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Hanceville PD hosting popular women's firearm training May 13 & 20

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, the Hanceville Police Department (HPD) will host its sixth annual women's firearm training event.

The sessions will begin at 8 a.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

"The day goes for four hours usually," said Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long. "We have two hours of classroom education about firearms, and then two hours on the range. We're typically done by noon."

While the event has been free in year's past, this year a $10 registration fee is required.

"We had kept it free, and just welcomed donations," Long said. "But the event costs about $500 per day to put on."

Each day's registration is limited to 30 women, and there P14

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Planned power outage to affect Bremen, Hanceville

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Electric Cooperative says a planned power outage will affect members served by Bremen and Hanceville substations.

"Cullman Electric Cooperative and the Tennessee Valley Authority have scheduled a planned power outage that will impact a large portion of the co-op's service area the first weekend in May," read a press release issued by the Co-op.

According to the Cullman EC, the outage is scheduled to begin Friday night, May 5, at midnight and last for up to five hours. All members served by the Bremen and Hanceville substations will be without power during this time. Some of the communities and areas included in this outage are Arkadelphia, Bremen, Catalina Point, Cold Springs, Colony, Country Mall, Dodge City, Loretto, Center Hill, Garden City, Hanceville, Steppville, Stouts Mountain and White City.

Courtesy calls were made on Friday, April 28 to members who will be affected. Affected members should also receive an additional reminder phone call prior to the event.

The outage is necessary for TVA to perform work at its new switching station in Hanceville, according to the Cullman EC. "Co-op staff has spent the past several weeks contacting local business and industrial members that will be affected. Some businesses with back-up generators may remain open for business during the planned power outage. Some traffic signals equipped with battery back-up systems will remain on during this time. The Cullman County Sherriff's Office and the Hanceville Police Department will have additional units on patrol and assisting with traffic control where it is necessary," read the release.

Visit http://www.cullmanec.com/ for more information.

Baileyton mulling solar power plan

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BAILEYTON – The small town of Baileyton talked big news at this week's town council meeting, welcoming representatives from Pulaski, Tennessee- based ACE, LLC SOLAR. ACE CEO Chuck Boggs, who was featured in The Economist's film "Solar Frontiers," (see http://qrne.ws/economistvideo) presented Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar and the town's council members with a bold vision: to power buildings and facilities owned by the Town with solar energy.

Boggs already has a foothold in Baileyton and throughout Cullman County; his company will soon install a system in the council's own backyard at Walker Bros. LTD.

Said Boggs, "The solar panels are currently in transit; they can expect to be online in 10 days."

ACE was also responsible for the installation of solar panels at Apel Steel, which became the world's first off-grid solar powered industrial factory in 2013. According to Boggs, "We are currently putting together a program (for) the City of Cullman that we can reduce their power (bill) by 20 percent by 2020." (Boggs said he has yet to speak with Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.)

Regarding Baileyton, Boggs claims he company can "reduce the town's power bill by 20 percent in one year's time."

The ambitious plan for Baileyton will require installing two systems for an estimated combined cost of $160,000. The two systems will power the town hall, the medical center, the senior center, the park, baseball fields and the street lights of Baileyton, if implemented. The council, after many questions from the citizens of Baileyton and council members, elected to decide on the plan at a later date.

Dyar has an ambitious vision of his own. As president of the Cullman County Mayors and Commissioners Association he plans to bring up the solar power plan at the group's next meeting.

"I'm sure that some of them will love this," said Dyar. "It doesn't take a mathematician to know how much you can save by using LED lights."

Find out more at www.acellcsolar.com.

Notes from the council meeting:

• Repair work is ongoing for the Summit Road bridge and will require 12 more loads of dirt and gravel to repair sections that have been eroded.

• The small shed near the Town's old fire station, formerly occupied by MultiLine Cable Co., was broken into, and an incident report has been filed with the Cullman County Sherriff's Office.

• Lastly, the town passed a motion to revise its sign-up procedure for youth league players due to issues with non-payment. Starting next year, all sign-up sheets must be received, and registration fees paid, before insurance is purchased and games have begun.

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.

Nighttime I-65 N lane closures begin tonight, through the end of 2017

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HUNTSVILLE – The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) says that nighttime Interstate 65 North lane closures will begin tonight, May 1 and last throughout the year.

Single-lane closures may be in place from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays from the Blount County line to south of exit 305 (County Road 222).

The stretch of interstate will be undergoing a $7.8 million rehabilitation that includes concrete slab replacement, milling and paving, and rest area work, according to ALDOT.

Motorists should expect delays or use alternate routes.

Strawberry Festival returns this Friday & Saturday, May 5-6

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CULLMAN – Live music, craft vendors, a car show... and of course, strawberries. This year's Strawberry Festival is almost here. The annual event will kick off this Friday at Festhalle and Depot Park. There is no admission fee. The festival is family-friendly, with several kids' rides and activities and plenty of strawberry-themed treats, desserts and drinks.

Official hours for Cullman City Parks and Recreation's (CP&R's) 2017 Strawberry Festival are Friday, May 5 from 3-10 p.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

The annual Strawberry Festival Senior Shindig, put on by CP&R and the Cullman County Commission on Aging, will be on Friday, May 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Festhalle.

The senior event will feature live bluegrass music, a car show, bingo, food and contests, including buck dancing, the twist, strawberry sweet-tooth and the Third Annual Seniors Got Talent competition. Prizes will be awarded for each contest; the winner of the talent show will win $100. For more information or to register for contests, call the Commission on Aging office at 256-734-1241.

According to Waid Harbison with CP&R, "We will be adding the car show through the Warehouse District on Friday night, and most of the Warehouse District businesses will be staying open during the festival. We also have an awesome lineup of bands with some from last year, but largely new acts and names."

Friday night music lineup

• 3-5 p.m. TBD
• 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Overtones
• 8-10 p.m. Round 2

Saturday music lineup

• 9-9:30 a.m. Cullman High School Choir
• 10-10:45 a.m. Julie Ann & Gold Rush
• 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cullman Community Band
• 1-2:15 p.m. Shannon McNeal
• 2:45-4:45 p.m. Dusty from Trick Zipper
• 5:15-7:15 p.m. Pine Hill Haints
• 7:45-10 p.m. Max Russell & the Shakedown Kings

"Also new to this year will be a two-day craft show," Harbison said. "In the past, the craft show has only been held on Saturday, but all 120-plus vendors will be on site for both days. We will also have a lot more strawberries this year for sale at the Farmer's Market. We doubled our crowd size last year and were not prepared for the double in crowd size; we will have almost double the strawberries from last year at this year's festival."

Harbison said he and everyone involved with the event are excited about the growth of the festival, which he attributes, at least partially, to the extra traffic from the state track meet held at Cullman High School the same weekend. "We're looking forward to more vendors, more cars in the car show and an expanded kids' area with new items, and the great lineup of bands," he said. "We are also excited about the Warehouse District businesses being on board this year as well, staying open late as part of the festival."

For more information, contact the Cullman Civic Center at 256-734-9157, email info@cullmanrecreation.org or visit http://qrne.ws/strawberry.

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Planning commission paves way for further development of Ponder Building; plans for indoor playground move forward

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Planning Commission on Monday evening agreed to forward a request from local businessman Shane Quick to the city council with a favorable recommendation.

Quick submitted a request for the City to abandon property adjacent to the Ponder Building at Clark Street Northeast and First Avenue Northeast. The site in question is a concrete slab which is currently used as the outdoor patio for Rumors Deli. The City's abandonment of the property would open it up for sale to Quick, who owns the Ponder Building.

Quick told the Tribune that the addition of that narrow strip will allow the construction of an elevator that will give the public access to the upper floors of the Ponder Building. "What we have now (in the Ponder Building) is a 15,000-square-foot building with 3,000 square feet that can be used. For public use, the City requires two stairwells and an elevator. This will allow us to open up that building and continue the growth of the Warehouse District."

With commissioners noting previous instances in which the City has sold such parcels, a motion to forward the request to the city council with a favorable recommendation was approved.

Another big part of the meeting was a conditional use request from Jamie Owens for construction of an indoor playground at Fourth Street Southwest and Logan Street Southwest. Owens explained the concept of the indoor playground, comparing it to an enlarged version of the play area at the Cullman Chick-fil-A, and described a facility with separate play areas for toddlers and older children, a sensory area for special needs children and a vending/snack area. Her request was approved.

Other items

• A request from Tanina Baker for a short form subdivision that would move a property line between two adjoining parcels she owns at the intersection of 14th Street Northeast and Fourth Avenue Northeast, giving her a larger parcel to live on, but maintaining the required lot size and frontage for the other. The request was approved.

• A request from Dr. Ronald Carter to subdivide a lot at Convent Road Northeast and Longbrook Drive Northeast. Since the subdivision would create lots that do not meet the City's lot size requirements, the request was denied. The commission told Carter that he could appeal to the zoning board of adjustments, but that the request would create a City ordinance violation.

• A request from Rodney Kinney to rezone a lot at 1006 Second Ave. NE from manufacturing to business. The site houses a convenience store, and the current zoning appears to be an oversight. As all surrounding lots in the area are zoned for business, a motion to forward the request to the city council with a favorable recommendation was approved.

• A request from Judy Speegle Shannon and Bob Shannon to rezone a lot they own at Third Street Southwest and Denson Avenue Southwest from central business district to residential, so they could build a house on the currently vacant property. As all surrounding properties, including houses, are zoned CBD; and a change on that one lot would constitute impermissible "spot zoning," a motion was passed to forward the request to the city council with an unfavorable recommendation.

• A request to approve a change in site plans for the new Milo's Hamburgers on Patriot Way Southwest. The change would only affect the construction plans for routing of stormwater drainage. With a favorable recommendation from City inspectors, the request was approved.

