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PREP BASEBALL

Bearcats ready to play ball



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Coach Brent Patterson and the Bearcats will travel south to play Fairhope and Daphne on Feb. 19, on President's Day.

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – It may not feel like it outside right now, but baseball season is quickly approaching, and the Cullman High School Bearcats and head coach Brent Patterson are counting down the days. Patterson has led the 'Cats to four straight appearances in the State Championship in Montgomery and brought home a Blue Map in 2015. The Bearcats came up just short against Helena in Montgomery last season, but Patterson is excited to reload for another title run in 2018 with a lot of new faces in the lineup.

The 'Cats lost 10 seniors from last year's team, but Patterson is pleased with how his team has prepared during the offseason and wants to see that work translate on the field.

"We've done a lot of good things, even starting last summer. Summer was a little more fun than normal because we got so many more guys jumping in. Now it's their turn and there's so many question marks all over the field," Patterson said. "We played some good competition and played really well in the summer at times and there are a lot of guys that no one has really heard of yet so there's all sorts of potential, but until you get on the field and actually do it, it's just potential. We have to get out there and prove some of the things we know we can do. It's been fun watching guys kind of take on their new roles and there are a lot of strengths this team can have."

Patterson relies a lot on his assistant coaches throughout the year to help prepare younger players to step into varsity roles. He credits a lot of his team's preparation to those assistants and to the work that his players put in at a young age.

"You have to plan for that beforehand and try not to wait until it actually happens," Patterson said. "Coach Patrick Britton was our junior varsity coach last year and I talked to him and we had a lot of sophomores on the JV, a lot of times you don't, and we told them that we really thought they could go undefeated. That's not normally the way that we talk; we don't talk about undefeated seasons, we talk about the next game, but basically the point of that was to let them know we believe they're really good and that they should have high expectations and show up every day. They lost their last game of the year and I think they were 26 or 27-1 so Coach Britton and all of the coaches did » PAGE 4

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

CULLMAN – North Alabama, including the Cullman area, is under a Winter Weather Advisory from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, with accumulating snow and bitter cold expected. Here's a list of delays and closings in The Tribune's coverage area. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest.

- **CLOSED:** Winston County Schools will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 16.
- **CLOSED:** Cullman City Schools will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 16.
- **CLOSED:** Cullman County Schools will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 16.
- **CLOSED:** Blount County Schools will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 16.
- **CLOSED:** Wallace State Community College will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

ALDOT, Alabama EMA: winter weather will bring dangerous conditions



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BILL CASTLE/ABC3340

ALDOT is preparing Alabama roads for winter weather. Photo, taken Monday, Jan. 15, 2018.

2018 Alabama general election

Candidates; pro-life constitutional amendment

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN – Major party candidate qualification for the 2018 Alabama general election opened on Jan. 8. After the first week, the candidates listed below are known to have qualified for candidacy in the election, or are known to be in the process of qualifying. Qualification will close on Feb. 9.

In addition to offices being contested, at least one constitutional amendment will also be on the ballot.

Constitutional amendment: Alabama State Abortion Policy Amendment

Many conservatives feel that, under a Trump administration, the possibility of a repeal of Roe v. Wade could be on the horizon.

In case that happens, Rep. Matt Fridy, R-Montevallo introduced a constitutional amendment as House Bill 98 (HB 98), that would prevent Alabama's Constitution from being used as a basis for challenging the repeal.

The amendment would add the following statements to the State Constitution:

"(a) This state acknowledges, declares, and affirms that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children, including the right to life.

(b) This state further acknowledges, declares, and affirms that it is the public policy of this state to ensure the protection of the rights of the unborn child in all manners and measures lawful and » PAGE 4

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Community Notes

RITE BITE COOKING CLASS, JAN. 16, 5:30-7 P.M.

Attend the Right Bite Cooking Class at the Cullman Extension office and making food choice decisions will be easier – once you learn to navigate through the food aisles.

The four classes include ideas on:

- Portion Control
- Reading the Nutrition Label
- Choosing the Right Fat: Controlling Risk for Cardiovascular Disease
- Carbohydrate and Fiber: Friend or Foe?
- Seven Ways to Control Your Blood Pressure

Other classes are Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6.

Cullman County Board of Education Building, basement, small conference room, 402 Arnold St. NE, G-1

Submitted by Donna Shanklin

CHAMBER'S JANUARY MORNING BLEND, JAN. 17, 8-9 A.M.

Come join the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 17 for delicious coffee and great discussion at our Morning Blend, held every third Wednesday of each month from 8-9 a.m. at Rumors Deli in the Warehouse District.

The Chamber staff welcomes members and visitors to attend this free event.

Cullman Regional Wellness Manager Amanda Satterfield will lead the discussion on January's topic: 10 Healthy Ways to Improve Your Office Lifestyle.

Coffee will be provided by Presenting Sponsor Karma's Coffee House. January's sponsor is Anytime Fitness.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org.

Rumors Deli, 105 First Ave. NE

Submitted by Rob Ketcham

BONSAI FOR THE BEGINNER, JAN. 18, 10:30 A.M.

What: Bonsai for the Beginner with Dr. Bob Wendorf

When: Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Cullman County Extension Office, 402 Arnold St. NE (basement)

This is a regular Master Gardener meeting, but the public is encouraged to come to attend this free event.

For directions or for more information, call 256-737-9386 or visit www.aces.edu/counties/Cullman.

CULLMAN REGIONAL HOSTING 'NEW YEAR, NEW YOU' SEMINAR, JAN. 18, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

Chances are at some time in your life you've made a New Year's resolution – and then broken it. This year, stop the cycle of resolving to make a change and then not following through.

Join Bridgett McKoy, fitness manager, and Leeann Plank, therapy services manager, as they share information about getting fit in the New Year. They will discuss general fitness, the importance of keeping in motion, normal activity levels and the best places for fitness. They will also talk about therapy services offered here at Cullman Regional to keep you at your best.

The New Year, New You seminar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 Alabama Highway 157). Cost of this lunch and learn program is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others. To reserve your spot, register online at www.cullmanregional.com or call 256-735-5600.

Submitted by Mary Beth Sellers

MAE'S COMEDY NIGHT - DUSTY SLAY, JAN. 18, 7-11 P.M.

Hit up the inaugural "Mae's Comedy Night" with comedian Dusty Slay and special guest Hannah Hogan.

Straight off his appearance on Jimmy Kimmel (check it out here http://bit.ly/2lX9YnN), Dusty Slay is hitting the road to Mae's Food Hall Jan. 18 @ 7 p.m. Mature content - 18+ up suggested.

Invite your friends to this event page for a chance at a pair of VIP seats and free drink tickets!

