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POLITICS

Cullman Democrats not *not* endorsing Doug Jones



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Roger Duke, president of the North Central Alabama Young Democrats, addresses the local party Thursday evening.

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Democrats, on the advice of Alabama Democratic Party Chair Nancy Worley, will not officially endorse a candidate for the upcoming special election for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Luther Strange until after the primary election in August. However, Doug Jones appeared to be the clear favorite of the local party faithful at Thursday night's CCD meeting.

The local meeting was well-attended, and the headquarters appeared open and ready for a campaign. Members say that in spite of a slew of disheartening special election defeats, Alabama Democrats are "ready to fight like never before."

Many pointed to Republican Roy Moore's reported lead in the polls as giving them the extra push to "not go down without a fight."

Jones, who leads the polls in the Democratic column, is a former U.S. attorney for the northern district of Alabama, based in Jefferson County.

An advocate for education, healthcare and LGBTQ rights, he is best known for his successful 2001 prosecution of two perpetrators of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham.

Local Democratic Party leaders say the party's headquarters in Cullman will remain open as long as the building, located at 415 Second Ave. SW, is not sold by Culpepper Real Estate and is able to be maintained by the party.

The building's primary use right now is as a "Get Out the Vote" hub for the U.S. Senate special election.

Roger Duke, president of the North Central Alabama Young Democrats, shared, "One of the things that we're trying to do is, the day of the election and the Saturday before, access (the) VoteBuilder (database) to pull numbers to remind people to vote.

"This is a very important election. We have got to win this election. We cannot let Roy Moore win an election."

See more about all the special election candidates at http://qrne.ws/specialelection.

POLITICS

Shedd hosting District 11 community meeting this morning at 9 a.m.



FACEBOOK/RANDALL SHEDD

The meeting will take place at the Baileyton Senior Center.

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BAILEYTON – Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview is hosting a District 11 community meeting this morning, Saturday, July 15, at 9 a.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center, 95 Fire Station Road. The public is invited.

The meeting was announced at this week's Baileyton Town Council meeting, and Shedd took to Facebook to give more details to his constituents. » PAGE 7

EDUCATION

County school board welcomes new teachers, staff

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CULLMAN – On Thursday evening, the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) officially approved its slate of new teachers and administrators.

Most prominent of those known to have come on board is former Alabama High School Athletic Association Assistant Director Wanda Gilliland, whose appointment to the newly-created position of district-wide athletic director was approved unanimously.

The board also approved a partial change of duty for Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Principal Billy Troutman. A decision was made not to replace departing CCBOE Career Technical Director Jeff Curtis; that position will be merged with that of CATA principal, and Troutman will take over the combined post.

A three-percent pay raise for the county's elementary school principals was approved. Their salaries are a combination of district and state funds; the raise will bring the CCBOE's contribution in line with those it gives to middle and high school principals.

Additionally, the board voted to fund a $40,149 project to make repairs to Good Hope Middle School's parking lot. Superintendent Shane Barnette expressed understanding that all school parking lots in the system probably need work, but he explained that Good Hope Middle had been on the CCBOE's Capital Plan for several years, and that the condition of this particular parking lot had become a danger to students.

To conclude the meeting, Barnette gave a listing of key upcoming dates:

- July 31 - Special-called board meeting to approve last-minute hires
- Aug. 1 - Teachers' Institute at Wallace State Coliseum, starting at 8:30 a.m., doors open at 7:30 a.m.
- Aug. 6 - Sixth grade Open House, 2-4 p.m.
- Aug. 7 - Open House for all other grades, 4-7 p.m.
- Aug. 9 - First day of school for students

The next board meeting will be Thursday, July 31, at 6 p.m. in the CCBOE central office board room. The public is invited to attend.

Below is the complete list of all personnel changes:

Resignations and retirements

- A.J. Lamar, West Point HS coach, resigned
- Robin Miller, West point HS special education teacher, resigned
- Mary Norris, Hanceville HS English teacher, resigned
- Matt Norris, Vinemont HS science teacher, resigned
- Clyde Roberts, West Point ES 2nd grade teacher, retired
- Deborah Twilley, CATA special education aide, retired

Voluntary transfers

- Sara Barbee, central office learning supports secretary to Good Hope ES 3rd grade teacher
- Kristi Barnette, from West Point ES teacher to West Point Intermediate teacher
- Desiree Cheyenne Bartlett, from Hanceville ES/MS spec. ed. teacher to Hanceville MS spec. ed
- Felicia Bartlett, from Vinemont Preschool spec. ed. aide to Hanceville MS spec. ed. aide
- Lynn Bradford, C.A.R.E. Asst. Principal to Credit Recovery Asst. Principal
- Donna Cagle, from West Point MS spec. ed. aide to West Point HS spec. ed. aide
- Jeffrey Shane Carter, from West Point ES teacher to West Point Intermediate teacher
- Pam Chandler, from Fairview HS spec. ed. aide to Fairview MS spec. ed. aide
- Cathy Collins, from Harmony spec. ed. LPN to Special Education Preschool LPN
- Matt Collins, from CATA PE teacher to Vinemont HS PE teacher
- Kim Renee Crumbley, from Fairview HS/Parkside counselor to Fairview HS counselor
- Melia Faulkner, from Holly Pond preschool spec. ed. To Special Education Preschool teacher
- Brandy Fields, from Welti ES preschool aide to Welti 1st grade teacher
- Philip Gay, from CATA Principal to Holly Pond MS Asst. Principal
- Lakrishia Lashae Hailey, from Fairview MS spec. ed. teacher to 6th grade teacher
- Jodi Ann Leverett, from CATA history teacher to Good Hope HS history teacher
- Wendy Mann, from West Point MS child nutrition to West Point MS custodian
- Lamanda Mapes, from C.A.R.E. teacher to Credit Recovery teacher
- Ruth Ellen Martin, from Good Hope HS bookkeeper to central office child nutrition bookkeeper
- Leslie Needham, from Fairview MS teacher to Good Hope Primary teacher
- Karen Pinion, central office learning supports facilitator (207 days) to same position (240 days)
- Micah Edward Rice, from Hanceville ES Asst. Principal to Cold Springs ES Asst. Principal
- Erin Skye Rowell, from Hanceville ES 3rd grade teacher to Hanceville MS 6th grade teacher
- Janette Lannett Sexton, from CDC spec. ed. teacher to CDC special ed. preschool teacher
- Chad Lee Shannon, from CATA science teacher to CATA Asst. Principal
- William Reid Tidwell, from Fairview HS spec. ed. teacher to Fairview MS/Parkside spec. ed.
- DeLan Trimble, from Vinemont HS Asst. Principal to C.A.R.E. Asst. Principal
- Janet Turner, Hanceville ES counselor to Hanceville ES Asst. Principal
- Mason Greer Voce, from CDC student aide to West Point MS spec. ed. teacher
- Summer Louise Walker, from CDC student aide to CDC child development teacher
- Kimberly Ann Warren, from Vinemont ES spec. ed. teacher to Hanceville ES spec. ed. teacher
- Johnny Whaley, from Vinemont HS counselor to Vinemont HS Asst. Principal/teacher
- Jennifer Lynn Wright, from Welti pre-K teacher to Good Hope Primary Kindergarten teacher

