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'Camp Rock': West Point, Fairview join forces for countywide production

Auditions will take place Feb. 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at Fairview High School



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Ty Parker, director of bands and head of the performing arts department at West Point High School, is joining forces with Fairview High School's Mark Dobbs to stage a countywide production of "Camp Rock" this April. Auditions, open to all students in the Cullman County Schools system, are Feb. 10.

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CULLMAN COUNTY – West Point High School and Fairview High School, the two county system schools with in-house theater departments, are busy with spring productions, but Ty Parker and Mark Dobbs hope that their experiences and resources might open the world of theater to students all over Cullman County.

Parke, who is in charge of West Point's music and performing arts programs, shared with The Tribune: "For the first time ever, Cullman County schools are combining for a countywide production. We were originally planning to perform 'Grease,' however, the licensing process was longer than expected. We have applied to perform 'Grease' in April of 2019 and will know very soon if this will be a definite opportunity!"

"Camp Rock"

"This semester, we will be performing Disney's 'Camp Rock' Apr. 26, 27, 28 and 29. The students are very excited about this project. Mark Dobbs, Fairview's theater teacher, is also helping with the project. Fairview and West Point High Schools are the only high schools in the county system that offer theater classes for students."

"Mark and I would love to provide an opportunity for every student in Cullman County.

"The auditions for this project will take place on Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Fairview High School. Fairview has an incredible performance venue that most don't know about. Their sound system, lighting system and stage space are amazing!

"I look forward to organizing a production with these resources!

Parker credits Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette for supporting the schools' efforts.

"I'm very thankful for Shane Barnette's support. He has been an amazing superintendent to work for," said Parker.

"Combining the talents and strengths from across the county will provide a competitive performance opportunity for our students. This unity will hopefully spread across the county through academics, athletics and other extracurricular activities. Cullman County students are very intelligent and talented. Together we can accomplish anything as a school system and compete statewide in any category."

In-house school productions

West Point Theatre will perform Disney's well-known and beloved "Beauty and the Beast" on Mar. 9-11.

More than 60 students are involved in the developing production, more than double the number who participated in Disney's "High School Musical" last year.

On Thursday, Apr. 12, Fairview Theater Works will perform Lauren Gunderson's "I and You," an extended one-act play about two classmates who meet just one day before their joint school project is due. Strangers to each other, each has a complicated personal story, and their meeting has twists and turns guaranteed to catch the audience off guard.

At a glance

"Camp Rock"

- Countywide » PAGE 8

Gov. Ivey responds to Hanceville mayor's comments

Bussman calls for Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail's resignation

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE / HAL YEAGER

Gov. Ivey

CULLMAN – As controversy swirls around the news that Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman on Friday called for Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail's immediate resignation over comments Nail made about Gov. Kay Ivey online, the governor issued the following response to The Tribune:

"I've spoken with Mayor Nail, and he has apologized for his inappropriate comments about me posted on social media. This situation is another reminder of the truth that words matter and that everyone, especially public officials, will be held to a high-standard for our remarks, even those made in jest online. Though I do not condone the mayor's comments, they will not keep me from my continued focus on governing and serving the people of Alabama."

Bussman on Friday called on Nail to resign over the "inappropriate and disrespectful" comments Nail allegedly made about Ivey on Facebook.

Bussman said in a statement to the media: "I read your inappropriate and disrespectful comments regarding Gov. Ivey with tremendous disbelief. Gov. Ivey has been extremely helpful to your city and this county. Making those comments even between old friends is not acceptable. In my opinion you have caused irreparable damage and have severely compromised our ability to work with the state for the betterment of our citizens. I ask you to resign your position as mayor of Hanceville immediately."

AL.com first reported the comments about Ivey on Thursday:

The mayor of a small Alabama town said Thursday he meant no disrespect to Gov. Kay Ivey after posting a sexually suggestive comment on Facebook about a picture he took with the governor.

Kenneth Nail, mayor of the Cullman County town of Hanceville, said his comment was meant as "just a little funny" in responding to a comment by a man Nail described as "an old » PAGE 5

Ming Enterprises bringing 3 new restaurants to Cullman's south side

Developer bringing new life to two vacant Highway 31 properties

Wendy Sack, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN – Two vacant sites on Second Avenue Southwest (U.S. Highway 31 South) in Cullman are getting new life, thanks to Athens-based developer Ming Enterprises. Owner Bill Ming confirmed late Thursday afternoon that his company purchased the two properties, the site of the old Cullman Chrysler Dodge dealership and the property across the street, which was home to Sticks N Stuff and Trader Bob's Flea Mall, on Wednesday. Ming said the first three new tenants, after renovations are complete, will be Firehouse Subs, Marco's Pizza and Diablo's Southwest Grill.

"What we're going to be doing is redeveloping both of those buildings to where they look brand-spanking new and have kind of a unique architectural style that's popular with redevelopment projects now," said Ming. "We're calling the projects Cullman Row East for the Chrysler building and the one across the street, we're calling it Cullman Row West."

The three new restaurants will be in Cullman Row East.

"Cullman Row East will contain 12,300 square feet. We started demolition yesterday (Wednesday) and we already have three new restaurants to Cullman committed," Ming said. "We've got Firehouse Subs. We've got Marco's Pizza, which is a national pizza chain headquartered out of Detroit, and we've got Diablo's Southwest Grill; it's out of Georgia, and it's like a Chipotle. It's a little nicer than a Moe's Southwest Grill. Those three are committed, and we've got others we're talking to."



BILL MING

Architectural rendering of the future Cullman Row East, current site of the old Cullman Chrysler Dodge dealership

Ming continued, "We're going to concentrate on getting Cullman Row East finished first, and hopefully by the third quarter (August or September 2018) we'll have tenants open for business and we'll be working on the Cullman Row West building, and it has up to 25,000 square feet. Cullman Row West will probably be » PAGE 4

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Escaped Hanceville inmate captured in Jefferson Co.

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HANCEVILLE – Justin McCoy Booth, the inmate who escaped custody in Hanceville Monday night, was captured in Jefferson County early Thursday morning, according to Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long.

Booth, 23, of Odenville, was in the process of being released from the Hanceville jail Monday night, and was to be held for pickup on an outstanding warrant for burglary in St. Clair County, when he managed to escape the facility. A vehicle pursuit ensued, resulting in Hanceville Police Officer Jason Hare, 41, being severely injured in a three-vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 91.

Of Booth's capture, Long told The Tribune, "It's (the story of the escape) been aired on TV and in newspapers, and we had numerous tips. We believed he was in the Birmingham area, because that's originally where they were hanging out prior to their arrest. It was a combination of modern technology and just boots on the ground, old-fashioned police work down there, beating around looking for him."

