rogers Cemetery in Morris, Alabama. Mr. Rogers passed away March 5 at his residence. He was born in Jefferson County, Alabama to Luther Oscar and Dellar Bolen Rogers. Mr. Rogers worked as an airplane mechanic and was member of Riverside Baptist Church. Mr. Rogers is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include wife, Betty Rogers; son, Steven (Ann) Rogers; 2 nieces; and 1 nephew.

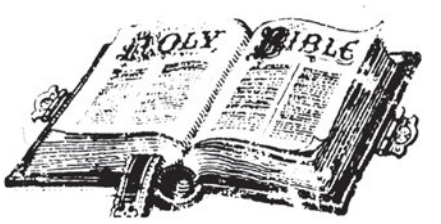
Funeral service for Debbie Pittenger will be held March 11, beginning at 2 pm at Moss-Service Chapel. She passed away at her residence. Visitation will be from 11 am until 2 pm at the funeral home. Survivors include three daughters; Candice (Jason McMullen) Kinser, Sheena (Ricky) Johnson, Christy (Tobby) Watwood, grandchildren; Sierra (Nathan) Handley, Destiny (Jesus) Torres, Damian Cavarwbias, Bailse McMullen, Abby Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Madison Johnson, Brayden Johnson, Hunter Watwood, Jamie Watwood, J.J. Watwood, great grandchildren; Lili Garcia and Raelynn Handley.

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This week in Cullman history

On March 12, 1981, the newly formed Cullman Humane Society held its first informational meeting. The meeting was held at the Cullman Civic Center and featured Anne Speakman, the vice president of the Alabama Federation of Humane Societies.

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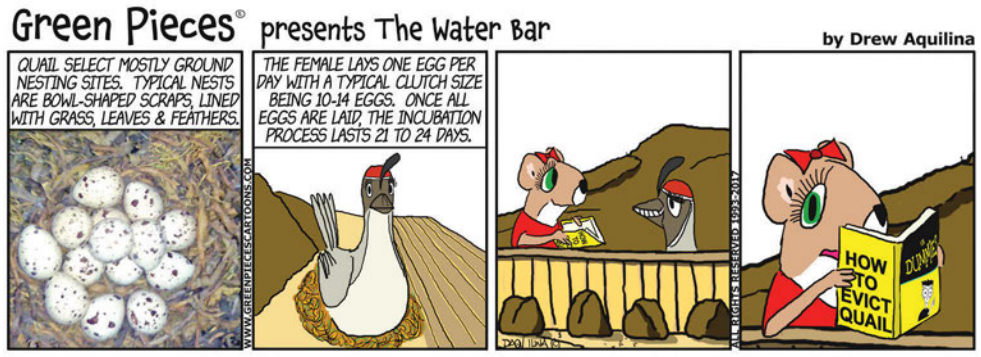
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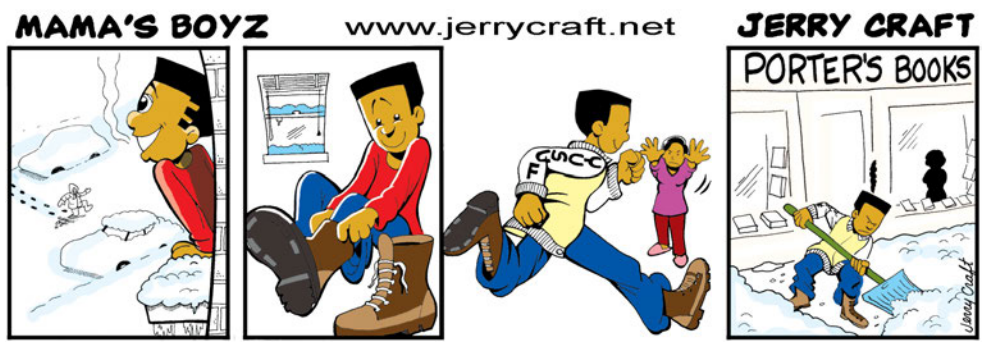
The newly formed Cullman County Humane Society will hold its first formal information meeting Thursday, March 12 at the Cullman Civic Center at 7 p.m. Anne Speakman, vice president of the Alabama Federation of Humane Societies, will be the main speaker.

