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PREP BASEBALL

Vinemont baseball gets upgrade thanks to Citizens Bank and Trust



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – The baseball program at Vinemont High School has some upgrades coming for the 2018 season, thanks to a donation from Citizens Bank and Trust here in Cullman. The president of the bank's Cullman office, Alan Wood, is excited for the opportunity to contribute to a local school.

"I know Coach (Matt) Collins up there; my wife works at the school, and we've had our kids involved in the program, and they've been trying to build what they call a 'hitter's eye' in center, which actually helps the batter pick the ball up off of that," Wood said. "There's no money through the school system really to do that so they have to raise that, and we decided it'd be a good project that we'd like to partner on.

"It's a good opportunity to help the school with something that they might not could've built without our assistance. A lot of the other schools in the county already have that on their fields and you know baseball is not usually a big money-making sport because there aren't as many people that come to watch it, so it's just harder to raise that kind of money."

A hitter's eye is a solid, dark surface that is placed behind the wall in center field. It allows the hitter at the plate to see the ball without being distracted by things over the outfield wall like traffic or a parking lot. Wood said he saw the need for an upgrade years ago when he was watching his oldest son play for the Eagles and is happy that his younger son still in the program will be able to use the new feature this season.

"My oldest son graduated from there and I've still got one playing there. Coach Collins has looked around at some of the other schools. West Point has had that for some time and Fairview has; it's just a good feature to have as part of your field," Wood said. "I think they'll have it constructed here in the next couple of weeks. Everything is in place, I think the poles are already in the ground. They've just got to finish their construction on it, and they're supposed to do that I think on the 17th so it'll be done and ready for the season."

The Eagles will open the 2018 season on Feb. 27 on the road at Dora, then welcome Dora to town on March 1.

PREP SOCCER

Bearcat Soccer revving up for another title run



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CULLMAN – Soccer season is rapidly approaching for the Cullman Bearcats and this year's squad, led by head coach Casey Harbin, is preparing for another tile run in 2018.

Since taking over as the 'Cats' head coach in 2012, Harbin has taken Cullman to a final four appearance in 2012, brought home a state championship in 2016 and come up one game short of the title last year. Cullman also made a final four appearance in 2010 with Harbin serving as interim head coach for the second half of the season.

Bearcat Soccer often goes under the radar this time of the year, but the team is quietly seeking its third straight appearance in the state championship game. Harbin hasn't changed his philosophy much since year one and has spent the offseason getting his players ready for the long season just around the corner.

"Well you don't change much when you're making championship games," Harbin joked. "It's mostly just trying to find the balance of » PAGE 6

PET OF THE WEEK

Esther looking for her forever home

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay introduces us to this week's Pet of the Week, a 1-year-old female Aussie mix named Esther.

Esther is a medium-energy dog who struggles with shelter life, preferring the outdoors and a large grassy yard. She loves the company and attention of people, but is polite and respects boundaries. She would be perfectly satisfied to lie down close by your side in the sun.

Esther is a good prospect for obedience training: quickly learning hand signals, readily jumping hurdles on an agility course and practicing proper leash etiquette.

Ruttkay described Esther as a "pleasant, enjoyable and honest companion" and "a remarkably talented dog with considerable potential."

Esther's adoption fee is $90 which includes the following: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spay, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (sales tax not included).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimal shelter@gmail.com.

Happy update on previous pets

The animal shelter is very happy to report to The Tribune that three of our featured pets--Ernest T. (who's now Ernie), Joy and Casey have all been recently adopted. Cocker spaniel Charley was picked up by a rescue service.

Thanks to all the animal lovers of the Cullman area!



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FAITH

Tyrone Prothro on his past, his future and his faith

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Former Alabama wide receiver, Tyrone Prothro, spoke at Church 212 in Cullman on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018.

CULLMAN – Church 212's congregation packed out the church's sanctuary Sunday morning, not just to celebrate its faith, but also to hear an Alabama legend, former wide receiver Tyrone Prothro, tell his life story.

Most people know him for "The Catch," in which he caught the ball behind the head of Southern Mississippi's Jasper Faulk on a long pass from quarterback Brodie Croyle on Sept. 10, 2005, or for his career-ending injury on Oct. 1 that same year, arguably the most gruesome sports injury in recent history. But Prothro came to Cullman to speak about his life, the challenges he has faced and how his faith ties into it all.

Before the service began, Prothro spoke to The Tribune about his message and gave some updates on what he's doing now.

"(Pastor) Chris (Harrison) reached out to me and of course I know I have a story to tell," he smiled. "Basically, I'm here to tell my story and give my testimony of how God has moved in my life with the things that I've been through and just being able to overcome adversity."

Prothro was hired as an assistant football coach last summer at Spanish Fort High School and is currently working on his teaching certification so he can become a full-time member of the school's faculty. He is excited to be able to spend time working with young people and believes he can teach them things that go beyond just football.