Long said his department sent Deputy Chief Adam Hadder and Lt. Brannon Hammick to Jefferson County on Wednesday. "They were there most of the day. They followed up on all the tips and leads they could get. Jefferson County was gracious, and they sent two deputies out with these guys, and they ran around most of the evening, into the early morning hours. They finally tracked him down in a house in Southside in Birmingham."

Booth wasn't the only one arrested at the home.

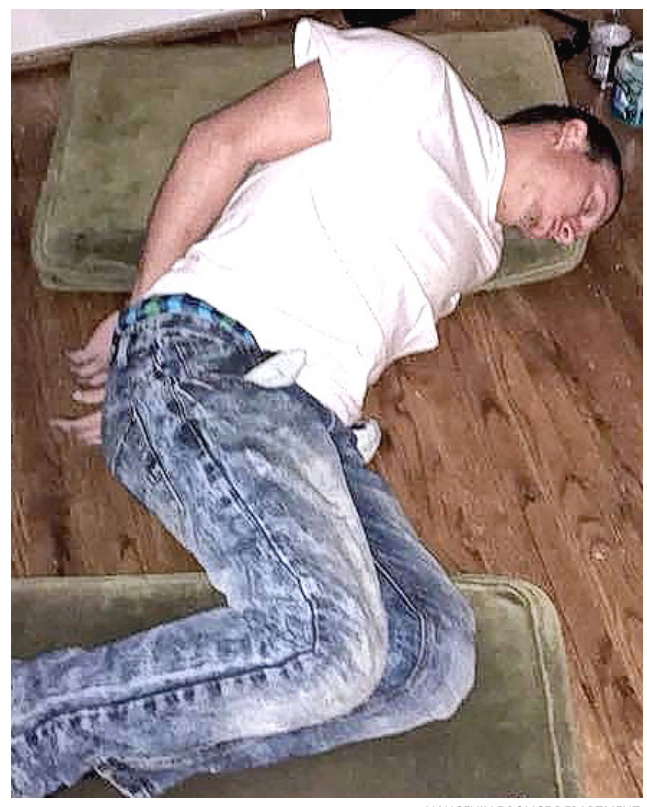
"There were numerous subjects there, and I think about half a dozen people ended up going to jail on outstanding warrants, in addition to Booth," Long said.

Booth is now facing additional charges.

"We have put a felony escape charge on him, and also, we charged him with misdemeanor theft when he stole our jail uniform when he ran out the door," shared Long.

"He has a burglary charge in St. Clair County, which he'll be facing that, and I believe he has another outstanding warrant in another county."

Booth is currently being held in the Hanceville jail, but will be sent to the Cullman County Detention Center soon, according to the chief.



HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Escaped Hanceville inmate Justin McCoy Booth was captured in Jefferson County early Thursday morning.

"I talked with him," said Long. "He says that he made a bad mistake and he has no intention of doing it again. I told him those 48 hours may have cost him 10 or 15 years."

Long said his department has a felony hold on Booth, and he may be eligible for bond when he gets to the Cullman County Detention Center, but he'll be transferred to St. Clair County or one of the other agencies from which he has warrants.

Officer Hare remains in serious condition at UAB, according to Long. "He is improving daily; he is still in serious condition, but is stable. He's conscious and alert. He's got some fractured bones in his face and a broken shoulder blade. He has a long road to recovery."

On Wednesday, a GoFundMe page was set up to raise funds for Hare and his family. Find it at www.gofundme.com/injured-police-officer-jason-hare.

2 Colony men arrested for elder abuse

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COLONY – Two Colony men were arrested on Thursday for elder abuse, according to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a welfare check on an elderly female under the care of Roger Lawrence McKinnon, 54 and Rufus Jerome Parker, 53. Once the deputies arrived at the residence, they heard the victim yell for assistance from her bedroom, said a statement from the CCSO. Deputies made entry and found the woman bedridden and unable to help herself.

In the course of investigation, deputies determined that McKinnon and Parker were allegedly taking the victim's checks, instead of using the money to care for her.

The victim told deputies she had been receiving calls from "check-cashing" establishments.

McKinnon was charged with third-degree elder abuse and neglect, along with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Parker was charged with third-degree elder abuse and neglect, as well as third-degree financial exploitation of the elderly.

Due to the nature of the crime, the CCSO is not releasing the victim's name or details of her condition.

Both suspects are being held in the Cullman County Detention Center, each on a $4,000 bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Roger Lawrence McKinnon, left and Rufus Jerome Parker, right

Hanceville votes to close city pool

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HANCEVILLE – The Hanceville City Council on Thursday voted to close the city pool immediately. It also mulled changes to the City's communication system and was introduced to the fire department's newest tool.

Police Chief Bob Long gave an extended report on the recent escape and recapture of Justin McCoy Booth, and on the crash during the pursuit of him that sent Hanceville police officer Jason Hare to UAB Hospital. (See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/01/26/hanceville-chief-gives-more-details-inmates-escape-officers-condition.)

City pool to close

The council voted to close Hanceville's city pool immediately and begin the paperwork to demolish it. Last year, the City lost $35,000 on the pool, and it was facing $75,000 in repairs before the pool could open this summer. Adding to that price the ongoing costs of regular maintenance, personnel such as lifeguards, and the elevated liability insurance cost of a public pool, the council decided instead to pursue the construction of a splash pad at the same site.

According to Park Director Ashley Dye, a basic splash pad will cost $30,000-$35,000, plus the cost of concrete and site work.

Councilman Charles Wilson noted that the total cost would not be far below the cost of repair to the existing pool, but Mayor Kenneth Nail and other council members countered with their own concerns about maintenance and other costs.

In the end, the council voted to close the pool and look into splash pad options, with Wilson being the sole vote against the measure.

Since the pool was originally built under a state grant, the state will still have to approve its demolition and replacement.

Fire department trailer/ relief station

Deputy Chief Bart Absher showed the council photos of a trailer purchased by Hanceville Fire Rescue for use as a mobile relief station by HFR personnel in the field during extended deployments.

The trailer will be equipped with a generator, air conditioning, a restroom and other amenities; the power rear door that doubles as a vehicle ramp will allow firefighters to transport the department's Gator inside. Absher said the trailer will see use during both lengthy emergency dispatches and community outreach events.

Other council business

A plan to replace the City's current phone system with a new system by SmartFox Solutions of Decatur was tabled until a later meeting due to concerns about the cost of some parts of the company's proposal. SmartFox already has a contract to provide computer and IT services to the City.

