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From the ashes of Simcoe Worship Center

Kingdom Life Church



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Left: January 2016 file photo of Simcoe Worship Center fire Right: Pastor Heath Tinker in Kingdom Life Church's almost-finished sanctuary

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SIMCOE – On Jan. 18, 2016, fire broke out in the youth and children's building of Simcoe Worship Center Church of God at the intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and County Road 1635. The building was completely destroyed, and the adjoining main building suffered such extensive heat and smoke damage that, while it remained standing, most of its contents were lost. (See http://qrne.ws/simcoefire)

"We lost pretty much everything except a few walls standing," said Pastor Heath Tinker. Pointing to his T-shirt with a logo that simply said "Next?," he continued, "It was a shock. Everybody began saying 'What's next?' And you really wanted to fill in the blanks with what's next."

That was then. Fast forward a year and a half plus to Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, when The Tribune dropped in for a visit and did a doubletake upon arrival: the address was the same, but not the name. The sign and banner out front now say Kingdom Life Church. But Tinker was there, and happy to share what's up with the church, the building and that sign.

"This coming Sunday," shared Tinker, "we'll dedicate the building. So, it's been nearly two years since we've been here. We're very thankful for the whole community. Once the fire came, we went to Fairview First Baptist, and Pastor David there offered us his facilities, but it was in between; it was midday services. Fairview High School- we signed a contract with them. They allowed us, through the contract, to use their auditorium for services on Sunday. Principal Chris Gambrill there helped us out tremendously. We just wanted to always help the community, and it's amazing that the community started helping us and just impacting our lives."

> **"We're closer than we've ever been, and our goal is to impact this community like never before."**
> *-Pastor Heath Tinker, Kingdom Life Church*

He said, "But we are back, looking forward to dedicating the building, to starting revival Sunday night."

The youth and children's building was not rebuilt; a gravel parking area currently marks its location on the grounds. Inside the main building, no trace of fire damage remains. The sanctuary and office areas still await carpeting, but that has not stopped the congregation from holding two services there already. New youth and children's areas have been constructed on two floors inside the renovated main building. The children's and nursery hall has been upgraded with security measures including self-locking doors, cameras and an intercom system for outside access. The youth rooms upstairs include a worship center, snack bar/lounge and game room.

On Sunday morning, Tinker will preside over a service of dedication for the reconstructed facility. That evening, the church will put that facility right to work, beginning a multi-night series of revival services.

"The people have been very excited, and been seeing a lot of good things happen," the pastor said, "and we are just excited to get back on our feet, I guess you would say."

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Suspect arrested, ID'd in Traditions Bank robbery



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CULLMAN – A Hanceville man is behind bars, charged with first-degree robbery, after he allegedly robbed Traditions Bank in downtown Cullman Friday morning.

According to Cullman Police Department Lt. Gene Bates, on Friday, Oct. 6, shortly after 10 a.m., a white male, now identified as Joseph Lee Phillips, 49, entered the bank, located at 109 Second Ave. NW and passed a note to a teller demanding money. Phillips claimed to be armed, but there was no weapon visible to bank employees. He obtained an undisclosed amount of money and left the bank. Bates said Phillips had parked his vehicle, a Jeep Liberty, in the bank's parking lot. He left the bank driving south on U.S. Highway 31.

Bates said Officer Brandon Patterson, who was off duty but in town for departmental business, made contact with the Jeep, prior to the description being released, and stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation. As soon as the description of the suspect and vehicle went out, Patterson immediately recognized the suspect as the individual he had just stopped. He

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Closer look at 2018 county school budget

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CULLMAN – The new Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) 2018 budget includes fun technological gadgetry, but also pushes for improvements in infrastructure and student achievement.

The largest expenditures, as usual, fall in the areas of salaries and benefits. The expense listing follows:

Salaries
$49,572,729 (52%)

Benefits
$20,487,553 (22%)

Purchase Services
$7,538,726 (7%)

Materials/Supplies
$7,681,057 (7%)

Equipment
$6,287,281 (6%)

Debt Service
$3,903,183 (4%)

Other
$1,806,203 (2%)

All budget expenditures total $99,269,239.58. The total of revenues from all funding sources will reach $99,771,317.07. Starting with a fund balance of $19,204,439.99, the final balance is expected to increase to $19,706,517.48.

According to Superintendent Shane Barnette, this year's financial plan includes five points of emphasis:

1. New iPad initiative for K-2 students through Seesaw, a tablet software collection that allows students to demonstrate learning through the creation of digital journals, and have their projects viewed by others outside the classroom.

2. LEAD leadership program for high school juniors and seniors. LEAD is "Leadership Education and Development," a program that identifies high-performing students and cultivates them for careers in business, computer science, health science and engineering.

3. Expansion of the CCBOE's online virtual classroom course offerings. Online learning offers an alternative to the traditional classroom, giving struggling students another route to graduation. Barnette said, "We realize there's more and more obstacles to graduating as the years go on, whether that be kids having to get jobs or families that are struggling financially. We're trying to create opportunities for people to make sure they can finish high school."

4. Discover Intensive Phonics. According to the program's developers, "It not only empowers students, it empowers teachers with proven strategies to help students improve reading, spelling, grammar, handwriting, listening, and thinking skills."

5. QZAB renovations and repairs. According to its promotional materials, QZAB offers school districts with large low-income populations interest-free bonds to develop "energy efficiency and renewable energy, renovating and repairing buildings, investing in equipment and up-to-date technology, developing and improving curriculum (STEM, ELA etc.), and training quality teachers." Barnette hopes to use the loans to make repairs, saying, "I am really excited that we are getting to do some much-needed repairs on our facilities district-wide."

Barnette wants to make sure people understand that improvements in technology are not simple gimmickry. He said he hopes that the improvements will translate to improved student experiences and performance. "We are also putting an emphasis on incorporating more technology into everyday instruction. While we are close to being one-to-one (ratio of computing devices to students), our focus remains on quality instruction using the technology and not just the technology."

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CPD nets 24 in felony warrant roundup

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department on Tuesday arrested 24 people while conducting a felony warrant roundup. The suspects were arrested for a variety of charges involving drugs and thefts.

According to a media release from the CPD, most of the charges were drug-related but often drug crimes and thefts go hand in hand.

CPD Capt. of Investigation Becky Boyd said in the release that the roundup was the result of work by investigators, primarily Justin Craft and Scott Sanford, who are dedicated to working narcotic crimes, and a newly formed team of officers focused on suppressing crime in the city of Cullman.

The team is made up by officers Trey Higginbotham, Dustin Colburn and Cole Kelley and is led by Sgt. Chris Thomason.

Boyd says the team has been working since early summer and has focused on combating drug problems, working in high crime areas and serving outstanding warrants as well as working general patrol during shift shortages.

