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A little snow, a lotta fun



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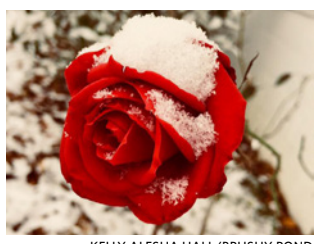
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CULLMAN – Folks in Cullman got a little surprise Friday, when bands of forecasted snow drifted a little farther north than expected. The white stuff came down pretty hard for a brief time, coating lawns, plants, vehicles and homes. Area schools let out early, and while the snow didn't stick around long, kids and animals alike got a small chance to play in the powder leading up to the holidays.

Here is a selection of photos submitted to The Tribune from online readers.

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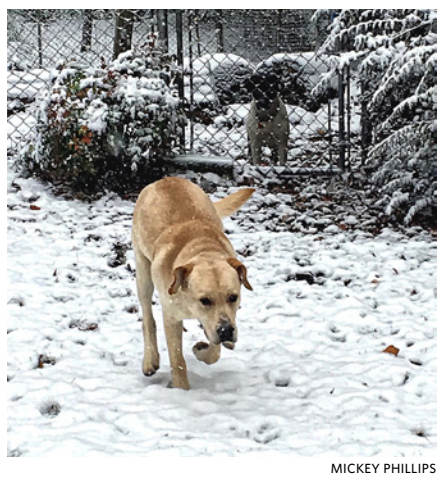
TIFFANY JAYNE JAMES

Rhett James, age 4, of Cullman



KELCEY MOON

Jaylon Hurt, of Hanceville, gets a taste of winter.



MICKEY PHILLIPS

Dogs in the snow in Holly Pond



HOLLY STEWART PIRKLE

Dalton Pirkle, age 10, of Hanceville, with his snowman

Spike in number of animal cruelty cases concerns authorities





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Cullman County Animal Control Director, Capt. Tim McKoy, encourages residents to contact Animal Control if they see animals in a condition similar to the photographs shown here.

W.C. Mann, Wendy Sack
Tribune Staff

CULLMAN – There has been an alarming spike in the number of animal cruelty cases in Cullman County. According to Cullman County Animal Control Sgt. Chris Westmoreland, in a three-week span beginning Oct. 23, 12 people were arrested in five separate cases, and 28 animals were seized

"It was a very odd month," said Westmoreland. "We work a lot of animal cruelty cases, but we can usually get most of the owners in compliance. But (the seized animals) were bad enough that we needed to take them at that point and get them to a vet."

The following list includes one case from September, and those involved in the October/November spike of incidents.

Mark Kevin Bassett, 48 - cruelty to animal (horse), a Class A misdemeanor; case pending
This incident occurred on County Road 1635.

Westmoreland said that in this case, officers responded to a report in September of a horse in poor condition. "It takes a lot longer to put weight on a horse than on a canine, just because of their mass," he said.

"The owner was advised by a local vet how to care for the animal. He did not follow through. The condition of the horse deteriorated."

Ashton Henil Floyd, 23 - cruelty to dog/cat (2 counts), Class A misdemeanors; case pending

Thomas Michael Floyd, 32 - cruelty to dog/cat (2 counts), Class A misdemean-

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Holly Pond choir and band celebrate the season

New band director reflects on his first semester

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Director Evan Curtis and the Holly Pond High School Band wait for the choir to take the stage.

HOLLY POND – On Thursday evening, the music programs of Holly Pond High School came together for the school's annual Christmas concert.

The 74-member choir and ensemble, under the direction of Melissa Roberts, performed "Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)," "Carol of the Bells," "Mary, Did You Know" and "Silent Night Medley," featuring the duet of Presley Marks and Trevor Shoemaker. The ensemble (Presley Marks, Leah Tarvin, Kara Hollis, Gracie Thomas, Cassie Carter, Abrey Norman, Trevor Shoemaker, Reid Hollis and Seth Self) performed "Beautiful Star," a crowd favorite.

"They're a great group of kids," said Roberts, "a great group of kids. You know, we have fun together. Sometimes we have to have a little thumbs down on them, but they are a great group of kids. It's a blessing to me to be where the Lord's put me. I'm just blessed to be here."

The 49-member band, under the direction of Evan Curtis, performed its longtime favorite "African Bell Carol," along with "The Polar Express," a marching band arrangement of "Jingle Bells" conducted by Drum Major Leah Tarvin and "Sleigh Ride."

At the conclusion of the Christmas program, with Curtis noting that the concert fell on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, the band reprised its Veterans Day "Armed Forces Medley."