The council voted unanimously to pay $600 toward the cost of replacing a personal firearm stolen during the burglary of an HPD vehicle. Officer John Wayne Fore was on duty at the time, and his vehicle was locked at the time of the burglary; entry was gained by breaking a window. Chief Long pointed out that most HPD officers carry personal weapons, and that allowing them to do so saves the department a substantial amount of money. He also noted that the carrying of spare, back-up or special-use tactical weapons in vehicles while on duty is common for his officers.

The council voted to appoint all existing members of the city's Historic Preservation Committee to serve as Hanceville's Community Celebration Committee for the duration of the Alabama Bicentennial celebration which will run through Dec. 2019.

At the end of the regular meeting, the council members, Mayor Nail, and Chief Long entered into a closed-door executive session, saying only that the meeting was to discuss "possible litigation" related to "good name and character."

The Hanceville City Council will meet next on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. with work session at 6. The public is welcome to attend.

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INVITATION TO BID
COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Sealed Bids shall be received for one (I) or more Community Safe Room(s) by the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department, until noon on local time by February 20, 2018. The bids will be opened on February 21, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Cullman County Economic Development, Cullman, Alabama. At this time bids will be opened and publicly read for an above-ground, pre-engineered, pre-manufactured, 114" steel plate safe room, with bathrooms, generator and generator cover that complies with FEMA 361 (2015) and ICC 500 Community Shelter Design Criteria. The contract, if a bid is chosen, will be awarded at the regular Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department meeting after the February 21, 2018 opening.

The Community Safe Room shall meet the specifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Publication 361. Each bid must certify that the bid meets or exceeds FEMA 361 specifications. The successful bidder will also be required to provide a notarized Contractor/Installer form certifying this upon completion of the job, as well as an engineering peer review.

The Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in awarding this bid to the best responsive bidder. The bid award will not be based solely on price. Quality, conformity with the specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, and past service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the best responsive bidder. Other factors such as compliance with Qualifications for Safe Room Design Acceptance, value, conditions and past performance will be considered in determining the best bid. Bidders must show proof of a minimum of five (5) years' experience in successfully completing community safe room projects of this size and type. Provide at least three (3) references from previous community safe room projects, with photos.

Bids submitted are firm and no claims for errors will be considered after bids are opened and subsequent thereof.

The bidder shall use domestic products and labor and if domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor/installer.

All bidders must use the attached form for submitting their bid. All bids must be sealed and marked - in the lower left-hand envelope **"BID #1139- Community Safe Room", with opening date and time. Late bids will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted to Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department at 325 2nd Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The proposal package includes specifications, a copy which is available for examination from, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:30pm at the Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For questions regarding this invitation to bid, please email, Ashley Graves, Project Coordinator at ashley@cullmancondev.org or call at 256-775-6258 or contact Chief Keith Bates at bethsadiafire@yahoo.com.**

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Are you enjoying this crisp, cold winter weather? I'm not, because of all the aches and pains caused by the cold, plus dealing with slippery surfaces that we must watch out for in ice and snow.

First, I would like to remind all Civitan members of the Alabama North Winter District meeting. This meeting is scheduled for February 3rd at the First Methodist Church on Commercial Street in Hanceville.

The guest speaker will be Civitan International President, Mrs. Kendyl Massey. There are parking spaces at the church and across the street at Hanceville High School.

Reservations are to be sent to Barbara Burhans in Huntsville.

It appears that the local community is losing a many of its beloved citizens. We have had four of our citizens who have died in the recent weeks.

The first family to whom I would like to extend Christian Sympathy is the family of Mrs. Ezma Reid. "Aunt Ezma" as I liked to call her, died in the Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham. Mrs. Ezma was a member of the McGriff family. She was a sister to Mrs. Elna Barnett, who is a member of our church. Mrs. Reid had been a resident recently of the Hanceville Nursing Home.

She was a regular member of the Holly Pond Senior Citizens Site. She loved to play games, such as cards and dominoes. In her later years, she walked with the aid of a walker.

She was a speedster on that walker.

Her funeral was held at the Duck River Baptist Church, where she had been a leader for over seventy years.

Her nieces, Pam Couch and Penny Naler, honored her memory with some beautiful songs at her service, as did her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Reid. Reverend Elrod, Reverend Sherman Bailey and Reverend Layne Howard oversaw the service. Reverend Bailey had her personal Bible and read some favorite passages from it that she had noted.

Our next loss was Mrs. Marie Moore, the wife of Frank Moore and the daughter of Milton and Betty Lambert. Mrs. Marie worked in previous years at the Chambers Flower Shop in Holly Pond. Her Mother, Mrs. Betty Lambert was the former manager of the Senior Center. Marie was buried in the Brooklyn Cemetery. Christian Sympathy is extended to this sweet family.

Next was Mrs. Joyce Gail Barnett Hatley. Joyce Gail and her late husband, Don Hatley were business owners on Highway 157, Hatley Heating and Air. Joyce Gail was one of the seven daughters and one son of the Barnett family. The only surviving sibling is Mrs.

Barbara Harris. Mrs. Hatley's funeral was held this week at the First Baptist Church, Holly Pond. Reverend Scott Adams and Benjamin Smothers conducted this service. Pam Couch and Penny Naler were also special singers for her service. Mrs. Hatley was the mother of four beautiful children, Mrs. Terri Brown, who predeceased her in death, Jeff Hatley, Deborah and Kathy. Joyce was active in the Holly Pond community as a member of First Baptist Church of Holly Pond (FBCHP), her Sunday School Class, the FBCHP WMU group, the Holly Pond Homemakers Club and a Friends Social Group. She loved gardening and spending time with her many friends and family members, whether it was traveling and seeing much of God's world or simply playing games at home. She will be greatly missed.

Finally, the Pleasant View Baptist Church has lost one of their main leaders, Mr. Rayford King. Mr. King died in the Huntsville Hospital. Rayford and his wife, the former Ann Duncan, were members of the Prime-Time Singers who met at our church twice monthly and performed approximately six programs during the year. Mr. King and his family include: Vickie and Danny Aldridge, Randy King and his family. I learned about three weeks ago that Mr. King was a brother to Mrs. Janice Murphree, who is a member of our Holly Pond Civitan Club. She also is a wonderful cook and makes delicious "friend apple pies" as part of our club's fund-raisers during the club year. Get well wishes are also extended to Janice, who has been in the local hospital with upper- respiratory pains.

I extend a special Christian Sympathy to each of these special families.

I also extend get well wishes to my great-nephew, Josh Marks, my next-door neighbor and the son of Tony and Susan Marks. Josh had an accident during school this past week and suffered a broken arm in two places. He had surgery on it Thursday morning. I understand he did well.

I guess this is enough wintertime chatter for this week. Be safe and keep warm.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1917

Mrs. J.J. Davis is in Hartselle at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. W.C. Summers, who is very ill.