Those arrested were:

- Robert Clifford Hood, 59, of Holly Pond: two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Morgan Alyssa Jowers Duckett, 23, of Holly Pond: unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- Donald Joe Lynn Jr., 26, West Point: unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- Devante Lashaun Smith, 21, of Birmingham: two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Logan Ashleigh Ayers, 21, of Cullman: second-degree theft of property
- Sonya Olivia Sharee Chappell, 23, of Hanceville: unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Gerald Allan Bailey, 55, of Eva: unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- David Michael Wilhelm, 24, of Cold Springs: second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- William Russell Hardy, 43, of Hayden: three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Christy Lee Eddy, 37, of Hanceville: two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Christopher Shane Lewter, 39, of Hanceville: unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- Devron Drake, 19, of Cullman: illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia
- Wade Alan Wilhite, 35, of Vinemont: three counts unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia (Suspect allegedly distributed methamphetamine.)
- Barry Ray Wise, 47, of Cullman: three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed methamphetamine and marijuana.)
- James Doss, 72, of Cullman: three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed morphine and hydrocodone pills.)
- Judy Waldrep Hall, 62, of Cullman: two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed oxycodone pills.)
- Gary Wayne Brown, 61, of Cullman: unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed Tramadol pills.)
- Ralph Edwin Reeves, 57, of Welti: unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed methamphetamine.) Reeves was on probation at the time of the arrest.
- William Newton Johnson, 59, of Cullman: two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed methamphetamine and clonazepam pills.)
- Tammy Leigh McFadden, 27, of Berlin: unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia (Suspect was allegedly found in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.)
- Matthew Johnson, 33 of Berlin: unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia (Suspect was allegedly found in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.)
- Gregory Baskins, 28, of Sheffield: unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia (Suspect allegedly had methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.)
- Rita Ivey, 43, of Foley: unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia (Suspect allegedly had methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia at the time of the arrest.)
- Justin Smith, 41, of Arab: two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Suspect allegedly distributed methamphetamine.)

The CPD says the new Crime Suppression Team has been responsible for approximately 200 cases, which include some of the warrants served on Tuesday.

These cases include undercover drug operations, trafficking and possession of illegal drugs (including methamphetamine, crack cocaine, opiates) and an assortment of other illegal drugs, recovery of stolen property and forgery.

Craft's and Sanford's primary responsibilities are working narcotics, according to Boyd.

They work all cases involving the theft of medications, follow up on all tips received from the public about illegal drug use, conduct undercover operations including drug buys and search warrants, do surveillance and serve warrants.

Boyd says Craft and Sanford and the Crime Suppression Team often work together in their duties, saying it has been extremely beneficial in the efforts of the department to combat illegal drugs in the community.

The felony warrant roundup was conducted by the Investigative Division and Crime Suppression Team and assisted by Patrol Sgt. Intae Suh and Officer Kelly Hubbard.

"I could not be prouder of the work of all officers involved in this operation," said Boyd.

"We are dedicated to serve our citizens and will continue to be proactive in our efforts to limit criminal activity in our community.

"I would also like to pass along a message from Investigators Craft and Sanford to anyone selling illegal drugs in our community: 'Anyone selling drugs in Cullman should know that the warrant book in not empty. Your name may still be on our list and we will be coming to see you.'"

$800K judgment in sexual harassment case involving Surgery Center of Cullman, Dr. Kevin Johnson

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CULLMAN – A local woman was awarded a total of $800,000 in damages by a federal judge on Sept. 29 following a civil jury trial in which the Surgery Center of Cullman, Inc. (an affiliate of Illinois-based Surgical Care Affiliates), and Dr. Kevin Johnson were found to have violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by subjecting Dana Anderson to a hostile work environment because of her sex.

Anderson claimed that Johnson, an anesthesiologist at the Surgery Center of Cullman, sexually harassed her in the workplace. She also alleged that she reported the harassment to management, who took no corrective action.

The trial was held in Birmingham in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, with Judge Abdul K. Kallon presiding.

According to official court documents, "The jury awarded Dana Anderson $250,000 in compensatory and $250,000 in punitive damages.

The jury also found that Dr. Kevin Johnson committed both assault and battery and the tort of outrage, and consequently awarded Dana Anderson $200,000 in compensatory damages and $50,000 in punitive damages for the assault and battery and $200,000 in compensatory damages and $50,000 in punitive damages for the tort of outrage against Dr. Kevin Johnson."

Tort of outrage is defined as the intentional infliction of emotional distress.

A judgment was entered for a total amount of $500,000 from Johnson and $300,000 from Surgical Care Affiliates.

In accordance with the jury's verdict, judgment is ENTERED against Dr. Kevin Johnson in the amount of $500,000. As to Surgical Care Affiliates, consistent with the damages cap imposed by 42 U.S.C. § 1981a(b)(3)(D), judgment is ENTERED against the company in the amount of $300,000. Costs are taxed against the Defendants.

The Surgery Center of Cullman is located at 1403 Wall Street in Cullman.

The Tribune has reached out to the practice for comment, but as of press time no comment has been made.

Poet's Corner

More

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We want more always craving never satisfied
insatiable appetite
for what is just beyond reach

More money like the rich sir more
beauty like the teen girl

more fame
like the movie star more talent
like the performer

more this more that
until our egos are so fat but
our spirit is totally flat

With great labor
we toil and compare watching the standard
of the "more" we should chase rise
and fall like an escalator stair

more character more integrity
more love hope
joy

These things are of value yielding
harvests of great peace pursue them
and you'll see there's plenty more
in store

Let's begin a trend, you follow
my lead lend a helping hand
to someone, friend or foe

The seeds of kindness planted
grow life more
than you had before

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News from the Pond



Holly Pond Civitan President, Lynn Jetton, presented a check for a donation to Holly Pond Carpenter's Cabinet Food Pantry to DeAnn and Chris Warnick.



Holly Pond Civitan Club and Alabama District North Civitan Governor, Donna Grice installed the new officers for the 2017-2018 Civitan Club year. They are: Ashley Dye, sergeant at arms; Gladys Wisener, director; Janice Murphree, director; Bill Oliver, director; Sharon Oliver, treasurer; Bart Dye, president-elect; Julia Floyd, secretary and Kay Stewart, president.



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Holly Pond Civitan Club welcomed new members with an initiation service conducted by Alabama District North Civitan Governor, Donna Grice. The new members are DeAnn Warnick, Chris Warnick, Carolyn McCravy, Susan Stapp and Amber Thrasher.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1959

Purdy Rites

Funeral services were held on May 19th at Fairview West for Harrison P. Purdy,age 83, of Route One, Hanceville, who died at his residence on May 17th.

Reverend Harvey Edwards conducted the services and Moss Service directed interment.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Georgia Purdy; two sons, Gerdis and John Purdy; two daughters, Mrs. Lula Quick and Mrs. Elnora Hendrix; one brother and three sisters.

