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United Way of Cullman County celebrates 'Publix Appreciation Day' after $57K donation



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United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Sammie Danford, Publix Manager Eric McCord and United Way of Cullman County Assistant Director Becky Goff

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CULLMAN – On Wednesday, United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) staff and representatives of its partner agencies dropped by Publix through the course of the day to express their gratitude for a recent $57,146 donation by the local branch of the grocery chain, during what the UWCC dubbed "Publix Appreciation Day."

Said UWCC Executive Director Sammie Danford, "We're just excited that they give so much back to the community, and this is from the associates and from the Publix Charities--the corporate side. So, it's not from your donations that you make (at a Publix store). It is strictly from the Publix associates within the company. So that's what makes it really amazing.

"Eric (McCord, Cullman Publix store manager), when we were up here to do the campaign, he was very encouraging and supportive of us, and encouraging their associates to participate with us."

This is the second local United Way campaign held by the Cullman Publix since the store opened its doors in October of 2015. Contributions from the 2017 campaign will benefit the UWCC's 16 local agency partners.

"Publix and its employees have made an outstanding commitment to support United Way and Cullman County. We could not continue to meet the needs of our community without their generosity," Danford said.

"We are honored and grateful to the employees who give back to the communities they serve."

CUW Assistant Director Becky Goff shared, "This will be the second year that they have completed a campaign, and they once again have exceeded their goal . . . Nationally, Publix supermarkets continue to exceed their goals. I think last year they raised $62 million (nationally)."

McCord told The Tribune, "From our inception, our founder Mr. George thought it was best to be involved as responsible citizens in our community--part of our mission statement.

"So, it's always been our culture to donate to the communities which we operate in. Our associates are very generous, and they give to United Way, and our Publix Charities is great about matching the donation and giving to the United Way."

The money will go into the UWCC's general fund for distribution to the agency's 16 partner organizations in the Cullman area.

"We're certainly grateful for everything they do," said Goff. "Publix is amazing here in our community."

PET OF THE WEEK

Help laid-back Task find her forever home



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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay introduces us to our Pet of the Week:

"Task is a female Weimaraner/Lab mix who is approximately 1.5 years old, with uncommon coat coloration. She's easygoing with a low to medium energy level and is quite affectionate. She would be delighted to hang out in a large grassy yard.

"Task is new to leash etiquette but is learning quickly with the help of shelter volunteers who note that she seems to enjoy taking on new challenges."

Task's adoption fee is $90 including: 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 (you must pay sales tax).

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

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

'Dream Big' at Electric Co-op Thursday night

Will Hogue
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Calling all girls and boys, young and old! On Thursday night, Feb. 22, the Cullman Electric Cooperative (CEC) is hosting a screening of the IMAX movie "Dream Big: Engineering Our World." In addition to the free screening, guests will get a "behind-the-scenes tour of the co-op to see just how we engineer the electrical system that brings power to our community," according to the CEC. The night's events are a part of National Engineers Week and Girls Night Out. The event starts at 5:30 p.m.

"We want to be a part of the lives of our community's children; we want to help to inspire them, and help recruit the next generation of engineers," said Bonnie Baty, who is the co-op's communications specialist.

Baty, who's job includes figuring out ways to engage with the community in unique ways, secured the rights to screen a new IMAX film in Cullman.

"While we don't have the giant screen, I have already watched it to make sure everything is up and running, and it looks great!" she said.

"We want people to see what we do," Baty said."You know, you don't often think about it in this way, that we have engineers, but we do, and maybe seeing what we do here might inspire someone else."

The Thursday of National Engineering Week was chosen by the CEC for its event because it is the day of the week that is specifically geared toward engaging young girls who have an interest in engineering.

"We want to not only empower these girls, but also inspire them if this is something they might be interested in," Baty said. "But, everyone is absolutely welcome on Thursday, this isn't a girls-only event."

The film is 45-minutes long, and if the group is large enough, will be shown twice.

"We're thinking, if the turn-out is as great as we hope it might be, that we'll split everyone up into two groups, and one group will get a tour while the other watches the movie. Then they'll switch," Baty explained. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Children in attendance will receive a special gift.