W.S. Thomas and E.G. Thomas, of Trade, are visiting relatives in Gadsden this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E.I. Daly entertained on Friday, at a 6:00 p.m. dinner party, honoring Doctor Charles Lane, who later that evening gave a lecture at the courthouse.

H.H. Meech, the paint brush artist, celebrated his 81st birthday last week.

Doctor and Mrs. W.D. Powell, of Louisville, Kentucky, have arrived to visit their daughter, Mrs. W.P. Wilks.

From The Files Of 1940

Grandview News

Gee! We were all surprised to see 13.2 inches of snow. There were many beautiful scenes as a result.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bibb and children, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Tubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chambers were the weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Addison.

Mr. Harless Quattlebaum and sons, Onas and Jackie, were the guests, on Friday, of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Phillips.

Mrs. Oredea Quattlebaum was a visitor on Sunday afternoon of the Tubbs and Bibbs.

Due to the condition of the roads, Mr. Robert Knight was delayed on part of his mail route this week.

Mr. Harless Quattlebaum spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. H.R. Lowery.

The Addisons and Chambers, of this community, spent Sunday in Crane Hill.

A very large crowd attended the third Sunday singing at Bethsadia on the last third Sunday.

Mr. H.E. Russell and Troy Easton motored to Cullman, through the snow on last Thursday morning.

It is hoped, in this community, that the school buses will be able to make the regular run soon.

For several years it has been customary for the Alabama Extension Service to issue certificates to those who have suitable proficiency in terracing, to qualify as a practical terrace. There were eleven farmers who qualified for this honor during the year 1939. They are: W.J. Smith, L.M. Nuss and Cortis Nuss, all of Route Three Cullman; Marvin Grizzard, Route Eight Cullman; Clyde Johnston, Route Two Cullman; Clyde Sharpton, Route One Logan; Glenn Holmes, Route Two Vinemont; J.E. White, Route One Holly Pond; Floyd Bice, Route One Steppville; J.P. Glenn, Route Six Cullman and Douglas Hart, Route Five Cullman.

Cullman Route Five News

Mrs. Welcome Duke and little Jackie Wunderlick are on the sick list this week.

Mr. O.D. Stubbs and Opal Gamble were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. James Cole.

Miss Vera Manor came home on Sunday to spend the day with her parents.

Miss Effie and Melba Cole and Vinell Kelley were the Sunday evening guests of Miss Vera Maner.

Mr. R.R. Cole, from Millville, is spending several weeks with his brother, Mr. D.E. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Taylor spent Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Winn.

Sunday School is held every Sunday, at 10:00 a.m., at Mount Zion Church. Church services are at 11:00 o'clock and 7:00 o'clock on each third and fourth Sunday.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

We enjoyed an unexpected holiday last week

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



SNOW! We had snow last week! Really, I saw it with my own two eyes. I live on the southern side of central Alabama. We rarely see snow here, but we had a full three inches of the white stuff. When we do get snow, we take full advantage of it. We turn it into a holiday.

Yes, we know that our friends from up north laugh at us, but we don't care. Those are the same ones who laugh at how we speak. We close the schools and churches and take the day off from work.

Before it hits, we raid the store shelves of all their milk, bread and batteries. We stock up so we won't starve to death in case we are snowed in for a couple of hours.

I have lived further south but only once. I went to seminary in New Orleans, so we lived there for almost three years.

Like it never rains in southern California, or at least the old song said so, it never snows in southern Louisiana.

Snow there is about as rare as hen's teeth or the Saints winning the Super Bowl. I think that has happened once.

Unfortunately, they get more hurricanes than snow down there.

Once while I lived there, a fellow student said it was snowing but I still think he had stayed up too late cramming for an exam.

We were sitting in class when he came running in and said, "It's snowing outside!"

Even I was smart enough to know that it wasn't snowing inside, but I wasn't smart enough to not run outside to see for myself.

The classroom emptied out, we all ran out, looked up in the sky and asked, "Where?" I think someone finally saw a snowflake but no one would swear to that. It could have been a piece of confetti, but given how bad the Saints were back then, that is doubtful too.

When we do get a little snow, we make snow angels, snowballs, snowmen, and snow-cream. Ole Billy Bob made a giant snowman once. He used sticks for his arms, coal for his buttons and eyes, and a long carrot for his nose.

He looked like Pinocchio after a hard day of lying. Later that day, Billy Bob looked outside just in time to see a big old buck chowing down on Frosty's nose.

Thinking he could bag some easy meat for the winter, he grabbed his shotgun and ran outside. He missed the deer by a mile, but Frosty the snowman became Frosty the no-man. There wasn't enough left of Frosty to make a good sized snowball.

One of my favorite snow treats is a big bowl of snow-cream. All you need is a bowl full of snow.

It is important to make sure your snow is clean. If you have a fireplace you may need to scrape the soot and ashes off the top before you scoop.

They do not make your snow-cream chocolate. If you have dogs, do not scrape the yellow off the top before you scoop. Find another spot! By no means does that make lemon flavored snow-cream.

You can then add sweetened condensed milk and flavoring and mix it all together thoroughly.

If you don't have condensed milk, you can use regular milk and add sugar. You can add any kind of flavoring, including lemon.

The best thing about snow days is staying home and spending time with the family. It might not be a bad idea to occasionally take a day off, even in July, and pretend it snowed.

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Poet's Corner



Bluebirds

Submitted by Randy C. Hale

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost 1922

Two bluebirds bound across the road
in front of me to an adjacent parking lot.

They could fly but choose to scan the
lot in such a way looking for crumbs
of food on this cold January day.

I slow to stop because I like bluebirds
and I never see them much.
Their blue and rose beige plumage
shines luminous in this morning sun.

I find great peace in this as the
Little birds add bright color to my day.
What a wonderful God to give
us such things to behold.

I must move along and Frost's poem
about a snowy evening comes
to mind as I remember what caused
the traveler to press on after stopping
to watch a peaceful woods fill up with snow.

Somewhere to be, so very much
to do and he left the white
as l must now leave the blue.

