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County DHR celebrates record number of adoptions in 2017



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CULLMAN – On Friday afternoon, the Cullman County Department of Human Resources (DHR) marked National Adoption Awareness Month by holding a celebration at First Baptist Church in Cullman, marking a record year for adoptions in the county. In fiscal year 2017, the county DHR directly placed 32 children from foster care into permanent adoptive homes. Attendees at the event included Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman County District Judge Kim Chaney.

DHR Program Supervisor for Foster Care and Adoption Resources, Amanda Buchanan told The Tribune that, in a typical year, the county DHR will see around 14 children adopted.

"The highest year we had before this year," she explained, "was 2013, and we had 27."

Beyond the official count, the agency assisted with two other adoptions in Mississippi, and DHR staffers themselves adopted six children over the last year.

County DHR Director Amy Smith told the group, "It is our position at Cullman County DHR that NO child should be deemed unadoptable, and that there is a forever family made for every single child in foster care with a plan of adoption.

"In Cullman County alone in 2017, we have identified and secured forever families for siblings we were told would never be able to live together, a beautiful little girl with many medical and developmental needs that render her wheelchair bound, a unique and beautiful 16-year-old with behavioral issues--I mean, what 16-year-old doesn't have 'behavior issues,' right? I know I did!

"All of those are descriptors of children that I, personally, have also heard described as 'unadoptable.' In 2017 and in the future, we will describe those children as just that: CHILDREN- children who deserve families, roots, connections and love- forever families!"

According to Smith:

- At any given time, there are around 300 children in foster care in Alabama who are ready for adoption, but with no family to go to. Cullman County currently has 51 children waiting.
- The average child awaiting adoption is 8 years old, and will wait three years to be adopted.
- Each year, 22,000 children "age out" of the foster care system, reaching adulthood with no families or support of their own.
- A child that ages out of foster care stands a much higher chance of negative outcomes, including substance abuse, poverty, homelessness, unwed pregnancy, incarceration and premature death.

Smith told The Tribune that Cullman County currently has around 200 children in foster care, with 51 of those waiting to be adopted.

Of the other roughly 75 percent, many will eventually return home, or at least to members of their families.

"In the last year, we also had over 70 children reunified either with family, or with relatives," added Buchanan.

Smith talked to The Tribune about what leads children into foster care.

"We're seeing a lot more children entering care, lately. I think there's a strain in resources,

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Addison Bulldogs take a bite out of Hackleburg, advance to quarterfinals



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Addison running back Ben Robinson (32) scored the first touchdown of the night.



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Ginger is about 18 months old.

PET OF THE WEEK

Help sweet Ginger find her forever home

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CULLMAN – Ryan Whisenhunt of the Cullman County Animal Shelter introduces us to Ginger, The Tribune's Pet of the Week.

Ginger is a stray who has been at the shelter since late October. She is a brindle shepherd mix, about 29 pounds. Ginger is attentive, respectful, well-mannered and quick to respond to voice and hand signals.

She thrives when she's with a companion, loves to learn new tasks and is very gentle when taking anything from you. She also walks well on a leash.

Shelter staff say she is a very wor-

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EDUCATION

2nd-grader Emma Potter wins statewide reading award: tickets to Iron Bowl

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CULLMAN – A second-grade Auburn fan received a special surprise Friday afternoon at West Elementary: tickets to next week's Iron Bowl. Emma Potter received the tickets from the Alabama Education Association (AEA). She was chosen out of more than 37,000 qualifying students in the AEA's "Be a Champion and Read" contest. Not only did Potter receive the tickets, but also passes for the sideline and pre-game activities for herself and two guests.

The AEA has sponsored the competition for the last five years to promote reading in Alabama schools. In order to qualify, students had to read six or more books before the deadline and get their paperwork into the AEA in time for the drawing. The students, from kindergarten through sixth grade, chose their favorite team, either Alabama or Auburn, as part of their entries. Two students from the entire state won. One for Alabama, and one for Auburn.

The second-grade class was brought into the gym at 1:30 p.m. Friday for the announcement. Potter had no idea she was about to win and was shocked when she heard the good news. Her parents, Barry and Dori Potter, were there to celebrate with their daughter. Barry Potter was very proud of his daughter's accomplishment and the way she earned it.

"I'm very proud. I'm proud of the school, the teachers and they really push the kids to excel," he said. "I'm very happy with our city school system and thankful to the AEA for giving her the opportunity to win these tickets."

Barry Potter said he is also excited to share the Iron Bowl atmosphere with his family next week and have a good time on the plains.

"We'll do Tiger Walk, we'll do some tailgating but really just enjoying being there. We've been to Auburn before but not for a game, so we'll make sure to do just about everything," he shared.

Emma's mother, Dori Potter, felt the same way as her

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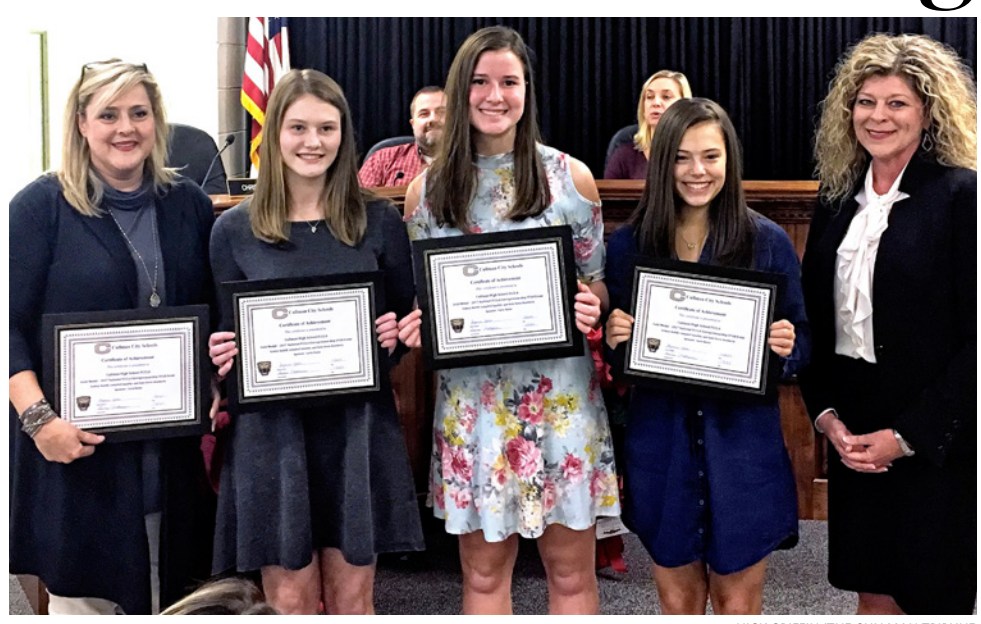


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West Elementary second-grader Emma Potter, with her family, after winning tickets to this year's Iron Bowl

A night of accolades at city school board meeting

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Members of the Cullman High School FCCLA with sponsor Carin Rains, left and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson, right

CULLMAN – The Cullman City School Board gathered Thursday evening for its monthly meeting, kicking things off with recognitions of the accomplishments made by students and employees within the school system.

The first group recognized was the Cullman High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), which recently won a gold medal in entrepreneurship during a Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) event at the National FCCLA Leadership Conference. Cullman's FCCLA chapter is sponsored by Carin Rains and consists of students Sydney Ratliff, Campbell Sandlin and Kate Davis Heatherly.

