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Remember to 'fall back' Sunday!

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CULLMAN – Daylight saving time ends this weekend. At 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, clocks will 'fall back' one hour to standard time. Don't forget to change your clocks (if they aren't set to automatically do so themselves) before you head to bed Saturday evening.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure all are functioning properly, especially heading into the colder months when fireplaces, heaters and electric blankets may be in use in the home. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



Bearcats fight off Hornets



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JOE MCELROY

Shelly and Rosie the turtles take up residence at Welti Elementary





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The two turtles, Rosie and Shelly, were named by Welti Elementary students.

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WELTI – Welti Elementary School recently expanded its outdoor classroom with the addition of a turtle habitat, and its staff with the addition of two official school turtles: Rosie and Shelly.

They have taken up residence in a garden enclosure hand-built by school and community volunteers on the school's campus.

The duo are eastern box turtles, a popular type of pet turtle which, like its cousin the tortoise, prefers to spend most of its life on land.

They are omnivores that will eat fruits, vegetables and berries, along with worms, caterpillars and other creepy-crawlies.

With proper care, they can live more than 100 years, meaning that, one day, Rosie and Shelly could be teaching the great grandchildren of their current students.

The turtles are part of Welti's growing Outdoor Classroom, a project sponsored by the Alabama Wildlife Federation, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, and (in Cullman County) the North Alabama Agriplex, to allow kids to move outside the regular classroom and experience hands-on learning opportunities in the fields of natural science and nature conservation.

Several schools in both the county and city systems participate.

Staffers from the Agriplex come once each month to the school, teaching classes in the outdoor classroom.

So, why "Rosie" and "Shelly?"

Principal Gina Webb explained, "We had a 'Name the Turtle' campaign, and each class nominated two names for the turtles. And then we sent out a Google form, and the classes got to vote and select the two names."

The names were selected from a list that also included Blueberry, Sky, Rocky, Mickie and Minnie, Shella, Snappy and Rosa.

Welti's outdoor classroom includes: four raised garden beds, producing vegetables that are served in the school lunchroom; a sensory garden, that promotes the experience of nature through all the senses; pollinator and butterfly gardens; a songbird sanctuary; weather station; turtle habitat; and a berry patch.

Webb shared, "It would not have been possible without all the support and all the donations, and all of the parents that have worked so hard to keep it up. The students have taken ownership of the outdoor classroom, and every class has adopted an area, and they are keeping that area maintained. And so that actually gives them a lot of hands-on learning experience. The fifth grade is feeding the turtles, pre-K is taking care of the sensory garden; every area has been adopted by our students, and is being taken care of by them."

For more on Welti's outdoor classroom, see www.CullmanTribune.com/articles/2017/05/03/students-get-hands-science-building-outdoor-classroom-welti-elementary.

Logan's Eric Gilbreath rescues lost toddler



ERIC GILBREATH

The photo Eric Gilbreath took of himself and 3-year-old Serenity Dawn Sanders after he found the missing toddler in the woods early Friday morning

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

COLLINSVILLE, Ala. – It was the middle of the night, just an hour past what would have been called 'the witching hour' just the night before. The phone rang, startling Eric Gilbreath out of a sound sleep. It was unusual for his phone to ring at that time of night. When he went to bed there was nothing more pressing on his mind than delivering a load of wood to a customer the next morning. Now what? It couldn't be anything good.

As is usually the case with 1 a.m. phone calls, it wasn't ...

The friend on the other end of the line was calling to let Eric know that his son's little 3-year-old sister, Serenity Sanders, was missing in the woods just outside Collinsville, Alabama. Near Ft. Payne, the area where the child lives with her parents is adjacent to approximately 100 acres of deeply wooded forest, often used for deer hunting. Not a great place for a 3-year-old in the middle of the night.

Eric didn't waste any time wondering what he should do. He jumped up, dressed and then realized that his truck was on its last legs; the tires were bald and he feared that it wouldn't make it on the two-hour drive. People hadn't been buying much wood until this week, and he wasn't sure he even had enough money on him for gas. He called a couple of friends, asking to borrow a

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Welti, Holly Pond holding annual fundraising chicken dinners this weekend

W.C. Mann, Hunter Mann

CULLMAN COUNTY – It's a bad time to be a chicken in east Cullman County this weekend, as the Holly Pond High School Bronco Marching Band and Welti Elementary School PTO are holding their annual fundraising chicken dinners back-to-back, Saturday and Sunday.

Welti Elementary School

Welti, with a long tradition of plated poultry, will hold its 84th annual Chicken Supper on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the school.

Carry-outs and drive-through service will be available.

The menu will include chicken and dressing, green beans, slaw, potato salad and cranberry sauce. The cost is $8 per plate.

According to Principal Gina Webb, the Welti PTO will use the proceeds from this event to provide teachers with instructional supplies for their classrooms.

"This is a longstanding supper," said Webb, "rooted in a lot of tradition and community pride. Even some of our retired lunchroom ladies come back and help us with the dressing and preparation. That should tell you what this means to our community!"

Welti Elementary School is located at 8545 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35055.

Holly Pond High School Bronco Marching Band

The Bronco Band will hold its annual chicken dinner on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. until servers run out of food, in the high school lunchroom.

The menu will include chicken breast, baked potato, green beans, slaw, roll, drink and dessert. The cost is $7 per plate.

New Holly Pond Band Director Evan Curtis said that this year's proceeds will go mainly toward the purchase of new band uniforms, with some money being set aside to help with upcoming band trip expenses.

"It's been a tradition for many years now," said Curtis, "and we're looking forward to keeping it alive, and helping support our band."

Holly Pond High School is located at 160 New Hope Road, Holly Pond, AL 35083.

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Man leads CPD on brief chase, throws weapon from car

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CULLMAN – A Cullman man is behind bars on multiple charges following a short pursuit Wednesday.

According to a media release from the Cullman Police Department, Norris Joseph Guillot, III, 43, led Sgt. Chris Thomason and Officer Dustin Colburn on a brief chase after Thomason and Colburn attempted to stop him in the North Shopping Center. The CPD said Guillot had multiple warrants. As officers made contact, Guillot put his vehicle in reverse and fled the scene.

The pursuit lasted only minutes, from the back side of the shopping center to Hickory Avenue at U.S. Highway 278. The chase ended with Guillot's vehicle cornered.

As Guillot was turning onto Third Street during the chase, he allegedly threw a handgun from his vehicle just blocks from West Elementary School. Officers immediately recovered the handgun, which was loaded.

Guillot was arrested and charged with attempting to elude, reckless endangerment and certain persons forbidden to possess a pistol. He was also issued citations for several traffic violations. At the time of Wednesday's arrest, Guillot was out on bond on first-degree assault charges.

Those assault charges stem from a July 2015 incident in which Guillot allegedly shot and wounded three people outside the Street Fury motorcycle club in Decatur, where he was working security.

In August, The Decatur Daily reported that Guillot "continues to argue he is immune from prosecution under Alabama's stand-your-ground law."

Guillot's trial for those charges is set for Dec. 4. A hearing is set for Nov. 6 on his motion for immunity from prosecution.

Guillot was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where he remains incarcerated.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Norris Joseph Guillot, III

Colony Mayor Leeth attends international mayoral conference in Detroit

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COLONY – Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth last week attended the World Council of Mayors Conference in Detroit, Michigan, where he had an opportunity to meet mayors and other elected officials from around the globe and Alabama. Leeth also met Richard Hatcher, the first elected (1967) African-American mayor of a large U.S. city.