Mae's Food Hall, 110 First Ave. NE

CULLMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL STATE OF THE STATE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON, JAN. 19, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the State Community Luncheon is set for Friday, Jan. 19 at the All Steak Restaurant. The event will be in the banquet room from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The luncheon will feature updates from Montgomery from Cullman's state legislative delegation:

- Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman
- Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
- Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope
- Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle

Tickets for the luncheon, which is presented by Shirley Quattlebaum – State Farm Insurance and sponsored by Weichert Realtors – Carter & Company, are $15 for Chamber members and $20 for future members.

Contact the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org to reserve your seat.

All Steak Restaurant, 323 Third Ave. SE

PEINHARDT HOMESTEADERS: TAPPING FOR SYRUP, JAN. 21, 2-4 P.M.

Our first meeting of the year! Come by and reconnect with friends and neighbors and learn (or be reminded) about tapping for maple syrup!

The topic is back by popular demand, and we have a pro this year all the way from Old Maple Farms~Kentucky! www.facebook.com/OldMapleFarms/ (Father of our new members Dale and Mindy Nickel)

Come learn about tapping trees for syrup..for fun and profit!

Peinhardt Living History Farm, 1704 Tally Ho St. NW

PLEASANT VIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING, JAN. 21, 6 P.M.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will be having its regular third Sunday night singing on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. with "One Accord." The church is located by U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles East of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-4468.

Arrest report: Jan. 12-14

Wendy Sack
wendy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Jan. 12-14. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported. Arrests for Jan. 12-15 will be reported Jan. 16.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lance, Heather S., 20
- fourth-degree theft of property

James, Randy E., 42
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Lawrence, Katelynn M., 20
- failure to appear- speeding

Hicks, Justin T., 24
- public intoxication

Swann, Jacob J., 23
- public intoxication

Withrow, Robert S., 30
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Decatur, Candy R., 37
- failure to appear- third-degree theft of property

Wisniewski, Summer D., 20
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Buchanan, Brad L., 49
- first-degree criminal trespassing

Crockett, Kellie A., 27
- failure to appear- insurance violation
- failure to appear- driving without a license

Slattery, Brittany D., 25
- failure to appear- third-degree criminal trespassing
- failure to appear- third-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

PETITION FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, ALABAMA

Petition for the Incorporation of the Town of Berlin, Alabama, filed and made Court record the 21st day of August, 2017, by Patrick Bates, by and through Attorney, Heath E. Meherg.

Notice of Compliance published for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. All interested parties were provided 30 days from the date of last publication within which to file a written objection to the application with the Judge of Probate. No objections were filed with the Judge of Probate and the Notice of Compliance was granted September 22, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, desiring that the unincorporated community become organized as a municipal corporation.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the territory which is proposed to be incorporated is within said County and State and has met the requirements by *Alabama Code* §11-41-1. Order of Election was granted the 21st day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and therefore Notice of Election was granted the same, it is therefore ORDERED as follows:

ELECTION for INCORPORATION of the TOWN OF BERLIN, ALABAMA, SHALL BE HELD:
February 13, 2017, Tuesday

LOCATION:
Berlin Community Center
3309 U.S. Highway 278 East
Cullman, AL 35055

VOTING HOURS:
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THREE (3) QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN SAID TERRITORY PROPOSED TO BE INCORPORATED:
Tony Duke, Inspector
Marie Sanford, Inspector
Mary Sue Freeman, Inspector

Any person who is a qualified elector/voter under the State Law and has resided within the boundaries of the said territory proposed for three (3) months next preceding may vote at such election.

Within five (5) days after the election, the inspectors must certify the result to the judge of probate pursuant to *Alabama Code* 11-41-4.

Questions regarding the Berlin Incorporation Election Process contact the Cullman County Probate Office: 256-775-4811

Questions regarding Voter Status contact the Board of Registrars: 256-775-4750

Issues or problems that disrupt the Election Process contact the Sheriff's Office: 256-734-0342

The cut-off date to register to vote is: **JANUARY 29, 2018**

Questions to make application for an Absentee Ballot, contact the Circuit Clerks Office: 256-775-4665

ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATION/ADDRESS:
Cullman County Courthouse
Circuit Clerks Office
500 2nd Avenue S.W.
ROOM 303
Cullman, AL 35055

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County youth basketball tournament tips off Thursday

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN COUNTY – It's basketball tournament time in Cullman County, and not just for high school players. The Cullman County Youth Basketball Association (CCYBA) will have dozens of young players spread across the county this week, competing for a shot at the county championship title. The game locations are divided among age groups, with the third- and fourth-grade boys playing their games at Cold Springs, the fifth -and sixth-grade boys playing at Hanceville and all the girls' teams facing off at Good Hope.

The CCYBA put together the brackets and seeded teams on Sunday to set the stage for a weekend full of tournament games starting Thursday. The championship games for each bracket will be played in Tom Drake Coliseum at Wallace State on Feb. 3.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

5:30 p.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 1- Good Hope (8) vs. Cold Springs (9) (Garmon) – Good Hope Primary Gym

6:15 p.m. – Fourth Grade Girls Game 1 – Holly Pond (4) vs. Good Hope (5) – Good Hope Primary Gym

7 p.m. – Fourth Grade Girls Game 2 – Sacred Heart (3) vs. Cold Springs (6) (Johnson) – Good Hope Primary Gym

8 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 1 – Vinemont (8) vs. Harmony (9) – Good Hope Primary Gym

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

5 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 1 – Holly Pond (8) (Green) vs. West Point (9) (Sutter) – Cold Springs High School Gym

5 p.m. – Fourth Grade Girls Game 3 – Vinemont (1) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Good Hope Primary Gym

6 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 2 – Fairview (5) vs. Hanceville (12) – Cold Springs High School Gym

6:15 p.m. – Fourth Grade Girls Game 4 – Cold Springs (2) vs. Winner of Game 2 – Good Hope Primary Gym

7 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 3 – Good Hope (7) (Red) vs. Holly Pond (10) (White) – Cold Springs High School Gym

7 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 1 – Holly Pond (8) (Green) vs. West Point (9) – Good Hope Primary Gym

8 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 4 - Good Hope (6) (White) vs. Vinemont (11) (Pair) – Cold Springs High School Gym

8 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 2 – Vinemont (7) vs. Fairview (10) (Acklin) – Good Hope Primary Gym

9 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 3 – Fairview (6) (Cobbs) vs. Holly Pond (11) (White) – Good Hope Primary Gym

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

8 a.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 1 – Vinemont (8) (Blackmon) vs. Good Hope (9) (Red) – Hanceville High School Gym

8 a.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 2 – Cold Springs (1) (Early) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Good Hope Primary Gym

8 a.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 1 – West Point (8) (White) vs. Vinemont (9) (Kilker) – Cold Springs High School Gym

8 a.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 1 – Vinemont (8) (Shaddix) vs. Hanceville (9) (White) – Hanceville Middle School Gym

8:45 a.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 3 – West Point (4) vs. Vinemont (5) – Good Hope Primary Gym

8:45 a.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 2 – Good Hope (7) (White) vs. West Point (10) (Franks) – Cold Springs High School Gym