This was Curtis' first Christmas concert at Holly Pond, as he is preparing to finish his first semester as a teacher at the school. After the concert, he took a moment to reflect on the last few months.

"It's been great! I had been so used to the whole college atmosphere.

"I've come in and I've learned a whole lot, because high school is a totally different beast. This has been a very rewarding experience, and they're great kids. We've had a very good semester, I think," he said.

"We've seen a lot of progress: musically, even professionally--with attitudes and behavior--lots of progress."

Curtis also had words of praise for his band parents and volunteers, and the efforts of his students toward two upcoming projects.

"We're going to be taking a band trip (to Universal Studios in Orlando) in the spring, and we're trying to raise money for uniforms. I have never seen an organization raise so much money in a small amount of time.

"That's just a shout-out to my parents, my band boosters and the eagerness of my students.

"We have a great support system here: we have great parents, great administrators, great students!"

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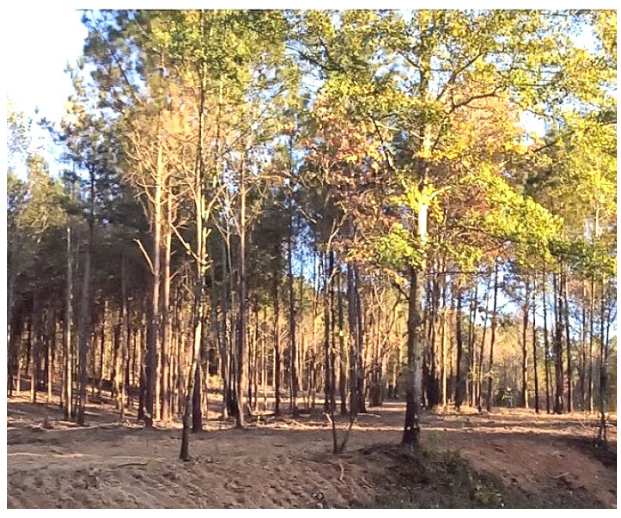








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Cruelty (from Front)

ors; case pending
This incident occurred on County Road 496.

The Floyds' case involves two canines. "We had multiple contacts with them," said Westmoreland, "from running at large, to not having water, to not having access to shelter. We made multiple attempts to get them into compliance. Some of the animals were brought into compliance; some were not. We seized two dogs."

Tina Marie Garrison, 26 - cruelty to dog/cat (8 counts), Class A misdemeanors; sentenced to 15 days in jail

Jonathan Eugene James, 31 - cruelty to dog/cat (8 counts), Class A misdemeanors; sentenced to 30 days in jail
This incident occurred on County Road 1619.

"They had a couple of emaciated dogs on the property," said Westmoreland. "Those two dogs, along with another one, were in very poor shape. I made contact with the owners, who said their dog food had gotten stolen, and they hadn't bought anymore."

Westmoreland said that at that point, the dogs needed to be seized and taken to the vet. "We had an understanding that they needed to take the rest of the dogs to the vet by a certain date, and they didn't do it. We seized six more dogs and took them to the vet. All of the animals test positive for parasites. The judge awarded custody of the eight dogs to the animal shelter."

Kallie Jordan Suzanne Looney, 26 - cruelty to animals (6 counts), Class A misdemeanors; case pending
This incident occurred on County Road 52.

"We got the complaint around the first of August," Westmoreland said, "that a dog was a little thin and suspected to be parasitic. We talked with the owner and she agreed to take the animal to the vet, which she did; she took care of it."

Eight weeks later, officers got another call. "Within a matter of weeks, everything went downhill. She was not taking care of them like she should. We seized six canines."

Terry Brian Massey, 41 - cruelty to animals, allowing dogs to run at large, Class A misdemeanors; case pending

Elizabeth Temple Melton, 35 - cruelty to animals, allowing dogs to run at large, Class A misdemeanors; case pending
This incident occurred on County Road 1511. Westmoreland said this was a case of a dog unconfined to the property, which had tragic consequences.

"They had been warned multiple times of the animal being loose," he said. "The animal ultimately died due to their criminal negligence."