Next up was the Cullman High School Broadcast Network, or Bearcat News Network. The CHS broadcast team has been working hard all year to deliver coverage of school events and was recognized this year by the National Federation of High Schools as an Elite School, the only school in Alabama to receive the rating. The team is sponsored by John Drake and its members include Isabella Allred, Avery Barlow, Nic Braswell, Kacy Burroughs, Coleman Callan, Jimnie Chau Le, Dawson Culver, Morgan Dingler, Samantha Hauk, Hayden Henderson, Caroline Hollingsworth, Ben Hollis, Holland Johnson, Eli Kilpatrick, Ben Monestero, Ninfa Moreno, Drew Morton, Alex Stansell, Dylan Warner and Jazmyn Woods.

Drake was excited to see his team of students recognized after the hard work they've put into their network.

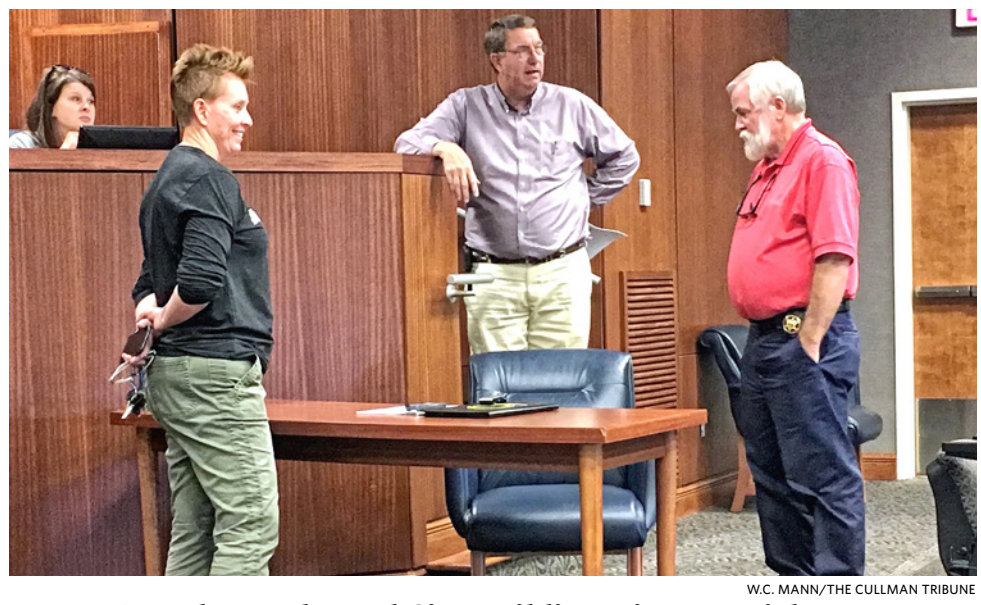
"This is all thanks to the students; none of this would be possible without them," Drake said. "They all work extremely hard and work well together and are getting better at what they love to do."

The last recognition of the meeting was for the West Elementary School Child Nutrition Program led by CNP Manager Michelle Nix and CNP Assistant Director Terri Abbott. The West Elementary program was recently named an Alabama Best Practice Award Program. Abbott and Nix are still working toward new improvements to the program that is already receiving state recognition.

In other business, all agenda items were approved. The next school board work session will be held in the central office's conference room at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, with a regular meeting to follow at 5 p.m.

Rumors jumps biggest hurdle with approval of site plan

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Mayor Woody Jacobs and City Building Director Rick Fulmer chat with architect Frank Fagg and Rumors owner Annette Harris before the planning commission meeting.

CULLMAN – It was high noon for Rumors Deli on Thursday, literally. At noon, the Cullman City Planning Commission met at city hall with a single item on its agenda: considering a revised site plan and conditional use request for the new location of Rumors Deli at 601 Fourth St. SW.

Less than two weeks ago, the longtime Cullman restaurant hit a snag over questions about access to its parking lot and proposed pick-up window. (http://www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/11/06/planning-commission-rumors-deli-hits-roadblock-royal-technologies-gets-go-ahead)

Everything that went wrong at that first meeting went right the second time around. A "cross access" agreement between Rumors and Cullman Savings Bank, allowing both entities access to the private drive between their properties, had been too tentative and conditional for the commission's approval. City Building, Planning, and Zoning Director Rick Fulmer and bank President John Riley worked out a proper form for the agreement.

Fulmer explained, "The original cross access agreement was revocable with a 30-day notice, and that's not acceptable, because once they were operational, they'd need that (access). The new cross access agreement allows them (Rumors) to use that property as long as that restaurant operates."

Rumors owner Annette Harris was pleased to have this hurdle behind her, saying, "I'm really happy! It's a good day. We're really excited, and we appreciate the board and everybody who had a part in it, John Riley, and everybody that took care of us. We appreciate y'all!"

Harris' lease on the current location of Rumors in the Warehouse District is good through the end of December. She hopes to open her new location in early January 2018.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 19, 2005 by Tabitha A. Bonner, a single woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1424, Page 163 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 5, 2017:

Thirty-three (33) acres, more or less, in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twelve (12), Range Four (4) West Viz Beginning at a sweet gum near a branch at a corner of lot sold to J.W. Johnson 270 feet E of the SW corner of said lot; thence due E to the Cullman and Bremen Highway; thence along W boundary of said highway to an intersection with a line parallel to and ten feet south of a store building; thence on said parallel line 152 feet to an intersection with a line parallel with and ten feet W of the small dwelling house; thence with last named parallel line 83 feet to the Brushy Pond Highway; thence along the S side of said highway to the N line of said forty acre lot; thence due W to the NW corner of said lot; thence S 880 feet to the NW corner of said J.W. Johnson lot; thence with the boundaries of the said J.W. Johnson lot to the place of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12, Range 4 West and go E 640 feet to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road, then go in a Southerly direction along the center of said road 923 feet to the point of beginning, then go back along center of said road in a Northerly direction 260 feet, then go in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to said road 170 feet, then in a Southeasterly direction to the point of beginning, this land being one-half acre, more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12, Range 4 West and go E 640 feet to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road, then go in a Southerly direction along center of said road 663 feet and then go in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to said road 170 feet to a point of beginning, continue along said perpendicular 84 feet to NW corner, then Southeasterly along a meandering Branch 167 feet to SW corner; thence in Easterly direction 294 feet to Southeast corner; thence 20 feet along abandon Brushy Pond Road; thence back to point of beginning..

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: From the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence W along the S boundary of said forty to the intersection with the W R.O.W. of old Hwy. # 69; thence S21°00'W along said R.O.W. a distance of 31.2 feet to the point of beginning; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 340.6 feet to a point; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 192 feet to a point; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 340.6 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of old Hwy. #69; thence an interior angle of 90 degrees 00' a distance of 192 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the NW ¼ of SW ¼, and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: From the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, go W along the S boundary of said forty to a point on the W right-of-way of Old Hwy. #69; thence continue along same said line a distance of 77 feet to the point of beginning; thence N66°45'W a distance of 267.5 feet to a point; thence S88°00'W a distance of 114.6 feet to a point; thence S7°00'E a distance of 73.8 feet to a point on the S boundary of said forty; thence E along said boundary a distance of 354 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing three tenths of an acre, more or less. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Sec. 16, T12S, R4W and go E 640 feet more or less to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road; then go in a Southerly direction along center of said road 663 feet more or less to a point; then go in a Westerly direction 254 feet more or less to the center of a meandering branch; then go in a Northwesterly direction 1200 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

All of the above described property situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

Legal Notice

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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Husquvarna Zero Turn Lawnmower Serial #021215B0D2094			MZ61

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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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.