"It was a lot of fun just being able to be around the kids and being able to give knowledge to the younger guys. Not just about football but about life also, just kind of giving them advice and insight on things outside of football," he said.

"You know football's going to be here, but at some point, it's going to end, so having a back-up plan and just having an idea of what you want to do when football is not there anymore.

"I'm actually doing online classes at the University of West Alabama trying to get that teaching certification so I'm just trying to get that so that I can teach full time. Right now, I'm a sub at Spanish Fort High School and I coach football so I'm just enjoying my first year. We had an awesome year and we look forward to continuing to grow."

As a former player and a coach, Prothro has seen the game change a lot since his time on the field in Tuscaloosa. Not only has the style of play changed, but he's seen the development of young athletes evolve as well.

"It is a lot different now, but also the game is a lot faster. I think guys are a lot bigger and a lot faster than even back when I played. I was a 4.4 guy, but you had linebackers that were 230 running 4.4 and 4.5, but now you got guys like Jadeveon Clowney who's 260-270 pounds and he's running a 4.4," Prothro said. "So, the game is evolving, guys are getting bigger, stronger, faster, and I think that speeds the game up. I also feel like back when I played our work ethic was a lot better than some guys nowadays. I think we knew the meaning of what it takes and hard work and stuff, but nevertheless, the game is so much faster now."

Prothro had a connection to Cullman long before he spoke to Harrison through the Britts. He played with all three of the Britt brothers (Wesley, Justin and Taylor) at Alabama and through them he was made aware that Cullman is a big-time Crimson Tide town.

Prothro is already looking forward to next season on the sidelines for the Toros, especially considering their surprising 11-2 season in 2017.

"Just because we were young and lost 30 seniors the year before, a lot of people were expecting us to go about 6-6 and maybe not make the playoffs, but we had a lot of talent and our kids worked their butt off in the summer and it paid off during the season," he said.

"We ended up winning some games and had ourselves in a position to host a couple of games at home in the first and second round of the playoffs and then the third round we had to go to Wetumpka and ended up losing in the third round, but we had a great season. I think we overachieved to a lot of people's standards that didn't think we would do that well, so I feel like we had a great season. This year is supposed to be a lot better, because we've got a lot of talent coming back, so I'm just excited to see what this season has in store for us."

Sunday's service started at 11 a.m., and after musical performances and a few words from Harrison, Prothro took to the stage to begin his testimony. He began by talking about his childhood and how important his faith and his mother were for him during difficult times.

"My story begins with a little kid from Heflin, Alabama about 7 or 8 years old with a dream to play college football and a dream to one day make it to the NFL. One of my favorite verses of scripture, and one that I try to live by is Philippians 4:13 and it's 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,' and that's one thing I try to live by from when I was playing even up till now," Prothro said. "Each and every person in this room, at some point, whether it's now or later, you're going to go through something, you're going to go through an adversity that you're going to struggle to overcome and it's one of those things you have to find a way to overcome.

"The thing about it is it's how you deal with those adversities that determines the type of person you are. Throughout my life I've had to deal with all types of adversities. I've had to overcome two house fires, one in fifth grade and one in the 10th grade, and just think about that. You and your family having to pick up and rebuild your life all over again. We had to find a way to overcome that and another adversity I've gone through was living in a house with a single mother, a single mother of four and just going for months without power or water and just wondering as a kid where your next meal is coming from or how you're going to take baths, and my mom being the strong, Christian woman she is, she always found a way."

Prothro went on to talk about his struggles academically and how his faith helped him overcome that challenge and then began to reflect on his struggles in college after his injury held him back from fulfilling a lot of his goals.

"Going into that Florida game, it was something about that day, I just felt different. I felt good and I felt like it was one of those days that it was going to be a special day for me. I went about my business during pre-game warmups, nobody was goofing off and it was one of those days that everybody just wanted to take care of business," he said.

"Long story short, I ended up having like seven receptions, 134 yards, two touchdowns, and I had a punt return that I ran back for a touchdown, so I tell a lot of people that Florida game was the best game of my career and also it was the worst game of my career. On Oct. 1, 2005, with 8:57 on the clock, I ended up breaking both bones in my leg and was never able to come back and play again," he shared.

"I went through numerous surgeries and I just found myself sitting in a hospital bed and my mom actually happened to come to that game. I wanted her to come to that game. Like I said I felt good and I just felt different about that game. So, she ended up staying in the hospital with me and I can just remember nights laying in the hospital bed with my mom sitting right beside me and she could hear me crying at night and would turn the light on and just looking at all the things that people sent me in my room, I found myself asking God, 'Why me?' How do you allow me to be this high and then all of a sudden to take it all away like that?

