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Roy Moore: 'I don't even know the woman'

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Contributor

CULLMAN – A fifth accuser came forward on Monday, alleging that Judge Roy Moore, Alabama candidate for U.S. Senate, sexually assaulted her when she was a teenager. In a press conference Monday afternoon, Attorney Gloria Allred called for a congressional hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee, where she said her client would testify under oath about an alleged sexual assault.

The announcement comes following last week's Washington Post report in which Leigh Corfman claimed

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The home where the shootings occurred, seen here Monday morning, Nov. 13, 2017, is located in the Carrol Acres subdivision on the southeast side of the city of Cullman.

Operation Christmas Child collection week kicks off with ceremony at Northbrook Baptist



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and project volunteers prepare to cut the ribbon.

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CULLMAN – On Monday morning, representatives of three area churches, along with Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, gathered at Northbrook Baptist Church to begin National Collection Week (Nov. 13-17) for the area's Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox gift campaign. After devotional remarks by Andrew Seigenthaler, pastor of last year's drop-off church, Christ Covenant Presbyterian, Jacobs cut the ribbon to give the week an official kickoff.

OCC is an annual program of evangelist Franklin Graham's international relief agency Samaritan's Purse.

The shoeboxes it sends all over the world are packed with small toys, clothing and personal care items, along with personal notes from the donors.

They are delivered by trained ministers who use them as evangelistic tools to reach children and their families.

The Samaritan's Purse website offers the following explanation: "As shoebox gifts are distributed, local pastors or church leaders present the Gospel in a fun way designed for kids while family and friends listen in. Along with their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language."

Northbrook, Crosshaven Church in Hanceville and Fairview United Methodist Church are the three designated shoebox drop-off points for Cullman County this year.

Northbrook Team Leader Laura Cleveland told The Tribune that her church has no shortage of volunteers, saying, "I have dozens signed up, but we have people who are just going to show up, so... lots!"

When asked how many boxes she expects to see around the county, Cleveland replied, "The goal for Cullman County is 10,000. Last year, I think around 8,600 was the number that was collected in Cullman, but we hope to get 10,000.

"Northbrook has packed boxes; we have a church goal of 600, and I think we have seen at least half of those already, before the kickoff. Small groups and individuals are packing boxes with us. A lot of churches have big packing parties, and bring them."

Even though drop-off week is already underway, it is not too late to participate. Cleveland encouraged anyone who may not have time to pack a box to consider dropping off a check at one of the collection points, to help cover the $9 per box cost of shipping and delivery.

Anyone who wants to try and get a box in during the week can contact one of the drop-off churches for information, or visit the Samaritan's Purse website, where they can even purchase items online to be packed in boxes by OCC volunteers.

For more information, or to participate, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child or call:

- Northbrook Baptist Church - 256-734-6401
- Crosshaven Church - 256-734-4140
- Fairview United Methodist Church - 256-796-6641

The latest on Sunday night's double shooting in Cullman

Police believe man killed his stepfather, then turned the gun on himself

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CULLMAN – Details continue to emerge after a double shooting left one man dead and the other in critical condition early Sunday evening. The incident occurred at 1829 Cottonwood Dr. SE in the Carrol Acres subdivision in the city of Cullman and is being investigated by the Cullman Police Department (CPD). According to Lt. Gene Bates, the two people shot were stepfather and stepson.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick late Sunday night identified the deceased as Perry Shoemake, 56, of Cullman. The injured party, who was identified by the CPD early Monday as William Thomas Maddux, 27, as of press time remains in critical condition at UAB Hospital.

Sgt. David Nassetta, the lead investigator on the case, said, "What we believe is that the suspect, who is also the stepson of the man who is deceased, attempted to come into the house. He was not let in. The suspect ended up coming back and breaking in the back door of the house. He came in and there was an exchange of gunfire. The suspect then attempted to commit suicide. He suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head."

As to a possible motive for the shooting, Nassetta said the preliminary investigation has revealed that Maddux was upset because his mother and stepfather would not give him money, but said he thinks there's a lot more to it than that. "That's a pretty big leap to make," he said, "going from being upset over money to shooting someone and attempting to kill yourself."

Bates, who was active on the scene, said Sunday night, "The incident happened at 1829 Cottonwood Dr. SE. Officers got a call shortly after 4 p.m. Upon arrival, they found one male subject deceased and another male subject suffering from a gunshot wound."

"This does involve a stepfather and stepson," he said. "We're real early into this investigation. We just know there was a dispute between them."

Bates said no one else was injured, although there was someone else at home during the incident.

An autopsy is scheduled for Shoemake on Tuesday. Look for the latest updates on this story at www.CullmanTribune.com.

Historic sites in Colony marked with Bicentennial signs

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COLONY – On Sunday, Drew Green of the Cullman County Bicentennial Committee delivered "Alabama 200" marker signs to two sites of interest in the town of Colony. Mayor Donnis Leeth and Councilman Curtis Johnson were on hand for presentations at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and the Colony Community Center, formerly the site of Colony School.