"Cullman County has really responded to this idea because there are people who care," said Mrs. Faye Lawrence, one of the founders of the society. "And

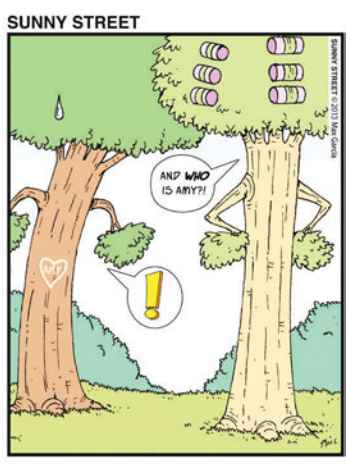
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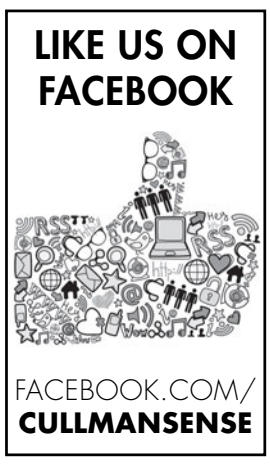
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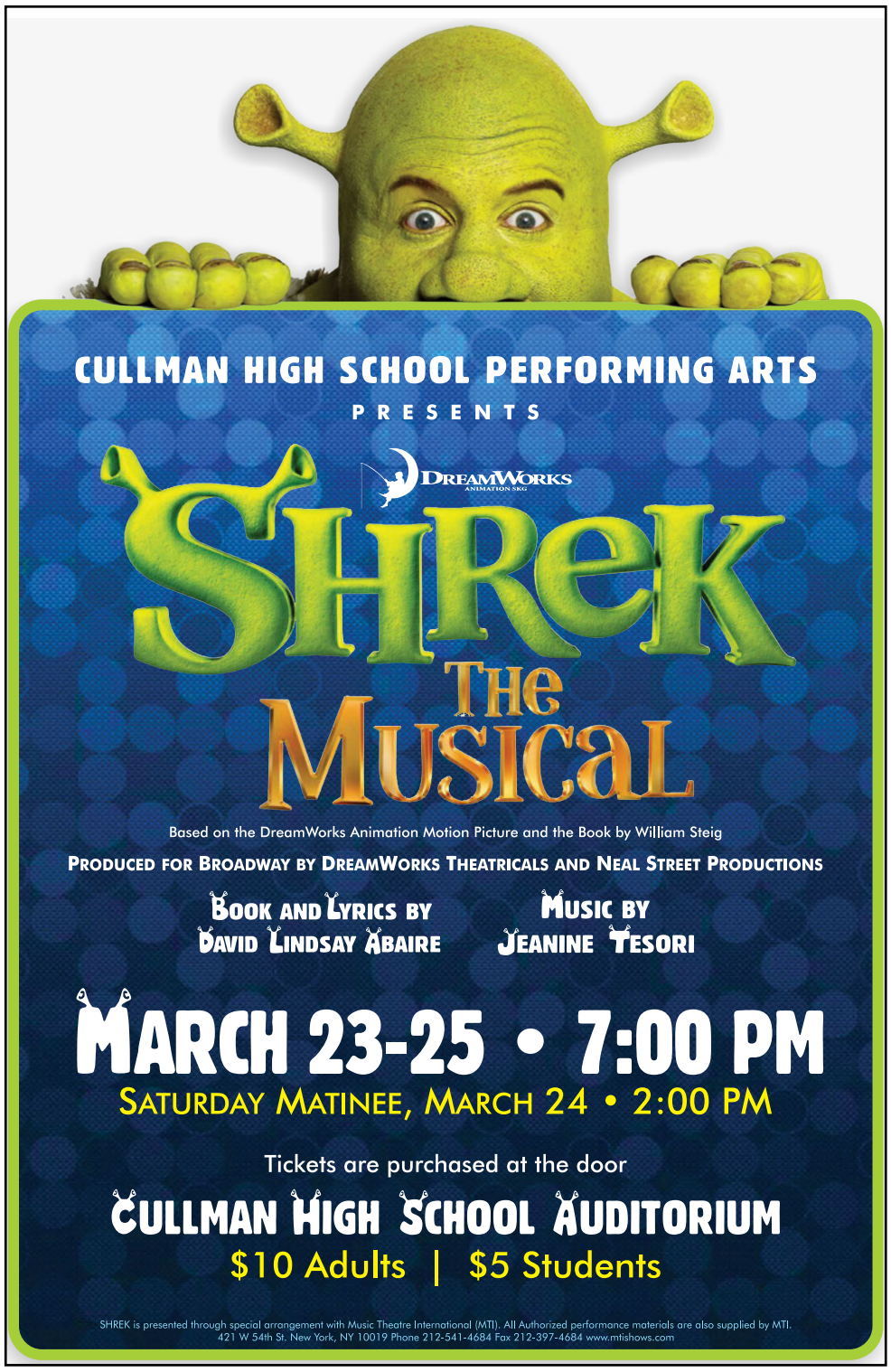