9 a.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 2 – Parkside (7) vs. St. Paul's (10) – Hanceville Middle School Gym

9 a.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 2 – St. Paul's (4) vs. Harmony (13) – Hanceville High School Gym

9:30 a.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 3 – Good Hope (6) (Red) vs. Vinemont (11) (Hastings) – Cold Springs High School Gym

9:30 a.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 4 – Holly Pond (2) vs. Fairview (7) – Good Hope Primary Gym

10 a.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 3 – Holly Pond (6) vs. West Point (11) – Hanceville Middle School Gym

10 a.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 3 – Vinemont (5) (Douglas) vs. Cold Springs (12) – Hanceville High School Gym

10:15 a.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 5 – West Point (1) (Minck) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Cold Springs High School Gym

10:15 a.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 5 – Hanceville (3) vs. Sacred Heart (6) – Good Hope Primary Gym

11 a.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 6 – Parkside (4) vs. Winner of Game 2 – Cold Springs High School Gym

11 a.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 4 – Good Hope (1) (Red) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Good Hope Primary Gym

11 a.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 4 – Vinemont (1) (Bridges) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Hanceville Middle School Gym

11 a.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 4 – Good Hope (7) (White) vs. Hanceville (10) (White) – Hanceville High School Gym

11:45 a.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 7 – Vinemont (2) (Parris) vs. Winner of Game 3 – Cold Springs High School Gym

12 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 5 – Hanceville (4) vs. Good Hope (5) (White) – Good Hope Primary Gym

12 p.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 5 – Good Hope (4) vs. Sacred Heart (5) – Hanceville Middle School Gym

12 p.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 5 – Holly Pond (6) vs. Hanceville (11) (Gold) – Hanceville High School Gym

12:30 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 8 – Fairview (3) (Gardner) vs. Winner of Game 4 – Cold Springs High School Gym

1 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 6 – Parkside (2) vs. Winner of Game 2 – Good Hope Primary Gym

1 p.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 6 – Hanceville (2) (Purple) vs. Winner of Game 2 – Hanceville Middle School Gym

1 p.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 6 – Fairview (1) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Hanceville High School Gym

1:15 p.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 4 – St. Paul's (1) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Cold Springs High School Gym

2 p.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 5 – Parkside (4) vs. Hanceville (5) – Cold Springs High School Gym

2 p.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 7 – Fairview (3) vs. Winner of Game 3 – Hanceville Middle School Gym

2 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 7 – Sacred Heart (3) vs. Winner of Game 3 – Good Hope Primary Gym

2 p.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 7 – Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3 – Hanceville High School Gym

3 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 2 – Parkside (1) vs. Winner of Game 1 – Good Hope Primary Gym

3 p.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 6 – Fairview (3) vs. Winner of Game 2 – Cold Springs High School Gym

3 p.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 8 – West Point (2) (White) vs. Winner of Game 4 – Hanceville High School Gym

4 p.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 7 – Cold Springs (3) vs. Winner of Game 3 – Cold Springs High School Gym

4 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 3 – Hanceville (4) vs. Good Hope (5) – Good Hope Primary Gym

4 p.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 9 – Hanceville (3) (Purple) vs. Winner of Game 5 – Hanceville High School Gym

5 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 4 – Holly Pond (2) (Green) vs. Holly Pond (7) (Green) – Good Hope Primary Gym

5 p.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 8 – Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5 – Cold Springs High School Gym

5 p.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 8 – Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5 – Hanceville High School Gym

6 p.m. – Third Grade Boys Game 9 – Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 7 – Cold Springs High School Gym

6 p.m. – Fifth Grade Boys Game 9 – Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 7 – Hanceville High School Gym

6 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 5 – West Point (3) vs. Fairview (6) – Good Hope Primary Gym

7 p.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 6 – Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3 – Good Hope Primary Gym

7 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 9 – Winner of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 8 – Cold Springs High School Gym

7 p.m. - Sixth Grade Boys Game 10 – Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 7 – Hanceville High School Gym

8 p.m. – Fourth Grade Boys Game 10 – Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6 – Cold Springs High School Gym

8 p.m. – Third Grade Girls Game 7 – Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5 – Good Hope Primary Gym

8 p.m. – Sixth Grade Boys Game 11 – Winner of Game 8 vs. Winner of Game 9 – Hanceville High School Gym

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

1:30 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 8 – Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5 – Good Hope Primary Gym

2:30 p.m. – Fifth Grade Girls Game 9 – Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 7 – Good Hope Primary Gym

3:30 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 6 – Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3 – Good Hope Primary Gym

4:30 p.m. – Sixth Grade Girls Game 7 – Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 5 – Good Hope Primary Gym

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: JAY COLEMAN GLASSCOCK
Case No.: PC-2017-339

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Jay Colby Glasscock

Jerry L. Kilgo
O'Neal & Kilgo
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 2nd Street SE
Cullman, AL 35055

To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman, AL 35055

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: T.H., A Minor Child, 09/14/2009 — CASE NO. JU 2014-339.04

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of T.H. born on or about 09/14/2009 to Santanna Barnett, respond to the Petition by the 27th day of February, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 8th day of January, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 11 day of Jan., 2018.
Clerk of Circuit Court

FILED IN OFFICE
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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: S.H., A Minor Child, 09/14/2009 — CASE NO. JU 2014-338.04

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of S.H. born on or about 09/14/2009 to Santanna Barnett, respond to the Petition by the 20th day of February, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: R.H., A Minor Child, 06/01/2013 — CASE NO. JU 2014-336.04

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of R.H. born on or about 06/01/2013 to Santanna Barnett, respond to the Petition by the 20th day of February, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 8th day of January, 2018.

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JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: M.A.H., A Minor Child, 08/14/2003 — CASE NO. JU 2014-208.06

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of M.A.H. born on or about 08/14/2003 to Amanda Fry, respond to the Petition by the 20th day of February, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561. (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 8th day of January, 2018.

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IN RE: A.M.H., A Minor Child, 03/22/2002 — CASE NO. JU 2013-183.06

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The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

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Election (from Front)

appropriate.

(c) Nothing in this constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion."

The bill passed the House in its original form, and a modified form (emphasizing the attorney general's responsibility to defend the amendment vigorously if challenged in court) passed the Senate after withstanding a Democratic senator's effort to attach an amendment that would have required the state to pay for the upbringing of any child whose mother certified that she would have preferred to abort the child.

The new form of the bill containing the statement about the attorney general went back to the House where it was approved. All three votes were mainly along party lines.

On November's ballot, the amendment will read:
"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children, most importantly the right to life in all manners and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the constitution of this state does not protect the right to abortion or require the funding of abortion."

Offices on the ballot
Several Republicans have already qualified to run by submitting the necessary paperwork and paying required fees.

According to North-Central Alabama Young Democrats President Roger Duke, at the time of the writing of this story, only three Democrats had officially qualified or had indicated to the Cullman County Democratic Party that they were in the process of qualifying.

Candidates listed for governor and lt. governor have declared their intent, but their qualification status was not yet available.