2005 Ford LGT Convt, Vin. #1FTPW14505FB40076, tag #WDK380.

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Ponder's Wrecker Service and Auto, 2600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058, on Friday, December 29, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 20, 2004 by Donnie T. Banks, a married man and wife Loretta Banks, a married woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1411, Page 695 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 12, 2017:

Begin at a stake on the South line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, which stake is located 630 feet East of the Southwest corner of said forty, thence North 595.0 feet, thence East 146.43 feet, thence South 595.0 feet to a stake on the South line of said forty, thence West 146.43 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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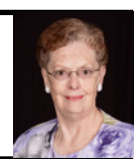
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News from the Pond



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Tribune Contributor

Good morning Tribune readers and families. I have been away from this column for a short while because of health problems. It is good to be back and I hope you will continue to support our efforts for Holly Pond News in cooperation with the Tribune. We have certainly been loving the long warm fall season. However, the weatherman on television said, "If you haven't gotten out your winter coat, you had better do so now – because you will need it when cold weather comes in next week." Some of us with creaky old bones are really dreading the return of cold weather, but it makes it feel like the Holiday Season is really upon us.

The famous Holly Pond Homemakers Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be held this Saturday, November 18th. It will be at the Holly Pond Town Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until all the wonderful goodies have been sold out. This is a major fund-raising event in support of the upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery. In addition, the drawing will be held for the beautiful handmade quilt that has also been a big fund-raising project for the club this year. You may still purchase tickets at the bake sale to get your name in the drawing.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club held their November meeting on Tuesday this week. The featured speaker was Nancy Bryant of Cullman Caring for Kids. She outlined several programs that the organization oversees and accepted a donation of canned goods and cash from the club.

Members in attendance were Carolyn Bryan, Marilyn Calvert, Julia Floyd, Nell Harbison, Judy Jones, Sue Morris, Janice Murphree, Peggy Ray, Lee Reid, Linda Reid, Louise Scott, Maggie Smith, Eloise Stevens, Christine Wise, Gladys Wisener and Annette Yates.

The Holly Pond Historical Society has this year's calendar for sale. This is a beautiful calendar featuring photos, many in color, of the Historic Homes of Holly Pond area. The calendars are $5.00 and are available from any Historical Society member or from area merchants.

Holly Pond Civitan Club is very busy this time of the year, as well. They have their annual Claxton Fruitcake sale underway. Money from this sale benefits the Civitan International Research Center with a focus on persons with developmental disabilities.

In cooperation with the merchants of Holly Pond and the Town of Holly Pond, Civitans are sponsoring Christmas Cards in the Park. Various merchants, school, church and civic groups, as well as individuals are making Christmas greeting displays to be displayed in Governor's Park in Holly Pond from December 1st until December 31st. December 9th is the date of the annual Holly Pond Christmas Parade to step off at 4:00 p.m.

The parade will end at Governor's Park where the Holly Pond Chorus will perform a program of Christmas favorites. There will be refreshments, music and of course, Santa. In addition, as a part of this event, the walking paths in the park will be lined with „luminaries' each with the name of someone remembered or honored by a family or individual. Luminaries are being sold at various Holly Pond merchants with the proceeds to benefit the Holly Pond Civitan Scholarship fund.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Ruth Smith. She passed away last week at the age of 101 years. Ms. Ruth was a mainstay at the Holly Pond Senior Citizens Center every day for many years. She was best known for her sweet smile, her cute baseball caps, snappy dress and piano playing. She was an accomplished pianist and remarkably only had three fingers on her left hand. We will certainly miss her.

Happy Thanksgiving! Have a great week, enjoy your family and friends, stay warm and try not to eat too much turkey and pie.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1952

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church won the attendance banner at the East Cullman Training Union Mass Meeting at Center Grove Baptist Church on Monday night.

Reverend Eddie King from Ashland, North Carolina has been called as the new pastor at Good Hope Baptist Church.

Max L. Buettner bought the Otwell Jewelry stock and M.C. Keyes bought the optical equipment.

L.L. Otwell has retired after 45 years on First Avenue East.

Wilma Jean Stisher, of Welti, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Holloway in Cullman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips, Hilda Faye and Jerry have moved to the Enon/Hamby Chapel community.

Walter's 4-H Club officers are Bob Baker, president; Wade Stewart, vice- president; Jim Fant, secretary; Bud Harper, reporter and Tommy Sutton, song leader.

From The Files Of 1902

W.C. Boub spent Monday in Trimble.

Issac Cofer has received the contract to build the McMinn Bridge, near Trimble.

L.D. Box of Box's School House was in the city on Wednesday.

Fieldon "Bud" Blalock, of Fullers Valley, was in the city on Wednesday.

Miss Annie Brooks, who has been telegraph operator at Boyles for some time, now has charge of the day office here.

Miss Sallie Bowden, of Jones Chapel, who attended the Polytechnic College last winter, is visiting friends here this week.

Doctor M.S. Ingraham visited Oneonta, professionally, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lieppert are the parents of a twelve pound girl.

The Honorable J.L. Burnett will speak at several places in the count next week.

For Sale – a fine young saddle horse. Apply - Arthur Glasscock, Simcoe. Adv.

Miss Mabel Collins left Tuesday for Tuscaloosa to attend the Methodist Female College.

A series of services were held during the week at East Baptist Church by Reverend W.R. Ivey, of Oxford.

From The Files Of 1932

Doctor R.B. Dodson, Doctor E.D. McAdory, Doctor J.G. Daves and Doctor J.C. Martin spent Tuesday in Huntsville.

J.A. Dunlap, cashier of Leeth National Bank took the oath of office of Mayor of Cullman, last Monday evening.

J.D. Kirk died at his home at Simcoe, last Thursday.

A midnight fire alarm on Saturday was an awning on the second floor of the Buchmann Building.

Married this week were Miss Mae Drake and Marvin Barronton.

Miss Fronia Self and P.G. Moore, Junior, were married this week.

Marriage licenses were issued on October 1st to Mrs. Thelma Callahan and C.E. Drake.

Mrs. J.H. Edwards is spending several weeks with friends in Atlanta.

Mrs. G.W. Johnson, Mrs. D. Robertson and Miss Theolene Robertson spent Wednesday in Birmingham.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Law was a son on September 30. They have named him Gerald Adrian.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I served as a member of the Grainger Rangers



Bill King
Tribune Contributor

The Granger Rangers were not a military unit. We were not a band of lawmen, like the Texas Rangers. We didn't even live in Texas, but Louisiana. We were a group of poor seminary students, trying to work our way through school at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. We nicknamed ourselves The Granger Rangers because we worked for the W.W. Grainger Company. Grainger is an industrial supply company, based out of Chicago, with stores across the nation. We worked for the store in New Orleans. It was basically a warehouse with a sales counter. We sold everything from rolls of tape, to electric motors, to appliances.

The Rangers were not salesmen, but stock boys. Merchandize was shipped from Chicago, in semi-trailers, riding piggyback on railroad.

The first thing we did was to remove a security seal, carefully open the doors and jump back. Merchandize often broke loose and shifted during the bumpy trip, so we never knew what might tumble out when we opened the doors. Wearing steel-toed boots and a hard hat was important.

