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Gators in Smith Lake could mean trouble for fishermen and residents

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SMITH LAKE – Residents and sport fishers around Smith Lake appear to be coming into increasing contact with alligators in the lake. This could create problems for those folks, and not just from gator bites. They could be breaking the law.

On April 16, fishing guide Rex Chambers posted a photo on his Facebook page showing what was claimed to be a young alligator caught by another angler P5



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This photo posted on Facebook appears to show a juvenile American alligator.

THIS WEEKEND

33rd Bloomin' Festival to be largest ever

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CULLMAN – Preparations are well underway for this year's Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on the grounds of Saint Bernard Preparatory in Cullman. The 33rd annual festival will take place on April 22-23, when, for two days, the school will host what it says P5

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Expect nighttime lane closures on U.S. 278

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CULLMAN – Road construction is underway on approximately 5.5 miles of U.S. Highway 278 in Cullman County, from just west of I-65, all the way east to the junction of U.S. 278 and Alabama Highway 69 in East Point.

Nighttime lane closures began this week, and will be in effect from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, according to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).

The stretch of highway is being repaved and improvements made for safety. "Work will be going on throughout the summer. The majority of the work, including concrete work and resurfacing, will be performed at night. We do not anticipate any daytime lane closures," said ALDOT North Region Information Specialist Seth Burkett,

Good Hope Contracting (GHC) is in charge of the work; GHC was awarded the contract for $2,885,781.32.

Rue21 closing 400 stores, including Cullman location

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CRANBERRY, Pa. – Teen clothing store chain rue21 is closing almost 400 stores, including the Cullman location at 1200 Cullman Shopping Center NW.

A statement from the retailer on Facebook over the weekend confirmed the closings. The company says the closings are a part of it focusing more on its online business. The privately-held company is based in Cranberry, north of Pittsburgh. In the Facebook post, it called the decision to close the stores "difficult but necessary." Like many brick-and-mortar retailers, it has been battling declining mall traffic amid strong competition online.

The company didn't say how soon the stores will close, though its website is promoting store-closing sales. According to The Consumerist, "Trouble at Rue21 first became public earlier this month when rumors began swirling that the chain was preparing to file for bankruptcy.

At the time, the company said it was 'working to improve its operations and enhance its liquidity position.'"

After the closings, the company will have more than 700 stores in 48 states.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Good Hope ballpark first in county to be ADA-compliant

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GOOD HOPE – Good Hope High School received a $10,000 check Monday from the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council for sidewalks and parking at the baseball field that meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

Along with assistance from the Cullman Soil & Water Conservation District, the necessary developments were made possible. A paved sidewalk was constructed around the backstop and concession facility and two handicapped parking spots were constructed in the parking lot.

Physically handicapped fans now have a safe place to load and unload, as well as an easy access to the concession stand and restrooms.

The park is now much more accessible to those with physical limitations. Thanks to these upgrades, attending Good Hope baseball games can be an easier and more enjoyable experience for everyone.

Improved attendance has been reported, as now there is the convenience of loading and unloading on pavement close to the playing field.

Currently, Good Hope High School is the only school in Cullman County to meet ADA guidelines. Good Hope will be an example to follow in the county for years to come.

The check was presented by Mike Roden, executive director of the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council, Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District representatives Robert Harbison and Edwin Carter, Good Hope baseball representative Sue Craig, Good Hope High School Principal John Hood, Good Hope baseball coach Mitch Witcher, Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope and Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett.

City school board celebrates student, teacher achievements

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday afternoon, the Cullman City School Board met at the board office with a long list of items on its agenda, starting with recognition of the achievements of some of its students and a teacher who could be the next state Teacher of the Year.

The board recognized Cullman Primary School kindergarten teacher Erica Rutherford for being selected as a top 16 finalist for the 2017-18 Alabama Teacher of the Year.

Cullman Primary School continued to rack up the accolades, as Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson presented State Superintendent's Visual Arts Awards to Wyatt Barker, Maddie Seidel and Ty White.

Ann Carol Braswell and Noah Fondren of Cullman High School were each recognized for receiving the Bryant-Jordan Achievement Award for student athletes.

Both will receive scholarships. Fondren also won the Alabama Public Television Young Hero Award.

In other business, the board gave bulk approval to a long list of agenda items, including:

- A new code of conduct and financial handbook for the system
- A 15-cent increase in lunch prices for students across the system, not including free and reduced lunches
- A four-day work week for June and July, with Fridays as needed
- Technology infrastructure upgrades at Cullman Middle, West Elementary, and Cullman Primary
- A two-day Kindergarten camp at the beginning of the school year in August
- A textbook committee for Cullman High (no members named)
- Clinical site agreements between Cullman High's healthcare science program and Williams Prompt Care and An Angel's Touch Therapeutic Massage
- Head Start program partnerships with the Cullman Housing Authority, County Department of Human Resources, Parks and Recreation, and Brook's Place
- Retirement of Student Services Assistant Debbie Howard
- Resignations/completions of temporary employment: Sarah Delaine VanDyke, Rosanne Gomez, Rachel Joiner, Stanley Harper, Jeri Entrekin, Jillian Knight, Jenna Bates
- Reassignments: Patti Britton, Tamika Powell, Lindsay Harris, Mallory Adams, Sashari Caretti, Jennifer Crumpton, Jennifer Gardiner, Angela Hall, Cresha Bradley, Hannah Higginbotham
- Leaves of Absence: Joseph Duke, Erin Tidwell
- Conditional, part-time and substitute employment: Tracy Pasquinilli, Whitney Young, Dorinda Steele, Matthew Todd Scott, Jennifer Cupp, Amanda Baker

The next Cullman City School Board meeting will be at 5 p.m. on May 16 in Tillman Hall at Cullman High School. The public is invited to attend.

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Local, state officials convene in Cullman to hash out issues

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CULLMAN – Working their way around the county, Cullman area State Reps. Corey Harbison, R- Good Hope and Randall Shedd, R-Fairview put on another town hall meeting this week, this one hosted by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at their office downtown. From Montgomery, they brought with them Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill. Among numerous local officials in attendance were Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth, Judge Kim Chaney, Judge Greg Nicholas, Judge Martha Williams, Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, County Commissioners Kerry Watson and Garry Marchman, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Several of those officials addressed the crowd. While each addressed multiple topics, most eventually focused attention on some particular issue.

Sheriff Matt Gentry - mental health

"We face a lot of things in society today," said the sheriff, "we face a lot of things in law enforcement. One of the things that we're dealing with consistently is mental health. Our deputies are answering multiple mental health calls every day. Yesterday (Easter Sunday) our deputies had five suicide attempts that they answered. It's a strain on the community, it's a strain on law enforcement and it's a strain on the deputies."

Gentry went on to mention programs that are available for the 360 (average at any given time) inmates at the county jail, but lamented the lack of long-term care facilities for mentally ill people who are housed in jail for lack of any other place to put them.

Commissioners Garry Marchman and Kerry Watson - roads and infrastructure

Marchman began, "Probably the biggest issue we face as county commissioners, and probably one of the biggest issues we'll always face is roads. This issue ain't going to go away; it isn't going to fix itself."

He noted that revenue is at a historic high, and asked what the County will do with it.

"If we keep taking that money and putting it other places than roads, we're backing up," Marchman warned. "We can't maintain the infrastructure of our county, if our county's not going to fund it. All our municipalities, if they can fix their roads, they're going to boom; but we're not going to as a county. We've got a problem; how are we going to fix it? If we're going to fix roads, we've got to put money in roads."

Marchman touched on long-term plans the commission is working on, including a focus on keeping main county thoroughfares like County Road 222 in good repair.

Watson pointed out that the County has repaired 14 miles of roads this year, and that the commission is looking into new technologies that could drastically reduce the cost of resurfacing roads.

"Our goal," added Watson, "is to put you on the best roads you can have to drive on; because when (the Chamber staff) are recruiting industry, they want good roads to get their merchandise from point A to point B. And when our superintendents have kids riding buses, we want safe roads for those kids."

Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain - restitution

McSwain talked about the many duties of the Circuit Clerk's office, but her presentation came to concentrate on a program called the FRAC Docket: "Fines, Restitution and Costs."

"We're trying to recover some of the monies that are owed to our citizens out here," she explained.

"We've been very successful with that. The last docket we did, just in that day alone we collected about $30,000; and that's money that goes back out to the community to the citizens with money owed. We're working diligently to get that money to those folks, and not just let the defendants think, 'Well, I served my time, so I don't owe anything.' That's not the case. Even though you do your time, you've still got to pay."