Speegle Rites

Doctor Luther Monroe Speegle died on May 26th at his Route One, Bremen home and funeral services were held at Valley Springs, on May 28th.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Naomi White Speegle; three daughters, Mrs. Juanita Richardson, Mrs. Tsianina Jackson and Mrs. Norma Redmond Hall; five grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

Alvis Visits

Clara Ann Alvis is home for two weeks from Washington, D.C., where she is working for the F.B.I. Her sister, who is graduating from West Point High, will return to Washington with her to also work there. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Alvis, of Logan.

Here And There

In Roanoke this week has been Mrs. J.C. Martin to visit the Leon Phillips (Eunice Martin). She went for the Monday graduation of her oldest granddaughter, Linda Phillips, from high school. Linda plans to enter the University of Alabama, which is her parents alma mater, this fall.

Guests of the Arthur Karters last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Chesser, Mrs. Jack Kaetz, Junior and sons, Michael and Pat, all of Bessemer.

Doctor and Mrs. Marvin Smith and Janice, of Springfield, Tennessee, spent the weekend with Mrs. Jesse H. Smith.

What a wonderful weekend the J.J. Vandiver family is expecting. Arriving on Friday will be Sally, from Blue Mountain College in Mississippi and the Harry Lindstroms (Betty Vandiver), including their little son, who have been on a Navy hitch and haven't been home since last July. Harry will enter New Orleans Seminary. However, he will first go back to his old engineering job in Winston Salem, North Carolina and take a few night school liberal arts courses before entering the seminary.

One of the four Judson College students to be tapped for Alpha Psi Omega, the national honorary dramatic fraternity, recently was Rebecca Quattlebaum.

All have both acted and directed plays at Judson. Rebecca is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Quattlebaum, of Cullman and recently had a leading role in the comedy, "Good House Keeping."

Expected soon to visit Doctor and Mrs.

E.B. Barnes is Mrs. Kathlene Provano, of Greensboro, North Carolina.

She is Mrs. Barne's mother. She has been chosen to appear, in the not too distant future, on "What's My Line." Won't it be delightful to see someone we know?

Did You Hear?

Mrs. Margaret Lucas and Mary Charles will leave on Saturday, May 30th, for a trip to the west. They will stop at Santé Fe, New Mexico, the old pueblo town of Taos, other ancient Indian sites, the Grand Canyon and Tucson, Arizona, where they will visit the Phil Hartung family.

From there they will visit Nogales, Mexico and other interesting places, near Tucson. After a two week visit to Tucson, they will bring the Hartung family back in the station wagon and will visit with friends in El Paso and the McCalips at Ingram, Texas. They will also go through Carlsbad Caverns. The Hartungs will later visit Kim's brother, in Boston, before returning to Tucson.

Very interesting to me is the engagement (announced this week) of Maxine Calvert and James M. Thompson. He is the brother of my dearest college friend, Grace Thompson, now Mrs. George Sims, of Talladega.

Doctor and Mrs. M.C. Keyes returned on Tuesday, after several weeks spent in Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keyes brought them back and will visit here with the Keyes and other relatives.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Before Facebook, I'm not sure how we found out anything

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A few days after Tropical Storm Irma uprooted a giant poplar tree and laid it across the roof of our garage and chimney, I found a strange looking tool lying in our yard. I have worked with tools most of my life, but I did not recall having seen one like this one. It was about four inches long, with two handles, hinged together at one end. One handle had a blue rubber grip and the other had an oblong wire clasp so you could close the handles and hold them together. Inside one of the handles was a cylinder type object that moved when you closed the handles, but only about half an inch.

It reminded me slightly of a clamp on a jumper cable, but it had no teeth to clip onto a terminal and it had no place for a cable. I thought perhaps it was one of those exercise tools to strengthen your grip. I asked everyone who stopped by for the next couple of days, but no one seemed to know.

This double mystery of what this thing- a-ma-bob was, and where it came from, began to affect my appetite. I ate every cookie in the house. Of course, I probably would have eaten every cookie in the house anyway, but this gave me a good excuse for eating every cookie in the house!

Finally, I decided to do what we often do when we need to find an answer for something. I put a picture of it on Facebook and asked my friends to please identify my mystery object. I thought you might enjoy some of the answers as much as I have, so here they are.

Several said it was a pvc, or cpvc, pipe cutter, or wire cutter. One said, "It's a tool" and a couple said "A rivet-gun." Wanda said, "It looks like a Sand Mountain can opener." She should know because she, like me, grew up on Sand Mountain. Vicki asked if it was dog toenail clippers. My dogs sure hope not.

Melissa may have it right. She said, "I'm sure, it is either a watcha-ma-call-it or a thing-a-ma-jig." Joanne said, "It's a crisper." I have two of those in the bottom of my refrigerator, but they don't look like this thing. Herman said, "It looks like a hickido tool to install whatsumacallits. Keep it, you might need it." Pat said I should hang it on my belt and people will think I'm important. Shirley said, "If you don't know what it is, how will you know how to use it?" My friend Randy may have had the best one. He said, "It is a spritzer valve expander, or a tool for removing the top to check your blinker fluid level." I think he may be pulling my leg. Everybody knows you can remove the top of your blinker fluid container without a tool! David said, "It puts the ends on television cable." Derlon said David was right, because he has one of them. I replied, "I do too, now!" Mike had the exact and correct answer (I now know). He said, "It is a cable television coax crimper." Several others said the same. Vernon said, "The Directv guy is looking for that."

I'm so glad to finally have this mystery solved. Not all mysteries in life can be solved on Facebook, but the answers sure are entertaining. For the most important questions in life, try the Good-Book for answers. By the way, if you need to borrow my watcha-ma-call-it, to do what- some-ever, you can reach me on Facebook or by email.

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Persall, Warriors take bragging rights in first Brandin' Iron Bowl, 27-14

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FAIRVIEW – The Fairview Aggies hosted the West Point Warriors Friday night to renew their rivalry in what has just been dubbed this season, "The Brandin' Iron Bowl." The Warriors came away with a hard-fought 27-14 victory that earned them a trophy presentation after the game and a free meal from Brandin' Iron Steakhouse.

The Warriors got off to a fast start scoring on their first possession of the game to take a 6-0 lead, but it was Fairview that took the lead just before halftime on a 77-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Dayne Black to senior running back Garrett Dunn.

However, the Aggies were unable to score again in the game, allowing 20 unanswered points in the second half.

This game was physical from the first snap but no one took as much punishment as West Point junior running back Hunter Persall, who finished the game with 30 carries. Persall made the most of his opportunities, rushing for 305 yards and three touchdowns.

Of West Point's 398 offensive yards, 310 of them belonged to Persall.

The Aggies really felt Persall's presence in the second half after he busted a 58-yard touchdown run on the opening play of the third quarter and then iced the game for the Warriors on a 55-yard touchdown run with just more than four minutes left in the game, putting West Point up 27-14.