Appointments/new hires

- Chelsie Danette Aldredge, Holly Pond HS science/chemistry teacher
- Eric Daniel Barnes, Good Hope MS science teacher
- Margaret Blackwood, West Point ES teacher
- Stephen Drew Bryson, West Point HS social science teacher
- Kristian William Chappell, West Point HS special ed. teacher
- Sydney Currington Chappell, Good Hope HS English teacher
- Carolyn Doss, Cold Springs HS math teacher
- Travis Christian Eskew, Vinemont HS agri-science teacher
- Allison Brooke Fowler, Fairview ES teacher
- Robert Franklin, Holly Pond MS temporary PE teacher
- Savannah Lea Freeman, Fairview ES teacher
- Sydney Paige Garmon, Cold Springs ES teacher
- Steven Michael Harbison, West Point HS English teacher
- Anthony Hicks, Holly Pond temporary history teacher
- Lanna Easterwood Hogeland, Hanceville ES secretary
- Natasha LiAnn Holcombe, Good Hope HS biology teacher
- Trenda Kimbrell, West Point ES teacher
- Melody Ann Martin, Good Hope ES teacher
- Matthew Damon McCullough, Good Hope HS social science teacher
- John Wesley McSwain, Cold Springs HS agri-science teacher
- Lauren Marie Rainwater, West Point ES teacher
- Philip Stephen Robinson, Vinemont HS social science teacher
- Logan Kay Sellers, Hanceville ES teacher
- Megan Addieline Stripling, Good Hope MS math teacher
- Elizabeth Ann Watwood, Hanceville MS math teacher
- Hayden Leigh West, West Point Intermediate teacher
- Britney Wilkins, West Point ES teacher

Other personnel changes

- Jerod Robert Jackson was approved as a non-faculty boys' golf coach for Hanceville HS.
- Amie Veal's contract was upgraded to reflect her master's degree.

UPDATE

Mother, daughter die as result of Tuesday morning house fire

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CULLMAN – The second person injured in Tuesday morning's fatal house fire on County Road 706 has died. WBRC News reported that Angela Hardin, 60, died Thursday. She had been in UAB Hospital in critical condition since the incident. Hardin's mother, Odell Bice, 80, was pronounced dead at the scene Tuesday morning by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick.

The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office released a statement late Tuesday, through the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, that no foul play is suspected in the blaze, and that all indicators thus far point to the area of the home's fuse box as the starting point of the fire.

Alabama Department of Insurance Chief of Staff Mark Fowler, speaking on behalf of the fire marshal's office, late Wednesday confirmed that the official cause of the fire is still under investigation, but preliminary results are leading investigators to believe it was accidental, as a result of the home's electrical system.

The fully-involved house fire at 1461 County Road 706 was first reported at 2:41 a.m. Tuesday morning, with the call from county dispatch relaying that two people were trapped inside the home.

Two more individuals told emergency responders on the scene that they had escaped the home, but that two people were still in the house.

Firefighters were able to get Bice and Hardin out of the structure by way of one of the home's windows.

Deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office were the first to respond, along with firefighters from Johnson's Crossing Volunteer Fire Department and Cullman Fire Rescue.

The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department was called in to provided additional water, and the Cullman Electric Cooperative was also on the scene.

Bice and Hardin are the third and fourth fire fatalities in Cullman County this year.

Jasper woman killed in 3-vehicle crash on Hwy. 69 S near Bug Tussle

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CULLMAN COUNTY – A three-vehicle crash on Alabama Highway 69 South near the community of Bug Tussle claimed one life Thursday evening. Cynthia Renae West, 43, of Jasper was pronounced dead at the scene by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick.

According to Alabama State Trooper Johnathan Appling, West was driving a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier that collided with a 2004 Pontiac Vibe and a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado.

The wreck happened just south of the Dollar General store in Bug Tussle, at the 222 mile marker. The roadway was closed for some time.

The Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Department was first dispatched to the scene just after 5:20 p.m. Thursday.

They were joined by the department from Arkadelphia. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers were also on the scene.

Troopers continue to investigate. Further details will be released as they are made available.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Roll call: Hanceville council debates meeting attendance

Heather Mann
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HANCEVILLE – Raise your hand when your name is called. A hot topic of discussion at the Hanceville City Council's meeting Thursday evening was city ordinance no. 577. Specifically, the section that outlines punishments for council member who miss meetings.

As the ordinance currently reads, after missing a certain number of meetings, the offending council member's salary would be reduced for the rest of the year, even if he or she didn't miss any more meetings.

The ordinance was put in place to prevent elected officials from collecting full paychecks without doing anything to earn them, but many of the members at Thursday's meeting shared the sentiment that it was unfair to punish officials in the case of circumstances beyond their control (illness, family issues, becoming a caregiver, etc.).

Council members took turns talking about situations beyond their control that challenged their ability to show up at meetings.

One member had to choose between a meeting and being with her mother at the hospital, another missed a graduation. Councilwoman Kim Brown, the member who brought up the issue with the ordinance, had her salary docked after illness and family trauma caused her to miss a few meetings even though she never missed another meeting for the rest of the year.

Mayor Kenneth Nail agreed that missing meetings didn't necessarily mean council members weren't doing their jobs, saying, "There's more to city council than just showing up at meetings twice a month."

Additionally, he said that the ordinance should outline exactly what salary the mayor will earn to help mayoral candidates figure out if they would be able to afford to take on the job.

After much deliberation, the council agreed that making changes to the ordinance would greatly benefit the new administration after the next council elections.

The council took no official action; however, City Clerk Tania Wilcox to get with the city attorney and begin working on a revised ordinance.

Any new ordinance having to do with council members' pay by law cannot take effect within the same term of the officials who adopt said ordinance.

That means that if a revised ordinance is drafted and adopted by the current Hanceville City Council, it will not go into effect until 2020.

Other news

The meeting opened with public comments from Barbara Bailey from the Hanceville Senior Center. Bailey thanked the City for all the support its given, and she also mentioned a project the seniors would be doing in the future involving making sleeping mats for the homeless.

Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Jolanda Hutson, has been visiting all Cullman municipalities in an effort to secure more funding for the clinic.

She presented a short video of some of the patients, who shared their stories as a way to demonstrate the clinic's impact on the community, then went through a brief overview of the clinic's finances.