Leeth is a member of the Alabama Conference of Black Mayors, with a membership of 47.

He is also a member of the National Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Cities United and the World Council of Mayors, which was founded by Johnny Ford of Tuskegee.

The trip was made possible through a grant from Cities United to the World Council of Mayors.

Each of the organizations mentioned above is not exclusively for mayors. They also include retired mayors and council members.

Attendees in Detroit heard from trade representatives from Taiwan and Toronto, Canada who are looking to extend their trade bases to towns and cities the attendees represented.

Dr. Doris Brown, president of the National Medical Association, spoke about health care, mental health, and the opioid epidemic plaguing many towns and cities, as well as the lack of medical insurance for many.

A workshop was held on how to obtain funding for projects that all municipalities need.

Major Bob Tillman, a Tuskegee Airman, talked about the opportunities for youth to train as pilots starting at age 8.

Tillman said that upon graduation from high school, these youths could be eligible for $80,000 scholarships to attend college.

Znergy held a workshop informing the attendees how municipalities can save and benefit from using LED lights.

Leeth won a drawing from Znergy for a no-cost energy audit.

He said he is interested to learn how Colony can save on its energy bill.

The conference ended with the attendees being welcomed and sitting in on a Detroit City Council meeting and a tour of the Detroit City Clerk's office.

Attendees from Kenya, Nigeria, Taiwan, Toronto and Detroit invited the World Council to hold its 2018 conference in their towns and countries.

One of Leeth's first acts on his return to Alabama was to schedule a focus group of Colony's citizens and partners to conduct an asset and needs assessment to plan for the future of Colony, to be held Nov. 16, 2017.

Leeth said the conference provided an opportunity for him to network, learn and gather information, and he returned to Colony full of zeal and enthusiasm to bring innovative ideas to both the town of Colony and the County of Cullman.

Toddler (from Front)

vehicle to help with the rescue. Both friends needed their cars to get to work this morning, but one of them did offer Eric a hundred dollars to get gas and a good spare tire in an emergency, and that was all he needed to be on his way.

Everything was running through the 37-year–old Logan resident's head. It was dark. When he hit Albertville, he ran into rain. The baby had been missing since dusk. There were predators in those woods...coyotes and bobcats for sure, not much telling what else. A child could fall into a ravine, or a creek. It seemed grim; still, he stopped to get gas and batteries for his flashlight and continued toward what might be a nightmare scene.

He was also worried about his son, Eric, Jr. who loves his little sister. "I just knew one thing for sure," said Gilbreath Friday morning in an exclusive interview with The Cullman Tribune. "I knew that I couldn't sit here in Cullman, knowing that my son's little sister was out there, alone in those woods."

It took him almost two hours to get there, he estimates his arrival at about 3:30 a.m. "There were several rescue people there, deputies and police, but they had been out searching for hours and had just about decided to quit until daylight," said Gilbreath. "I couldn't wait; I just went off into the woods and started calling her name."

Gilbreath is an experienced deer hunter. He treated this just as he would have had it been a wounded deer – by tracking the top of the ridge first, then the middle, and finally, the bottom. Eventually, in spite of using his cell phone to keep his location as accurate as possible, he became lost in the dark himself.

His thoughts went back over what he knew of the baby's final moments at home that evening. It was about six o'clock when her mother ducked into the house to check on supper. It only took a few seconds. Serenity was entertained by a new puppy, just a few feet from the porch.

When her mom came back outside, there was no sign of the puppy, or the baby. She looked around the yard, sure that her little girl was close by, but after a few minutes, she began to panic. It was approximately six o'clock on a slightly windy, November day. Her baby only had on play clothes and was barefoot. She couldn't have gone far. Could she?

Continuing to call her name, the young mother began circling the house, calling out her little girl's name over and over.

By the time help arrived, she was frantic.

A little more than nine hours later, as Gilbreath made his way into the woods, he was almost afraid to think of what he might find. "I was afraid that the puppy would bark and attract a coyote and that it would hurt the baby," he said.

He called her name frequently. He called back to the house and had people hit the sirens on the rescue vehicles to help him keep his bearings in the dense woods.

The hours wore on, with no sound to indicate that the little girl heard his calls. No barking puppy, nothing...

Gilbreath was getting tired, but said that he was determined to comb every inch of woods until he found her. He kept sweeping his flashlight over the dense underbrush, hoping to see her peaking back at him through a shrub or from behind a fallen limb.

Gilbreath, a self-employed (Eric's Tree Work and Firewood) wood cutter who also does tree work, is accustomed to walking around in the woods. He's also been known to hunt almost all day long, but this was different. He was emotionally drained from the stress of pushing himself to find her before daylight. Experience with deer told him that darkness was on his side. "As long as it's dark, the tendency would be to sit down or lay down, but my worst fear was that when daylight broke, she would begin to move around, making it harder to find her."

About 6:45 a.m., he spotted movement. It was the puppy. Almost afraid to hope for the best, he walked toward the little black dog. Coming around the tree where the puppy stood, he saw what he'd been hoping to see. A dirty, smiling little face looking up into the beam of his flashlight. "Hi, Eric!" she said, as if it were nothing out of the ordinary for them to be meeting up in the woods in the middle of the night.

"Hi, Serenity!" he said, emotionally. She reached up for him and he lifted her gently into the cradle of his arm. Together, they headed for her home. The rescue vehicles sounded their sirens to guide Gilbreath and the toddler safely back out of the woods.

Gilbreath called ahead immediately. "I've got her!" he said to Serenity's mom by phone. "She's scratched up, but she's fine."

Afterward, he estimated that Serenity had somehow wandered about 600 yards away from her house. She'd been following the puppy, who mysteriously disappeared when Gilbreath picked Serenity up from her perch beneath the tree. It has yet to show up again.

"You would never believe that she could have gotten that far, barefoot, in those woods," Gilbreath said, shaking his head in amazement. She had some scratches, and that's mostly what she chattered about on the way out of the woods, but she never cried, nor did she show any fear at having been lost.

When the two walked out of the woods, Gilbreath, sweating, legs sore and hurting, was weary to the bone, and Serenity, soiled, dirty and surprised at all the hoopla going on around her, they were met with rejoicing by her parents, family, friends and rescue workers.

"There were a lot of tears, I even cried, and I don't cry much, but these were happy tears," said Gilbreath. So far, Serenity hasn't shed a tear. She was under observation in a local hospital Friday, but was expected to be discharged before long.

This could have been a much different kind of story. But this one has a happy ending, and for that, everyone involved, including a huge Facebook following, and the staff of The Cullman Tribune, are thankful.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2017-061**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF B.L.H.,
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CALEB N. CALVERT
OR ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY CONNER D. CARROLL, PETITIONER AND TAYLOR HALL CARROLL, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 12th DAY OF October, 2017.

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

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Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

An unexpected helper who showed up



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We are nearing that time when people put up Christmas lights and decorations. Actually, some have had theirs up since last Christmas. One reason we decorate is for the enjoyment of others. I have discovered something else that will bring visitors to your yard. All you have to do is push over a giant tree on top of your house!

I have shared with you about the Goliath poplar tree that Tropical Storm Irma put through the roof of our house. I guess train wrecks, car crashes, and trees on top of houses attract sightseers.

A giraffe in your yard works too. For the next few days, cars passed by slowly, as people gawked at our house. Some even stopped and took pictures. Much to my astonishment, some even trespassed in order to get a better view. I wish I had thought to charge admission, or at least had thrown up a lemonade stand. I might have made some extra vacation money. Amazingly, only one of those strangers came to help. The others simply came to see.