GOVERNOR
Republicans
- Kay Ivey - Incumbent
- Tommy Battle - Mayor of Huntsville
- Scott Dawson - Evangelist and minister
- Bill Hightower - State senator, businessman

Democrats
- Jason Childs, former pastor, pro-marijuana activist
- Sue Bell Cobb, Former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court
- Chris Countryman, founder of Equality Wiregrass, gay rights activist
- James C. Fields, from Colony, former state representative
- Walt Maddox, Mayor of Tuscaloosa
- Anthony White, Army veteran and ordained minister, businessman

LT. GOVERNOR
Republicans
- Will Ainsworth, State Representative
- Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, Alabama Public Service Commission Chairwoman
- Rusty Glover, State Senator

Democrats
- Will Boyd, Lauderdale County Democratic Party Executive Committee Chairman

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 4
Republicans
- Robert Aderholt, Incumbent
- Mike Moses, Army veteran, Redstone Arsenal contractor
- Phil Norris, Navy veteran, Allstate Financial Services financial specialist

Democrats
- Rick Neighbors, Army Vietnam veteran, businessman
- Lee Auman, guest services manager at Camp McDowell, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 11
- Randall Shedd, Republican incumbent

ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9
To date, all candidates are Republicans, seeking to replace Rep. Ed Henry, who announced that he will not seek re-election.
- James R. Bowling, businessman, volunteer fire captain from Priceville
- Justin Morrow, businessman from Hartselle
- Scott Stadthagen, businessman, chairman of Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION
- Garry Marchman, west side Associate Commissioner, Republican incumbent
- Kerry Watson, east side Associate Commissioner, Republican incumbent

CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
To date, all candidates are Republicans
- Bill Ballew, Fairview District, to replace incumbent Chris Carter
- Kenny Brockman, Hanceville District, incumbent
- Mike Graves, Vinemont, incumbent

COURT OFFICIALS
To date, all candidates are Republicans
- Lisa Parker McSwain, Circuit Clerk, incumbent
- Judge Greg Nicholas and Judge Martha Williams, Circuit Judges, incumbents
- Tammy Brown, Probate Judge, incumbent

CULLMAN COUNTY CORONER
- Jeremy Kilpatrick, Republican incumbent
- Gary Murphree, Democrat, former Cullman County Coroner

ELECTION DATES
- Alabama Statewide Primary Election - June 5, 2018
- Primary Runoff Election - July 17, 2018
- General Election - Nov. 6, 2018

Ball (from Front)

a great job of trying to get them to play their season like it's a varsity season."

Replacing talent and experience is not something new for Patterson and Cullman Baseball. In the last decade alone, Cullman has seen several players go on to play professionally and dozens go on to play collegiately. Patterson has had multiple offseasons like this one and has learned to not only look for talent in players and teams, but also intangible qualities.

"We've tried to prepare them in that way and obviously we've tried to prepare physically to get bigger, faster and stronger so we're working hard in that area. When you lose a big group, whether it's because of talent or the personalities of the leadership that left, you know that it takes a little while for guys to start understanding that kind of role because that group that just left, their personality and because they were talented, we lost a lot of leadership," Patterson said. "Every year you're trying to figure out how to make that work and that's the hardest part is who is going to be looked at as 'the guy.' Coaches can only do so much; in the locker room behind closed doors, players get things done, and ultimately coaches can't want teams to be good, players have to want that, so that's something that we're working our way through right now."

The Bearcats tend to travel and seek out the best competition they can find early in the season and that won't be stopping this year. Patterson and the 'Cats have some trips planned for the 2018 season to compete with some of the best teams in the state and the Southeast.

"We'll open up going down south, hopefully getting some warm weather, and we're going to play Fairhope and Daphne on Feb. 19, on President's Day. We're out of school the next day so we don't have to turn right back around, and we'll be able to take the next day to travel. Coaches will come home early and practice the young kids. Both Fairhope and Daphne always have good teams; Daphne has given us fits lately and so we're looking forward to that trip. We'll go to LakePoint again over in Emerson, Georgia for a really good high school tournament. I talked to those guys recently and they're supposed to have another really good tournament over there this year. We went last year and really enjoyed it, lots of good competition and we played well. Over there you never have to worry about weather unless it's storming because there's turf fields and so we're looking forward to that trip. We're also going to go back down to Hoover for our spring break trip. It's close; we get to play seven or eight games and we're looking to try and play as much as possible."

Patterson reflected on how much support the baseball program receives from the community and how fortunate he and his team are to be able to take advantage of that support system.

"I like to talk about how our community has been so good to us because it's incredible," he smiled. "We get to go do a lot of good stuff, hopefully put a great product on the field, and it helps keep our guys accountable when the community is so behind what we do. Our guys know that they have a lot of people here that are doing a lot for us and we need to approach every day with some gratitude, with some humility and with an attitude of we want to go out there and represent our school and our community well. We are just so thankful to have a community like ours that is behind us."

Patterson and the 'Cats are just a few weeks away from Opening Day and there will be plenty of new faces on the field to pull for.

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‘Giving back to the community’

Curt’s Closet moves closer to completion

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CULLMAN – As an ongoing tribute to her late son Curt Wilson, who would “give you the shirt off his back,” Ashley Wilson is preparing to open Curt’s Closet, a charitable boutique where low income families who may have trouble providing for their kids can come to “shop” for clothing and accessories in a place she envisioned from the start as a “location with a store feel, so they can come and pick out their items, just like they would go to Belk and shop, but the items would be free.”

On Friday morning, The Tribune met Wilson at the shop, located in a former church building at 1515 St. Joseph St. in Cullman, where she and several friends were beginning the process of sorting through stacks of boxed donations, to see how things are shaping up.

“It’s coming along well,” said Wilson. “I just got through telling the girls that God’s hand is in this, because it’s been blessed beyond my imagination. Today is our first volunteer work day.

”We’re sorting clothes, getting them in order of season and size, getting ready to open the doors, hopefully, middle of February or end of February.”

Who’s been helping?

“Oh, goodness,” exclaimed Wilson, “there’s a ton of them! There (have) been awesome, numerous donors (who have) made this possible. There’s absolutely no way I could list them all.”

What will Curt’s Closet offer?

“We’re offering clothing, shoes, backpacks, lunch boxes, and we have tons of other things: purses, scarves, belts--anything that child’s going to need to go to school, or to go to social functions. We have prom dresses. All this is free to anybody that needs it.

“I will also have (referral) material here to send the parents somewhere else when they need, maybe, for divorce, counseling or abuse. I will have all that to give to those families.”

Who can come to Curt’s Closet?

“My goal is to have most of the families referred to Curt’s Closet from schools and churches, and DHR, but we’ll also welcome any family that just walks in. They might have to verify income or hardship, that kind of thing. But my ultimate goal is to have families referred to me from people that see the need every day, like teachers and pastors, and people like that. I’m planning on getting in touch with everyone I can, to let them know that process in the next few weeks.”