Brandon Steven Smith, 30 - aggravated cruelty to animals (2 counts), Class C felony; cruelty to dog (6 counts), Class A misdemeanor; case pending

Carolyn Sue Smith, 54 - aggravated cruelty to animals (2 counts), Class C felony; cruelty to dog (6 counts), Class A misdemeanor; case pending

Jeffery Allen Smith, 29 - aggravated cruelty to animals (2 counts), Class C felony; cruelty to dog (6 counts), Class A misdemeanor; case pending

Ronnie Steven Smith, 26 - aggravated cruelty to animals (2 counts), Class C felony; cruelty to dog (6 counts), Class A misdemeanor; case pending

Tony Steven Smith, 53 - aggravated cruelty to animals (2 counts), Class C felony; cruelty to dog (6 counts), Class A misdemeanor; case pending
Due to this being an active felony case, Westmoreland was limited in the amount of details he could share.

"All I can say is that the day after Thanksgiving, we were dispatched to County Road 233 on the report of a deceased animal. When we got on the scene, were found two deceased canines confined to property. There were six other canines that were in poor condition, some more than others. At that time, we made the determination to seize all the animals."

Westmoreland said the six live dogs were taken to the vet for treatment, while the two deceased canines were taken to the Wallace State Community College diagnostic lab for necropsies.

The defendants in this case face possible jail time.



Said Westmoreland, "If you live in Cullman County, it doesn't cost anything to bring an animal to the shelter. You need to do something other than let these animals sit out and suffer."

Cullman County Animal Control Director, Capt. Tim McKoy, encourages residents to contact Animal Control if they see animals in a condition similar to the photographs shown here, so personnel can go and check on the animals.

Efforts will be made to bring owners into compliance where possible, but animals will be seized to protect the animals' health or safety, if necessary.

To contact Cullman County Animal Control, call 256-734-5448 or visit http://cullmananimalcontrol.us/index.html.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1959

Wreck Injures Hanceville Family
Seven members of a Hanceville family were among nine injured in a two-car smashup in Vestavia on Tuesday afternoon. A faulty traffic signal was blamed for the crash.Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Puckett, both 28 and Mrs. Puckett's five children by a previous marriage were enroute to Florida, where they planned to make their home in Auburndale, at the time of the accident. The injured children are Linda Harper, 10, who received a serious head injury, which necessitated an operation; Ricky Harper, nine; Stanley Harper, four; Gary Harper, three and Tommy Harper, 11 months.

In the other vehicle were Mrs. E.J. Stoltz and four year old daughter, Cynthia, who were also injured.

According to the investigation the traffic light was showing green for the Stoltz car and was not lighted at all on the Montgomery Highway, on which the Puckett station wagon was traveling at the time of the crash. Seeing no light, Puckett assumed he had the right of way. The Pucketts had been married for two weeks.

Guthery's Cross Roads
On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Alvis visited their son, Marlin, who is very ill in Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Rushing have moved to Mrs. Lizie Green's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hicks and Bruce, of Gadsden, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bryant.

Mrs. Wilma McAfee and little daughters, of Cullman, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Still, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arrell Bryant, Hannah and Pat, of Cullman, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bryant, on Saturday.

Elbert Kilgo, of Logan and Weaver Sinyard attended the Sacred Harp singing at Bethany, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Sinyard and Roger, of Akron, Ohio, are expected here this week for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Sinyard have returned home, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. C.J. McMurry and Connie, in Montgomery.

Bethany News
Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Harbison and boys and Mr. and Mrs. James Clay and children, of Birmingham, were the Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Harbison.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Perdue and girls spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Gray and Jerry, at Good Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hendon, of Arley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lay and boys on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Collins and children, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Smith and Ronald.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burrow and girls spent the weekend in Birmingham with relatives.

Mrs. Vassie Campbell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clifton Trimble, at Crane Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Buell Campbell and Dwayne spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Garmon, at Cold Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmus Calvert and Frankie, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forace Hipps.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Sharpton have moved to this community from Crane Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Perdue visited Danny Perdue, at the Cullman Hospital on Sunday. Danny had an operation for appendicitis.

A.D. Quick Dies
Arthur D. Quick, 63, of Garden City, died on October 14th and funeral services were held at Garden City Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pearlie Knighten Quick; one son, James Quick; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Ruth Walker; one sister, Mrs. Eunice Jones and four grandchildren.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A traveling legend of sorts, from a by-gone era

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I must have seen him half a dozen times in my younger years. The first time we experience something often stands out as the most memorable. I was probably around nine or ten years old. Not many celebrities traveled across Sand Mountain, so he was a big deal. I was helping at my dad's business when Dad came in and said, "Come outside, The Goat Man is coming down the highway."

The Goat Man may sound like some half man, half goat creature in Greek mythology or from The Chronicles of Narnia.

The Goat Man I'm speaking about was not mythical, and after that day I could testify that he was real.

His actual name was Ches McCartney, but back then, I only knew him as The Goat Man.

I had never been to a circus, but he was like a one man circus coming to me.