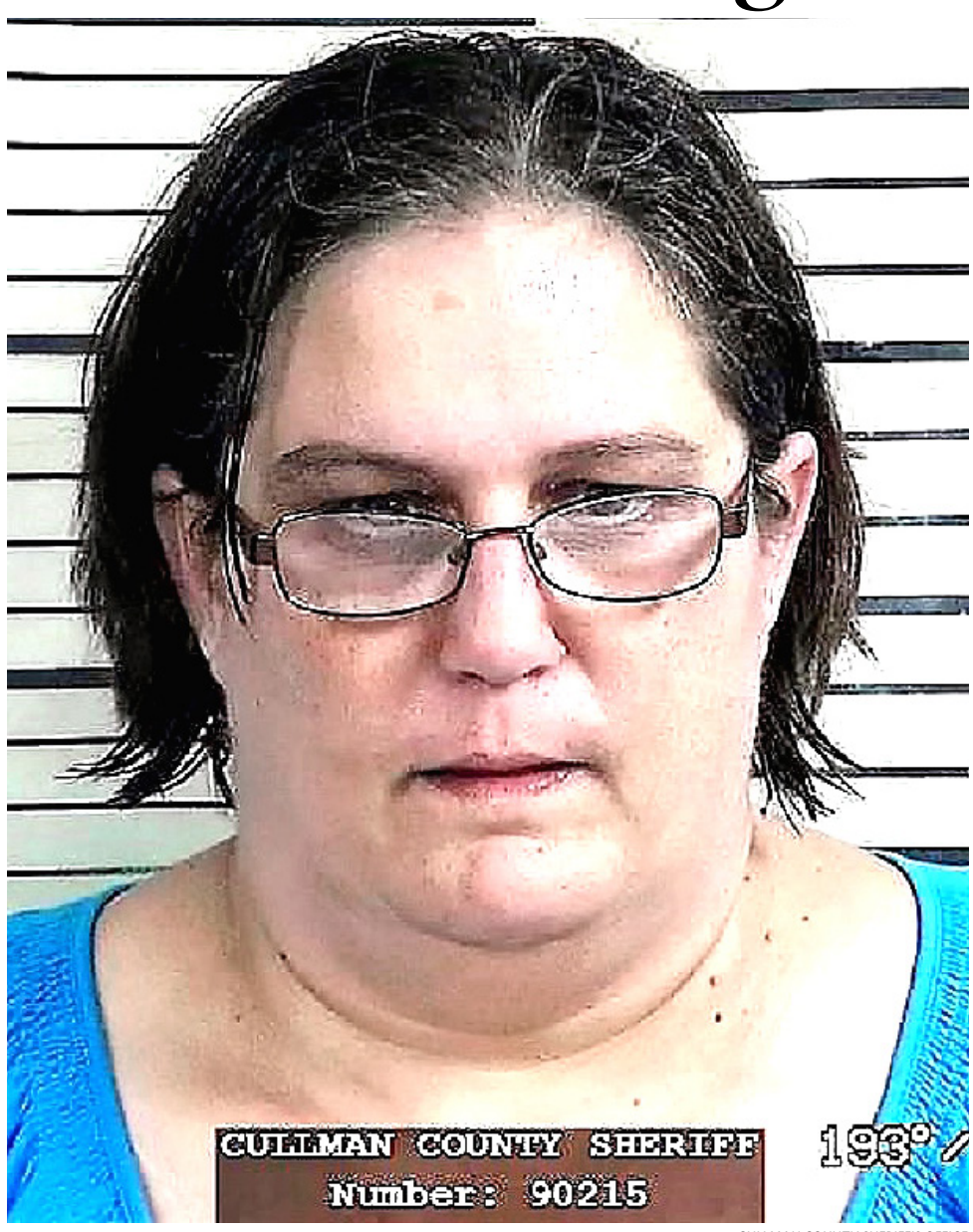
The Cullman Electric Cooperative is located at 1749 Eva Road NE in Cullman. To learn more about the "Dream Big" movie, visit www.dreambigfilm.com.

For more on National Engineers Week and Girls Night Out, see www.discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week.

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Trimble woman arrested for elder abuse and neglect

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tina Marie Turney

TRIMBLE – A Trimble woman was arrested Friday, charged with second-degree elder abuse and neglect, third-degree domestic violence and interfering with a domestic violence emergency.

Deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested Tina Marie Turney, 45, at a home in Trimble. The CCSO said that after receiving information from a concerned citizen, personnel responded to the home in Trimble to check on the welfare of an elderly male. According to the CCSO, after speaking with victim, it was evident he had been the victim of a domestic violence incident.

Turney lived with the victim, who depended on Turney to care for his needs. In the days leading up to her arrest, Turney allegedly assaulted the victim and took his phone so he couldn't call authorities. Warrants were obtained and Turney was subsequently arrested.

The CCSO said the victim in this case was taken to a safe location with the assistance of the Cullman County Department of Human Resources.

"It is always disappointing when someone in a position of trust mistreats the very one they are supposed to provide care for," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I am proud of the hard work by our deputies and investigators in this case to remove this victim from his situation."

The CCSO expressed thanks to Cullman County DHR for its assistance.