Judges Kim Chaney, Martha Williams, Greg Nicholas - sentencing

All three area judges talked about problems in sentencing in criminal cases, primarily rules that allow the Alabama Department of Corrections to bypass local courts' sentences. Chaney was the primary spokesman on the issue, with brief comments from Williams and Nicholas.

"About three or four years ago," Chaney explained, "the legislature passed a law about sentencing guidelines for criminal defendants who are sentenced to prison. We're all about trying to give people chances to do better. A lot of people are addicted; a lot of people have mental health issues that we try to work with. But every so often, there are folks that need to go to prison; because my job is to make this a safe place to live and raise your family.

"The thing that bothers me about the new sentencing guidelines is that judges have absolutely no say how long somebody goes when we sentence them to prison. And I'm here to tell you that if we have someone who was sentenced to 20 years in prison, once they leave Cullman County the department of corrections can release them any time they want to. I have people I sentenced to prison for seven years, who were back in Cullman County in 60 days."

The judges made the point that criminals have little incentive to change their ways when they face short sentences, due to overcrowding in the state's prison system. Chaney stated that the state system is only keeping the worst offenders, and letting drug dealers and others go free with little time served.

Williams pointed out that even some of the worst are slipping out. Chaney recognized that funding is at the heart of the overcrowding problem, but called on the legislators to try to think of ways to fix the sentencing issue.

Rep. Corey Harbison - law enforcement racial profiling and Senate Bill 112

Harbison launched into an attack on SB 112, which would require law enforcement agencies to submit records to the state of every traffic stop, noting information including the race and gender of both the officer and the person stopped. The stated purpose of the bill is to prohibit racial profiling by police.

Harbison said, "We're passing laws that make judges afraid to do their job, make law enforcement afraid to do their job."

Of the information required by the proposed bill, he said, "We already have that information in our dispatch. We're doing this to please a certain group or a certain legislator who introduces this, but it's costing us as taxpayers money. I'm afraid it's going to get to a point where law enforcement's afraid to do their jobs, afraid to pull this car over, because they're afraid of making the front page of the newspaper or the evening news."

Rep. Randall Shedd - public confidence in state government

Shedd reflected on former Gov. Bentley and other recent scandals that have harmed the reputation of the state government in the eyes of Alabama's citizens. He said he did not want to focus on things that have passed, and would prefer to look to the future, but he understood that confidence in state government has been shaken and will not be quickly or easily restored.

"The biggest problem right now, other than revenue," said Shedd, "is the public's confidence. We do need to understand that a lot of the things we've been trying to address in recent months, those of us in the legislature just did not have the confidence that we could send the executive branch $800 million to address problems with.

"The public's confidence is a serious problem. But we do have a brighter day ahead of us. I really believe that. People who know Gov. Ivey well tell me that she is a good manager; I hope that's the case. I'm going to do my best to do what's right."

Sec. of State John Merrill - government accountability

Shedd introduced Merrill as secretary of state, and as "future governor of Alabama." Merrill, in a speech several people observed would make a good gubernatorial campaign speech, emphasized both the need for government accountability, and how his office has demonstrated that principle.

"We have some outstanding state employees," he stated, "and we have some that need to find something else to do outside of state government, period."

Merrill talked about finding staffers in his own office who were not showing up to work, leaving early and generally not doing quality work.

He then described what he did to remedy the problem, including an approximate 25 percent reduction in staff and streamlining of procedures. He claimed that for 42 consecutive weeks, business filings that were taking from seven to nine months to get through his office when he started are now being completed in one day.

"If you don't remember anything else I tell you," Merrill insisted, "remember this: I work for you. I work for the 4.8 million people in this state. The people who work in Montgomery, you need to have that expectation.

"With those economies of scale that we've put in place, and redirecting the process about what's going on in our office, we have saved you, as of today, $1,719,021.21 that we can show you line item by line item.

"The people that want somebody to be the governor of this state want somebody that is interested in solving problems, that won't accept no for an answer, that will find a way to solve the problem and get it done in a way that offers transparency and accountability, period. That's what they want, that's what they ought to expect and that's what they should demand."



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3rd annual Grant Brown Memorial 5K set for Saturday at Wallace State

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HANCEVILLE – The third annual Grant Brown Memorial 5K will be held at Wallace State Community College this Saturday, April 22. Day-of registration will be from 8-8:25 a.m. The race will begin at 8:30. Registration is a $10 donation, or $5 for those who wish to only participate in the 1-mile Fun Run/Walk (the first mile of the 5K).

Savannah Funderburg, of Hanceville Elementary School, is leading the organization of this year's event, along with Jessica McHan.

"Our goal each year is to raise enough to cover the cost of one-year tuition to Wallace State Community College," Funderburg said. "We have been very blessed thus far to have raised enough through various fundraisers each year."

The event, which has been held at WSCC for the previous two years, raises funds for the scholarship. According to Funderburg, the scholarship is part of the Wallace State Future Foundation. Because of this, WSCC allows the organizers of the race to use the designated 5K course on campus. The event is held in memory of Grant Brown.

"Grant Brown was full of life. He loved traveling, history, Alabama football and spending time with his family and friends," said Funderburg. "He also loved being a Bulldog from Hanceville High School. Grant graduated from Hanceville in May of 2013. He had plans to travel to Europe and then attend the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. However, Grant never got to live out these dreams. One week after his high school graduation, he passed away."

According to Funderburg, the scholarship was established in the fall of 2013 as a way for Grant's parents, Jeff and Kim Brown, to honor Grant's memory. "They wanted to give other Hanceville High School graduating seniors a chance to achieve their dreams of college that Grant was unable to do," said Funderburg. "Each spring, one deserving Hanceville senior is awarded a one-year full tuition paid scholarship to Wallace State in memory of Grant."

The scholarship allows Grant's love of Hanceville High School and life to continue paying it forward to other proud Bulldogs.

Funderburg and McHan can see the event growing in the future.

"We would like for the event to grow into a community-wide event," Funderburg said. "It has grown each of the past two years and we would like for that trend to continue and involve more and more people from our community and around the county." While there will not be any food vendors at the event this year, Funderburg said she hopes that if the event continues to grow, vendors will be one of the additions made.

To pre-register, call Hanceville Elementary School at 256-352-9196.

Special needs prom: 'Tale as Old as Time'

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CULLMAN – Around this time of year, many high school students get to experience a rite of passage: senior prom. It's a night where teenagers get the opportunity to spend quality time with their friends and dates and let loose on the dance floor. However, this night of fun isn't limited to high schoolers; working with the Pilot Club of Cullman, Waid Harbison and the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation program organized a prom night for people of all ages with disabilities and other special needs.

When the doors opened Tuesday evening, attendees were brought into an enchanting ballroom inspired by Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

Tables were set around the room with an empty dancing space in the middle, and along the room's edges were trays of food made and served by the ladies of the Pilot Club. The ladies treated the guests to baked chicken, green beans, creamy mashed potatoes and dinner rolls, as well as salad and choices of cookies or cupcakes for dessert.

As dinner wound down and it looked like most people were finishing up, the music changed from a run-through of the "Beauty and the Beast" soundtrack to songs made for dancing. At first, only a few people got up, but by the end of the second song most of the 100 in attendance were up and moving with their friends and families.

One guest offered her thoughts on the night. Dana Dunagan came to the prom for her friends, Greg "Pooh" Owens and Erica Kilpatrick.

The Good Hope resident shared that she appreciates how functions like this give people with special needs something that they can look forward to.

"It gives my buddy, gives all these people, the chance to do something fun," said Dunagan.

Harbison, who organized the event for CP&R, said that with every Therapeutic Recreation event the department coordinates, they try to cater to most people's needs so guests can have more fun without worrying as much about accommodation. "They can come here, and they can feel like they've got a network of support," he said.

With plans in the works for the event to become an annual affair, the prom will be joining the growing list of special needs events held in Cullman County to help people of all ages with any type of disability meet other people like them and have a fun day or night without fretting over making special arrangements.

Learn more about CP&R's Therapeutic Recreation program and events at http://cullmanrecreation.org/programs-events/therapeutic-recreation.

Improving access: Good Hope commission, public hear plan for CR 222/Exit 305

Heather Mann
Tribune Contributor

GOOD HOPE – The City of Good Hope anticipates seeing further increases in development and traffic as a result of opening the interchange on County Road 222 last January, so the City's planning commission has been working with Skipper Consulting to figure out the best ways to prepare the road and Exit 305 for the future. At Monday night's meeting, the commission invited the public to hear Darrell Skipper and Jeremy Greer from Skipper Consulting describe their Access Concept Plan (ACP) and how it may affect citizens in the surrounding area.