After his stellar performance, Persall looked to his coaches and his offensive line to give them the credit.

"Really we just go off of coaching. Coach Farley is a great coach and I figured if we kept doing what we've been doing we'd be able to run the ball against them," Persall said.

"We were confident but we never underestimated our opponent.

"It's all about the offensive line you know, the skill guys do stuff, but it's mainly about them to get everything started."

Warriors' head coach Don Farley was proud of the way his team played Friday night and saw some things he thinks they can improve on going forward.

"Our plan was to just come out here and try to play our tempo and our style and try to control the ball, but the things they do, they do well and they showed it right before halftime when they took the lead," Farley said.

"We've got to control the big plays, we can't get frustrated if the offense turns it over and the offense can't get frustrated if the defense gives up a play; it's a team effort."

Farley also saw Persall's performance as a collaborative effort and was proud of his running back and the team effort as a whole.

"We rely on our linemen and receivers to block and we rely on the backs to run and Hunter got his number called tonight and he ran hard.

"He's a hard worker and I was proud of him and all our guys."

It was a big win in Region 6 of Class 5A for the Warriors, who move to 4-2 on the year with the last stretch of the regular season ahead of them starting next week with Mortimer Jordan before the postseason.

The loss for Fairview moved them to 2-4 this season, and they'll look to bounce back next week on the road at Curry.

A kicker's game as Pell City tops Cullman 19-16 in double OT

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PELL CITY – It was a slow-moving game for both teams as Pell City's Sergio Alvarez and the Bearcats' Miguel Tizapa traded kicks, both nailing 3-of-4 field goals, with the last miss ending the game at 19-16 in favor of the Panthers.

The Bearcat defense stood strong, not allowing the Panthers to advance the ball much on the team's first couple possessions. Alvarez attempted a 46-yard field goal, but the ball hit the goal post, denying Pell City the first points of the game.

Just a couple possessions later the Bearcats struck; a huge hit on Carson Freeman on a third-and-17 play dislodged the ball, but a penalty on Pell City for targeting pulled the Bearcats up to Panthers' 33 and gave them a fresh set of downs. Tizapa took the field shortly after to hit a 42-yard field goal, giving the Bearcats a 3-0 lead.

However, the following series saw Pell City march down the field to set up the Panthers' Alvarez for a shot at redemption in the form of a 35-yard field goal, which tied the game at 3-3 halfway through the second quarter.

Cullman's next series saw a variety of plays, one in which Freeman hauled in a long-distance pass from Fletcher Jennings to Cullman's 42-yard line, but an offensive pass interference call dragged the Bearcats back to the 1-yard line.

Just a couple plays later the Bearcats were forced to punt, setting Pell City up at Cullman's 37 with just less than a minute to go in the half.

Pell City forced the pace as QB Quinton Burkhalter gained a first down at Cullman's 24-yard line. There was a forced throw by Burkhalter, but Bearcat defender Dylan Wallace nabbed the ball to shut down any chance for the Panthers to add points on the board with 25 seconds remaining. Cullman attempted a couple quick plays, but the teams went into the locker room deadlocked at 3-all.

Pell City got to work out of the locker room, marching down the field until the defensive front of Cullman stepped up, forcing yet another short field goal attempt. The Panthers' Alvarez hit it to give Pell City a 6-3 lead.

The Bearcats tried some trickery on their next series, but it proved costly as the team turned the ball over on an underthrown pass, which was picked off.

Pell City didn't fare so well on its next possession; Cullman's Jayden Sullins broke through several tackles as he spun his way inside the red zone to give Cullman a chance to regain the lead as time expired in the third quarter. A 28-yard Tizapa field goal knotted the score at 6-all to start the fourth quarter.

Pell City wouldn't go away, taking advantage of field position to set up an Alvarez 28-yard field goal to retake the lead at 9-6 with 5:46 left in the game.

Following an injury to Cullman's running back Ezra Burks and a facemask from the Panthers, Tizapa was brought in to tie the game on his third field goal attempt of the night, this time a short 20-yarder. Pell City called a timeout as Tizapa struck the ball, slicing it wide right, but the timeout gave the Bearcats an another attempt.

For the game-tying FG Tizapa, nailed the second attempt,t but yet another timeout was called as he struck the ball, splitting the uprights. The third attempt was good as time expired to force overtime, with the teams tied 9-9. A game-saving catch by Hayden Henderson allowed Tizapa to get off the kick as the clocked ticked down to zero.

Cullman took first possession in overtime, starting its drive at the Panthers' 10-yard line. Sullins broke to the right side, gaining a few yards. On the second snap of overtime, Sullins took a short reception from Jennings and spun his way into the end zone to give Cullman a 15-9 lead. The PAT was good, extending Cullman's lead to 16-9, putting all the pressure on Pell City.

The Panthers' began their attempt with a broken offensive line as the Bearcats rushed the line. Pell City attempted a deep pass, but the Bearcats denied them, setting up a third-down play from the Cullman 11-yard line.

The Panthers hit the deep pass in the corner of the end zone to bring the score within 1-point. The PAT was good and tied the game 16-16.

Dale Justice stepped up to snuff the first-down run by Pell City on the Panthers' second possession of overtime. Multiple Bearcats blitzed the center, not allowing the Panthers to advance the ball; Kasey Murfree and Josh Skinner stopped Pell City on third-and-goal from Cullman's 11-yard line. Alvarez hooked it through to bring Pell City to a 19-16 lead.

Jennings threw to Sullins, but a dropped pass brought up second-and-goal from the 8-yard line. Sullins pushed forward on the drive to gain 2 yards. On a short third down, Jennings overthrew Sullins, setting up Tizapa for a chip shot field goal, but he missed it wide right.

Coach Mark Britton said after the game, "This might not be the last game for me. We just have to see," as he left the field.

Cullman is now 4-3 and will have the upcoming week off.

Addison wears down the Decatur Heritage Eagles, 32-14

Brett Garner
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON – Decatur Heritage traveled to Addison to take on the Bulldogs to continue region play on Friday night. The Bulldogs were victorious, 32-14.

Addison received the ball to start the game and Braxton Preuitt returned it 42 yards to put the Bulldogs in great field position. Addison's opening drive was not one to remember as a penalty on the very first play backed the Bulldogs up 10 yards, then quarterback Zayne Guthrie rushed only 7 yards and forced Addison to punt.

A booming punt forced Decatur Heritage down to the 5-yard line. Addison's defense prevailed as they forced a safety and the Bulldogs went ahead 2-0 with 10:51 remaining in the first quarter.

Addison took the ball on the free kick by the Eagles and started at the 13-yard line. The Bulldogs threatened, but were forced to punt. The Eagles took over at the 13-yard line. Running backs Jeffery Hunter and Colten Keith ran for a combined 13 yards before Jake Wilson picked off Hank Davis and put the Bulldogs in Eagle territory at the 42-yard line.