The day after the storm, we met Zack for the first time. I was standing in our yard when he pulled up in his truck, got out and walked up.

At first I thought he was another sightseers or perhaps a reporter. He introduced himself, handed me his business card and then asked me if I had a contractor yet to do my repairs. Quite honestly, I was concerned about getting the tree off our house and had not given much thought to anything beyond that.

He asked if my insurance adjuster had been out yet. When I answered that he had not, he said, "I'll be glad to come when he does and walk through with him." I told him that he was welcome to do that, but that did not mean I was going to hire him. He said, "No problem, I'll come either way."

Since I didn't know Zack, I went online to research his company. All the reviews on his company were positive. I also learned that I knew some of his family.

They are good people. After we walked through with the adjuster, he asked, "Are you using him as your contractor?" I had not told Zack, but I answered, "Yes, Sir, I believe I am."

That was a decision I have not regretted. He has been a God send. He worked past normal business hours that evening to cover the holes in our roof and chimney with tarps.

Since I was dealing with cancer and had surgery in the middle of the repairs, he has been the most help possible. I have not had to worry about things getting done and being done the right way. We even added a roof over part of our deck, at our expense, of course.

I am reminded of a story in the gospels about a man who fell among thieves. They robbed him, stripped and wounded him, and then left him by the side of the road to die. It seemed help had arrived when a priest and then a Levite came along.

They both saw the man in his woeful condition, but passed on by and did nothing to help. Finally, a Samaritan stranger came along and had compassion on him.

He bandaged his wounds, poured on ointments, put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and paid for his stay there.

Sometimes help comes from those we don't even know. I believe they are blessings sent to us from above. Thank you, Zack, for being a good- Samaritan to my family.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1951

New Hope North News

Mrs. Kathern Hughes spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ova Lindsey.

Clara Suit has returned home, after spending three weeks in Birmingham with Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Grant.

Norma Webb and Ruby Jean Grant were among the 26 who graduated at Eva High School, on May 21st.

Letha Speakman, of Vinemont, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walley Ashley.

Sergeant Coy Wheeler, who was wounded twice in Korea, is at home with his wife and baby on a thirty day leave.

Sergeant Wheeler will serve the rest of his time in the states.

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Mrs. Kathryn Hughes on Saturday, May 19th.

Gold Ridge News

Mr. and Mrs. Melody McNelly, from Tuscumbia, recently visited her mother, Mrs. Eunice Thompson.

Destes and Waynard Holloway, of Saint Louis, Missouri, visited their grandmother Johns last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Thompson, of Saint Louis, Missouri, were here last weekend visiting relatives.

Billy Edward Johnson is home on a 14- day furlough.

Louise Overton and Ray Wren were married on Saturday.

Freddie Bozeman and Cecil Rooks were married on Thursday.

Mrs. Christene Denney has the mumps. Olean Johns has returned home from

Saint Louis, Missouri. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Holloway and Ruby Johns and family.

Curtis and Frazier Bailey spent Sunday with Odus Johns.

J.R. Curvin was home last weekend.

Brushy Pond News

Mrs. Florence Grimmett is in the Cullman Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeman and Jerry, of Cullman, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Freeman.

Miss Effie Hancock and Harold Calvert were married, recently.

Duel McSwain was in Cullman, on Saturday.

A birthday party was given for Geraldine McDonald, on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlon McSwain and children spent Saturday night with Mrs.

L.G. Calvert and Geraldine.

Coleen Williams and Doris Taylor, of Trade, attended the party at Geraldine McDonald's.

Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Kilgo and Janice spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kilgo.

"To And Fro"

Leaving for an extended visit to the West Coast is J.T. Christian. He will visit friends in Little Rock, Arkansas, Las Vegas, Nevada and Lynnwood, California and will spend some time with his daughter, Mrs. Leonard Rhodes, in Medford, Oregon.

Specialist First Class, Prentice W. Ball, of Route Three, Vinemont, graduated recently from the light weapons course at the Infantry School, at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Hulaco Activities

Reverend Donald Earwood, of Nashville, Tennessee, preached at Hebron Church on Sunday. He and his family leave in June for Belgium. He is going as a missionary.

H.J. Latham, James Wright and their families leave for Groveland, Florida on May 30th.

They have a contract to haul watermelons. They expect to be gone about six weeks.

Daisy and Elsie Crawford attended the Garden Club at Arab last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Holmes and son, of Andalusia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Holmes, last weekend.

Union Hill News

J.C. Gober attended the district conference, of the Methodist Church, at Guntersville, last Tuesday.

B.R. Fowler and family, of Attalla, visited relatives and attended the decoration on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gober and Rickey, of Birmingham, visited home folks last weekend.

Poet's Corner



The Note

By: Randy C. Hale

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Bearcats fight off Hornets for 37-29 victory

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CHELSEA – It was a wild night as the Cullman Bearcats traveled to take on the Chelsea Hornets Friday. The Hornets had a monster offensive showing in the second half, but it wasn't enough to topple the 'Cats. Cullman came out on top 37-29, and the Bearcats needed every bit of offensive production they received.

Cullman elected to receive the ball to start the game, but came out sluggish going three-and-out.

Chelsea looked to gain an early leading, marching the ball down the field with relative ease; however, as the Hornets closed in on the red zone, Dylon Wallace intercepted a pass, giving the Bearcat offense a second chance. The Bearcats moved the ball, but eventually stalled out, having to punt.

The Chelsea offense could not capitalize, going three-and-out. The third time was the charm for the Bearcat offense, who fortunately recovered a fumble to maintain possession, as Fletcher Jennings took it in the from 20 yards out to give Cullman a 7-0 lead after the PAT, less than 10 seconds into the second quarter.

The Bearcats got the ball back after another three-and-out by the Hornets, and quickly added to the lead; Jayden Sullins scored from 2 yards out to put the Bearcats up 14-0 after the PAT with 8:46 remaining in the half.

On the ensuing possession, the Bearcats got another interception when Kasey Murphree took the football on the 9-yard line to end the Hornets' drive.

Again, the Bearcats had nothing doing after the interception, punting the ball away.

The Cullman defense gave the Bearcats one more chance to add to the scoreboard before halftime. As time expired in the first half, Miguel Tizapa tacked on a 19-yard field goal to give the Bearcats a 17-0 lead going into the break.

The scoreboard didn't move again until midway through the third, when Chelsea's Turner Griffin found Michael Ard for a 22-yard touchdown and cut the Bearcat lead to 17-7 following the PAT. The Bearcats answered back thanks to a 15-yard touchdown run by Sullins to stretch it back out, 23 -7, with 3:17 remaining in the third.

The Hornets found their rhythm on offense, capping off an 80-yard drive with a Griffin 17-yard run with only seconds remaining in the quarter. It was 23-15 after the conversion.

Cullman ate up most of the fourth-quarter clock moving down the field, eventually adding on a 9-yard TD run by Jennings at the 4:43 mark; after the extra point, the Bearcats went up 30-15.

The Hornets responded in-kind, making it 30-22, when Kendrick Simpson scored from 9-yards out with 3:29 remaining in the game.

The Bearcats faced a critical third-and-15, only up 8 points. They needed a big play, and they got one. Jennings scrambled to find Reese Harbison for a 56-yard touchdown, giving Cullman a comfortable 37-22 lead with 2:55 remaining.

The Hornets struck one more time, with 59 seconds left, on a 17-yard pass from Griffin to Colby Lambert.

After the PAT, the score stood at 37-29. Once Cullman recovered the following onside kick attempt, all the Bearcats had to do to secure the thrilling 37-29 victory was get into the victory formation and take two kneel-downs.