Skipper opened with a brief explanation of what it means to work in access management. Essentially, he said, his job is to figure out where and how people can come out onto the road. Part of that may involve finding the best way to space out driveways and traffic signals, learning where to restrict turn movements and preventing residential driveways from opening directly out onto the interstate.

For this specific task, Skipper and his team studied an area of about 960 acres -with Alabama Highway 69, County Road 469 and Exit 304 being the boundaries - to learn how much traffic different roads receive and what changes could be made in the future to help these roads accommodate a traffic increase.

Skipper briefly described some of the access management techniques that might be employed for the project, including installing traffic lights in more locations along County Road 222 and adding roads along the back of commercial venues to create additional access to the areas.

He showed the audience a current map of Good Hope, though mostly centered on the study area, then brought up a new map based around the proposed measures and pointed out the possible differences.

He said that the map was just a suggestion and that the City did not need to build all the new proposed roads immediately, but he did talk at length about putting traffic lights in new places.

With the draft report written up, Skipper said all that was left to do was to address the public agencies' comments on the report (the agencies being the City of Cullman, the City of Good Hope and Cullman County), issue the final version of the report, then have the three agencies adopt the ACP.

It was pointed out that Cullman County would not formally adopt it, but simply endorse it.

CCCDC awards $50K to Hanceville High; Strandlund resigns

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Contributor

CULLMAN – Hanceville High School got a big hand-up from the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) Monday evening. The school received a $50,000 grant to go toward much-needed repairs to its track and field.

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

The CCCDC began the evening with $116,482.67 in available funds; however, the board has a $100,000 reserve policy, meaning grants are not issued except under extraordinary circumstances, so as to not fall below the reserve level.

Such extraordinary circumstances were met by the request from Hanceville High School, which had the recommendation of all members of Cullman's legislative delegation- Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman; Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope and Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle.

After awarding the grant to Hanceville High, CCCDC Chairman Bill Strandlund announced his intentions to resign from his post, effective Tuesday morning, April 18.

Said Strandlund, "I have decided to hand my letter of resignation to Senator Bussman tomorrow morning.

"I will let my five and a half years of service stand on its own. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you guys."

The CCCDC was left with $66,482.67 after granting Hanceville's request.

The next meeting will be held at Cullman City Hall on June 15 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

CCCDC board members are appointed by Alabama state legislators.

CCCDC Board members are:

- Former Chairman Bill Strandlund- appointed by Bussman
- Bradley Williams- appointed by Harbison
- Joe Golden- appointed by Shedd
- Josh Speakman- appointed by Henry

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

Gators (from Front)

near Duncan Bridge on Smith Lake. Chambers did not take the picture, but said he was at the event and saw the creature. A short time later, a Winston County resident posted another photo, also reported to be a young Smith Lake alligator.

At first, there was debate over whether the animal was an American alligator or a South American caiman, a smaller relative of the alligator. The Tribune spoke to Game Warden/Conservation Enforcement Agent Jonathan Butler, who previously examined the photos.

Butler concluded, "This animal does appear to be a young alligator. There's not a good breeding population of alligators in this area, so if it's confirmed to have come out of Smith Lake, it will be the first confirmed incident of an alligator in Smith Lake."

Butler explained that alligators are very unlikely to find their way into Smith Lake by natural means, and that no alligators have been placed in the lake area by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. A small population of alligators was introduced into the Wheeler National Wildlife Preserve some time ago, but the geography separating Smith Lake and the preserve would not allow animals to follow any waterway south to the lake.

"Any alligators in this area will be released pets," said Butler. "Sometimes people get alligators as pets to put in a pond on their property, and when they start to get big they have to get rid of them."

Butler also stated that possession of alligators in Alabama is a Class C felony. Section 9-12-211 of the Code of Alabama states in part: "No person shall take or possess the eggs of alligators, alligators, or their parts or skins in any county of this state except as provided for in this article." The article mentioned provides for licensed alligator breeding farms and licensed dealers in products of those farms. In Alabama, a class C felony carries a prison term from "one year plus one day" up to 10 years, and a fine of up to $15,000.

Butler explained that the ban on possession of alligators not only applies to those who keep them as pets, but even to people who take possession only temporarily. He would not say if the fisherman showing off the duct-taped gator to his friends was in trouble, but he did say that it is "illegal to possess an alligator, even for a short time," and that the incident is "still under investigation."

Festival (from Front)

is the largest show to date.

"More than 170 artisans are set to participate in this year's show, which is rated one of the best in the Southeast," said Joyce Nix, festival director.

"After all, where can one possibly go to enjoy great food, buy handmade items and view the world-famous Ave Maria Grotto in one weekend!

"It's a packed-out show," continued Nix. "We have been inundated with calls and mail since October and were booked by December 31.

"We have a wide variety of arts and crafts to include pottery, quilts, jewelry, cypress lawn furniture, plants, clothing, glassblowing, wood turning, watercolors and acrylic paintings, ceramics, signage and much more."

More vendors and bigger crowds mean more work to go around for organizers.

"The show has grown in size and the capacity crowds place an added demand for volunteers to help the weekend run smoothly," said Nix.

"We have a great team made up of athletes and coaches who assist with parking to ensure traffic flows smoothly, in addition to back up from the Cullman Police Department. It's through the efforts of the volunteers, which include our faculty, staff, parents, students and friends, that the weekend is a success – many hands make light work."

The festival is held rain or shine on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Parking is free, and an admission donation is requested of $5 per person; children 5 and younger are free.

Ave Maria Grotto, affectionately known as Little Jerusalem in Miniature, is offering a discounted special admission price of only $3 per person the entire weekend.

At 5 p.m. on April 23, Saint Bernard Prep will give away a slate of valuable prizes.

The first prize will be a 2017 Jeep Patriot. Other prizes include an iPad Mini, Beats Studio Headphones, Fitbit Flex 2 and Roku Express.

Keep up with Bloomin' Festival at www.facebook.com/bloominfestival or www.bloominfestival.com.

History of the Bloomin' Festival

When St. Bernard Prep School re-opened in 1984, funds were low and the school lacked on-campus housing for its 29 students. The school decided that an arts and crafts festival would be a good way to raise money, since Cullman didn't have one already.

The first year for the Bloomin' Festival was 1984, and the first location was the soccer field.

Unfortunately, it rained, so the festival was moved indoors to the school gym in 1985, though it was once again moved outside for the 1986 festival.

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Spring has finally sprung. Except for allergies and a high pollen count, most people are enjoying being outside in the warm weather.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club met on last Tuesday night in the Guy Hunt Conference room in the library building. Lynn Jetton, president, presided. A great big thank you was extended to those who helped in the decorations and other things for the Clergy Appreciation meal held recently at First Baptist Church.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated and the catered food was delicious. The program was also very good.

Members were reminded of the upcoming district meeting held on Saturday, April 22nd, with final plans discussed for the joint meeting with the Cullman and Hanceville Clubs on April 29th in Cullman and the helping in the Relay for Life Breakfast at the Cullman Church of Christ building the first part of May. It appears the members are going to be quite busy in the coming weeks.

I would like to extend Christian sympathy to the family of Mrs. Betty Story White, who passed away on Thursday night, April 13th.

This family was exceptionally good friends with my late grandparents, the Robert Gilley's. They were close neighbors in their earlier days.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at the Holly Pond Fire Station. Carolyn Bryan, President, presided. The devotional was presented by Gladys Wisener and Peggy Ray led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Brenda Scott presented our guest speaker, Mrs. Jacqueline Swindall, who is an employee of the Better Business Bureau out of Huntsville.

Mrs. Swindall presented a most interesting talk on the topic of scamming. Most of these scams were familiar to most of the members in attendance. Jacqueline was most informative. She gave the members a pop quiz on what to do if you received a phone call from a scammer.

Minutes were presented as printed of the last meeting. Gladys Wisener presented the treasurer's report. The cemetery money's report was presented by Linda Reid. She reminded the members that the bake sale is to be held at the town hall on Saturday, April 15th. The members are requested to meet at the Holly Pond Cemetery Chapel for cleaning prior to the Decoration Day festivities. They decided to meet on Thursday, May 4th, for this purpose. The May be meeting will be a car trip to Decatur for shopping and lunch out. The members are to leave Holly Pond at 10:00 a.m., on May 16th for this trip.

Members attending this meeting were: Carolyn Bryan, Marilyn Calvert, Jimmie Carnell, Julia Floyd, Nell Harbison, Londalene Jean, Judy Jones, Sue Morris, Peggy Ray, Linda Reid, Brenda Scott, Tavia Smith, Eloise Stevens, Amelia Wisener, Gladys Wisener, Annette Yates and Diana Love.