• A proposed site plan from Civil Engineer Phillip Piercy of Littlejohn Engineering Associates for a dialysis clinic on Broadway Drive Southwest came under intense scrutiny, as commissioners pointed out errors in the text, missing engineers' stamps and other problems. Piercy was present, and personally addressed numerous questions, also noting that he had submitted a revised plan to City inspectors. The inspectors expressed satisfaction with the revision, except for minor issues. The revised plan was approved, pending minor corrections.

The Cullman City Planning Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the auditorium at Cullman City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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An artist's concept of the children's play area at "It's All Fun and Games"

Fairview puts funds toward summer enrichment program

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FAIRVIEW – The first item on the Fairview Town Council's agenda this week, after normal housekeeping, was to welcome guest Marty Hardman from Fairview Elementary, who came to request donations for the school's summer enrichment program. The program is used to help give at-risk students more individualized courses in reading and math, and Harding said the cost of the program is approximately $3,000. He also said that they had gotten a lot of good feedback and support from the community, but every little bit still helps. The council agreed to match its donation from last year and give $500 toward the program.

Under old business, the roof repairs at the ball park concessions stand have been completed, and fortunately there was no significant structural damage.

Paving for the senior center parking lot started about a week and a half ago, and Mayor Keith Henry estimates another four to six weeks at least before the grand opening.

The council updated its ordinance to follow the state's dates for the Back-to-School Tax-Free Weekend. In previous years, the weekend has been in early August, but the council had to update its ordinance to reflect the change in date to July 21-23.

Negotiations to buy the Bailey property (Bailey Trailer Court) have continued, and Henry calculated that agreeing to Bailey's offer would likely be a better deal than what he and the council had originally planned to settle for. After hearing this and discussing for a few minutes, the council made a motion to have a contract drawn up for Bailey.

The first order of new business was the hiring of a summer lawncare worker. Despite several people sounding interested, only three applications were submitted and Henry only found two viable.

The mayor and the council seemed to agree that many potential applicants likely never applied because of the lack of benefits, which was the first thing many interested people asked about when they called.

The council agreed to ask around other towns like Holly Pond or Baileyton and see if they offer benefits to their maintenance workers so they could estimate how much it might cost them to start offering.

On the subject of the two viable applicants, Henry received the council's approval to interview them and choose the better-qualified worker.

Another item on the agenda was a request for an archery instructor to hold summer classes in the community park. The instructor is a parent of a Fairview archer, and her son's enthusiasm for the sport inspired her to become an instructor to help Fairview's team improve.

However, these summer classes will be open to students from any school who want more practice and preparation before school starts back.

The council's main concern was making sure pedestrians and passersby wouldn't be put at risk, and one member made the suggestion to let her use one of the ball fields because the field is unused during the summer, and the fenced-in area would prevent arrows from straying too far.

With this idea on the table, the council made a motion to let her teach her lessons there.

Other topics that were discussed were price estimates for repairing some roads leading into town and going by the daycare, allowing Cornerstone Church to use their pool ball fields during the day, landscaping for the senior center and a letter to the townspeople Henry will draft for next month that will address community involvement.

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



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Robertson's walk-off home run sends Wallace State softball to 3rd straight ACCC/ Region 22 championship and 11th overall

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Wallace State's softball team won its 3rd straight ACCC/Region 22 title and 11th overall on Monday, defeating Snead State in the championship game.

ALABASTER – Tanner Robertson's first home run of the season propelled Wallace State's softball program to another Alabama Community College Conference/Region 22 championship on Monday.

Robertson's leadoff solo jack in the eighth inning sent Wallace State to an 8-7 come-from-behind victory over Snead State in the championship game, capturing a third consecutive ACCC tournament title for the Lions and 11th in program history.

Wallace State (39-16) went undefeated in four tournament games, securing the championship on Monday after play was suspended in the fourth inning on Sunday afternoon.

It was well worth the wait for Robertson, first-year coach A.J. Daugherty and the entire program.

"This means everything. I love this team and I can't wait to get to Utah (for the national tournament). I've never been part of something as cool as this," said Robertson, a Huntsville native. "I wasn't thinking about hitting a home run in that situation. I just wanted to get on base for the top of the order and not overcomplicate things. I guess I couldn't have picked a better time for my first collegiate home run."

Daugherty wasn't surprised Robertson proved to be one of the heroes on Monday. After all, Robertson entered the tournament with a .308 average and played stellar defense the entire tournament.

"Tanner is always going to give us a consistent performance at third base and gives you a consistent effort offensively. She's worked hard to refine her swing and is still a work in progress," Daugherty said. "There's no one who works harder, so to see her make the most of her opportunity is very gratifying. I know it had to be a great feeling for her to see that ball go over the fence."

Daugherty inherited the Wallace State softball program last June after spending four seasons at James Clemens High School in Madison, and the Lions haven't missed a beat under his tutelage. He won the tournament during his inaugural season in Hanceville.

"It's cool to think about getting these players in August and not knowing but about three of their names. You work hard all fall to learn each other and their strengths and where they can contribute the best to the team. In the spring, you try to establish a winning environment and in the end give yourself a chance to win," Daugherty said.

"I'm not sure we are the most talented team. We've said that all year, but when we play Wallace State softball, it doesn't matter who's in the other dugout. We came out here and took care of us in the tournament."

Indeed, the Lions did. Wallace State opened the tournament last Friday with an 11-0 victory over Southern Union and followed it with a 4-2 victory over Central Alabama on Saturday.

The Lions, seeded second in the North Division, matched up with rival Shelton State in the winner's bracket game on Saturday afternoon and prevailed 6-2, sending the Lions into Sunday's championship against Snead State.

Snead State got off to a hot start in the championship game, scoring four runs in the first inning. Wallace State answered with four runs of its own in the bottom of the first on a two-run single by Brittany Ledbetter and two-run double by Jodie Farnetti.

Wallace State claimed a 5-4 edge in the third inning on an RBI single by Taylor Beshears, who was named the tournament MVP.

Snead State clawed back and grabbed a 7-5 advantage in the fourth on a three-run homer, minutes before Sunday's play was suspended because of inclement weather.

Play resumed at 11 a.m. on Monday. Karra Elam's third home run of the season got Wallace State a run closer in the bottom of the fourth, closing the cap to 7-6.

Wallace State loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth and tied the game at 7-7 on a Charlee West sacrifice fly, scoring Amber Hammonds.

Robertson ended the game in the eighth, sending Wallace State to the NJCAA Division I softball championship, set for May 17-20 at St. George, Utah.

On the mound, Ledbetter kept the Parsons at bay over the final 4 1/3 innings, earning her fourth victory of the tournament as Wallace State's ace.

Ledbetter moved to 20-8 on the season and was named to the All-Tournament team along with Elam and freshman shortstop Jodie Farnetti.

Ledbetter said the suspension of the championship game aided her on the mound.

"The rain took away the momentum Snead State had and helped me refocus and pitch better. I told myself to do what worked for me all season. This is a proud moment because I didn't contribute like I should have at the end of last season," said Ledbetter, who finished with 24 strikeouts in 23 tournament innings pitched.

"This is special because we all came together with the new coaching staff. We didn't know who they were to begin with and they didn't know us. We decided as sophomores to believe in what they wanted and went to battle all season long."

As MVP, Beshears was 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI in the championship game and finished with eight hits and five RBIs in the tournament.

As with any championship team, Wallace State received contributions up and down the roster throughout the tournament, including from sophomore Lyndsay Reeves, who had a homer and six RBIs after collecting five RBIs overall during the regular season.

Wallace State will now aim for its third NJCAA Division I national championship in Utah. It will mark the Lions third straight trip to the national event and 11th overall.

Wallace State assistant coach Sallie Beth Burch was a player on the first Wallace State team to win a national crown.

"Sallie Beth is a humongous part of today. The effort and work she puts in reaches far beyond any other assistant coach in our conference," Daugherty said. "This team needed someone to guide them, and we're lucky enough to be here. This team is led by sophomores who refuse to lose."

Wallace State's sophomore class consists of Beshears, Ledbetter, Hammonds, Elam, Reeves, Jesse Butler, Savannah Bolton, Haley Hughes, Bailee Daugherty and Ashton Gaddy.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Cold Springs clinches berth to North Regional; claims 2A, Area 13 crown

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BREMEN – Cold Springs became the first local softball team to qualify for the AHSAA regionals, thanks to a 5-4 victory over Falkville Tuesday afternoon in the 2A, Area 13 tournament. Tuesday evening, the Lady Eagles claimed the area crown with a 10-3 win over Winston County.

The Lady Eagles will now prepare for the North Regional next weekend at the Kiwanis Sportsplex in Huntsville.

Cold Springs 5, Falkville 4
Falkville gained a 1-0 win during the late morning against Winston County in nine innings to set up a battle in the winner's bracket of the three-team area tournament.

The visitors from Morgan County grabbed a 2-0 lead in the third when Kameryn Scales walked, then moved to second on a single by Bailey Engle with nobody out. Sydnee Fitzgerald singled to center, but it was mishandled, leading to Scales scoring from second and a 1-0 advantage.

A second run came on a groundout with Falkville going to the bottom of the inning up 2-0 and keeping the Cold Springs batters in check until this portion of the game

A solid hit parade started when Hayden Goodwin singled, Drew Sanders doubled and a single by Anna Kate Voce scored Goodwin. Victoria Freeman followed and was hit by a pitch from Fitzgerald to load the bases for Crimson Gann.

Gann, a freshman, hit the ball deep to short to get the tying run home with a spirited Cold Springs dugout very much alive.

Kylon Hamby snapped the deadlock with a two-out double, sending home Voce and Freeman, securing a 4-2 lead for the home side.

In the Cold Springs fifth, Madison Holmes led off with a single and scored two batters later on a single to left by Sanders.