After a birage of rushes by Luke Chambers, Guthrie and Tyler Borden the Bulldogs punched the ball in the end zone on a 7-yard rush with 1:11 left in the quarter. They made the 2-point conversion to go up 10-0.

The next two drives for Addison and Decatur Heritage resulted in punts. Then Addison got the ball, driving only 2 yards before Borden fumbled, allowing Eagles lineman Garrett Rogers to recover.

The Eagles gave the ball to running back Keith for a 5-yard rush and a 26-yard touchdown run with 4:22 left in the half. The score was 10-7 with Addison ahead. Preuitt returned the next kickoff 22 yards to put the Bulldogs up to the 32-yard line to begin the next drive. Stratton Miller, for Decatur Heritage, picked off Guthrie and returned it for a touchdown with 1:06 left in the half. The Eagles went ahead 14-10, the score heading into halftime.

The Eagles received the ball coming out of the break and went three-and-out. Addison then marched 39 yards and found the end zone on Chambers' 25-yard reception to go up 18-14 with 4:01 left in the third.

Addison's defense prevailed the rest of the night, not allowing another Eagle score. The Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, a 74-yard reception by Chambers and a Borden 13-yard run, to pull away late.

The final score was 32-14 to put Addison in the win column for the fifth time this season.

Addison running back Borden rushed for 122 yards and a touchdown with Preuitt and Guthrie having big nights as well. The Bulldogs will travel to Meek next week and take on the Tigers.

Good Hope fights hard, falls to Winfield 28-12

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WINFIELD – Good Hope fought hard Friday night when they traveled to Winfield, but they came up short against the Pirates, 28-12.

The Raiders held tough in the first half, firing the first shot with a touchdown from Matthew Dixon with 10:40 left to go in the half to go up 6-0.

Winfield answered with 2:48 left in the half, and after converting the PAT, took a 7-6 lead to the locker room.

Winfield came out firing after the break. The Pirates scored two quick touchdowns in the third quarter and added a 2-point conversion to make the score 21-6 at the end of three.

Just seven seconds into the fourth, the Pirates added their fourth touchdown of the night to make the score 28-6.

Good Hope scored its second touchdown of the night, again from Dixon, with 59 seconds left on the game clock to make the final score 28-12.

"We had our moments when we played well but continue to make too many mental mistakes," said Good Hope head coach Alan Scott.

"We have to clean up the little things and get better this week as we prepare for Haleyville."

Good Hope will go back to work Monday as they prepare for Haleyville next Friday.

Cold Springs falls 35-7 in region game to West End

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

BREMEN – Cold Springs fell behind early and couldn't make it up in a 35-7 home loss to West End.

The Eagles trailed 7-0 after one, but the Patriots added two more touchdowns in the second and one in the third before Calvin McNabb scored on a 5-yard run to put Cold Springs on the scoreboard.

The Patriots added a fifth and final touchdown to take the game.

The Eagles are now 1-5 on the season and 0-3 in region play.

They will travel to Winston County next Friday.

Battle of the Bulldogs: Susan Moore downs Hanceville 40-22

Norman Bush
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – It was the Battle of the Bulldogs Friday night in Hanceville, with Susan Moore coming out on top, 40-22.

It was a scoreless, back-and-forth first quarter after a missed field goal by Hanceville.

The second, marred with fumbles, looked to be the same, until Susan Moore's Andrew McEvoy took the ball in from the 9-yard line for the first score of the night. With 9:43 to go in the second, it was Susan Moore, 6-0.

Capping off an eight-play drive, McEvoy passed Jeffery Threatt for an 18-yard TD.

Again, the PAT was no good, and with 3:56 left in the half, it was 12-0 Susan Moore.

After Hanceville's Alex Campbell was picked off by Tanner Sission, it took just four plays until Anthony Cervantes rushed in from the 16-yard line for the TD. Susan Moore went up 18-0 with 1:44 to go until the break.

Susan Moore would start the second half much the same way, when after just a few plays, McEvoy again passed to Threatt, this time for a 56-yard TD pass.

The 2-point conversion was good, and the Hanceville Bulldogs were down 26-0.

Hanceville finally got on the board in the third, after a 63-yard drive ended with Campbell throwing to RJ Evans for a 29-yard TD.

A failed 2-point conversion attempt made the score 26-6, Susan Moore, with 1:09 in third.

Susan Moore's McEvoy fumbled the ball at the 16-yard line to end the third quarter.

In the fourth, Hanceville's Campbell again connected with RJ Evans, this time from the 16-yard line for a TD.

The 2-point conversion was good, and Hanceville inched closer. It was 26-14, Susan Moore, with 6:25 to go in the game.

Susan Moore answer with an Anthony Cervantes 51-yard TD run, and it was 33-14 with 4:36 left on the clock.

Susan Moore's Sission would rushed in from the 18-yard line for another TD. The PAT was good, and it was 40-14, Susan Moore, with just more than two minutes remaining.

Hanceville did not go quietly, scoring a TD with one second left in the game.

Final score: Susan Moore 40, Hanceville 22

Hanceville will host Holly Pond next week.

Vinemont falls to Priceville 37-14

Dewey Batemon
Tribune Correspondent

PRICEVILLE – It was a tough night for the Vinemont Eagles, who had trouble containing Priceville Bulldog quarterback David Strunk who scored five times on the night. Strunk scored on the first two Priceville possessions when he threw a 35-yard touchdown pass then completed a 4-yarder to put the Bulldogs up early.

A couple possessions later Strunk called his own number and walked into the end zone from 2-yards out.

Following a couple quick sets, the Bulldogs returned and Strunk kept it up, carrying the ball across the goal line for a 2-yard touchdown. Strunk capped off the night with his fifth touchdown via a 40-yard touchdown pass. Vinemont scored twice on a 74-yard run by Dustin Moore and a 3-yard scamper by Carl Price. The Vinemont Eagles will look to turn things around next week as they travel to Susan Moore.

Turnover-plagued Broncos fall 20-8 to Locust Fork

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HOLLY POND – Holly Pond looked to inch one step closer to a play-off berth as the Broncos hosted Locust Fork in their homecoming game Friday night. But turnovers turned out to be their undoing, four for the night, and they fell to the Hornets, 20-8.

Holly Pond struck first off a Hornet fumble when Kyler Chaney recovered the ball and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown to put Holly Pond on the scoreboard. After a good 2-point conversion, the score was 8-0 with 6:40 remaining in the opening quarter.

Both defenses stepped up for the majority of the first half, but off a failed fourth-down conversion by the Broncos, Locust Fork took over and embarked on an amazing 18-play drive that ended with a 5-yard touchdown run by Drew Rogers with 3:32 remaining in the first half. The Hornets took an 8-7 lead, which ended up being the score at the half.

Presley Marks was crowned homecoming queen during halftime.