Cullman ends the regular season 7-3; 4-2 in 6A Region 7.

The Bearcats will face Ramsay next week in the first round of the playoffs.

Chelsea ends the season 2-8; 2-4 in 6A Region 3.

Addison outworks Winston County, 41-21

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ADDISON – The Addison Bulldogs finished out their regular season Friday night, hosting the Yellow Jackets of Winston County. The Bulldogs were on a three-game winning streak and looking to make it four before starting the state playoffs next week. They accomplished that goal, beating Winston County 41-21.

The Yellow Jackets got the ball to start the game and wasted no time, with Jeffery Daugherty breaking free for a 53-yard TD. After the PAT, Winston County went up 7-0 with 10:31 to go in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs answered with an 11-play drive topped off with Tyler Borden rushing in 3 yards for the score. The 2-point conversion was no good.

Addison's defense adjusted, forcing the Yellow Jackets to punt after three plays. At the end of the first quarter, it was Winston County 7, Addison 6.

Starting out the second, the Bulldogs put together a six-play drive topped off again by Borden, who took it 6 yards in for the TD. A good 2-point conversion put Addison on top, 14-7.

In the next drive, Winston County's Ethan Moore fumbled the ball. Dayson Parker recovered for the Bulldogs, who got the football at the Yellow Jackets' 40-yard line.

Logan Wilkins broke free five plays later for a 25-yard TD run. Another good 2-point conversion and the Bulldogs were up 22-7.

The Yellow Jackets worked out a long drive, but turned the ball over on downs at the Bulldogs' 36. Shortly after, Zayne Guthrie exploded for a 47-yard run to the Yellow Jackets' 22. Three plays later, and Borden was at it again, rushing in 6 yards for another touchdown. This time the 2-point try failed, but the Bulldogs increased their lead to 28-7, which was the score at the half.

Addison started the second half with the ball and nine plays in, Guthrie passed to Luke Chambers for a 33-yard TD, the only action in the quarter. The third ended with Addison on top 34-7.

It was Winston County that started the final quarter, with the Yellow Jackets taking the ball to the Bulldogs' 25. Moore scored from 3 yards out to end the drive. The 2-pointer was no good, and the score stood at 34-13 with 10:12 left in the game.

The Yellow Jackets tried an onside kick next, recovering the ball at midfield, and after a 24-yard pass and a roughing the passer call on the Bulldogs, Winston County had the first-and-goal at the 9. Two plays later, Moore ran it in for the TD. The 2-point conversion was good, and the Yellow Jackets narrowed the margin to 34-21 with 8:14 left in the game.

Another onside kick was no good, and the Bulldogs ended up with good field position at their own 40. Then the only turnover of the game for the Bulldogs came as Guthrie threw an interception to Daugherty at the Yellow Jackets' 46. The Bulldog defense took it back, however, forcing a fumble on fourth down, setting up a drive that ended with Caleb Crider scoring from 1 yard out.

Final score: Addison 41, Winston County 21

Addison coach David Smothers said Friday night was the hardest he has seen his team play all season.

The Bulldogs end the regular season with a record of 8-2; 5-2 in 1A Region 7. They will host Hubbertville next week in the first round of the playoffs.

Winston County ends the regular season 2-8; 2-4 in 2A Region 7.

Warriors come up short against Red Devils, 28-20

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Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT – The West Point Warriors hosted the Red Devils of Lawrence County Friday night for their final game of the regular season. The Warriors honored their 18 senior players before kickoff, but the momentum of the night was seized by the Red Devils as soon as the game kicked off.

The Warriors and Red Devils played a close and competitive game but a big score to start the game ended up being the difference in a 28-20 loss for West Point. Senior return man for Lawrence County, Cameron Carpenter, ran the opening kick back 75 yards for a touchdown to immediately put his team up 7-0.

The Warriors responded on their next possession with a 90-yard scoring drive capped off by a 21-yard touchdown run from junior running back Hunter Persall. All 90 yards of the scoring drive came from Persall.

The Warriors' defense could not slow down the Red Devils' running game, allowing 143 yards and two touchdowns from the Lawrence County backfield led by senior running backs Jacob Gholston and Xavier Boyd.

The Warriors hit a big play in the passing game just before the half with a 65-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Rylan Jones to his senior wide out Kolton Easterwood. That play cut the Lawrence County lead to 21-14 at halftime with the opening kick return being the big difference in the game.

Both teams continued to run the ball effectively in the second half with just a couple of key plays making the difference. West Point was on its way to a game-tying touchdown in the third quarter but a fumble inside the 5-yard line cost the Warriors potentially seven points.

On the following possession for Lawrence County, special teams' standout for the Red Devils, Carpenter, picked up a long fourth down on a fake punt to extend a drive late in the third quarter. Just two plays later, Gholston extended Lawrence County's lead to 28-14 early in the fourth quarter.

Persall and the Warriors moved the ball down the field on their next possession, but a lightning delay went into effect with just less than eight minutes to play. The teams and fans made their way to their locker rooms and cars for shelter. After an hour and a half, a few dozen fans of both teams made their way to back to the stands to finish up the game.

On the first play out of the delay, West Point quarterback Jones scored on a run up the middle from 6 yards out. The Warriors couldn't come up with a 2-point conversion and kicked the ball back to the Red Devils down 28-20.

The Warriors' defense came up with a stop on fourth down and inches on its own 20-yard line to give the offense the ball back with 2:05 to play.

Persall and the offense made their way down the field quickly thanks to a couple of explosive running plays and a 25-yard completion from Jones to junior wide receiver Steven Rodriguez that got the ball all the way down to the Red Devils' 10-yard line.

After three run attempts and a pass, the Warriors were stopped on the 4-yard line to end the ball game. The Warriors offense couldn't come up with some key plays in places despite another impressive performance from junior Persall, who finished with 263 yards and a touchdown on 34 carries.

The loss closes the regular season for West Point at 6-4; 4-2 in 5A Region 6, as the Warriors prepare this week to travel to Brooks next Friday for round one of the 2017 playoffs.

Vinemont routed 47-7 by Falkville in final game of 2017

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

FALKVILLE – It was a rough night to end the season for the Vinemont Eagles as they traveled to play the Falkville Blue Devils on Thursday night. The Blue Devils cruised to a 47-7 victory thanks to a stout defense and balanced offense; they seemed to be clicking on all cylinders heading into the playoffs.

Vinemont's opening offensive possession looked promising, but the Eagles ended up turning the ball over on downs, giving it to the Blue Devils deep in their own territory.

After several big gains through the air, Aaron Dove found Noah Holmes for a 1-yard touchdown with 3:31 left in the opening quarter to put the Blue Devils up 7-0 after the PAT.

Dustin Moore returned the ensuing kick-off all the way to the 25-yard line, setting the Eagles up in excellent position to tie the game, but the offense couldn't capitalize, going three-and-out.

The Blue Devils were driving the ball to extend the lead, when Eagle Wyatt Thomason intercepted a pass, giving Vinemont the ball near midfield.

The Eagles did capitalize this time, when, with 9:00 remaining in the first half, Jack Hill hooked up with Moore from 31 yards out for the TD. After the extra point, the game was tied at 7-all.

The score didn't stay tied for long.

On the third play of the next series, a 39-yard pass from Dove to Christian Angulo put the Blue Devils ahead 13-7 with 8:01 to go until halftime.