Sanders was 2-for-3 on the afternoon to lead the Lady Eagles with an RBI and a run scored.

A big play for Cold Springs came in the top of the sixth. Makenzie Veal singled off the glove of Ember Sellers with the ball going into left field.

Emily Williams got to the ball and threw to Holmes at second to tag out Veal, who was trying to stretch the hit into a double. Veal got her cleats hung up in the infield dirt near the bag and never made it to second.

Sanders set down the next two batters to end the inning and keep Cold Springs up by the score of 5-2.

Sanders struck out Maddie Holmes for the first out of the seventh, then allowed a single to Scales that created a change on the pitchers' circle.

Voce went from short to pitcher, allowed consecutive singles by Engle and Fitzgerald, along with a throwing error that enabled them to move into scoring position. Fitzgerald's single drove home Scales with a grounder to first by Audrianna Wilbanks bringing in Engle and making the score 5-4 with a runner at second and two out.

The final out came on a grounder to Holmes at second, who threw to Gann at first and end the contest at 1:35 p.m.

Cold Springs 10, Winston County 3
The Cold Springs Lady Eagles completed the tournament, dominating the finals by a 10-3 score over Winston County.

Winston County advanced to the finals after a 6-3 win against Falkville in an elimination bracket assignment.

Winston County will head to the North Regional as well for its second-place finish in the area tournament.

Cold Springs improved to 16-10-1 with their sixth victory in its last seven games. The Lady Eagles are 6-0 against Area 13 opposition entering the regionals.

From NY to Cullman: Meet Tom Richter, Cullman FBC's new pastor

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CULLMAN – It's a long way from New York to Cullman, but Tom Richter had good reasons to come. He's the new pastor at Cullman First Baptist Church (FBC), having started March 26. The Tribune sat down with Richter this week, to get to know him a little better.

"Richter" is a well-known name around Cullman, but this Richter is not one of them. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, raised in Kentucky, and he has spent the last 14 years in New York. He came from an urban church with an average weekly attendance of 150 down to the Bible Belt, into a small-town church that can run more than 600 on a Sunday.

So how did you end up in Cullman?
"The short answer is God, in that only God could arrange for me to come here. The slightly longer answer is that I married a girl who is from Cullman. I married Jackie Dobson, whose parents Charlie and Paula Dobson ran the All Steak restaurant for years and years.

"We were very happily ministering in New York City, at my last ministry. For 14 years, I was a pastor in Jamaica, (a neighborhood in) Queens, New York. We have three children, ages 8, 5 and 3, and for many years there was never any desire to leave. We never felt unsatisfied or unhappy.

"As the kids got older, we felt more open to a sense of rootedness. Her parents being here, and we really wanted our kids to get to know their grandparents well.

"You can do that from a thousand miles away, but we thought 'Wouldn't it be a dream if we could get within four hours of our grandparents?' When the opportunity opened up here, it went from four hours to like four minutes! So, we just feel tremendously blessed."

What's it like, coming from New York City to Cullman, Alabama?
"I grew up in Murray, Kentucky. Murray is a small town surrounded by a larger county that has agriculture as its backbone. That is like what we have here. For me, it's not like a total culture shock.

"The funniest thing for me, perspective-wise, was through the eyes of our kids. Jackie being from Cullman, me being from western Kentucky, we just assumed we'd been raising southern children. It dawned on us: 'They were all born in New York! We've raised Yankees! How did this happen?'

"We lived in a three-bedroom apartment that was 971 square feet, on the seventh floor with our family of five.

"That's all they've known: apartment living with a very urban feel. So we're looking at a home here in Cullman, and my 5 year old is standing in the yard, and he's got this weird look on his face. I ask him what was going on, and he says, 'Dad, this house was built on a park.' I said, 'No, son, this is called a lawn; they have these here. They're called yards.' He looks around and goes, 'You mean all these houses were built on parks?'"

What impressed you first about FBC?
"I think the church is filled with kind people who go beyond just southern hospitality, and really try to model Christ-like hospitality; and they've shown that in the way they've welcomed us. I'm not from here, but they've embraced me and our family.

"Another thing is, the Sunday School has really impressed me. I've been asking around as I'm getting to know the members, 'How does pastoral care happen in this church? If there was a tragedy in your life, who would bring the casserole?' They say, 'My Sunday School.' And I see that: they're calling each other throughout the week, they're caring for each other, they're making space for new people to come, they're really reaching out. They're functioning so cohesively; I've really been impressed.

"If people are looking for a church, they should come, but not just to the service. It's that Sunday School ministry.

"It's not just that hour of teaching on Sunday; it's caring for each other, it's showing up at the hospital and praying for a Sunday School class member who's sick. You cannot replace it, and I think everybody needs that faith family in their life.

"In a big church, you're not going to be friends with everybody, because you're not going to know everybody. But that Sunday School allows you to have that tight-knit faith family that so many people are looking for.

"The third thing I would say, and I've seen this in churches all over the county, is a concern for the poor and less fortunate. There's all these different ways of caring for people who are less fortunate, saying 'You matter to God, you matter to this church, you're not alone and you're not forgotten.' That really spoke to me, and to my wife even more. She's very concerned about the poor, especially children.

A year from now, what new things will people see at FBC?
"A year from now, I would like it to be easier for folks who are not part of the church to be able to plug in. With any organization, once you've been in it for a long time, you forget what it's like to be a newcomer.

"The way we can really help with that will be a new website, a place where people can go and, long before they come to our church, they can check out our church, watch a service online.

"I wish I could take credit for these changes, but we've got really smart folks that understand all the technology and stuff. They know how to stream services and do all that.

"The capability is there; the brainpower is there in our church to do that stuff, to really help not just those who are already part of the family of God, but to really reach out to those who are hurting, who want to be able to navigate their way into the life of the church but can't seem to find their way. I want to make it easy for them to take that next step of faith."

What's your favorite Bible verse?
"Mark 16:6 - 'The angel said to the women who came to the tomb, 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here.' I guess my favorite part of that verse is when the angel says, 'He is not here.' He doesn't specify where Jesus is; He's just not here. We have a deity who's on the loose, and could be showing up anywhere. That gets me excited: that God is on the loose in Cullman County and around the world; and that everywhere Christians are celebrating that He is risen."

The last word:
"FBC was here a hundred years before I was born. Unless Jesus comes back, this church will still be here for my grandkids, if God wills. Coming from a church plant (mission church) in New York, I saw so many advantages; there was so much freedom to try new things. But here, it never occurred to me what an advantage that godly legacy has been.

"I heard it said once that God gave us the Church so we could practice love, and part of what makes FBC special to me is seeing generations coming together, worshiping the same Lord together and blessing each other."

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning readers and friends, hope everyone made it safe through the bad weather this Sunday.

Christian sympathy is extended to the families of Clyde Morris and Margaret Henderson. Both have family and friends in Holly Pond. Mr. Morris funeral was held Saturday at East Side Baptist Church with burial in the Holly Pond Cemetery. Mrs. Henderson's funeral was Sunday at Brooklyn Church with burial in Holly Pond Cemetery.

The Area Civitan meeting to celebrate 100 years of Civitan was held Saturday at the Colonel Cullman Museum.

A full house of twenty-four Civitans from Holly Pond, Hanceville, and Cullman clubs enjoyed hearing about the accomplishments of each club. Many community projects and volunteer efforts were recounted by each President of the local clubs. President Judy Boike of the Cullman Club, President Lynn Jetton of the Holly Pond Club and President Nancy Horton, of the Hanceville Club, each thanked the attendees for their service to their communities.

Special guest, Donna Grice, Governor of the North Alabama District addressed the group. Sharon Oliver, Area Director did a great job planning and decorating for the event. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all.

The Prime-Time Singers practiced on Monday in preparation for a special program to be presented Wednesday May 3rd, at First Baptist Church Arab.

The group was invited by Reverend Sherman Bailey, member of the host church. Reverend Bailey was one of the original founders of the East Cullman Baptist Association Prime-time Singers group.

A group of people from First Baptist Holly Pond are on the sick list from illnesses and home accidents. Our prayers and thoughts go out to them and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Sunday May 7th is the annual Homecoming and Decoration of the Holly Pond Cemetery. Members of the Homemakers Club will be on hand Saturday and Sunday to accept donations toward the upkeep of the cemetery.

The Cemetery is so beautiful following the decoration and thanks go out to the Cemetery committee and Homemakers Club for their efforts to keep it clean and beautiful.

My brother-in-law, Lane Horton was the guest lay speaker last Sunday for the congregation at Sharon Grove Methodist Church in Trimble.

He was blessed to be a part of this loving, growing congregation that is also served part-time by the pastor of their church at Hanceville First Methodist, Reverend Paul Campbell.

Until next time, be safe and have a blessed week.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1905

The Ladies Symphony and a number of friends met at the M.L. Robertson home on the 27th. Presenting the program of piano and vocal selections were Mesdames, Beyer, Brown, Hartwig, Hays, Dreher, Coe, Parker and Miller and Misses McMinn and Madsen.

W.B. Nunn, of Centerdale, received a badly injured foot when it was mashed by a heavily loaded wagon.

Those of Beat 11, who have posted their land against trespassing are: A.H. Speegle, Mrs. S.E. Self, J.W. Daniel, D.H. Livingston, Adelia Self, J.M. Doss, Sid S. Swan and Grant Swan.

Walter Bowden has gone to Hollis, Alabama, to accept a position as bookkeeper.

J.M. Price, who had the misfortune to lose his house by fire recently, is nearing the completion of a new residence at Berlin.

A RFD Route will be started from Clarkson, on May 1st. Lee Cochran and Bird Griffin are applicants for carrier.

Logan, Crane Hill and Sardis IOOF Lodges will celebrate the 86th anniversary of the order on April 29th, at Logan.