Turney has been released on a $25,000 bond.

Wallace State softball home opener set for Thursday

WSCC basketball, baseball and tennis updates

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's softball team hosts its first home game of the season on Thursday, welcoming 14th-ranked Chattanooga State for a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

The Lions, the three-time defending ACCC champions, have put together a 6-5 record in February after winning three games in Gulf Shores over the weekend. Wallace State notched wins over Northwest Florida State, Georgia Highlands and Gordon State in the Coastal Alabama Sun Chief Classic.

Charlee West cranked three homers over the five-game stretch for Wallace State, finishing with four RBIs.

The sophomore from Prattville is the early Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) leader with five homers thus far in 2018.

Wallace State freshman Sidney Edwards finished the weekend with seven hits, including a double, and three runs scored; Kalynn Holcomb had five hits, including a two-run homer and three RBIs; and Megan Hill collected five hits, including a homer and a double, and a pair of RBIs.

Tanner Robertson finished with four hits, including a double, and three RBIs for the Lions, and Hannah Ingram homered in a loss to Lamar State.

Meagan Schwieterman, a freshman from Guntersville, earned two wins on the mound. She went the distance in a pair of extra-inning wins, striking out 14 hitters in 16 innings.

Sophomore Madison Grant was the winning pitcher in a complete-game effort against Georgia Highlands. She allowed two runs and struck out six.

After Thursday's doubleheader, Wallace State softball travels to Meridian, Mississippi, for a tournament this weekend.

Wallace State basketball

Wallace State's women's basketball team has locked up a first-round bye in next month's ACCC tournament after Monday night's 82-64 victory at Southern Union.

The Lady Lions (21-7, 7-2 ACCC) had four players finish with double figures. Freshman DeMaurea Moore led the way with 18 points, Gabby Hill scored 17 points, Joy Sadler had 15 and Sydney Powell added 14 points.

Wallace State, which has won three in a row and nine of 10, held a 45-32 cushion at halftime and extended it to 65-44 by the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Lions are set to host West Georgia Technical College on Friday at 1 p.m. before wrapping up conference play against Snead State on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Wallace State's men's team dropped a heart-breaker in Wadley, falling 60-58 against the Bison.

The Lions host Bevill State at home on Thursday beginning at 5 p.m.

Wallace State baseball and tennis

Wallace State's baseball team is on the road today at Motlow State after starting the season a perfect 8-0.

Wallace State's men's tennis team hosts Mississippi Gulf Coast on Friday, and the women's team opens conference play on Saturday with a home match vs. Snead State at 1 p.m. The Lady Lions are coming off a Feb. 9 match vs. Meridian Community College.

In that match, Emily Wilson, Tempie Ennis, Mary Ann Wolfe and Kelsi Wilson each earned singles wins. In doubles action, Wallace State winners were Kelsi Wilson/Tempie Ennis, Emily Graves/Molly Whitlock and Wolfe/Mary Ann Lucas.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu.

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West Point council back to business after recent controversy

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WEST POINT – After confusion over the wording of an online report about the town's reception of a community development grant led to angry exchanges between Mayor Kenneth Kilgo and a few local residents, and after the cancellation of January's meeting due to the lack of a quorum, the West Point Town Council was ready to get back down to business Monday evening.

The grant at the center of the controversy was received for infrastructure development, to construct a deceleration/turn lane and access road on Alabama Highway 157 that would aid in the development of retail properties around the town's main highway intersection, but unclear wording led to the assumption that the private retail properties themselves would be developed with the government grant and matching local funds.

As he prepared to give an update on the deceleration lane, Kilgo took a moment to apologize for his part in the controversy.

"As y'all know," said the mayor, "we've been doing this a long time, now. We've been working on this turn lane for two years. Got overwhelming response: positive emails, text messages, Facebook messages, phone calls.

"It's like any other thing, and I've been down this road before and should have known better. It's my mistake. We had some naysayers, some people who made some allegations that basically I had done something crooked to make this happen; which in the interim would mean that we all done something crooked, because we've been in this together. I was out of character, out of context; made a couple of comments making some allegations that folks wasn't either too bright or something else, and I was wrong; and I want to apologize to you."

Shane Burns, who was one of the residents on the other side of the controversy, was present at the meeting. He offered his own apology for his part and assured the council that his presence at this meeting did not mean a continuation of the controversy.

"My reason for being here," said Burns, "ain't to start no trouble at all, but if I'm going to live in a community, then I do need to be informed."

Kilgo welcomed Burns to the meeting, and the two shared a cordial exchange before getting down to business.

Kilgo then updated the council on the deceleration/turn lane project, noting that notification of the grant was just the beginning of a process, and that the money would not be received immediately.