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PREP BASKETBALL

2018 Cullman County Basketball Tournament: days 4 and 5

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – Here's a snapshot of the action from Wednesday's and Thursday's games in the 2018 Cullman County Basketball Tournament at Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace State. (Up to date as of press time.) The tourney continued Friday evening, with championship games today, Saturday. Be sure to check out www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest updates.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

Ninth Grade Boys Game 2: Fairview (1) 36 – Good Hope (5) 20

The ninth grade boys got things started Wednesday night with a matchup between the Fairview Aggies and the Good Hope Raiders. The game started slowly for both teams but particularly for the Raiders, who were shut out in the first quarter and didn't get on the board until the 4:16 mark of the second. The Raiders picked up the slack on the defensive end in the first half and trailed just 11-4 after a disappointing two quarters on offense. Good Hope couldn't keep the Aggies reined in for another half and Fairview began to pull away after a 10-2 run in the third quarter. Owen Yarbrough led the way for the Aggies offensively, leading the game with 10 points to go along with four rebounds. The Aggies will play the Vinemont Eagles for the Ninth Grade Boys Championship this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Ninth Grade Boys Game 3: Vinemont (3) 43 – West Point (2) 40

The Vinemont Eagles rode a hot start and finish to the second half on their way to an upset win over West Point in Wednesday's second semi-final game. The Eagles trailed West Point 16-14 at the half, but Eagles guard Curtis Kennedy knocked down two 3-pointers to start the third quarter to jump out to a lead. Kennedy finished with 11 points and nine rebounds. West Point and Vinemont continued to trade baskets late into the fourth quarter. The Warriors kept pace thanks to 12- and 13-point performances from Brannon Bright and Carter Thornton, respectively. Thornton also came up with three steals, two of which came late in the game. Vinemont was able to finish the game strong by knocking down nearly all of its free throws in the fourth quarter, several of which came from guard Collin Teichmiller. Teichmiller led the game with 14 points. The Vinemont Eagles will face the Fairview Aggies for the Ninth Grade Boys Championship Saturday at 1 p.m.

Varsity Girls Game 3: Hanceville (4) 56 – Good Hope (5) 40

The Hanceville Lady Bulldogs downed the Lady Raiders of Good Hope in Wednesday night's third matchup thanks to their ability to get to the basket and to create turnovers. The game was tied at 22 to the start the second half but Good Hope couldn't keep up with the Lady Bulldogs in the fourth quarter. Hanceville generated 15 steals in the game, many of them coming in the second half and leading to easy buckets for the Lady Bulldogs. Kierra Merriweather led the way on defense for the Lady Bulldogs with four steals on the defensive end to go with 11 points and seven rebounds. Point guard Kelly Pickett handled the ball most of the night for Hanceville and was tied for the game-high with 15 points. Pickett also recorded three rebounds and three steals. Forward Kate Kent came up with plenty for the Lady Raiders' offense inside the paint, leading the Raiders in points with 15 and the game in rebounds with 12, recording the game's only double-double. The Lady Bulldogs move on to the semi-final round to take on the top-seeded Fairview Aggies Thursday at 6:15.

Varsity Boys Game 3: West Point (2) 73 – Vinemont (7) 38

Wednesday night's final matchup was a very one-sided affair, with the West Point Warriors racking up 73 points in a win over Vinemont. The Warriors were just as dominant on the other end of the floor, holding the Eagles to just six points in the first quarter and maintaining a double-digit lead for most of the game. The ball was spread around for the Warriors' offense, with three players scoring in the double digits. Guard Coby Sullins finished with 13 while forwards Austin Dubberly and Tyler Thompson put 12 and 13 points, respectively. Eagles guard Jack Hill provided a lot of the Eagles' offense in the loss, handling the ball for most possessions and leading the team with 13 points. The Warriors advance to take on third-seeded Good Hope in the semi-final round Friday at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

JV Girls Game 3: Cold Springs (3) 49 – Good Hope (5) 15

The Junior Varsity Lady Eagles routed the Good Hope Lady Raiders in Thursday night's first matchup at Tom Drake Coliseum thanks to smothering defense and a hot shooting night from three-point range. Cold Springs' Kayla Aaron led all scorers with 23 points and knocked down an incredible seven shots from beyond the arc.

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than Aaron's shooting was the Lady Eagles' defense in the second half. After taking a 27-14 lead into the locker room at halftime, Cold Springs held the Lady Raiders to just one point in the second half, coming on a free throw from guard Kristin Hart. Lady Eagles' post Shay Sellers quietly racked up 15 points of her own to go along with two steals and four rebounds.

Cold Springs will try to stay hot on both ends of the floor against the winner of Friday night's matchup between second-seeded Fairview and third-seeded West Point in the JV Girls Championship Game Saturday at 2:30.

Varsity Girls Game 4: Fairview (1) 49 – Hanceville (4) 39

The Lady Aggies of Fairview knocked off the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs in Thursday night's second tournament matchup. The Lady Aggies led most of the contest with the exception of a run from Hanceville at the end of the third that gave the Lady Bulldogs a 31-29 lead to start the fourth quarter. Fairview scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and contained Hanceville's fast-break offense by limiting its turnovers late in the game. Three-point baskets from guard Taylor Yeager and forward McKinna Yearwood helped ice the game for Fairview late in the fourth quarter. Yearwood finished with five points and Yeager led all scorers in the game with 16.

Hanceville's defense was not able to create as many turnovers as they're used to on defense, but Lady Bulldogs guard Kierra Merriweather was still a problem for Fairview defensively, coming up with two steals and leading Hanceville with nine points.

The top-seeded Lady Aggies advance to the Varsity Girls Championship Game Saturday at 5:30 where they'll take on the third-seeded Cold Springs Lady Eagles.

Varsity Girls Game 5: Cold Springs (3) 46 – West Point (2) 38

The third-seeded Lady Eagles of Cold Springs upset the second-seeded West Point Lady Warriors in the final game of Thursday night's action. The game was defined by momentum shifts after a tightly played first half. Cold Springs came out of the half leading West Point 19-18, but the third quarter was dominated by the Lady Warriors.

West Point guard Lexi Shadix scored 11 of her team-high 17 points in the third, knocking down three shots from deep range. Along with her partner in the back-court, Miriam Oldacre, who finished with 15 points, Shadix and the Lady Warriors jumped out to a 38-27 lead to start the fourth quarter, but the momentum shifted back to the Lady Eagles for good from that point on.

The Lady Eagles' offense exploded in the fourth quarter, and Cold Springs sprinted through the finish on a 19-0 run to end the game.

Lady Eagles' guard Elizabeth Hill tied the game at 38 with three minutes remaining on a 3-point basket and took the lead on another 3-pointer with 1:30 to play. Hill put up 15 points for the Lady Eagles, nine of them coming late in the fourth quarter. Lady Eagles' point guard Camryn Crider put the game away for good from the free-throw line as time ticked away on the Lady Warriors. Crider led the game with 20 points and also pulled down seven rebounds. West Point was unable to overcome the wave of scoring from the Lady Eagles and was shut out for the entirety of the fourth quarter.

Cold Springs advances to the Varsity Girls Championship Game Saturday at 5:30 where they'll take on the top-seeded Fairview Lady Aggies for the title.



BILL PIPER

9th grade boys: Vinemont - West Point



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Varsity girls: Fairview - Hanceville





Comments (from Front)

friend."