"I found myself looking back on a promise I made God in high school. Somewhere along the line of my sophomore year and junior year with my jersey being in the stores and people knowing who I am, I lost track of God. I feel like God took something that I love so much to really show me that he's in control. It wasn't necessarily that I was out there doing whatever it was, just that I fell back on my promise to God. Maybe I wasn't going to church as much as I should've and like I was going before when I couldn't pass that test in high school. Somewhere along the line I stopped doing that, and I feel like that was God's way of showing me that he was in control and to remind me of the promise I made to him."

Despite all of the struggles and pain that Prothro has been through, looking back on it, he said he wouldn't change anything. The path that he is on has led him to wife his Sidni and his son London, who made the trip to Cullman with him Sunday morning, along with his sister Azaria.

He ended his testimony with a message for everyone in the congregation. A message that he believes we should live our lives by and will guide us through hardships that we will all face in life.

"We all experience times of adversity in our lifetime, and as the saying goes, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger. Turn to God and his words during times of adversity for strength and comfort. When we put our faith in him, he will help guide us to the path of happiness and peace. Thank you and Roll Tide!"

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Arrest report: Feb. 2-4

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Feb. 2-4. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Abel, Patrick Daniel, 52
• failure to appear- failure to register quarterly SORNA

Burke, Tony Joe, 27
• failure to appear- proof of liability insurance required

Gill, Christopher Adam, 28
• commitment order- DUI

Gilliland, Adam Daniel, 39
• DUI- influence of alcohol

Grey, Jeremy Brian, 47
• parole violation/ revocation- second-degree theft of property

Holmes, Roy Dale, 42
• giving false name to law enforcement

Joiner, Paul Floyd, 50
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Kilgo, Amanda Nicole, 39
• failure to appear- proof of liability insurance required (2 counts)

Long, Lyndsay Marie, 32
• writ of arrest- child support

Malone, Zachery Wayne, 19
• failure to appear- improper taillights
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• failure to appear- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Mitchell, April Lynn, 34
• failure to appear- harassment

Murray, Heath Wallace, 28
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater
Persall, Ronda Butts, 53
• possession of prescription medicine
• public intoxication

Sanford, Breana Michelle, 30
• second-degree domestic violence

Tucker, Timothy William, 56
• failure to appear- DUI

Waldrop, Wade Allen, 40
• first-degree bail jumping- sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12

Wyatt, Tyler Aaron, 30
• probation violation- aggravated child abuse

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Richter, Bethany E., 29
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Nabors, James M., 33
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Eason, Joseph C., 31
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Pugh, Shannon L., 20
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Rowland, Kayla K., 28
• fourth-degree theft of property

Wiggington, Jason S., 36
• fourth-degree theft of property

Mathis, Alan B., 38
• public intoxication

Black, Britney M., 29
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property
• promoting prison contraband

Kyle, Marcus L., 32
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Rolin, Melvin W., 42
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• carrying a pistol without a license

Harwell, Chrystal G., 34
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Cook, David D., 50
• failure to appear- driving without a license

Payne, George G., 66
• public intoxication
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Glover, Michael A., 39
• DUI

Brown, James D., 19
• DUI

Southard, Jessie W., 36
• fourth-degree theft of property

Swann, Jamie D., 36
• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

Wallace State Health Science programs to accept applications in March

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Students interested in applying for Fall 2018 admission to Health Science Division programs at Wallace State Community College should begin preparing for the application process. There is no application fee and students may apply to multiple programs if they wish.

Seventeen of the Health Science Division's programs will begin accepting applications on March 1, 2018. Applicants need to have applied for general admission to Wallace State and received their student number to use in the program application process. The deadline for most Health Science programs is June 1, with the exception of the Nursing program which accepts applications from March 15 to May 15.

The Health Science application process is very competitive, and most programs require an ACT score. ACT exceptions are Child Development, Medical Coding, Pharmacy Technology, and Therapeutic Massage. Child Development and Pharmacy Technology require a 2.0 GPA to apply. Medical Coding requires a 2.5 GPA and an 18 in reading on the ACT or 85 in reading on the ACCUPLACER assessment. Therapeutic Massage also requires a 2.5 GPA and a 17 ACT reading score or 80 ACCUPLACER reading score.

Wallace State offers the ACT Residual test two times each semester specifically for potential students who need ACT to apply to a program or to use in determining where they will start in core courses at the college. The next test date is April 6 and the cost is $60. Call 256.352.8248 for information about the exam.