The committee planning the program is C.F. Bruce, R.H. Boon, G.N. Burdick, J.H. Burns, N.A. Burch and J.W. Jaggers.

Those on the program will be the Honorable A.A. Griffith, W.J. Williford, Mrs. Julia Gillespie, Mrs. M.A. Tingle, Doctor J.A.B. Lovett and W.H. Livingston. The Logan Cornet Band will play.

From The Files Of 1935

James H. Pittman has been named postmaster at Crane Hill.

Pick Goodwin, of Bremen, has accepted a position with the agricultural department in Washington.

Recent winners of the baby contest, sponsored by the Simcoe Baptist Church, were Donald Patrick, first and Hilda Joyce Henry, second, in the below two years division and Monte Hendrix, first and Gwyneith Tillman, second in the two to five year old group.

H.G. Dowling, of Tuscaloosa, will be Fairview High's commencement speaker. Messers D.C. Fuller, H. Clay Smith, Homer F. Mitchell, R.P. Johnston and Reverend J.E. Marion are attending a Baptist Laymen's Convention in Birmingham, on Thursday.

Mrs. J.F. Weeks and Mrs. J.M. Oldacre have returned from Newnan, Georgia, where they attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. B.C. Ferrin.

Mayor and Mrs. J.A. Dunlap attended the Alabama Mayor's Convention, in Montgomery, this week.

Sheriff J.E. Pierce attended the peace officers convention, in Huntsville, the first of the week.

According to the latest count, the Negro population of the city of Cullman numbers 40.

Miss Iva Alexander and Cecil Meadows were married at the First Baptist Church, on Saturday evening.

Newman Laminack, 29, died in a Birmingham hospital, on Thursday.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

How do you know you don't like, what you haven't tried?

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I honestly can't remember the first time I ever ate one. That is, no doubt, because I was too young to remember that momentous occasion. Over the course of my life, I have probably enjoyed hundreds of them. Although they are basically very simple, I have eaten several different varieties of them. I am speaking, of course, of the lowly banana sandwich. In its simplest form, it consists of two pieces of loaf bread, mayonnaise and banana.

What? You've never had one? If you have never chowed down on this southern staple, then you must live somewhere, where it snows too much. Here in the sunny south they are a tradition and in this southern boy's opinion, a treasure. We don't grow bananas here, but I sure wish we could. I've been in countries where they did raise them and I made myself a sandwich from them there. I've eaten them in Haiti, on home-baked bread. I've had them in Central and South America, made with the sweetest little bananas I've ever tasted. One famous southern boy even ate them fried. I've tried them Elvis style, but I prefer mine raw.

Terry Sampson had never eaten one. Apparently, he had never seen one, and evidently, never even heard of anyone eating them.

Actually, the first time he saw us eating them, he acted like we had lost our minds. I think that was because Terry grew up in Illinois. It snows a lot up there. He stared at his first one, kind of like a Rainsville, Alabama boy, starring at his first plate of buttered escargot.

Terry was one of my seminary classmates at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He also worked with me, along with several other seminary students, at W.W. Grainger. Our crew unloaded trucks and stocked the warehouse shelves. We were all broke seminary students, so we usually brought a brown bag to work for our supper. Those bags contained things like Vienna sausage, pork and beans, bologna sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, and, of course, banana sandwiches.

Those of us who were really struggling financially, might have had a mayonnaise sandwich, sometimes without the mayonnaise!

If this tells you anything, a banana sandwich is simply a mayonnaise sandwich with approximately nine circular slices of banana added. The non- conformist may slice their banana long ways. You can even place a whole banana in a hot dog bun, but please don't put mustard, ketchup and onion on it.

Those with a little more means added peanut butter to their banana sandwiches. Those above that level, well they didn't have to work at W.W. Granger.

The first time Terry saw one of our banana sandwiches, he asked, "What is that?" He laughed at us and asked, "Do you eat apple sandwiches too?" Someone replied, "No, but pineapple sandwiches are pretty good." We talked him into trying one and he was sold. He's probably still eating them to this day – with or without peanut butter!

Much like that first banana sandwich, I also can't remember the first time I ever went to church. I've probably attended church services more times than I've eaten banana sandwiches. The south has long been called the Bible-belt of America, but there are other parts of the world, where people attend churches too. How about you, have you tried one? Sometimes we can be critical of what we've never seen or tried. You will never know what you are missing, if you never give it a try. By the way, I have tried escargot – once.

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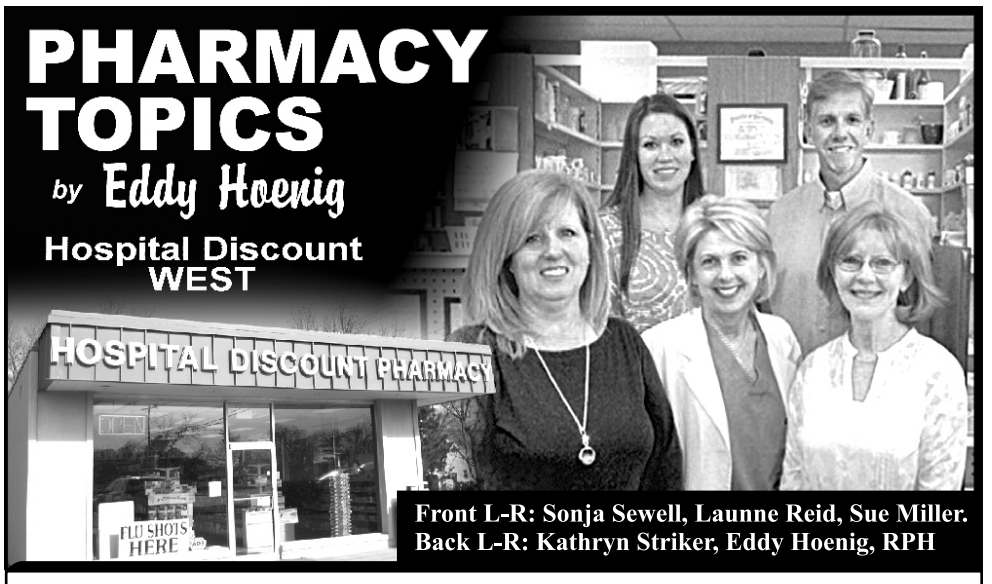
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PHARMACY TOPICS

by Eddy Hoenig

Hospital Discount WEST



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

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved Vaxchora, a vaccine for the prevention of cholera caused by serogroup 01 in adults 18 through 64 years of age traveling to cholera-affected areas. Vaxchora is the only FDA-approved vaccine for the prevention of cholera. Vaxchora is a live, weakened vaccine that is taken as a single, oral liquid dose of approximately three fluid ounces at least ten days before travel to a cholera-affected area. Cholera, a disease caused by Vibrio cholera bacteria, is acquired by ingesting contaminated water or food and causes a watery diarrhea that can range from mild to extremely severe. Often the infection is mild; however, severe cholera is characterized by profuse diarrhea and vomiting, leading to dehydration. It is potentially life threatening if treatment with antibiotics and fluid replacement is not initiated promptly. According to the World Health Organization, serogroup 01 is the predominant cause of cholera globally. While cholera is rare in the United States, travelers to parts of the world with inadequate water and sewage treatment and poor sanitation are at risk for infection. Travelers to cholera-affected areas have relied on preventive strategies recommended by the CDC to protect themselves against cholera, including safe food and water practices and frequent hand washing.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted accelerated approval for Ocaliva (obeticholic acid) for the treatment of primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) in adults with an inadequate response to UDCA, or as a single therapy in adults unable to tolerate UDCA. PCB is a chronic, or long lasting, disease that causes the small bile ducts in the liver to become inflamed, damaged and ultimately destroyed. This causes bile to remain in the liver, which damages the liver cells over time, and results in cirrhosis, or scarring of the liver. As cirrhosis progresses, and the amount of scar tissue in the liver increases, the liver loses its ability to function.

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THIS WEEK IN CULLMAN HISTORY

1949 Strawberry Festival

Samantha Vest
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On May 5-6, 1949 Cullman held its ninth annual Strawberry Festival. The festival took place over two days and featured a full program of events. On Thursday, May 5, there were several exhibitions, including a strawberry exhibit at Cullman's Masonic Hall. Friday, May 6 featured a parade, coronation of the Strawberry King and Queen, picnic, a concert at Cullman High School, street dance and a ball at St. Bernard.