The Blue Devils held Vinemont to another three-and-out, giving the ball back to their red-hot offense. With 4:37 remaining in the half Dove called his own number, trucking up the middle for a 9-yard touchdown, giving the Blue Devils a 20-7 lead following the extra point.

The Blue Devils' offense got its hands on the ball one more time before halftime; as time expired, Dove scrambled and found Caleb Vinson for 28 yards and a touchdown.

After the PAT, Falkville took a 27-7 lead into the locker room.

It didn't take long for the Blue Devil offense to continue where they left off coming out of the break.

On the first play from scrimmage Vinson went right up the middle for a 62-yard touchdown, stretching the lead to 33-7.

Falkville's offense didn't get much time to rest; on Vinemont's very next play, Blue Devil Alex Fowler intercepted the Eagles.

On fourth down, Vinson went 21 yards, bouncing off tackles on his way into the end zone with 8:09 left in the third quarter, giving the Blue Devils a commanding 39-7 lead.

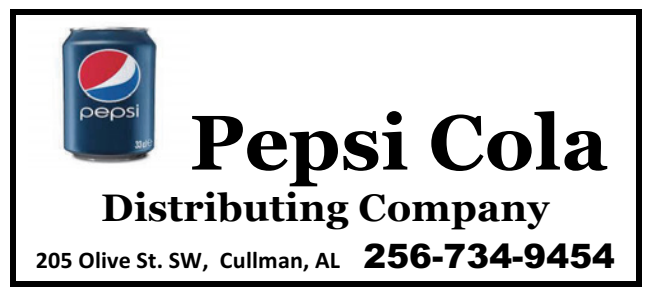
Another Vinemont three-and-out forced by the Blue Devil defense and a lengthy drive by the offense resulted in a 2-yard touchdown by Fred Walls and a 47-7 Blue Devil lead after the 2-point conversion.

Final score: Falkville 47, Vinemont 7

Falkville running back Vinson, after Thursday night's game, eclipsed 1,000 yards on the season.

Vinemont ends the season with an overall record of 2-8, 1-5 in 3A Region 6.

Falkville ends the season with an overall record of 7-3, 5-1 in 2A Region 7. The Blue Devils are headed to the playoffs.







Holly Pond picks up momentum heading to the playoffs, takes care of Fairview 18-6

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FAIRVIEW – If a spectator were to describe the 2017 version of the cross-creek rivalry between the home team Fairview Aggies and the visiting Holly Pond Broncos, the word sloppy might come to mind.

Heavy rains early Friday saturated the field at Dafford Smith Stadium, and a thick fog covered it for most of the first half, making for a ball that was hard to handle and resulting in a combined three fumbles (two turnovers) and an interception.

It was not until five minutes deep in the third quarter that either team dented the scoreboard, when, on third-and-2, Bronco Jerimiah Holmes caught the left edge and raced down the far sideline for a 14-yard touchdown.

The 2-point conversion was good, giving Holly Pond the 8-0 advantage in the third.After the score, the two teams traded a pair of possessions each before the Aggies found themselves with the ball at their own 15.

On the first play from scrimmage in the drive, the ball flew backward into the end zone where the Aggies tried in vain to get it out, but a host of Broncos secured the safety for Holly Pond, making the score 10-0 with 1:11 left to play in the third.

Holly Pond put the game on ice early in the fourth quarter when quarterback Kyler Chaney found Alex Corneglio on a back-shoulder fade and Corneglio did the rest, racing 39 yards to pay dirt.

Holly Pond added the 2-point conversion to go up 18-0 with 9:51 left to play.

The Aggies, though, never gave up, and they were rewarded late in the fourth. On second-and-5, quarterback Dayne Black found senior receiver Ethan Holland, wearing the purple and gold for the last time on the gridiron, in the near front corner of the end zone for a 25-yard score. The 2-point conversion was no good, making the score 18-6, and that is where the game finished as Holly Pond will roll into the first round of the playoffs on a high note.

The Broncos end the regular season with a record of 7-3; 3-3 in 3A Region 6. As of press time, Holly Pond's first-round playoff opponent had not been named. The Aggies end their season with a record of 2-7; 0-6 in 5A Region 6.

Good Hope ends season with 29-0 shutout of Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE – Good Hope and Hanceville faced off in the regular season finale at a foggy Ray Talley Stadium Friday evening, each looking to snap respective losing streaks. In the end, it was the Raiders that emerged victorious, 29-0.

Good Hope forced Hanceville into a quick three-and-out on the first series. Good Hope started at its own 39-yard line for the Raiders' first offensive series of the game. And it went to perfection as freshman Colton Bagwell and senior Will Dickerson carried the load, gaining all 61 yards on the drive; Dickerson finished it off with a 21-yard touchdown run down the left sideline to put the Raiders on the scoreboard with 6:21 remaining in the first. Both defenses held firm for the rest of the quarter.

Hanceville was forced to punt to start the second, and the Raiders started in excellent field position at the Bulldog 36-yard line. They faced a fourth-and-7 at the 33, and junior Preston Bagwell found senior Kyle Carlton for a 12-yard pickup, keeping the drive alive. Preston Bagwell gained 16 yards on the ground to put Good Hope at the 5-yard line. After a false start penalty moved the Raiders back to the 10, both Bagwells went to work. Preston Bagwell got 4 yards on the keeper, then Colton Bagwell went in for the 6-yard score to give the Raiders a 15-0 lead with 7:09 remaining in the first half.

Carlton picked off a Bo Joles pass on the next series, putting Good Hope at the Hanceville 45-yard line. It was more of the same for the Raiders on the next series as they continued to pound the ball on the ground behind Colton Bagwell, Dickerson and Matthew Dixon, who returned after missing last week with a sprained ankle. The trio helped moved the ball closer and closer to the end zone, and Carlton added a 7-yard reception during the series. Colton Bagwell finished the drive with a 5-yard scamper as he went untouched to increase the Raider lead to 21-0 with 2:11 remaining in the half.

They looked to add more off another Bulldog punt, which put them at the 30.

Back-to-back runs by Preston Bagwell put the Raiders at their own 48-yard line, but Romael Simmons picked off a Colton Bagwell pass. Halftime hit with Good Hope up, 21-0.

The Bulldogs looked for anything they could do to help jump-start their team, and it looked like that would be the case as they recovered an outside kick at the Good Hope 47-yard line to start the second half, but they quickly went backward, and they were forced to punt.

The defenses for both sides started to kick in for most of the third quarter, but off another Bulldog punt, Good Hope looked to capitalize at its own 47-yard line. Matthew Schwaiger got the drive off to a great start as he gained 30 yards around the right side to put the Raiders at the 17, and Preston Bagwell picked up a key first down on a third-and-2, putting them at the 6-yard line. Schwaiger and Colton Bagwell got the final yards, including a 2-yard run by the latter, and that put the score at 29-0. Hanceville never gave up, and looked for its first score of the game as R.J. Evans kept chugging, never stopping his fight for yardage, but he got stopped short on a fourth down. Good Hope finished the game with a senior, Tucker Putman, carrying the ball for 6 yards.

Final score: Good Hope 29, Hanceville 0

The Bulldogs look to build on what was a very young team this season and look forward to a brighter year in 2018.

Cold Springs ends season with 21-3 loss to Danville

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BREMEN – It was a battle of attrition in the first half Thursday night when the Danville Hawks flew into Bremen to take on the Cold Springs Eagles in the last game of the 2017 season for both squads.

The first quarter was more of a feeling out process than anything else as the two teams jockeyed for field position via punts. Neither squad could gain an advantage, leading to a 0-0 first quarter.