He was not half goat, but a man who traveled the countryside with a herd of goats.

I had heard other boys at school talk about seeing him, but I had never been so fortunate.

The girls weren't quite as enamored. With boyish excitement, I ran out to the side of highway thirty-five, where Dad and I anxiously awaited his arrival.

I'm not sure if the aroma came from the man or his goats, but I smelled them before I saw them.

I felt certain that Mama would enforce an extra-long bath that night, because I had been so close to them and that I wouldn't get a vote.

He traveled in a wagon pulled by a team of goats. A couple of his larger Billy goats trailed behind and functioned as brakes.

The younger kids either frolicked along behind or rode in the wagon.

I did not witness this, but supposedly, the kids slept beside him in the wagon at night. Pots, pans, and other items hung from his wagon and clanged together as he approached.

He claimed to have traveled from one end of the nation to the other, having gone through every state except Hawaii.

When we happened upon him over in Georgia the next year, in my "I ain't never been nowhere logic," I figured since he was that far from my home, he must be telling the truth.

While he appeared to be a vagabond tramp, rumors circulated that he had been quite wealthy at one time but had walked away from it all to travel the countryside with his goats. I believe that was simply folklore, but it made his story more intriguing.

He actually made his living by selling items he had picked up off the side of the road, plus his picture postcards. As darkness fell each evening, he usually built a campfire from scrap wood he had collected, plus an old tire. He said the tire smoke drove away insects. It and the smell also drove away some visitors. As curious onlookers gathered, he sold them his items as he preached a little. He also milked his goats each evening and drank their milk. He offered some to those gathered around but most declined.

The Goat Man moved slowly across the landscape. He often said, "If you have no definite place to go and no specific time to be there, speed ceases to be an important factor." These days, it seems like he was from a different era when the entire world moved a little slower. I hope we all have a few days during the holidays to slow down some, enjoy Christmas with family and friends, and maybe even have a cold glass of milk – cow's milk.

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Poet's Corner

Love Is

By: Harry Moritz
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Love is a Holy vestment,
spun into fabric so thin it is almost
invisible, yet fabric so strong not even
trickling time
or potent death could tatter
or remove it, especially from memory.

Love's garment cannot be frayed by use.
Love brings an affectionate glow
into what would otherwise be
an intolerable long, cold journey.

At times, love can also be a terrible load as
heavy to bear as a cloak of chain mail.

Bearing the burden of love on
those dreaded occasions,
when it is such a solemn weight, makes it even
more precious when remembering better times.

When it snares the wind, it's
sleeves flare like wings -
lifting your heart, your spirit, your
emotions. Love bequeaths freedom -
That of an eagle when it takes flight.

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Mini rodeo, maximum success: sheriff's event brings joy to special needs community

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Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and his son participate in the stick horse races at the mini rodeo on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017.

CULLMAN – Sheriff Matt Gentry called it the "heart and soul of the sheriff's office." On Thursday morning, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) kicked off its annual Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo with a special mini rodeo for the county's special needs community. Approximately 1,300 attendees filled the stands at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, while hundreds of community volunteers and CCSO deputies (many of whom were also volunteering their off-duty hours) came out to help.

The event featured typical rodeo events like calf roping for men, break-away roping for ladies, team roping, bull and bronco riding, and ladies' and juniors' barrel racing.

And this was no play rodeo; while it was an exhibition, the riders and ropers were members of the Professional Cowboy Association, and will compete in Friday and Saturday night's pro events.

The other sheriff, "Sheriff Woody," and veteran rodeo clown Dusty kept the crowd laughing, cheering and generally fired up. After the regular rodeo events concluded, the arena floor opened to the audience.

Students, assisted by volunteers and rodeo staff, barrel raced on stick horses, tried their hands at roping dummy calves and took hayrides in wagons pulled by deputy-driven tractors.

At every step, deputies and volunteers lent helping hands to make sure that students' limitations wouldn't limit their fun.

Every public school in the county system sent its special needs students, and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette was on hand to join in the fun.

Said Barnette, "It's one of the greatest events we have during the year. I'll tell you, I appreciate the sheriff so much for doing this, because the kids look forward to this. I mean, when they come back to school in the fall, they start asking about when the special needs rodeo is. It's a great event."

Gentry, between handshakes and stick horse rides (Yes, the sheriff rode stick horses, and he didn't get thrown off once!), said, "When you can come here and you can see all these kids smiling, and deputies smiling, and everybody being together, you know, that's a thing to brag on, to show how strong our community is on law enforcement. There's a lot of laughter and a lot of good times."