Both teams continued to play stifling defense through most of the third. Holly Pond looked to take the lead, though, after forcing a Locust Fork punt.

The Broncos started at the 43-yard line, and on a third-and-13 from the 40, the Broncos tried some trickery when Chaney pitched it to Brody Rowell, who then threw it to Isac Ludwig for 41 yards, which put them at the 19-yard line and eyeing the end zone. After a Chaney 7-yard run on first down, they got stuffed, and a critical penalty on fourth-and-1 from the 11-yard line hurt them badly. Holly Pond turned the ball over on downs on the next play.

The Hornets took over on the 16-yard line, and Rogers was a handful, getting 29 yards on four carries.

Jarett Peeples had a 9-yard gain on a sweep in the series, and caught a pass for 28 yards, which put them at the 7-yard line, and after they got called for a personal foul on the next play, Locust Fork scored on a 21-yard run up the middle by Benjamin Oden to give the Hornets a 14-8 lead with 1:14 remaining in the third quarter.

Holly Pond looked to get the lead right back on its next series. The Broncos faced a third-and-6 from the 36-yard line, and Chaney got leveled late after a hit, which gave them a first down at the 49, but they couldn't do much after that, and they looked to fake a punt, but they fumbled the ball, and the Hornets recovered.

Holly Pond forced them to punt and the Broncos got the ball back with 7:34 remaining in the game.

But the offensive line couldn't protect Chaney; the Hornets got a sack and forced a Chaney fumble two plays later, and Douglas Umland recovered the loose ball for Locust Fork at the 35-yard line.

Rogers scored on the first play on a 35-yard run, getting in untouched to push the Hornets' lead to 20-8 with 4:16 remaining in the game.

Holly Pond tried to start a comeback late and moved the ball well, but the series and the game ended with an Oden interception.

Final score: Locust Fork 20, Holly Pond 8.

The Broncos fall to 7-14 all-time against the Hornets, being defeated for the second straight year.

Rogers finished with 105 yards rushing on 16 carries and two touchdowns. Michael Clevenger went 5-of-10 for 49 yards. The Hornets improved to 3-4 on the season and 3-1 in region play; they will head back home to take on Cleveland next Friday.

Chaney had 62 total yards on the night for Holly Pond, and he had the Broncos' only touchdown of the night. They finished with 223 total offense (158 rushing and 65 passing). The defense played hard and they held the Hornets to just 219 yards, but turnovers hurt them, as three of them came in the final quarter.

The Broncos fell to 4-2 on the season and 1-2 in the region. They will travel to Hanceville next week in an important region game as they look to inch one step closer to a play-off berth.

Coach Mike Bates acknowledged the mistakes made in the game and applauded the hard work by his defense in the game, saying they'll come back next week.

Abercrombie's 5 TDs drive Meek's 43-28 win over R.A. Hubbard

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Tribune Correspondent

COURTLAND – It was homecoming for the R.A. Hubbard Chiefs as they hosted the Tigers of Meek, but it was Meek who came away with the victory, 43-28

Meek didn't take any time getting the offense clicking.

On the first play from scrimmage, John Mark Abercrombie ran 65 yards for the touchdown, taking just 13 seconds of the clock.

The Chiefs answered on their first possession when Riely Evans scampered 46 yards for the TD.

The 2-point conversion was good, giving the Chiefs an 8-7 lead with the clock showing 10:20 remaining in the opening quarter.

Both offenses continued the fireworks when Abercrombie scored from 35 yards out to regain the lead for the Tigers, 13-8, with 4:08 still to go in the first.

On the ensuing kickoff Hubbard's Otis Robinson took it right up the middle for a 70-yard touchdown. The Chiefs had the game 14-13.

Finally, the defenses stepped up, forcing a series of three-and-outs, but Meek took a halftime lead,19-14, thanks to Abercrombie's 1-yard touchdown run late in the second.

Coming out of the break, the Chiefs regained the lead, 20-19, on a 72-yard run by Evans.

Four plays later the Tigers answered on a 5-yard run by Abercrombie, pushing the lead to 27-20 with 10:15 remaining in the third.

Late in the third, Abercrombie took it in from 21 yards on his fifth touchdown of the night, making it 35-20, Meek.

The Chiefs were not giving up easily, and midway through the fourth, Kenneth Perkins took it in from 2 yards out, cutting the deficit to 35-28 after the conversion.

The Chiefs got the ball back late, but an interception for a touchdown by Meek's Stewart Waldrep with 4:14 remaining in the game sealed the deal for the Tigers.

Final score: Meek 43, R.A. Hubbard 28



Robbery (from Front)

provided the information to investigators, who were then able to locate Phillips and the Jeep at a family member's residence.

Phillips was arrested for first-degree robbery and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant with Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

He is currently being held in Cullman County Detention Center on a $60,000 property bond for the robbery charge; however, he is being held without bond on the CCSO warrant.

"I would like to commend Officer Patterson for a job well done. Even though he wasn't on duty in terms of his patrol shift, he still monitored he radio and CAD System (computer aided dispatch) which is what allowed us to quickly make an arrest in this case," said Bates. "You often hear the saying that an officer is never really off duty; well this is a perfect example of this being true."







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CCSO donates $15,500 to Cullman City, County Schools

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and the Cullman County Sheriff's Rodeo Committee donated $15,500 from the proceeds of the 2016 Sheriff's Rodeo to Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Paterson this week.

The money will be divided between the 31 schools in Cullman County who have special needs students.

"As I have said many times, the special needs rodeo is one of the highlights of the year for us at the sheriff's office.

"It's a great opportunity for the staff to be with the children and see the smiles and joy it brings," said Gentry.

The special needs rodeo precedes the sheriff's rodeo.

The 2017 Cullman County Sheriff's Rodeo will take place on Dec. 8-9 at 7:30 p.m.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 7-8

Glenn Taylor McCowan, 77 of Joppa, passed away Wednesday, October 4, 2017. He was born September 16, 1940 to Cleo and Oma McCowan. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Ted and Billy McCowan. Survivors include his, wife, Peggy McCowan, Sons; Jason (Tiffany) McCowan, Scottie (Dana) McCowan, Steve (Renee) McCowan, Phillip (Robin) McCowan, Brother; Joe (Nellie Sue) McCowan, Sister in Law, Nell McCowan, 7 Grandchildren, 8 Great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Mary Magdalene Bendyna, 85, of McMinnville, TN passed away at the home of her son, David, in Holly Pond, AL Tuesday evening, October 3, 2017. Her parents were Clive and Lucille Southerland Sansom. She was born in Montgomery, AL. She was President of Santan Irrigation System in Queen Creek, AZ, and a member of People of the Living God Church, McMinnville, TN. Ms. Bendyna is predeceased by her parents; husband, Alexander Bendyna, Sr.; and daughter, Mary Jean Bendyna of McMinniville, TN. Survivors are sons, Glynn (Mary) Alexander of Montgomery, AL, Alexander (Shirley) Bendyna Jr. of Gilbert, AZ and David (Tina) Southerland of Holly Pond, AL.; daughters, Janett Suzanne Eckard of Avon, Indiana and Katherina Magdalene (Ivan) Kacic of McMinnville, TN; 14 grandchildren and an ever-growing number of great grandchildren. Memorial Services will be announced later.