Until next week, enjoy this spring-like weather and try to keep cool.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1955

Fred Harbison won the Grand Championship at the Beef Show with a shorthorn steer. Mary Wood won Reserve Champion with a Hereford steer.

Mrs. Emma Lowry, 85, died at the Cullman Hospital, on April 16, leaving 111 descendants.

Surviving are five sons, W.C., Park, Raymond, Leonard and Reno Lowry; six daughters, Mrs. E.E. Huskey, Mrs. E.D. Tillman, Mrs. M.T. Parker, Mrs. J.G. Jackson, Mrs. Bessie Couch and Mrs. C.A. Rhodes; thirty-two grandchildren; sixty-two great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Don Morgan, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morgan, won the Cub Scout Soap Box Derby, last Sunday afternoon here. Don is in Mrs. Ruth Edward's fourth grade room in East Elementary School.

Six year old Douglas Romine is recovering nicely in a New Orleans hospital after undergoing plastic surgery, last Thursday morning. Plans are for him to leave the hospital, on April 29th. However, he will have to go to his physician for treatment, every other day, for some time.

Douglas was seriously burned at his home in Saudi Arabia two years ago.

Mrs. Romine last month brought Douglas from Arabia to the states for the operation. Also coming with them were the Romine's other children, Sharon and Michael, who are staying here in Cullman with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Romine. Sharon has entered the East Elementary School, where Miss Frances McPherson is her teacher. This is her first experience of attending school in the states and she likes it very much.

Douglas Romine, Senior, will arrive in June for a several months vacation. In August they will return to Saudi, where he is an engineer with an oil company.

Miss Pearl Raney, sister of the late Mrs. J.T. Winn, of Cullman, died in a Jasper Hospital, Sunday p.m. Funeral services were held in Athens, at 3:00 p.m., on Monday. Reverend G.M. Bynum was the officiating minister, with Stanfield of Jasper directing interment.

Survivors include: a sister, Mrs. J.M. Maples, of Florence and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives from Cullman attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Entrekin, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Ellard.

Two of the several Sunday storm victims who were brought to the Cullman Hospital remain there, but are recuperating.

They are, Emma Merle, age nine and Sylvia Ann, 12, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, of Route Two, Falkville. The Smith's two sons, Stanley, seven and Skippy, four, suffered from shock, but are not hospitalized. Both the girls are badly bruised about the face, arms and legs. After the storm had passed, Sylvia was found under a mattress and some planks in a field near the house, which was completely destroyed.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

All cleaned up and waiting to go

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Saturday night was bath night at our house, when I was growing up. No, I don't mean to imply that I only took a bath once a week. Now in all honesty, like most little boys of a certain age, I would have been perfectly content to have taken one once a week, or none at all for that matter, but I had a mama. Like many mamas, she strongly believed in baths, not just her own, and she was not content with one a week. She even expected me to use soap and shampoo.

Occasionally, on a Friday night, or a week night in the summer when school was out, she let me slip by with only a foot washing. In the summer time, I went barefoot, so my feet were usually covered in dirt. Mama said, "You're not putting those nasty things on my clean sheets." Southern Baptists do not normally have foot washings. We didn't have them at Broadway Baptist Church, but we did at Iris Nell King's house!

I still remember her post-bath examinations. She was thorough. She even checked behind my ears. If I didn't pass inspection, she took the bath-cloth in her own hands. That was rarely a pleasant experience, or at least I didn't enjoy it. She rubbed off all the dirt, as well as the first two layers of skin.

Mama thought we should be extra clean for Sunday-School and church. Saturday night was like a weekly ritual. Not only did I get a bath, but I also waxed and shined my shoes, and laid out my clothes for Sunday.

I guess Mom's thinking was to get all this done the night before, so we didn't have to rush around so much on Sunday morning. The problem I had was that I was often up, dressed and ready to go, well before it was time to leave.

That meant I had clean clothes on my clean body, and had time on my hands. That is not a good combination for a little boy, especially back in those days. We didn't have computer games, iPads, Kindles, or any of those kinds of things to play with. We played with cap-guns, toy trucks, and marbles.

One good thing about the electronic games of today is you can play most of those things and not get dirty. It is hard to play with toy trucks, or shoot marbles, in the dirt and not have a little of that dirt rub off on you. That dirt was minor league compared to the mud on the banks of our creek, or the pond, in front of our house.

I have accidently, on purpose, fallen into the water three or four times in the same day. Mama used to warn me that if I fell in one more time to bring a switch with me when I came home to change clothes. Dad owned a business, which was located just across the creek.

Among the many things he sold was coal. I could look at that stuff and get dirty, so that place was strictly off limits for me on Sunday mornings. I found it almost impossible to stay clean. Occasionally, I had to endure another bath on Sunday morning, or at least a sponge bath.

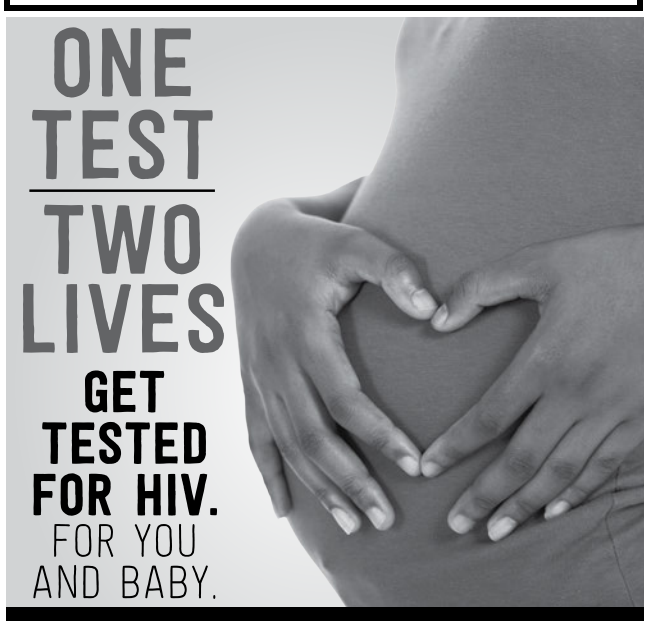
When I became a Christian, all of my sins were washed away and I was dressed and ready for heaven. Even as a Christian, it is hard to keep clean in this old world, while we're waiting to go. Occasionally, we need to let God sponge us off!

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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

For the first time, chondroitin sulfate has been more successful than celecoxib in reducing the long-term progression of knee osteoarthritis (OA), according to new research findings presented at the American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Osteoarthritis is a slowly progressive disease in which joint cartilage breaks down. Normally, cartilage on the ends of bones allows smooth, pain-free joint movements. In OA, cartilage becomes thin and irregular, resulting in symptoms of joint pain and stiffness. Grinding or cracking sensations may occur. Joints that are under high stress due to repeated activity or weight bearing are most susceptible to OA. The hips, knees, hands and spine are commonly affected. OA becomes more common with aging.

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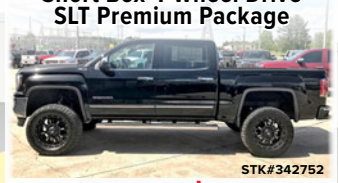
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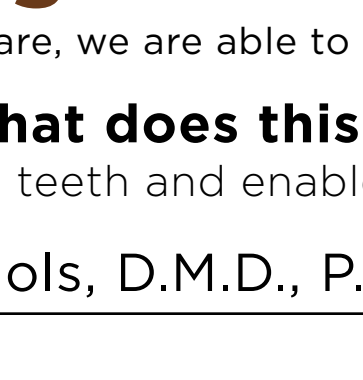
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Cullman County

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The Cullman Tribune-April 13, 20, 27, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MELISSA CARRIE LEE,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2017-900066.00**

GLEN DALE LEE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Glen Dale Lee, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Carrie Melissa Lee's Complaint for Divorce by May 22, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900066.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of March, 2017.

Lisa McSwain (as)
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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Case No.: DR-2017-900066.00

ORDER

MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION filed by LEE CARRIE MELISSA is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 20th day of March, 2017.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **D-5,** rented to **Wayne Wilson, Junior,** on **July 31, 2012,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **April 22, 2017** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: metal toolbox, wooden dresser, wooden bed and frame, stereo, hand truck and computer and printer.

Contents of storage unit **D-21**, rented to **Teresa Culver,** on **September 9, 2011,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **April 22, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: assorted household goods.

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A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JOHN CODY FREEMAN WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY, JASON RYAN COLLINS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF March, 2017.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GLENDA JOYCE DUNKIN,
DECEASED. CASE NO: PC2017-061

ORDER AND NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of Glenda Joyce Dunkin has been filed by Amanda McCormick on the 8th day of March, 2017, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or same will be barred.