William Gentry, the sheriff's part-time assistant and full-time son, added, "It's pretty good.

"A lot of people are enjoying it. It's fun to come help!"

The CCSO Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo continued Friday and will conclude Saturday evening with pro events.

On Saturday evening, the sheriff will give away a rifle, shotgun and custom saddle.

In a previous interview, Gentry said, "It's just good, clean fun for families here, and that's our goal with it. Our goal is to bring the community and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office together, and enjoy an event like the rodeo. We look forward to seeing everyone come to the rodeo, and we want all of our citizens to come that can come."

At a glance

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo

- Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Highway 31 N
- Final night of the PCA pro rodeo Saturday, Dec. 9, gates open at 5:30 p.m.
- Admission $10 adults, $8 students ages 6-18







Annual Lights of Love event sets Cullman Regional aglow

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Colonel Cullmann Room at Cullman Regional was full Thursday night as dozens came out for the annual Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas tree lighting. A ceremony was held before the tree lighting to honor and remember local citizens who have passed, including former Cullman Regional Foundation President Claude Alsbrooks.

Cullman Regional Foundation Executive Director Maria Stanford has been part of the tree lighting event for many years and talked about the planning that goes into putting on the ceremony.

"I started with the hospital back in 1996 and have had the privilege of working with the Lights of Love program since that time," Stanford said.

"There is a committee through the foundation that works on this project throughout the year and its very much a community wide event. We have several community groups that are participating and there are individuals, companies and others who help support the program. They make contributions that go back to the hospital, so this year we are raising money to help replace the ventilators here in our critical care unit. People can be proud by giving back in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one."

After the ceremony began, Foundation board member Danny McAfee gave a special tribute to one of the foundation's creators.

"In 2010, the Foundation Board appropriately re-named Lights of Love in memory of the many contributions made by Dr. Herman Ensor, who also started the event," McAfee shared. "Dr. Ensor and his wife, Janie, made numerous contributions to the Cullman community and they are fondly remembered by those they touched. Dr. Ensor was well-known as a caring and dedicated physician, and Mrs. Ensor was always by his side supporting and encouraging him.

"Dr. Ensor helped establish the Foundation in 1977 and served as president for 16 years. He was passionate about improving healthcare in our community.

"His legacy continues today with the tree lighting ceremony, honoring individuals who have passed away. Some of you might remember one of the first events, where he read the names of everyone being honored."

Continued McAfee, "We are honoring many individuals this evening, one of whom dedicated countless hours of service to the hospital."

McAfee took a moment to honor the late Alsbrooks, a former president of the Foundation who passed away at the age of 91 in September.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Multiple trees were lit on the campus of Cullman Regional at the conclusion of the 2017 Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas tree lighting ceremony Thursday evening, Dec. 7.

"I would like to remember Mr. Claude Alsbrooks for his many years of service to the Foundation. He passed away earlier this year. He served as president of the Foundation and played a major role in the growth and development of the medical community," said McAfee. "He will always be remembered as a selfless worker and a gentleman of integrity. We are grateful to have his family with us tonight."

The night featured several musical performances from a variety of local groups within the community. Leading off was the Cullman First Baptist Church First Children's Choir. They were followed by Dr. Joe Johnson and his daughter Mallory Johnson and the Cullman FBC Ladies' Ensemble. Closing out the musical performances was the Cullman High School choir led by director Sarah Jane Skinner. To conclude the night, guests made their way outside for the tree lighting. Led by the CHS choir, the crowd sang "Silent Night" as multiple trees lit up the night.

According to the Foundation, donations may be contributed throughout the holiday season and can be made online at www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or by calling the Foundation at 256-737-2565.

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HANCEVILLE – The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College is accepting reservations for a May 2018 tour of Germany and the Alps. The nine-night trip is scheduled for May 17-27, 2018, and includes stops in Rothenburg, Munich, Lucerne, Salzburg, Heidelberg, and more.

"This will be a wonderful trip for area residents who may want to explore their German heritage or anyone who would like to learn more about Germany and Switzerland, and is a great educational opportunity for area students," said Kristen Holmes, Burrow Museum Administrator.

"Plus, the average high temperature for Munich in May is about 64 degrees, so it will be a great escape from the hot, humid weather in the South."

The trip includes a guided tour of Rothenburg, Germany, a Bavarian dinner to sightseeing in Munich, a visit to the Neuschwanstein Castle, a dinner in the Swiss Alps, sightseeing in Lucerne and Heidelberg, and more.

Cost of the tour is $3,965 or $4,280 for those 30 and older.