Jerry "Jug" Gilman Netherton, 76 of Decatur formerly of Addison, passed away on October 3, 2017 at UAB Hospital. He was born on September 26, 1941 in Addison, Alabama. He was known as "Jug" to family and friends. Jerry graduated from Addison High School in 1959, where he earned 1st Team All State Football. In 1999, he was entered in Winston County Sports Hall of Fame. Jerry opened Netherton Auto Parts in 1974, where he loved to go to work. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He earned Ford Motorcraft Signature Club Gold Award and North Alabama Shriners Club Award for several years. Jerry loved the stock market and Alabama Football. He will lie in state on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Nesmith, where services will be at 2:30 p.m. Brother Steton Hayes, Ronnie Privett and Ethan Netherton will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery. Jerry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Gloria Ann Netherton; sons, Bruce Netherton and wife Michelle, Stevie Netherton and wife Alisha; daughter, Jerri Ann Netherton Reynolds and husband Mike; brother, Tillman (Joyce) Netherton; sisters, Vivian (Harold) Bradford, Connie (Terry) Ponder; he was "Paw Paw" to 7 grandchildren, Ethan Netherton, Hunter Netherton, Brady Netherton, Haley Reynolds, Gracie Netherton, Cole Reynolds, Drei Netherton; and 1 great-grandchild, Baylor Netherton. He was preceded in death by his parents, Haywood Netherton and Onie Netherton; brothers, Hubert Netherton, Wilborn Netherton, Carist, Netherton, Will Netherton, Odell Netherton, Milford Wilson; sisters, Jewel Smothers, Lena Netherton, Gladys Harper, Velma Eaton, and Obera Stewart.

Funeral services for Dorothy Speakman Pittman, 88 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Mt. Hope Baptist Church with burial in adjoining cemetery. The body will lie in state from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Pittman passed away September 30, 2017. She was born November 27, 1928 to Joe and Hallie Speakman. She was a long standing member of Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Crane Hill for many years before moving to Cullman and joining Seventh Street Baptist. She was Postmaster in Crane Hill for 22 years, and an avid Alabama fan. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 57 years, Adrian Pittman; and 8 siblings. Survivors include her daughters, Alice (Norm) Winkel, Sandra (Rick) Hudson, Vickie (Rick) Hale; 7 grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren.

Janice Thompson Drake joined her "Heavenly Home" when she passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Moss Service Funeral Home. Reverend Carlos Wilhite of Vinemont will officiate with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Janice was born in Albany, GA August 10, 1946. She married Jimmy Drake, Sr. and moved to Cullman, where she lived and raised her three children. She was the daughter of William and Annie Thompson. Janise was a tiny little spit fire. When her mind was made up there was no changing it. The Pinnacle Bridge at Vinemont that many school buses traveled daily to Vinemont School was a wooden bridge. She was concerned for the safety of the children (especially her three children). She made up her mind that the bridge was to be replaced. She set out with petitions, making calls to various powers that be. Her goal was accomplished; the wooden bridge was replaced. Janice had many struggles through her life, but the love for her family never wavered. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, and infant daughter. She is survived by: daughter, Jackie(Mike) Cadle; two sons, Jimmy (Amy) Drake, Jr., Chris Drake; one sister, Ann Chapman; brother, Bill (Betty) Thompson; grandchildren, Jennifer (Ely) Jones, Zack (Elizabeth) Cadle, Casey (Dylan) Jones, Dawson Drake, Isaac Drake, Siddalee Drake, Asher Drake, Teneasha (Patrick) Flanigan, Brittney Drake; and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral Service for Thomas "Tommy" Shabel, 56 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 07, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Sawyer Shabel and Bro. W.C Green, officiating; burial at Flint Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Shabel passed away on Wednesday, October 04, 2017 at his residence. He was born, May 19, 1961 to James Shabel and Gussie Lee McWilliams Shabel. He is preceded in death by his parents, and nephew, Shawn Tipton. Survivors include his wife, Melissa Shabel, sons, Wes Shabel and Sawyer Shabel, brothers, Rodger Shabel, Kevin Shabel, Terry Shabel, Scotty Shabel, Jason Shabel, sister, Deborah Shabel Cox, and a host of 5 sisters-in-law's. 1 brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Carl Dellinger, 97, entered in to his Heavenly home on October 4, after suffering a stroke on September 12. All the prayers of those who loved him were answered in God's perfect will, as he took his child home for eternity. Carl's greatest joy came from serving others and spending time with his family and friends. He served as a Corporal in the United States Army during World War II. He never met a stranger and enjoyed having a good time. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Cullman and an ordained deacon. His career was in the insurance business with his last job at Independent Life Insurance Company. He was the husband of his beloved wife, Stella for 68 years. He was the proud father of two sons, Rodney(Melanie) Dellinger and Craig(Catherine) Dellinger. He was "PawPaw" to five grandchildren, Leslie(Wayne)Mertz, Christie(Payton)Sumner, Matt(Jamie) Dellinger, Bennett Dellinger and Jacob(Alden)Dellinger. He was a great grandfather to Faith, Noah and Branum Sumner. Jack and Reid Mertz, Parker, Paxton and Payton Dellinger, and harper and Hendley Dellinger. A celebration of Mr. Dellinger's life will be at 10 a.m. Saturday October 7, 2017. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Cullman building fund in his honor.

Tim R. Wallace, 60 of Cullman, passed away Thursday, October 05, 2017. He is survived by sons: Clint Wallace (Tiffany), Logan Wallace, & Austin Wallace; daughter, Sydney Wallace; sisters: Judy Thomas (Jimmy), Paula Burgess, Annette Dean (Denvil), & Sherry Atkins (Billy); grandchildren: Colton Wallace & Brayden Wallace; dear friend, Carolyn Farris and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 1 p.m. until the celebration of Tim's life which will begin at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Jones Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial services for Russell Smith, 82 of Cullman, will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 11 a.m. in Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Junior Plunkett will officiate. The family will receive friends from 10-11am at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Smith was born on May 11, 1935 in Hulaco to Tommy L. and Ethul L. (Roper) Smith. He was an owner and operator of a landscaping company, and was a Navy veteran during the Korean Conflict. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers Cecil Herman Smith and John Hamilton Smith. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Velma Smith, two daughters, Becky (Jackie) Flack Tammy (Donald) Walker, and a son Phillip (Kim) Stone. Grandchildren Ethan Flack Nick (Lauren) Stone, Jordan (Josh) Obrien, Noah (Ashley) Walker, Cassie (Bruce) Brooks and Samantha Stone; Great grandchildren Adam (Emma) Obrien, Ally Johnson And Grady Walker, and a sister Helen Inez Clutts

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Carol of the (cow) bells: residents enjoy Senior Day at Oktoberfest

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Oktoberfest is in full swing, and hundreds of senior citizens came out to enjoy the annual Senior Day festivities Thursday at the Festhalle. Festivalgoers enjoyed live entertainment from Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express, followed by a Senior Day lunch catered by Freddie Day Catering and finally the always-popular bingo competition.

