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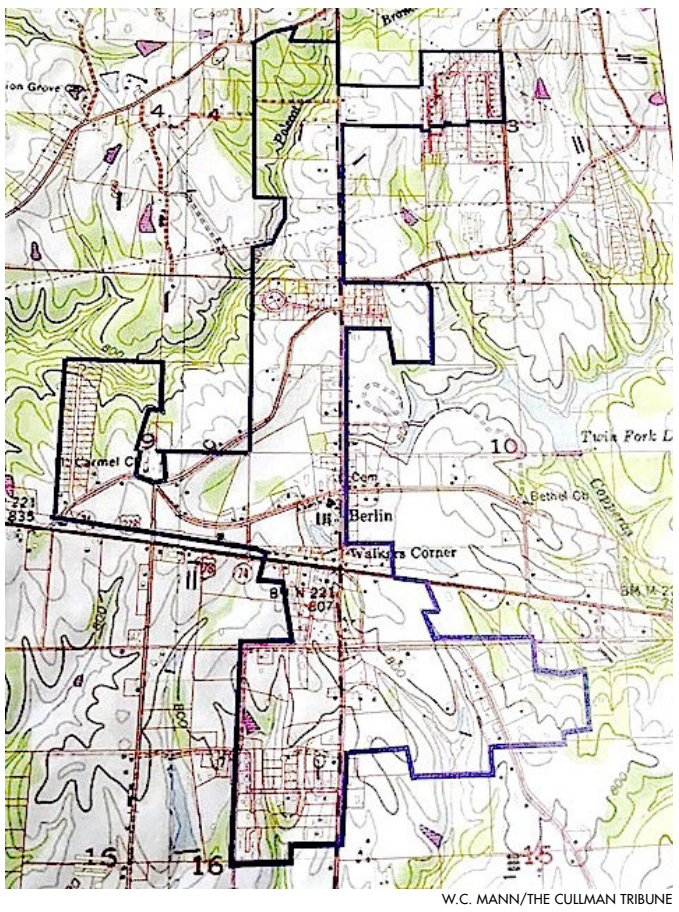


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It isn't every day that you celebrate a century milestone. Most of us have never known anyone who has reached that seldom attained venerable age. Gracie Hembree Grissom celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 9, 2016, surrounded by her loved ones.

Her story covers much of Cullman's history. We can all P14



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Grissom celebrates her 100th birthday with family last November.

Dinner on First promises good food, good time and new playground

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CULLMAN – On Friday evening, May 12, the Cullman City Parks and Recreation (CP&R) Foundation will set a table for 300. The event, P4

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VFW Post 2214 honors Cullman's outstanding citizens

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CULLMAN – Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2214 held its annual awards dinner recently to honor outstanding citizens. Volunteers had to bring out extra chairs and tables as the post building filled up with law enforcement and fire department personnel, city and county dignitaries, and of course veterans and their families. Food was provided by Publix, and was served by post volunteers.

Post Commander Sam Bates explained, "This is for our Voice of Democracy (award), Patriot's Pen, scouts, firefighter, EMT, teacher of the year and police officer. Once a year we get to do this, and people seem to enjoy it. All the VFWs do this, at different times of the month. Everybody does it around this time of the year, before school ends for the summer."

Honorees were nominated by their respective organizations or schools.

The Voice of Democracy award goes to a high school student defined by the VFW as "an outstanding spokesman for freedom," and the Patriot's Pen award goes to a middle school student who is "an outstanding spokesman for the future."

The awards to scouts, teachers and emergency responders recognize outstanding community service and military/veterans advocacy.

Award winners

- Voice of Democracy: Austyn Reppond
- Patriot's Pen: .Kailey Carpenter
- Teacher of the Year: Sandra Sandlin
- Boy Scout of the Year: Zachary Clayton
- Girl Scout of the Year: Maya Harlow
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Sheriff's Deputy Todd Reynolds
- Firefighter of the Year: Jason Lamb
- EMT of the Year: Charles Cornell
- JROTC Cadet of the Year: CeCe Semadeni

The post also recognized Charlotte Bates, wife of the post commander, for her service to the post and for organizing the event. It further recognized and gave roses to all the military/veterans' spouses and mothers present. Additionally, the post gave a plaque and its thanks to the personnel of Cullman's Army National Guard Combined Support Base Shop 2 for its upkeep of the post's display cannon and the tank displayed at Sportsman Lake Park.

Post Vice Commander Ken Brown is proud of his group.

He shared, "We've been the number one post in Alabama the last couple of years, and we've got the number one commander in Alabama. We have an excellent program down here; we do a lot to help our fellow veterans, and we do a lot to give back to the community.

"We're real proud of our post, and we'd like to encourage some of the younger guys who've been to Afghanistan and Iraq to come out and get involved in our veterans' programs. It's not just for old guys like me!"

For more information, or to get in touch with VFW Post 2214 in Cullman, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost.

Sheriff's Office hosting citizens' firearms safety class

Brad Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a citizens' firearms safety class Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall.

The class will focus on how to safely handle a weapon, the proper technique for shooting a weapon, cleaning a weapon and becoming familiar with your own weapon.

A PowerPoint presentation will be shown as well.

Following the class on Tuesday night, citizens can sign up to attend a safety course at the shooting range.

"We here at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office are advocates of our citizens having the knowledge and training they need to protect themselves," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I would add that we want them to also know how to handle the weapon safely and with this free training they are able to gain valuable knowledge in both these areas."

To register, email Capt. Mark Persall at mpersall@cullmansheriff.org or call him at 256-734-0342.

Registration is not required, but is encouraged so deputies have an idea of how many participants will be attending the firearms safety class.

Mother's Day restaurant specials

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C Street Café (Hanceville)
Steak night special on Friday, May 12. Two 10-ounce steak dinners with everything included.
Price: $40
Phone: 256-636-0323

Check our Facebook page leading up to Mother's Day this Sunday at Facebook.com/CullmanTribune. We'll post more Mother's Day specials as we receive them.

Vinemont council talks park and road maintenance

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – A short agenda doesn't necessarily mean little discussion. Such was the case at this week's Vinemont Town Council meeting, when council members put considerable thought and deliberation into matters regarding the upkeep and general maintenance of the town's ball park and roads.

The only item discussed under new business was lighting at the ball park. Nine light installations for two softball fields need work, and the council discussed the best way to finance the project. They have a bid from Musco Lighting to provide the materials needed for the job, and three other companies have placed their bids for installation labor. The total amount estimated is $153,156: $112,000 from Musco for the materials and $41,156 from the second bidder for labor. Musco's financial report gave four payment terms - three, five, seven or 10 years - with a change in interest, and subsequent difference of about $10,000, between the five- and seven-year terms.

Several members of the council were worried that the annual payments would drain their accounts for parks and maintenance, so after much discussion and deliberation they chose to forego the installation price and only pay the $112,000 for the materials. A motion was then made to allow Mayor Radginal Dodson to get the contracting process started. The contract, which will provide a 25-year warranty on the light fixtures and cover most repairs except for fuses, is to be drawn up and presented at the next meeting.

In other business was the Town's old Gator 4-wheeler, which an outside party would like to purchase. In order to sell it the council would first have to declare it as surplus. A motion was made to do so, but Town Clerk Amy Johnson pointed out that such an action would require passing a resolution. The motion was amended to draw up a resolution declaring the Gator as surplus, and the resolution will be presented at the June meeting.

Old business gave an update on road maintenance. Dodson estimated that paving the 5 miles of road that need repair would cost about $80,000 per mile, or $400,000 total. Because of this, he looked into repairing just the cracks and bumps in the roads, specifically weighing the pros and cons of chip sealing versus microsurfacing. Chip sealing would get down into the cracks to repair them and would last longer, but microsurfacing would make the road smoother and wouldn't leave as many loose rocks to fly around. In the end, the mayor went with the choice to microsurface the necessary roads noting that even though it wouldn't last as long, the Town could microsurface a road three times for less than the price of paving it.

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Good Hope council addresses door-to-door scams

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GOOD HOPE – As a way of protecting its citizens from scams and con artists, the Good Hope City Council will be considering ordinances for door-to-door sales. The discussion was put on the table after a quick and efficient series of council member reports. John Harris had nothing to report since the financials were deferred until the next meeting for all statements to be reconciled, and Greg Brown also reported nothing.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett filled Maxie Jones in on the road situation: several roads have been chip-sealed, and they are waiting for the company they contracted to work on micro-surfacing the roads.

The work is estimated to last about three weeks when it begins.

Susan Eller brought in Grady Parsons to help give an update on the sewage plant, which was mostly positive.

However, he explained that some work would need to be done in order to fix the high water flow coming from County Road 222 during rain.

Taft Dillashaw reported that everything in the parks is the same as usual, and they're still doing very well with the tournaments.

When it came time to discuss ordinances, Town Clerk Christie Chamblee shared a recent experience of hers. She says she was contacted by a man asking for a business license to sell religious texts, but he was vague about where he was from and provided an unreliable email address.

She said something similar happened to her last year, so she contacted other municipalities to see if they had had any similar experiences.

She got several responses that other people had received the exact same message, and several of the municipalities ended up passing ordinances against door-to-door sales after a series of scams were discovered.

In light of these scams, she looked up some of the other towns' ordinances about door-to-door sales and asked the council if they would think about taking precautionary measures. The council agreed that it would be good to protect the citizens of Good Hope from false products, robbers posing as salesmen, or even possible human trafficking, but they were also worried about imposing unfair punishments on legitimate businesses in the community. The most common idea suggested was to have legitimate businesses carry business licenses or letters of authenticity with them and present them to customers when they go out on sales calls. The matter will likely be resolved by the next council meeting on Monday, May 22.

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

Colony Town Council bids farewell to councilwoman Myra Twitty

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COLONY – At its regular meeting Tuesday evening, the Colony Town Council received the resignation of Councilwoman Myra Twitty.

The parting was not over any conflict. With her granddaughter by her side, Twitty smiled as she cited "lots of grandkid obligations" as a major reason for her decision.

She stated in her resignation that she will continue to support the town in any way that she can.

After the council accepted her resignation, Town Clerk Patricia Ponder talked about Twitty's original election to the council, "We did twist her arm a little bit. Had she not chosen to run, the Town would have been shut down for lack of a quorum. And to me, that's a true statesperson, that puts the community and municipality above personal goals and personal desires, because she didn't feel like she wanted to do this job. But she set that aside for the betterment of this community and this municipality and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude."

In other business, Finance Committee Chairperson Jamelle Dimbo stated that the Town has purchased a zero-turn mower from sales tax funds, and from the general fund has purchased a new central air unit from Bama Air to replace the town hall's unit that recently broke down. That unit should be delivered this week.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Curtis Johnson announced that Colony will be participating in a summer feeding program this year, and that required training for program staff will begin May 16.

He also announced that the Town will hold a Memorial Day weekend breakfast to honor local veterans on Saturday, May 27.

Johnson also brought a quote on new doors for the town hall.

New steel-framed doors with internal blinds will replace the wooden doors that have become prone to sticking and hard to open.

The Colony Town Council meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

City amends alcohol ordinance to allow sales by multiple vendors under 1 roof; discussion suspended on Saturday street closures in the Warehouse District

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council on Monday approved an amendment to its current alcohol ordinance that will allow multiple vendors to sell alcoholic beverages under the same roof. This paves the way for beverage sales at developer Shane Quick's new project, Mae's Food Hall, and other similar establishments that may come in the future.