When shipments came in, our job was to unload the trailer, tag the merchandize and put it on the shelves. We used a forklift to remove the pallets of merchandize from the trailer and place it on the higher racks.

Rusty Sowell, one of our own, served as our team's foreman.

Since we worked only when trucks came in, he was responsible for notifying team members. He served as our immediate boss, but we also had a ware-house floor manager named Hilbert.

Hilbert was an older man, whom I believe had been with the company for around 200 years. He spoke with the typical southern Louisiana accent, with a nasal twist. Hilbert took his job seriously, but quite honestly, we did not always take Hilbert seriously. He had a hard time remembering everyone's name. He constantly called one team member Candy, which was actually the team member's wife's name. Hilbert was a "By the letter of the law" kind of guy. He was obsessed with making sure no merchandize protruded past the edge of the shelves. He constantly harped, "Now natch-ly, you want to stay flush with the edge." He also rode us constantly about wearing hard hats, especially when we operated a forklift. Our forklifts were not the kind you ride, but ones you walk behind. Hilbert called them "Walky-Reachies." When he caught us operating a forklift without wearing a hard hat, he came running. He grabbed up a hard hat, slammed it on his head, and said, "Now, natch-ly, you always want to wear your hard hat when you run the walky-reachy!

One day, we found an old hard hat with no liner inside. We purposely placed it on a forklift while one of us operated that forklift, without wearing a hard hat. Hilbert came running, grabbed that old hard hat, and slammed it down on his head. We heard the plastic as it banged down on the top of his head. The brim landed about halfway across his eyes. Almost as if he was oblivious to the situation, with his hard hat still in place, he raised his head enough to see us from underneath. You know what he said, "Oh, natch-ly, you want to wear your hard hat when you run the walky-reachie." That group of ever serious minded ministerial students cackled like a brood of hens.

Although we found Hilbert humorous, and sometimes annoying, his intent was to protect our hard heads. These many years later, I give thanks for those who watch out for us, especially when we are too immature to watch out for ourselves.

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Poet's Corner



Thanksgiving Memories

By: Randy C. Hale

**There are smells and sights
that are permanently
placed in my heart.**

**Roasted Turkey, sweet potato pies,
dressing and cranberry jelly.
Deviled eggs, green beans,
congealed salad and old fashion
macaroni and cheese.**

**I can close my eyes and see mom
basting the Turkey , bathing
the old bird in its juices.**

Macy's parade on the TV.

**I couldn't wait to be
with all my cousins.
All of us together outside after
dinner regardless of the weather.**

**So hard we would play on
our Thanksgiving day.**

**Our mothers all set around
the table laughing and
being girls again.
The men setting in
front of the game.**

**We bowed our heads before
we ate and thank God for all
the blessings He gave.**

**I am still thankful for those
childhood days and all the
sweet joy that came.**

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Addison Bulldogs take a bite out of Hackleburg, advance to quarterfinals

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HACKLEBURG – The second round of the AHSAA 1A state playoffs was a hard-nosed, hard-hitting contest. Addison dug in deep and came away with the 41-16 victory over Hackleburg.

Like they have so many times this season, the Addison Bulldogs got on the board first thanks to an opening drive touchdown by workhorse Ben Robinson, who carried the ball in from 1 yard out on third-and-goal. The Bulldogs converted the 2-point try, taking seven minutes off the clock and earning an 8-0 lead.

With Addison milking most of the first quarter clock, Hackleburg had to wait until the second to get on the board. Stand-out running back Stone Fincher and quarterback Kaleb Moore marched their team down the field, capping a 15-play drive with a Moore touchdown from a yard out. He also ran in the 2-point conversion to make the score 8-8 with 8:16 left to go in the half.

Addison chewed up another eight minutes on its next drive, with four different Bulldogs getting carries on the 12-play marathon. The drive was capped with an 8-yard QB keeper from Zayne Guthrie. The 2-point try was no good, but the TD gave Addison a 14-8 lead.

Hackleburg received the ball first to start the second half, but Addison held strong on fourth down and forced a turnover on downs, taking the ball back and going to work.

On the Bulldogs' opening drive of the second half, Hackleburg was treated to a heavy dose of Tyler Borden, who carried the ball five consecutive times on the drive. Guthrie capped the drive with a 24-yard touchdown. The 2-point try failed, making the score 20-8.

The Bulldogs blew the game wide open in the fourth with four scores. The first came on a huge pass play from Guthrie to Logan Wilkins for a 59-yard TD. Then a bad Hackleburg snap rolled out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

On the ensuing possession Guthrie scored on a 1-yard sneak over the top, and the Bulldogs finished their scoring onslaught with a 1-yard carry from Caleb Crider.



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Hackleburg scored once in the second half on a 6-yard scamper by Fincher, who was kept in check all night by the Bulldogs.

Final score: Addison 41, Hackleburg 16

The Bulldogs advance to the 1A quarterfinals and will take on South Lamar next Friday, Nov. 24.

PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs, Fairview unite in Purple Out for beloved former coach

Former Cold Springs and St. Bernard coach Regina Willoughby is battling pancreatic cancer

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

BREMEN – The Cold Springs Eagles hosted the Fairview Aggies Friday for a night full of basketball. The night's main event, however, took place in between the girls' and boys' varsity games. Former St. Bernard and Cullman coach, Regina Willoughby, was honored on the court in front of the hundreds who came out to support her. Willoughby was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer earlier this year. The crowd was decked out in purple gear for pancreatic cancer awareness and to support Willoughby in her fight with cancer.

One of the event's organizers, Stephanie Crider, was excited to see the night come together perfectly for someone she cares about.

"A lot of planning, actually a couple of weeks, went into tonight and everyone in the community was happy to help because she would drop everything to help anybody; it's tremendously special to see it happen."

Crider was also moved by how much effort and support Fairview High School put into the event to honor Willoughby.

"I've made personal phone calls to their principal; I've made phone calls to some of the coaches and I just really wanted to let them know how much we appreciate them helping to make this night special for her. She always goes out of her way to make others feel special. She is truly a class act and an amazing lady."

Willoughby got a chance to speak to the crowd during the ceremony and had some words of gratitude as well as inspiration for those supporting her or fighting alongside her.

"I want to thank all of you that have been spreading the word for me. I've received calls and cards from people all over Cullman County. You don't know how lucky you are to live in a place where the people care so much about one another, and Tim and I cannot thank everyone enough," Willoughby said.

"If you ever need us, we will be there for you. I can't thank everyone enough for praying and fighting with me during this time. Please keep it up because I am winning this fight. If I wasn't, I wouldn't be here to see all of you tonight."

Games

The hoops action started with the junior varsity girls tipping off at 4 p.m. The young group of Lady Eagles came away with a 37-22 win in game one. They were strong on defense and got a good offensive performance from freshman Lacy Rice, who finished with a game-high 11 points.

The junior varsity boys' teams were up next, and the Aggies were able to get back on top with an impressive 52-28 win. The Eagles only trailed 27-14 at halftime and had a chance to stay in the game, but a big run for the Aggies early in the fourth quarter put the game out of reach for Cold Springs.

The Lady Eagles and Lady Aggies got things started the varsity games and clashed in the tightest game of the night.

In the end it was the Fairview Lady Aggies that came out on top with a 47-42 victory. Cold Springs got off to a hot start from the 3-point line and led by double digits at the end of the first quarter thanks in large part to junior guard Camryn Crider.