There’s a lot of stuff here. Is there anything Curt’s Closet still needs?

“With the clothing, I ask that they’re gently worn or new. But undergarments like socks, underwear, bras; I need new. We don’t have any socks or undergarments, but they have to be new. We won’t be giving out used (underwear) items,” Wilson laughed. “That’s some items I’d really like to have on hand for people that need that.”

What do you want people to know about Curt’s Closet?

“Curt was the most giving, loving child I’ve ever known. He would have given you the shirt off of his back, if he had known you needed it, and this is just my goal: to keep spreading the love and compassion he had for everybody he met. And this is my way of continuing that in God’s name, and making sure my baby’s name is never forgotten, and blessing this beautiful, awesome community that we live in.” Curt’s Closet will be open at 1515 St. Joseph St., Cullman, on Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month.

Donated clothing and accessories may be dropped off at any of the following locations:

- Cullman Cosmetic & Dentistry 311 Sixth Ave. SE, Cullman
- Happy Homes Real Estate 221 Second Ave. SE, Cullman
- Paul Bussman DMD 1625 Main Ave. SW, Cullman
- Willow Bend Mortgage 116 Second St. SE, Cullman
- Quick Tire Sales 1600 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman
- Bubble Gum & Blue Jeans 400 Fifth St. SW, Cullman
- First Baptist Church (Rebekah Mickle) 501 Second Ave. SW, Cullman
- 1st Federal Mortgage 101 First Ave. NE #230, Cullman (Warehouse District, above Flavors Bakery)
- Hampton Inn 6100 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman
- Collectibles & More 6697 Hwy. 31 N, Falkville
- Carlton’s 208 Third Ave. SE, Cullman
- Chamber’s Florist 10896 US 278, Holly Pond
- J & D Auto Tire Services 1395 AL Hwy. 69 S, Hanceville (Dodge City)
- Nearen Construction 601 4th St. SW, Cullman
- Lynch Logistics 1353 Bolte Road SE, Cullman
- Alpha Nutrition 503 Main Ave. SW, Cullman
- Monograms Plus 103 First Ave. NE, Cullman
- Dr. Nassetta Pediatric Dentistry, LLC 1705 Main Ave. SW, Cullman
- Cullman Internal Medicine (Dr. Melinda Hart) 1890 AL Hwy. 157 #300, Cullman



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Kicking off Curt’s Closet’s first sorting day were (L-R): Denise Williams, Courtney Herron, Christy Patterson, Brenda Rush, Ashley Wilson and Carrie Bentley.

Curt Wilson died as the result of an automobile crash on May 7, 2017, when the car in which he and his mother were traveling on County Road 222 was struck by another vehicle. The other driver faces multiple charges including reckless murder and DUI, and is scheduled for trial this spring.

For more information on Curt’s Closet, visit www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset or https://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset.

See also: www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/07/13/mom-founds-local-charity-curt-s-closet.

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'Food talks to me'

Former presidential chef/valet and north Alabama native Quincy Jackson reflects on his larger-than-life career

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

HISTORY OF THE WHITE HOUSE MESS

The interesting history of the White House Mess is printed on the back of every menu.

"It has been recorded as far back as 1880 aboard the Presidential Yacht Despatch, while President Rutherford B. Hayes was in office, that Navy Stewards were first utilized to provide food service to the Commander in Chief. Since that time, the Navy has assigned their best Culinary Specialists to the Presidential Food Service to prepare the finest foods and provide outstanding service for the President throughout the world.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Presidential Retreat tucked away in the Catoctin Mountains and named it "Shangri-La" (Renamed Camp David by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 in honor of his grandson David). President Roosevelt directed the Navy to provide messing services at "Shangri-La" and that Navy Stewards from his yacht USS Potomac operate the facility. This established the precedent for Navy Personnel to serve the President and his staff ashore.

In 1951 while President Harry S. Truman was in Office, Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison, Naval Aide to the President, recommended a Commissioned Officers Mess be established at the White House. On June 11, 1951 the Presidential Food Service was established under the guidance of Lieutenant Commander Leo W. Roberts, SC, USN; Presidential Mess Officer aboard USS Williamsburg. Following several decades of naval tradition and pride in direct support to our nations's President, the Presidential Food Service functions much the same way it did in its earlier years.

During its prestigious history, the Presidential Food Service has received seven Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Navy Unit Commendation and the Meritorious Unit Commendation for continuous outstanding performance in direct support to the President of the United States."

Credit: whitehouse.gov1. info/white-house-mess/

It was into this proud tradition that a young north Alabama Navy chef by the name of Quincy Jackson entered into a career which would span the administration of three presidents, each of them holding office for two terms. But Jackson's story doesn't start there – it begins in rural Lawrence County, located in the northwestern corner of the state.

Some people have their lives all mapped out from a young age, knowing what they want to do after graduating high school and college, and then proceeding straight on into their selected careers. Mount Hope's Jackson was *not* one of those people.

Jackson graduated from Mount Hope High School in 1989, having no vision for his future other than taking some woodworking/ cabinet making courses at Northwest-Shoals Community College. He excelled in the skill so quickly that he actually became bored. In a conversation about Quincy's abilities, his instructor mentioned to Quincy's father that he could probably teach the class, he was so far advanced even in the beginning of the semester.

"I just got bored with it," said Jackson in an interview from Washington, D.C. recently. "I became idle and felt unchallenged," he admitted. "I think people always need to be challenged."

Those were profound insights at the time, coming as they were from an 18-year-old, and they proved to be true. Jackson would by some twist of fate, or a maybe guidance from a divine hand, go on to experience a career that would take him from his home in rural Lawrence County to the pinnacle of success that could very well be a movie script.

Although he had an innate craving to create things with his hands, he came to the conclusion that his future didn't include woodworking. After a period of restless indecision Jackson finally agreed to talk to a Naval recruiter who visited the Jackson home in the summer of 1989.

"At the time, I was just all over the place in trying to decide what path to take," said Jackson. "I thought about electronics, and even signed up for a Devry University course, which cost my parents a hundred dollars. I was attracted because they promised a job at Toys R Us," he laughed. "When the recruiter came he sat in the living room talking with my dad and me about my scores on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) exam."

Glense Jackson advised his son that he would have made the Army his career, so the younger Jackson, who wanted to gain the approval of his father, decided that even though he had never considered the military, and he couldn't swim, he would join the Navy. Before he knew it, he was on his way to Nashville to be inducted.

By Sept. 11, 1990, he was finishing up boot camp in San Diego, California. "My home for the next four and a half years was aboard the USS Denver," recalled Jackson.

He was a hard worker, figuring that if he did his best someone might notice. He was right...

One day he got a call to meet with the ship's food service officer. "What have I done?" he wondered, as he sat waiting nervously for the meeting to begin.

"The team leader and I were noticing what a hard worker you are," the officer told the young seaman. "Would you like to work in food service for the executive officer of the ship?"