Pleasant Grove UMC was organized in 1858. The congregation received its sign as part of its annual homecoming service, for which all former members were invited to return.

Colony School was built to serve local students in 1927, and was closed in 1965 when school integration laws sent all of Colony's students to Hanceville.

"Alabama 200" sandwich board marker signs indicate locations of historic interest during the state's nearly three-year Bicentennial celebration. Brochures in racks attached to the signs will lead local history buffs to other marked places around the county. For more information, visit www.cullmancountymuseum.com or www.facebook.com/cullmancomuseum.

Find out more about Alabama 200, the state's Bicentennial celebration, at www.alabama200.org.



DREW GREEN

The Reverend Kiki Terry and members of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church are pictured with their Alabama 200 Bicentennial sign.



THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Nosey explores the habitat area at The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Update: 'Nosey' the elephant seized from owners after leaving Cullman

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Many Tribune readers have shown interest and concern for the case of Nosey the elephant, who appeared in a traveling circus in Cullman Nov. 3-5. Below is an update of events that occurred after Nosey left the Cullman area.

MOULTON – After leaving Cullman last Sunday, the Liebling Brothers Family Circus/Great American Family Circus stopped in Moulton, apparently having brake trouble with a vehicle. The staff drew quite a bit of attention when they unloaded and secured Nosey on the side of the road.

On Wednesday, after local citizens called, a Lawrence County Animal Control officer came to investigate and found the condition of Nosey and four ponies in the circus' possession to be questionable. Animal Control temporarily detained the animals until a hearing could be held before a Lawrence County judge to determine the best course of action. The judge ordered all of the animals to be confiscated from the circus, and placed in the custody of Animal Control. Not having facilities or know-how for the long-term care of an elephant, county authorities talked with The Elephant Sanctuary, a 2,700-acre facility southwest of Nashville in Hohenwald, Tennessee. Staff from the sanctuary transported Nosey to Tennessee Thursday evening.

Here's what The Elephant Sanctuary had to say:

The Sanctuary's Veterinary and Husbandry teams greeted Nosey upon her arrival with fresh-cut produce, bamboo, and banana leaves. Staff monitored her throughout the night and reported that Nosey showed calm interest in her new surroundings.

Over the next weeks, Nosey will be kept separate from the other elephants as her health and individual needs are evaluated.

We applaud all those who have worked so tirelessly on Nosey's behalf. The Sanctuary Staff is committed to providing the highest standard of care for Nosey during her time at The Elephant Sanctuary. (www.facebook.com/ElephantSanctuaryTN)

Barbara Trask Lovett, president of Save Nosey Now, a group that has been working for some time to remove Nosey from the circus, wrote in a press release on Nov. 10, "I can't begin to express my appreciation and admiration for the citizens of Cullman and Moulton, Alabama, and their compassion for Nosey and concern for her health. Nosey is getting good nutritious food and veterinary care, and ample room to roam, things that she has needed for a long time."

The Liebel family has challenged the legality of the confiscation, as well as The Elephant Sanctuary's fitness as a facility for Nosey's long-term care.

On a GoFundMe campaign page set up over the past summer to fund the family's legal expenses in trying to maintain ownership, Cathalina Liebel posted the following updated explanation for their request:

On Nov 8th in small town Alabama, a local animal officer, NOT affiliated with the USDA, Fish and Wildlife, or any other authorized party arrived at our lot in a small town in Alabama with (an) unsafe, unnaproved aluminum horse trailer, with the small town judge's (sic) order to take Nosey. Ironically, on the grounds that Nosey's regularly inspected and approved elephant transport trailer, was "unfit".

They came to the lot and planned to attempt to drag her out of her trailer and force her into theirs,

No one in that small town facility, has or has had any experience with large exotic animals, or even the proper equipment; not only putting Nosey's life in danger, but their own lives, and most importantly, the GENERAL PUBLIC. Animal control has no jurisdiction and are trying to illegally steal our beloved elephant.

When they realized this, they decided to call in reinforcements; by means of a notorious, TB riddled, animal "scamtuary" in Tennesee.

On the 9th we fought for custody in court, and upon seeing that this issue was not simply as cut and dried, or legitimate as they had been led to believe, has scheduled another hearing in several weeks, BUT ordered the elephant ILLEGALLY taken (without proper Tennessee state permits) to T.E.S., an animal activist run facility in Tennessee pending the final custody hearing.

This place is no place for a healthy, licensed and regulated elephant, and we must get her free from that place as quickly as possible.

Please donate as we have obtained a local lawyer to resolve this as quickly as possible, and before any harm is done to Nosey. (www.gofundme.com/473zyag)

For now, the seizure of the animals is temporary. Another hearing, to make a final determination on where Nosey and the ponies should go, is planned for early December, though a specific date has not been released. At that time, a judge will determine if Nosey should stay at The Elephant Sanctuary, be sent elsewhere, or returned to Hugo Liebel and the circus.