The Town has recently completed its registration in the necessary grant management systems and is awaiting approvals from the State Historical Commission and Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) on its environmental studies plan. The Town hopes to send the project out to bid shortly after the paperwork is completed.

In other business, the mayor shared that the Town hopes to take ownership of the West Point High School tennis courts soon. If the Cullman County School Board deeds the property to West Point, according to Kilgo, the school will remain the primary user of the courts. Town ownership will make available certain grants available to municipalities but not to schools, that can improve the existing facility and expand the current four courts to six. With the two extra courts, the resulting facility will be able to host Alabama High School Athletic Association tennis tournaments, which the mayor pointed out could bring substantial money into the town and its businesses.

The mayor also announced town plans to annex property belonging to Enoch Morris on County Road 1246. The measure had already been approved, and the forms just needed the property owner's signature.

The council also discussed the possibility of annexing properties on County Road 1123, since certain property owners in that area have expressed an interest in coming into the town.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, Councilman Darion Daniel announced that he had located an infield grooming machine available for $2,800. The council found the price agreeable and voted to purchase the item.

While on the topic of parks and recreation, the council also approved a measure to require background checks on all assistant coaches. The Town already runs checks on senior team coaches. To a question about the number of assistant coaches and possible expense, Councilman Frankie Jones said, "You can't put a price on the safety of a child."

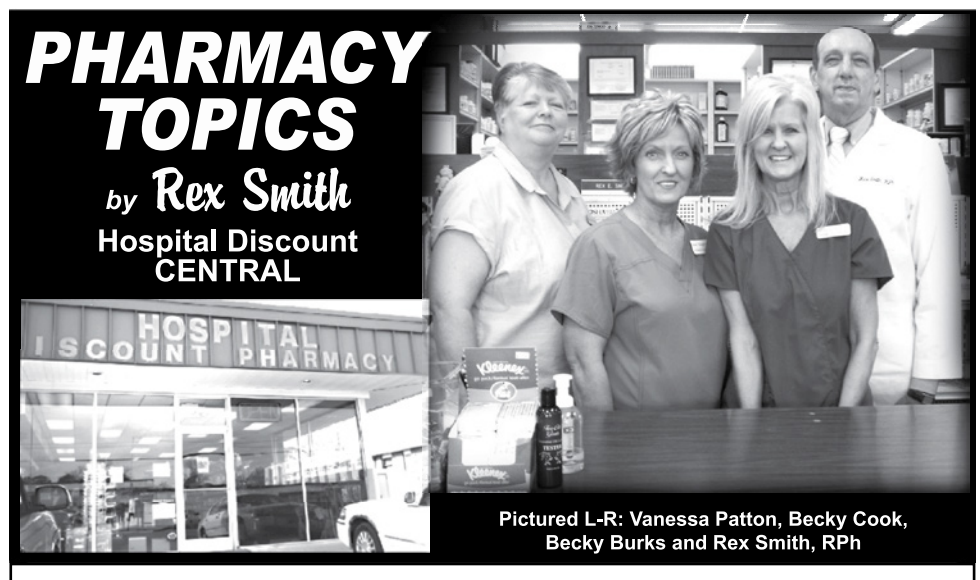
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Patients who develop itchy wheals in response to cold or friction benefit from treatment with Xolair (Omalizumab), a drug normally used to treat asthma. Two studies published in the current edition of the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* have shown the drug's active substance to be highly effective against different types of urticarial (hives). Cold urticarial and symptomatic dermographism are different forms of inducible urticarial, a skin disease characterized by itchy wheals, which develop in response to physical stimuli such as cold or friction. Patients with cold urticarial, for instance, cannot go swimming in the sea without risking an allergic reaction that may lead to shock; similarly, they cannot hold items colder than room temperature. In patients with symptomatic dermographism, even gentle friction, such as that caused by clothing or physical contact, can result in severe itching. People affected by the disorder often experience a reduced quality of life and are forced to make adjustments to both their social and working lives.

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Most cancer-related deaths are the result of post-surgical metastatic recurrence. In metastasis, cells of primary tumors travel to other parts of the body, where they often proliferate into inoperable, ultimately fatal growths. A new study published in *Clinical Cancer Research* finds that a specific drug regimen administered prior to and after surgery significantly reduces the risk of post-surgical cancer recurrence. These medications, a combination of a beta blocker (which relieves stress and high blood pressure) and an anti-inflammatory, may also improve the long-term survival rates of patients. The treatment is safe, inexpensive – two medications similar in price to aspirin – and easily administered to patients without contraindications.