The amendment defines a food hall as "A reputable place licensed as a cooperative of 3 or more restaurants located on the same premises sharing the same dining area with not less than 3 separate restaurant vendors each having their own separate storage, refrigeration, preparation, and cooking facilities certified by the Cullman County Health Department, operated by responsible persons of good reputation in which a diversified selection of food and refreshments with alcohol sales within the premises is offered for sale for consumption within the building premises on which the establishment is located that also meets the following requirements:"

The lengthy list of requirements is summarized as follows:

- The establishment must have at least a 3,000-square-foot dining area.
- The dining area must accommodate at least 150 customers, and be climate controlled.
- All spaces in the facility must comply with all building and safety codes.
- The food hall must have at least three separate kitchens apart from dining areas.
- At least two of those kitchens must be open at any time the food hall is open.
- The food hall must meet the requirements for an on-premise alcohol license.
- Food sales must account for at least 60 percent of the food hall's income.
- Alcohol cannot account for more than 40 percent of the food hall's overall income in any 90-day period.

The amendment makes possible the selling of alcohol by multiple vendors under one roof, which was not previously allowed. It also establishes a separate license fee for food halls. Where freestanding single restaurants currently pay $500 per year plus 12 percent of alcohol sales for their alcohol licenses, multi-vendor food halls will pay $1,500 per year plus 12 percent of sales.

Other business on the Warehouse District

The council introduced an ordinance to vacate and surplus the sidewalk along the north side of the Ponder Building, currently used as the outdoor patio for Rumors Deli.

A public hearing will be held to discuss the ordinance on June 26. Quick is the owner of the Ponder building.

The council also discussed the possibility of Saturday street closures on First Avenue Northeast in the district. Stuart Moore of Book&Barrel Outfitters presented the council with a list of signatures in favor of the closures, representing all but two of the Warehouse District merchants.

Mayor Woody Jacobs and Council President Garlan Gudger, though, noted hearing complaints about the plan from one merchant whose name appeared on the pro-closure list. There was no petition or request to vote on, and the council decided to suspend discussion until its next meeting to allow city inspectors more time to study the parking situation in the area.

Other business

The council introduced two zoning ordinances: to rezone 1006 Second Ave. NW from manufacturing to business, and to rezone a vacant lot on the corner of Denson Avenue Southwest and Third Street Southwest from Central Business District to residential. Public hearings for both will take place on June 26.

The council approved several special event requests:

- "Second Fridays" in the Special Events District on June 9, July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 15
- The annual MOPAR car show in Depot Park on June 10
- A block party and antique car show sponsored by Dixie Duds and Decor on Second Street Southeast between Third and Fourth Avenues Southeast on June 10
- A Cullman Electric Coop traffic safety session on the east service road along Alabama Highway 157 on May 30 and June 27.
- Cullman City Parks and Recreation's (CP&R's) Dinner on First on Friday, May 12 on First Avenue Northeast in the Warehouse District.
- CP&R's "100 Hammock Hang" in King Edward's Park on First Avenue Southwest on May 20.
- A live band in the parking lot at Buffalo Wild Wings on June 3.
- A distracted driving rally and candlelight vigil sponsored by Hands on the Wheel at the Cullman County Courthouse on July 23. The council noted that it could only authorize use of the sidewalk. Use of the courthouse steps must be approved by the Cullman County Commission.

The council also approved the following resolutions:

- To adopt the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention resolution.
- To enter into a contract for professional services with CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for Downtown Streetscape Phase IV in the budgeted amount not to exceed $62,700. This phase will involve work from Fifth Street Southwest to Seventh Street Southwest.
- To renew the annual general liability and property casualty insurance.
- To award the bid for traffic camera systems for the traffic department to the lowest responsible bidder, Temple, Inc., in the amount of $6, 974 per system.
- To award the bid for a high-pressure breathing air compressor for Cullman Fire Rescue to the lowest responsible bidder, Sunbelt Fire, Inc., in the amount of $37,178.40.

The Cullman City Council's next meeting is next Monday evening, May 15, in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

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Vinemont's Campbell signs on to swim for Emmanuel College

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VINEMONT – On May 21, Seth Campbell will receive his diploma from Vinemont High School. Today, he prepared for his future following graduation when he signed an athletic scholarship with Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia. Campbell will be a member of the Lions' swim team, starting this fall.

Campbell has been a member of the Cullman Swim Team since he was 9 years old, developing a pattern of success that lead to the opportunity for a collegiate scholarship.

Emmanuel College is NCAA Division II sanctioned and competes in Conference Carolinas with Barton College, Belmont Abbey College, Converse College, Erskine College, King University, Lees-McCrae College, Limestone College, University of Mount Olive, North Greenville University, Pfeiffer University, Southern Wesleyan University and Chowan University.

Campbell took an interest in Emmanuel and the two have worked it out to be associated in the future.

Campbell lettered in basketball, football and track at Vinemont High School.

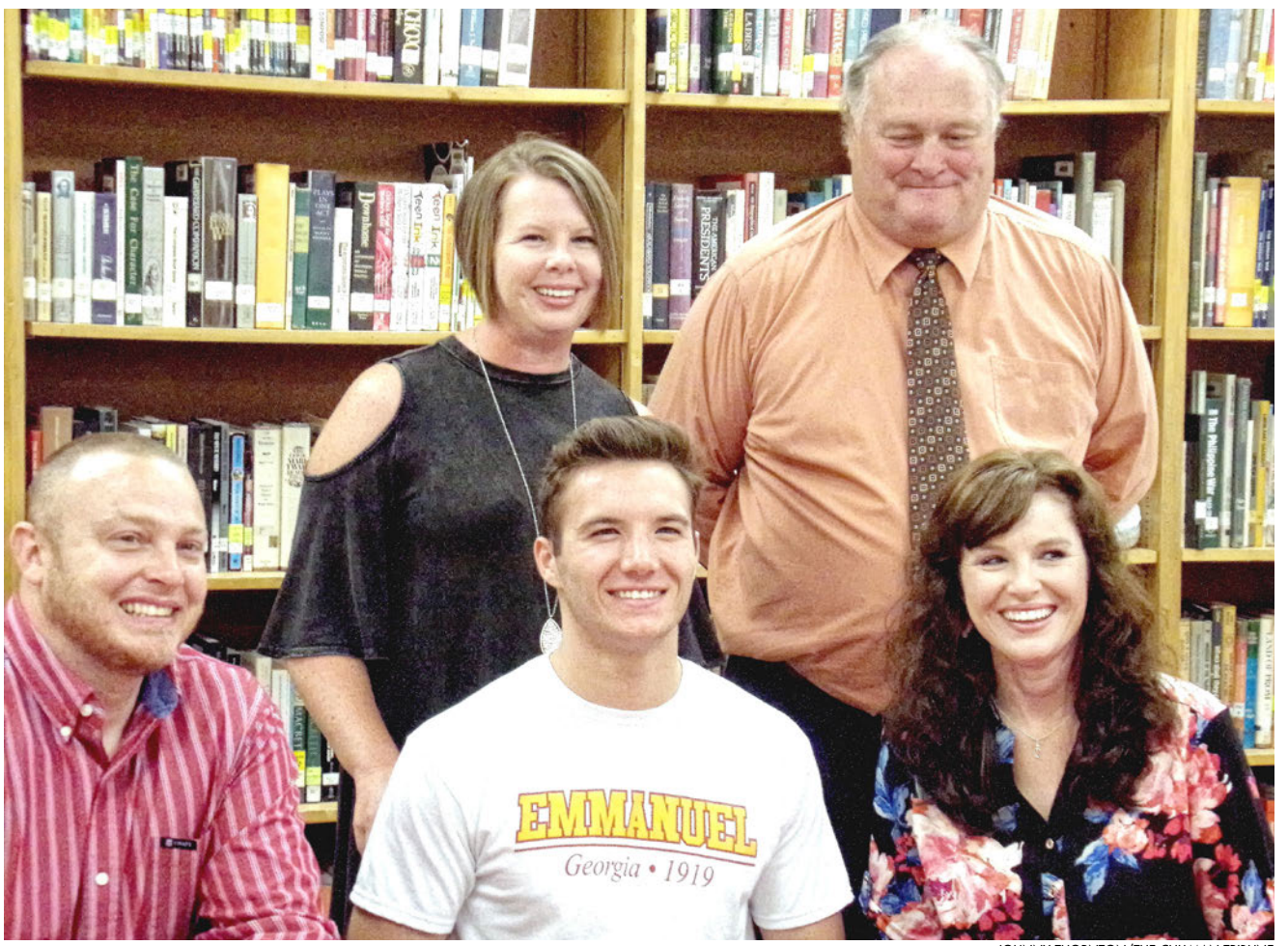
He earned honorable mention for All-Region football in 2016.

A recent highlight for Campbell was during the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame banquet when he received the Michael Stewart Memorial Scholarship, which honors the former student athlete at Vinemont.

Campbell currently holds a 3.14 grade point average, is president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and senior class vice president.

He is a member of the JROTC Color Guard, received the Junior Cadet Leadership Award and is very active at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Campbell is planning to major in kinesiology upon his arrival to Emmanuel. The new swim season for Campbell and Emmanuel will begin in mid-September and will continue into early March of 2018.



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Left to right: Father Scott Campbell, Cullman Swim Team Coach Lisa Martin, Seth Campbell, Vinemont High School Principal Ferrell Runge and mother Heather Campbell

Dinner (from Front)

Dinner on First, was to be outdoors along First Avenue in the Warehouse District; however, Mother Nature had different plans. Due to the threat of inclement weather, the dinner will take place in the old Cullman Warehouse at 315 Fifth St. SW at 6 p.m.

CP&R's Waid Harbison explained a little about the special event. "It is a fundraiser for our Parks and Rec Foundation, to build a new community playground. We've been raising money for that for some time, and we think we're probably going to break ground on that as early as August or September of this year. All the money we raise at Dinner on First will go to that. Last year we raised about $30,000."

CP&R's new playground, the all-inclusive Connected Park, is being developed with the goal of creating a public play space that can be shared by all children, including those with special needs. See an informational video about the project here: available at http://qrne.ws/connectedpark. Friday's dinner will be prepared by Dyron Powell, Head Chef Randall Baldwin and the staff of Dyron's Lowcountry. Specializing in the local cuisine of the South Carolina and northeast Georgia low country, the Mountain Brook establishment also provided the meal for last year's Dinner on First.

Of Powell and Dyron's Lowcountry, Harbison said, "He's out of Mountain Brook, but he's actually from Cullman originally. He's on the board here at St. Bernard, and he's talking about opening up a restaurant here. It's a very nice five-course meal that he'll come in and serve. Last year he donated his services completely free to the cause, brought his chefs down here, closed his restaurant for the night. He's going to do something similar this year, with different hors d'oeuvres and different dishes, but still a great experience. I think anybody that went last year will tell you it was some of the best food they ever had."

This year's event is already sold out, but there will be activities following the dinner that do not require a ticket. Harbison explained, "We have 300 seats. That's as many as (Dyron Powell) can do with his staff. We could definitely have more people than that, because we sold out of tickets about three days after they opened. We opened it up about the first of April, and about three days later, we were completely sold out.