The photo, which Nail posted on Facebook just after noon on Wednesday, has the mayor standing next to Ivey in a group shot in the capitol in Montgomery. In the photo, Nail is standing so that his right hand and arm is obscured behind Ivey. In the comments on the Facebook post, a poster asked, "Where is your right hand"

Nail responds, "She did have a smile on her face, didn't she LOL"

Nail posted the photo to his Facebook page on Wednesday. The alleged comments reported by AL.com have since been deleted.

On Thursday, Nail posted the following: "Well Facebook friends it's been a long week. With the injury of our officer and not a lot of sleep not making excuses , I made a remark yesterday about our visit to Montgomery. It was really Two Old Friends with a back-and-forth post. I made a inappropriate comment in reference to the governor. That was not my intent but I do want to apologize for that remark looking back it was a mistake. So if I offended anyone especially our governor I want to apologize. I am human and make mistakes every day but I will try to do better."

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Restaurants (from Front)

late fourth quarter of this year to first quarter of next year, 2018 or early 2019. It may move faster, it just depends on how the build-outs and everything go."

Ming said he's happy about the project.

"We're really excited about it. We were looking for an opportunity in Cullman for about two years, and saw this as a redevelopment opportunity. We were looking at the Chrysler building and saw the other building across the street and were able to make a deal with both owners."

Ming said the architectural style of the two properties will be similar to Campus 805 in Huntsville, with a "Millennial /New Age" look.

"Cullman was just kind of a natural move for us," said Ming, who said he grew up in Athens.

Ming Enterprises is a family-owned business. Ming works with his son, William Ming, Jr. and others. Find out more at www.mingcregroup.com.

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Hanceville chief gives more details on inmate's escape, officer's condition

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HANCEVILLE – At its regular meeting Thursday evening, Hanceville Police Department (HPD) Chief Bob Long gave the Hanceville City Council a detailed explanation of this week's escape of inmate Justin McCoy Booth, and of his subsequent recapture in Birmingham. The chief also talked about the crash that sent Officer Jason Hare to UAB Hospital, and gave an update on Hare's condition.

Justin McCoy Booth escape and recapture

According to Long, on Monday, Jan. 22, city hall was filled for the HPD's court night, with more than 400 cases on the docket and 150 to 200 persons in attendance. Between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., while cases were being heard, the HPD had extra personnel on hand to assist with processing inmates to be jailed or released.

By 7 p.m. only a few inmates remained to be processed, and the extra officers had left. Two HPD officers remained on duty: one was working a vehicle accident scene at the north end of Hanceville, while the other worked a second vehicle accident on the east side of town.

What happened next, stated the chief, was a combination of mechanical and human error.

"The door (to the hallway where cells are located) was left unlocked . . . and this guy (Booth) went through the door, and about the time the dispatcher saw him, he bolts and runs. Well, unfortunately, the door that goes to the exterior portion of the building, it's kind of outdated. All you've got to do is press a button, and you can get out. So he hit the button and actually went out, and was able to flee the scene."

Long assured the council that the issues with both the inner and outer doors are being addressed, and he outlined some specific things being done that will not be relayed to the public, in order to preserve building security at the HPD office and jail.

The chief then talked about Booth's recapture

"We kind of felt he was in the Birmingham area. You know we've gotten a lot of TV press on it, and so forth. We got a lot of calls and tips on it. The investigator, (Lt.) Brannon Hammick, and Deputy Chief Adam Hadder, they spent a lot of time down in Birmingham looking for this idiot.

"We kind of got it narrowed down to the building they were in on the south side of Birmingham. I want to give great thanks to the Birmingham PD and Jefferson (County) Sheriff's Department. They went in with a couple of deputies, walked into a huge room or a huge building, basically, with about 15, 16 people in it.

"About six or seven of those people ended up going to jail on outstanding warrants from other agencies, and our guy was laying there, pretending to be asleep."

Booth has an outstanding warrant for burglary in St. Clair County, and was awaiting transfer there when he escaped. He was returned to Cullman County, though, facing a felony charge for escape, and a minor charge for theft of the jail uniform he was wearing at the time of his escape.

Officer Jason Hare accident and injuries

Long said Hare was in the left lane of U.S. Highway 31 N, about three car lengths behind Officer Brad Jones, who was in another vehicle in the right lane, as they approached the Alabama Highway 91 intersection. As the officers neared the intersection with emergency lights on, a tractor trailer approached from another direction. Jones stopped ahead and to the right of Hare. Hare did not stop, but entered the intersection.

"Jason, I think," said Long, "probably because of the vehicle position and bright lights and blue lights, I think his condition was distorted; he never hit his brakes.

"Had he braked at the same time Brad Jones did, he would have stopped even farther behind the intersection. I think just the position of them and the tractor trailer, I believe that the bright lights and vehicle obscured his vision, and he never saw the 18-wheeler until they were both nose to nose in the intersection."

Hare suffered a broken shoulder blade, fractures around his right eye socket, a chipped cervical vertebra but with no spinal cord damage, and multiple lacerations.

Long has been with Hare at UAB Hospital, and reported, "Jason's pretty banged up. He was in pretty bad shape, but he's improving daily.

"We were there today; he's actually now--both of his eyes are open, most of the swelling's gone from his face.

"They're scheduling for a surgery to do some reconstructive surgery around his orbital eye socket and his nasal cavities. His head actually hit the computer mount inside the cab of the vehicle.

"So probably, we're thinking, the way his wife was saying, he's probably got another week or so in the hospital before they actually send him home."

Long added, "The support from the community's just been overwhelming. Businesses, individuals donated money here at the PD itself. Also, there's a GoFundMe page that's over $2,000, I think, by now.

"The (state) attorney general actually called him to check on him, and today he sent a representative from his office up to visit with Jason also. We've gotten a lot of support, even from all across the state, really."

In his report to the council, Fire Chief Rodger Green commended the responders who went to the aid of Hare and the other injured driver, saying, "I think all the responders done a good job responding to that call.

"Everybody worked professionally. Usually, in a situation like that where it's one of your own, it's usually chaos, but everybody kept their cool, worked good together, worked as a team, and they got the job done."