Good Samaritan recently faced a sharp decline in funding from two previous grants, and despite receiving two new grants as replacements, it is still facing a deficit in funding.

Under new business, the council paid its invoice from Barlow Specialty Pools, which led to a plan to keep the city pool open a little longer (up to Labor Day possibly) to help bring in as much revenue as possible.

They also purchased the cigarette stamps necessary to collect cigarette taxes, then passed a resolution that would spend around $4,000 to give retirees a one-time bonus ranging between $300-$600.

The council moved to surplus a Gooseneck trailer on GovDeals.com in favor of buying a larger one, then Nail re-appointed Cathy Bradford to the housing authority.

The agenda indicated that Nail needed to appoint someone to the planning commission board, but he simply asked for suggestions and said that a decision didn't need to be made immediately.

The police report outlined the Hanceville Police Department's June activity, which included five felonies, 19 misdemeanors and 120 traffic citations.

The fire department report stated that the eight fire departments (Hanceville included) who helped fight the fire at J.B. Pennington High School earlier this year would be receiving payment for their services soon.

While on the subject of the fire department, Nail took a moment to recognize its accomplishments, bringing up a kind and thankful letter for the HFD's calm and professional manner in attempting to aid a little girl who got her hand stuck on the back of a car.

Councilwoman Sharon Porter also shared her thanks for the department's quick and calm handling of an incident at her church.

Nail shared that he feels city employees don't earn as much as they should, especially the firefighters.

Saying he feels like the city's fire department was probably the lowest-paid in the state, Nail resolved to work on increasing wages for city employees.

The council also announced that there will be a Kids' Night Out in the park on August 4 from 6-8 p.m. There will be pizza and cotton candy, and the city is in need of more volunteers for the event.

The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

2 injured in Friday morning wreck in Vinemont

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VINEMONT – A two-car wreck injured two people Friday morning in the 18000 block of U.S. Highway 31 North. The incident happened at 9:10 a.m. The Vinemont-Providence Volunteer Fire Department was called first to the scene.

According to Alabama State Troopers, the driver of a 2005 Ford, Christopher Peoples, 25, of Pell City was injured, as well as the driver of a 2015 Nissan, Karren Burney, 46, of Falkville. Troopers say both Peoples and Burney were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Both drivers were transported to area hospitals for treatment of their injuries.

No further information is available as troopers continue to investigate.

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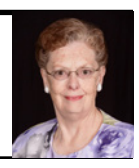
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News from the Pond

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Good morning Tribune readers and families. Welcome to the month of July and summertime. It is truly hot weather, as we would expect this time of the year.

This is the month a lot of families have reunions, plus the Fourth of July holiday week-end. Hope that you and your family had a good holiday. I met with my family on that evening at the home of Walt and Judy Floyd. In attendance were Judy and Walt, their daughter, Doctor Candace Floyd and her husband, Paul, Lane and Nancy Horton, Doug and Gina Webb, Nathan Horton, Anthony Marks and some of the grandchildren. We had a good time and enjoyed a good meal to celebrate Independence Day.

On Sunday, July 9th at the Holly Pond Senior Site in Lions Club Park, the families of the late Robert and Deaner Shaw Gilley held their annual reunion. Those in attendance included: Denease Heaton Thomas, Jane Heaton, Jimmie Dean Carnell and Walt and Judy Floyd from Holly Pond; Deanna, Ezra, Harrison and Michael Heath from Birmingham; Roger and Jan Gargis from Muscle Shoals; Dot Smith, Kim Pinyan, Sam and Shayne Pinyan, Karen Hill, Marilyn Pinyan from Holly Pond; Sue Gilliland, Chuck Morgan from Russellville; Shirley and Clyde McCain from Birmingham; Ronnie, Kris and Dean Smith, Cobie, Meghan and Raegan Rutherford, Ronald and Lea Ellan Smith from Holly Pond; Kent and Carmen Gilley from Moulton; Judy Gilley Brand, Gina Webb from Cullman; and Lane and Nancy Horton from Hanceville. We had good food, and a great time looking at old family photos and reminiscing.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club held their July 11th meeting as an eat-out at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Fairview. Carolyn Bryan, club president presented the members attending with a reminder about the change in date for our August meeting. The next meeting has been changed to Tuesday, August 22nd. This is due to the special election that was held on our regular meeting day. Hostesses for the next meeting are Marilyn Calvert, Londalene Jean and Gladys Wisener. The program will be announced later.

Members enjoying the food included: Amelia Wisener, Judy Jones, Brenda Scott, Lyndell House, Carolyn Bryan, Jimmie Dean Carnell, Annette Yates, Maggie Smith, Linda Reid, Judy Floyd, Sue Morris, Janice Murphree, Brenda Wisener and Christine Wise.

The fifteenth anniversary party of the Holly Pond Civitan Club was celebrated on Tuesday night, July 11th in the Holly Pond Fire Department. More details will be presented at a later day.

Until next week, try to keep cool and be safe.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1933

Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Clark entertained at a dinner party, honoring Misses Vivian and Gwen Coleman, of Birmingham, on Tuesday.

William J. Turner, eldest son of J.K. Turner, of Hanceville, received a broken leg last week, when a tree he was felling split and fell on Mr. Turner.

S.D. Davis, of Crane Hill, died suddenly last week, while cutting wood near his home.

Billy Jean Ragsdale was honored at a party celebrating his eleventh birthday on Saturday.

The Hanceville Home Economics Club program on February 10th was presented by Dorothy McAnnally, Doris Chamblee, Helen Gray and Freda Fox.

New deacons recently elected by the First Baptist congregation include: M.L. Robertson, Mayor J.A. Dunlap, V.D. Kennamer, Doctor G.W. Bledsoe, Judge Homer F. Mitchell, Walter Herrell, Finis Saint John, Junior, Walter Taylor, Roy Smith, Professor Virgil Collins and L.A. Bailey. Doctor Neal, president of Howard College, delivered the ordination sermon for them, last Sunday morning.

Misses Dorothy Fuller and Mary Sue McAdory were joint hostesses at the Harry Fuller home on February 14th, at Valentine dance. Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Robertson led the grand march. Those attending the party were Misses Myrtle Wise, Evelyn Grey McAdory, Elizabeth Robinson, Kathryn Herrell, Eloise Hyatt, Betty Stiefelmeyer, Beverley Green, Grace Wunderlich, the hostesses and Messers Melvin Eddleman, Roy Ward, Louis and Jack Vogel, George Stiefelmeyer, Charles Thomason, Bob York, Duke White, James Karam, Bob Bryan, William Henry Ziegler, Walter Guthrie, Warner Stanley, Rob Roy Latta, Theodore Meyer, Clyde Ward, E.J. Matthews, Cletus Daniel, Ralph Kelhoffer, Harry and Dwight Fuller and Walter McBride.