"It's a good event, and lots of people want to be part of it. If you cannot come to the dinner, we do have an after-party over at the farmers' market (Festhalle) that will start as people finish eating, around 9 p.m. and going on until 11 p.m. We'll have live music by Round 2 over there, and we'll have an open bar. It's just a good time to come out and enjoy some fellowship, and donate to the program. All the proceeds will also go to the Parks and Rec Foundation."

News of the change in venue due to the weather came out on Tuesday. Said Harbison, "All other details for the event will remain the same. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with Dyron's Lowcountry still preparing and serving the meal. Round 2 will also play at the after-party as planned at 8:30 p.m."

Cullman City Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Anderson said, "We are disappointed to have to move the event off of First Avenue in the Warehouse District; however, we are excited about the Cullman Warehouse venue that will blend elegance with rustic charm."

For more information on Dinner on First, visit www.dinneronfirst.com, email info@cullmanrecreation.org or contact CP&R's Christy Turner at cturner@cullmanrecreation.org or 256-734-9157. Get to know the event band by visiting www.facebook.com/round2music. For more information on Dyron's Lowcountry, visit www.dyronslowcountry.com.

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Fairview Theatre Works presents 'The Wizard of Oz'

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent



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FAIRVIEW – Like many school-sponsored clubs and organizations this time of year, Fairview High School's Theatre Works is drawing the curtains on its performances until school starts back. The group's latest was meant to be an incredible double-performance of "The Wizard of Oz" by the middle school and "Jerry Finnegan's Sister" by the high school; however, unfortunate circumstances prevented the latter from being performed. Still, the younger actors gave the audience an adorably humorous rendition of the classic tale about a girl from Kansas.

Like many play adaptations, there were some deviations from the original story. Characters were added, scenes were cut short and dialogue was changed, though change is not necessarily a bad thing.

These changes put some silly modern twists on classic scenes, like Dorothy and her friends needing to wear ridiculously big sunglasses to avoid being blinded by the Emerald City's brightness or the Wizard giving the Cowardly Lion a bottle of soda for courage. Ultimately, even through the differences, the story remained the same timeless classic many people know and love: the story of a girl from Kansas, her dog, a scarecrow, a man made of tin, a cowardly lion and a journey home.

The cast for the middle school production:

- Dorothy: Kayrie Weldon
- Scarecrow: Brianna Carroll
- Tin Man: Joseph McAbee
- Cowardly Lion: Ethan Bice
- The Great Oz: Dylan Lively
- Glinda the Good Witch: Zaiah Allen
- Gatekeeper: Saria Dempster
- General Ginger, Emerald City Army: McKinsey Lomneck
- Wicked Witch: Alexis Sanford
- Snarly-Darly (Wicked Witch's Intern): Rebekah DeBlanc
- Flying Monkeys: Samantha Rogers, Madison Kovar, and Eduardo Degollardo
- Munchkins: Katelynn Sims, Madison Kovar, Kammie Mayo, and Fayth Borem
- Couple: Dezi Vega and Dawson Rhoades
- Glinda's Intern: Kayley Hall

Along with the cast on stage, the play could not function without its behind-the-scenes workers: Devin Burkes, Aaron Moylan and Kayley Hall as stagehands; Ally Grund as director and sound/light editor; and Kelly Lewis as assistant director and substitute for Kayley Hall, who was out sick.

After the performance, FTW director Mark Dobbs disclosed that two of the group's members, Aaron Moylan and Ally Grund, will be going to Montgomery to participate in the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." Grund will work as a stage manager while Moylan will play the part of Valentine. The original casting call had around 150 candidates come for initial auditions, with only 40 (eight of whom were from Fairview) for second auditions.

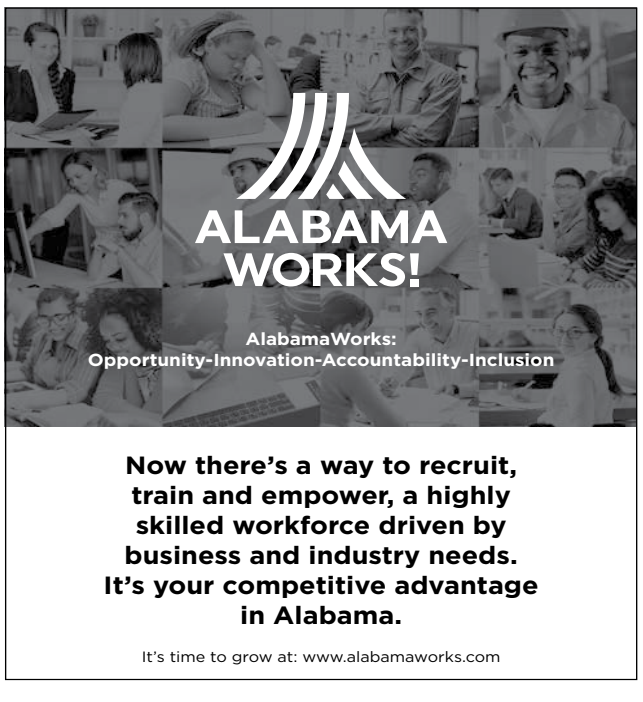
Ultimately, Grund and Moylan became part of the 20-person group chosen to perform at the festival in early June.

Despite being so close to the end of the school year, FTW isn't completely finished yet. At 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, Fairview's senior class will put on one last performance at their awards night entitled "The Last Day of School." There will be no charge for admission.









News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Hope that you have had an enjoyable week. We have had very extreme weather this past week. I thought that the fall season had come again when the weatherman said it was the coldest temp since January! The rain was welcome, but a little on the too cool side for this time of the year as we set records for May.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club has been extremely busy this past week. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we assisted in the Relay for Life event by serving the survivor's breakfast at the fellowship hall of the Cullman Church of Christ building. We had plenty of help with Civitan volunteers and the Key Clubs members of Holly Pond High School.

Thanks are extended to these young people for their assistance.

Also, we had a good turnout for the last Saturday 100-year celebration of Civitan Clubs held at the Colonel Cullman Home and Museum.

Mrs. Sharon Oliver, Area Director for Alabama North District, Area Seven was in charge. The three clubs in our county were represented. It was a very enjoyable time together. On Monday and Tuesday nights of this week it was time for the regular monthly board meeting and the regular general meeting.

The orders for the Vidalia onions Civitan fundraiser arrived on Friday, May 5th in the cool rain. Some were picked up at my sister's home.

If you didn't get your onions yet, please see a Civitan member - $10 for 10 pounds of very fresh Vidalia onions.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club and Holly Pond Lions Club worked very hard at the Holly Pond Cemetery last weekend.

It was the annual Decoration Day/Homecoming weekend. The Lions placed American flags on the graves of all veterans and even Confederate States of America flags on some of the older graves.

The Homemakers Club served as hostesses and welcomed everyone to the Chapel and main entrance.

The cemetery looked beautiful and is something that we should all be proud of in Holly Pond.

A very important holiday is on tap for next Sunday, May 14th. This is the annual celebration for Mother's Day. This is the day that Mothers are especially honored by their children and husbands.

Some of the churches in our area present all Mothers with flowers. Some mothers receive a corsage. Traditionally, we wear red roses if your mother is still around, or like yours truly, we will receive a white corsage.

My sister, Julia Floyd and her husband, Walt Floyd, have returned home after visiting with their son and his family, Drew, Dee, Ronan and Kadin in the Washington, D.C. area. They stopped halfway and spent the night and continued the next day.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will hold their monthly meeting on May 16th with a day trip to Decatur to tour antique shops and hunt for bargains.

The Prime-Time Singers had a very enjoyable program on Wednesday, at the First Baptist Church in Arab. Reverend Sherman Bailey, a retired minister and his wife, Nelda, who were in the East Cullman Baptist Association, for many years, invited the singers to come and perform.

Mrs. Nelda is recovering from a fall she had recently. She was there but her doctor would not let her go on another trip recently.

It was very good to see them again. Reverend Sherman was instrumental in the formation of thee singers back in the late 1990's. They have surely supported this group for many years. Now we begin preparing for our July patriotism program.

Until next week, be careful and enjoy every day.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1954

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday.

The recent winner of the Cullman County Rural Improvement Program was the Grandview Community. Those attending the state dinner in Birmingham on Monday night were: Asa Blalock- president, Henry Mobley-vice-president, Mrs. J.C. Mobley-secretary, H.G. Pinkston-County Agent and Mrs. Mary Sue Tillery-Home Demonstration Agent.

Cullman barber, Leo Hamrick is under an oxygen tent at the hospital after suffering a heart attack at the shop.

There are 213 known cases of tuberculosis in Cullman County.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chandler had a daughter, Amanda Elise born on December 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Sinyard, of Guthery's Crossroads traveled to Mobile to visit their daughter, Kathleen (Mrs. Kermit Bailey) and to Biloxi, Mississippi to visit another daughter, Martha Jo (Mrs. C.J. McMurry – Airman Second Class).

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 12th at their home.

Their children are sons: Amos, of Jacksonville, Florida, Bertis, of Birmingham and Grady, Gladis and Curtis, all of Cullman and daughters: Mrs. Grady Ellard, Mrs. James Speigle and Mrs. Clyde Smith, all of Cullman.

Pine Hill Farm, the 160 acre farm belonging to Joe C. Sapp, was last week's mystery farm.

The first person to identify it was Mrs. Grover Wood. The next three were Charles Waldrop, Bud Crawford and Isabell Abbott.

Mr. Sapp bought the farm, located on Route One, Cullman, in the Grandview Community, nine years ago, from Hane Windsor.

It was settled in 1885 and for years was known as the Howard Farm. Mr. Sapp chose its name because of a 60 acre hillside covered with pine trees.

Purebred Guernsey cattle and grade A milk are produced on the farm. It has a 95 acre permanent pasture, which has been planted, fertilized and maintained in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and help of the County Agent.

Mr. Sapp has the only airplane landing field in this section. He has his own plane, which he keeps there. He lets the public use his field.

The owner of Pine Hill Farm is a director of the Alabama Guernsey Cattle Club and Cullman County Guernsey Cattle Club, member of H.D.L.A., Farm Bureau and Rotary Club. He is a Methodist, Mason and Shriner.

Living on the Sapp Farm are Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brown, who have four children, John Wayne, Dorothy, Janice and Dale.

Funeral services for Doctor J.C. Gladney, 59, who had practiced medicine in Walker County for the past 31 years, were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the First Methodist Church in Jasper.

The Reverend Tillman Sprouse and the Reverend Hallmark officiated.

Doctor Gladney suffered a heart attack and died early Monday morning. He had been up most of the night tending a patient.

A native of Hanceville, Doctor Gladney graduated from the University of Alabama and from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a member of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity and Omicron Delta Kappa, leadership honorary.

Doctor Gladney served overseas as a Navy Lieutenant during World War I.

He was active in the Walker County and Alabama Medical Societies. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Walker College and was on the staff of People's Hospital.

Survivors include: his widow, Mrs. Odell Bright Gladney, a native of Cullman; a daughter, Mrs. Jeff Bagwell, of Birmingham and two grandsons, Clifford and Jeff Bagwell, Junior.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A special day to honor our mothers

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Perhaps you've never heard of Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, but because of her, we celebrate Mother's Day. She was born in Culpepper, Virginia, on September 30, 1832. Her father, a Methodist minister, was transferred to a church in Barbour County, Virginia. Later, in the midst of the Civil War, this area would be part of the newly formed state of West Virginia. Ann met a young man there by the name of Granville Jarvis, the son of a Baptist minister. At the ripe old age of seventeen, Ann married Granville. Life was not easy for the young family, as it was not for many during that time. During the first seventeen years of their marriage, they had eleven children. Most of the couple's children died from diseases that were common then, especially in the Appalachian area.