The cost of the trip includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations, on-tour transportation, regional meals, full-time tour director, expert local guides, guided sightseeing and admission to attractions include in the itinerary.

Two optional excursions are offered.

One is offered on day five of the trip, with a full-day excursion by train to Salzburg.

The second is a two-day extension of the trip that includes a Rhine River cruise, tour of the Cologne Cathedral and a group dinner.

For more information about the trip, contact Kristen Holmes at 256-352-8118 or kristen.holmes@wallacestate.edu, or visit www.wallacestate.edu/abroad to see the full itinerary and to make reservations.

Group tour planned to Discover Washington, D.C.

The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association is now taking reservations for a June 2018 group tour of the nation's capital. The "Discover Washington, D.C Tour" is scheduled for June 7-12, 2018, and includes visits to the U.S. Capitol Building, war memorials, the Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre and more.

"This tour will cover a lot of territory and you will walk away with a lot of wonderful memories and photos to share with family and friends," said LaDonna Allen, Alumni Association Coordinator.

"You'll have guided tours with local experts and have the opportunity to explore on your own as well."

The trip itinerary includes tours of the U.S. Capitol Building, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial, National Mall, White House Visitor Center, Smithsonian Institution (choose either National Air and Space Museum or the National Museum of American History), Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, Washington National Cathedral and Ford's Theatre.

Included in the fee is roundtrip airfare and airport transfers from Wallace State to Birmingham airport, five-night accommodations at the Washington Marriot Georgetown, eight meals (5 breakfasts and three dinners), professional tour manager, and admission to all sites listed on the itinerary. A fourth optional dinner is available. The DC Twilight Tour is $75 per person.

Travel protection is also available at $250 per person.

Cost per person is $2,979 for single occupancy, $2,239 for double occupancy, and $2,299 for triple occupancy. Wallace State Alumni Association members receive a $100 discount per person through January 8.

For more information, contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestate.edu. Register online at www.wsccalumni.org/dc18.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2017-081**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF T.A.Y.,
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER

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

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF November, 2017.

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

ANDRIA RICHTER
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LOUIS EDWIN HUTTON, deceased CASE NO. PC2017-337

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF LOUIS EDWIN HUTTON, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Frayne Hutton on the 27th day of November, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Frayne Hutton, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HOLLIS CECIL KEEL, deceased CASE NO. PC2017-319

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF HOLLIS CECIL KEEL, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Beverly Charlene Keel on the 17th day of November, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Beverly Charlene Keel, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP of)
DONALD QUICK,) CASE NO: PC2017-334
An Incapacitated Adult.)

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: BARBARA POLIQUIN, TAMMY BRADFORD, DEWAYNE QUICK, DONNIE QUICK OR ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS.

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship filed by Treva Quick to appoint a guardian for DONALD QUICK, an incapacitated adult has been set for the 22nd **day of** February, **2018, at** 9:00 **a.m.** before TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, Room 101, at this time you may appear or if you have an objection to the Petition for Letters of Guardianship you must make your objection known in writing and file said objection with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

DONE this 28th day of November, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice for Three successive weeks in said publication and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Done this 28th day of November, 2017.

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

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 9-15

Phillip Dewayne Lake, 52 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at CRMC. Phillip was born on March 10, 1965 in Cullman. He loved to fish and hunt and was an avid Alabama fan. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Kenny Sudduth, Jerry Lake and Michael Turner will officiate. Phillip is survived by his daughter, Kali Lake; mother, Delores Lake; fiancée, Lanette Edmondson; stepson, Abe Rooks and his wife Jennifer; brother, Jason Lake and his wife Katrina; sister, Vickie Smith and her husband Darrell; he was grandpa to 2 grandchildren, Bentley and Cooper Rooks; and niece, Macy Lake. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Lake; sister, Kimberly Lake; grandparents, William and Aree Key, and J.V. and Elease Elam.