From The Files Of 1903

Fred Betz is building two cottages for rent.

Miss Julia Bauer went to New Orleans on Tuesday, to attend the carnival.

C.A. Stiefelmeyer and W.H. Heck left this week for Northern markets.

Reverend C.E. Sheibe and John Engel left on Tuesday, to a conference in New Orleans.

Doctor and Mrs. W.H. Martin and pretty little daughter, of Hanceville, were in the city, shopping, yesterday.

Ernest Hancock makes a meal which can't be excelled.

E.R. Foot, of Vinemont, was in town this week.

L.J. Baver, of Gade, was in this mountain city on Thursday.

Sherman Speegle left on Thursday for his new position, in Wylam.

C.P. Lynch, of Trimble, was in town yesterday and extended his subscription for another year.

V.E. Gober and brother, Joseph, have returned to Joppa, from Gadsden and will make a crop there this year.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Screws, of Etha, last week.

M. Shaw is a merchant, at Dreher. Charley Duke is spending this week, in Birmingham.

Professor A.J. Bland is ill.

B.F Hancock, P.A. and O.O. Lynch, E.C. Chatham and J.K. Williamson went on a successful hunt on Monday.

C.B. Livingston is now agent for the Chattanooga Steam Laundry.

Cullen Gay, of Leander, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Shelly Bland, on Saturday.

The people of Loretto are well-pleased with the new Rural Free Delivery.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I still haven't been everywhere, but I'm working on it

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Billy Bob said to his older, yet much more sophisticated sister, Claude Ann, "We ain't never been nowhere, man!" She rolled her eyes with obvious disgust and said, "I am not a man, and it's we haven't ever been anywhere." He said, "I know we ain't dummy, that's what I just said, man!" On the other hand, I remember hearing Johnny Cash sing, "I've been everywhere, man, across this great big land."

Well, I haven't been everywhere, but I am working on it. On my bucket list is to set these two number tens in all fifty, plus

D.C. I got off to a slow start, but that was before I had a bucket or a list. Well, maybe I had the bucket, but that's a different story.

In my first sixteen years, I managed only four and only those because we had kin there.

We visited aunts, uncles, and cousins, in central Florida several times, but the largest body of water I saw there was Silver Springs.

Recently, I knocked out number forty- six, if we count D.C. We visited three states, but Nevada was the only one I had not seen. We flew to Phoenix, where we attended the Southern Baptist Convention meetings.

After we finished taking care of whatever it was we were taking care of, we hit the road in our white Nissan Altima rental.

We drove north and stopped at Sadona for lunch. Some of John Wayne's westerns were filmed in that area.

As we drove on past the beautiful boulders beside our winding road, I kept an eye out for bad guys. I thought for sure I saw The Duke riding off in the distance.

We traveled on north until we came upon a giant ditch with no bridge. We decided to pitch camp there at Tusayan. Actually, we stayed in The Grand Hotel.

That night while we dined, we listened to Banjo Paul, a transplant from Baton Rouge, play, sing, and yodel. The next morning, I told Drew that someone slipped in during the night and filled in the Grand Canyon, so we wouldn't be able to see it. He gave me a disbelieving stare with no smile.

That is the biggest ditch, not to mention the most beautiful one, I've ever seen. Since no one had actually filled it in and there was still no bridge across the canyon, after spending much of the day gazing at God's magnificent handiwork, we left to drive around it.

We drove through the amazing Zion National Park. I spent the night with Drew, and my one wife, at Seven Wives Bed and Breakfast, in Saint George, Utah. We stayed in The Sarah Suite, where someone had parked a 1927 Model T Ford in our bathroom!

Where the seats once were, they had inserted a Jacuzzi tub. That is probably the only time Drew has ever begged to get in a bathtub!

After catching a few winks in Henderson, Nevada, we toured Hoover Dam. When I was a kid, I thought Patton's Pond had the biggest dam in the world, but I have now learned that I was wrong!

Without doubt, that is one of the great engineering marvels of the world. Another marvel at the dam was that I paid $42.37 for a hamburger, salad, and chicken fingers!

Other than Hoover Dam, most of what we saw on this journey was things not made with hands. Many give mother- nature credit for the Grand Canyon, but I believe Father God simply used her help. Now I know why the canyon is called grand.

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Black-eyed Susan vine

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



The Black-eyed Susan vine (Thunbergia alata) is perennial in some areas, but I have not had luck in its returning for the second year. Normally, I buy two each spring, and since it's such a fast grower, I have no trouble with getting it to cover the 9-foot entrance to my garden. This, blooming, climbing plant species is in the Acanthaceae family, native to eastern Africa, and has been naturalized in other parts of the world. It can be found growing year-round in the southern U.S. in the states of Texas and Florida.

However, in our Zone 7 region, it is grown as an ornamental plant in gardens and in hanging baskets.

I actually plant mine in the ground and let it caper up two pine trees, meeting at the arch between them. It's absolutely gorgeous in August and September. Since it's relatively inexpensive, it's well worth the price each spring.

The name "Black-eyed Susan" is believed to have come from a character from several traditional folk songs. In the "Ballad of Black-eyed Susan" by John Gay, Susan goes aboard a ship in-dock to ask the sailors where her lover Sweet William has gone (Sweet William is also a garden plant).

Black-eyed Susan is also the name of other species of flowers in the genus Rudbeckia, although those are single flowers, not vines, like the one featured here.

These vines can grow to a height of 6–8 feet in tropical zones, or much less as a container plant or as an annual; however, if happy where they are planted, given enough sun, plenty of water, and a place to climb, they will grow even taller.

It has twining stems with heart or arrow-shaped leaves.