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Arrest reports: Feb. 16-20

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Feb. 16-20. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16- MONDAY, FEB. 19

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Adkins, Jamie Rae, 33
• failure to appear- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Anders, Tyler Chance, 24
• failure to appear- driver's license restriction violation

Atchley, Lonnie Roy, 44
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Bishop, Lisa Delaine, 49
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Boatright, Brittany Cheyenne, 20
• failure to appear- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Boone, John Thomas, 33
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• possession of prescription medicine
• fourth-degree theft of property

Brookover, Eddie Wayne, 46
• failure to appear- DUI- influence of alcohol

Chumley, Eric Reese, 18
• failure to appear- exceed speed zone, idle speed, no wake

Foshee, Jennifer Joy, 42
• second-degree bail jumping- second-degree promoting prison contraband

Gammon, Ryan Andrew, 26
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Gomer, Michael Shane, 31
• failure to appear- driving while revoked

Holliday, Vernon Eugene Jr., 28
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia
• failure to appear- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hubbard, Bridgette Nichole, 31
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hunter, Lila Ann, 39
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Jones, James Edward, 47
• driving while suspended
• attempting to elude
• reckless endangerment
• switched tag

Lee, Jeffery Allen, 37
• probation violation- third-degree burglary

Mendoza, Victoria Michelle, 33
• failure to appear- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (3 counts)

New, Jamie O'Brian, 28
• failure to appear- DUI- any substance
• failure to appear- driving while suspended
• failure to appear- failure to yield- left turning vehicle
• failure to appear- improper lane usage
• failure to appear- proof of liability insurance required

Palka, Lauren Phillips, 34
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Parker, Michael James, 37
• failure to appear- third-degree burglary

Pate, Cody Wade, 31
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Schrader, Kerry Ann, 26
• chemical endangerment of a child

Smith, Pamela Jo, 59
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Stewart, Brian Wesley, 33
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

Totman, Michael Lynn, 34
• failure to appear- second-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)

Tsosie, Derek Lee, 28
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Turner, Nicholas Sterling, 27
• failure to appear- driving while suspended (4 counts)
• failure to appear- tag light required

Turney, Tina Marie, 45
• third-degree domestic violence
• second-degree elder abuse and neglect
• interfering with a domestic violence emergency

Verus, Marcy Lynn, 46
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia
• failure to appear- second-degree receiving stolen property
• failure to appear- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Watts, Skylar Wayne, 25
• public intoxication

Woodson, Ashley Lashae, 27
• failure to appear- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Eddy, Sandy D., 35
• failure to appear- giving false information to law enforcement

Terry, Cody W., 23
• failure to appear- attempting to elude
• failure to appear- resisting arrest

Holliday, Vernon E. Jr., 28
• failure to appear- harassment

New, Johnathan W., 33
• DUI

Smith, Timothy M., 31
• fourth-degree theft of property

Klosinski, Mary E., 28
• failure to appear- driving without a license
• failure to appear- insurance violation

Morton, Jon W., 28
• failure to appear- driving while suspended
• failure to appear- driving without a license
• failure to appear- insurance violation

Montgomery, Christopher E. 30
• fourth-degree theft of property

Hyde, David B., 34
• first-degree possession of a forged instrument

Czekalski, Brock A., 24
• failure to appear- driving while suspended
• failure to appear- insurance violation

Thomas, Callahan, 30
• first-degree theft of property

Moody, Susan B., 64
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Brannon, Ronall J., 45
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bennett, Jenna Brooke, 29
• probation denied- second-degree permitting escape

Clayton, Thomas Lee, 27
• failure to appear- speeding

Dauksza, Christopher Lee, 32
• failure to appear- third-degree domestic violence/ third-degree assault
• failure to appear- third-degree domestic violence harassment
• failure to appear- harassment

Davis, Jeremy James, 37
• third-degree domestic violence harassment

Dozier, Kellie Lynn, 26
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Duke, Michael Ray, 36
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gentry, Jennifer Leigh, 35
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

McDonald, Steven Scott, 32
• third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)
• third-degree forgery (2 counts)
• fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Moore, Ashley Denise, 33
• failure to appear- failure to appear/comply/pay

Rhoades, Joseph Donzell Jr., 51
• failure to update required registration information- SORNA

Smith, Amy Katherine, 42
• third-degree domestic violence harassment

Waldrop, Jesse Camillis Jr., 73
• harassment

Watson, Elizabeth Kaylynn, 26
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Westmoreland, Monica Lashaye, 35
• grand jury- first-degree theft of property

Westmoreland, Steven Ray, 38
• grand jury- first-degree theft of property

Williams, Daniel Glenn, 47
• fleeing/attempting to elude
• resisting arrest
• third-degree robbery
• unauthorized use/ breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Watwood, Sandra T., 57
• fourth-degree theft of property

Moore, Jessica S., 36
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• resisting arrest

Goodwin, Gary W., 53
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Looney, Tracy L., 52
• failure to appear- third-degree theft of property

McKenzie, Cameron B., 23
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Kirby, Marcus D., 41
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore, Ashley D., 33
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

PREP SOCCER

Bearcats win home opener over West Morgan, 5-2

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman Bearcats hosted the West Morgan Rebels Tuesday night for their 2018 home opener and the night ended with a 5-2 victory for the 'Cats.