Common causes of death, especially in infants and children, were ones we now have vaccinations to prevent. These included measles, typhoid fever, influenza, diphtheria, scarlet fever, pneumonia, as well as others. Due to these illnesses, only four of the Jarvis eleven children reached adulthood.

Brokenhearted, yet inspired, Mrs. Jarvis worked tirelessly in her community to fight against childhood diseases and the unsanitary conditions in which many families lived. At twenty-six years of age, she began organizing Mother's Work Clubs. These clubs provided assistance and education to families, in order to reduce disease and infant mortality. They raised money to buy medicine, and to hire women to work with families where disease and illnesses were present. Ann's brother, Doctor James Reeves, was a medical doctor. He also helped Ann and the clubs with his knowledge and assistance. Club members visited in homes to help educate mothers in matters of sanitation and diseases. Since there were no federal programs regulating dairy products in those days, the clubs developed programs to inspect milk for diseases and contaminants.

During the Civil War, West Virginia broke away from Virginia and remained loyal to the Union. It was at that time when West Virginia established itself as a separate state. Ann remained neutral during the war and she encouraged her clubs to do the same. She, and many club members, ministered to soldiers and families from both sides of the conflict. They fed and clothed Confederate and Union soldiers alike. They nursed sick soldiers from both sides, as Typhoid fever and measles broke out in the military camps. After the war ended, the clubs planned a "Mother's Friendship Day."

The purpose of this special event was to bring friends and family members who had been divided by the war, back together in peaceful harmony.

Ann Marie Jarvis died on May 8th, 1905. Contrary to rumors, Mother's Day was not started by the greeting card companies or florists. After she died, Ann Marie Jarvis' daughter, Anna Jarvis, persuaded her church, Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, in Grafton, West Virginia, to celebrate a special day on May 10, 1908, honoring all mothers. The date was actually near the anniversary of her mother's death. After that, she began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. She, along with several others, began a letter writing campaign to ministers, businessmen, and politicians, to establish a holiday. Finally, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national observance, to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

I was blessed to have a good, godly mother, who loved her children dearly. Thank you to my mom, to Ann Jarvis, Anna Jarvis, and to all good and loving mothers everywhere. Happy Mother's Day.

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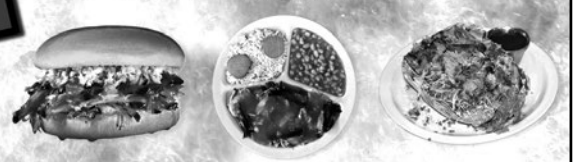
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 26th, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-16 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 16
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03 AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

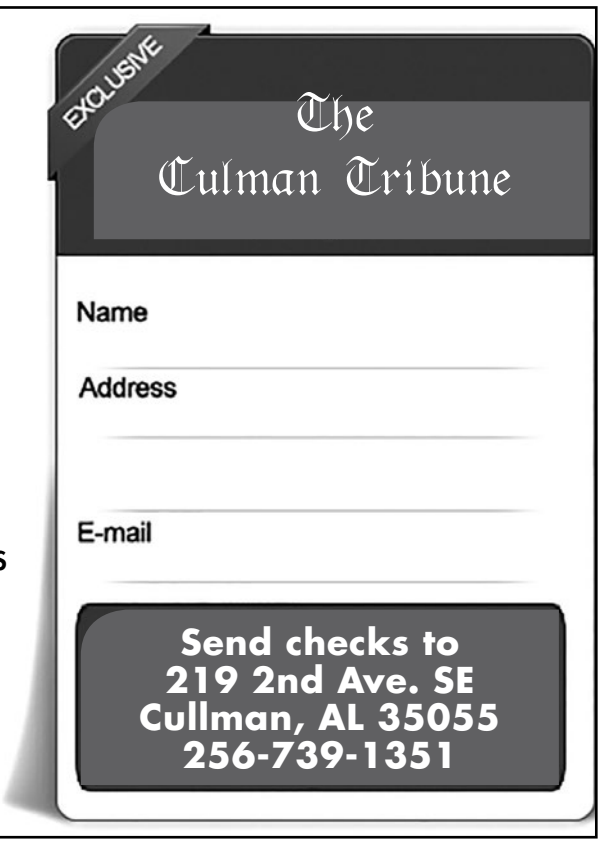
1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, Rodney Kinney, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit:
PPIN: 010978. PARCEL: 17-02-09-1-017-003.000. ADDRESS: 1006 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.
DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 350 feet West of the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, which point is also the Northeast Corner of the four acres of land brought by T.L. Humphrey and running in a Northwesterly direction along the railroad tract (right of way) 185 feet to a point of beginning; thence continue running in a Northwesterly direction along said railroad tract 185 feet; thence run West 305 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction 185 feet, thence run East 305 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as M-1 Manufacturing District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from M-1 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District.
2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.
3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 26th day of June, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.
5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.
7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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PHARMACY TOPICS

by Rex Smith
Hospital Discount CENTRAL



Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

Rupture of an abdominal aortic aneurysm is one of the most dramatic medical emergencies a person can face. It usually strikes without warning, killing approximately 50 percent of those who experience it before they reach a hospital. Of those who do get to a health facility alive, only about 50 percent survive. When diagnosed through screening, aortic aneurysms are carefully monitored for signs of enlargement and surgical intervention often is needed to prevent rupture of the vessel. Now, researchers have found that patients who took cholesterol-lowering statins before endovascular surgery experienced fewer complications and better outcomes.

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A new study published in *The Lancet Neurology* tested two generic versions of lamotrigine, a drug widely used for the treatment of epilepsy and found no detectable difference in clinical effects among patients in the trial.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Genvoya (a fixed-dose combination tablet containing elvitegravir, cobicistat, emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide) as a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older. The CDC estimates that 1.2 million persons ages 13 years and older are living with HIV infection and that more than another 150,000 persons in this age range have HIV, but are unaware of their infection. Over the past decade, the number of people living with HIV has increased, while the annual number of new HIV infections has remained relatively stable.

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Lions Club International President visits Cullman, cuts ribbon on renovated Stiefelmeyer Park

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CULLMAN – Lions Club International President Bob Corlew and his wife Diane were welcomed to Cullman recently by the Cullman Lions Club, Cullman Community Lions Club and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, as well as Cullman City Parks and Recreation (CP&R) Director Nathan Anderson and representatives of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. It was the first time a sitting Lions Club International president has visited the city.

While in town, Corlew, who was escorted by Cullman Community Lion Ron Seybold, visited the Cullman County Fairgrounds, where the Cullman Lions host the annual Cullman County Fair, and Field of Miracles sports complex.

At his last stop on the tour, he cut the ribbon to officially reopen the recently renovated Stiefelmeyer Park.

Anderson explained, "The Lions Club contributed the money to build this playground in Stiefelmeyer Park.

"Today we have the International Lions Club President in town, so the local Lions Club decided to come together and have a ribbon cutting commemorating the park. It's one of my favorites; there's a lot of land here, but because it's narrow, you can put little play features in here and it feels intimate. We were able to put a small-scale playground, perfect in size for the land.

"Even though we placed it, we could still get a disc golf course out here. If you look on the perimeter, you'll see four disc golf baskets that you can creatively play as nine holes or 18 holes. We did lay out something with the local disc golf association, so when we were laying out the baskets, we thought like a disc golf enthusiast.

"We also have soccer teams that come out here to practice. We have the pavilion and added a grill, so that families could have a neighborhood get-together or a family gathering. You can get out here and throw a ball. You can get out here if you're into golf and have some fun with the chipper, play football, soccer. It's just a great little neighborhood park."

When Corlew arrived, he was greeted by a strong contingent of local Lions, and paused to have his picture taken with members of the local Leo Club, a Lions Club youth auxiliary.

He also took a moment to speak to The Tribune about his visit:

"I love your city. This is not my first time in Cullman; it's my first time here on Lions' business, but I've been through Cullman a number of times. It's beautiful; the people are so warm, so friendly. It's just great to be here."

Cullman Lions Club President Barry Willingham introduced Corlew, and later Jacobs presented the international president and his wife a certificate naming them honorary citizens of Cullman.

Corlew addressed the audience:

"Lions is such a great organization. This year, serving as your international president, that message has been driven home to me over and over and over again. And it's being driven home to me again today by you, the Lions here in Cullman.

"It has been so great for me to see the work that you are doing to help your community. I had said earlier today, I wish we had a Lions Club just like yours in every community all over the world, because you folks are truly outstanding and I so appreciate the work that you're doing.

"You, of course, are doing so much work for your community. You have contributed so many hours to your community, but I'll tell you, in all honesty, your work is not unique; because this year, just since last July, Lions around the world have donated more than 32 million hours of their time working on projects to help their communities. In fact, this year we have recognized as one of our themes, 'Where there's a need, there's a Lion.'

"And in order to make that theme truly a reality, we have recognized that every community has needs. And thus we have worked hard this year to build new Lions Clubs in new communities, so that in every community around the world there'll be a Lions Club to meet those needs.

"The reason that we've been excited to start new clubs, and the reason we've been excited to have new members come into our organization is because, statistically, on average with every new Lion who joins us, 70 people are benefited in our communities. That's the reason we want to continue to grow, and that's the reason we want to continue to serve."

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WSCC's Walker recognized at CMA Music Teachers of Excellence ceremony

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Dr. Jim Walker, the first director of music programs at Wallace State Community College was honored recently by the Country Music Association (CMA) Foundation at its CMA Music Teachers of Excellence ceremony, hosted by Little Big Town.

Jimi Westbrook, an alumnus of Wallace State, is a member of the award-winning music group with roots in Alabama. Walker was a surprise guest for the artist, chosen by Westbrook's sister because of the influence Walker had on him during his years in the music program.

Walker said about 500 people attended the event, with more than 30 music educators honored with grants from the CMA Foundation. "Over the last several years, the CMA Foundation has contributed $17.5 million to music teachers, primarily elementary and high school teachers," Walker said.

Walker's appearance, along with three other teachers who influenced the band members, was organized as a surprise for the band members. "They did not know we were there," Walker said. "Jimi's family was responsible for me being there.

"It was really quite an honor," Walker said of his being asked to attend the event. Walker and his wife, Cindy, dined with Westbrook and the other Little Big Town members during the event.

"These are the music teachers that shaped and changed our lives," the band wrote on their Facebook page after the event.

Westbrook attended Wallace State from 1990-1992, and was recruited by Walker after the music director at Westbrook's church told Walker about him. From Wallace State, Walker said Westbrook went to Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn.

"I kind of lost track of him for four or five years... and then all of a sudden, Little Big Town was formed," Walker said. "Karen (Fairchild) and Kimberly (Schlapman) were students at Samford, of course — that was my alma mater." Phillip Sweet is the band's fourth member.

Asked to provide a comment about Westbrook, Walker said, "Jimi, from the very beginning, had not only the voice, but he had a stage presence about him and an ability to communicate. It didn't matter whether it was here, in concert choir or singers, or if it was in church choir – he sang in my church choir at St. John's – it didn't matter what venue it was, he had that unique ability to communicate."