Jeremy Todd Hood, 36, of Houston, entered into rest on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at his home. A full obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Funeral service for Truman Gay, age 85 of Naples, FL will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 11 a.m. with Benny Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Flint Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gay passed away on Monday, December 04, 2017 at Physicians Regional Medical Center in Naples, FL. He was born July 10, 1932 to James and Altha Gay. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brothers and sister Earnie, Herbert, and Bernice. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Gay, nieces and nephews Bobby, Roland, Thurston, Darrell, Ricky, Shelby, Sherry, Ann, Judy, and Sandra, and a Host of great nieces, great nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mary Alice Garrison, 73 of Double Springs, entered into rest on December 7, 2017 at her residence surrounded by loving family. Complete arrangements and obituary information will be announced at a later date. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Sherwin Wendell Williams of Joppa Alabama passed away on December 6, 2017 at his residence at the age of 84. He was born in Cullman Alabama on February 21, 1933 to Ivan E. and Dixie Calvert Williams. He is preceded in death by his wife: Meredith Carpenter Williams. Graveside services will be on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Corinth Baptist Cemetery in Joppa with Bishop Gene Williams officiating. Survivors are: Daughter LaDonna Williams, Sons Sherwin Wendell Williams Jr., Roger Ivan Williams, Carl Elliott Williams, Reginald Bruce Williams, Sisters Kay Francis Stewart, Shelby Jean Ledyard, Brothers: Rayburn Williams, Sammy Wayne Williams, Billy Ray Williams, Roy Lynn Williams, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Amil George Stercho Jr., age 79 of Cullman, formerly of Oklahoma, passed away Monday, December 4, 2017. Amil was a retired veteran of the United States Army. He is survived by daughter, Sieglinde Heatherly; son, Robert Stercho; 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home from 12 noon until the Celebration of Mr. Stercho's life that will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Interment will be Friday, December 15, 2017, 2 p.m. at Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, OK.

Tarrie Harbin Hyche, 75 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Brookwood Medical Center, Birmingham. He was born on July 3, 1942 in Winston County, Alabama. Tarrie graduated from Winston County High School in 1961 and attended Mississippi State University. He was a member of Double Springs Methodist Church. Tarrie was a member of Addison Masonic Lodge. He was entered into the Winston County Sports Hall of Fame. Tarrie loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed bird and deer hunting, Smith Lake, cooking and trading in general, particularly horses. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, Addison, where services will be at 2:30 p.m. Brother Bill Frank Wilson will officiate. Burial will be at Enmondfield Cemetery, Addison. Tarrie is survived by his wife of 54 years, Hilda Alexander Hyche; sons, Jeffery Hyche and wife Sherry, Jed Hyche; daughter, Shanda Hyche; sister, Sue Knowles; 4 grandchildren, Rutger (Kayla) Hyche, Kapsey (Heath) Lewis, Mary Kathryn Hyche, Tad Hyche; 2 great grandchildren, Westin Hyche and Hiedi Hyche. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Clarence and Florene Docia Hyche; and sister, Barbara McCullar.

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WALLACE STATE NEWS

Dental students, instructors touched by service trip to Kenya

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HANCEVILLE – Dental Hygiene students from Wallace State Community College embarked on an international service learning trip to Kenya earlier this semester where they worked as part of a global health outreach team providing dental care to scores of patients, many of whom were receiving dental care for the first time.

This was the first dental hygiene team to serve in the Kenya Relief clinic. And the need for the service was immediately apparent.

Dr. Teresa Ray, dentist and instructor, said they spent three and a half days working in the clinic. The first day they arrived, she said patients were lined up outside the clinic, many arriving before dawn to get in line.

"There were small children running about, women wrapped in traditional Maasi blankets, and elderly men with swollen faces," Ray said.

Dental student Casie Hall described one patient she worked with while assisting Dr. Ray.

The man had an abscess the size of a marble, and the infected tooth kept breaking up as they removed it.

"He needed more work than could be done that day, but "the man was very grateful for what we did and did not complain one single time throughout the procedure," Hall said.

Another patient, who had a such a large buildup of calculus on her teeth that her posterior molars were no long available, repeatedly told Hall "asante sana," meaning thank you, very much," after she completed the cleaning and let her see the results.

With their patients lying on hospital beds, the students stood over them to clean their teeth. "We worked through sore backs, sinus infections, power outages, and never felt more satisfaction or personal reward," Ray said.

The experience was eye-opening for all of them and one that was rewarding on both professional and personal levels.

"In 40 years of dentistry, this was the most gratifying experience of my career," said Kathy Coy, Dental Hygiene instructor.

The students felt the same.

"I went on this mission trip hoping to make a change for the people of Kenya, however, they made a greater change in me," Hall said. "My heart is forever changed by this experience," Hall said.

Drakken James said she was "extremely happy and blessed" to be a part of the outreach team.

"Seeing the love and appreciation from our patients every day we were in clinic was my favorite part of the whole trip," James said.

"To think that I was able to actually help these patients and care for them simply by cleaning their teeth made me extremely happy and blessed to be a part of something bigger than myself."

Elizabeth Vinson said, "This amazing experience cannot be accurately expressed through words or even pictures. I'm still finding myself changing and learning from the things I experienced on this trip.