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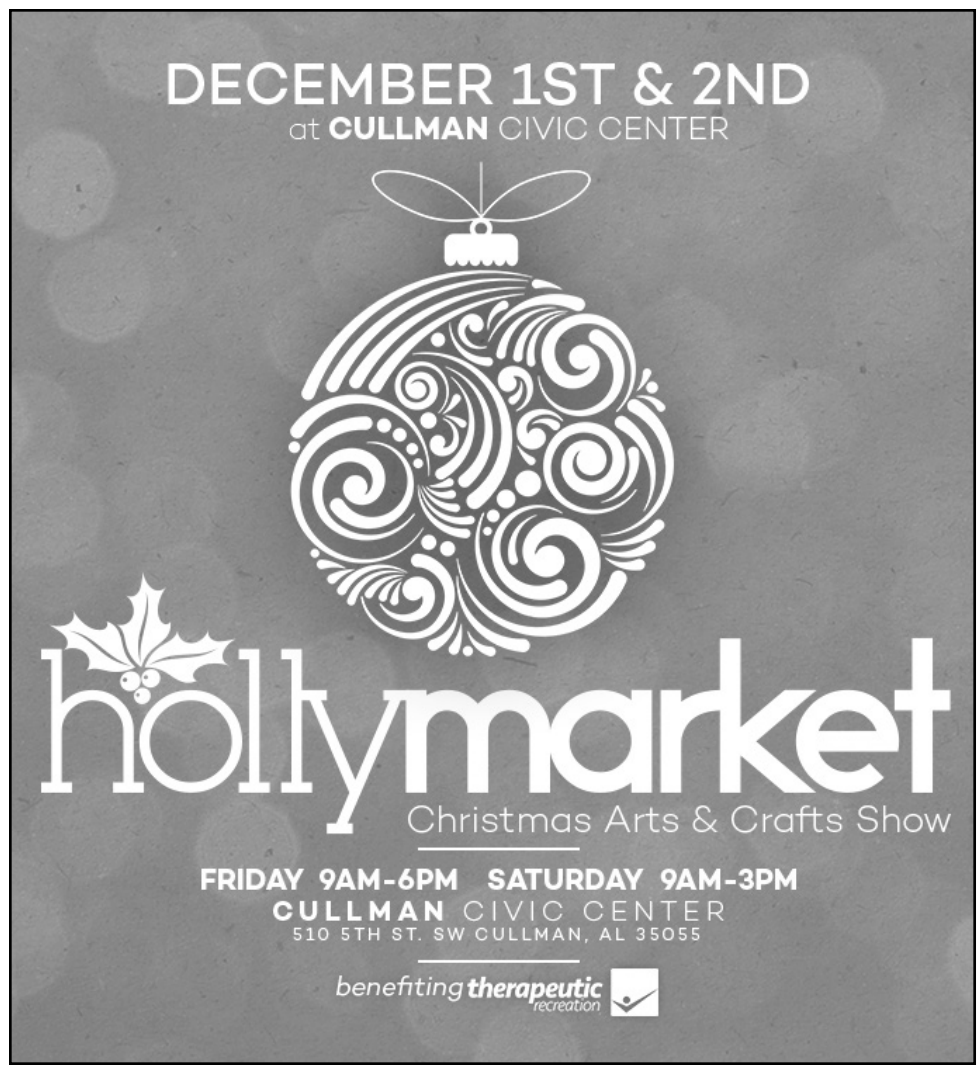
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'Straight Talk About Your Diabetes' seminar Nov. 16

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CULLMAN – In honor of Diabetes Awareness Month, Cullman Regional is hosting a "Straight Talk About Your Diabetes" seminar on Thursday, Nov. 16. With so much misinformation out there about diabetes, it is important for people to understand what's true and where to find reputable information. Join the Diabetes Care Center staff Kim Addison, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator, and Lisa Ellard, nurse practitioner and certified diabetes educator, as they present current diet and medication guidelines to control blood glucose levels.

The Straight Talk About Your Diabetes seminar will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional campus (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

The cost of the seminar is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others. To reserve a spot, call 256-735-5600 or register online at www.cullmanregional.com.

Residents invited to have coffee with Sheriff Gentry

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN COUNTY – Cullman County residents are invited to join Sheriff Matt Gentry and deputies from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for coffee over the next few weeks to discuss issues that may be occurring in their communities.

Citizens can come by just to chat and have coffee, to get an update on law enforcement activities in their communities or to ask any questions they may have.

"The support for our local law enforcement in Cullman County from our citizens is the best bar none and I will put it up against any other county in the state. Communication with the community is vitally important because when law enforcement and the community work together it makes us a better law enforcement agency in the community" said Gentry.

Below are the dates, times and locations:

- Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. Jack's on Main Avenue in Cullman
- Nov. 16 at 8 a.m. Jack's on Highway 157 in West Point
- Nov. 17 at 8 a.m. The Hutch on Highway 69 North in Fairview
- Nov. 20 at 7:30 a.m. V&W Store on Highway 31 North in Vinemont
- Nov. 27 at 7:30 a.m. Skinner's E-Mart on County Road 222 in Crane Hill
- Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. Jack's on Highway 69 South in Dodge City
- Nov. 30 at 8 a.m. Jack's on Highway 278 East in Holly Pond
- Dec. 1 at 8 a.m. Carina's Pizza on Highway 31 South in Hanceville

Reminder: Sheriff's office holding church safety class tonight

Bradley Williams
CCSO

CULLMAN – In the wake of the tragic church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) will host a Church Safety Class on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church. The class will focus on violence prevention and the steps a church and congregation can take to prevent imminent danger.