That said petition is hereby set for hearing on the 31st day of May, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

/S/ Amanda McCormick
Amanda McCormick
Petitioner

TO: The Publisher if The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice ONE TIME and send and Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

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(PLAINTIFF)
VS CASE NO: SM-2017-900116
James Kadale Scott
(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT, James Kadale Scott, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Utilities Board of the City of Cullman, for $5836.23 plus court cost, cause of action being: On or about October 21, 2016, Defendant negligently or wantonly caused damage to property of the Plaintiff resulting in the claimed damages.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 18th day of April, 2017, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 10th DAY OF April, 2017.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven C. Smith
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Al 35056
Phone: 256-734-4721

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
EVA MARIE CLARK,
Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2017-073

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to **REGINA ADAMS,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **EVA MARIE CLARK,** deceased, on the 7th day of April, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 7th day of April, 2017.

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

Andria Richter (Lee 015)
Attorney for Petitioner
300 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 775-7757

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, May 1, 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: Premier Bank of the South
vs.
Victoria Chambers
757 County Road 1135
Vinemont, Alabama 35179

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 Victoria Chambers, property, described as follows:

The East ½ of the North ½ of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, containing 5 acres more or less.

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

Dated this the 27th day of March, 2017.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 10, 2008 by Chris Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1578, Page 977 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on May 11, 2017:

Part of the South ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron and cap in the road at the Northwest corner of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama; thence run along the section line South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West (Alabama West Zone Grid Bearing) for a distance of 659.71 feet to an iron and cap in the center of County Road 1583; thence continue South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 295.18 feet to an iron and cap in the center of County Road 1583 for the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 295.06 feet to an iron and cap found; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 295.18 feet to an iron and cap found; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 316.22 feet to an iron and cap found;
thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East for a distance of 710.62 feet to an iron rebar found; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 576.07 feet to an iron and cap found on the North right-of-way of Alabama Highway 69; thence along said right of way North 89 degrees 45 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 1319.43 feet to a point on said County Road 1583, thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 271.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Subject to prescriptive right of way for County Road 1583.
Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 579, Page 959.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-April 20, 27, May 4, 2017

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
WESLEY SEBASTIAN BRYAN,
a minor child: DOB 06/02/2011

CASE NO: JU 2013-22.03

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Mariano Barrientos or other possible father of Wesley Sebastian Bryan, the child born 06/03/2011, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 11th day of May, 2017, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner, Michael Haynes, 412 1st Ave SE, Suite 100, Cullman, Alabama 35056, (256) 737-5068 or Clerk of Court Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Avenue Southwest, Room 303, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this the 21st day of MARCH, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of March, 20 17.
Lisa McSwain (JW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

FILED IN OFFICE
MAR 21 2017
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD 1615.

WHEREAS, property owner AGCOR Steel, 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 is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, AGCOR Steel, LLC, is requesting vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road 1615, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, thence S 1°36'10" E 1338.25 feet to an existing iron, thence S 88°48'46" W 467 feet to an existing iron, thence N 1°37'11" W 101.08 feet to an existing iron, thence N 1°24'08" W 198.07 feet to an existing iron on the South R.O.W. of Co. Rd. 1615 and the point of beginning, thence N 2°52'23" W 40.38 feet to an existing iron on the North R.O.W. of Co. Rd. 1615, thence along said R.O.W. the following bearings and distances, thence N 83°56'30" W 88.50 feet, thence N 82°28'50" W 111.88 feet, thence N 78°12'40" W 93.15 feet, thence N 71°25'59" W 79.54 feet, thence N 63°47'45" W 61.88 feet, thence N 54°42'55" W 60.21 feet, thence N 48°04'49" W 85.38 feet, thence N 45°14'25" W 92.68 feet, thence N 43°28'14" W 155.44 feet, thence N 42°59'57" W 152.44 feet, thence N 40°39'28" W 82.63 feet to an existing iron on said R.O.W., thence S 6°27'44" E 81.56 feet to an existing iron on the South R.O.W. of Co. Rd. 1615, thence along said R.O.W. the following bearings and distances, thence S 76°13'13" E 9.97 feet, thence S 43°04'55" E 161.12 feet, thence S 43°28'54" E 156.72 feet, thence S 45°14'48" E 93.82 feet, thence S 48°09'24" E 88.75 feet, thence S 54°48'20" E 65.53 feet, thence S 63°17'25' E 67.65 feet, thence S 71°23'54" E 84.68 feet, thence S 78°09'50" E 96.97 feet, thence S 82°27'17" E 114.04 feet, thence S 84°00'26" E 95.10 feet back to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 1615.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is 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 the Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 1615, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 28th day of March, 2017.

BY: _____
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W., Room 110
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 775-4893

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
WESLEY SEBASTIAN BRYAN,
a minor child: DOB 06/02/2011

CASE NO: JU 2013-22.03

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for service by Publication in the above styled action, stating that the Father of the above described Minor is unknown it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Mariano Barrientos or other possible father of the child born 06/03/2011 to Stephanie Bryan, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 11 day of May, 2017, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in the favor of the Petitioner.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of March, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

FILED IN OFFICE
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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
YESICA KAY BRYAN,
a minor child: DOB 11/29/2008

CASE NO: JU 2013-23.03

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Mariano Barrientos or other possible father of Yesica Kay Bryan, the child born 11/29/2008, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 11th day of May, 2017, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner, Michael Haynes, 412 1st Ave SE, Suite 100, Cullman, Alabama 35056, (256) 737-5068 or Clerk of Court Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Avenue Southwest, Room 303, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this the 21st day of MARCH, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of March, 20 17.
Lisa McSwain (JW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

FILED IN OFFICE
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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
MINOR NAME CHANGE OF
ETHAN RYAN SARTIN
A Minor child

CASE NO: PC2017-058

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR A MINOR NAME CHANGE

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, AND ANY OTHERS WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

You must answer The Petition for Minor Name change filed by Natasha Marie Bagwell, which was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman, Alabama on the 3rd day of March, 2017, and should you contest this Minor Name Change, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said petitioner and with the clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, Room 101.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF March, 2017.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Andria Richter
300 First Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-775-7757

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County Alabama

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
YESICA KAY BRYAN,
a minor child: DOB 11/29/2008

CASE NO: JU 2013-23.03

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of March, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

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CULLMAN COUNTY

CLASSIFIEDS

AUCTIONS

TWO HEAVY Equipment Auctions - Number 1 - Wednesday, April 26th, 9:30 AM. 3500 N HWY 27, Carrollton, GA 30117. CAT, Komatsu, John Deere, Bobcat Construction Equipment and more. Number 2 - New/Unused Cat replacement parts auction. Online bidding only. April 27, (9AM) - May 5, (2PM EDT). 1-678-673-9194. www.joeymartinauctioneers.com. GA2627.

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Weekly online news recap, April 13 - 19

The Cullman Tribune's weekly print edition is packed full of important community news and current events. Did you know that you can also access our content for free online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Find us three ways: on our website at CullmanSense.com, on social media at facebook.com/CullmanSense and twitter.com/CullmanSense or through our free mobile app, "CullmanSense NOW," available from the App Store or the Google Play Store. Also online is our calendar, so you never miss an important community event. Find it at CullmanSense.com/calendar.

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

CPD: Quick thinking by patrol officers leads to recovery of stolen firearms

CULLMAN – The Cullman City Police Department (CPD) says quick thinking by some of the department's patrol officers led to the recovery of firearms stolen from Wilborn Outdoors this week. The burglary happened overnight Tuesday, when suspects broke into Wilborn by throwing a rock through the glass door. A total of 19 guns were stolen; 15 of those have now been recovered. According to CPD Lt. Gene Bates, "If it hadn't been for patrol, we wouldn't have recovered as many guns as we did. They did a phenomenal job."

In Cullman, former AL Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb hints at 2018 run for governor

CULLMAN – Former Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Sue Bell Cobb, says she's not ready to give up on Alabama. In fact, she hinted strongly at the possibility of making a run for the governor's office next year. Cobb joined the Cullman County Democrats for their April meeting this week. A walking piece of Alabama history, Cobb was the first woman to ever hold the highest office of the state's judicial system when she was elected in 2007, serving until 2011.

Hanceville OKs bid on civic center AC, signs off on dam evacuation and downtown development plans

HANCEVILLE – The Hanceville City Council welcomed Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Phyllis Little this week. Little presented the EMA's updated evacuation plan for areas of the county that could be affected by a catastrophic failure of, or high-volume discharge from, Smith Lake Dam (Lewis Smith Dam). The council authorized Mayor Kenneth Nail to act by signing off on the plan. The evacuation plan is a contingency for potential trouble, and does not represent any known imminent danger to the dam. Under a federal mandate, the EMA is drawing up contingency plans for all dams in Cullman County, including Duck River and even Sportsman Lake.