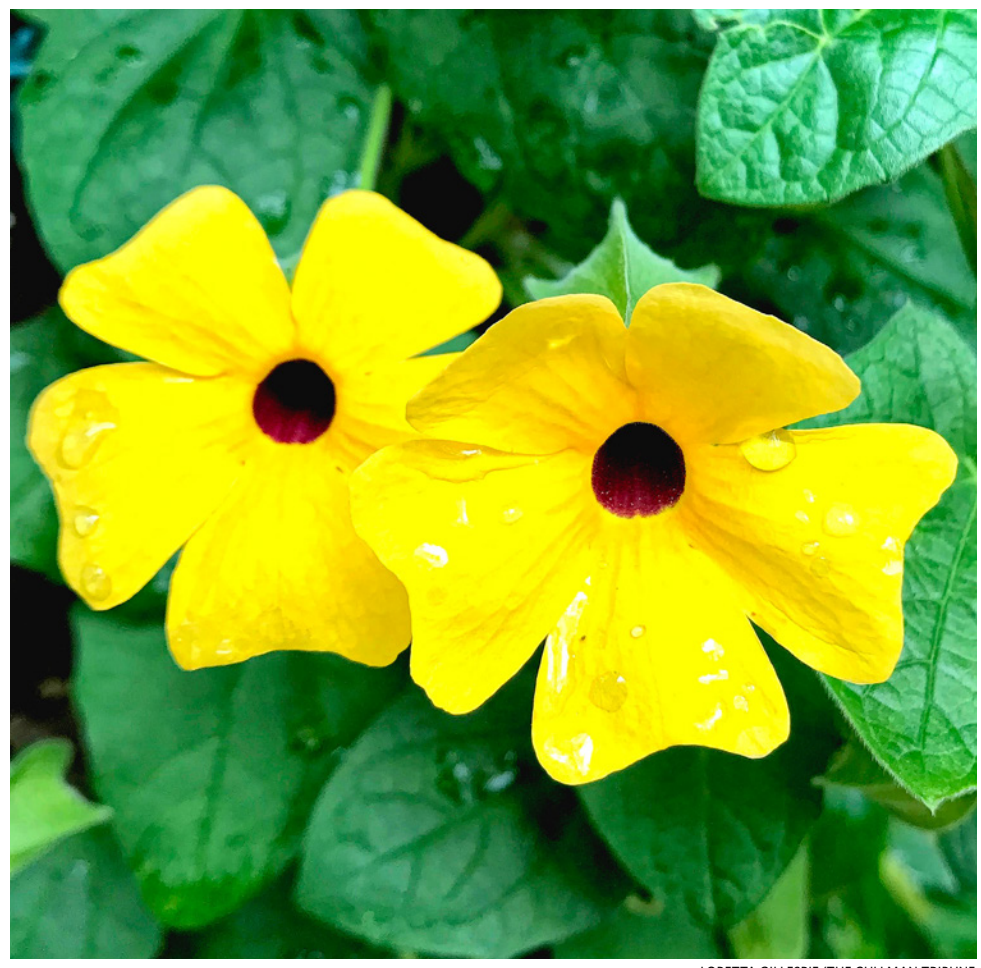
The flowers have five petals and appear throughout the growing season. They are typically warm orange or lemon yellow, and sometimes a darker, more mustard-colored bloom with a characteristic dark spot in the center, although different varieties can be red, orange, red-orange, white, pale yellow or bright yellow, with or without the characteristic chocolate-purple center that also gives the plant its common name.

Thunbergia alata germinates readily in humus-rich soil with a little sand mixed in. Soaking the seeds in a dish of warm water over night will help the seeds germinate.

This fast-growing, blooming plant will provide even more blooms for you if you give it a light trimming from time to time, but this isn't absolutely necessary.

I fertilize this plant with fish emulsion fertilizer about every two weeks.

It loves twining up tall pine trees, so if you don't have an arbor, and want plants that don't have to be fussed over, trimmed back each year or kept in check to keep it from going wild and taking over your garden, then this vine is for you!



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dodge City renews town deputy contract

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

DODGE CITY – Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry was the special guest at this month's Dodge City Town Council meeting. Gentry brought forth to the council a contract to renew a yearly agreement which provides a deputy to Dodge City, namely, Sgt. David Nunn. Said Gentry, "Our vision and our goal is to provide a service to the town, and I hope it does for the community and town."

The council approved the contract renewal unanimously, with no changes from last year's agreement.

In old business, the council unanimously approved a bid from Hawkins Heating and Air for $5,850 to repair the heating and cooling unit in the senior center.

Work should be completed before the July 16 dance hosted by the center.

In new business, the council entered an at-length debate over installing street lights near a recently annexed property owned by citizen Don Johnson. The debate stemmed over the road being a state road, but some council members argued that the town has installed lights on state roads before.

The council took no action, instead opting to conduct more research on the matter.

The Dodge City Town Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.



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Sgt. David Nunn is assigned to Dodge City as its town deputy.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Raiders, Aggies pass it around in 7-on-7 competition

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FAIRVIEW – Good Hope coach Alan Scott and Fairview coach George Redding were pleased with the performances their teams gave Friday in a 7-on-7 passing competition at Dafford Smith Stadium.

Involved in a round-robin format with Arab, Falkville and Hayden, the Raiders and Aggies compiled the top two records on the day. Good Hope was 4-0 in competition while Fairview went 3-1.

The games were played from the 40-yard line to the end zone. Games were going on at the same time with a 20-minute running clock. Each team averaged four possessions a game.

Good Hope, in its first 7-on-7 for the summer and under guidance of new offensive coordinator Mitch Witcher, edged Arab 7-6, got past Fairview 14-7, downed Falkville 19-12 and had a come from behind 26-20 win over Hayden.

Fairview brushed aside the Good Hope defeat with three consecutive triumphs, defeating Falkville 21-13, Hayden 21-20 and Arab 20-14.

"It was a good day for us," Scott said following the competition. "We won two of these games on our last drive. I'm proud of our group. We competed and play hard. Coach Witcher did a great job in calling plays, and we were able to move the football downfield."

This was the Aggies' third 7-on-7 for the week, and they showed progress, according to Redding. "We wanted our players to prove to themselves they are getting better. We did a good job this week. At times, a non-competitive spirit would creep in. Then we overcame that and got better."

In the Raiders' first game, Arab broke a scoreless tie on its third series when Drew Hudson threw a 40-yard strike to Kyle Hardin, who made a diving catch in the end zone to lead 6-0.

Good Hope answered on its fourth possession with a 10-yard TD pass from Bailey Quick to Kyle Carlton. The conversion pass to Preston Bagwell was good to put the Raiders in front 7-6. The Raiders stopped the Knights on their final series as time ran out.

Defense was the name of the game between Good Hope and Fairview. The first four series ended in interceptions with the Aggies getting a pick in the end zone.

Fairvew got on the scoreboard first when Dane Black threw a 20-yard pass to get them to the 5-yard line. The Aggies scored on the next snap and led 7-0.

Good Hope got three consecutive completions from Quick and a touchdown to even the score at 7-7 on the following series.

Another interception by the Raiders enabled them to get momentum and break a tie with a touchdown on a 25-yard fade pass in the corner of the end zone on their final series. The Raiders kept the Aggies out of the end zone after that and Good Hope was halfway done at 2-0.

While the Raiders set out on the third rotation, Fairview used great passing by Black, who hit on 7-of-8 for three touchdowns against Falkville and a 21-13 win.

The Aggies scored on 3-of-4 opportunities with the last series critical as Falkville was right with them before Black led them to the end zone for a little breathing room.

Good Hope got behind Falkville twice then scored and hit the conversion pass to gain the lead at 13-12.

The defense came up with an interception that allowed them to move downfield and tack on an insurance score against their rival from Morgan County.

Fairview faced Hayden, with both battling it out in Class 5A, Region 6. The two matched each other score for score, with the difference being a failed conversion point by Hayden after its second TD, leaving the Wildcats a point behind.