The 17 programs offered by the Health Science division include (with the degree/certificate options and estimated time to complete):

• Child Development: short-term certificates, certificate, associate degree; one to five semesters
• Dental Assisting: certificate, associate degree; three to four semesters
• Dental Hygiene: associate degree; six semesters
• Diagnostic Imaging: associate degree; six semesters
• Diagnostic Medical Sonography: associate degree; five semesters
• Emergency Medical Services: short-term certificate, certificate, associate degree; one to four semesters
• Health Information Technology: associate degree, six semesters
• Medical Assistant: associate degree; five semesters
• Medical Coding: certificate; four semesters
• Medical Laboratory Technician: associate degree; five semesters
• Nursing: certificate, associate degree; three and five semesters
• Occupational Therapy Assistant: associate degree; five semesters
• Pharmacy Technology: short-term certificate; two semesters
• Physical Therapist Assistant: associate degree; five semesters
• Polysomnography (sleep lab): short-term certificate; two semesters
• Respiratory Therapy: associate degree; six semesters
• Therapeutic Massage: short-term certificate, certificate and associate degree; two to four semesters

For more information about Wallace State's Health Science Division, visit www.wallacestate.edu/programs/health-division or call 256-352-8000.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO.: AD 2018-002

IN THE MATTER OF:
J.D.H.H.,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ROBIN DENISE WILEY AND ROBERT DANIEL JAY HOOPER, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY STEVEN EARL WILEY AND TAMMY LEE WILEY. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 24th DAY OF January, 2018.

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC-2017-343

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RALPH MITCHELL SR., DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RALPH MITCHELL SR.

TO: BLANCHE LEE MITCHELL, RALPH MITCHELL JR. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of Julia Ann McCaffrey to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Ralph Mitchell Sr., deceased, has been set for hearing on the 21st day of February, 2018, at 9:00a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

Joy L Murphree
(PLAINTIFF)
VS
Scotty Mullins
(DEFENDANT)

CASE NO: SM-2017-000375

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), Scotty Mullins, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Joy L Murphree, for $1,600.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: Failure to pay promissory notes.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 6th day of March, 2018, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 29th DAY OF January, 2018.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
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DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC 2018-002

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of January, 2018, 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.

All claims must be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County.

/s/Pauline Holmes, Personal Representative

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TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Colony kicks off Black History Month with 'Celebration of Life'

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COLONY – On Sunday afternoon, the town of Colony kicked off Black History Month at its Educational Complex with "Colony: a Celebration of Life." The event included stories of the founding of Colony by freed slaves shortly after the end of the Civil War, life in Colony before the days of electricity and running water, and the old Colony School.

Looking outside Colony's town limits, attendees also heard about historical contributions of African Americans to the fields of science, industry, business and agriculture.

The program was full of music, including classic spirituals like "Wade in the Water," "Go Down, Moses," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and gospel greats like "Down to the River to Pray," "We'll Understand It Better By and By" and "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

The celebration was sponsored by Cullman's Benedictine Sisters, who not only turned out in good numbers themselves, but also brought a contingent of guest nuns from numerous other convents.

Event coordinator Sister Margaret Mary Liang told The Tribune, "There's a big conference of all the administrators and superiors from all over the Northeast and maybe even farther. That's why they were here (in Cullman). So I brought them here to experience a different feeling for what people are in the town, and the history of the town."

When asked what led her to sponsor this particular event, Liang responded, "Because I just thought it was a wonderful idea, because it's a very quiet community. You know, they don't talk about themselves, but I think it's a very protected community. So that's why I thought it was important to highlight the group."

The Benedictine Sisters plan to return this summer to lead a series of children's activities in the Colony community.

Councilwoman Ethel Alexander, along with community representatives Barbara Bradford, Linda Johnson, Jamelle Dimbo and Daja Miller, worked with the sisters from Colony's end to plan and put on the event.

After the celebration, Alexander told The Tribune, "It was beautiful! I really, really feel like it was a jumping start for our celebration--the 200-year celebration of Alabama--and I believe this is one of our biggest events (by turnout). And we hope to do some more toward the 200 years of Alabama being a state, and I'm just glad to be a part of it. And there's going to be some more!"

Alabama is in the midst of the Alabama Bicentennial commemoration, "Alabama 200," which will culminate in 2019. See more at www.Alabama200.org.

"I love to brag about Colony, because it is, first of all, a community that was birthed from my people. And so, to see it here today, with all the beautiful buildings we have--our (Educational) Complex, our (town) hall, our senior citizens' (center)--it's a community that has a lot that people don't know . . . It's something that I hold and treasure."



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Colony Councilwoman Ethel Alexander helped plan and put on Colony's celebration.

Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth smiled, "The day's been great! The Lord made this day happen, and it was great. And all the sisters that come today from over the world, I'm really excited about that.

"The ones from Cullman, they did great. And Miss Margaret, the sister who lives in Cullman, she is a magnificent, fantastic lady. She put all this stuff together for us, and I enjoyed it. The thing about Colony these days is, it's a fantastic (place) to live, and we're trying to get a Dollar General down here, and start from there--small--and make it grow. Other things'll come to the Colony, I hope. In my four years--I've got three more years left--and I'm going to try and make something happen, me and the council members--make something happen in the Colony that'll be great. And our grandkids and kids will remember that: what their grandparents done."



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Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth, left, and Councilman Curtis Johnson put on their Sunday finest, and then some!

Coming to Colony

Colony will hold a second Black History Month event on Feb. 24 for both area children and the community at large, focusing on music.