Not knowing exactly what that involved, Jackson agreed to accept the position, which put him on the 01 level of the ship, where he would work for the next year and a half, serving the executive officer, second in command only to the ship's captain. "I had been cooking for 1,200 Marines before this promotion, or cooking for 400 people in the ship's galley, but now I was cooking for one person and his guests," Jackson explained.

As a young child, Jackson often surprised his family by baking cakes in the middle of the night. When they got up for breakfast there would be a cake waiting for them. He liked cooking, and now sees that it was another way of creating things with his hands, only with food instead of wood. "I like seeing people satisfied with their food, making them feel good," he said. The family always had a garden, so he already knew most of the basics when it came to growing and preparing food.

He got his next opportunity when the cook for the ship's captain retired. "Within two years they moved me up to cooking for the captain, for whom I had the upmost respect," said Jackson. "He was a nice man with a great sense of humor."

At one point, the captain whispered to Jackson, "Word has it that I'm speaking to a third class petty officer," which indicated to Jackson that another promotion was in the wind. He was correct in that assumption.

Chef Jackson by this time, his duties included planning menus for the three captains over the next few years. Every single day he tried to be more creative with his meals, making them different, interesting, tasteful and nutritious, and his presentation skills were impressive. Often, according to where they were in the world at the time, he would visit local markets, acquiring fresh produce for the captain's table. He was now challenged, and he loved every minute of it. "Working for a captain meant that I had to learn his palette; this was the premier job on the whole ship, it was a one of a kind job, so there was no one standing over me. My job was to keep the captain happy," he said.

Over the years, Jackson learned to make various cultural dishes, but that first captain, he says, was a "biscuits and gravy" kind of guy, so he was easy to please. He also learned to cook healthy foods, and on occasion, called his mother, Rosie, for advice and recipes. "We were at sea most of the time and couldn't communicate, but when I had the chance I would get tips from mom," he said.

From the ship, Jackson saw the world. He might be in Dubai, where he could attain fresh couscous, a type of North African semolina in granules made from crushed durum wheat, from which he created a spicy dish made by steaming or soaking couscous and adding meat, vegetables or fruit.

He was there during Desert Storm, for Desert Shield in the first nine months of the war, and was often in the Persian Gulf. The amphibious ship, which carried equipment, helicopters and military personnel around the world, had to have a lot of its cargo hold filled with food. Below deck there was a huge walk-in refrigerated cooler filled with staples. At any given time, the ship would have approximately 700 pounds of butter, 500 gallons of milk, and 300-400,000 pounds of various types of meats, including chicken, beef and pork. Each week they received as much as 1,000 pounds of fresh produce.

Chef Jackson would base his meals on the supplies on hand. Sometimes, if potatoes had been used up, he would have to supplement them with turnips, or use powdered milk if the fresh rations had been depleted.

Wherever his duties took him, he soaked up the culture and the flavors of the local foods. He often invented dishes that are most likely the only ones of their kind in existence. It gained him a reputation with the captains he worked with aboard the ship. His talent for culinary inventiveness would become his calling card.

By the time Jackson, 22, was working for the third captain aboard the ship he had already made a name for himself among the officers. It was from the last captain for whom he worked that his recommendation to the White House was delivered.

"About this time, I had decided that if I was going to stay in the Navy I wanted to be stationed close to home," said Jackson. "But one day the captain and the executive officer sat me down and talked me into applying for the food service and security position which was about to become available at the White House," he recalled. "They set me up for an interview, but because of the rigorous background checks the position required, it would be nine months before the job offer came."

He would do the final interview in San Diego with the White House security team. He admits to being nervous, but full of hope. "I knew that I had a chance because the captain's endorsement was about the highest endorsement you could get for that job. They questioned me about my experience, and determined my character from the captain's reference, and from their impressions upon meeting me." All of the interviews were conducted by the highest echelon naval personnel, the cream of the crop, so to speak. "It was an honor just to go through the process," he said.

He took leave of the ship, having just received another promotion, this time to petty officer second class, and headed for Washington, D.C. with his brother, Derrick. The two had never been to D.C., and Jackson says he didn't know anything about politics. He was about to learn more than he ever dreamed about the city, it's political climate and his job working for the man who held the highest office in the land, but first, he had to find the famous building.

"We thought we were looking at the White House, but it was actually the Capitol," he laughed. "We were so lost!"

When he finally figured out where he was supposed to go, Jackson was aware that he was in a whole different world. "I had to tilt that military hat aside and taking what I'd learned there, including a professional demeanor, and learn to deal with civilians for the first time in my career," he said. "You almost have to throw out 50 percent of what you have learned in the military because there is a different mentality when dealing with civilians."

But food being the common denominator, Jackson was way ahead of the game. "I went from dealing with a group of hard core sailors to dealing with people who were more laid back," he laughed. "Luckily, I had a sponsor from the White House to show me the ropes, help me find a place to live and teach me about Washington."

He had chills when he walked through the gates for the first time. "You feel that you have reached your peak, but you don't know what to say or what to expect," he said. "Obviously I was nervous- here I am at this precious People's Home, and I didn't know anything about it or the people I'd be cooking for, but eventually I found my home in the kitchen."

It was smaller than he expected, having come from a ship which supported 1,200 military personnel, but this new kitchen would be serving the Secret Service crew, their staff and guests. "We made it easier for them to grab a quick cup of coffee, a sandwich or a hot meal without leaving the White House's 18-acre complex," he explained.

He entered a new learning curve; he went from large weekly menus aboard the ship, to daily menus for the staff. His new job was with the Presidential Food Service, under the auspices of the Navy Mess department, which handles food and security for the White House. His title was kitchen supervisor. Later, his government rating changed to culinary specialist. He was only 24.

Jackson described his new kitchen as "organized chaos," and he was much like a maestro conducting a large symphony orchestra. As White House kitchen supervisor, his routine began at 5 a.m. each day. He oversaw breakfast and lunch, took orders for meals from the staff, and made sure that the food leaving his kitchen was not only great tasting and nutritious, but presentable. The kitchen staff also oversaw carry-out orders for staff members working from their desks. His days ended at 3 p.m.

But he wasn't always stationed in the White House kitchen. Aside from his everyday duties, there was a lot of travel involved. "We usually traveled two or three days in advance of the president, wherever he went," said Jackson. "In our organization we worked with the Secret Service, all over the world, as the president's kitchen crew. If someone else from another country was preparing food or drinks, you can be assured that one or more of us was always present to closely observe the preparation."

"All of this travel involved a high rotation of work spaces," he pointed out. He was never bored now.

Jackson went on the talk about the things seen on television depicting life in the White House. For example, there is a whole crew involved in making the official gingerbread "White House."

He often had occasion to look up and see one of the three presidents he worked for coming into the kitchen unexpectedly. "President Clinton came down and shook our hands and thanked us, and would often come by to say hello. I never saw Hillary that much, though," he reflected.