Some of the points that will be discussed are the creation of a church security team, increasing situational awareness and promoting building security.

It is encouraged that two to four members of each church attend who can be part of a security team.

"I never thought when I began my law enforcement career 18 years ago that the security of our churches would be a national issue at any point. I hope that pastors and church parishioners can attend this class to gain more knowledge and make their congregations as safe as possible," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. The class will be taught by Sgt. David Nunn and Deputy Chad Whaley, both of whom have more than 18 years of law enforcement experience.

To register for the class, email Capt. Mark Persall at mpersall@cullmansheriff.org or Bradley Williams at bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org; you may also call 256-734-0342. Registration is not required, but is encouraged. Upon registration, please provide your name and the name of the church you attend.

Temple Baptist Church is located at 30 County Road 1184, Cullman, Alabama 35057.

Hopewell Baptist hosting free Thanksgiving meal Wednesday

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HANCEVILLE – Hopewell Baptist Church, as part of its 175th anniversary celebration, is hosting the inaugural Frances & Doug Reese Memorial Community Thanksgiving Meal on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 4:30-8 p.m.

According to the church, "On November 15 we gather together, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, to serve our community.

"We are opening the doors of our church and will not turn anyone away needing a free, hot meal, no strings attached.

"This meal, developed as part of our year-long 175th Anniversary Celebration is named in memory of two great servants of our church, Frances and Doug Reese. We feel that this meal embodies their spirit of giving back to others. No donations, financial or otherwise, will be taken for the meal."

A traditional Thanksgiving menu will be served. Guests can dine in or carry out.

Hopewell Baptist Church is located at 492 County Road 582 in Hanceville.

Moore (from Front)

she had a sexual encounter with Roy Moore when she was 14-years-old. Moore was a 32-year old assistant district attorney in Etowah County at the time of the alleged incident.

Moore called the allegations in the Post's report "completely false and a desperate political attack."

On Monday, Beverly Young Nelson told reporters she was working at the Old Hickory House in the late 70s, where Moore was a regular.

While Nelson said he complemented her, she did not "encourage his flirtatious behavior."

She also showed a yearbook he had signed of hers. She was 16 years old when the alleged incident occurred.

On what she described as a cold evening, Nelson said her boyfriend was late picking her up from a shift at the restaurant.

She said Moore offered her a ride, but instead took her behind the restaurant where he groped her.

"I was terrified," she recounted, "He was also trying to pull my shirt off. I thought that he was going to rape me.

"I had tears running down my face."

Nelson said Moore eventually "gave up" before making her get out of the car.

She claims he also stated, "You're just a child, and I'm the DA... and if you tell anyone about this, no one will ever believe you."

Nelson stated she was left on the ground as Moore "burned rubber" leaving the restaurant. She said she quit her job at the restaurant the next day.

Moore addressed Nelson's allegations early Monday evening, saying, "I want to make it perfectly clear. The people of Alabama know me. They know my character. They know what I've stood for in the political world for over 40 years. And I can tell you without hesitation this is absolutely false. I never did what she said I did.

"I don't even know the woman. I don't know anything about her. I don't even know where the restaurant is or was. And if you'll look at this situation, you'll see, that because I'm 11 points ahead, or 10 or 11 points ahead, this race being just 28 days off, that this is a political maneuver. It has nothing to do with reality. It's all about politics."

According to Allred, if the Senate fails to hold a public hearing, she plans to have Nelson answer questions "in a different public forum."

Cullman County Republican Party Chairman Waid Harbison weighed in on the situation, saying, "The Cullman County GOP 100 percent stands behind our candidate at this time. These are allegations, and unfortunately anyone can allege anything is true about anyone, but unless there is concrete proof or evidence, the party will 100 percent stand behind our candidate. If in fact there was any truth to this, we would of course hope Roy Moore would step down because there is nothing right or OK about these types of actions or behaviors, but at this point there is no evidence or proof at all, so we will 100 percent stand behind our candidate."

When asked what will happen if Moore withdraws from the Senate race, Harbison said, "I think that is a very unlikely situation because there is no proof any of these allegations are true. It seems strange that after 40-plus years of public service, two runs for governor, two runs for State Chief Justice, and some other controversial activity that all these people are conveniently coming out with allegations weeks before a major pivotal election."

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Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Show raises funds for Christmas Love



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Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The 31st annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Show was held at Depot Park on Saturday and featured a huge selection of vehicles displayed for guests to admire. The car, truck and motorcycle show is put on to raise money for Christmas Love of Cullman and Cullman Caring for Kids. Those organizations received the proceeds from the entries into the car show and the money raised in the auction.