Danville was the first team on the board with a 22-yard score from Cameron Moore, set up by a 14-yard pass from Cody Cribbs to Lucas Sparks.

The touchdown and PAT made the score 7-0 in favor of the Hawks.

Cold Springs mounted its own scoring drive late in the first half when an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Danville kept the Eagles drive going on third-and-11.

Cold Springs took advantage of the penalty, using the legs of Calvin McNabb to chew up yards all the way down the field, culminating in a 17-yard field goal by Adam Hill to make the score 7-3.

Danville got a last second shot at a field goal at the end the quarter but missed the 41-yard attempt to end the half.

Danville went right back to work out of the break when Kane Hogan blasted into the end zone from 4 yards out with a mere 26 seconds gone in the half.

The momentum and field position swapped back and forth for the rest of the third quarter with Danville taking a 14-3 lead to the fourth.

Danville added a third and final touchdown in the last quarter on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Cribbs to Moore. The PAT split the uprights, giving the Hawks a 21-3 advantage they held on to for the rest of the game.

Final score at Cranford Stricklin Stadium: Danville 21, Cold Springs 3

The Eagles end the 2017 season 1-9, with a 0-6 record in 2A Region 7.

The Hawks end the 2017 season 3-7, with a 0-6 record in 4A Region 8.

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Bingo! Sec. Merrill special guest at Brushy Pond's regular game

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BRUSHY POND – The Brushy Pond Senior Center held its weekly bingo game on Thursday, and they had a very special guest calling the numbers: Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill. Dusty Baker, director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging, was excited to see the morning go as planned thanks in large part to the center's manager, Cindy Stricklin. He was also happy to see a prominent figure come out to engage with the senior community.

"Cindy reached out and emailed Sec. Merrill to see if he was available and he responded. Like he said he's always open and if his schedule allows it he'll schedule you," Baker said. "It's always special when somebody from Montgomery comes up to Cullman County because it puts them in touch with the people here. Their voices want to be heard and it also establishes a level of respect for each other through our legislators and county commission that we're all working toward improving Cullman County."

Merrill is very familiar with Cullman County, having made several trips here in the past. He spoke about what it is he appreciates about the community.

"This is my 14th trip to Cullman County since January and one of the reasons I like to come up here is because the people here are outstanding citizens. They participate in their community, they participate when it comes to voting, they participate with their ball teams and it can be as big as Rock the South or a little league game," Merrill said. "The people here still believe in God and country, they go to church, they practice their faith, they take care of people; this is what Alabama is all about and that's why I love to come to Cullman."

Merrill said he thinks it's important for him to try to visit all the state's counties every year and interact with those communities.

"You can sit there at the state capitol in Montgomery and think you know what's going on from Autauga County to Winston County, but you don't. The only way to know is by getting out and visiting with folks. That's one of the reasons I try to visit all 67 counties every year, and I've done that for the last five years. This year I will have more than 365 visits to those 67 counties; there's no better way to know what's going on and for you to have the privilege to visit citizens in their homes and their communities than to go out and visit them. When you are visiting them, you learn about their communities and try to find ways to help them solve their problems."



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Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill calls the numbers at Thursday's bingo game at the Brushy Pond Senior Center.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 4-7

Ruth Arzillo Knowles was born October 26, 1929 to Calvin and Trannie Garrison. She married Willie Joe Knowles and had four children. She passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2017. She also leaves 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren to cherish her memory. Visitation and funeral services are private per family request. Arrangements under the direction of Moss-Service Funeral Home, Cullman, Alabama.

Karen Jo Dunagan Wilson Smith passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at Huntsville Hospital. She was a member of Hartselle First Baptist Church. Visitation will be Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home; with funeral services to follow. Interment will be at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. Pastor Clayton Speed and Brother Charles Shaddix will be presiding. Karen was born October 1, 1944 to William E. Dunagan and Lera Gay Wright Dunagan in Crowell, Texas. Karen graduated from Fairview High School, in Cullman County in 1962. She then went to UAB School of Radiological Technology and graduated in 1967. Over the next forty years she worked in Huntsville and Cullman Alabama, Plainview, Texas, Louisville, Kentucky and Kankakee, Illinois. Karen had a great interest in family genealogy and devoted much of her time to this pursuit. Needless to say, she was very interesting to talk with. She was a fine person and very generous with her time and resources. She loved all people but especially her family, church family and friends. She shall be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Karen is survived by her children, Robert Bryan Wilson, of Hartselle, Alabama and Keegan Spencer Smith, of Jackson, Michigan; grandchildren, Stella Sims and Elih Wilson, of Hatton, Alabama; brother, Roger Dunagan (wife Connie), of Decatur, Alabama; sister, Lynn Dunagan, of Florence, Alabama; niece, Erin Dunagan, of Birmingham, Alabama. Pallbearers are Joe Teachout, Tommy Cobb, Robert Berry, Michael Howse, Michael Wilson and Matthew Kilgore. The family would like to express special thanks to Hartselle First Baptist Church for being such wonderful, caring people to Karen and for the untold acts of kindness that was shown to her. Also, to DCI Dialysis Center in Decatur, Alabama, for all the years of providing excellent care, and to the doctors and staff of the Surgical/Trauma Intensive Care Unit of Huntsville Hospital.

Funeral service for Dorothy Thornton, age 98 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Perry Knight officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Thornton passed away on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the Cullman Folsom Center. She was born March 4, 1919, to Bert and Olive Loyd Lackey. She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister. Survivors include her children; Shirley (Marvin) Lolies, Ottis Merle (Willie) Baker, Bill (Charlotte) Baker, Johnny (Janice) Baker, and Doris (Jackie) Mead, 14 grandchildren and a host of great and great-great grandchildren. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Betty Wilhite Mayo was born Aug. 28, 1927, as the third child to Lucy Wise Wilhite and Clarence Wilhite. She died Nov. 1, 2017, at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Harold Mayo; her brothers, Dumah and James Wilhite; her sister, Doris Wilhite Hudson; and her parents. Survivors include three sons, Greg (Harriet) Mayo, Dale (Donna) Mayo and David (Mary) Mayo; nephew, Ricci (Syble) Hudson; grandsons, Matthew (Katie) Mayo, Adam Mayo, Ben (Jena) Mayo, Will (Jessica) Mayo; grandnephew, Jesse (Maggie) Hudson; granddaughters, Suzanne (Time) Mulitalo, Laura (Scott) Shaw, Sarah (Nathan) Harris; grandniece, AnnaLee (Paul) Whitman; and six great-grandchildren. Betty's career began in her father-in-law's beauty shop. When her children were born, she opened a shop in her home. Her pleasant personality, kind heart and exceptional customer service and trade skills kept her in great demand. She was the ultimate professional. When Wallace State opened its doors in 1966, Betty was there as an instructor in the cosmetology department and was the head of the department when she retired. During her time as an instructor, she equipped hundreds of students for the workplace. Her teaching went beyond the professional skills required; she touched the hearts of the students, encouraging and challenging them to make a difference. As a member of First Baptist Church-Cullman, she volunteered in the children's department for many years. Her loving demeanor was a magnet to the children. Vacation Bible School was always one of her favorite events. Betty was an excellent seamstress and helped with costumes for special events at church. She loved watching Auburn football and Atlanta Braves baseball. Betty loved her family unconditionally. She was a loyal wife, raised three sons, and played an active role in the lives of her grandchildren. Through the ups and downs of life, she placed her faith in God, and trusted that He would hold her close. She is resting in His care now. Proverbs 31:10 states "Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies." Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, with services following in the chapel at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the children's department at First Baptist Cullman, 501 2nd Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Funeral service for Marie Yancy Tucker, 88 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating with interment in Baldwin Heights Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Tucker went to her eternal home in heaven on November 1, 2017. She was born June 30, 1929 to Thomas Kaylor and Hattie Heard Yancy. Marie was a loving wife, mother, and maw-maw, who loved to laugh and spend time with her family. She enjoyed working outdoors in her garden and selling vegetables at the local farmer's market. She will be truly missed by many, but we have peace in knowing she heard the words "job well done my good and faithful servant" and she is spending eternity in heaven. Mrs. Tucker was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters. Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Dalford Tucker; children, Donna (Billy) Brown, Ricky Tucker, and Jan (Richard) Harbison; grandchildren, Melissa (Jay) Johnson, Chris (Ginger) Thomason, Crystal (Josh) Lucas and Shalina (Chris) Vessell; great-grandchildren, Kacey and Jenna Johnson, Trendyn Thomason, Thatcher and Colson Lucas; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A celebration of life for Kim Daniel, 61 of Hanceville, will be Saturday, November 4 at 11 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Visitation on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Mr. Daniel died on November 1, 2017. He was born June 26, 1956 to Calvin T. Daniel and Bobbie Jean Holbrook Daniel. Kim was a member of the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy and loved working at Wal-Mart. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Scott Daniel; sons, Jason Veigl and Jim Veigl; grandchildren, Haley Veigl, Jacob Veigl, Colton Veigl and Chloe Veigl; brothers, Lee (Debra) Daniel and Joey (April) Acker; sisters, Melinda (Scott) Weaver and Suzan (Craig) Mills and nieces and nephews, Tiffany (Shawne) Greene, Kristen (Vien) Nguyen, Heather (Keith) Miller, Cody Weaver, Dakota, Chloe and Jack.