After the first year into the (George W.) Bush presidency, and after Sept. 11, 2001, Jackson received orders for London.

He reminisced that it was one of his favorite tours, during the years 2002-05, being stationed in London, (then COMUSNAVEUR, aka, commander, Naval Forces Europe, where he led two sailors, and would often get reservists as assistants, especially during large dinner parties). "It was an Admirals Flag Mess, at that time, but that has since been moved to Naples, Italy due to the transformation and downsizing," he explained. "I particularly enjoyed this duty station because it was a melting pot and an English-speaking country," he laughed.

Jackson was in charge of the staff kitchen under three presidents, each of whom served two terms. "President Clinton was in office when I was hired, then President Bush and the last one I served under was President Obama," he said.

"Although each administration brought new ideas, there wasn't really much change when one of them assumed office. No matter what; my job stayed pretty much the same, although Michelle Obama did have a subtle nutritional influence over the menu," he added. "She had us adopt healthier, friendlier choices."

Perhaps his most memorable position was as personal presidential valet to President Obama. In this position he devoted his attention to every aspect of the president's culinary requirements, including preparing and sometimes serving distinguished heads of state from around the world. He signed off on everything that would be served in these meetings, which were held mostly in the daytime, in the Oval Office or the White House's elegant formal dining room on some occasions.

In this capacity he broadened his portfolio of recipes, acquiring new ones and finessing older, more traditional dishes. For instance, he once prepared Cajun gumbo for a luncheon in honor of a visiting dignitary from Louisiana. "I like to play around with food," he explained. "I wanted to add something different to this dish, so I finished it off with fried okra as a garnish." The guests at this event were blown away with the presentation; it gave a new element of texture and flavor to the familiar southern dish. "I call that the 'Wow!' factor," he laughed.

He often added touches of his Southern heritage to his meals. "I like to bring Southern accents to my dishes, I don't want them to take over other cultural dishes, but to marry with them and expand them," he explained. "Southern cooks seem to spend more time on their food, and that time and extra effort translate as love."

He learned a lot of his methods from his mother and his grandmothers, both excellent Southern cooks. "It gave me a great advantage. Their food was fantastic!" he applauded them. "Other food doesn't compare to Southern food. Having this background gave me the confidence to experiment, or play around with food that I'd never prepared before. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't," he chuckled. "I

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could always tell if a dish was a hit with the guests by looking at their plates. If there was a lot of food left on the plate, that was a dud, but most of the time the plates were empty when they were brought back to the kitchen, meaning they enjoyed it."

"Food talks to me," he went on to explain. "I can taste of a dish and know what it lacks."

But his presidential valet duties included much more than food alone. He presided over the presidential china for bi-lateral meetings, often several per day. These were very significant meetings, where important decisions were made. "We worked with the staff of the staff of visiting dignitaries to determine if they had any special dietary requirements, even something as seemingly insignificant as having no ice in their beverage were attended to, little details like that reflected on the Oval Office," he pointed out.

He inspected the official Oval Office china daily in order that it be perfect in every way; no water spots, no chips, nothing to mar the image of the White House. He was mostly behind the scenes in these duties, but he was out front with President Obama when the meals were served, ready to attend to the slightest need of the president or his guests. For Jackson, it was an honor, and a period which he considers one of the most important positions he held while in the Navy.

It wasn't always just work, there was a lot of fun involved, like the chili competition he and a friend entered in the late 90s. "It was mostly other government departments, like the Department of Defense, who entered this event," he outlined.

"We called our entry 'Sweet and Spicy,' introducing chipotle, jalapeño, dark beer and my secret ingredient, molasses. "We won first place, but didn't find out until later that the winners had to recreate the dish for 200 servicemen," he laughed. He says this was fun, and a highlight in a career filled with floodlights.

In March of 2017, Senior Chief Petty Officer /Chef Quincy Jackson retired from the Navy, which had given him a long, industrious, prestigious career. "That promotion was the proudest moment of my career," he reflected. "It was right up there with getting selected as senior chef as the Oval Office valet/chef to former President Obama, which is one of the most sought after and rewarding positions the Navy has."

Jackson's career took him from rural Lawrence County to the highest home in the land, and allowed him to see parts of the world which he never would have seen and meet people he would never have had access to, if not for his determination to work hard and make everything he did the very best he could.

These days he is still involved with food, but in another capacity. He demonstrates food preparation for a company called Edible Education. One of the most interesting aspects of his new position is traveling all over the U.S. to demonstrate the Mobile Food Cart, designed by Ann Butler. Used as a tool for teaching, the cart enables the instructor to begin each class with tools already at hand. The cart is often used to teach afternoon enrichment classes all over the country, but it also has applications for teaching educators and those in the food service industry, one of the largest segments of employment in the world. "We use it mostly to teach about child nutrition, which is a need, especially since home economics is no longer taught in schools," he pointed out.

"We want to teach kids how to do basic kitchen skills, like cutting up a tomato or a carrot, things they really need to know," he explained.

The mobile kitchen comes complete with a bar sink for teaching proper hygiene, and a prep area where demonstrations are held in schools, malls, workplaces and food service areas in hospitals, and other areas. It is also a tool for teaching people how to eat more nutritious meals.

"The founder came up with the idea in Richmond, when she had to work from a table," Jackson explained. "She realized that if she had a mobile kitchen instead of hauling everything to each event, that it would be much more organized. Now there is a factory custom making them to order for the company. Each one might be a little bit different. The concept is called, 'Kitchen A'la Cart.'"

Jackson is working on attaining his personal trainer certification, as well. He was a bodybuilder in the 90s, winning third place in the junior novice division in San Diego in 1993. "The last captain I worked for aboard the USS Denver was a fitness fanatic; he actually developed the model program gym which all other ships soon followed," noted Jackson.

Jackson makes his home in Washington, D.C. to be near his daughter, Laci, 10. He visits his family here on holidays and special occasions, and his roots will always be in Alabama, in spite of his having roamed the world.

As careers go, his has been very rewarding, one which he couldn't have planned better if he'd tried. Not many people in any career can say that a sitting president recognized him in a crowd, as in the following excerpt from a speech about Alabama winning the national title:

"We've got some big Alabama fans in the house -- starting with your governor -- Governor Bentley," said former President Barack Obama. "It's good to see you, Doctor. (Applause.) We've got some outstanding members of Congress, members of the Alabama delegation. One of my most important people, the guy who takes care of me in the White House, Quincy Jackson. Where's Quincy? I know Q got here. There you go. (Applause.) I want to welcome University President Stuart Bell for the outstanding work he's done, and Athletic Director Bill Battle. Of course, a lot of recognition goes to somebody who's in the running to be the greatest college football coach of all time -- Coach Nick Saban. (Applause.)" (reference https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/03/02/remarks-president-honoring-national-champion-alabama-crimson-tide)

Yes, Quincy Jackson has had a colorful, interesting and eventful career, seeing the world, meeting and cooking for people who make headlines in newspapers on a daily basis – all because he was bored in woodworking class. So if your child isn't living his potential, maybe you should suggest that he or she change his or her dreams.