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Regina Willoughby, second from right, currently battling pancreatic cancer, was surrounded by friends and family during Friday night's Purple Out event in her honor.

Crider had 12 of her team's 14 points at the end of the first quarter and finished with a game-high 21 points. Crider's performance pushed her over the 1,000-point mark in her career at Cold Springs, but it wasn't enough to hold off the Lady Aggies, who came back to take the lead at the half and didn't lose it for the rest of the game. Senior forward for Fairview, Valentina Klocker, played well in the second half, coming up with some big baskets and rebounds to help her team hold the lead. Klocker finished with eight points, two steals and a game-high nine rebounds.

The last game of the night was between the varsity boys. The full court pressure that the Aggies put on the Eagles made it difficult for Cold Springs to keep up with Fairview's offense. The Aggies got off to a fast start and led 32-25 at the half. That was as close as Cold Springs got, as the Fairview offense exploded in the second half on its way to a 75-43 win. Bryson Fletcher was the standout for Fairview, putting up 30 points, seven rebounds and five steals for the Aggies.

DHR (from Front)

with other state agencies-juvenile probation, mental health. We're seeing lots and lots of kids, younger and younger, with severe mental health issues. Parents may want to be able to meet their needs at home, but just can't; say there's other kids in the home who are at risk, or the children are at risk due to their (parents') own issues.

"We're seeing a lot of that. And, to be completely honest, tons and tons of drug use that's resulting in kids entering foster care because their parents aren't able to take care of them."

Gentry, whose office has to deal face-to-face with many of those situations that send kids to foster care, addressed the crowd.

"I have a very near and dear place on my heart for children. It gives me joy and happiness to see so many kids that are being loved in here today. And that's really what it's about. There's so many times that communities lose focus on what's important, and children are our greatest resource.

"Our children are who will make a difference in this world. And being with them and showing them love teaches them how to show love when they grow up."

Chaney shared, "We're fortunate to live in such a tremendous community that values children. Everything that we see, everything that we read says that a safe, secure, loving, stable home is the most important thing we can do to help our children.

"There are 34 children now in Cullman County that have that. You can't put a price on that. And while we're happy with that success, I know this director and this staff is not going to be happy until we have a place for every child that needs help."

"We've got a lot of really good staff who work really hard to make sure that kids, if they can't be with their birth family, that they have permanent forever families," said Smith. "They've done a lot of hard work this year to get there."

During the celebration Smith addressed her staff, "I tell you often, but I have worked in and with other counties, yet I have never encountered a group of more selfless people, people who are united as a team to achieve that sole goal of changing this world one kid at a time.

"I'm privileged to know each one of you professionally and personally. I know your hearts, and your dedication to our kids. You have my respect, and I thank you."

To the adopting families, Smith said, "Thank you for taking a chance. Thank you for not being afraid you'll get too attached. Thank you for knowing that attachment is exactly what our kids need.

"Thank you for holding us accountable as an agency, and most of all for advocating for our kids in only ways that foster and adoptive parents can. But most of all, thank you for opening your hearts and homes to help us make certain that every child is adoptable."

Smith shared with the crowd the motto of the adoption-supportive Dave Thomas Foundation: "Unadoptable is Unacceptable."

Both Smith and Buchanan encouraged families considering fostering or adoption to contact families already involved.

For more information, or to be placed in touch with foster/adoptive parents, call DHR at 256-737-5300 and ask to speak to someone in the resource or licensing units. Information on foster care and adoption can also be found at http://dhr.alabama.gov.

Cullman Farm-City: Stan and Suzanne Wood named 2018 Farm Family of the Year

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CULLMAN – At its annual banquet Thursday evening, the Cullman Farm-City Committee named Stan and Suzanne Wood of Riverwood Farms in Bremen as the 2018 Farm Family of the Year.

The Farm-City Committee chooses a Family of the Year each year, rotating between choosing a Farm Family and City Family.

In nominating the Woods for the honor, the anonymous person wrote, "Talking with Stan and Suzanne, I feel that they know they have been graced by God with the land that they care for.

"And God has provided them the opportunity to be shining examples of what it means to be stewards of His land. It is an opportunity they have not taken for granted."

The Woods' business is, appropriately, wood. On a 4,000-acre farm along the Mulberry River near Bremen, the family cultivates timber as part of an industry whose farms cover almost half the acreage of Cullman County, with annual sales that often rival those of the county's cattle industry.

They also raise corn, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat on 400 acres of their farm, and support populations of local wildlife, especially game animals who feed on crops left in the field throughout the year.

The Woods were 2014 recipients of the Helene Moseley Memorial Treasure Forest Award for what Farm-City Chairwoman Lynda Hankey described as "their commitment to good land stewardship and education, and they do this by investing in our community, hosting educational trainings in collaboration with many organizations, including FFA's Forestry Judging team, the Boy Scouts of America, Soil and Water Conservation, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the North Alabama Agriplex, the Alabama Natural Resource Council, and many more."

The committee took time to recognize the next generation of farmers and supporters of agriculture with youth awards and the children's poster contest.

Poster Contest winners
K-3rd grade
- Lyric Antone, West Point Elementary School
- Mason McDonald, Good Hope Elementary School
- Latham Shuford, Cold Springs Elementary School

4th-6th grade
- Elaina Agnello, Sacred Heart School
- Boston Gibbs, Holly Pond Elementary School
- Mattie Wix, Good Hope Elementary School

Fifth-grader Mattie Wix was the overall poster contest winner, and could qualify to compete at the state level where she has already taken first place honors once, during the 2015-16 school year.

Youth awards
Outstanding FCCLA Member was shared by Rachel Haynes and Jessica Roden of Cold Springs High School.

Colby Tyree of West Point High School was named Outstanding 4-H Member.

Sydni Benefield of Holly Pond High School, and Paige Quick of West Point High School shared the title of Outstanding FFA Member.

The Farm-City Banquet kicked off Farm-City Week which runs annually from the Friday before Thanksgiving through Thanksgiving Day.

Its purpose, according to the committee's website, is "to bring about a better understanding between rural and urban people by increasing their knowledge and appreciation of each other as partners in progress."

For more information on Cullman Farm-City programs, visit www.cullmanfarmcity.org.



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Stan and Suzanne Wood receive the Farm Family of the Year award.

POLITICS

Qualifying dates set by Cullman GOP

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Republican Party has announced qualifying dates for the 2018 Republican primary election. Those interested in running for public office may qualify from Jan. 8, 2018 to Feb. 9, 2018.

Local GOP Chairman Waid Harbison said that if candidates do not qualify with the Republican Party during the specified timeframe, they will not be able to run for office on the Republican Party ballot during the 2018 election cycle.

The primary election will be held on June 5, 2018 with run-off elections on July 17, 2018, if needed.

Candidates qualifying for local office will be required to pay a fee equal to two percent of the salary of the post for which they are running. If candidates or campaigns do not have adequate funding for the qualifying fee, the party may waive the fee if needed.

For more information on qualifying for local office as a Republican in the 2018 primary, contact Harbison at wharbison@cullmanrecreation.org or at 256-708-1650.

State's Oct. unemployment rate record low 3.6%; Cullman Co. at 3%

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MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey's office Friday morning released the state's latest unemployment numbers. According to the Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL), Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate is 3.6 percent, down from September's previous record-tying rate of 3.8 percent, and well below October 2016's rate of 6.1 percent.