Edythe Engel Nesmith passed away on October 6, 2017, in her home at Decatur House in Sandwich, MA. She was born to Paul and Frieda Engel in Hanceville, Alabama, on December 15, 1926, and was raised in Cullman as one of six children. She was married to the late Jack Nesmith, of Cullman, from 1953 to 1985. Edythe traveled extensively throughout her life, but always considered Alabama to be her home. She moved to Cape Cod in 2009, to be with family, after living in Ohio, Egypt, and Tennessee, among other places. Edythe was known for her sharp wit and intellect, and a constant curiosity about the world and people around her. She deeply valued her Christian faith as well as education, putting herself through St. Bernard College as a young woman. She was an avid reader throughout her life, and possessed a sense of wonderment about the world that inspired her to continue learning until the day she died. Edythe is survived by her two daughters, Mary Faith and Edye Nesmith, her two granddaughters, Molly and Lucy Prothero, her sister, Betty Newman, of Montgomery, and much loved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Edythe was predeceased by her parents and her siblings: Alfred Engel and his wife Conradine, Lucille Lueck and her husband Bill, Helen Engwall and her husband Clarence, Margaret Plunkett and her husband Dorsey, and Betty Newman's husband, Frank. The family expresses its gratitude to Decatur House for providing such a loving home to Edythe for the last three years. A celebration of life service was held on October 10th at First Lutheran Church in West Barnstable, MA. The burial will take place at Cullman City Cemetery, on Saturday, November 4, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Edythe's family requests donations for hurricane relief be made to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at community.elca.org/hurricane-relief.

Funeral service for Earlon Marcell Hancock, 76 of Hanceville, will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Paul Rivers and Rev. Louie Fincher officiating with interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Hancock passed away November 1, 2017. He was born September 21, 1941 to Lem Arvel and Elsie Mary Frances Sanders Hancock. Marcell was completely devoted to God, his wife and family. He loved unconditionally and always gave selflessly to everyone he met. He (Daddy) was an example of what it means to work hard, stand true and be the man God called him to be. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Jewell Hancock; daughters, Clarissa (Rodney) White, Marsha (Anthony) Hale, Mary (Jeff) Hale; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of family and friends. Visitation for Mr. Hancock will be Saturday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Patricia Mae Lane, 64 of Jasper, passed away on November 2, 2017 at Northway Health and Rehabilitation, Birmingham. She was born on September 22, 1953 in Hollywood, Florida. Pat was a LPN at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. Pat was affectionately known as "Nana Pat" to many. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, Addison, where services will follow at 1:30 p.m. Brother Keith Lane will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Addison. Pat is survived by her sons, Donnie Allan Faulkner, James Ray Lane and wife Vicki, Timmy Lane and wife Kristen, Keith Lane; daughter, Amanda Raynes and husband Jason; brother, David Tyree; sister, Donita Sheppard and husband Johnny; she was "Nana Pat" to 19 grandchildren, Destrey Faulkner, Brook (Mitch) Darling, Emma Faulkner, Jamison Lane, Hayson Lane, Hanley Lane, Dawson Wilkins, Abbygail Wilkins, Josiah Raynes, Matthew (Kayla) Lane, Jessica Lane, Olivia Lane, Kendall Lane, Ashlyn (Andrew) Wilson, Austin Lane, Mary Lane, A.J. Lane, Micah Lane, Levi Lane; and a host of family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Coy and Susie Tyree; and her brothers, Lynn Tyree and Randy Tyree.

The life of Faye Swindoll was celebrated with family and friends with visitation on Friday, November 3rd from at Moss Service Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, November 5th 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Known affectionately as "Gran", her passion in life was taking care of her family. Born February 27, 1940 to Enoch and Minnie Jones, Gran was a lifelong Cullmanite. In high school she met the love of her life Larry "Pop" Swindoll and those crazy kids married as teenagers in 1957. Two years later they started a family which grew to include Keith, Jamie, Sandi and Patrick. Gran and Pop celebrated 58 years together until his death in 2015. She is survived by children: Keith (Jill), Jamie (Jackie), Sandi Allred (Larry), Patrick (Lisa); 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. The word that sums up Gran was selfless. She put everyone before herself. Kind, gentle, a true servant leader. She found the good in everyone and amplified it. Always smiling, always giving, always caring. To know her was to love her. And she loved you, too.

Mary Alice White, 74 of Addison, passed away on November 1, 2017 at UAB Hospital. She was born on March 17, 1943 in Mt. Vernon Community, Alabama. Mary was a longtime member of Corinth Church of Christ. She was a best friend to any and all whom she came in contact. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, Addison. Graveside services will be held at Corinth West Cemetery, Corinth Community on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 11:30am. Brother Kenny Sudduth will officiate. Mary is survived by her daughter, Melinda Brannon and husband Steve; brother Lowell Alldredge; she was "Maw Maw" to 1 grandchild, Trent (Kayla) Brannon; sisters in law, Dale Pirkle, Alma Alldredge, Lanita Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marcus White; parents, Melvin and Mary Alldredge; sisters, Pauline Wentworth, Vivian Guthery; brothers, Billy Alldredge and Ray Alldredge. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Pirkle, Garrett McCurley, Adam Wright, Greg James, Micah James, Daniel James, and Alex James.

Judy Zucnick passed away on Monday, October 30, 2017. She was born August 20, 1965 to Earnest Freeman and Helen Swann. She is preceded in death by her mother and sister; Janet Lynn Freeman. Survivors include her sons; Jonathan Collier and Joey Collier, daughter; Jennifer Hastings, father; Earnest Freeman, sisters; Rebecca Peace and Rhonda Freeman, and 8 grandchildren. A Memorial service for Ms. Zucnick will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 4 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church in Fairview, AL.