According to Councilman Curtis Johnson, Colony intends to reopen its gym and community center for summer activities this year, and plans are already underway for a repeat of last year's highly successful summer feeding program. (See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/07/13/colony-fills-vacant-council-seat-good-news-summer-food-program)

See a video of "Colony: A Celebration of Life" at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/1632083206853368/.



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District Judge Rusty Turner and Circuit Judge Martha Williams, along with Circuit Judge Greg Nicholas, were in attendance at the celebration.

STATE INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD: Cullman High's Franklin and Wilhite take silver; St. Bernard's Sweeney, West Point's Sellers, Addison's Baldwin grab bronze on Friday

Josh McBrayer
Tribune Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM – Friday was day one of the 2017-18 AHSAA Indoor Track and Field State Championship, and it was a flurry of action from start to finish.

TRACK

Girls 1A-3A 3,200 meter
St. Bernard's Leahrose Mami looked good in her 3,200-meter run to open the day. She ran the 2-mile course in 12:14.32 good for fifth place, just short of the medal podium.

Boys 1A-3A 3,200 meter
St. Bernard's Andrew Sweeney made the most of the 1A-3A 3,200-meter and finished the run in third, his first medal in the 3,200. Sweeney clocked in at 9:54.18.

Other local runners were (10th) Jonathan Collette, Cold Springs, 11:06.46 and (17th) Seth Walker, Cold Springs, 11:57.72.

Boys 4A-5A 3,200-meter
Fairview Aggie Quinton Chambers was the lone local runner in the 4A-5A 3200 and he ran an impressive race, placing 14th out of 32 qualified runners with a time of 10:36.43.

Boys 6A 3,200-meter
Eli Wilhite represented the Cullman Bearcats in impressive fashion. He flew around the 2-mile track and took silver, only one second off gold. Wilhite's time was 9:38.04. Cullman's Will Thompson placed 10th at 10:27.90.

Girls 1A-3A 60-meter hurdles
A false start spelled the downfall for St. Bernard's Gracie Loyd. She was the only local runner in the field.

Girls 4A-5A 60-meter hurdles
West Point's Sadie Junkins ran the 60-meter hurdles well, coming in seventh at 10.42, placing herself in prime contention for a medal come Saturday.

Boys 4A-5A 60-meter hurdles
West Point's Hunter Appling (first, at 8.32) and Fairview's Tyvn Ellis (eighth, at 9.87) both looked impressive in their respective heats Friday. Both runners qualified for the finals Saturday. West Point's Joshua Couch placed 14th at 10.48.

Girls 1A-3A 60-meter dash
St. Bernard's Loyd looked good in the 60-meter dash but fell just short of qualifying for Saturday's final, coming in 10th at 8.71.

Boys 4A-5A 60-meter dash
West Point's Appling put himself in a good position to medal Saturday as he took seventh in the 4A-5A 60-meter dash, at 7.23. West Point's Couch came in 11th at 7.34 and Fairview's Ellis was 42nd at 8.01.

Boys 6A 60-meter dash
Despite running a great race, Will Kress was unable to break the top eight and did not qualify for Saturday's finals, coming in 43rd at 7.65.

Boys 1A-3A 800-meter
Cold Springs' Cole Akridge looked good in the 1A-3A 800 meter but could not pull ahead on the final stretch, coming in 13th at 2:16.09.

Boys 4A-5A 800-meter
Fairview's Chambers ran well all day but fell just short of his goals in the 4A-5A 800-meter, taking 21st at 2:10.84.

Boys 4A-5A 4x200 meter relay
The West Point relay team was on point for the 4x200 relay but came up three places short on the podium Friday afternoon with a time of 1:38.10.

FIELD

Boys 6A long jump
The field was stacked in the boys 6A long jump, but Cullman's Cameron Baumgartner held his own with a great showing and a top jump of 19-01.25, earning him 13th place.

Girls 4A-5A shot put
West Point's Shelby Sellers was full of Lady Warrior pride as she entered the shot-put ring a contender and exited a medal winner. Sellers nabbed third place with 32-01.00. Fairview's Lorin Zehr came in eighth at 29-03.25.

Girls 4A-5A triple jump
The triple jump field was headed up by local West Point standout Junkins, who placed 17th with a jump of 29-04.25.

Girls 1A-3A pole vault
Being the only athlete to compete from Addison, the pressure was on Emee Baldwin and she delivered. She cleared the bar at 10 feet, good enough for a medal and third place on the podium. St. Bernard's Anna Faulk came in ninth at 8-00.00. Meek's Jaycey Bowling came in 10th, also at 8-00.0.

Girls 6A pole vault
Cullman's Anna Franklin took to the air Friday in the girls 6A pole vault and took home the silver with 9-09.00.

Boys 6A high jump
Cullman's Colton Smith cleared the bar at 6-02.00, coming in fifth, and missing the podium by just 2 inches.

Boys 6A shot put
Two Bearcats qualified for the 6A shot put but came up short. Garrett Crider finished 16th with 38-10.25 and Will Reid got 18th at 35-10.00.