Hayden trailed 21-13 and closed to 21-20 late with a 40-yard touchdown bomb. But Fairview was able to chew up the rest of the time with a couple of completions and take confidence into its final outing against Arab.

The Aggies scored on the first snap as Black got into a good rhythm, finishing strong once the competition ended. The Aggies went ahead 13-7 before Arab scored.

A touchdown in the closing moments upped the margin to 20-7 with Arab scoring on its last series to narrow the deficit to a one-score game. Fairvew ran out the clock and concluded the day on its turf with a 3-1 mark.



JOHNNY THORNTON/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope QB Bailey Quick looks for receiver vs. Arab.

Good Hope was like Fairview in its last game. The Raiders led 7-0 by a TD on the first snap and had to overcome a 20-13 deficit late in the contest.

Two touchdown drives by Quick were key with good receptions from Bagwell, Carlton and Mason Moniz. An interception allowed the Raiders to take over with less than 2:00 remaining.

Running the hurry-up offense to perfection, the Raiders put it into the end zone on a 25-yard pass by Quick, and a conversion. The game was over and the Raiders left the stadium with confidence after playing hard and well the first day of this summer format.

Fairview got plenty of reps from running backs Jeremy Cloud and Ethan Satterfield and wide outs Scott Bennett, Garrett Dunn, Ethan Hollins, Grant Howard and Mason Black. They began to click from the first game through the last, catching throws from Dane Black, who is similar to Tim Tebow, being a left-hander.

With AHSAA All-Star Sports Week next week, no competition is allowed. The teams can work on conditioning, which both plan to do. Good Hope will play at Danville July 26 and Oakman July 27 to close out the 7-7 series.

Fairview is trying to get a trip to Brewer on the 26th. The Aggies went to Florette earlier this week.

CCBOE: Cullman County athletic news

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CULLMAN – In athletic news from Thursday's meeting of the Cullman County Board of Education, the board approved the hiring of Wanda Gilliland to be first-ever district-wide athletic director, effective July 1.

Gilliland will work on a part-time basis in the new position the board created to maintain an effective athletic program for the school system.

Gilliland recently retired as assistant director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association, serving 24 years in the position down in Montgomery.

A conflict kept Gilliland from attending the Thursday meeting. Gilliland will begin her job right away and could be back in Montgomery next week for the yearly summer conference hosted by the AHSAA.

Two new coaches were introduced and officially hired by the board during the regular monthly meeting.

Natasha Holcombe was named volleyball coach at Good Hope High School. Holcombe is a 2014 graduate of Holly Pond High, and played basketball at Gadsden State Community College. She continued her education at Athens State University.

Holcombe has been with her new team for three days inside the gymnasium. An all-day camp was conducted by Holcombe for the varsity and junior varsity, prior to her attending the board meeting.

Holcombe reports the Lady Raiders will participate in a team camp hosted by Wallace State Community College July 24-26. They will begin fall practice Aug. 7.

Stephen Robinson is the new head football coach at Vinemont. Robinson is a 1996 graduate of Vinemont and spent the past two years at his alma mater, serving as offensive coordinator. Before that, he spent three years as OC for Brewer High School.

Robinson was joined by his wife at the board meeting, along with Vinemont's new principal Robin Netherton and assistant principal Johnny Whaley.

Robinson told The Tribune the season opener for the Eagles vs. the Good Hope Raiders will be played on Thursday, Aug. 31 at Mark Smothers Field in Vinemont.

Several websites listed the game for Sept. 1, but the game will be played on the final day of August. This is due to a contract signed between the two schools from last season to play the game on a Thursday, being the season opener for both teams.

Coaching vacancies

The following schools have vacancies in these positions: Varsity basketball coach at Fairview High, varsity girls' basketball coach at Holly Pond, varsity track and field coach at West Point High.

Fairview's school board representative, Chris Carter, told The Tribune after the meeting that the school is in the process of filling the basketball coaching position that was vacated in the spring when Eddie Groves resigned after coaching the team for two years.

The vacancies could be possibly be filled when a special meeting of the Cullman County Board of Education takes place on July 31 at the central board conference room at 6 p.m.







Obituary Announcements: June 12-19

Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Ambra Marie Stewart, 57, of Vinemont. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Stewart passed away Wednesday, July 12th, 2017 at her residence. She was born June 28, 1960 to Eddie Richard & Nancy Caroline Martin Googe. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Herbert Stewart; sons, Adam Stewart, Matthew Stewart; daughter, Alyson Stewart; brother, Boyce (Cindy) Googe; a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for Charles "Doug" Garmon, 55, of Cullman, are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Garmon passed away Thursday, July 13, 2017 at Cullman Regional Medical Center.

Debbie Sumner passed away on July 12th 2017 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Debbie was born on October 28th, 1958 in Pontiac, Michigan She is proceeded in death by her Grandparents George & Willie Tribble, Anderson & Annie Mae Sumner and an Uncle Douglas Tribble. She is survived by her parents Gene and Becky Sumner, brother Dewayne Sumner, sister in law Susan Sumner, sister Michelle Fisher, brother in law Jim Fisher all of Baileyton, Al, a niece Michele "Gert" Sumner of Murray, Ky and many cousins who she loved dearly. Arrangements are being handled by Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with a visitation starting at 12 p.m. on Saturday July 15th followed by a small service at 1 p.m. The family asks in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carole Jean Lee Thrasher, 76 of Holly Pond, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Holly Pond First Baptist Church, Herman Lambert officiating. She will lie-in-state from 1 pm until funeral time at the church. Interment following in Holly Pond Cemetery. Mrs. Thrasher was born on August 30, 1940 in Cullman County, AL to Hobert G. Lee and Rachel M. Boatright Lee. She worked at Cullman Industries and Oneida, but spent most her life as a housewife caring for those she loved most. She was a member of Holly Pond First Baptist Church. Mrs. Thrasher went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Thrasher is predeceased by her parents and husband, of 53 years, Marvin Hulett Thrasher. Survivors include her son, Dewayne (Amber) Thrasher; daughters, Renee (Harold) Walker and Pam (Charles) Shelnutt; grandchildren, Nevada (Jeff) Golliver, Clint Walker, and Abbie Thrasher; and a great-grandchild, due later this month, Walker Jack Golliver. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday evening at Holly Pond Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Pallbearers will be Kerry Watson, Clint Walker, Jeff Golliver, Mark Watson, Terry Watson, and Ronnie Boatright. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Funeral services for Lee Wayne Nails, 84 of Cullman, will be 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Enon Baptist Cemetery, Bro. Allen Kuykendall officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Nails passed away Thursday, July 13 at Falkville Health Care Center. He was born June 19, 1933 to parents Willie W. and Edith B. Freeman Nails. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jeanette Nails; and one brother, Junior Nails. Survivors include three children, Rickey (Denise) Nails, Randy (Sheila) Nails, and Annette Bailey; four grandchildren, Jeremy (Alicia) Nails, Robert Robertson, Lori (Josh) Herald, and Marly (Ben) Smith; three great-grandchildren, J.J. Herald, Ethan Herald, and Addison Nails; two brothers, Darrell (Selma) Nails and Joe (Weda) Nails; three sisters, Edith Poole, Nellie (W.C.) Reeves, and Shirley McConnell; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Comfort Care Hospice or the charity of one's choice. Visitation will be Sunday, July 16 from 12 noon until service at the funeral home.