For more information on Edible Education visit www.edibleedu.com and kitchenalacart.com or email quincy.edibleed@gmail.com with questions.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 16-18

Charles Howard Skinner, age 85 of Cullman, died January 15, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born January 3, 1933 to Ezra and Inez Goolsby Skinner. He was preceded in death by his parents. Charles worked in radio and television ultimately retiring from WVTM TV in Birmingham. He is survived by his wife, Grace Hightower Skinner; daughter, Rita (David) King, of Rainbow City; grandchildren: Brian (Stephanie) King of Cookeville, Tn., and Laura (Blake) Mayo of Rainbow City; and great grandchildren: Paxtin King, Hannah, Libby and Ben Mayo. At. Mr. Skinner's request there will be no funeral. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jack Leroy Tyler, age 75 of Holly Pond, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018 at his residence. He was born, September 2, 1942 to Leroy and Victoria Perry Tyler in Sylacauga, AL. He was a devoted husband and father. Jack was a Navy veteran and he retired from Chrysler Automotive after 30 years of service. He was an avid wood worker and a member of 3 woodworking guilds and a blacksmithing guild. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister's; Carol Smith, Patricia Vorheis, Vickie Miller, and sister-in-law Roxann Eck. Survivors include his, wife of 47 years Judith Tyler, son Christopher (Jamie) Tyler, brothers-in-law; Roger Eck, Albert G. (Winnie) Blake, Walter D. (Theresa) Blake, sisters-in-law; Tamie (Russell) Bailey, Becki Coffman, and a host of nieces and nephews. Take a moment to remember a happy time with Jack, he lived life to its fullest, loved deeply, laughed hard, always caring and taking care of others. Heaven has gained a wonderful man. A private family gathering is being held at the residence. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Southern Care Hospice of Cullman.

Funeral Service for Kathy Gay, age 55, will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Lee Witherington officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Gay passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at her residence. She was born June 07, 1962 to Dave and Shelby Lanningham. She is preceded in death by father, Dave Lanningham, brother, Lonnie Lanningham, and nephew, Joshua. Survivors include her husband, Roberto Gay, son, Antoniyo Gay, mother, Shelby Lanningham, brother, Roger (Karen) Lanningham, nieces and nephews, Billy, Stephanie, Chris, Lexi, Kaleb, Kaitlyn, and Hailey. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Danny Dewey Mann, 66 of Double Springs, entered into rest on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Danny was born on June 16, 1951 in Nauvoo. He was a graduate of the Class of 1970 at Winston County High School and was a member of First Baptist Church, Double Springs. He worked for Southern Energy Homes for many years. Danny was the greatest uncle and a huge Alabama football fan. He was lovingly known by family and friends as "Tuck" "Dan Dann" and "Uncle Dan". Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Old Enon Cemetery. Brother George Whitten and Brother Mark Daniel will officiate. Danny is survived by his wife of 18 years, Angela Mann; brother, Bill Mann; sisters, Virginia Smith, Mavis Cauthen and Bettye Lackner; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Flora Mann; brother, JR Mann; and sister, Imogene Watkins.

Funeral services for Mr. Trent Lee Parrish, 28 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is directing. Mr. Parrish was born on October 30, 1989; and passed away on January 14, 2018 at U.A.B. Hospital. Preceded in death by father, Billy Parrish; Grandfather Joe Willingham; and Grandmother Jewel Parrish Andrews. Survivors include Wife – Danielle Parrish; Mother – Linda Parrish; Father – Billy Tipton; Son – Dillyn Richter; Grandmother - Violet Willingham; Sister – Sky Tipton; 2 – Brothers – Mason Tipton & Dillion Dauzat; Best Friends – Chuck & Leana Richter and children, Lola, Zoey & Kiara; and a Host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces & Nephews and other family and friends. Visitation will begin on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Margaret Ellen Huckeba of Cullman passed away on January 13, 2018 at her residence at the age of 68. She was born in Denver Colorado on June 2, 1949 to Walter and Audrey Peck Firestone. She is preceded in death by her parents and a son Dennis Michael Huckeba Jr. Funeral services will be in Thursday January 18, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Survivors are: daughter Lorraine (Dewite) Preston of Ardmore Alabama, sons Kenneth (Stephanie) Estes of Tuscaloosa Alabama, Michael Estes of Kerrville Texas, Leland Estes of Columbus Georgia, Christopher Huckeba of Cullman Alabama, sister Cathy Firestone-Bousquet of Klamath Falls Oregon, brother David Firestone of Fairfax Virginia and 10 grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral Service for Mary "Marie" Moore, age 69 of Holly Pond, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pastors Tim Collier and Charlie Alldredge officiating. Burial will follow at Brooklyn Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Moore passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born January 24, 1948 to her parents Milton and Betty Lambert. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Frank Moore, children; Frankie (Connie) Moore and Tammy (Tim) Collier, grandchildren; Skylar (Josh) York, Savannah (Wesley) Nunnelley, and Kendra (Hunter) Townson, great grandchildren; Hagen York, Emersyn York, and Stetson Townson, and brother, Johnny (Lynn) Lambert. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency are warning Alabamians to expect dangerous conditions across the state as winter weather moves through Tuesday. At this time, the National Weather Service is projecting snowfall amounts to be less than 2 inches; however, the impacts from any snow that falls will be amplified by the potential extremely cold temperatures that will be in place.

While ALDOT has been hard at work pre-treating interstates and other primary highways, these roadways can still experience potentially hazardous conditions during and after the anticipated winter weather event.

Also, ALDOT's road treatment will be limited to interstates and other federal and state highways.

ALDOT will continue to treat these roadways with all available resources before, during and after the event.

The public is encouraged to check with their local county or municipality for conditions on county and local roadways.

Motorists are encouraged to use extreme caution while driving, check road conditions before departing, allow for increased travel times and adjust arrival and departure times accordingly.

Officials also urge motorists to limit travel to emergency situations only during the overnight hours of Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning, as that is expected to be an especially cold and therefore dangerous period of time.

Motorists needing information on road conditions in Alabama should look to local news media and go to ALGOtraffic.com or download the ALGO Traffic app available online in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

ALDOT asks motorists to use ALGOtraffic.com responsibly.

Motorists should never text, tweet or use a mobile device while operating a vehicle.

Appropriate driving speeds are determined by the road conditions, which on wet or icy roads should be slower than the posted speed limit.

Motorists should slow down and move over if possible when approaching ALDOT and other highway maintenance personnel and emergency vehicles at work.

The Alabama EMA is reminding Alabamians that one of the most important preparedness steps that can be taken is to put together an emergency preparedness kit with a three-day supply of food, water and other critical supplies.

In addition, put together a preparedness kit for vehicles that includes a car charger, ice scraper, jumper cables and blankets.

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