Cullman County's rate is again among the lowest in the state, at 3 percent. That's up slightly from last month's rate of 2.8 percent and significantly lower than October 2016's 5.4 percent.

"We had great news last month, when we announced that Alabama's unemployment rate had tied its lowest ever. Today, our news is even bigger! Alabama's unemployment rate has dropped even more, registering a new record low!" said Ivey. "What we are doing is working, and as a result, the people of Alabama are working."

"Additionally, today's numbers show that we currently have the fewest number of unemployed people in history, measuring some 77,000; but that means 77,000 Alabamians, men and women, are still without work. I will persist in my efforts to put every Alabamian who wants to work in a good paying job by recruiting high-wage, high-skill industries to Alabama."

ADOL says October's rate represents 77,358 unemployed persons, the lowest number ever recorded, compared to 82,562 in September and 133,875 in October 2016. 2,079,576 people were counted as employed, compared to 2,069,094 in September and 2,046,861 in October 2016.

"As we continue to see our unemployment rate drop, Alabama's businesses continue to hire and support real jobs in our economy," said Fitzgerald Washington, Sec. of ADOL. "Our wage and salary employment figures are currently at the third highest level since we began keeping records. There are nearly 30,000 more jobs today than there were in October of last year. Through job fairs and the services provided at our Career Centers located throughout the state, we are helping employers find the employees they are looking for."

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 29,400, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+7,100), the professional and business services sector (+6,400), and the manufacturing sector (+6,100), among others.

Wage and salary employment increased in October by 6,500. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+3,300), the education and health services sector (+2,700), and the government sector (+2,200), among others.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.6 percent; Marshall, Madison, Lee and Cullman Counties at 3 percent; and Tuscaloosa and Elmore Counties at 3.1 percent. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 8.9 percent, Clarke County at 6.6 percent and Lowndes County at 6.4 percent.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Alabaster, Homewood and Vestavia Hills at 2.4 percent, Hoover at 2.6 percent and Madison at 2.7 percent. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Prichard and Selma at 6.5 percent, Anniston at 4.9 percent and Bessemer at 4.8 percent.





PREP BOWLING

St. Bernard, Cullman look solid in tri-match

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Bowling Center was abuzz with chatter and excitement as St. Bernard, Cullman and East Limestone laced up their bowling shoes for a tri-match on the lanes Thursday evening.

East Limestone was the overall victor with the boys posting a whopping 1,382 while the girls won in convincing fashion with a stout 989.

However, there were some impressive scores tallied by St. Bernard and Cullman that kept the match competitive down to the last pin.

"The girls did really well," said St. Bernard coach Tyler Ayers.

"I am proud of them. We played East Limestone Tuesday in Madison and we didn't bowl very well."

GIRLS
East Limestone
10-Pin
1) Abbie Mason 99
2) Jessica Pillow 113
3) Haley Beard 91
4) Hannah Roberts 109
5) Caitie Brooks 213

Baker
1) 126
2) 111
3) 127

Total
989

St. Bernard
10-Pin
1) Bridget Gallegos 86
2) Aria McMillan/ Carley Tombo 62
3) Mai Thy Nguyen 84
4) Aiden Adcock 129
5) Gracie Loyd 110

Baker
1) 110
2) 107
3) 112

Total
799

Cullman
10-Pin
1) Skylar Moore 104
2) Alexis Brown 98

Baker
1) 36
2) 33
3) 45

Total
314

BOYS
East Limestone
10-Pin
1) Brandon Wade 203
2) Daniel Torres/Matt Black 135
3) Ethan Keeton 186
4) Austin Turner/Bryant Story 152
5) Brendan Ferris/ Brennan Ashmore 179

Baker
1) 158
2) 193
3) 176

Total
1,382

St. Bernard
10-Pin
1) Blake Burman 70
2) Leo Hsieh 78
3) Luke Marti 141

Baker
1) 50
2) 81
3) 51

Total
471

Cullman
10-Pin
1) Camden Moore 175
2) Michael Brown 144
3) Lukas Gipson 129
4) Spencer Smith 163

Baker
1) 188
2) 131
3) 116

Total
1,048



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"The boys were short-handed and fared well with only three bowlers," said Ayers of his Saints.

St. Bernard and Cullman will both finish up the seasons in two weeks in Hartselle in a quad-match.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 13-19

Betsy Manous of Eva Alabama passed away on November 13, 2017 at the age of 54. She was born in Decatur on April 20, 1963 to L.D. and Nancy Ricks Hardin. She is preceded in death by her parents and her son Jason Wilson. Funeral services will be on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Etha Cemetery. Survivors are: husband Doug Manous, daughter Wendy Hensley, step-daughter Jessica Crawford, sister Sue Eckles, brother Larry Dale Hardin, grandchildren Taylor (Price) Coe, Blake Green, Susan Hill, Kobe Crawford, Cheyenne Crawford, Justin Crawford, Koda Crawford, great grandchildren Ava Grace Coe, Olivia Mae Coe and a host of other family.

Graveside service for James Robert Orr, age 90 of Huntsville, will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements. Mr. Orr passed away on, November 15, 2017 at his residence. He was born, May 11, 1927 to Cornie and Edith Dickey Orr. He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Orr, parents, and 1 sister. Survivors include his son, James Robert Orr Jr., daughter, Demetra (Lanny) Smith, grandson, Ross Smith and 2 sisters.

Marlene Vivian Harden of Cullman passed away on November 13, 2017 at Woodland Village Health Care at the age of 79. She was born in Florida on December 29, 1937 to Edward D. and Vivian Eleanore Gerlits DeWolfe. She is preceded in death by her parents. Graveside service will be on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Etha Cemetery with Deacon Pete Nassetta officiating. Survivors are: Husband Jonathan L. Harden, Daughters Deborah Harden, Cathi (Michael) Parker, Sons Wayne Harden, Dale Harden, Sister Joyce (Chuck) Laster, 7 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren.

Truman Ray Steele, 83, peacefully passed away at his home on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. He was born on October 23, 1934 in Lawrence County to George and Cairo Jane Steele along with 7 other siblings. Truman farmed for several years before meeting the Love of his life Barbara Ann Haynes. He then moved onto carpentry along with having six children, Kenneth (Ellen) Steele; Theresa Steele; Anita (Jimbo) Robinson; Donald (Kitty) Steele; Ronald Steele and Cindy (David) Wood. Then the family grew larger with 16 Grandchildren, 19 – Great-Grandchildren & 1 – Great-Great-Grandchild. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 2017 in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Mt. Grove Cemetery, with Bro. Rodney Thompson officiating. Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the funeral home and end at 8 p.m.