"It's such a thrill to see your students succeed," Walker added. "I've got a former student who's a music director at a church in Nashville who came by the house this weekend. It's such a thrill to see these students excel in their careers."

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2001 Ford Ranger, Vin. #1FTYR14U61TA62269.

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Lucas Auto Repair and Restoration, 10271 US Highway 31, Hanceville, Alabama 35077, on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

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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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ESTATE OF) CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
MARGARET SUE BENTLEY , DECEASED,) PROBATE COURT

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to GREGORY BENTLEY on the 18th day of April, 2016, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

GREGORY BENTLEY
Personal Representative/Executrix

ANDRIA RICHTER, Attorney for the Estate
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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 (PO)
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA RICHTER
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
ANALYSSE PUCKETT
CASE NO.: AD2017-032

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by BRANDON WOODS AND ALYSSA WOODS, Petitioners, and that the 12th day of July, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., has been set for hearing on the same at the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you **MUST** file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court at 500 2nd Avenue S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of May, 2017.

ANDRIA RICHTER (LEE 015)
Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: AD-2017-004**

THE ADOPTION PETITION FOR T.S.P.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JOSHUA MICHAEL PERDERGRASS AND LESLIE BROWN PENDERGRASS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 4th DAY OF May, 2017.

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

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TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 10, 2008 by Chris Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1578, Page 977 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 1, 2017:

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

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-May 11, 18, 25, 2017

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2017-028

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF STEPHEN DOUGLAS SALLEY TO ADOPT KATIE ELLISON TANGYE, a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: WILLIAM PATRICK TANGYE,
WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of Katie Ellison Tangye, a minor child born May 9, 2003, was filed on the 6th day of April, 2017, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Stephen Douglas Salley, step father of Katie Ellison Tangye. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of May, 2017.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Cullman County Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
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P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 6, 2004 by Michael Wayne Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1364, Page 431 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:

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.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-April 27, May 4, 11, 2017

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BERLIN – The movement to incorporate the Berlin community into a town now faces a deadline: Friday, June 9. After that day, signatures will no longer be accepted for the incorporation petition. The effort will then move toward setting up a special election in the fall.

According to Patrick Bates, who heads up the effort, he now has the number of needed signatures to bring the move to a vote, but he still wants more signatures, especially from parts of the community south of U.S. Highway 278. The still-sought signatures are not for numbers; instead Bates wants signatures from owners of properties on specific 40-acre sections. Those signatures will determine whether or not those sections can be included within the proposed town limits.

Based on recent talks with local residents for and against the movement, the proposed boundary lines have been redrawn from maps distributed previously. Down from the originally included area of approximately 1,000 acres, the new map encompasses around 700 acres. If the incorporation vote is successful, unincluded sections can be brought in later; but supporters hope to have as many properties as possible at the outset.

After the June 9 deadline, the petition and other paperwork will be turned over to an attorney who will submit the request for a special election to the Cullman County Probate Court. The incorporation effort will have to pay for the election itself, but Bates has successfully secured all the needed funds. The special election, if everything stays on schedule, will likely take place at some point in September.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 13
TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09, AS AMENDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2012-03, ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-32, TO PROVIDE FURTHER FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, PROVIDING LICENSING PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISHING PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS

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

Section 1. Sec. 4-33 Definitions.

The definition for Restaurant Class III (Food Hall), Food Vendor and Alcohol Vendor are hereby added as follows:

Restaurant, Class III (Food Hall): A reputable place licensed as a cooperative of 3 or more restaurants located on the same premises sharing the same dining area with not less than 3 separate restaurant vendors each having their own separate storage, refrigeration, preparation and cooking facilities certified by the Cullman County Health Department, operated by responsible persons of good reputation in which a diversified selection of food and refreshments with alcohol sales within the premises is offered for sale for consumption within the building premises on which the establishment is located that also meets the following requirements:

1. A dining space containing 3,000 square feet or more on one floor in one room shall have a mandatory Class III designation.
2. The dining room shall be equipped with tables and chairs accommodating at least 150 persons at one time and adequately air conditioned and heated as appropriate.
3. All spaces of a Class III restaurant (food hall) must comply with the adopted building code occupancy requirements, fire and life safety codes.
4. A minimum of three fully equipped and operational kitchens separate and apart from the dining area in which meals are prepared for consumption by the public and served in said dining area adjoining the kitchen area that is open and fully staffed during the same hours as any portion of the establishment that has been issued a food service certificate by the Cullman County Health Department and an alcohol license for the entire premises.
5. The licensee and/or their food vendors shall maintain and operate at least two kitchens and shall, upon order of a customer, prepare and serve all food items shown on its menu during normal and reasonable business hours. Exceptions shall be made where there is a known and provable shortage or temporary unavailable supply of a food item.
6. Such place shall meet the minimum requirements for an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on-premises license.
7. The serving of food or meals shall constitute the principal business of such establishment with the serving of liquor, malt or brewed beverages, wines, or other alcoholic beverages being only an incidental part of the business. During any 90-day period, the gross receipts from the serving of meals and food shall constitute at least 60% of the total gross receipts of the businesses located within the establishment. The licensee of such establishment shall maintain daily cash register summaries from all the businesses located within the establishment differentiating the receipts for the sale of food and alcoholic beverages. In addition, the licensee for such establishment shall maintain all invoices for the purchases of food and all types of alcoholic beverages and shall preserve such records for not less than three (3) years of all the businesses located within the establishment. All such records shall be available for inspection and audit at the licensee's premises within the City during regular business hours as the A.R.C., any elected official, or a duly authorized representative may request.

Food Vendor shall mean an individually, licensed restaurant within a (Food Hall) Restaurant, Class III.

Alcohol Vendor: An individually, licensed alcohol business licensed to sell on premises beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages within the entire Restaurant Class III (Food Hall) only during the hours that at least two or more food vendors are open for business with full menus within the licensed premises.

A. A licensee shall not be allowed to sell more than 40% of the gross receipts of all food vendor food sales combined during any one 90-day period. Failure to meet the minimum ratio will result in the suspension or revocation of the license to sell alcohol on the premises.

B. Nothing herein shall preclude the alcohol vendor from also being one or more of the food vendors within the Restaurant Class III (Food Hall).

Section 2. Sec. 4-34 Zoning. Restaurant Class III (Food Hall) May be located only in E-1 (Entertainment District) and CBD (Central Business District) within SE-1 (Special Event) Overlay District.

Section 3. Sec. 4-35 Location of On-Premises Sales near Church, School, or Licensed Day Care is hereby replaced with the following:

Sec. 4-35. Location of On-Premises Sales near Church, School, or Licensed Day Care

1. When measuring from a church, school, or licensed child development facility, from the frame of the main entrance of the closest building in the church, school, or child development facility complex wherein an essential function or activity of the church, school, or licensed child development facility is carried on shall constitute the beginning point for measurement. When measuring from the facility or property, from the frame of the main entrance on the exterior wall entering the building occupied by the person seeking to sell alcoholic beverages shall be used for measurement purposes if the building is occupied solely by that person; otherwise, such measurement shall be made from the closest point of the person's occupancy within the building in question. The method of measurement is a straight line from the aforementioned defined points.

2. On-Premises Sales:

(A) In addition to all other regulations and restrictions, no facility or property located in CBD, B-1, B-3, E-1 and B-2 shall be authorized for on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages except for the following:

i. Class I Restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;
ii. Class II Restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;
iii. Specialty wine and beer establishment;
iv. Persons holding a special events retail license for on-premises consumption.

(B) In addition to all other regulations and restrictions, no facility or property located in CBD with SE-1 Overlay District shall be authorized for on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages except for the following:

i. Class I Restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;
ii. Class II Restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;
iii. Specialty wine and beer establishment;
iv. Persons holding a special events retail license for on-premises consumption; and
v. Class III Restaurant (Food Hall) license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption

(C) In addition to all other regulations and restrictions, no club in a residential zone or in a planned development district not already established before the passage of this Ordinance shall be authorized for on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages unless the same has been recommended as a conditional use by the City of Cullman Planning Commission as may be required by the City of Cullman Zoning Ordinance and adopted by the City Council.

(D) In addition to all other regulations and restrictions, and subject to exceptions contained in this section, no building shall be authorized for on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages where the facility or property is less than 250 feet from any church, public or private elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high, or high school, or licensed child development facility. The aforesaid distance restriction in this subsection shall not apply in the following enumerated cases:

i. Where the building is located in the CBD zoning district and the closest exterior wall of the building on the lot frontage is not less than 50 feet from the church, school, or licensed child development facility;
ii. Where the church, school, or licensed child development facility was established after the licensed premises began operation and said operation has not been abandoned or discontinued for a period of 6 months;
iii. Where the establishment upon the facility or property is a grocery store as defined herein.

3. Off-Premises Sales:

(A) In addition to all other regulations and restrictions, no facility or property located in E-1, B-1, B-3, and B-2 (with the exception of Alabama Beverage Control stores and retail liquor sales for off-premises consumption), shall be authorized for off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages except for the following:

i. Convenience stores licensed to sell beer and/or table wine for off-premises consumption;
ii. Grocery stores licensed to sell beer and/or table wine for off-premises consumption;
iii. Specialty beverage stores with respect to beer and/or table wine;
iv. Merchandise store with incidental table wine sales;
v. Specialty wine and beer establishment; and
vi. Persons holding a special events retail license for on-premises consumption.

(B) In addition to all other regulations and restrictions and subject to the exceptions contained in this Subsection, no facility or property shall be authorized for off-premises sales of alcoholic beverages when the facility or property is less than 500 feet from any church, public or private elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high or high school, or licensed child development facility. The aforesaid distance restriction in this Subsection shall apply in CBD, B-1, B-2 except Alcohol Beverage Control stores and retail liquor sales for off-premises consumption, but shall not apply in the following enumerated cases:

(i) Where the facility or property is located in CBD zoning district and the facade on the lot frontage of the facility or property is not less than 50 feet from the church, school, or licensed child development facility;
(ii) Where (1) the facility fronts a state highway or the property is separated from the church, school, or licensed child development facility by a street or highway having four or more traffic lanes, not including any lanes that are turning lanes, service lanes, and/or hazard lanes, (2) at least four of the traffic lanes that separate the licensed premises from the church, school, or licensed child development facility extend continuously and together for more than one mile before any one of the lanes terminates or becomes a turning lane, service land, and/or hazard lane, and (3) the minimum distance between the licensed premises and the church, school, or licensed child development facility building is at least 200 feet;
(iii) Where the church, school, or licensed child development facility was established after the licensed premises began operation and said operation has not been abandoned or discontinued for a period of 6 months;
(iv) Where the establishment upon the facility or property is a grocery store as defined herein.

Section 4. Sec. 4-98 City Alcohol License Fees.

Restaurant Retail Liquor License is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Restaurant Retail Liquor License.

1. Restaurant Class I and II - Each person licensed by the Board to sell alcoholic beverages in connection with the operation of a restaurant under §28-3A-1, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, shall pay to the City an annual privilege license fee of $500.00. In addition to the stated license fee, each such person shall pay to the City, on or before the 15th day of the calendar month next succeeding each separate subject month, for the privilege of so engaging in such business in said subject month, an additional liquor tax of 12% of the monthly gross receipts of such business derived from the sale of liquor.