One of the event organizers, Sonya Talley, explained what the show is for, how it started and some of the good it does for kids in the community around the holiday season.

"This is our 31st annual show; Larry Harris started the show and then Burl Smith joined in. They've both since passed away and we've just continued to put it on to raise money for Christmas Love," Talley said. "Christmas Love is an organization through Cullman Caring for Kids and they help give Christmas gifts to kids in Cullman County. They give toys and clothes and things like that to kids who may not have any gifts at Christmas otherwise. We also raise money with the auction as well as the car show."

One of the people who entered into this year's show was Teresa McCrary. McCrary was there with her motorcycle on display and talked about why she enjoys this particular show.

"This is my second time coming to this show. It's a good-sized show; it's a nice one that has a lot of different vehicles and cars and trucks and it makes for a good show," McCrary said.

McCrary is also participating in the show for the cause and thinks that raising money for kids this holiday season is an important cause to get behind.

"Obviously it's a great cause. It's always great to be able to come together and help the kids in the community, especially this time of the year. Last year was our first year coming to this one and they had a really good turnout last year. There was a good crowd of visitors and participants which is great."



WSCC SPORTS

Wallace State basketball teams notch weekend sweep on road

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's basketball team's swept Wallace Community College-Selma on the road over the weekend.

The Lady Lions cruised to a 74-49 win and the Wallace State men prevailed, 68-51.

In the women's game, Gabby Hill finished with 12 points, seven assists and five rebounds, Sydney Powell scored 12 points behind four 3-pointers and Alexis Osteen chipped in 11 points off the bench for Wallace State, which is 2-0 on the young season.

Sophomore Joy Sadler contributed nine points and eight rebounds for the Lady Lions, Miajah Bullock added seven points off the bench and Marquise Cobbs pitched in with six points and seven rebounds.

Wallace State led 38-26 at halftime and 54-36 at the end of the third quarter.

Men's game

Wallace State 68, Wallace Community College-Selma 51

Max Clark had 16 points, seven assists and six steals as the Lions moved to 3-0 on the young season.

Jalen Hodges and Chris Rollins scored nine points apiece for Wallace State, Mike Johnson and Dennis Robinson each scored eight points, Deequan Fleming had eight points and seven rebounds off the bench and Jerry Lwamba pitched in with six points.

Wallace State led 33-28 at the break.

Both Wallace State teams travel to Cleveland State on Tuesday.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit http://athletics.wallacestate.edu.

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Car show nets almost $3K for Fairview band

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – The Fairview High School Band put on its third annual car, truck and tractor show Saturday at Randall Shedd Community Park, and the community came out to show its support. At the end of the day, the band raised almost $3,000 for new equipment

The park was not only full of car, truck and tractor displays but also fun attractions like food, vendors, corn hole, a rock climbing wall and inflatable bouncy houses for the kids. Cullman Regional provided free health screenings, and local country music favorite Jesse Priest provided live entertainment, along with The Clay Jones Band.

This was the third year band booster Michelle Watwood organized the event, and she was excited to see people come out to help with something she feels desperately needs to be addressed.

"We've raised enough money with our past car shows and some other fundraisers to buy the kids all new uniforms. This car show is to raise money that we can use to provide the kids with some all new instruments," said Watwood. "We have drums that are falling apart, tubas that are in horrible condition, and in fact our beginner band students are having to share a tuba right now, so we're just trying to raise enough money to buy the kids some new instruments."

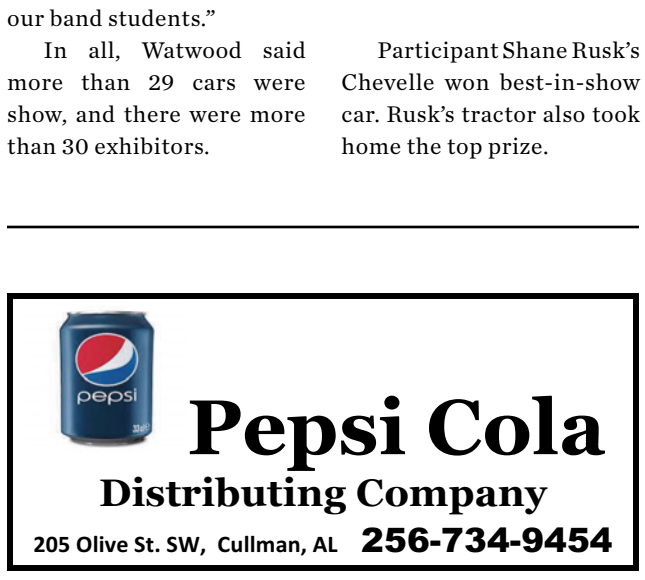
Weather was a factor for last year's show and in scheduling this year's event, but Watwood thought the weather turned out well on Saturday.

"We originally scheduled for Oct. 28 and ended up having to reschedule for today because Mother Nature didn't want to cooperate with us. The weather looks like it'll be really nice today though, so we just appreciate the community coming out and supporting our band students."

In all, Watwood said more than 29 cars were show, and there were more than 30 exhibitors.