Seniors and their families that came out for this year's celebration to take advantage of the time set aside especially for them. Some of the guests even became part of the entertainment, joining the live music as the "2017 Cullman Oktoberfest Cowbell Chorus." Seven guests were invited to join Terry Cavanagh & Alpine Express at the front of the tent to add their touch to the German style of music.

Director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging, Dusty Baker, said he thinks the event provides a lot of value for the participants and the community and he has seen it grow year after year.

"It's great to have a special day for them to celebrate each other and to give the community a chance to come out and celebrate them because of all they've done to make this community what it is," Baker said. "It also attracts people from all over the place outside the county and in Birmingham; that helps to keep this event growing every year."

This year's Senior Day festivities also included help from the coordinator of the Donald E. Green Senior Center, Stephanie Neal. Neal was excited about the entertainment and food provided for this year's event.

"We have entertainment that will be provided by Terry Cavanagh, free hot dog lunches for the seniors, which is anyone 50 years old or older, first come first serve and we'll have bingo starting at noon with prizes. I also really want to thank our sponsors this year who helped us do this: Drinkard Development, The Elks Lodge, Cullman Savings Bank, Wal-Mart Transportation, Cullman Coca-Cola and Kindred Hospice."

Neal continued, "We really think it's great to have some time dedicated to the seniors so they can come out and enjoy fun and fellowship with one another as well as the Oktoberfest celebration. We like to offer it during the day like this because some seniors don't drive at night so it gives even more of them a chance to come out and enjoy time with one another and the rest of the community."



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Local residents enjoyed the 2017 Cullman Oktoberfest Cowbell Chorus on Senior Day at Oktoberfest Thursday.

Senior Day festivities wrapped up at 2 p.m. and led directly into an evening full of events for the community to come out and enjoy. The festivities will continue through the weekend with three more days packed with events until this year's Oktoberfest concludes on Sunday evening.

Senior Dedication Mass held at Saint Bernard

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – A beautiful fall day at Saint Bernard set the scene for a wonderful celebration honoring 34 seniors at Saint Bernard Prep School during a Dedication Mass in the Abbey Church. The ceremony was concelebrated by Abbot Cletus Meagher, chairman of the board; Father Joel Martin, president and Father Bede Marcy, school chaplain.

Addressing the senior class, Abbot Cletus said, "Our world needs godly men and women, people whose lives are based on principle, on the discipline of love and a wisdom that is from God. You have been blessed with many of these gifts and talents."

Abbot Cletus went on to say, "Life is about coming to know how to use these gifts and seeing the reality for ourselves and others, but most importantly seeking the truth of all things in God. "

He encouraged students to listen and especially pay attention.

"Be a blessing to others and accept them as gifts by giving thanks to God and being a blessing to those who look up to them," he said.

Following the homily, the members of the senior class were presented a Benedictine-cross medal as a sign of their commission to be leaders in the student body.

Students were encouraged to wear their medals with pride to remind them of the privilege and dignity that is theirs to share in Christ.

Music for the mass was provided by Ms. Jannie Ratliff from Sacred Heart Church in Cullman. Following the service, the seniors and parents enjoyed a luncheon in the Abbey Byre.



ST. BERNARD

Seated is Abbot Cletus Meagher. First row, (left to right): Chanh Pham, Leo Hsieh, Eva Barck, Thao Nguyen, Anna Faulk, Leahrose Mami, Elizabeth Echeverria, Isabel Santiago, Rita Guevara and Nicholas Gil. Second row, (left to right): Andrew Sweeney, Luke Marti, Blake Burman, Benjamin Swalley, Irina Biedenstein, Marlene Harheil, Sarah Peel, Avy Whaley, Olivia Tafazoli, Gigi Griffin, MichaelBain Clemmons and Duy Nguyen. Third row, (left to right): Joshua Chiodo, Jesse Xiao, Victor Fentanes Barajas, Angus Wong, Christian Peterson, Elijah Price, Alec von Thuelen, Luis Zatarain, Luis Sanchez, Austin Long, Sidney Rivard and Lexiss Gallegos.

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Church (from Front)

And the name?

"We changed our name from Simcoe Worship Center to Kingdom Life Church," explained Tinker. "Nothing wrong with the community or anything like that, but we're a new people now. Just like when people went through hurricanes and tragedies in their own lives, it changes a lot of how they look at things.

"We went to Kingdom Life Church as our name because we want to promote it's a lifestyle, not just a church, not a place you just come on Sunday. but really, following Christ is about your whole lifestyle, the way you live. So that's why we went with Kingdom Life Church.

"When Jesus came, He preached Kingdom. John the Baptist preached Kingdom. And so we talk about the Kingdom of God and what it can do, filling purposes in your life."

Tinker talked about how his congregation changed after the fire.

"The greatest thing to happen is that we became a family. I think that's a goal of a lot of pastors out there, is church is a community. That's what church is, and it's to impact the environment around it.

"So, what happened to us is, when this tragedy came, our people got closer together. We started having a lot of house meetings on Wednesday nights- prayer meetings, started getting together on Fridays- just bringing food, fellowshipping together and inviting everybody.

"We're closer than we've ever been, and our goal is to impact this community like never before."

Simcoe Worship Center had traditional Sunday evening services; Kingdom Life Church is trying new things like fellowship activities, and reaching out to Royal Pines, the Jimmy Hale mission center in Hanceville.

"Before, we were having Sunday night services," said Tinker, "and that's all well and good. But how are you reaching out and showing Christ? I've told my people, if Jesus was walking in flesh form as He was 2,000 years ago, I believe He would be at Jimmy Hale Mission Royal Pines. I believe He'd be walking on the downtown streets in Birmingham, and He'd be there with the poor people and the hurting people. He would be at the families there that's lost loved ones during tragedies, and not to check off your list that you went to church on Sunday.

"That's really what's happened: we've become a family, and we've refocused ourselves and said, 'Okay, what can we do to affect this community? What can we do to be the church every day?'"

Sunday's dedication service starts at 10:30 a.m., with the first revival service Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Chris Bartlett of Redemption Church is leading the first service.

The other revival services from Monday through Wednesday begin at 7 p.m.

For more information about Kingdom Life Church, visit www.kingdom-life-church.org. The church is located at 4442 County Road 1635 in Cullman.

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