2. Restaurant Class III (Food Hall) - Each person licensed by the Board to sell alcoholic beverages in connection with the operation of a restaurant under §28-3A-1, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, shall pay to the City an annual privilege license fee of $1,500.00. In addition to the stated license fee, each such person shall pay to the City, on or before the 15th day of the calendar month next succeeding each separate subject month, for the privilege of so engaging in such business in said subject month, an additional liquor tax of 12% of the monthly gross receipts of such business derived from the sale of liquor.

Section 5. Conflicts

1. This Ordinance shall be deemed cumulative with and supplemental to any and all statutes of the State of Alabama regarding the subject matter hereof and to be subordinate to same and in no manner intended to supersede any such statues of the State of Alabama. Any provision hereof in conflict with any provision of any State statute shall be construed so as to be in harmony with the same where possible and otherwise to be subordinate to and superseded by the provisions of such State statute.
2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict repealed.
3. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such ruling shall not affect any other paragraphs or sections since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and publication according to law.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 8th day of May, 2017.

/s/Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

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

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 8th day of May, 2017.

/s/Max A. Townson – Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 26th, 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. 2017-15 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 15
TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit: A parcel of land, otherwise known as a sidewalk north of Rumor's Deli, which is 24.20 feet by 100 feet, more or less, located directly west of Clark Street NE and being more particularly described as:

"Begin at the northeast corner of block 2 of Osborne's addition to the City of Cullman as recorded in map cabinet A, slide 49 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama same being the intersection of the west right-of-way line of 1st Avenue southeast, with the south right-of-way line of Clark Street NE, having an Alabama state plane, west zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N.1520725.70', E.2166998.76, and run thence south 63 degrees 06 minutes 08 seconds west (bearing based on AL. state plane, west zone, NAD 83, grid), a distance of 100.00 feet to the northwest corner of said block 2, same being the east right-of-way line of a railroad right-of-way; thence north 26 degrees 53 minutes 52 seconds west, and run along said east railroad right-of-way line, a distance of 24.20 feet; thence north 63 degrees 06 minutes 08 seconds east, a distance of 100.00 feet to the west right-of-way line of said 1st Avenue southeast; thence south 26 degrees 53 minutes 52 seconds east, a distance of 24.20 feet to the point of beginning."

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Cullman, Alabama, a warranty deed, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City of Cullman, Alabama, does convey the premises described Section 1 hereof to the adjoining property owners for its fair market value.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 17
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03 AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, Judy Shannon, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

PPIN: 022332. PARCEL: 17-05-16-1-021-002.000. ADDRESS: A vacant lot at the southeast corner of 3rd Street SW & Denson Avenue SW.

DESCRIPTION: Lots Number 7 and 8 in Block Number 21 in Musgrove's Addition to Cullman, Alabama, known as West Cullman, as the same is shown on the recorded map or plat of said addition in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to a 10-foot-wide right-of-way easement across the West side of the above described lots. For source of title, see Deed Book 352, Page 339, and the Last Will and Testament of Roy Wendell Speegle. Situated in the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as CBD Central Business District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from CBD Central Business District to R-4 Residential District.

2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 26th day of June, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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Weekly online news recap, May 4 - 10

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

Bremen woman behind bars after allegedly selling suboxone to undercover officers

BREMEN – Tanya Roxanne Monroe, 36, of Bremen was arrested recently and charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance after she allegedly sold suboxone to undercover officers. According to the Cullman Police Department (CPD), Sgt. Chris Thomason and Officer Kelly Hubbard arrested Monroe following a controlled buy made by Thomason, Investigator Justin Craft and agents with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA). The CPD says Monroe was on probation at the time of her arrest. Monroe was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where she was booked in on a $30,000 bond.

K-9 alert leads to drug arrest for Cullman woman

CULLMAN – A Cullman woman was arrested recently after a routine traffic stop led to the discovery of methamphetamine and other drugs. According to a press release from the Cullman City Police Department (CPD), Officers Trey Higginbotham and Tyler Jackson pulled over Chase Leanne Weeks, 22, for a traffic violation. During the course of the traffic stop, Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy Kevin Bowers (K-9 unit) arrived on scene to assist. The K-9 allegedly alerted on the vehicle, leading officers to conduct a search, during which Higginbotham and Jackson recovered a half ounce (approximately 14 grams) of methamphetamine, along with marijuana and multiple items of drug paraphernalia. Weeks was arrested for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, second-degree possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to the Cullman County Detention Center. At the jail, Weeks was found to be in possession of more methamphetamine, resulting in a charge of promoting prison contraband. Weeks has since bonded out.

U.S. Sen. Luther Strange makes appearance at Strawberry Festival

CULLMAN – U.S. Sen. Luther Strange, R-Alabama, who was recently appointed to fill the post vacated by Jeff Sessions on his appointment to the federal post of U.S. Attorney General, visited the Strawberry Festival Saturday morning. He has recently been named a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, placing him in a policy-making position in a field near and dear to many Cullman County residents.

Perfect weather for Saturday's Strawberry Festival

CULLMAN – Whatever evil the weather did to day one of the 2017 Strawberry Festival, it more than made up for on day two. Where Friday was cold, windy and rainy, Saturday saw bright sunshine and temperatures in the 70s, with just enough breeze to keep everyone cooled off. When the sun came out, so did the people. Thousands of visitors packed the craft show at Depot Park, the farmers' market at the Festhalle and the children's activity area in between. Numerous food vendors supplied a variety of meals and snacks, while area organizations advertised their goods and services. With only short breaks to change acts, live music came from the festival stage all day. Saturday's turnout is expected to exceed last year's attendance. Cullman City Parks and Recreation's Waid Harbison said, "I would expect it to be almost what it was last year. We estimated last year about 10,000 over two days. Because we didn't do last night, it'll probably be down a little bit; but our Saturday attendance will be bigger than it was, just because it's great weather out here."

An ogre, a biker gang and a bunch of men dressed as women take a walk at the fairgrounds

CULLMAN – With colder temperatures and light to moderate rain, Friday was a less than ideal day for outdoor events. The show went on, however, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds where the American Cancer Society's annual Relay For Life event went on well into the evening. The event started off on a good note with a $17,200 donation from the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club. Two members of the organization then mounted their bikes and made the first lap around the track before riding off.



TERESA MAULDIN

Meek HS FFA Chapter String Band wins 1st place in North District competition

Submitted by Teresa Mauldin

Congratulations to the Meek High School FFA chapter for winning first place in the North District String Band competition. This group competed at Wallace State Community College. Members from left to right front row are Tate Odom, Nick Noland, and William Graves. The back row is Simona Lewis-Jefferson, Sarah Mauldin, Cora Alexandar and Caleigh Cook. Their sponsor is Terry Youngblood.

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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAY 3 - 9

Dorthy Tucker Skinner, 101, passed away May 1, 2017. She was born April 26, 1916, in Cullman. Funeral services held May 4 at Moss Service Funeral Chapel. Burial in Jones Chapel Cemetery. She was a lifetime member of Jones Chapel Church of Christ. Preceding her in death were her husband, Julian F. Skinner; her parents, James Stephen and Naomia Guthery Tucker. Sisters: Martha Lee, Dona Chandler and Dova Tucker, brothers: Mancil, Clarence, Clarence, Talmadge and Nolan Tucker. Survivors include daughter, Vicki (Don) Reid; sons, Frank (Jeanenne) Skinner, Randy Skinner; grandchildren, Susan Adkison, Jennifer (Eddy) Sparkman, Stephen (Julie) Skinner, Rena (Allen) Putman, Will Skinner, Vaneesa (Tony) Mobley, Julian Skinner and Seth Key; and 12 great-grandchildren. Friends may send flowers or make donations to their favorite charity.

Carolyn Preston McGuire, 75, passed from this life into glory on May 3 at Brookwood Medical Center after a brief illness. She loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and served him at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Carolyn worked for Dr. Mansaco, Dr. Moore, Dr. Wood, and Dr. Ragland before she retired to manage the office of the family business. She loved flea markets, yard sales and looked forward to going to the world's longest yard sale every year. Funeral service held May 5 at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Brother Buford Parker, Brother Rayburn Whitman, and Billy Myrick officiated. Burial in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Carolyn is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, James McGuire; son, Michael McGuire and his wife Donna; brother, Benny Preston and his wife Barbara; sister, Wanda Owen; step grandchildren, Daniel and his wife Lindsey, Dana and her husband Emmanuel; brother in law, Rayburn Whitman; sister in law, Jean Wallace and her husband Louis; and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, JB and Almeda Hagood Preston; sister Sarah; brother in law, Lawton Owen; and sister in law, Ernestine Whitman. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Brookwood Medical Center, especially the CCU staff for the love and care they provided to them during her stay.

Funeral Services for Connie Faye Moore, 57 of Bremen, held May 6 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel; Bro. Phillip Starnes officiated. Interment at Valley View Cemetery. Mrs. Moore passed away Thursday May 4 at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born on March 9, 1960 in Walker County to Jerry Edwin & Glenda Faye Martin Peffer and is preceded in death by her parents and her grandmother who raised her, Reba Peffer. Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Larry Wayne Moore; two children, Jerry (Michelle) Moore and Jessica (Richard) Hoffman; four grandchildren: Chelsea Moore, Makayla Moore, Madison Hoffman and Connor Hoffman; two sisters, Sherry (Alton) Alldredge and Annette (Tim) Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Graveside service for Charles H. Cook, 81 of Cullman, held May 6 at Mt. Joy Cemetery; Josh Hogland officiated. Mr. Cook passed away at his residence on May 3. He was born on September 27, 1935 in Walker County to Claude & Ann Cooner Cook. Survivors include his wife, Linda Cook; five children: Sherri (Charlie) Jenne, Elizabeth Curtis, Phillip (Rhonda) Cook, Charles E. Cook and Paul (Amy) Cook; sixteen grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Lillian Surrett, of Cullman, passed away on May 4 at the age of 85 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born on October 12, 1931 in Cullman to Oliver Zeke and Elmer Oden Handley. She is preceded in death by her parents and a son: Billy Surrett. She is survived by: sons: Barry Surrett, Bruce Surrett and Bobby (Janice) McMurry, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Funeral service held May 7 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Mr. Melvin Lee McClendon, 84 of Blountsville, AL passed away May 5 at Folsom Center in Cullman. Mr. McClendon was born in Cullman County to Thomas Claude and Willie Mae Patterson McClendon. He was predeceased by his parents, a daughter, Jerry Ellen McClendon; brother, Edward McClendon; sisters, Mildred Griffin, and Doris Hinkle. He worked as a machinist and was self-employed. He was of the Baptist faith, was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, and a cherished friend and neighbor. Mr. McClendon is survived by his wife of 64 years, Wilma Dean Self McClendon; daughters, Jan (Jim) Haynes, Patsy (Tony) Price; sister, Desma Stephens; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral service for Mr. McClendon held May 7 at Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel; burial at New Lebanon Cemetery, Blountsville, AL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to New Lebanon Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Funeral service for Aubrey Wayne Tolbert, 81 of West Point, held May 8 at Cullman Funeral Home with interment in New Mt. Zion Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home, 461 U.S. Hwy. 278 East, Cullman, 35055 is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Tolbert passed away May 5. He was born December 5, 1935. He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle Tolbert; his mother, Ella Bernice Tolbert; sons-in-law, John Marquette and Tim Hanes. Survivors include his son, Ralph Tolbert; daughters, Rita (Frank) Privett, Sharron Hanes, Linda Marquette; grandchildren, Vanessa (Scotty) Cornelius, Miranda (Robert) Haddix, Holly (Ty) Bogard, Erica (Griffin) Stanford, Michael Tolbert, Allen Privett, Malea Marquette; great-grandchildren, Charli Bogard, Finn Stanford, Zachary Cornelius, Hannah Cornelius; a host of family and friends.