"The people of Migori, Kenya, taught me so much more than dentistry. They taught me true patience, humility, and appreciation," Vinson added. "I will forever be changed by these people and this place."

Like her classmates, Jenny Barber mentioned how she learned to adapt to new situations. "At the clinic, we were put into situations that we had never been in," she said. "Some patients had more buildup on their teeth than I have ever seen in a textbook.

"We didn't have the tools to remove it quickly and easily like we would have in a regular dental clinic, so I got to practice how to most effectively remove the deposits with the instruments I had.

"I am incredibly happy that we were able to make a difference and put clean smiles on the faces of the people of Kenya," Barber added.

Kenya Relief was started more than 15 years ago by Wallace State alumni Steve James, a nurse anesthetist who visited the area to meet a child his late daughter Brittney sponsored through a worldwide charity.

During his time there, he saw a great need for increased medical care and housing for area residents and orphans in the area and Kenya Relief was born.

Now the organization supports Brittney's Home of Grace, an orphanage housing almost 100 children; Brase Clinic and Vision Center, a medical clinic that serves more than 1,000 patients during the year; and Kenya Relief Academy, a school that serves over 500 children from the area.



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Wallace State Community College Dental Instructor Teresa Ray, right, is assisted by student Casie Hall at the Brase Clinic during a mission trip to Africa with Kenya Relief.

Wallace State's students volunteered to work in the medical clinic, performing dental cleanings and assisting dentists during procedures.

This global health outreach/service learning project is one of several aspects of internationalization implemented by Wallace State to encourage students to become global citizens with cross cultural competencies ready to work in a 21st century interconnected world. The college also conducts an annual international short-term educational trip along with on-campus activities and programs related to diversity and cultural enrichment for students and the community.

For more information about the Dental Hygiene or Dental Assisting programs at Wallace State and its clinic, call 256-352-8300 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

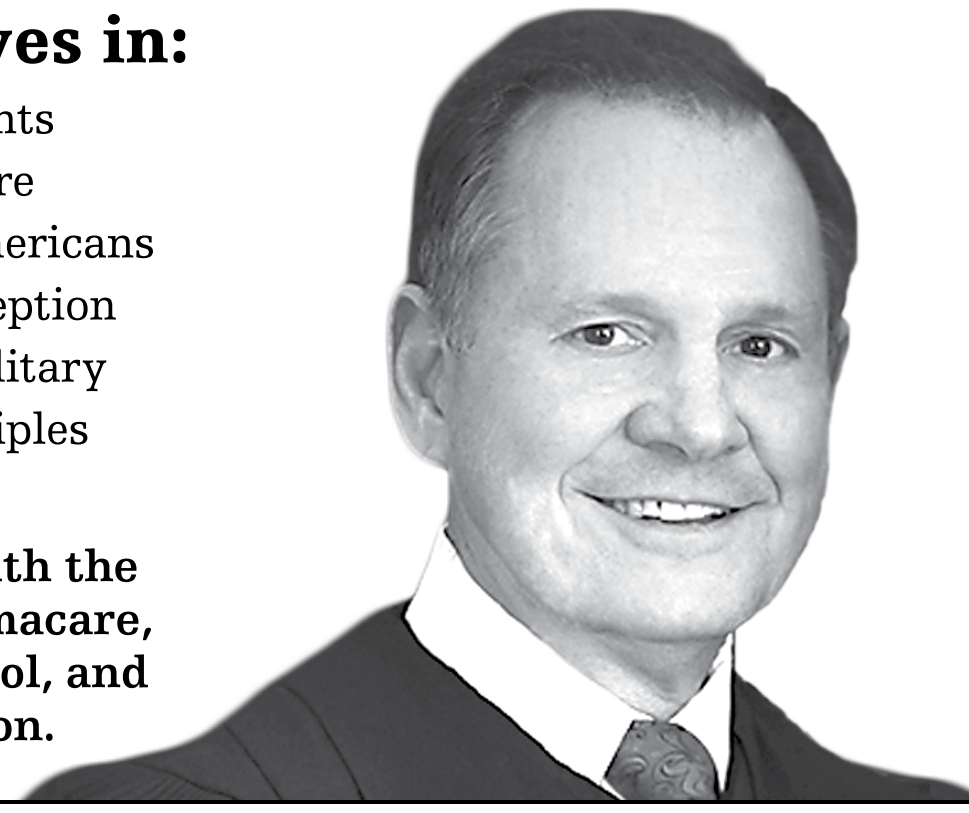
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