New Holly Pond business offers services for trucks, tractors and more

HOLLY POND – A very mobile local business has found a home in Holly Pond. QuickSilver Diesel Repair and Welding offers an array of services for automobiles, big rigs, farm equipment and more. For the last four years, Ricky Cason, Jr. and his dad Ricky, Sr. have run the business as a completely on-site service, taking their skills to where the customers are. They still do that, but as of this month, they also have an address to put with their phone number. On Saturday, April 8, they held a ribbon cutting at their new shop at 80 Holly Pond Blountsville Rd., near Harris Auto Repair.

Remembering the victims: Cullman Caring for Kids marks Child Abuse Awareness Month

CULLMAN – It was a somber gathering this week as Javon Daniel and Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) held a special ceremony for Child Abuse Awareness Month, remembering the 26 children who died last year in Alabama as a result of child abuse or neglect, and showing their commitment to those who still suffer. The memorial began with a gathering at the Cullman County Courthouse and proceeded to the top of the parking deck at Cullman Saving Bank, where 40 balloons were released. In addition to 26 white balloons for those who died last year, blue balloons represented an unknown number of ongoing victims.

Good Hope edges Cullman by 1 stroke in match play

CULLMAN – A very competitive round of prep golf took place Tuesday at Terri Pines Country Club between the Good Hope Raiders and the Cullman Bearcats. Cole Pearson, coming off winning the Cullman County title last week, kept his game consistent with one-over par 37 for the nine-hole event to lead the Raiders. Good Hope's team score was 175 versus Cullman's 176.

Cullman falls in shootout to Westminster Christian

CULLMAN – Forty minutes was not enough time for the Westminster Christian-Cullman girls' soccer game, so it came down to a shootout, and the Lady Bearcats were on the short end of it, falling 5-4 to the Lady Wildcats.

Strong second half propels Arab girls by Cullman 3-2 in prep soccer

CULLMAN – Arab was a different team on the girls' soccer field Thursday afternoon after having a tough first half with the Cullman Lady Bearcats. Cullman controlled the opening 35 minutes with two goals by Abby Branham and good team play with goalkeeper Ashley Grace Uphold turning away four shot opportunities. But in the second half, Arab rose to the challenge, being aggressive near the Cullman goal and coming from behind for a 3-2 victory.

Lady Warriors stymied by Hayden

WEST POINT – It was tough to be a Lady Warrior Tuesday afternoon as the Hayden Lady Wildcats rolled into town for a varsity contest and rolled out with a 13-3 victory.

Update: Mae's Food Hall taking shape

CULLMAN – "Rock the South" mastermind Shane Quick set his sights on the Warehouse District, and his plans are getting closer to completion. The Tribune caught up with Quick at the site of the upcoming Mae's Food Hall for an update on progress. "We're excited about it," said Quick. "We're interviewing chefs from all over the Southeast; we've got a couple of more spots left for future tenants. We're really getting into the design and creative process now, and deciding on finishing touches. The interior is about to get underway: the framing and steel work, furniture and those type things. It's real exciting times; it's all coming together."

Hanceville High School Class of 1965 52nd reunion/dinner

The Hanceville High School Class of 1965 is holding a dinner on Saturday, April 29 from 5-30-7:30 p.m. The dinner will take place in the banquet room at the Dodge City Petro/Iron Skillet. The only cost to attend is for your meal and tip/gratuity. Each person can order from the menu or the buffet. Organizers: Joyce Giles Gunter & Leneta Hopper Pender

Jeffrey Krout inducted into UA's Blue Key Honor Society

Submitted by: Richard LeComte

Jeffrey Krout, of Cullman, was inducted into The University of Alabama's Blue Key Honor Society during the Tapping on the Mound ceremony on April 7 during Honors Week. Blue Key Honor Society is a premier honor society that recognizes college students for balanced and all-around excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

Cullman Farmer's Market sees increase in vendors, shoppers

CULLMAN – The Festhalle Market Platz Farmer's Market saw brisk business Saturday, as visitors found a record number of vendors selling produce, seedling plants, meat, packaged granola, homemade jelly, pottery, cloth goods, wooden toys and other goods. Manager Wendy Williams explained, "This is our third Saturday. This is the biggest Saturday we've had, as far as the farmers and the customers. The farmers have pretty much got all their main gardens planted, so in a few more weeks we'll have more variety of fruits and vegetables. We've got a little bit of everything up here; you can get all your plants for your garden. "So far, we've had a really good turnout. We've got about 21 vendors here today. We've been averaging the last couple of weekends about 19. Our opening day was 19, and that's the biggest opening since the market was built here." As an added treat, the office and restroom building has just been decorated with a mural by local artist Donald Walker. The Farmer's Market is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the end of October.

Hunting eggs, finding joy at Field of Miracles

CULLMAN – It was a day of joy at the Field of Miracles, as Cullman Parks and Recreation's (CP&R) Therapeutic Recreation Program hosted its annual special needs Easter egg hunt with the Cullman Miracle League. The popular event is an Easter tradition for many and has been happening now for more than 10 years. On Wednesday, the grass on one ball field was strewn with over brightly colored eggs for participants to gather, and each person received baskets and treat bags.



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Huge day for CP&R: Art in the Park festival sees City Park renamed "Art Park"

CULLMAN – It could not have been a bigger day in the tiny southwest corner of the city of Cullman. After a run at Heritage Park, Cullman City Parks and Recreation (CP&R) hosted Art in the Park at City Park (also known as Main Avenue Park) Saturday. At a special ceremony in the morning, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and CP&R cut the ribbon on the Cullman Art Guild's new headquarters and gallery at the park, as they unveiled plans for a substantial renovation of the park. They even renamed the site; from now on City Park will be "Art Park."

OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 12 - 18

Mr. Benito Coronado Juarez passed away April 13 at his residence. Mr. Juarez was born June 11, 1946 in Pearsall, TX to Fidel and Petra Coronado Juarez. He was a truck driver. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Terry Wayne Juarez, brothers Fernando, Floyd, Fidel, Max, Paul, and Arthur, and sisters Olga, Josephine and Rachel. He is survived by his wife, Linda Juarez, daughters, Nancy (John) Hill and Delena (Bobby) Smith, son Benito (Leslie) Juarez Jr., grandchildren John Hill, Brandi Replogle, Nicolas Alvarado, Carmela Juarez, Lauren Smith and Ashley Smith, great grandchildren Damonn Hill, Zayne Hill, Alayna Thomas, Lindsey Thomas and Jayla Williams, a brother OJ (Genie Sprayberry) Juarez, sister Bertha (Issac) Salazar, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Michael Wayne Jarrett, 56 of Falkville, died peacefully at his home April 12. Funeral service held April 14 at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Albert Dean Estes officiated. Burial at Etha cemetery. Michael was born in Eva, Alabama July 11, 1960 to Clovis and Clarence Jarrett. Michael loved astronomy and enjoyed reading and spending time with his family. He is survived by three sisters; Alice (Ricky) Dover, Sheila (Ferrell) Runge and Anita Braswell, two brothers; Eugene (Toi) Jarrett and Dean (Bonnie) Jarrett.

Funeral service for James Larry Murphree, 73 of Cullman, held April 14 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. He passed away April 12 at his residence.

Cecil Ray Tidwell, 77, of Nauvoo, entered into rest on April 12, 2017 at his residence. Mr. Tidwell was born on December 27, 1939 in Lynn. Cecil was a member of Ashbank Freewill Baptist Church for 40 years, where he was the Pastor for the past 35 years. He was a 1958 graduate of Lynn High School and retired from the Winston County Road Department. Cecil enjoyed going to church and spreading the gospel. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, going fishing, and Alabama football. Funeral service held April 14 at Ashbank Freewill Baptist Church in Nauvoo. Brother Shawn Blanton officiated. Burial will follow in adjoining cemetery. Cecil is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Lillian Tidwell; sons, Jeff Tidwell and his wife Anita, Dennis Brannon and his wife Denise; daughter, Sandra Thomas and her husband Perry; brother, Jimmy Tidwell and his wife Eulene; sister, Betty Elkins and her husband James; niece Kim Shirey and her husband Junior; and special friends, James and Barbar Boren. He was "Papaw" to 7 grandchildren, Tasha Thomas, Meka Thomas, Charity Wright and her husband Dannon, Jessica Tidwell, Katie Tidwell, Dylan Tidwell, and Felicia Moody. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lucille Tidwell; brothers, Terry Tidwell, Jerry Tidwell; sisters, Elhura Myers, Christine Clingan, Nola Mae Garrison, and Jeanette Watts.