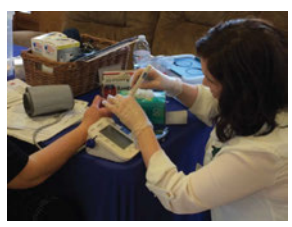




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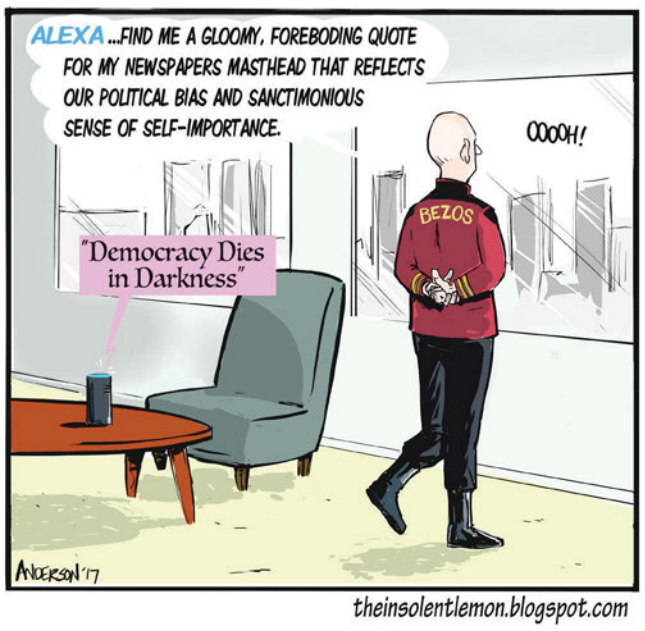
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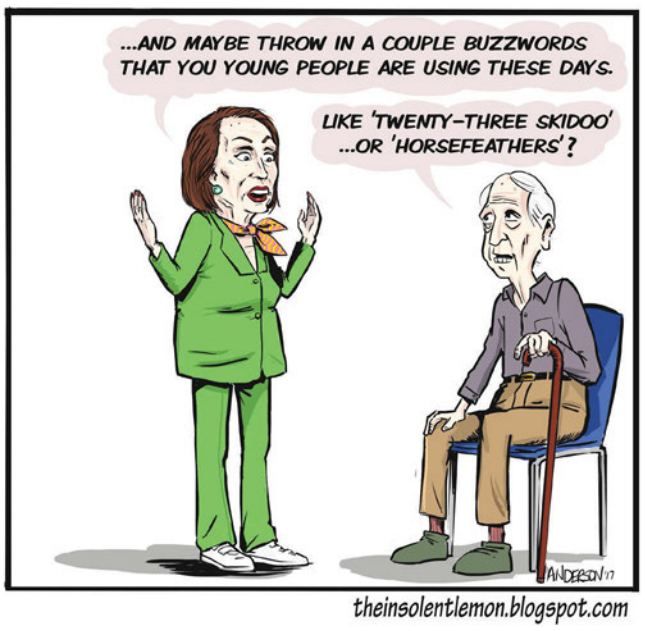
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Poet's Corner

I appreciate all those who read and submit poems to me for Poet's Corner. I am returning to a column format which will enable me to write about and comment on some of the poems for the weekly piece. Today I would like to share a beautiful piece by my friend and multi- talented author and poet, Rita Aiken Moritz. The following is a selection from her book titled Precious Poems.

SOME THOUGHTS ON FAITH

My shaky faith, one of those fickle things...
just when I need it most, it spreads it's wings
to fly away and leave me in despair
and saying in my heart, "Does God care?"
And yet I know He helped me in the past.
So why don't memories of those times last.
My heart should trust a God, who knows my name.
And yet I don't, so fear is mixed with
shame that I so quickly stagger in dismay,
forgetting that He helped me yesterday.
And then I turn, my desperation great,
to God's own Word, where He does not berate.
Instead He offers solace there and peace,
commands the waves and raging wind to cease.
I learn that there were those who came before,
who doubted when beset with troubles sore,
I read of those who doubted with relief and
know that God will help my unbelief.
And so with trembling faith, however small,
I go to Him, the One who knows it all.
I tell Him of my fear and of my doubt, and
of the pain that brought it all about. Then
only as our God can somehow do, He
holds me close...for He already knew.

By: Rita Aiken Moritz Pell City Alabama
Submitted by: Randy C. Hale, randyhale62@yahoo.com

OPINION

Letter to the Editor: Suicide

Jeremy L. Kilpatrick
Cullman County Coroner

Suicide: an act of self-harm that results in death.