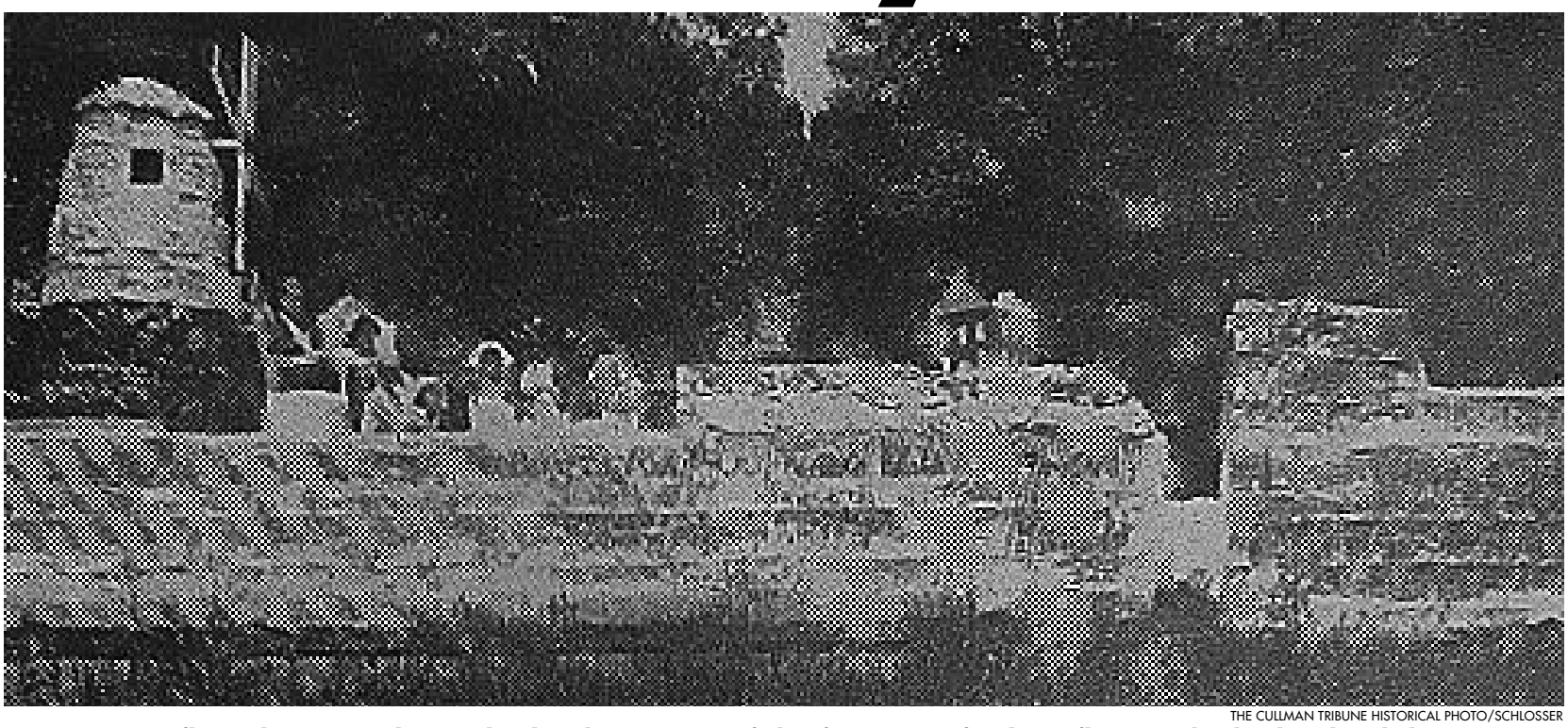
The 1949 Strawberry Queen was Charlotte Marle Rosson, and the Strawberry King was Edward Earl Chandler. The music for the Strawberry Festival Ball on May 6 was provided by the Buchmann Band- a local orchestra- and the soloist was Kathleen Bright, a Cullman native and music student at the University of Alabama.

The Strawberry Parade began at 9:30 a.m. on May 6 at 100 Fifth St. E. The parade route ended at Seventh Street and First Avenue, after traveling past some well-known local landmarks of the time, such as Mitchell Motor Co., the post office, Cullman Apothecary, Leeth Bank, the Stiefelmeyer Building and the courthouse. The parade was led by the 31st Division of the National Guard.

Several prizes were given out to the parade floats, including prizes for best merchants floats and best school floats. The winner of the first prize for best merchant float was the Thompson Brothers' float, which depicted France.

The winners of the first prizes for best school floats were West Point's float, depicting the Netherlands (in the high school division), Cullman's float, depicting the United Kingdom (in the junior high division), and Berlin's float, depicting Egypt (in the elementary division).

In addition, prizes were awarded at the Strawberry Exhibition on May 5 for best half acre of berries, best crate of strawberries and best quart of strawberries. O.D. Horsley was awarded first prize for best half acre of berries, and Warren G. Parker took first place for best crate of berries. First prize for best quart of strawberries was awarded to Mrs. H. R. Warnke.



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West Point's float depicting the Netherlands, winner of the first prize for best float in the high school division.

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CULLMAN – The City of Cullman and the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed a new business to the commercial corridor along Highway 31/ Second Avenue Northwest. Dr. David Below (BEE-low), formerly of Below Chiropractic Center, took up auto restoration as a post-retirement hobby; until it pulled him out of retirement altogether. Below Car Clinic employs a staff of 12 mechanics, salespeople and administrative personnel.

"After I retired," Below related, "I didn't last two weeks. I was messing with an old car at the time, so I got into the restoration business, then decided I needed to quit spending money and start making a little money and still do good work on cars.

"I love cars, so it evolved into this. Now we have a pre-owned car lot, we have a full mechanic shop; we do everything for a car.



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Office staff, mechanics and even customers join Dr. Below and Mayor Woody Jacobs in cutting the ribbon

"I still have the restoration shop and collision shop, so we can rebuild your car, too. We do it all.

"One of the things that we are intent on is the values that have come from the chiropractic practice. The work we do here will be second to none. We won't do anything that's not necessary to a vehicle you have. We're intent on that. We know that some people have gone to mechanics, and they tried to sell them something they didn't need. A catch phrase that I use every day is 'Pay attention to the details.' The details mean doing what needs to be done, but also not doing what doesn't need to be done."

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 5th, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-12 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 12

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-27, (SE-1 SPECIAL EVENTS DISTRICT)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2004-03, as Amended by Ordinance No. 2013-27, is hereby amended by deleting Section 3. D. 3.a. *Festhalle/Depot Park District.* in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 3. D. 3.a. *Festhalle/Depot Park District:* The following boundaries or any portion thereof may be approved for use under the SE-1 District rules. The District shall be bounded on the South by the North side of 5th Street SE; bounded on the West by the East property line of the CSX Railroad from 5th Street SE to the parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department; and on the East by the West side of 2nd Avenue NE from 5th Street SE to the parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department.

All other sections of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

FELICIA RENAE HEADLEY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2017-900054.00**

DAVID RONALD HEADLEY,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

David Ronald Headley, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Felicia Renae Headley's Complaint for Divorce by June 19, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900054.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of April, 2017.

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

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA RICHTER
300 1st AV SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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 (AO)
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ORDER

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

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/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

Utilities Board of the City of Cullman
(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
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NOTICE TO PUBLISHER:

Please publish once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune beginning April 13th, 2017.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 9, 2012 by Tony W. Williams, unmarried man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1673, Page 705 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 18, 2017:

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ALSO KNOWN AS: BEGIN AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE ALONG THE 1/4-1/4 SECTION LINE, NORTH 02 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST (ALABAMA GRID BEARING) 189.35 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF SHADY GROVE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, 107.68 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 380.00 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING NORTH 83 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, 180.05 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 187.21 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 256.00 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 88 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 167.21 FEET, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 170.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, 140.65 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 400.00 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 43 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 80.30 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 608.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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EvaBank, Mortgagee
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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)
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2017-030

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF KOLTON GAGE BARAGLIA.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF KOLTON GAGE BARAGLIA, WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of Kolton Gage Baraglia, a minor child born on April 14, 2016, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Lacy Brook Baraglia, was filed on April 11, 2017, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, alleging that the identity of the natural father of the child is unknown or has not been disclosed to the Court. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 18th day of April, 2017.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Cullman County Judge of Probate

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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.

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Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County. Alabama; thence along the twenty line North a distance of 528 feet to the point of beginning. thence North 792 feet to a point; thence West 330 feet to a point; thence South 792 feet to a point; thence East 330 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.0 acres more or less, lying and being in Cullman County. Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An easement for ingress and egress purposes being approximately twenty (20) feet evenly off the East margin of the aforementioned property.

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

Cullman Co. man arrested for electronic solicitation of a child

CULLMAN – A Cullman County man is behind bars facing charges of electronic solicitation of a child, which is a Class B felony. Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies on Sunday conducted a welfare check on County Road 1669 at the home of Presley Jack Johnson, Jr., 55, of Cullman County. According to a news release from the sheriff's office, deputies spoke with witnesses at the residence who claimed Johnson had been sending inappropriate text messages to a minor child. Johnson allegedly fled the scene when he arrived home in his vehicle, but deputies stopped and detained him a short time later. The CCSO says evidence was found on the suspect's phone that was sexual in nature, and the suspect was placed under arrest for electronic solicitation of a child. "I would like to commend the deputies and investigators who conducted the welfare check that led to this arrest. As I have said many times there is no lower person than someone who would take advantage of our children," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would also encourage parents to randomly check their children's text messages and social media accounts to see who they are speaking with because you never know who may be trying to take advantage of them." Johnson is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $30,000 bond. He could face additional charges. The investigation is ongoing.

Bizarre windshield smashing incident in Cullman causing stir online

CULLMAN – A local woman became an internet sensation this week after she took extreme measures to get someone's attention and her antics were captured on video. Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper says the whole thing started around 11:11 a.m. Monday morning, when officers arrived at Badcock Furniture on Cherokee Avenue near Lowe's to find a woman standing on top of a car, stomping the windshield out with her feet. Culpepper identified the woman as 24-year-old Barbara Emily Lowery. "When officers arrived on the scene, she was arrested for disorderly conduct," said Culpepper. "Possible additional criminal charges may follow." WBRC reported: "According to Scott Sams, the man who posted the video on Twitter, the woman in the video was mad at the man who owns the car. That's as much as we know at this time. Sams is the owner of Freedom Motors of Alabama and offered to replace the man's windshield free of charge." "If you notice in the video, there's a shovel," said Culpepper. "She began hitting the windshield with the shovel, but apparently that wasn't doing enough." Lowery was booked into the Cullman County Detention Center.

County's spring cleanup kicks off May 1: customers get free trip to landfill

CULLMAN COUNTY – As part of the 2017 Annual Spring Clean-Up, the Cullman County Commission is offering county residents a free trip to the landfill during May. Certificates for one free dump were included in bills sent out by the Cullman Electric Cooperative in April. Sanitation Manager James Rollo said, "The County Commission has done this for about the last 10 years. They send a certificate out to all paying customers; you should get it in your electric bill. It lets you bring in what we don't pick up, for free."