The Rebels got out to an early lead with a score in the first few minutes, but Miguel Tizapa quickly responded with a goal at the 34-minute mark to even it up at one. Tizapa finished the night with three goals and two assists. One of those assists went to Isaac Rodriguez, who put the 'Cats up 2-1 with 32 minutes to play in the first half.

West Morgan hung around in the first half, scoring at the 26-minute mark to tie the game up at two. Cullman was able to take the lead back before halftime on a second goal from Rodriguez on an assist from Tizapa that put the Bearcats up 3-2 at the break. Just before the half, the 'Cats lost Luis Gante to a right ankle injury that he was not able to return from in the second half.

The second half was all Bearcats as they were able to make some adjustments defensively that gave the Rebels problems, and they got a good performance in the net from Jaron Potter, who collected three saves during the game. Tizapa put in two more goals for the 'Cats in the second half that put the Rebels away and secured Cullman's third win of the season, putting them at 3-1-0.

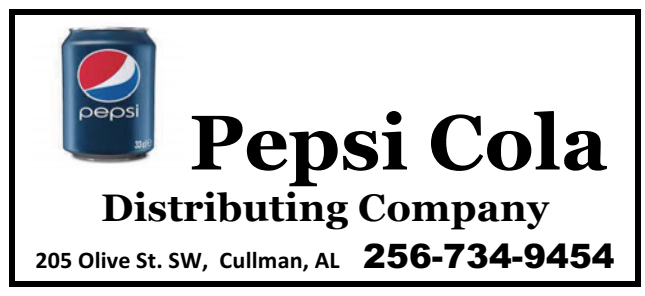
Head coach Casey Harbin was happy with the adjustments his team made defensively in the second half that allowed the Bearcats to pull away with the win.

"They stepped up their defensive pressure. We played better in the second half, which is odd because we've played well in the first half and poorly in the second half all these games," Harbin said. "It's all about completing a game, finishing a game, and they definitely amped up the pressure and that's why (West Morgan) didn't score."

Harbin was happy to get the win but saw some issues with his team's performance that he's anxious to work on going forward this season with some big games coming up.

"This was a poor game. Poor fundamentals, poor first touches, poor passing. It almost feels like a loss, and all due respect to West Morgan because that was a team we needed to play, a different type of soccer than we've seen in the last three games. It just feels like a loss to us because we're always looking at how we play, and we feel like we took a step backwards tonight and that's not in the game plan," Harbin said. "We've got a long way to go with these guys, that's why it kills us in games like this because we've got a long way to go, we can't really afford any steps back. We're still looking for an identity."

The 'Cats will get back to work on the practice field this week and try to polish some things up before they travel to Brewer on Monday, Feb. 26.







Newest Sheriff's Citizens' Academy class in session

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Korean War veteran/POW Norman Hale addressed the opening session of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy Tuesday evening.

CULLMAN – The newest installment of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office's (CCSO's) popular Citizens' Academy started Tuesday evening at the CCSO Training Center adjacent to the sheriff's office/detention center. The program gives residents an inside look at how the CCSO and other law enforcement agencies work; with participants touring the sheriff's office and Cullman County Detention Center, participating in shooting simulations at Wallace State and live-fire exercises on the range, learning about numerous CCSO programs and procedures, and riding along with deputies on patrol.

According to Capt. Mark Persall, 87 residents enrolled in the academy this time, and, even with a few inevitable last-minute withdrawals, the class still kicked off with 82 in attendance.

And it's not all just about cops-and-robbers stuff, either. Participants will get the opportunity to meet local and state elected officials, and other interesting dignitaries.

On opening night, students were treated to a presentation followed by informal Q&A with Korean War veteran Norman Hale, who spent more than two years as a POW.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said about having the public come out for Citizens' Academy:

"I get very excited when I see a group this large that wants to be involved in their county. First and foremost, it's an honor and a privilege for me to be the sheriff of Cullman County. This is my home, and this is where I was born, and this is where I'll die. So I tell the other 66 sheriffs, I say, 'I live in the greatest county in the state of Alabama, and it's because of our citizens.'