Funeral Services for Mary Frances Plunkett Starnes, age 70 of Holly Pond, held April 14 2017 at Holly Pond Funeral Home, Herman (Dink) Lambert and David Hooper officiated. Interment in Union Grove Cemetery. She was born in Holly Pond, Alabama to Ludie Plunkett and Mary Fulmer Plunkett. Mrs. Starnes passed away April 12 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was a member of Union Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Starnes was predeceased by her parents Ludie and Mary Plunkett; husband, Dwight Patrick Starnes; brothers, Billy Plunkett and Rudy Plunkett; and brother-in-law, John Bowden. Survivors include daughters, Christy (Tony) Hitt and Shelia (Billy Ray) Harris; grandchildren, Tiffany Hayes, Wesley (Amy) Cook, Steffany Means, Jake, Hannah, Sarah Harris, and Justin Hitt; great grandchildren, Taylor, Austin, and Kendall Hayes; sisters, Ruth Bowden, Judy (Henry) Arndt, Kathy (Gerald) Hooper, Debra (Randall) Daniel, and Marilyn Giles. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Lullene English Smith, 87 of Cullman, entered the gates of Heaven April 14 from Woodland Village Nursing Home. Graveside service held April 16 at Cullman City Cemetery; Brother Don Froelich officiated. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. She was born in Walker County November 25, 1929 to Floyd A. and Era Parris English. She was a seamstress for 32 years at Cullman Lingerie before retirement and was an attending member of Northside Baptist Church for more than 54 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, J L English; First husband, Samuel Tyree; and Talmadge Smith, husband of 45 years. Survivors include her daughter, Linda Tyree (Don) Hunter; sister, Delisa English (Ralph) Cain; granddaughters, Bama Hunter (Bryan) Turner, Carla Hunter (Danny) Stricklin; great grandsons, Noah Stricklin, Austin Stricklin, David Turner and Alex Turner; nephew, Todd (Kathryn) McLeroy; niece, Dana McLeroy (Matt) Schoenbachler; and a host of family and friends.

Johnnie Fay Jones, 83 of Haleyville, entered into rest on April 13 at Haleyville Health Care. Mrs. Jones was born on October 23, 1933, in Haleyville. Johnnie was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church No. 2 for 40 plus years. In her free time she liked to crochet, embroider, attend church and especially enjoyed spending time with her family. Funeral service held April 15 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Reverend Steve Miles officiated. Burial in Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. Johnnie is survived by her son, Gary Lynn Jones and his wife Susie; daughter, Sandra Faye Willis; brothers, Relton Tittle and his wife Carolyn, Terry Tittle and his wife Sandra, Donald Tittle and his wife Becky. She was "Mamaw" to 6 grandchildren, Jennifer, Alan, Kevin and Amy Willis, Christy (Chris) McGaughy, Jeffrey (Emily) Jones, Kimberly (Matt King) Jones; and was "Mamaw Johnnie" to 13 great grandchildren, Alexander, Ashlyn, Chandler, Autumn and Lily Willis, Kirkland Sides, Haley Harrison, Emily McGaughy, Tate, Ty, and Brody Jones, Noah and Miles King. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Lee Jones; sons, Troy Wayne and Waymond Jones; parents, John Melvin and Lessie Belle Tittle; brothers, Howell and Jimmy Tittle; sisters, Fayrene Barnett, Imogene Conway, Doris Cagle, Evalee Clement and JoAnn Overton.

Funeral service for Betty Story White, 83 of Cullman, held April 15 at First Baptist Church of Hanceville; Dr. David McGowan and Phillip Wigley officiated; with interment in Duck River Cemetery. Mrs. White passed away on April 12. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt and Ruby Foshee Story; her husband, Lester White and brother, Bill Story. She is survived by daughters, Cindy (Bill) Smith and Martha (Wayne) Underwood; grandchildren, Jaime (Darius) Frederick and Josh (Jenny) Smith; great grandson, Noah Frederick; brothers, Rick Story and Bobby Story; sister, Sandra Wright; a host of nieces and nephews and loving caregiver, Clara Heaton. The family would live to give a special thanks to the staff at Woodland Village Health Care Center and the nurses and doctors in the emergency department and 3rd floor at Cullman Regional Medical Center.

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Jesse Jack Gilliland, 76 of Double Springs, entered into rest April 13 at ECM Hospital. Mr. Gilliland was born on September 1, 1940 in Jasper, Alabama. Jack served in the United States Air Force for 12 years, including the Vietnam War. Jack was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church for 18 years. He attended Meek High School and worked in law enforcement for over 20 years. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and F&AM Lodge #877. Jack enjoyed hunting, fresh water fishing, deep sea fishing, and the ocean. Funeral service held April 15 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Reverend Dennis Steward officiated. Burial in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Sally Kay Gilliland; sons, John Edward Gilliland and his wife Wendy Mechelle, James Hamilton Gilliland and his wife Melissa Janelle; daughter, Tina Kay Scibilia and her husband Chris; brothers, Larry Gilliland and his wife Shirley, Billy Gilliland and his wife Denise; and uncle, Odis Bishop. He was "Big Daddy Jack" to 8 grandchildren, Austin Lewis, Mackenzie Gilliland, Kaylee Gilliland, Megan Gilliland, Rylie Gilliland, Aidan Scibilia, Cash Jones, and Anthony Scibilia. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Hamilton and Dorothy Sue Gilliland; and a brother, Wayne Gilliland.

Funeral service for Jewel Johnson held April 17 at Center Grove Baptist Church. Interment in the adjoining cemetery; Bro. Stanley Kilgore officiated. She is survived by sons: Gerald (Janet) Johnson and Byron Keith (Donna) Johnson, Daughter-In-Law: Katherine Johnson, Sister: Barbara (Nick) Harlowe, 7 Grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her Parents: William and Alma Makemson, Husband: Earsie Johnson, Son: Bobby Elwin Johnson, Granddaughter: Sherrie Bagwell, Brothers: Amos Makemson, Angus Makemson and Herbert Makemson, Sisters: Lavonia Vest and Mildred Raburn. She was a loving mother, housewife, friend and always had time for others. Service was her calling.

Funeral service for Julita Gaither Montgomery, 87 of Cullman, held April 17 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Interment in Montgomery Cemetery in Moulton, Alabama; Bro. Stanley Owensby, Bro. Leon Mauldin, Bro. Keith Owensby officiated. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Montgomery passed away Thursday, April 13th. She was born December 29, 1929 to Albert Curtis and Annie Ethel McClure Gaither. She attended Glory Hill Church of God. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cecil Montgomery; brothers, Cecil, Percy, Buddy Gaither and sisters, Agnes Hamm, Zelma Kuykendall. Survivors include her son, Waymon (Ann) Montgomery; daughters, Nita (Stanley) Owensby, Karen (Terry) McReath; brother, Roy (Janice) Gaither; sister, Wanda (Victor) Shumate; grandchildren, Keith (Ashley) Owensby, Wes (Alysha) Montgomery, Rocky (Samantha) Montgomery, Tiffini (Brandon) Kinney, Casey Rice, Matt Rice, Trevor McReath, Jessi McReath; 16 great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for Betty Wingo, 77 of Cullman, held April 17 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel; interment in Garden City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Wingo passed away April 13.

Funeral service for George Volley Weeks, 82 of Vinemont, held April 18 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Ralph Henderson officiating; interment in Friendship Cemetery in Vinemont. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Weeks passed away April 16. He was born January 23, 1935 in Cullman, Alabama to the late Jewel and Ludie Purdy Weeks. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Judy Weeks; four sisters and three brothers. Survivors include his brother, Glenn Weeks; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be family members and Charles Haynes will be honorary pallbearer.

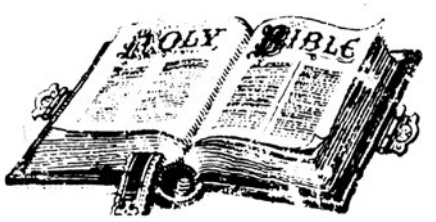
Graveside services for Beckie Ann Edwards, 66 of Hanceville, will be conducted on Thursday, April 20 at 11 am at Fairview West Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:30- 9 pm at Hanceville Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 19. Mrs. Edwards passed away at Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehab on Monday, April 17, 2017. Ms. Edwards was born on August 31, 1950 in Cullman AL to Cleston "Bud" and Gladys (Glasscock) Chapman. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Cleston "Sonny" Chapman. She was retired from the US Postal Service. She is survived by her two sons, Stacy and Alan Edwards; and four granddaughters Brittany Wood and Lexie Johnson, Raegan Edwards and Samantha Edwards, and a sister, Rita Black.