Local anglers win big at Bassmaster High School Southern Open

DAYTON, Tenn. - With a record number of 416 boats, the Bassmaster High School Southern Open was held over the weekend, with local prep anglers making a big impact. Colton Williams and Chase Taylor of Good Hope earned a second-place finish with a total of 22 pounds, 11 ounces of live bass from the Blue Water Resort. The Raider tandem got past a county rival up in the Volunteer State. Houston Calvert and Chase Abbott of Cold Springs were third with 20 pounds, 14 ounces. Justin Lowery and James Cobb of Cullman kept it close, too, with 20 pounds, 7 ounces for fourth overall. Hagen Speegle and Landen Graham of Good Hope earned 23rd place with 15 pounds, 2 ounces while Josh Spurger of Cold Springs was 28th with 14 pounds, 1 ounce and Brody Montgomery and Conner Handley in Vinemont, 45th, by collecting 12 pounds, 3 ounces of live bass. Williams and Taylor, Calvert and Abbott, Speegle and Graham, Lowery and Cobbs and Spurger qualified for the Bassmaster National Championship on Kentucky Lake in Paris, Tennessee June 22-24. Before that, this group of anglers will look to the BASS championships on Wheeler Lake May 13 and the BASS state event June 9-10 in Lake Eufaula.

Cullman High grad Cassandra Thomason Coca-Cola First Generation Scholar at UA

TUSCALOOSA – The University of Alabama has welcomed the 11th cohort of Coca-Cola First Generation Scholars to campus. Among them is Cassandra Thomason, a graduate of Cullman High School. The Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship program was established at UA in 2006. Since then, the Coca-Cola Foundation has donated $3 million to support first-generation scholars at UA. The scholarship provides $5,000 a year, renewable for four years, provided that recipients maintain a 3.0 GPA.

CHS student wins Modern Woodmen scholarship

CULLMAN – Myles Darren McLeroy, a senior at Cullman High School, is one of 60 students across the country to receive the Make an Impact Scholarship from Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal financial services organization. The award recognizes young Modern Woodmen members who have made a local impact through volunteerism and demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. "We're proud to support these exceptional students as they continue their education journey," said Jill Lain Weaver, fraternal director at Modern Woodmen.

Lions Club International President to visit Cullman May 4

Submitted by Dennis Berse

The Cullman Lions Club is proud to announce the visit of Lions Club International President Bob Corlew and his wife, Diane, on Thursday, May 4. Corlew will be escorted by Cullman Lions Club President Barry Willingham and other members of the Cullman Lions Club. This is the first time that a seated international president has visited Cullman and is a great honor for the city of Cullman and the Cullman Lions Club. Mayor Woody Jacobs, a longtime member of the Cullman Lions, will be awarding an honorary Cullman citizenship award to Corlew. Lions Club International is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The May 4 visit will start at 9 a.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, move to the Field of Miracles at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10 a.m. at Stiefelmeyer Park for a ribbon cutting and dedication of the Centennial Legacy Project, for which the Cullman Lions Club funded $30,000 for children's playground equipment.

Hypnotist entertains for Make-a-Wish Foundation, wants to help veterans

HANCEVILLE – Comedic hypnotist Gary Conrad visited Wallace State Community College Sunday afternoon to help promote the work of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which helps bring moments of joy to children fighting deadly diseases. The event was a fundraiser for an upcoming Make-a-Wish project by Sandy Seibert, who was the host and emcee.



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Marlys Ross crowned 2017 Ms. Senior Cullman County

HANCEVILLE – Marlys Ross was crowned 2017 Ms. Senior Cullman County Saturday at Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Ross is an active member of Cullman First United Methodist Church and is vice president of the Pilot Club of Cullman. For the talent competition, she sang "Crazy" by Patsy Cline. Moments after the title was conferred, Ross said of her experience, "I'm very surprised. I never thought this would ever happen. I've never been in a pageant before; it's been great fun! I've met five new friends, and I'm just overwhelmed."

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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 26 - MAY 2

Memorial services for Jennifer Rodgers, 61 of Vinemont, are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Ms. Rodgers passed away April 27 at her residence. She was born November 16, 1955 to George Ernest and Eileen June Michelson Moehring. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jeff Moehring. Survivors include her significant other, Joe Beard; son, Kevin (Emily) Rodgers; daughter, Kimberly (Raymond) Gladney; brothers, Albert 'Buck' (Melanie) Molzof, Ronald Moehring; sisters, Pam (Jim) Trakel, Pattie (James) Williams; grandchildren, Raemon Gladney, Raven Gladney; and a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donation to American Breast Cancer Association.

Funeral service for Arlee Mavis Johnson, 90 of Cullman, held April 27 at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, Revs. Micah Sturm, Scott Sessions and Greg Rickey officiating with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Johnson passed away April 26 at her residence. She was born June 24, 1926 to John Ross & Emily Eddy Campbell. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Calvin Johnson; a grandson, Brian Isbell; son-in-law, Dale Pearson; brothers and sisters. Survivors include her daughters, Margie (Byron) Pruitt, Wynelle (David) Isbell, Sandra Pearson (Howard) Perry, Diane (Harold) Sharpton; sister, Mary Lee Brewer; grandchildren, Treila (Andy) Wilson, Tonya (Alan) Gracey, Shan Pearson, Brent Isbell, Halisha (Micah) Sturm, Heath (Hillary) Sharpton; Granddaughter-in-law, Sondra Isbell; Great-grandchildren, Clay Pearson, Cole Pearson, Jerrod Isbell, Nicolas Isbell, Cameron Gracey, Katie Gracey, Hannah Garrett, Olivia Garrett, Lindley Sharpton, Leighla Sharpton, Ella Grace Sturm; a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests making donations to Alacare Hospice of Cullman or First Church of the Nazarene Missions Dept.

Wallace Quinn passed away April 25 at the age of 82. Funeral service held April 28 at Moss Service Chapel, with interment at Antioch Cemetery, Rev. Tommy Graves and Rev. Johnny Banks officiated. He is survived by a daughter, Bonnie Quinn; sons, Wayne, Gary and Junior Quinn; sisters, Juanita Hendrix and Grannette Quinn; a brother, Randy Quinn; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willey and Mary Lucille Guthery Quinn; wife, Elizabeth "Tippy" Quinn; daughter, Connie Birmingham; and brothers, Leon, Bobby, Glenn and Billy Quinn.

A memorial service for Sheila Gail Pruitt Carter, 53 of Vinemont, held April 29 at Cullman Heritage Chapel; Don Froelich officiated. Cullman Heritage assisting. Mrs. Carter passed away April 26 at her home. She was born December 15, 1963 in Jasper, AL to the late J.B. and Shirley Barton Pruitt. She was Customer Service Manager at Wal-Mart. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Beverly Pruitt. Survivors include her husband, William Carter, Sr; two daughters, Milissa Carter and Tanya Greer; a son William Carter, Jr; brother, Jimmy Pruitt, Jr; sister, Glenda Pruitt; 6 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Dorothy Aileen Gosler, 90, passed away April 28. Graveside service held April 29 at Cullman City Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Moss-Service Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Bradford Henderson, 77 of Cullman, held April 30 at Brooklyn Church; Jack Freeman and Josh Eddleman officiated. Interment in Holly Pond Cemetery. Mrs. Henderson was born in Cullman County, AL to Frank E. Bradford, Sr. and Lovie Odessa Aderholt Bradford in 1939. She was a church member at Eidson Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She is predeceased by her parents; husband, Larry Alan Henderson; a grandson, Nathan Johnson; and brother, Frank E. Bradford, Jr. Survivors include her son, Brad (Crystal) Henderson; daughters, Danette (Keith) Johnson, Theresa (Sam) Benefield, and Ginger (Jon) Tucker; 8 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Myra Hendrix. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Funeral service for Roger Guthery, 58 of Cullman, held April 30 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Guthery passed away April 27 at his residence. He was born February 24, 1959 to Luther & Verlia Mae Brown Guthery. He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Hunter Holcomb; brother, Johnny Guthery. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Rhonda Guthery; daughter, Shanda (Jarrett) Brown; brother, L.E. (Leola) Guthery, Charles (Sue) Guthery; sister, Sue McKennon, Frances Wren; grandchildren, Harley Holcomb, Gaven Brown, Zac Brown; a host of family and friends.

Ashley Nicole Hinson, 32 of Vinemont, passed away on April 28, 2017 at her residence. She was born March 24, 1985 in Charlotte, NC. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Hinson is preceded in death by a grandfather, Bill Brown. Survivors include her husband, William "Scottie" Hinson; daughters, Hailey and Riley Hinson; father, Allen Lee Thompson, Sr; mother, Leslie Brown; brothers, Allen Thompson, Mike Corey, Chris Corey and Tommy King; a sister, Heather King; her second Mother, Kathy Swann; and a host of family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

James Henry Pippenger, 86 of Haleyville, entered into rest on April 28 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mr. Pippenger was born on July 10, 1930, in Amagon, Arkansas. James served in the United States Army during the Korean War and received two Bronze Camp Stars and a Korean Service Medal. He was a 1949 graduate of Beedeville High School in Arkansas. He was known as "Henry" by family and "Pip" by friends. Henry was a farmer and worked in several manufacturing companies throughout his life. He was a very talented billiard player, who won several state championships. Henry was a much loved father and grandfather. Family received friends May 1 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Henry is survived by his sons, Jerry B. Pippenger and his wife Mary, Karl T. Pippenger; daughter, Elizabeth Garrison and her husband Michael; grandchildren, James Manuel Pippenger, Kaitlin Elise Garrison; great grandchild, Emily Ann Pippenger; and special friend, Judy Colburn. He was preceded in death by his wife, Laverne Vickery Pippenger; parents, James S. and Nellie E. Pippienger; brothers, Elbert Breeden, Thomas Breeden, Karl Junior Pippenger, and Robert A. Pippenger.