There are many reasons a person might have suicidal ideations (thoughts). Those can stem from substance abuse, diagnosed/ undiagnosed mental health issues, depression and using a substance to self-medicate. Other contributing factors can include financial issues, (overwhelming debt or loss of income), relationship issues, health issues legal problems or knowing a person who has recently committed suicide.

There are many signs that a person may be considering suicide; however, you may not really recognize it till it's too late:

- Previous attempts of suicide
- Mentioning plans of suicide
- Acquiring the means (rope, firearm, pills, etc.)
- Preoccupation with death in conversations
- Making final arrangements (giving away stuff, making his or her legacy on social media accounts, etc.)
- Neglect in personal hygiene and appearance
- Tidying and cleaning up a room more than usual
- Depressed, saddened state, lack of energy, anger outbursts, rage
- Increased sleep or insomnia
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Sudden change or uplifting in mood/spirits after a long sadness
- Withdrawing from family, friends and interests
- Apologizing to others for past actions
- Taking unnecessary risks

There are some cases that may not show any signs.

Note: just because someone is experiencing some of the above-listed symptoms does not mean that they are suicidal; however, I would suggest that you talk with them to be sure.

To the person who is reading this and is considering suicide: THERE IS HOPE FOR YOU!!!! You are not alone! Please reach out and seek help. There is always someone willing to help you any time of day or night.

There are many resources available to help you. Some local and not local:

- Cullman Area Mental Health: 256-743-4688, after hours: 256-737-2000
- There are many licensed social workers around.
- Spiritual counseling. There are many churches that would be glad to have someone to speak with you.
- Your primary care provider can prescribe medications as needed.
- Then you have the Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
- There are some inpatient/ outpatient treatment facilities around.

Not everyone is immune to suicidal thoughts or tendencies.

Your neighbor who appears to have the good life and everything in order could actually be a wreck on the inside and thinking of how he could end his pain and misery.

Then you have the person who goes around all day saying how they are tired of life, they have been dealt a bad hand, etc. and are ready to end it all.

Every day in the U.S. there are 22 U.S. veterans who commit suicide. This can be because of things that they have seen or done, PTSD or due to injuries sustained.

The public safety sector (police, fire and ems) have many members of their ranks commit suicide.

A lot of it can be attributed to PTSD. Those of us in those career fields see a lot of bad things that we can never erase from our memories.

A person who does not think they have a problem with depression, PTSD or any other mental health issues, will often self-medicate with alcohol and/ or drugs and risky behavior to cope.

At times, I have caught myself suffering from depression.

Luckily for me I have a great network of family and friends that helps me get through it (most of the time they do not know that I am depressed). I also turn to GOD.

But that is what works for me. Each person and situation are different. The person next to you may require inpatient services. The person on the other side of you may just need someone to talk to.

I have had friends and family commit suicide. It breaks my heart every day to think about them. If only they knew how much they were loved and missed. Almost every person knows someone who has committed suicide or attempted it.

Even in today's society our children are subjected to suicide because of peer pressure, school, boyfriend/ girlfriend problems.

Just remember that your situation is only temporary. It will not last long.

Please don't make a hasty decision or a permanent solution to a short-term problem.

I just ask that each and every person who reads this to please check on your neighbor, friend, co-worker.

And let them know that they are not alone; talk to them.

Who knows, that conversation you had in passing with them just saying "hey how are you?" may have just saved that person's life.

We as a community need to come together to help stop a rising epidemic in our county. Thank you for your time.

God bless,
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CULLMAN – People of the Cullman area are probably familiar with Claire "Bear" Byars and her parents Jeff and Heather Byars. Two-year-old Claire suffers from a rare cancer that has her living long-term at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, where it was determined she could get the best care for her particular condition. Her dad left his job to stay there with her, while her mom continues to work and hold down the home front here, maintaining the family's health insurance. It is not easy; several local fundraising events have helped to ease the financial burden on the family.



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Gayla Robbins, event coordinator

Now the call is out to people of faith in the Cullman area to offer a little more assistance. On Saturday, Mar. 25, a candlelight prayer vigil will be held on the family's behalf at the West Point High School football stadium, starting at 6 p.m. This is not a fundraising event; it is a request for praying people to come and lift up their prayers together, and an opportunity for the Cullman area community to offer a visible show of support for the Byars family.

Of course, as long the family's needs continue, so will efforts to meet them. Anyone wishing to make a donation at this event or at any time is encouraged to do so.

For more information about the event, or about helping the family, contact event coordinator Gayla Robbins at 256-590-8770.

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