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Funeral services for Odell Bice, 80 of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Charles York officiating with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Bice passed away July 11, 2017. She was born September 9, 1936 to Valentine and Theresa Chandler Leipert. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ervin, Joe, Alvie, Valentine Jr. Leipert; sister Erma Leipert Chasteen; husbands, Gordon Alldrege, James Young; grandson, Jeremy Walraven. Survivors include her husband, John Bice; daughter, Angela Hardin; grandson, Gary Hardin; brothers, Asple, Eugene, and James Leipert; sister, Estelle Leipert Rowe; six great grandchildren; five step-children; ten step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. before the service.

Memorial services for Angela Hardin, 61 of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Charles York officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Hardin passed away July 13, 2017. She was born May 30, 1956 to Gordon Lee Alldrege and Odell Leipert Alldrege Bice. She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Jeremy Michael Walraven. Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Joseph Hardin; step-father, John Bice; son, Gary Lee (LaDonna) Hardin; daughter, Susan (Heath) Burgess; grandchildren, Hunner Creel, Gracy Kelton, Cheyenne Walraven, Ashley Huckaby, Chloe Burgess, Lilian Burgess; special dog companion, Jax; and a host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to UAB Burn Center. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. before the service.

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Aiming for no. 1: Catfish N Que faces the judges

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CULLMAN – On Thursday, judges arrived to sample the catfish and fixins' at Catfish N Que, selected as one of four finalists in the Alabama Farmers Federation's second annual "Bama's Best Catfish" contest. Cullman's offering was the team's first stop; they went on to finish their day at Swamp John's in Red Bay. After stops at the Orrville Farmers' Market and David's Catfish House in Atmore on Friday, the deliberations will take place over the weekend; the winner is to be announced Tuesday, July 18.

The Federation's Debra Davis explained the contest.

"The top four nominees were selected from recommendations on the Catfish Farmers' website and on Facebook. The top vote getters were then chosen as finalists for the judges to come and sample their dish. All four of them are finalists and will receive a plaque from Alabama Catfish Producers; at the end of the sampling, they'll decide who's the best and they'll receive a plaque as Alabama's best catfish restaurant."

Davis introduced the panel of judges:

- Fred Hunter of "Absolutely Alabama"
- Jim Allen of "Simply Southern" and the Alabama Farmers Cooperative
- Townsend Kyser, president, Catfish Farmers of America

Sid Nelson, chairman of Alabama Catfish Producers, did not judge but sat in to advise the judges.

Catfish N Cue's lunchtime offering consisted of two fried catfish filets with sauce and lemon, coleslaw, four hush puppies, fries and a drink of choice.

So, just what are the judges looking for?

According to returning judge Allen, "Of course you look for the taste of the catfish and the breading, you look at the side dishes, how it's plated, the atmosphere and ambience of the place--you try to look at it all."

"It's almost like a beauty contest," said Hunter. "You hate to pick one girl and say, 'You're prettier than all the other girls,' because they're all pretty. It's difficult, because all catfish is good, even better if it's Alabama catfish. I'm going to kind of let the catfish speak for itself; as Indiana Jones says, I'm going to make this up as I go."

After only the first stop on their catfish tour, the judges were not ready to make a judgement call about the food, but did indicate that they enjoyed their lunch.



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The staff of Catfish N Que accepts their finalist plaque from the Alabama Farmers Federation. L-R front: Mike "Papa" Link, Salina Link, Leigh Ann Pannell, Joey Pannell, Tiffany Campbell, Amanda Conrad; L-R back: Sid Nelson, Fred Hunter, Townsend Kyser, Jim Allen

The statewide champion will be named next week, leading up to National Catfish Month in August. They will receive a cash prize, a Bama's Best Catfish plaque and will be featured in the September issue of Neighbors magazine, a publication of the Alabama Farmers Federation. Also, one finalist will be named People's Choice Award winner based on a Facebook vote. Facebook users may vote for their favorite restaurant by liking the photo in the Alabama Farmers Federation's "Bama's Best Catfish – People's Choice Award" album. The contest runs through 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 18.

All of the restaurants in the contest serve farm-raised catfish from southwest Alabama, where catfish farming is a staple of the local economy. Statewide, farming, processing and retail sales of catfish employs more than 6,000 Alabamians in an industry that has a $172 million annual economic impact.

See more at https://youtu.be/shfK85gMpmU.

Meeting (from Front)

"I appreciate Mayor Dyar and the Baileyton Town Council hosting a District 11 Community Meeting this Saturday at 9 a.m. at Baileyton Senior Center," he posted.

"Everyone is invited as we discuss my plans as the new chairman of the House Committee on Urban and Rural Development and any topic or issue on the minds of the people of my legislative district. This is an opportunity for me to listen to the people I represent in Montgomery."

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By: D. Ann Missouri
Submitted by Randy C. Hale

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I'm playing round the rainbow bridge
waiting on you, I visit often, I see
you missing me and crying too.

I lay close beside you wishing
to dry your tears,
you'd be happy knowing Heaven
is real without painful fears.

God promised as I wait patiently you'll
join me at last, the darkness will fade
away and into the light we'll blast!

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

REBECCA DEGOLLADO MIRELES,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2014-900185.01**

JOSE AGUILAR FERTO,
Defendant

NOTICE OF CONTEMPT/MODIFICATION ACTION

Jose Aguilar Ferto, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Rebecca Degollado Mireles' Citation for Contempt/Petition to Modify by August 28, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2014-900185.01 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 27th day of June, 2017.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 22, 2015 by Donnie R. Weaver and spouse Cara L. Weaver, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1771, Page 27 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 August 8, 2017:

A tract or parcel of land being situated in the locally accepted NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, and being a part of that certain tract as conveyed to Richard P. Northey and wife, Kathleen L. Northey by deed recorded in Deed Book 394, Page 441 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northwest corner of said Section 23 and run S 01°18'03" W and run along the west line a distance of 558.73 feet (from which point a found bar marking the southwest corner of said Section bears S 01°18'03" W 4,479.85 feet); thence run S 88°41'57" E a distance of 2652.40 feet to a set rebar on a fence line, same being the west line of said Northey tract as agreed and the point of beginning: thence run S 89°32'42" E a distance of 209.74 feet to a set rebar marking the westerly right of way line of County Road No. 730; thence run S 26°17'13" W a distance of 113.08 feet to a set rebar marking the point of curvature of a curve to the right having a central angle of 27°53'28", a radius of 221.61 feet and a chord bearing of S 40°14'00" W; thence run along the arc of said curve a distance of 107.88 feet to the point of tangency; thence run S 54°10'48" W continuing along said R.O.W. line a distance of 133.88 feet to a set rebar marking the southwest corner, of said Northey tract, same being on an old fence line; thence run N 03°53'33" E a distance of 263.55 feet to the point of beginning. Including a 2011 Kabco MD0004SP DW manufactured home, VIN # KB026350A11 AND KB026350B11 located thereon.