Girls 1A-3A long jump
St. Bernard's Loyd jumped as far as her legs would carry her in the girls 1A-3A long jump, but she fell four places short of the podium, coming in seventh at 14-11.25.

Girls 6A triple jump
Lexi Dailey represented Cullman in the girls 6A triple jump, finishing with a final of 32-05.25, in 11th place.

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Soccer (from Front)

getting them physically in shape for the season and having them mentally prepared for the year. The biggest challenge is making sure you don't burn them out. In the fall all we can do is run and condition so the big thing there is just to balance between getting them in shape and avoiding burnouts so they're mentally ready to go for the season."

Harbin credits a lot of the 'Cats' recent success to his assistant coaches and the way they are all able to work together as a staff to get everything accomplished in both the offseason and the regular season.

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of the other two coaches that we have, Andrew Arbet and Bryan Patrick; (I) couldn't do it without them," Harbin said. "Andrew is really the X's and O's strategic guy; that's not to say I can't do that stuff either, but he's the brains of the operation. My main job is to clear everything for him and just let him focus on coaching."

The Bearcats often make trips to compete in tournaments during the regular season and they'll continue that practice this season with trips to Vestavia and Florence.

Those tournaments, on top of the 'Cats' regular season schedule, will make for a tough slate of competition in the leadup to the postseason.

"We'll go to two tournaments this year; we'll play in an invitational at Vestavia and then we'll play in a Florence tournament that we've been playing in ever since I've been coaching," Harbin said. "Usually we play at Lakeshore the first weekend of the year, but this year we didn't because I've made probably the hardest schedule I've ever made for this group. I looked at it and said if we play at Lakeshore we're going to play a bunch of teams that we're going to play during the regular season. Generally, we'll go play in a tournament just to vary it up, to get to play teams that we never usually would."

Harbin said he's liked what he has seen from his team after the first week of practice and uses last season's disappointing finish to keep them motivated.

"People ask about the squad all year long and I always tell them, we don't know anything. We don't know what it's going to be like until January hits, until we start practicing. We're only one week through practice so I don't want to look like an idiot down the road, but this first week of practice has probably been the best first week of practice I've ever seen as a coach," Harbin said. "The boys are focused, they're doing all the things that we ask of them, they're doing a lot of small things correctly. That's what I've been telling them for the last year; we lost the championship game last year because we didn't do the small things right. Right now, they're doing the small things right, and you know it's the first week so all of that can change, but I told them, if they can continue this, if they can keep this kind of practicing up, they will be very good this year."

Cullman will kick off its 2018 title run on Feb.12 on the road against the Grissom Tigers.







Obituary Announcements: Feb. 6-7

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Boike, 66 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery, with Bro. Billy Randolph officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Boike was born on September 25, 1951 to the late George & Elizabeth Matthews Boike; she passed away February 3, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Martha A. Boike; and was a longtime member of 4th Street Church of Christ. Survivors include one Sister – Bobbi Boike Moffett; one Brother – Doug Boike; one Niece – Amy Boike Higdon; one Nephew – Chad Boike; and 6 – Great-Nieces & Nephews. The family will receive friends for visitation Tuesday, from 1 p.m. until the service at 2 p.m.

Funeral service for Samuel John Harbison, infant son of Jeremy and Angela Baker Harbison, will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorial services are incomplete for Mr. Ricky J. Shedd, age 47 of Decatur. He was born on September 25, 1970 and passed away Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Decatur Morgan Hospital.

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West Point's Hunter Appling took the gold medal in the 60 meter hurdles.

STATE INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

West Point's Appling takes gold; St. Bernard's Sweeney, Cullman's Wilhite snag silver; Cullman's Hollingsworth brings home bronze on Saturday

Josh McBrayer
Tribune Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM – The 2017-18 Indoor Track and Field State Championships concluded at the Birmingham CrossPlex Saturday.

Here are the results from Saturday.

TRACK

Boys 1A-3A 400 meter dash
Cold Springs' Cole Akridge came in 24th with a time of 58.33.

Boys 6A 400 meter dash
Cullman's Cameron Baumgartner gave it his all in the Boys 6A 400 meter dash. He ran the course in 53.62, good for 20th.

Girls 1A-3A 1600 meter
St. Bernard's Leahrose Mami looked solid in her race in the Girls 1A-3A 1600. She stayed near the front of the pack for most of the race and came in with a time of 5:41.82, good for seventh.

Boys 1A-3A 1600 meter
Just as he did in the 3200-meter Friday, Andrew Sweeney from St. Bernard led most of the 1A-3A 1600-meter. Although he was overtaken on the home stretch, he posted a time of 4:34.81 for second place and a silver medal. Cold Springs' Jonathan Collette came in 15th with a time of 5:08.33.