Participant Shane Rusk's Chevelle won best-in-show car. Rusk's tractor also took home the top prize.





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More than 150 new nursing students attend orientation at Wallace State

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC



WSCC

Students who will be entering the Wallace State Community College Nursing program in the Spring 2018 semester look at one of the mannequins in the Simulation Center they will be using for training. The nursing students will start classes on Jan. 8, when the Spring 2018 semester starts. Priority registration for Spring 2018 begins Nov. 13, with early registration beginning Nov. 16.

HANCEVILLE – More than 150 new nursing students accepted into the Wallace State Community College Department of Nursing Education program met as a group for the first time recently to attend orientation in preparation for the Spring 2018 semester.

One hundred and fifty-three students filled the Dr. William F. Peinhardt Conference Center in the School of Nursing and Center for Science to be briefed on information they will need in advance of starting classes in January. The information provided include estimated costs of the program, immunization information, background checks, and more.

"We try to be as transparent as possible," Program Director Deborah "Pepper" Hoover told the new students, so that they can be prepared for all circumstances that will arise as they start their path to becoming a nurse.

The orientation ended with a tour of the Simulation Center in which the students will get hands-on experience through instructor-guided simulations in a variety of nursing-related subjects. Sara Tidwell, simulation technician, told the students they would get the opportunity to use equipment they will soon use in a hospital during those simulations.

Wallace State's Department of Nursing is a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education according to the National League for Nursing, based on its efforts in "Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development."

The new concept-based curriculum for the program allows students who successfully complete the first three semesters of the program to sit for the Practical Nursing licensure exam. Completing the next two semesters in the curriculum will allow the students to sit for the Registered Nursing licensure exam.

The WSCC Department of Nursing Education accepts new students each Fall and Spring, with deadlines of May 15 for fall entry and Sept. 1 for entry in the spring. For more information about the program, call 256-352-8199 or visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing. Priority registration for the Spring 2018 semester will begin Nov. 13, with early registration starting on Nov. 16. Classes for Spring 2018 will begin Jan. 8, 2018.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 11-12

Dennis T. Mann, 67, of Hanceville passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Grandview Medical Center. No services are planned at this time. He was born April 16, 1950 in Tennessee to Will Hardin Mann and Virginia Maynard Mann. He is survived by his wife, Layne Mann; sons, Chris (Meg) Mann and Jason (Savann) Mann; stepdaughter, Shacey (Jason) Marcum and grandchildren, Tristan Mann, Troy Mann, Magnus Mann, Dustin Mann, Kelsey Mann, Sayer Marcum and Stratton Marcum.

Ethel Jane Pigg, 73 of Cullman, entered into rest on Friday, November 10, 2017 at The Folsom Center in Cullman. Ethel was born on April 12, 1944 to Hoyt and Bonnie Wood Green. A private service will be held at a later date. Ethel is survived by her son, Jeff Pigg; daughter, Tina Humphries; brother, Michael Green; sister, Judy Turney. She was "Nanny" to 6 grandchildren, Amber Reynolds and her husband Kevin; Brittany Ponder, Ashley Humphries and her husband Chris Ratliff, and David Pigg; 2 great grandchildren, Evie and Griffin Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hoyt and Bonnie Green; and sister, Betty Reeves.

Jean Bryan Waldrep passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family and loved ones, on November 8, 2017. She was 96. A mother and grandmother, a former teacher's aide and Sunday school teacher, Jean loved children, especially her own, but any and all little ones. Her job teaching children was a true and fulfilling calling. Jean loved life, she loved to have fun, and she loved to travel. Spontaneous road trips - Opryland, anyone? - weren't unusual. "Gallivanting" was part of her regular vocabulary. Her friends and family will always remember her laugh, her wonderful sense of humor and her corny mom jokes. She was a hard worker, though, a city girl who quickly learned to milk cows, pick cotton and hoe fields with the best of them. She was a strong woman with a soft heart. Most of all, she will be remembered as a cornerstone of the community and the bedrock of her family. She was there for whoever needed her, with an open mind and without judgment. She truly was a contributing member to the greatest generation. She is preceded in death by her husband, Hurshel, and daughter Elayne Ivey. She is survived by her children Paula (Dan) of Fairview, Don (Diane) of Tuscaloosa, Theresa (Marcus) of Atlanta, Perry (Regina) of Greenville, South Carolina; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. The funeral will be held at Welcome Baptist Church in Baileyton on Saturday, November 11, at 11 a.m., and another visitation will be held an hour before the funeral at the church.