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

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The Cullman Tribune-July 15, 22, 29, 2017

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2017-024**

IN THE MATTER OF:
H.N.B.
A minor child.

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, SCOTT ROAT. THE BIRTH MOTHER OF THE MINOR CHILD IS LIZA BLIZINSKI ROAT. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 14th DAY OF July, 2017.

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

NATHAN A. BROCK
Attorney for the Petitioner
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 11, 2008 by Edna J. Driver, an unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1551, Page 72 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 August 8, 2017:

A parcel of land lying and being in the west half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of the west half of said forty; thence north along the east line of the west half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter 512.26 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue north along said east line of said west half 380.0 feet; thence west 349.8 feet to the center line of a 60 foot road right-of-way; thence south along said center line of road right-of-way 380.0 feet; thence east 349.8 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.0 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT: From the southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 3 West; thence east along the south boundary of said forty a distance of 123 feet to a point in the center of County Road 13; thence northeasterly along the center of said road a distance of 109.65 feet to the center line of a 60 foot deeded road; thence north along said road a distance of 595 feet to the point of beginning; thence east a distance of 349.8 feet to a point; thence north a distance of 125 feet to a point; thence west a distance of 349.8 feet to a point in the center of said 60 foot deeded road; thence south a distance of 125 feet to the point of beginning. Lying and being in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, and containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

SUBJECT TO Restrictive Covenants, as set forth in instrument dated February 7, 1986, and filed February 7, 1986, in Fiche 29, Frame Al in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

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Cullman, through a visitor's eyes

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



Although this wasn't Linda Alexander's first trip to the city of Cullman, it was the first time for some of her stops this week. Alexander, of Moulton, visited the Folsom Center in Cullman and her impressions were very positive. "Everyone should see these murals, I just can't believe this!" she said in awe. "They are breathtakingly beautiful," she exclaimed. "The artists' detailed work was truly representative of life in Cullman."

Alexander was also amazed with the cleanliness of the facility and the friendly staff.

Her next stop was the Cullman County Museum, which she had never visited before. "I was impressed with the collection of artifacts, the detailed clothing, baby clothes, the antique materials and the county quilt. The children's room and the paper dolls brought back memories. Julie Burks is a wealth of knowledge about events and the history of Cullman and Cullman County," said Alexander.

She took a break at Berkeley Bob's, which has recently been named the No. 1 coffee shop in Alabama.

"I loved the décor of the time period in the 60s and 70s," she laughed. "I caught myself just looking around at everything. There was so much to see, and I loved the ambience, it was such a laid-back place."

She enjoyed a cup of Berkeley Bob's famous iced coffee. "It was really good," she smiled.

Just as she was about to leave, Alexander discovered a photo album with a collection of various musicians who have entertained crowds of bluegrass fans at Berkeley Bob's over the years. As she flipped through the pages, she became even more intrigued with the coffee shop.

"I want to bring my grandson and granddaughter to this unique place, to have them soak up some of this atmosphere. They are musicians in their teens and they would love it here!"

As she left Berkeley Bob's, Linda noticed the little church in the next block.

"I had seen the small church on First (Avenue) many times, but never heard the story of how it came to be here until today. I was so touched by Mrs. Richter's dedication to the memories of her husband and son," she said softly.

Bennett Home Supply is one of places with which the whole Alexander family is very familiar.

"I've been shopping at Bennett's at Christmastime for over 20 years. I always find Radko ornaments for my grandchildren there, and I love looking at their window decorations," she said as her car passed the well-known Cullman landmark on Second Avenue.

Another place that the Alexanders have frequented over the years is the Peinhardt Farm, where they enjoy seeing the old-fashioned way of life through the eyes of their grandchildren. Today, though, Alexander was able to visit the Agriplex for the first time.

"I thought it was very impressive the way they used the space in raised beds. In talking to the Vista worker, I was even more impressed with her eagerness and giving nature and with the ideas she had for feeding those who are food insecure.

"She also mentioned the vision she has of spending Microsoft grant money to add pocket vegetable gardens along the streets of Cullman, and I thought what an amazing vision from one so young," Alexander remarked.

The Alexanders have also spent a lot of time at several of the recreational facilities offered in Cullman.

"We love the parks, especially the Field of Miracles," she added. "The kids love the go-carts and putt-putt golf at Fun Zone, which is very well-run and safe for kids their age.

"Cullman is a good, safe, clean town," she concluded. "You never know what you might run into in some cities, but I'm very comfortable in Cullman."

As she made her way home down Highway 157, she pointed out how neat and free of litter the roadsides were. "It always catches my eye when a place is littered, "she said.

"This stretch of highway, well, in fact, the whole town of Cullman, including West Point (which she was passing through at the time) indicates to me that the people of Cullman take pride in their county."

From another visitor

For the past year, Lisa Steele has worked with Cullman Regional's hospice program while finishing up the requirements for her nurse practitioner degree. She retired from the school system in Lawrence County and decided to pursue another career, nursing.

She has come to love Cullman for many reasons, but says that since she gets to see another side of life than the shopping and great restaurants, she has also come to love the people of Cullman and its surrounding areas.

"There is such a sense of community here," she said. "I love the way they are always reaching out into the community to get ideas, even though sometimes the people are not from Cullman County, they still listen carefully to their input. I think all communities need to do this," she said emphatically.

"The people here are so welcoming, even to someone like me, a stranger from out of town," she said.

"They are always so kind and gracious, both in their homes and in their businesses. I've never had a bad experience of any kind in Cullman."

Steele makes home visits, works with CRMC staff members, shops and dines in Cullman on her days here.

"I'm very much at home in Cullman," she said. "Even when I'm lost in the rural areas and have to stop and ask for directions, the folks are always so helpful and friendly. They help each other...they seem to always go the extra mile, I just think you have an outstanding community here, and it's certainly not like that everywhere."

It is nice to see Cullman through someone else's eyes, to remind ourselves that it pays off to go that extra mile, be it in a clean roadside, or a good cup of coffee.

Maybe it's just a smile when you pass someone on the street.

People remember things like that.



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