"One of the things we believe in at the CCSO, and this is something that we campaigned on, and this is something that we believe with all of our hearts--we talk about this all the time: the sheriff's office doesn't belong to me, it doesn't belong to the deputies; it belongs to all of us. And we, as a community, make our sheriff's office strong."

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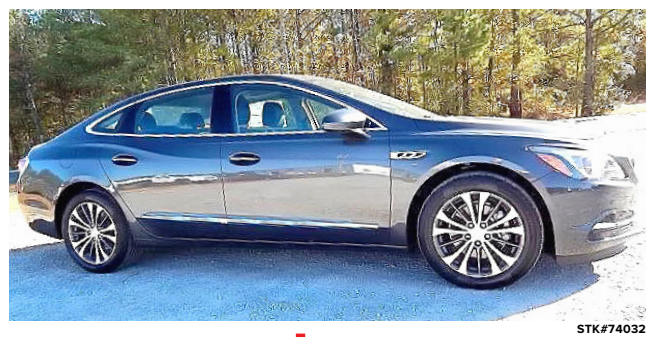
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PREP BASKETBALL

NORTHWEST REGIONAL: Hanceville comes up short in 57-53 thriller with Lauderdale Co.

Lauderdale County wins Boys 3A Championship

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – The Hanceville Bulldogs' season ended at 19-9 Wednesday afternoon after they came up just short in a 57-53 thriller with Lauderdale County. Both teams came out swinging with a trip to Birmingham on the line and combined for 55 points in a fast-paced, up and down first quarter that set the tone for the rest of the contest. The first half alone saw 16 lead changes and five ties between the two squads.

The Bulldogs and the Tigers continued to trade buckets in the second quarter, but Hanceville started dealing with some foul trouble early on. Both Damion Johnson and R.J. Evans collected three fouls in the first half which helped Lauderdale County get to the free-throw line early and often.

The Tigers shot 10-of-15 from the free-throw line, and while Hanceville was 7-for-7 from the line, they couldn't get there nearly as often.

Turnovers were a problem for the Bulldogs in the first half as well, turning it over 14 times compared to Lauderdale County's four.

Despite the fouls and turnovers, Hanceville trailed just 38-35 at halftime thanks in part to 14 first-half points from Zeke McDonald and thanks to the Bulldogs' whopping 63 percent shooting from the field. McDonald led the Bulldogs with 15 points and seven rebounds.

The second half was just as tight as the first. The Tigers started the third quarter with a 6-0 scoring run, but Hanceville wouldn't go away and had the lead cut to 46-45 at the start of the final quarter.

Fred Ellis laid one in at the start of the fourth to give Hanceville its first lead of the second half. After that Hanceville's foul trouble from the first half reared its head as Evans was sent to the bench with his fifth foul at the 5:32 mark. Evans finished with 10 points and four rebounds.

After Evans' departure, the lead belonged to the Tigers until Josh Stanley scored inside to give the Bulldogs a one-point lead with less than two minutes to play.

Stanley's basket was the final score of the game for the Bulldogs and Lauderdale County continued to do damage from the free-throw line, knocking down four from the line in the final 43 seconds of play, three of which came inside of the last 10 seconds. Conner Smith led all scorers with 17 points, six of them coming from the free-throw stripe.

Hanceville got one final opportunity with eight seconds to play, down by three points, but turned the ball over on the in bounds pass and fell just short of a Final Four appearance in Birmingham.

Free throws and turnovers were the story of the game for the Bulldogs. Hanceville continued to shoot more than 50 percent from the field in the second half, but eight more turnovers and 17 more free throw attempts for the Tigers created enough separation for Lauderdale County to survive late.

After the game, Coach Daniel Wakefield and his team were recognized for their runner-up finish in this year's Northwest Regional and Evans, Raiden Morgan and McDonald were all selected for this year's All Tournament team.

The Bulldogs will return a lot of talent from this year's squad as just three seniors will be graduating in May. Coach Wakefield and the returning Bulldogs will get back to work this offseason with their eyes on another post-season run this time next year.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 22- 25

Funeral service for Kent Wayne Goodwin Sr., 67 of Hanceville, is Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Interment on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. at the Alabama National Cemetery. Visitation on Thursday from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Mr. Goodwin passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2018. He was preceded in death by his mother, Vollie Cofer and siblings, Ronald Cofer, Byron Cofer, Lois Smith and Joyce Williams. He is survived by his wife, Patty Goodwin; children, Kent Goodwin Jr., Isaiah Goodwin and Nikolas Goodwin; brothers, Kerry (Bonnie) Goodwin and Jackie (Verna) Cofer.