Funeral service for James Maddox, 79 of Logan, held May 1 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel; Revs. G.T. Roberson and Phillip Harden officiated. Burial in Moncrief Cemetery in Gardendale, AL. Cullman Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Maddox passed away April 27. He was born February 19, 1938 to Commie Lee and Pearl S. Bishop Maddox. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Carl Maddox; brothers and sisters. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Linda Folds Maddox; sons, Dean (Terry) Maddox, Jackie (Judy) Maddox, Robert (Denise) Maddox, Allen Maddox; daughters, Sherry (Bill) Tudor, Carolyn (Matthew) Hodge; 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Anita Graves Terry, 65 of Hanceville, passed away April 27 at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. Funeral service held May 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cullman; Father Patrick Egan officiated. Interment in Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. She was born on December 8, 1951 to P.H. Graves, Jr. and Ethel Waters Graves. She was preceded in death by her parents, P.H. and Ethel Graves and her only brother, Ronny Graves. She was also preceded in death by her niece, Laura Graves. Mrs. Terry, known as "Nita" and "Ninny" is survived by her husband, Calvin Terry; two daughters, Jacqueline (Garry) Gause of Birmingham and Angela Reed of Cullman; one son, Josh Terry of Cullman; and seven grandchildren: Tiffany Harper, Josh Reed, Grayson Gause, Kendall Gause, Kielynn Terry, Bella Terry, and Briceton Terry. Ninny, a retired nurse, loved spending time with her family, her horses, gardening, and painting. She was loved and will be very missed.

Funeral service for Edna Faye Moore, 73 of Cullman, held May 2 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Don Froelich officiated; interment in Bethlehem West Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Moore passed away April 28 at her residence. She was born January 19, 1944 to William 'Bill' and Lizzie Hopper McKenzie. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bobby Moore; sisters, Claudie Mae Rodgers, Evelyn Huey, Rachel Hopper, Jewel McKenzie; brothers, Elton 'Bunk' McKenzie, Harold McKenzie, Gene McKenzie. Survivors include sons, Marshall Sherrill (Lisa) Campbell, Jr., Johnny Lynn (Detrina) Campbell, Derrick Shane (Brandi) Campbell, Zachary Lang (Crystal) Moore; daughters, Amanda (Kenneth) Roberts, Hope Denise Campbell; step-daughter, Sonya Mewbourn; sisters, Linda Bostic, Thelma Carter; grandchildren, Leslie Holloway, Megan Campbell, Gracie Campbell, Landon Campbell, Ty Campbell, Trey Campbell, Trent (Rachel) Campbell; great-grandchildren, Dane Mauldin, Sarah Cofield; and a host of family and friends.

A memorial service for Dana Leland Chandler, 60 of Cullman, held May 2 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Chandler passed away on Thursday, April 27. He was born August 31, 1956 in Akron, Ohio to the late Charles Thurman Chandler and Doris Smith Blair.

Funeral service for Bobby Gene Marchman, 75 of Cullman, held March 2 at Moss-Service Chapel; Cory Drummond and Macky Watts officiated. Burial at Mt. Hope cemetery at Crane Hill. He was born October 28, 1941 in Cullman to D. E. and Laverne Marchman. He is survived by his wife; Glenda Marchman, daughter; Sonda (Luke) McCain, step-children; Linda Millwood, Sharon (Ricky) Garner, Mitchell (Daphney) Roberts, Theresa (Bill) Grissim, sisters; Martha Netherton, Melissa (Wayne) Stover, grandchildren; Cody (Samantha) McCain, Savannah McCain, Sabrina Millwood, Michael (Miranda) Millwood, Kimberly Garner, Russell Roberts, Hana (Dameion) Foote, Zack (Kailli) Grissim, Justin (Alana) Grissim, thirteen great grandchildren.

Graveside service for Mr. Wally Blankenship held May 3 at Flint Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Robert F. Palfrey Sr. of Cullman. passed away on May 1 at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his wife: Martha Elizabeth Hammack Palfrey. Funeral services will be on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church. Interment will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur Alabama. Visitation will be at the church from 10 a.m. until 11 am Thursday. Survivors are: Daughter: Marcia (Jerry) Jacob, Sons: Robert Jr."Bobby" (Judy) Palfrey, Douglas N. Palfrey, Brother: Grover Carlton Palfrey, 2 grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren.

Services for Glenda Ellen Johnson, 79, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2017, at Cullman Heritage Chapel, Billy Gable officiating, with interment in Duck River Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home assisting. Mrs. Johnson passed away May 2 at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born July 25, 1937, in Cullman County to Hilliard and Gertrude Wade Quick. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Imogene Morgan. Survivors include her husband, Benny Johnson; a son, Stephen (Karen) Johnson; grandchildren, Zach (Kayla) Johnson and Ben Johnson; great-grandchild, Riley Kate Johnson; brother, Donald (Carolyn) Quick; and a host of nieces and nephews.

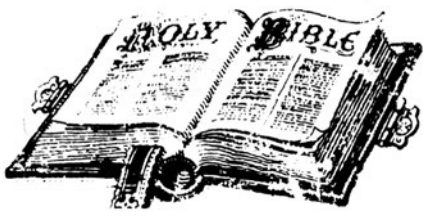
A celebration of life for Johnnie Dalene Duke Gamble, 80, of Hanceville will be Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; James Parker and Randall Waldrep officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mrs. Gamble went home to be with her Lord on April 30. I'm sure Jesus met her with open arms as she lived each day for Him and her life always pointed others to Him. She loved all people and was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She worked in her church in Bible School, taught Sunday School, G.A.'s and played piano. Her life was a witness to God's love and grace. She became a nurse after rearing her children and worked until she became legally blind caring for others. Even then, she didn't stop. She carried on and took every opportunity to show others Jesus. A life well lived and a job well done. Meeting her in Glory are her husband of 59 years, Joe Baxter Gamble Sr., her parents, Welcome Parks Duke Jr. and Emily Ruth Wilhite Duke; brother, Dewayne Parks Duke Sr., daughters, Lehnessia Gamble and Karen Gamble; grandchildren, Patrick Ryan, Jared McAnnally and Cyndy Chaney and great grandson, Jon Kyle Chaney. Dalenes's surviving children are Charlotte (Alan) Chaney, Jolene (David) Bethke, Cherrie (Ron) Haney, Joe (Tammy) Gamble Jr., Terry (Wanda) Gamble Sr., Jason (Sarah) Gamble, and Katrina (Levon) Parker; 42 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; siblings, Gary Joe Duke, Jerry Lee (Melody) Duke and Joyace (Rev. Jerald) Adams and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family wants to give a special thank you to the staff at Southern Care Hospice.

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Training (from Front)

are no boyfriends or husbands allowed.

"We do not allow boyfriends or husbands to come with the women, especially on the range," Long said.

"The reason being is that the boyfriend or husband might think he knows more than us, or he might actually know more than us. Either way, they undermine the fact that we're running the event. And the last thing we want are people who think they know more than the instructors."

To register, women must be at least 18 years old. Each woman must also be able to provide her own firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition, a holster and belt, and eye and ear protection.

The HPD says prescription glasses or sunglasses will be sufficient.

To register, call the Hanceville Police Department at 256-352-9811.

Movie (from Front)

activities at Fairview Park with a free movie night this month and next.

For the month of May, the movie will be "Trolls." On May 20, at 7:30 p.m., families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the show. Admission is free, and concessions will be available for purchase.

Fairview Lion Stephanie Giancatarino shared, "After we did the movie in the park for Halloween, we had several residents ask us if we would do more. We wanted to give the community a few more activities that would support the family environment with family fun for all ages. We were also looking for more ways to help us raise money so we can put on more events. With the weather warming we thought it would be an excellent time to branch out some more. So, for the month of May, we will be showing 'Trolls.'

"During the month of June, we wanted to do something special to celebrate our fathers. With Father's Day on June 18, we wanted to give them something truly spectacular. We decided to show 'Courageous;' it is all about role of the father and the tremendous honor that God has bestowed on them as fathers. We will also be having some singers that evening to make it a little more than just the movie. We are hoping to offer more adult food for that night as opposed to the usual hot dogs, nachos and things of that nature."

June's movie night will be Saturday, June 10 at 6 p.m.

The movies will be free, but the Lions will be selling concessions.

All funds raised will stay in the Fairview community, to be used for eyeglasses for the needy (a regular project of Lions Club International), Christmas boxes for kids and support of needy families in the community.

"All of these," according to Giancatarino, "are efforts to keep our promises we made last year of family-friendly, good, wholesome activities and entertainment to our little community all year round. Hopefully, as the years go on, we will be able to continue these events and make them a little bigger and better each year."

Fair (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN – Cullman Christian School (CCS) held its first-ever science fair this week in the gym at Seventh Street Baptist Church, which currently houses the school. Three judges, Stacey Smith of CCS, Beth Williams of Wallace State and Mary Hovater from NASA reviewed 23 entries to choose one winner from each high school grade.

Science teachers Charlotte Heatherly and Lauren Wynn headed up the fair.

Heatherly said, "This is the first year we've had the science fair. Grades 9 through 12 participated, and they had to emphasize something they learned in the particular science they were taking this year. We have everything from physical science to chemistry, to anatomy. They have worked on them this semester, and they had to do the scientific approach. I'm very pleased with the variety, and with the effort that the students have put into it in their first year to do this."

The four winners and their project topics:

- 9th Grade - Ellie Lunsford, sound waves and resonance
- 10th Grade - Maggie Holloway, a scientific analysis of the Hindenburg disaster
- 11th Grade - Cameron Kretzschmar, the power of air pressure
- 12th Grade - Hope Ledbetter, the effects of Lupus

Heatherly reflected on her experience as a science teacher at CCS:

"I'm a retired public education teacher, and I had not intended to teach again. This year they desperately needed a physical science teacher: one period a day. I said, 'Okay, I can do that.' I have enjoyed it. The students are a joy, they love to learn, they are so respectful. I can integrate my faith with them. Sad to say now you can't do that in public schools.