Funeral service for Hattie Belle Cole, age 76 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Sardis #2 in Winston County; burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery, with Bro. Joey Smithson officiating. She will Lie-in-State at the church form 1 p.m. until service time on Sunday. Cullman Funeral Home is directing. Mrs. Cole was born on August 17, 1941 to the late William Henry & Hettie Emelie Wisham Bodrey, she passed away on Friday, November 10, 2017 at C.R.M.C. She is preceded in death by her parents, and 2 sisters. Survivors include her Husband – Scotty D. Cole; 2 – Sons – Scotty D. Cole II & Sonny (Debra) Jones of Athens; Daughter – Kandy (Richard) Sanders of Cochran, GA; 2 – Step-Daughters – Cindy Cole Cork & Dana Cole Stewart; 1 – Brother; 6 – Sisters; and a Host of Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren. The family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ann Moyers Heck, age 88, passed away at her home on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Mrs. Heck was born August 3, 1929 in Anniston, AL to Alden "Jack" and Alice Moyers. She is preceded in death by her parents; Jack and Alice Moyers, husband; Hubert Heck, son; Jon Heck, and sister; Wanda Early. Survivors include her son; Paul (Jill) Heck, daughter, Dr. Dana (Dan) Kessler, six grandchildren; Taylor Heck, Cameron (Tabitha) Heck, Hannah (Ryan) Wheeler, Will (Treyla) Kessler, Eric Kessler, and Peter Kessler, seven great-grandchildren; Rylan, Cullen, and Kenzie Heck, Sam and Noah Kessler, and Landon and Haley Wheeler, and sister; Honey Hubbard. The family invites friends to a memorial gathering at Ann's home from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to your favorite charity. A couple of Ann's favorites were Operation SMILE and The Humane Society. Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Funeral Service for Hubert Charles Pitts, age 65 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Richard Roberts officiating. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, Hanceville, AL. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pitts passed away on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born August 22, 1952 to James Herbert and Velma Pitts. He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Velma Pitts, wife, Helen Pitts, and brother, Ricky Pitts. Survivors include his daughter, Brandie Bearden, son, Adam (Jennifer) Pitts, grandchildren; Haley Bearden, Taylor Bearden, Brayden Pitts, and Aleeah Pitts, brothers; Carlton (Vicky) Pitts, Daniel Pitts, Robert (Verna) Pitts, Jeffery (Becky) Pitts, and sister, Darlene (Randy) Pate. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Ruth Pauline Smith, 101, are Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Center Hill Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mrs. Smith passed away on Friday, November 10, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie Clements Law and Gertie Wilson Law; and her husband, Robert Terry "Bob" Smith. She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Ann (Henry) Clark; grandchildren, Larry D. (Karen) Clark and William Bennett (Joy) Clark; great grandchildren, Kristal (Brett) Goelz, Tabitha (Shawn) Burrell, Jamie (Mark) Womack, John (Carla) Sharp and Christian Sharp; thirteen great-great-grandchildren; two great-great-great grandchildren; brother, Gilbert (Faye) Law; sister, Euna Irving; loving nephew, Reece (Diane) Law and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

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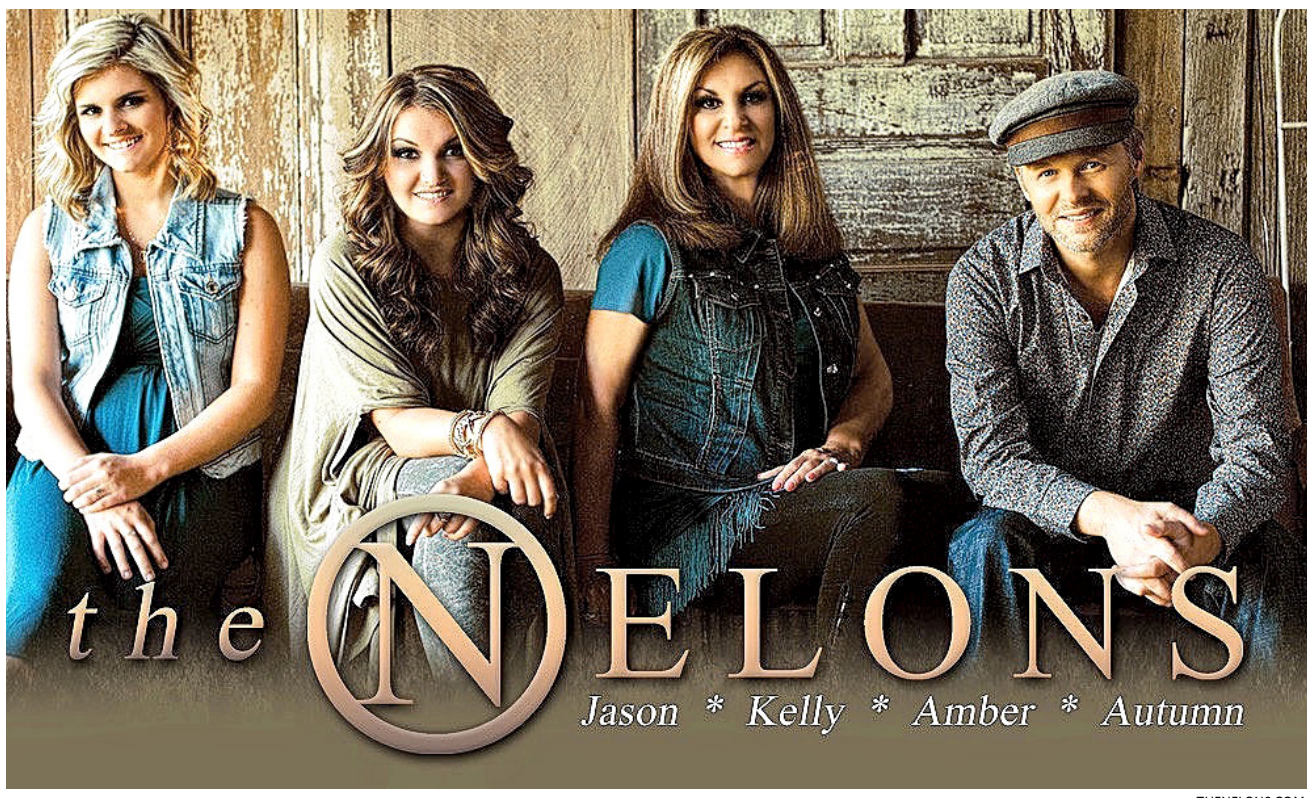
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The Nelons to perform at Wallace State Nov. 16