As of late Thursday night, Hare's GoFundMe campaign had raised almost $4,300. Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/injured-police-officer-jason-hare.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 27-29

Atholeene Lee Goodwin age 98 of Cullman, died Thursday, January 25, 2018. She was a graduate of Auburn University. Mrs. Goodwin taught school for 37 years. She was a charter member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Theta Chapter and was a relentless genealogist, who was a member of many genealogical organizations including Daughters of the American Revolution, Dripping Springs Chapter. Mrs. Goodwin was preceded in death by her parents: Loyd W. Lee and Lula Mae Gentry Lee; husband, Fred Goodwin; daughter: Wanda Jean Freeman; and her infant brother, John Curtis Lee. She is survived by daughters: Margaret Simnons and Geraldine Ryan (Harris); brother, Harold L. Lee; grandchildren: Elizabeth Simnons and Michael Wade Freeman (Rita Kay) and her great grandchildren: Sadie Freeman and Chester Wade Freeman. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 12 noon until the celebration of Mrs. Goodwin's life, which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. The family request in lieu of flowers donations be made to the First Baptist Church Cullman, building fund or, scholarship fund of your choice. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral service for James Aubrey White, 77, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating with interment in Fellowship Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. White passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018. He was born September 17, 1940 to U.D. & Nannie Lou Nix White. He was a member of Baldwin Heights Baptist Church where he served as deacon for many years. He was a well-respected businessman in the community. Aubrey was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Hermitt White and Ray White; three sisters, Pauline James, Evelyn Aker, Lera Williamson. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Carolyn Parker White; daughters, Pamela (Steve) Levering, Tina Grimmett; brother, Radar (Carolyn) White; sister, Mary Alice Rhodes; grandson, Christopher Grimmett (Brittany Chaffin); a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for Riley N. "Coach" Duke, 82 of Logan, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Moss Service Funeral Home, Brother Steve Bryan and Brother Delbert Freeman officiating, with interment in Emeus Cemetery. Moss Service is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Duke graduated from St. Bernard College and spent his entire teaching and coaching career at Logan Jr. High School. Coach Duke was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey N. Duke and Myrtle Lovell Duke; and his brother John Boyd Duke. He is survived by his loving wife Jeanette of 54 years; two daughters, Annette Duke McAdams (Richard) and Shelly Duke Elrod (Bobby); one son, Randy Duke (Angela); Seven grandchildren: Brittney McAdams Saffell; Courtney McAdams; Kayla Elrod Bryson (Brett); Willis Richard "Trey" McAdams III; Nathaniel Duke and Maggie Duke, great-grandchildren: Reagan Saffell; Everett Saffell; and Riley Saffell, and a host of family and friends. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. for friends at the funeral home on Saturday, January 27. The family request in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Logan Memorial Methodist Church or the Logan Preservation Foundation (Logan Junior High) (PO Box 2075, Cullman, AL 35055).

Funeral service with full military honors for Freeman Eual Blackwood, 86 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Simcoe Methodist Cemetery, Rev. Eric Martin and Dr. David Chambers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home, Hwy. 278 East is in charge of the arrangements. Eual passed away January 25th, 2018 at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home in Huntsville, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert David Blackwood and Virginia Estelle Martin Blackwood; brothers, Ray and Billy Ray; sisters, Ruth White, Gearldene Goodwin, Sylvia Taylor; brothers-in-law, Perry White, Jack Johnson, Joe Taylor; sister-in-law, Virginia Blackwood. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Hilda Blackwood; son, Tobby (Debbie) Blackwood; two granddaughters, Tova Lindsey, Tiffany (Christopher) Nash; four great-great-grandchildren, Atticus and Athena Lindsey, Jordan and Colton Nash; sisters, Fay Nell (Jim) Rosenbalm, Nedra (Kenneth) Smith; brother-in-law, Leon Goodwin; sister-in-law, Betty Blackwood. Eual attended St. Bernard College, Puget Sound College in Washington State; graduated from Wallace State in cabinet and furniture making. Eual served in the United States Air Force for 20 years in engineering refrigeration and air conditioning, traveled many states with family, three tours overseas, Libya, North Africa, Oson, Korea and Da-Nang, Vietnam. After retirement, he and his family spent 22 years on their cattle and poultry farm in the Brookland Community. He enjoyed traveling with family and friends and restoring old cars. Eual was a member of Seventh Street Baptist Church and enjoyed working in different churches over the years. He loved God and people. To know him was to love him. Eual worked with the Gideons a short time before becoming a victim of Alzheimers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's research at ALZ.org or the Gideons International. Visitation will be Saturday evening at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Ada Joyce Patton, 83 of Double Springs, entered into rest on January 25, 2018 at her home. Joyce was born on December 18, 1934, in Cordova, Alabama. She was a longtime member of Union Grove Freewill Baptist Church. Family will receive friends on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Union Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Black Pond Community, where a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Mickey Millican will officiate. Joyce is survived by her sons, Gary Stanley, David (Sandra) Patton; daughters, Charlotte (Randy) Adair, Patty Patton Sides; brothers, Terry Vines, J.C. (Nona) Vines; sister, Linda Kilgore; she was "Maw Maw" to 5 grandchildren, Bubba, Melinda, Latasha, Joshua, Tara; great grandchildren, Bryant, Destini, Brennen, Andrew, Austin, Marley, and Abbey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald David Patton; parents, Harry and Nancy Vines.

Brenda Sue Evans, 66, of Haleyville, entered into rest on January 25, 2018 at her home. Mrs. Evans was born on August 15, 1951, in Rock City, Alabama. Brenda graduated from Brilliant High School and went on to attend Shelton State Community College class of "92". She worked at Genisis House in Haleyville since 1995. Brenda attended The Rock Family Worship Center in Huntsville for 18 years. Brenda loved her children and grandchildren. Since her first grandchild was born, not many days have gone by that she was not watching at least one of her grandchildren. After school, she always had their favorite snacks ready and waiting for them. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2pm. Brother Ricky White will officiate. Burial will follow in Griggs Place Cemetery, Glenn Allen, Alabama. Brenda is survived by her husband of 24 years, Anthony Wayne Evans; son, Randal Wayne Shugart and his wife Marleen; daughters, Tina Newell and her husband Jonathan, Kenda Watts and her husband Wes, Natasha Herring, Jessica Evans; her father, Buddy Ashmore; and sister, Barbarette Mathis and her husband Dwight. She was "Maw Maw Brenda" to 14 grandchildren, Isaac Newell, Billy, Jesse, Bella and Cason Watts, Sarah and Emma Herring, Stormie, Sierra, and Dakota Childress, Austin Brown, Brieana Stutwille, Brooke Freeman and Evelyn Jay. She was preceded in death by her mother Lilie Mae Ashmore and brother Gary Ashmore.

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Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel receives a check for $25,615.07 for the food bank, surrounded by fellow Lions who have assisted his program.

CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman Lions Club presented to Javon Daniel a check for Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) in the amount of $25,615.07. Club President Bill Ruehl made the presentation during the Lions' regular meeting at All Steak, surrounded by fellow Lions who had participated in CCK fundraising activities in the last year.

Ruehl told the audience, "Through these Lions, their hard work and diligence, working with the community, asking to help them out . . . they have worked hard this year.