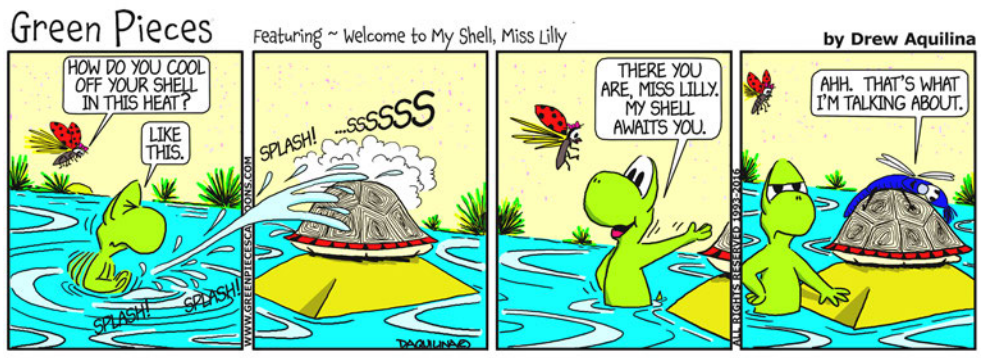
"This is my one and only year to do it. I'm going to tell them before I leave that they have restored my joy in teaching. I had lost it, until I came back this year and taught them. I now remember why I taught."

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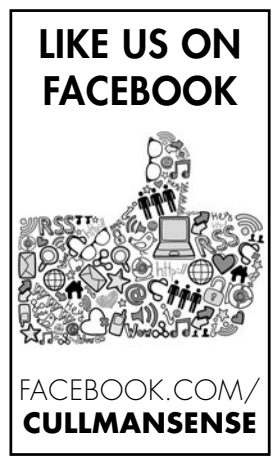
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Poet's Corner

The Cullman Classic Cakewalk

(Spring, 2017)

by Ben Johnson South

The following poem was submitted by Ben Johnson South, who led the Cullman Cakewalk the last Saturday in April. Read about it here: http://qrne.ws/cakewalk.

The Cullman Classic Cakewalk of
Spring, Twenty-Seventeen
Was a town paved with sweetness
and quite the tastiest thing.

We commenced from the porch
of Cullman's history museum
Where Gerdi Voltz' German cake
launched the walk with a yum.

Fresh-from-scratch, Duchess Donuts
while Sacred Heart we did gawk,
And, organist, Barry Stoner, thrilled
with the adoration by Bach.

Then, we trekked on to Carlton's
and Doc Blaylock sure pleased,
By wetting our whistles and generously
giving whole-y cannolis.

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Every true, Cullman cakewalk
boasts this golden attraction,
Famous All-Steak Orange Rolls
gave legendary satisfaction.

Southern Accents saluted the heritage
of the Cullman strawberry
With Melissa Ash's cupcakes,
delicious indeed; yes, very VERY.

Because they are known for
glam manicures and such,
We smacked on delish Ladyfingers,
a gift from Salon Luxe.

This inaugural cakewalk wound up at
Karma's where I chomped like a hog,
Savoring Apple Crumb Cake and talk of
Toby, Cullman's famous, talking dog.

We'll continue Sweet Alabama's
2019 Bicentennial celebration,
Each time "We Brake for Cullman
Cake," the best in the nation.

Blackberry Winter

by Randy C. Hale

Unpack your long johns and your coat.
Make sure there's hay for the Billy goat.

Throw another quilt on the bed. "It's
Blackberry Winter," paw said.

Cook up some chili in a big old pot.
Make plum sure to make a lot.

Invite the neighbors and next of kin.
It's done turned cold again.

Gather up some kindling and saw
up some logs. Add some more
straw to the bed of the dogs.

Make sure all the pigs and chickens get fed.
Turn out the light and stay snug in your bed.

"It's Blackberry Winter," paw said.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Part 1 of 3: Where is The American Church?

Pastor Tom Fillinger
IgniteUS Ministries

There are 300,000+ churches in the USA. The latest figure developed by formal research completed by Dr. Thom Rainer, president of Lifeway, indicates that we are closing 200+ churches every week in America. He is not alone in stating such a dire and negative portrait of where the church is headed.

This precipitous decline is not limited to any one denomination. This trend is having a negative impact on all Protestant denominations. If you are a Southern Baptist, and many folks in Cullman County are, take note of the chilling forecast made by Dr. Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, in 2008.

"The SBC is rapidly dying, and resistance to change could kill over half of the denomination's churches by 2030. Unless something is done to reverse the downward trend, SBC churches could number only 20,000 - - down from the current total of more than 44,000 - - in fewer than 22 years." (Frank Page as quoted in the Assoc. Baptist Press, May 6, 2008).

We are now a mere 13 years from 2030 and Dr. Page's prediction may have been much too optimistic.

The rate of decline has accelerated rapidly since he made this forecast. Of the 130 Southern Baptist churches in Cullman County many of them are on a path to 'closing their doors' in the next 5-10 years.

They have 25 or fewer people attending and many of those people are 70+ years of age. You do not need to be a statistician or a math major to understand the implication of such a profile.

If you are a United Methodist, and many folks in Cullman County are, take note of a very similar declaration by the Chief Financial Officer of the United Methodist at their National Conference in June of 2015.

The CFO of the United Methodist stated at their National Conference in June of 2015 that unless they implement immediate changes in the way they conduct ministry, by the year 2030 the United Methodist Denomination will be utterly bankrupt, and, by 2050 they will no longer exist as a denomination.

Given this profile one might assume that there is a sense of urgency and alarm among church leaders and the people in the pew.

There ought to be a virtual radical clamor for the changes necessary to stem the tide and seek reformation and renewal. Not so. The Old Testament Prophet Amos provides an accurate description of the vast majority of people in the American church.

Hear his words as he addressed the nation of Israel: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!' (Amos 6:1)

If he were speaking to the American church in Cullman, Alabama today he may say: 'Woe to those who are at ease in your opulent comfort zone. You live in fine houses. You drive late model cars. You are more concerned about who wins the Iron Bowl than you are about fulfilling the Great Commission!'

Let me create an illustration from the world of commerce. If you owned 100 McDonald's fast food establishments and 95 of them were producing a net loss every month, you would take immediate and strategic action to return them to a profitable status. No doubt about that.

The response of the people in the pew and those charged with leadership responsibility is no longer one of DENIAL. There are simply too many data points to the contrary. While there is no longer DENIAL, there is also no sense of urgency to address the decline.

I have spoken with countless numbers of pastors and denominational leaders pleading with them to take action. To date only one pastor in Cullman County has engaged the process designed to bring reformation and renewal to the assembly he leads.

We are answering the question 'Where is The American Church?' The answer to that question is this – The American Church is lethargic, spiritually impotent, and is shaped more by the culture around it than by the mandates of God's word.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Local veterans preparing for Memorial Day- learn the true meaning

Cullman area military veterans will be having a busy month in May as we prepare to remember and to honor our nation's war dead. During the days preceding the official holiday, the VFW will place 250 American flags in the median of Highway 31 to decorate our city. The VFW and American Legion will place miniature flags on over 900 veterans' graves in Cullman Cemetery.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, The Disabled American Veterans will host a Memorial Ceremony at the pavilion in Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake in a solemn tribute to the fallen.

On Memorial Day itself, the VFW will be accepting donations at both Wal-Marts for local disadvantaged veterans, who need our help.

Our American military men and women have been fighting continuously since 2001, not to mention Desert Storm and a host of other conflicts before that.

Sometimes we forget all this is going on while we enjoy this peaceful life here at home. Some have said our troops are at war while America is at the mall! There is a cost for our freedom and some local Cullman citizens have borne that cost. Their names are on those cemetery headstones. Their names are on those monuments in Veterans Park.

Their family members and friends would like to know you care. Your veterans would like to know that too.

Your kids and grandkids should learn the true meaning of this holiday we call Memorial Day. This is your chance to teach them. Drive them through the cemetery to see the 900 flags. Bring them to the May 27 ceremony in Veterans Park. The mall will be there for the rest of your year.

Ken Brown, Colonel, USAF (RET)





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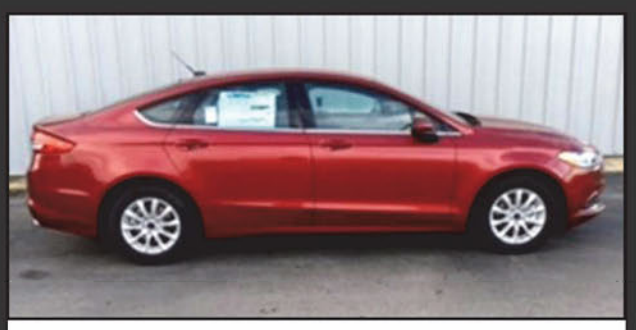
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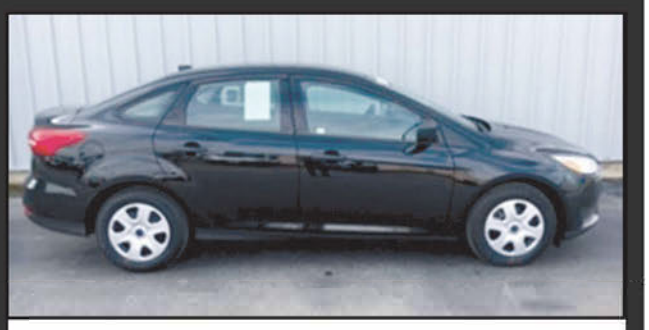
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