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Ivey awards $3.8M to aid abuse victims statewide

Almost $27K to Victim Services of Cullman

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MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey this week awarded $3.8 million to 49 nonprofits statewide which offer a variety of assistance at no cost to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse and their families. Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. received $26,795.

The assistance provided by the 49 nonprofits includes emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, advocates to help victims navigate the criminal justice system and other services, said a state-issued press release.

Some of the funding supports law enforcement programs that specialize in investigating and prosecuting abuse crimes.

"Access to professional, caring and timely assistance is paramount to abuse victims as they take the first steps toward recovery," Ivey said.

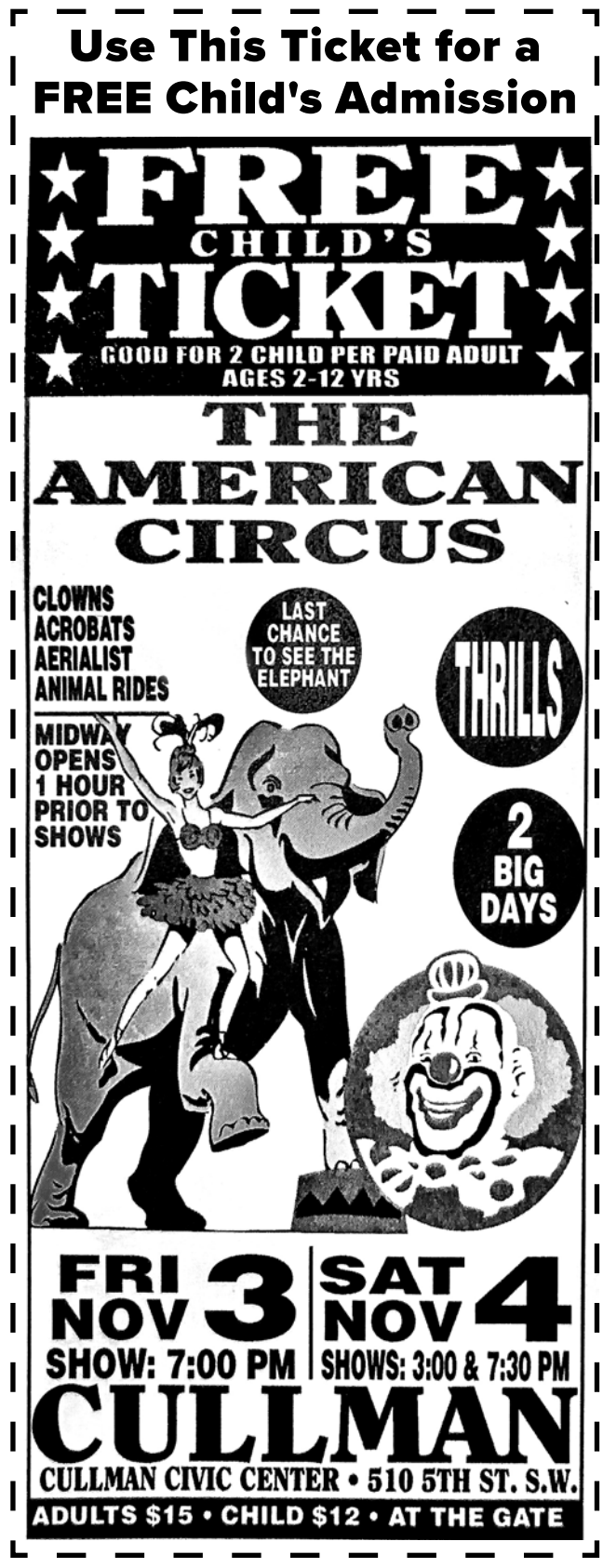
"I commend the staff and volunteers of these organizations who work diligently to help victims and their families recover and seek justice, and I am pleased to assist their efforts with these grants."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Some of the domestic violence shelter agencies receive additional funding through the state's Domestic Violence Trust Fund.

The fund, created through the state marriage license fee, is distributed quarterly by ADECA to the agencies and is used to provide shelter for victims and to conduct educational and prevention programs.

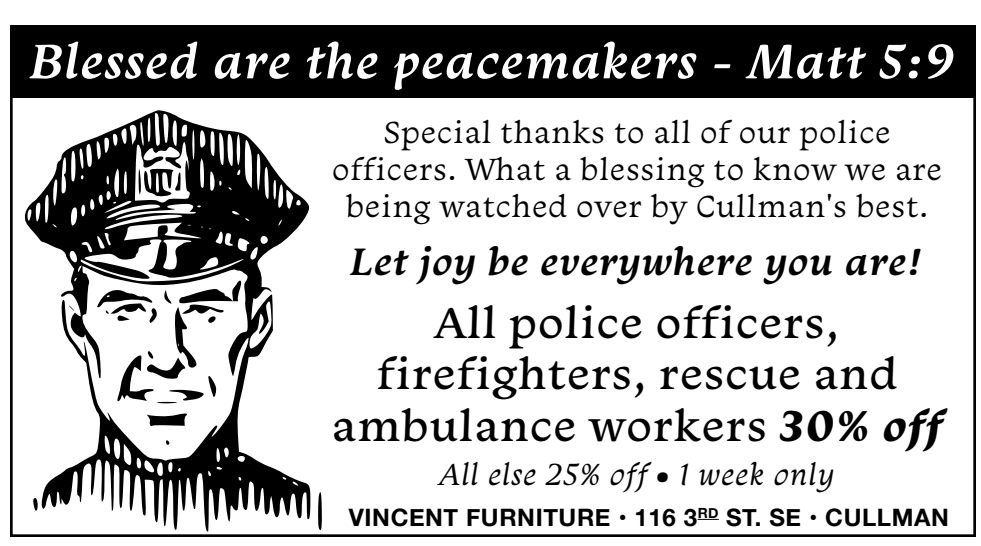
"As we mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, I stand with Gov. Ivey and her commitment to helping victims of abuse and to helping these organizations utilize the resources available to them," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"It is unfortunate these services are needed, but the professional assistance gives victims and their families hope for a better future."









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

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Ivey awards $1.3M for new state Drug Task Force

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MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling $1.3 million to establish a new drug task force that will operate throughout the state in cooperation with local and state law enforcement agencies. Each of the seven regional offices, one of which will be in Cullman, is receiving a $193,235 grant.

These regional offices are listed below by administering agency and counties they cover.

- City of Cullman: Blount, Cherokee, Cullman, Dekalb, Etowah, Jackson, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan counties
- City of Atmore: Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties
- Butler County Commission: Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties
- Marengo County Commission: Bibb, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa and Wilcox counties
- Chambers County Commission: Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Russell and Tallapoosa counties.
- Winston County Commission: Colbert, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, Walker and Winston counties
- Randolph County Commission: Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Jefferson, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair and Talladega counties

The Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force will operate alongside 25 narcotics agents from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency forming seven regional multijurisdictional offices. These units will share resources with a unified goal of reducing the impact of drugs and dismantling drug organizations in Alabama.

"The illegal manufacturing, trafficking and sale of narcotics in Alabama is a problem for every part of the state and should be dealt with accordingly," Ivey said.

"Through combined efforts and statewide cooperation, this new task force will allow local police, sheriff's offices and district attorneys to work together with state police and investigators to remove more of this dangerous element from our communities."

The grant funds will help provide overtime for officers, pay for travel and training for agents, operational expenses and needed equipment. The total task force will comprise more than 90 officers from more than 40 agencies. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice. ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, economic development, infrastructure upgrades, recreation, energy conservation, water resources management, job training and career development.

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