Martha J. Everett Wilson, 80, of Arley, passed away on November 15, 2017, at Hendrix Health Care in Double Springs, Alabama. Martha was born on March 13, 1937, to Grover Lee Everett and Anna Mae Everett in Houston, Alabama. She attended Addison High School before moving to Delray Beach, Florida. Martha married the love of her life, James "Jim" Wilson, on June 3, 1958. Martha worked for Bell Telephone Company while living in Florida, then worked as a stay-at-home mom raising her two children. Martha was a member and attended Arley First Baptist Church for over 40 years. Martha enjoyed sewing, quilting, painting, crocheting, playing the guitar, singing and growing flowers. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Bill Tittle will officiate. Burial will follow in Meek Cemetery. Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Grover Lee Everett and Anna Mae Everett; her sisters, Dorothy Everett, Vesta Waid, Olivene Sellers, Lucille White and her brothers, John Everett and Grover Lee Everett, Jr. She is survived by her husband, James N. Wilson of Arley, Alabama; her son, Jeffrey V. Wilson and wife Cathy of Huntsville, Alabama; her daughter, Kathy Wilson Gilbreath and her fiancé Steven Wakefield of Double Springs, Alabama; her granddaughter, Rachel Gilbreath of Double Springs, Alabama; her two grandsons, Timonthy Wilson and Thomas Wilson of Olathe, Kansas; her grandson, Stephen Scott and wife Kimberly of Fort Polk, Louisiana; granddaughter, Holly Davidson of Huntsville, Alabama; granddaughter, Candie Morgan of Phoenix, Arizona; grandson, Brian Beck and wife Amy of Gardendale, Alabama; grandson, David Beck and wife Alicia of Birmingham, Alabama; grandson, Michael Beck and his fiancé Rene of Auburn, Alabama; granddaughter, MaCayla Beck of Huntsville, Alabama; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Van White, Tim Waid, Timonthy Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Stephen Scott and Tim Gilbreath.

Clarence Wade King, age 69 of Hanceville, passed away November 14, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents: Howard & Joel Day King; siblings: James Mullis, Hilda Forbus, & Mildred Garton; great grandsons: Jaxstiin Cooper McDaniel & Hastiin Wade McDaniel. He is survived by his wife of forty eight years, Ruth Creel King; children: Michelle Griffin (Terry), Clarence Wade King II, & Kristy King Hicks; siblings: Sherry Thompson (John) & Howard T. King (Brenda); grandchildren: Tyler King, Alexandria Griffin, & Jo-Shonna King; great grandchildren: Chayton Bryant McDaniel & Kenyon Lloyd Griffin and his childhaven brothers and sisters. The family will celebrate Wade's life with a memorial service at Central Acres Community Center on December 10, 2017 beginning at 12 noon.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats, Lady Bearcats sweep Mortimer Jordan

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CULLMAN – The Bearcats and Lady Bearcats had almost everyone in the scoring column in both games in their sweep of Mortimer Jordan at home Thursday night.

Cullman 70, Mortimer Jordan 51 (Girls)

The Lady Bearcats put up at least 20 points in the first three quarters, plus had five players in double-figure scoring, as they easily took care of business at home.

Anna Murphy and Hannah Hoffman each had big first quarters, as Murphy scored 10 and Hoffman put up eight, and Cullman took a 22-11 lead after one. The Lady Blue Devils cut the lead to seven on four straight free throws by MacKynzie Watson early in the second quarter, but four points by Anna Evans and a layup by Olivia Neal pushed the Lady 'Cats' lead to 28-15. Two free throws by Anna Boger cut the lead to nine at 28-19, but Cullman finished strong, outscoring Mortimer Jordan, 14-9, to take a 42-28 lead into the half.

The third quarter saw Anna Bowden put up a crooked number as she scored 11, nine of them from three-point range, and Hoffman added another one from long range; Cullman widened its lead to 66-37 en route to a dominant win.

Hoffman finished with 15 points, five rebounds and three steals for the Lady Bearcats. Murphy ended up with 14 points, four rebounds, a steal and a block. Anna Katherine Eastman had 12 points and three rebounds. Bowden finished with 11 points and a steal. Evans ended up with 10 points, six rebounds and a pair of steals.

The Lady Bearcats improve to 3-1 on the season, and 3-0 at home. They will play in the Encore Thanksgiving Classic this Saturday in Hartselle. Their next regular season game will be next Monday when they travel to Athens.

Cullman 61, Mortimer Jordan 43 (Boys)

Cullman turned a close first quarter into a rout by halftime, shifting into cruise control the rest of the way en route to an easy home win.

Zane Manley scored Cullman's first basket of the game, and the Blue Devils' Trevor Chandler scored their first points of the game in what was a defensive first quarter between both teams. Mortimer Jordan held a 7-6 lead after a Chandler three, but Andrew Morton gave the Bearcats the lead on a pair of free throws, and Jayden Sullins added two more from the line after a Chandler layup. Two huge baskets by Dylan Finch, the second coming off a Blue Devil turnover, gave Cullman a 14-9 lead after one.

The second quarter was all Cullman as the Bearcats turned up the heat on defense, allowing just five Mortimer Jordan points, while putting up 19 of their own, and the first half had nine Cullman players scoring at least two points. Cullman took a 33-14 lead into the half.

Manley put up 10 of the game-high 20 points in the third period to make it 49-29 after three, and the Bearcats kept the double-digit lead the rest of the way to snap a mini two-game losing streak.

Manley also added four rebounds, a pair of steals and a block for Cullman. Finch finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. The duo was two of 11 players to score for the Bearcats to even their record to 2-2.

The Bearcats will travel to Athens next Monday, and will participate in the 61st Annual Thanksgiving Tournament at Holly Pond on Wednesday.

ORDINANCE NO: 011-2017
Amend Ordinance No: 009-2017 ½ Cent Privilege Tax
Separate Bank Account to Be Used for Economic Development

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Good Hope, Alabama has duly assembled at a regular meeting of the city council; and

WHEREAS, the city council has considered the financial needs of the City of Good Hope, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the city council has determined that the collection of the ½ cent privilege license or excise tax, that is to begin January 1, 2018, it is in the best interest of the City of Good Hope, Alabama to be deposited into a separate bank account and designate those funds for economic development; and

WHEREAS, that the Mayor, Jerry Bartlett, and Councilmen John Harris and City Clerk-Treasurer, Christie Chamblee, are hereby authorized to execute all warrants, drafts and checks drawn upon this account.

NOW THEREFORE, that this separate bank account in Cullman County is hereby designated as suitable depository for fund of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and the city council authorizes those funds designated unto Premier Bank of the South until authorized to change by the council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
Christie Chamblee, City Clerk

John Harris, Council President Pro-Tem

ORDINANCE NO 009-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A PRIVILEGE LICENSE OR EXCISE TAX AGAINST PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS STORING, USING, OTHERWISE CONSUMING OR ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING AT RETAIL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR CONDUCTING PLACE OF AMUSEMENT IN THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SAID TAXES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Levy of Privilege or License Tax. There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in the amount to be determined by the application of rates against gross sales, or gross receipts, as the case may be as follows:

(a) Upon every person, firm or corporation, (including the State of Alabama, the University of Alabama, Auburn University and all other higher learning in the State, whether such institutions of higher learning in the state, whether such institutions be denominational, state, county or municipal institutions, and any association or other agency or instrumentality of such institutions) engaged, or continuing within the City of Good Hope in the business of selling at retail any tangible personal property whatsoever, including merchandise and commodities of every kind and character, (not including, however, bonds or other evidences of debts or stocks, nor sale or sales of materials and supplies to any person for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repair or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft of over five tons loan displacement), an amount equal to one-half of one percent (½ %) of the gross proceeds of sales of the business except where a different amount is expressly provided herein. Provided, however, that any person engaging or continuing in business as a retailer and wholesaler or jobber shall pay the tax required on the gross proceeds of retail sales of such business at the rates specified, when his books are kept so as to show separately the gross proceeds of sales of each business, and when his books are not so kept he shall pay the tax as a retailer on the gross sales of the business.
(b) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing with in the City of Good Hope, in the business of conducting or operating places of amusement or entertainment, billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, amusement devices, musical devices, theaters, opera houses, moving picture shows, vaudevilles, amusement parks, athletic contests including wrestling matches, prize fights, boxing and wrestling exhibitions, football and baseball games (including athletic contests conducted by or under the auspices of any educational institution within the City of Good Hope or any athletic association thereof, or other association whether such institution or association be a denominational, a state, or county, or a municipal institution or association or a state, county or city school or other institution, association or school), skating rinks, race tracks, golf courses, or any other place at which any exhibition, display, amusement or entertainment is offered to the public or place or places where an admission fee is charged, including public bathing places, public dance halls of every kind and description with in the City of Good Hope an amount equal to one-half of one percent (½ %) the gross receipts of any such business.
(c) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within the City of Good Hope in the business of selling at retail machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing and manufacturing of tangible personal property an amount equal to one-half percent(½%)of the gross proceeds of the sale of such machines; provided that the term "machines" are herein used shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.
(d) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing with within the City of Good Hope in the business of selling through coin-operated dispensing machines, food and food products for human consumption, not including beverages other than coffee, milk, milk products and substitutes therefor, there is hereby levied a tax equal to one-half of one percent (½%) of the cost of such food, food products and beverages sold through such machines, which cost for the purpose of this subsection shall be the gross proceeds of sales of such business.
(e) Upon every, person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing with within the City of Good Hope in the business of selling any automotive vehicle, truck, a truck-trailer or semi-trailer, mobile home, boats, motors for boats and machines, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating and harvesting farm products or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment, attachments and replacements therefor which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, there is hereby levied a tax equal to zero percent (0 %) of the proceeds of sales of such items.

SECTION 2. Provisions of State Sales Tax Statutes Applicable to this Ordinance and Taxes Herein Levied. The taxes levied by Section 1of this ordinance shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, rules, regulations, provisions, discounts, penalties, fines, punishment and deductions that are applicable to the he taxes levied by the state sales tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the state sales tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

SECTION 3. Levy of Excise Tax.
(a) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage. use or other consumption in the City of Good Hope of tangible personal property (not including materials and supplies bought for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repairing or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft of more than five tons load displacement) purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in the City of Good Hope, except as provided in subsection (b) at the rate of one-half percent (½ %) of the sales price of such property with in the corporate limits of said City of Good Hope.
(b) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of Good Hope of any machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing and manufacturing of tangible personal property purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance at the rate of one-half of one percent (½%) of the sales price of any such machine, within the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope; provided, that the term "machine" as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefor. which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

SECTION 4. Definitions. The taxes levied by Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, rules, regulations, provisions, discounts, penalties, fines, punishments and deductions that are applicable to the taxes levied by the state use tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the state use tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes, as provided in Title 40, Section 23, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance Cumulative to General License Code or Ordinance. This ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any of the provisions of the general license code or ordinance of the City of Good Hope, but shall be held to be cumulative, and the amounts of the taxes herein levied shall be in addition to the amounts of all other license taxes imposed by the City of Good Hope by its general license code or ordinance.

SECTION 6. Payment Due Dates. The tax levied under the provisions of this ordinance, except as otherwise provided, shall be due and payable in monthly installments on or before the 20th day of the month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrued. On or before the 20th day of each month after this ordinance shall have taken effect, every person on whom the taxes levied by this ordinance are imposed shall render to the City of Good Hope, on a form prescribed by the city, a true and correct statement showing the gross sales, the gross proceeds of sales, or gross receipts of the business, as the case may be, for the next preceding month, the amount of gross proceeds or gross receipts which are not subject to the he tax or are not to be used as a measurement of the taxes due by such person, and the nature thereof: together with such other information as the Town may require, and at the time of making such monthly report such person may use the forms prescribed and used by the State of Alabama under the State Sales Tax Law of Alabama. In making the statements and reports herein provided, the same information shall be given to the City as is furnished to the State under the State Sales Tax Law. If any person subject to this ordinance should willfully make a false return or false statement of facts in the statements or returns required hereunder, that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in Section 8 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of every person engaging or continuing in the City in any business for which a privilege tax is imposed by this ordinance to keep and preserve suitable records of the gross sales, gross proceeds of sales and gross receipts or gross receipts of sales of such business and such other books or accounts as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax for which he is liable under the provisions of this Ordinance. It shall be the duty of every person to keep and preserve for a period of two (2) years, all invoices of goods, wares and merchandise purchased for resale or otherwise and all such books, invoices and other records shall be open for examination at any time by the Town or its agents. Any person selling both at wholesale and retail shall keep his books so as to show separately the gross proceeds of wholesale sales and the gross proceeds of retail sales.

SECTION 8. The books, records and accounts mentioned in the next preceding Section shall at all reasonable times be open to examination by the City Clerk or by any person designated by the City Clerk. Any person who shall fail to keep such records or refuse to permit such examination thereof or shall fail to render any report required by this ordinance or who shall fail to pay the privilege or license tax levied under the provisions of this Ordinance before the same shall become delinquent or who shall violate any other term or provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for each such offense. Each failure shall constitute a separate offense and each day in which business is done without paying any delinquent license or privilege tax levied hereunder shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 9. Every itinerant vendor engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail within the City shall be subject to the terms of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Every person subject to this Ordinance may take a discount in an amount equal to five percent (5%) off the first One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) of taxes paid to the City and two percent (2%)) off any taxes over One Hundred Dollars up to a maximum discount of Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00) of all taxes paid to the City under the provisions of this Ordinance, provided the returns are made and the taxes paid before the same become delinquent hereunder. If the reports are not filed within the time herein provided for, no such person shall be entitled to such discount, but shall pay the City the full amount of the tax together with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date the payment of said tax becomes delinquent.

SECTION 11. Purpose. This tax shall be levied for the purpose of funding the General Fund, of which council approves budget annually.

SECTION 12. Severability. Each and every provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

SECTION 13. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of January 2018. The first payment of taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on the 20th day of February and each month of each calendar year thereafter from year to year.

ADOPTED THIS THE 25th DAY OF September, 2017.

Jerry Bartlett
Mayor, Jerry Bartlett

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

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Ginger (from Front)

thy companion! "I am about 1-and-a-half years old. My adoption fee is $90 and that includes the following: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, Rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the Vet, spay/neuter, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24 Pet Watch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax)."

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Rd NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Tickets (from Front)

husband about the positive motivation behind the prize and was happy to see their school take part in the contest.

"We love our school and we're thrilled with the win. The teachers really encourage a love of reading for the students and that just motivated Emma to participate in the contest. She loved it and was so excited to turn her entry in and never in our wildest dreams did we ever think she would actually win," she said.

"Here at West Elementary, reading is really encouraged. Just the other day we had a read-a-thon where all the students read all day long and so we're very proud of our school."

Emma's parents found out about the prize last week and had a hard time keeping the secret but loved seeing their daughter's reaction once she heard the news.

"We were told around the end of last week and I couldn't believe it. It was very, very hard to keep that secret for that long but she was super excited when she found out," said Dori Patterson.

"At first, she didn't realize what exactly she just won. As we've explained it a little more she's starting to realize how big of a deal it is. We're just so thankful and blessed for this opportunity; we're going to have a wonderful time that day.

"AEA has really gone all out to make her feel special and reward her for the reading so we're very, very pleased with that."

This year's competition resulted in more than 250,000 books read by elementary school students all across the state.

Emma and her family will certainly be enjoying their time at the game regardless of the outcome, but the whole family made sure to shout, "War Eagle!" before everyone left the gym.

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