Cullman Community Concert Association

NASHVILLE – Three-time Grammy Award-nominated family gospel quartet, The Nelons, will perform at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Community College on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. Single tickets will be available at the door for $30 (adults); students get in free with a paid adult.

The Southern gospel legacy that is The Nelons spans three decades, and members Kelly, Jason, Amber and Autumn are adding to the success and legacy built by founder and patriarch, Rex Nelon. The group has achieved enormous success, including three Grammy Award-nominations, six Dove Awards, 14 Singing News Fan Awards, a People's Choice Silver Telly Award and an induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. The group strives to bind the generational gap of music loves with tight harmonies, innovative music and great songs that reach beyond various musical boundaries. Their performances consist of hit songs from multiple musical genres, including Southern gospel, country, bluegrass and Americana.

For more information, call 256-339-4447, or visit www.cullmancommunityconcertassociation.com.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE

A.C. S. CASE NO: AD2017-077

A MINOR CHILD. DOB: 01/17/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO BE PUBLISHED

TO: JUSTIN CHASE STEVENS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by MITCHELL SHAE MCCLENDON, Petitioner, and STORMIE CALVERT MCCLENDON, biological mother. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you **MUST** file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court at 500 2nd Avenue S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF October, 2017.

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

TO: PUBLISHER – THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

PLEASE PUBLISH THE ABOVE NOTICE IN SAID PUBLICATION FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS AND SEND PROOF TO JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
JAMES H. SIVLEY,)
DECEASED.) CASE NO.: PC: 2012-353

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a Order in the above styled cause rendered by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge, on October 13, 2017, Beverly Paschal Poston, as Attorney for the Estate of James H. Sivley, deceased, shall on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM proceed to sell at public auction the following described real estate at the East Entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse at Cullman, Alabama, for cash to the best, highest and last bidder:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, in Cullman County, Alabama; thence North along the East margin of said forty approximately 365 feet to the South margin of a public road; thence West along the margin of said road 210 feet to a point; thence South 365 feet to a point on the North margin of the Bob Scofield property; thence East 210 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1 ¾ acres, more or less.

Also,

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, thence continue West along the South line of said quarter section a distance of 210 feet, more or less, to a point, said point being the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence continue West along said line of the quarter section a distance of 210 feet, more or less, to a point, thence North 322 feet, thence East 210 feet, and thence South 322 feet, back to the point of beginning, containing 1 ¼ acres, more or less.

Less and except the following: Commencing at an iron pin found at a point purported to be the southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East in Cullman County, Alabama; thence North 8 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West 152.33 feet to an iron pin found on a fence line, the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence along said fence line South 84 degrees 49 minutes 27 seconds West 115.27 feet to an iron pin set on said fence line; thence North 1 degree 44 minutes 20 seconds East 140.73 feet to an iron pin set on the south margin of Harmony Road; thence along the south margin of said road North 86 degrees 53 minutes 19 seconds East 91.31 feet to an iron pin found on the south margin of said road; thence leaving the south margin of said road South 8 degrees 08 minutes 57 seconds East 136.60 feet to the point of beginning.

Said lands lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE:

Publish once a week for three (3) successive weeks beginning

The 7th day of November, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

Colony celebrates Veterans Day with community breakfast

Town of Colony
Contributor



TOWN OF COLONY

Colony area veterans gather outside the Colony Educational Complex on Saturday, Nov. 11 to celebrate Veterans Day.

COLONY – On Veterans Day 2017, the Town of Colony hosted 75 guests and community leaders to share a homemade breakfast to honor veterans.

The celebration was held at the Colony Educational Complex. The parkway leading to the complex was decorated with small American flags. An American flag made by members of the Link of Cullman County stood in the lobby of the complex.

In attendance were members of all branches of the military serving from the Vietnam conflict to the current conflict in Afghanistan. The day was to honor veterans of all wars for their patriotism and willingness to serve in the military and sacrifice for our country. Also eating the chow prepared by the wonderful cooks of Colony were the honorable circuit court judges Martha Williams and Greg Nicholas as well as Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman, former coroner Gary Murphree and Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little.

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