Kenneth P. (Charlie) Brown of Centerville, Georgia (formerly of Cullman, AL and Columbus, GA) entered into eternal rest May 5. He was retired from the US Army Pistol Team, with 21 years of service. He served in both Korea and Viet Nam, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He then served in Civil Service with the Post Engineers as a Locksmith at Fort Benning, GA, for 21 years. In 1954, he met and married his one true love, Iva Lee McAfee (also of Cullman), and they, along with their daughter traveled the world during his military career. Funeral service held May 8 at Moss Service Funeral Chapel. Bishop Joshua P. Martin officiated; burial in Cullman City Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Jessie Brown, brothers C.W. Brown and Rayburn Brown; sisters Sandra Kay Brown and Sara Ruth Brown and his wife of 61 years, Mrs. Iva Lee Brown. He is survived by his daughter, Debra Brown Martin; grandchildren; Joshua Phillip Martin (Paige) of Greenwood, Indiana; and Kara Lee Martin Kamrowski (Tom) of Byron, Georgia; four great-grandchildren; Morgan and Ella Grace Martin, and Lucas and Sunnie Lee Kamrowski; brothers, Bobby (Joyce) Brown, John Wayne (Celeste) Brown and Dale (Judy) Brown; sisters, Dottie (Cliff) Kirkwood and Janice Beam, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

Nancy Poynter Dorsett Wadsworth, 75, passed away May 5 at her home in Spanish Fort, Alabama. Mrs. Wadsworth was born on September 22, 1941 in Indiana. Nancy loved her Lord and her family above all. She was a talented artist, gardener, and had the ability to make anything beautiful. She was also an unashamed believer that butter made everything better. She will be missed by the communities of both Arley and Spanish Fort. Funeral service held May 8 at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. Brother Thomas Hyche and Brother Adam Rogers officiated. Burial in Arley Methodist Church Cemetery. Nancy is survived by her husband, Ray Wadsworth of Arley, Alabama; sons, Marcus (Robin) Dorsett of Greenville, South Carolina, Michael (Mary Anne) Dorsett of Spanish Fort, Alabama, William (Deborah) Dorsett of Spanish Fort, Alabama; step-daughter, Patsy (Bob) Williams, of Arley, Alabama; step-sons, Tim (Virginia) Wadsworth, and Billy Wadsworth both of Arley, Alabama; sisters, Norma Poynter Gaston, and Bonnie Poynter Wisehart; brothers, Albert Poynter, and Leon Poynter, 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kemp Dorsett; parents, Archie and Alice Poynter; brothers, Luther and Cecil Poynter; sister, Sylvia Poynter Finchum. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to your preferred charity in Nancy's name. 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 "So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

Funeral service for Curtis James Wilson, 15 of Cullman, held May 10 at Daystar Church, Rev. Jerry Lawson officiated. Interment will be May 11 at 10 a.m. in Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Curtis passed away May 7, 2017. He was born August 8, 2001 to Mark Wilson and Ashley Wilson. Survivors include his mother, Ashley Wilson; father, Mark (Tobi) Wilson; grandparents, Dianne and C.L. Lee, Eddie Lewis, Bill and Jo Wilson; brothers, Blaise Wilson, Luke Wilson; step-sister, Jessica King; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. before the service. Curtis James Wilson is an athlete, a scholar, a friend, a brother and a devoted son. He is quick with a joke or silly comment. He is full of esoteric facts and trivia. He is a puzzle solver. He loves games, win or lose, his heart is all in. He is a trusted confidante. He wisely holds his older brothers as idols and role models. He loves his friends. He is never too prideful to hug his mother. He is his father's world. He is a devoted son, to a mother, Ashley Wilson, and, to a father, Mark Wilson, that loved him endlessly forever and always. Curtis James Wilson is not a victim. He is so much more than the tragic circumstances that took him from us. His time on the pitcher's mound. His time playing games with his friends. His time idly in the backyard with his cousin. His time making his friends and family laugh to tears. That is Curtis James Wilson. The young man we love. Endlessly forever and always. Everyone that loved Curt needs to know that he will not die in vain. Something good, something great will carry on in his name. That is how Curtis will be remembered. He will continue to bring light and joy, just as he did in his brief but beautiful life. Donations to help Ashley and her boys can be made through Traditions Bank in the name of Ashley Wilson.

Jonathan Burke Lumpkin, 38, of Cullman, died May 4. He is survived by his wife, Brittinie Sims Lumpkin; daughters, Brooklyne Grace, Olivia Ann and Morgan Jewel Lumpkin; parents, Larry and Annette Lumpkin; brothers, Jared Lumpkin (Jessica) and Justin Lumpkin (Heather); grandmother, Ann C. Lumpkin; uncle, James Lumpkin (Carla); and several nieces, nephews, in-laws, family and friends. Jonathan's life will be celebrated May 10 at Moss Service Funeral Home. Jonathan was laid to rest with military honors at Alabama National Cemetery.

Wylodene Jocie Jackson, 75 of Double Springs, entered into rest on May 9 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Wylodene was born on July 13, 1941. Complete obituary and arrangement information will be announced Wednesday afternoon.

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Grissom (from Front)

learn things from this lady who was ahead of her time in many ways. Here is her story as told with the help of her daughter, Cullman City Councilwoman Jenny Folsom.

Gracie Hembree Grissom was born at home on Nov. 9, 1916 in Good Hope. She was the second of four children born to Benjamin Franklin and Loucreasy Smith Hembree. "At the time her father was a school teacher in a one-room school house in southwest Cullman County," said Jenny, having heard the story from her mom on numerous occasions. "He heard that he could make more money if he took a civil service test and go to work for the U.S Post Office. So in 1922, when (Gracie) was 6, the family moved to Cullman where he walked the downtown mail route."

"His name was Frank, but the business owners called him 'Uncle Sam' because he carried the mail," Mrs. Grissom laughed, "He walked that mail route for over 30 years, and got his gold watch."

The family joined First Methodist Church when it was located in a white building across the street from where the church is today. Mrs. Grissom remembers watching the current stone sanctuary being built. "Daddy came home for lunch one day and was very excited because the stained glass windows had arrived by train," she recalled. She and friends would sometimes walk from the elementary school that was located just south of the courthouse to watch the building in progress.

Another exciting childhood memory she had was when the family got its first telephone. It was a big wooden one that hung on the wall. She said, "We had to crank it to make it work." Another fun time was when she was a teenager and told her dad that she wanted to learn to drive the car. "He had a Model-A Ford that was sitting in the driveway," she said. "He was sitting on the porch and told me what to do. I got in it, and after a few jumps and hops, I was driving it around."

She met her future husband Hubert Grissom when they were classmates in eighth grade. Both of them graduated from Cullman County High School in 1936. She still has their senior yearbook, The Ladder, in which the Who's Who section listed the "Most Love-Sick Couple" as Gracie Hembree and Hubert Grissom. After high school she wanted to attend Woodall Beauty School in Birmingham to learn to be a beautician. Her father was not keen on this idea because he wanted her to be a nurse and as he said, "Washing women's dirty hair would be hard and not make much money." But she told him, "If a lady only has $1 in her purse, she would spend 50 cents of that to get her hair fixed!" She got her way, boarding at the YWCA while attending beauty school.

Young Gracie moved back to Cullman and married Hubert Grissom in 1939. She worked as a beautician and later owned and operated Gracie's Beauty Shop for more than 35 years in the building where The Community Shopper's Guide is today. Hubert worked as a conductor for L&N Railroad for 38 years. She was very active in starting the local Business and Professional Women (BPW), the Bob Sapp Sunday School Class and Dogwood Garden Club.

The couple had two children, Hubert Grissom, Jr. and Jenny Grissom Folsom. Presently, she has three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

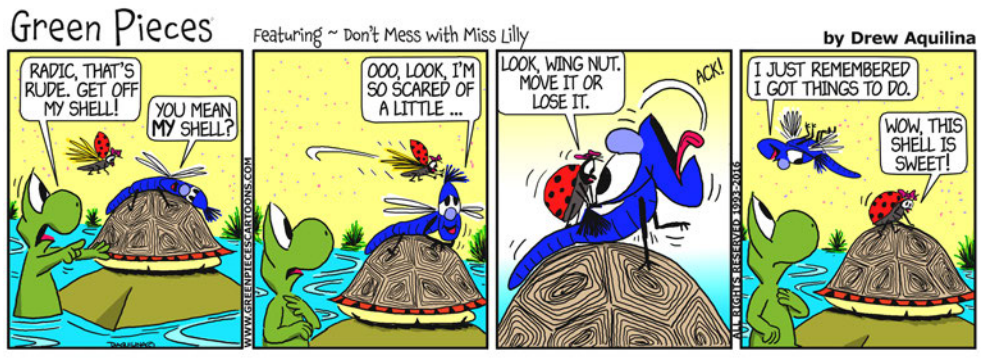
In their retirement, the Grissoms enjoyed about 15 years of tailgating to all the Auburn football games, traveling and having huge vegetable gardens until Hubert passed away in 1992.

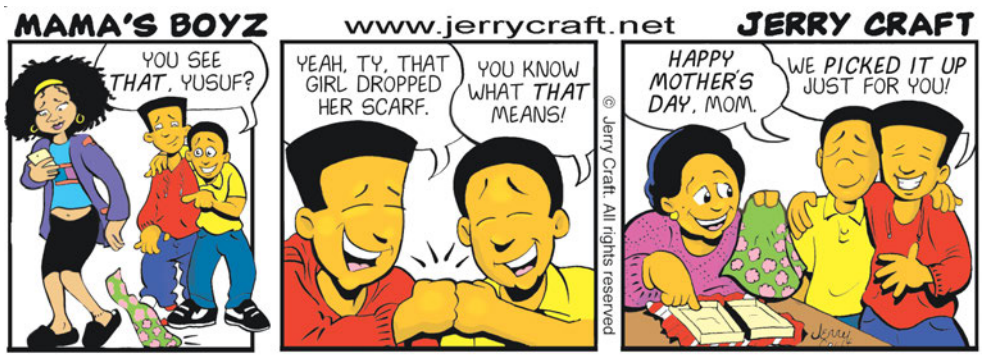
"Mother has stayed very active, even mowing her own yard until she was 95 and driving until she was 97... the battery on her car died at that time and we just have not gotten it fixed!" Jenny confided. Mrs. Grissom still lives in the home that she and Hubert built on Birmingham Street Southwest in 1947. It's right next door to the house that her family moved to in 1922 when she was 6 years old. Her health is remarkably good, and she is on no medications. She loves Cullman County sweet potatoes and strawberries, and fish and vegetables, and enjoys outings to the beauty shop each week where she visits with her beautician and friends.

"My mother is truly my hero," said Jenny fondly.