Boys 4A-5A 1600 meter
Quinton Chambers of Fairview finished his race in 4:56.4, showing why he was one of the best runners in Cullman County this year. He finished 21st.

Boys 6A 1600 meter
Cullman's Eli Wilhite showed stamina and the ability to kick at the right time, taking silver in the Boys 6A 1600 meter. Another Bearcat, Jackson Tucker, came in 10th at 4:46.14.

Girls 4A-5A 60 meter hurdles
West Point's Sadie Junkins took eighth place in the Girls 4A-5A 60 meter hurdles, with a time of 10:42.

Boys 4A-5A 60 meter hurdles
Snagging the state title and taking the gold, Hunter Appling of West Point posted an impressive time of 8.32 in the Boys 4A-5A 60 meter hurdles. Fairview's Tyvn Ellis came in fifth at 9.87.

Boys 6A 60-meter hurdles
Cullman's Will Kress has an impressive run in the 6A 60 meter hurdles, falling just short of the podium in fourth place at 8.90.

Boys 4A-5A 60 meter dash
West Point's Appling was quick in the Boys 4A-5A 60 meter dash with a time of 7.23, good for 7th place.

Boys 6A 4x800 meter relay
Cullman ran a great relay, finishing in 8:37.50, just shy of the podium in fourth place.

FIELD

Girls 6A high jump
The Cullman Bearcats started their day off right, with a 'Cat on the podium. Caroline Hollingsworth cleared 5 feet 2 inches in the 6A Girls High Jump, taking home the bronze.

Boys 4A-5A shot put
Dylan Garner has had a solid season throwing for the Fairview Aggies this year and he finished his season strong. Garner threw 38-04.75 for 12th place out of 26 throwers.

Girls 4A-5A long jump
West Point Lady Warrior Junkins jumped her way to 10th place in the Girls 4A-5A long jump. She jumped 14-00.25, 14-04.50 and 15-00.25, representing the maroon and white well.

Girls 6A shot put
Cullman's Ragan Canter was the only Cullman County thrower in the Girls 6A shot put, but she made the most of it, throwing 28 feet 11 inches for 12th place.

Girls 1A-3A high jump
With a jump of 4 feet, 6 inches, Cold Springs' Lilly McSpadden took fourth place in the Girls 1A-3A high jump.

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

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DONE this the 8th day of January, 2018.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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YOUTH BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Paul's, Hanceville, West Point, Cold Springs, Good Hope, Fairview, Parkside snag titles

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLEE – Championship Saturday kicked off bright and early at Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace State for the Cullman County Youth Basketball Association. After fighting their way through the opening rounds last weekend, 16 teams made it to the finals, starting with the third-grade boys.

Third-Grade Boys – St. Paul's 13, Fairview 12
The first matchup Saturday morning between St. Paul's and the Aggies was a thriller that went down to the final seconds. Fairview led 6-0 at the half, but St. Paul's went on a 10-2 run that gave them a two-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Aggies got four points in the final frame from Levi Hunt, tying the game at 12 with less than two minutes to play.

Everyone in the building was expecting overtime, but then St. Paul's Brandon Hopper knocked down the game-winning free throw with two seconds remaining in regulation.

Hopper's shot secured a 13-12 victory and a championship trophy for St. Paul's.

Third-Grade Girls – Hanceville 10, Cold Springs 6 – Overtime
Game two was just as tight as Saturday's first matchup, as the Lady Bulldogs and the Lady Eagles couldn't settle things in just four quarters. Neither team led by more than two points at any point in the game until the overtime period began.

With the game tied at six, Hanceville's Mattie Keith put up four points in overtime to pull away from Cold Springs.

Keith scored six for the Lady Bulldogs, leading all scorers, and Kinsley Garmon led the way for the Lady Eagles with four.

Hanceville's defense tightened up in the overtime period, shutting out Cold Springs and securing the third-grade girls title.

Fourth-Grade Boys – West Point 24, Good Hope 21
In yet another tight game Saturday morning, the West Point Warriors pulled away from the Good Hope Raiders late in the fourth quarter to secure the championship.

The Raiders were in control for most of the first half, getting out to a fast start in the first quarter and taking a 14-10 lead into the half.

Good Hope's Cabrey Valdez put up five points in the first half and finished the game with a team-high eight points.

The second half belonged to the Warriors, however, who outscored Good Hope 14-7 to finish the game and claim the title.

Bryant Moon and Jaxon Shelton led the way offensively for the Warriors with eight and 12 points, respectively.

They scored 12 of West Point's 14 points in the second half to put away the Raiders.

Fourth-Grade Girls – Cold Springs 12, Vinemont 11
This was a matchup dictated by momentum swings and scoring runs. The Lady Eagles of Vinemont started the game strong, outscoring Cold Springs 6-0 in the first quarter, and led 7-1 at halftime.

The second half was a different story. The Lady Eagles of Cold Springs went on an 8-0 scoring run in the third quarter, including a shot at the buzzer to take a 9-7 lead into the final frame.