"The club was proud to match what they collected with a check of $10,000. So we have a gift for Cullman Caring for Kids to give to Javon Daniel tonight for $25,615.07 . . . Gentlemen, y'all have done well this year. Cullman Caring for Kids I know has appreciated it."

After accepting the check, Daniel told his fellow Lions, "(I) just want to say that, because of the Lions Club, there were children who went to bed tonight with food in their stomach. Because of the Lions Club, there were young mothers who had food in the house for their children. Because of the Lions Club, a handicapped man was able to feed his family. And because of the Lions Club, an elderly lady won't have to make the choice this month between food and medicine. God bless each and every one of you. There is nothing more I could say that would mean as much as 'Thank you.'"

For more information on the Cullman Lions Club, visit http://www.cullmanlions.com. For more information on Cullman Caring for Kids, visit http://www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

Arrest reports: Jan. 24-25

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Jan. 24-25. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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• failure to appear- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Lands, Brandon Dewayne, 27
• disorderly conduct

McIntyre, Anglea Renee, 42
• failure to appear- resisting arrest

McIntyre, Hugh Dale, 53
• failure to appear- DUI

Thomas, Merlin Eugene, 35
• failure to appear- driving while revoked

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Penn, Phillip N., 33
• failure to appear- insurance violation
• failure to appear- driving without a license
• failure to appear- expired tag

Phillips, Zachary F., 18
• minor in possession/ consumption of alcoholic beverages
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hardin, Natasha L., 33
• failure to appear- attempting to elude

Hamby, Cory W., 29
• failure to appear- driving without a license
• failure to appear- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25
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Booth, Justin McCoy, 23
• third-degree escape

League, Cobie Thomas, 19
• judge's order- possession of prescription medicine
• judge's order- first-degree receiving stolen property
• judge's order- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle (3 counts)

Lindley, Phillip Joel, 22
• failure to appear- driving while revoked (3 counts)
• failure to appear- no tag/tag not plainly visible

McKinnon, Roger Lawrence, 54
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• third-degree elder abuse and neglect

Mentzer, Joshua Robert, 21
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Mika, Dustin Randel, 30
• harassing communications

Parker, Rufus Jerome, 53
• third-degree elder abuse and neglect
• third-degree financial exploitation of the elderly

Pitts, Adam Dale, 38
• obstruction/using false ID

Price, Frances Marie, 61
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Reno, Alison, 31
• second-degree hindering prosecution
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Sellers, Veronica Clark, 55
• third-degree receiving stolen property (old charge)

Steele, Breanna Kay, 25
• second-degree bail jumping- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
• failure to appear- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

White, Grady Bernard, 68
• permitting dogs to run at large

Willingham, Joshua Joe, 34
• third-degree domestic violence

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Calhoun, Candace A., 27
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Calhoun, Dustin L., 33
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

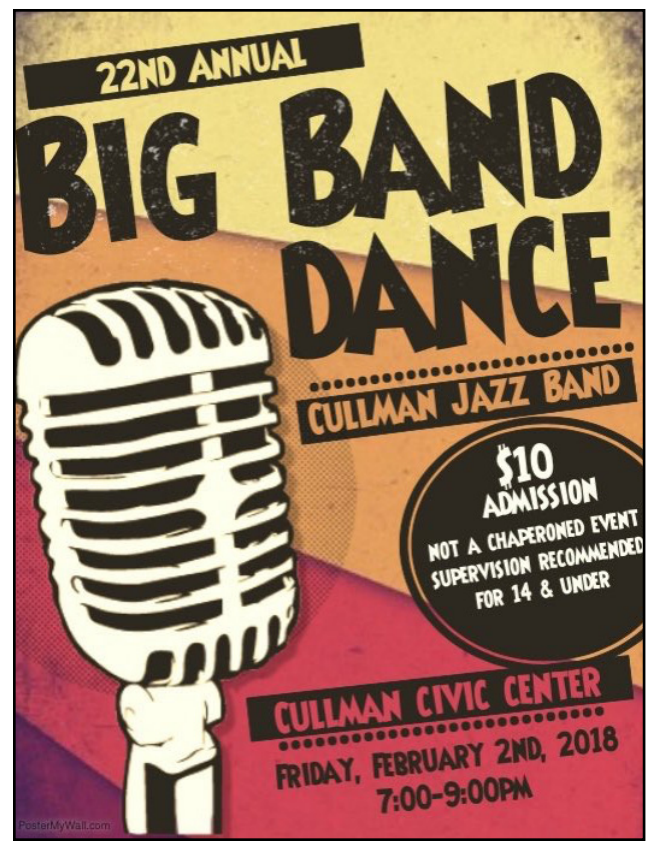
Morris, Jason K., 39
• failure to appear- third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

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







IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
BETTY W. MAYO,) CASE NO: PC-2017-353
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ROBERT DALE MAYO AND ANY AND ALL NEXT OF KIN OF BETTY W. MAYO WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice the Petition for Probate of Will of BETTY W. MAYO, deceased, filed by petitioner, HAROLD GREGORY MAYO, by and through his attorney of record, Andria Richter, has been set for hearing on the 8th day of March, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. before Probate Judge, TAMMY BROWN, Probate Court of Cullman County, Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman Alabama.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

Andria Richter
Attorney for Petitioner
300 First Ave SE Suite 104
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 775-7757

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2017-291

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IRA JERREL WILLIAMSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Brenda H. Williamson on the 9th day of January, 2018, by the Hon. Wells R. Turner III, Special 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.

Brenda H. Williamson
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *Cullman Tribune:*

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

Wells R. Turner III, Special Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO.: AD2017-080**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF M.B.C
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.B.C, a minor child born on the 14th day of November, 2016, in Cullman, Alabama, to Felicia Renae Hollinger, was filed on the 13th day of November, 2017, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Michael Raper and Tina Raper, petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF January, 2018.

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

Andria Richter
Attorney for Petitioners
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLOUNT COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION OF:
Z.M-R.H., CASE NO. 2018-003
a minor.

NOTICE OF ADOPTIONS PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Kennith Michael Hudson, natural father

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of Z.M-R.H., a minor born on July 8, 2013, in Cullman County, Alabama to Summer Blakley Mullins Hudson, was filed on the 4th day of January, 2018, in Blount County, Alabama, by Dallas Kretzschmar, the petitioner.

Please be advised, should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of being served this notice, upon counsel of record for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Blount County, Alabama located at 220 2nd Avenue East, Room 101, Oneonta, Alabama 35121.

Done this the 4th day of January, 2018.

Chris Green
Chris Green
Blount County Probate Judge

Attorney: Nathan A. Brock
223 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 841-4331

To: The Editor of _____

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