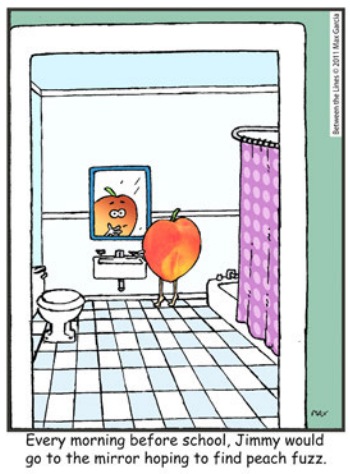
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Every morning before school, Jimmy would go to the mirror hoping to find peach fuzz.

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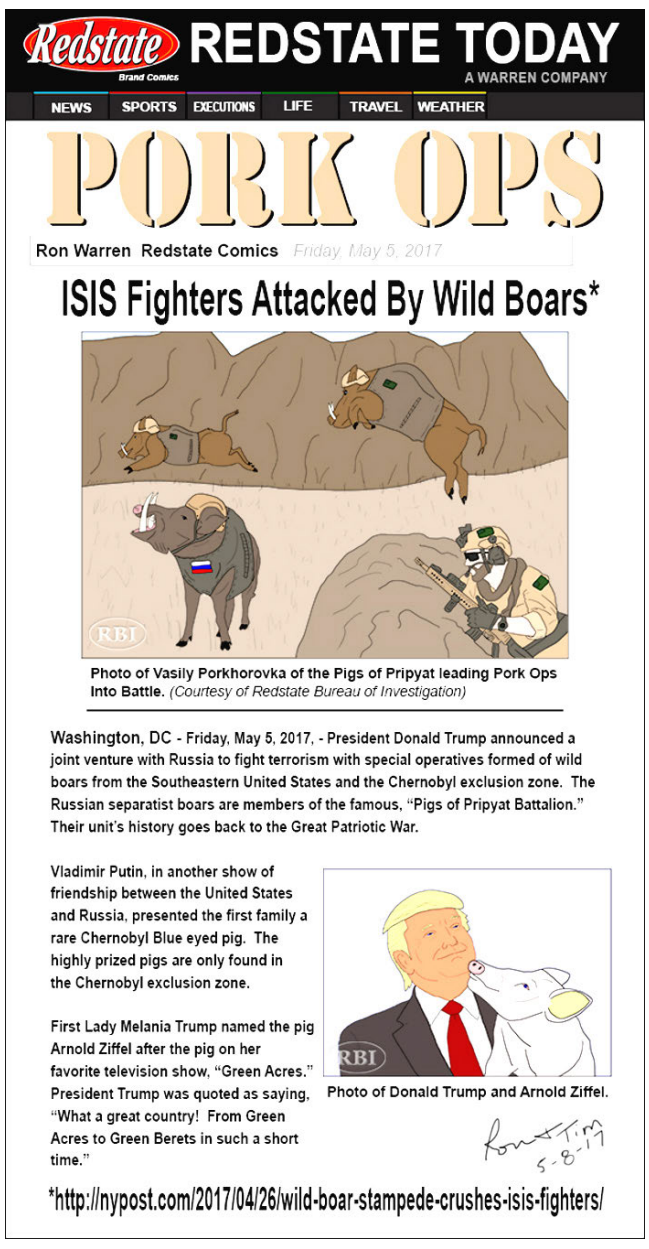
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Poet's Corner

My Biggest Fan

by Randy C. Hale

In memory of Mom

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL

Her robe smelled of bath
powders, Jungle Gardenia.
Usually you could find a few hairs
from her favorite feline.
Her hair , bleached blonde was always
fixed the best she could when she went
out. Her hands adorned with jewelry.
She always had a nice purse and
many shoes to pick from.

She never got in a hurry.
She loved new things and adventure.
She love old things as well and
tried to hold onto them.
She often fixed a loving stare at
me as if I was something to behold.
As one day it would all go away
and it did when I lost my biggest fan.

FOXGLOVES & FIREFLIES

About to be the mother

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

Her first Mother's Day...

As I write this, my daughter is in a holding pattern, waiting for that first little twinge that is like nothing she's ever felt before. I told her about my first labor pain with her brother, Tony. It felt like a butterfly's wings folding up, just a light flutter that I've never forgotten.

I'm both excited for her and dreading it for her. I hate the idea that I'm two hours away – that I can't be with her when she goes into labor because I know she will be nervous and anxious. I remember that when I went into labor my own mom was there with me. Every time I had a labor pain (and they were real back then girls, no epidurals!) I would open my eyes to see her worried face, two pink curlers forgotten in her hair, looking at me as if I were dying.

I want to tell Dominique so many important things, things that she will find out soon enough, but I want to tell her myself. I want to tell her that she is about to take part in a miracle. It's God's miracle, I know that, but childbirth is like being a part of that miracle. It's like sharing the stage with God for just a second, when He hands over a precious little girl, fresh from Heaven, for her to care for and cherish.

I want to tell her something profound that I heard Dolly Parton say on a "Designing Women" episode. It was one of the most insightful things I've ever heard. What she said to the other actress, who was pregnant, was, "Tomorrow you are going to meet the one who will be holding your hand on your way out, and you will love her with a love you haven't the capacity to imagine."

That's so true; I held my mother's hand as she lay dying, and although she couldn't talk by then, I could see in her eyes that love that had sustained me for almost 35 years- a love that only mothers know and recognize.

And when the baby gets here, when she holds her for the first time, she will understand why the word "no" was invented. It was to keep her safe. "No! Don't touch that, it's HOT!" or "No! No jumping on the bed!" or "No, don't eat that; it's past the expiration date!"

She will finally know why she always heard, "Call me when you get there" and "Put on your seatbelt" and "You'd better watch the speed limit!" and the motherliest plea of all, "Be careful!"

I can remember the exact moment it dawned on me that I was someone's mother. It was the scariest thing I've ever felt, even up to this very moment. It is a huge responsibility, and other than following your own mother's example, or maybe Ann Landers' advice, there are no patterns to follow and no insurance that you are doing it right. I'm still not sure that I'm doing it right...but it sure is the inspiration for a lot of prayers.

Mothers are sounding boards, fixers, nags and encyclopedias of the same things that their own mothers reminded them of often, like "Stand up straight" and "Don't roll those eyes at me, young lady!" (If you think you won't turn into your mother, just wait until you hear that "eye roll" thing coming out of your own mouth, and I can promise you, you will).

I want Dominique to know what it took me years to learn: that time will fly by, that she should savor every midnight feeding, which is really just a way of bonding with her baby, of rocking and holding her close, of keeping her safe while she still can, that no matter how tired she is, reading "Good Night, Moon" is infinitely more important than watching the "Housewives of Whatever" and that she, too, will one day feel the toothbrush to make sure it's been used.

I want her to use these first precious and fleeting weeks to appreciate the wonder of being a mother, of bringing a life into the world, of realizing that the little girl sleeping in her arms is the result of her parents, Jason's family, and all of our ancestors, of Reason Young who loved a girl named Julia so much that he walked from South Carolina to Alabama without knowing if she would marry him or not. Of Edward Lomax Cammack, who traded his position as a plantation owner for an education because he didn't believe in slavery, of Edna Wren Roberts Young, who raised 11 children, and helped to raise 24 grandchildren, and had the capacity for such love that all of them swear that she loved them the best, of the proud Indian heritage of Nina Gillespie, of the humor of her grandfather, Nick, and the grace and beauty of her grandmother and namesake, Isabell. I hope she has my grandmother, Fanny McLemore Cammack's determination and her sparkling blue eyes and the creativity and talent of her great-great Aunt Marguerite, whose soft voice I can't wait to hear when I call her with the news.

Being a mother is a job that you never retire from, never get totally perfect and are never as sure of as you pretend you are in a crisis.

I hope that being a mother is as wonderful for her as it has been for me. Through the laughter and the tears, it is the most important job in the world.... Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms out there! May your day be filled with love!

GUEST EDITORIAL: PART 2 OF 3

The American Church – What are the causes of decline?

Pastor Tom Fillinger
IgniteUS Ministries

Identifying 'cause' is always challenging. There is seldom a single causal factor when dealing with an organism as complex as the church. The following are factors that have contributed significantly to the precipitous decline of the American Church.

Formal research has provided focus on this matter. The Pew Research Group, Hartford Seminary, and the Francis Schaeffer Leadership Institute have provided some very reliable data on this important question.

1. – Leadership Incompetence. The number one cause of decline is Incompetent Leadership. This includes both pastors and 'lay leaders.' This is not a popular perspective but it is absolutely true. Consider the following findings from the Schaeffer Institute on Pastoral Leadership. This data is from interviews conducted with more than 1,000 pastors.

- 81 percent of the pastors said there was no regular discipleship program or effective effort of mentoring their people.
- 75 percent of the pastors surveyed felt they were unqualified and/or poorly trained by their seminaries to lead and manage the church or to counsel others.

2. – Corrupt Doctrine. There are multiple commands in the New Testament concerning the importance of Sound Doctrine. Sound Doctrine is literally 'healthy doctrine'. Corrupt doctrine results in dysfunctional ministry practices. A large compliment of the American Church has abandoned the Authority of Scripture and the church is impoverished by this loss.

3. – Congregational Apathy. Apathy is knowledge without action. Some church members can answer all your questions, cross all the T's and dot the I's. But, they do not engage what I refer to as Applied Theology. Their life style and failure to live in obedience to God's word denies what they claim to believe. The Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) contains a single command – Make Disciples. Research has shown that a majority of professing believers NEVER share the gospel with anyone in an entire year. The church is not a mere preaching station. The church gathered is for preaching, teaching, equipping, and fellowship.

4. – Biblical Literacy. People who do not know their Bible will not challenge an unbeliever. They know that if they are challenged to defend their faith they will fail so they remain silent. R.C. Sproul recently completed a comprehensive study of what those who claim to be Christians believe. A review of this instrument reveals just how unorthodox and corrupt the theology of professed believers has become.

5. – Absence of Purpose . If you ask 20 people in a church to write a paragraph description of the purpose of their church you may well get 25 different statements. The purpose of every church is to make disciples fully formed in the image of Christ in character and conduct. When the church returns to this the decline will cease.



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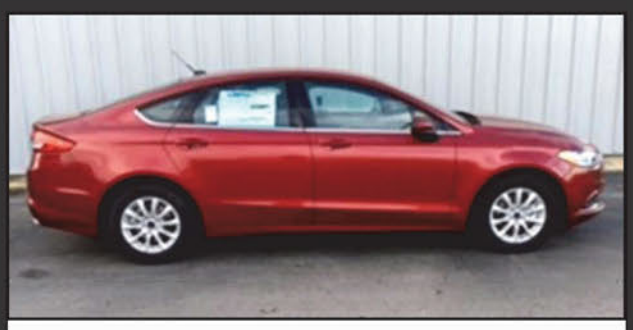
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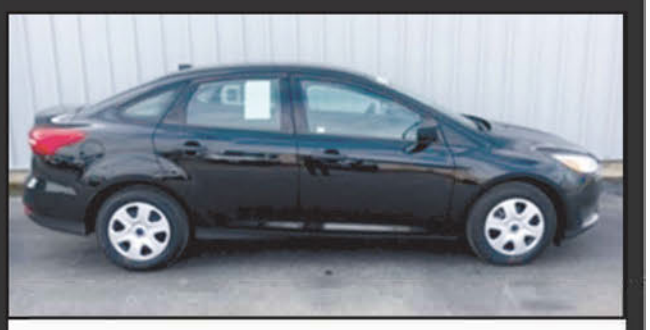
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