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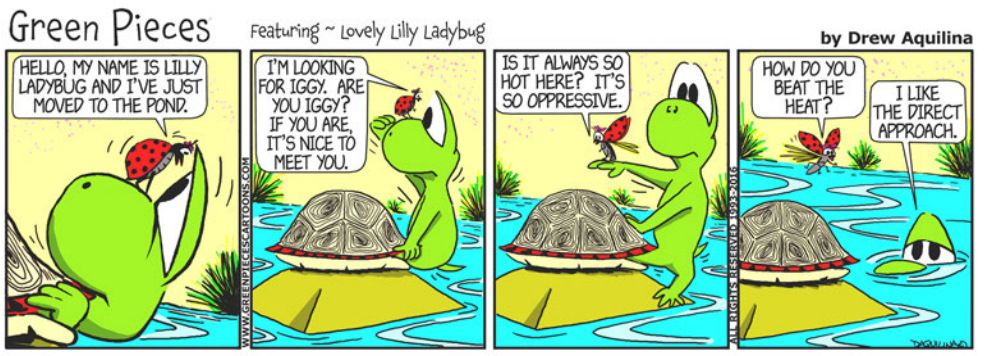


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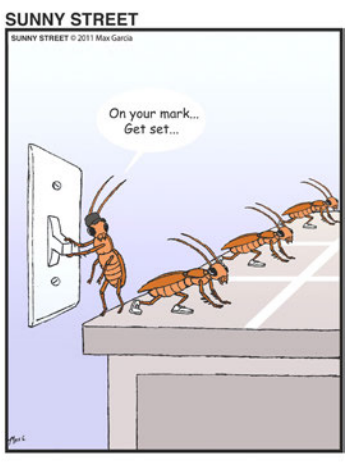
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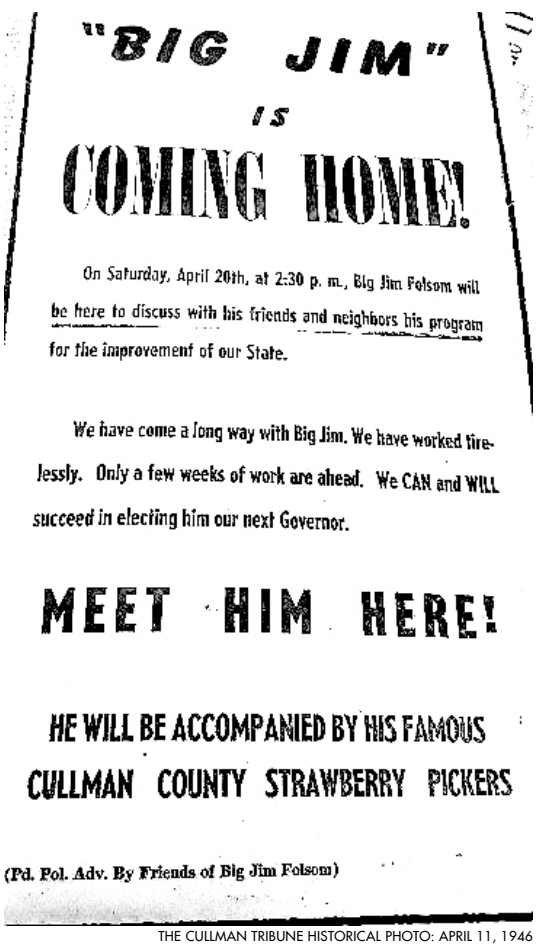


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This week in Cullman history

On Saturday, April 20, 1946, James Folsom- also known as "Big Jim" Folsom- visited Cullman as part of his campaign for governor of Alabama. The Cullman native gave a speech in front of the courthouse around 2:30, and was accompanied by his band, the Strawberry Pickers.

Compiled by Samantha Vest



"BIG JIM" IS COMING HOME!

On Saturday, April 20th, at 2:30 p. m., Big Jim Folsom will be here to discuss with his friends and neighbors his program for the improvement of our State.

We have come a long way with Big Jim. We have worked tirelessly. Only a few weeks of work are ahead. We CAN and WILL succeed in electing him our next Governor.

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By: Randy C. Hale

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



EARWOOD-ALLISON

Brant and Deborah Earwood of Baileyton announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Earwood of Cullman, to Daniel Allison of Birmingham, son of Robert and Brenda Allison of Cullman.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Fairview High School. She received an associate degree in nursing from Wallace State Community College in 2009, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Jacksonville State University in 2012. She is currently employed as a registered nurse with St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

The prospective groom is a 2005 graduate of Cullman High School, and a 2012 graduate of the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University, where he earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He is presently employed as a pharmacist with Marble City Pharmacy in Sylacauga.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. June 24, 2017, at Brick Haven in Cullman.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EES opening Little Free Library

Good morning!

I have a HUGE project that needs publicity within our Cullman community. I am the librarian at East Elementary and I have a group of advanced sixth graders who have just completed a project-based learning unit where they researched "summer slide" and the benefits of summer reading.

These students have installed a Little Free Library on the front lawn of our school.

They have created fliers to pass out to our community promoting the Little Free Library.

They also created a commercial to show to our student body and posters to hang in our hallways.

This was all done to promote summer reading to our school and community.I AM SO PROUD OF THEM!

The Little Free Library works on the honor system... Take a Book, Leave a Book.

It is open all day, every day; the top shelf we have designated for adult/teen books and the bottom shelf for kids' books.

There is even a sign-in sheet to see who visits the library.

You may take any book you like, as long as you leave a book in its place.

I have attached some pictures of our Little Free Library.

This is a nationwide movement through www.littlefreelibrary.org and the students have already purchased a plaque giving their Little Free Library a number, and have registered their library, which places it on the National Map of All Little Free Libraries.

These students really want to get the word out to the community and promote their Little Free Library.

We are having our own little ribbon cutting on April 21 at 9 a.m., where the community and school are invited.

I hope that you find this story as intriguing and encouraging as we do!

These students have worked hard!

Savannah Wood
Library media specialist
East Elementary School

Quotes from some students who worked on the project:

Sarah said, "This project was a lot of work, but it was for a really good cause for kids who want to keep their reading level up during the summer."

Landon said, "Our Little free library adds so much personality to the front of our school. No one has an excuse not to read because they can visit the Little Free Library."

"This Little Free Library is a unique and fun way to keep people reading over the summer!" **explained Ella Kate.**

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Colony Community Center
Dodge City Fire Station
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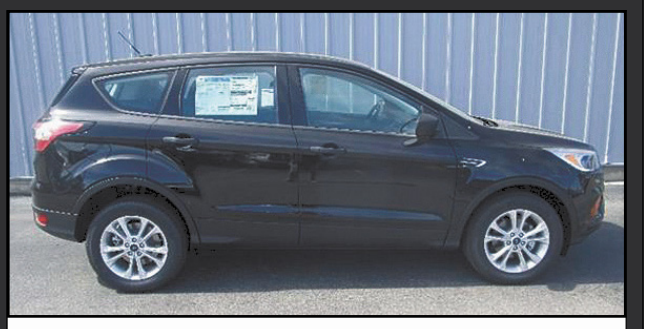
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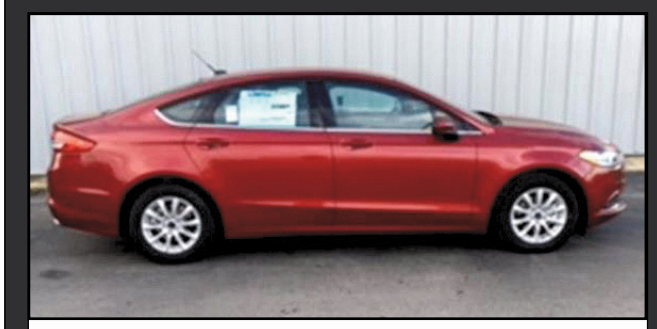
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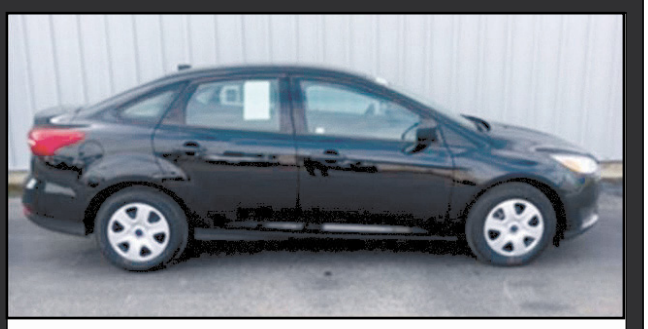
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