The two teams traded baskets in the fourth quarter, but Cold Springs' Macie Huffstutler hit a free throw with 2:13 left to play to take a 12-11 lead and Cold Springs held onto the lead through the finish.

Madelyn Davis led Cold Springs in scoring with five points while Vinemont's Caroline Miller led all scorers with six.

Vinemont had a couple of opportunities to score late in the game, but turnovers forced by the Cold Springs' defense made it difficult for Vinemont to get a good shot up.

The second half defense combined with the momentum shift on offense carried Cold Springs through the second half on its way to the championship.

Fifth-Grade Boys – Good Hope 37, Fairview 35
It was a tale of two halves in Saturday's fifth-grade boys' matchup between the Raiders and the Aggies. Like most of Saturday's games, this one came down to the final shot.

Fairview got off to a fast start on both ends of the floor and led Good Hope 15-11 at the half, thanks in large part to Rhett Boyd's seven first-half points. Boyd led the Aggies with 14 points.

The second half favored the Raiders however, as Good Hope put up 16 points in the third to take a 27-23 lead into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was back and forth until the buzzer sounded and featured several big baskets in the final minute that shifted the momentum of the game.

Good Hope's Jacob Haynes did a lot of the heavy lifting for the Raiders offensively, particularly in the final quarter of play, starting with his free throw that tied the game at 33 with less than two minutes to play. Haynes led all scorers in the game with 23 points, 18 of which came in the second half. Boyd answered with a free throw of his own that put Fairview back up with less than a minute left, but Haynes quickly responded with a layup that gave Good Hope a 35-34 lead with 25 seconds left. Fairview refused to go away, and it looked like we'd be headed to overtime after the Aggies' Nicolas Gregory knocked down a game-tying free throw with 18 seconds to go in regulation. However, the Raiders were determined to finish it, and Haynes put in the game-winning shot with nine seconds to play to secure the win and a title for Good Hope.

Fifth-Grade Girls – Good Hope 30, Parkside 19
Saturday's fifth-grade girls' matchup between Parkside and Good Hope was a little more one-sided than some of Saturday's other games. The Lady Raiders built a lead early and carried a 14-6 advantage into the half due in part to six quick points in the first quarter from Chloe Eisner.

Good Hope added to its lead in the third quarter by holding the Lady Panthers to just four points in the entire frame while adding eight of its own to start the fourth with a 22-10 lead.

The Lady Raiders were able to keep Parkside's offense contained enough in the final frame as well to secure a 30-19 victory and a title for Good Hope.

The Lady Panthers were able to put together a small scoring run midway through the fourth and got the game back within two possessions on a basket from Jaila Eckleberry, but they couldn't cut into the lead any deeper after that. Eckleberry led the game offensively with 12 points, followed closely by Good Hope's Lexi Collins, who finished with 10.

Good Hope also got a big lift on the offensive end late in the game from Mattie Wix. All eight of Wix's points came in the second half and played a big part in putting away the Lady Panthers.

Sixth-Grade Boys – Fairview 43, Hanceville 39
In a matchup that saw the floor and stands covered in purple, the Fairview Aggies and the Hanceville Bulldogs put together the highest scoring game of the day. After leading 23-17 at the half, Fairview was able to hold on well enough on the defensive end to pull away from Hanceville in the final frame. The Bulldogs put together a scoring run in the third quarter that cut the Aggies' lead to 35-32 and they kept pace in the fourth quarter, but some late baskets from Fairview secured the title for the Aggies.

There was plenty of scoring to go around for both teams, but there were certainly standouts for the two squads. Pressley Burtis led the way for the Bulldogs with nine points, while Fairview's Jameson Goble and Kobe Payne put up 13 and 11 points, respectively.

He may not have finished with the most points, but Fairview's Bryceson Turner undoubtedly had the most important ones.

Turner scored the last four points for Fairview and finished with a total of six, all of them coming in the fourth quarter.

Turner took the lead for Fairview twice on two baskets in the final two minutes of the game and sealed the championship for the Aggies with two free throws in the final 30 seconds.

Sixth-Grade Girls – Parkside 31, Holly Pond 20
The Parkside Lady Panthers took home the title in Saturday's nightcap behind a smothering performance on defense and a consistent offensive output for four quarters.

Jayla Gorham led the way for the Lady Panthers offensively with 12 points and was a big part of the rebounding differential that Parkside put together. The Lady Panthers were able to extend possessions and get second chances on the board while also limiting the possessions for the Lady Broncos. Parkside had a 22-13 lead at the start of the final frame and was able to score enough in the fourth to hold of the offense of Holly Pond.

Lauryn Hoffman led the Lady Broncos offensively with six points, four of them coming in the final quarter. Parkside's Somer Harris scored all four of her points in the fourth quarter and played a big role in pulling away from the Lady Broncos. The Lady Panthers won it 31-20 to take home their fourth consecutive county tournament championship.


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