Darrell Wayne Mosteller, 65 of Cullman, passed away on February 18th, 2018. Darrell was a loving husband, daddy, granddaddy and brother. He officiated football with the Cullman Football Association for over 30 years. Darrell was a dedicated member of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church for over 30 years. He was a member of Cullman Elks Lodge for over 40 years. Darrell served Cullman for 45 years as a compassionate Funeral Professional with Moss Service Funeral Home. While at Moss Service he served in many capacities. He was a talented funeral director that always enjoyed "taking" a funeral out of town. He was one of the primary arrangers. Families will often ask for Darrell when they return allowing us to care for future family members. He was the original catering champion at Moss Service. Darrell was a frequent guest at the Century Club awards dinner. During a time of transition Darrell served the families of Decatur, AL. for a year at Roselawn Funeral Home, however his heart was always in Cullman, his beloved hometown. He returned to Cullman at the first convenience. He is preceded in death by his parents Vera Mosteller Folds and Clyde Norton Mosteller. He is survived by his wife, Martha Mosteller; sister, Becky (Jim) Loyd; daughters Jennifer (Shane) Brown and Stephanie Mosteller; grandchildren: Jack, Kanaan, and Harper; and niece Erin Loyd. The funeral service will be at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church in Cullman on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. with burial to follow at Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive guests an hour before the funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Darrell's beloved church: St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church in Cullman.

Funeral service for Faye Purcell, 73 of Cullman, is Friday, February 23, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Corner. Visitation on Friday from noon to 2 p.m. Mrs. Purcell passed away on Monday, February 19, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman Anderton and Hazel Hogland Anderton and her husband, J.L. Rex Purcell. She is survived by her children, Sandy Purcell (Greg) Banks, Steve (Jeanne) Purcell, Chris (Ressa) Morgan and Julie Morgan; grandchildren, Amy (Don) Freeman, Adam Banks, Victoria Purcell, Madison Morgan, Tanner Morgan and Morgan Sandlin; brothers, Bernard (Shelba) Anderton and Jim (Anne) Anderton and sister, Barbara (Kenneth) Crawford.

Funeral service for Carolyn Pauline Campbell, 73 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Walkers Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Campbell passed away Monday, February 19, 2018. She was born March 23, 1944 to Clarence Paul & Dova Lee Chapman Williams. She was an accountant for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene Campbell; and a sister, Margaret Sharp. Survivors include her sons, Christopher Dale (Cindy) Campbell, Gregory Allen (Amy) Campbell, Clifford Lee (Wendy) Campbell; daughter, Carol Jean Smith; brother, Bobby Williams; grandchildren, Justin Smith, Jordan Campbell, Savannah Campbell, Katie Campbell, Polly Campbell, Cathryn Campbell, Hannah Campbell, Olivia Campbell, Cherokee Campbell, Autumn Campbell, Caleb Campbell, Joshua Campbell; a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Saturday at the funeral home from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

Nella Fayteen Johnson, age 84 of Cullman, went to her heavenly home Monday, February 5, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, H.M. Johnson. Fayteen is survived by daughters: Janet Calloway (Jackie), Karen Johnson, and Regina Thayer (Scott); sisters: Bobbie Johnson, Dairlene Lipsey (Charles), and Mechelle Baker (Mike); brother, Pete Johnson (Linda); grandsons: Jared Calloway (Amanda), Jeremy Calloway (Jennifer), and Michael Thayer; and great grandchildren: Abby, Emma, Hanna, Emily, and Eli Calloway.The memorial celebration of Fayteen's life will be Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Longview Church of God. The family request in lieu of flowers donations be made to your favorite charity in memory of Mrs. Johnson. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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The Wallace State Community College Quiz Bowl team earned a spot in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments' Community College Championship in Chicago, Ill., March 2-3, 2018. Members are, from left, Elivia Jones, Caleb Still, Zakk Waddell, Paul Knetter, Ross Wallace and Derik Arendall. Not pictured is Brett Hogan.

Wallace State Quiz Bowl team earns second straight trip to nationals

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The Wallace State Community College Quiz Bowl team earned a trip to the National Academic Quiz Tournaments' Community College Championship in Chicago, Ill., after qualifying for the event in a competition held at Bevill State Community College in Jasper. This will be the team's third trip to nationals, finishing 11th in the nation in 2012 and ninth last year in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They will enter the 2018 national tournament with their best regular-season record.

For the 2017-2018 competition year, the WSCC Quiz Bowl team has finished in first place at all of their tournaments. Wallace State Quiz Bowl team members are Zakk Waddell, Ross Wallace, Derik Arendall, Paul Knetter, Brett Hogan, Caleb Still and Elivia Jones. Waddell, Wallace and Arendall are West Point High graduates. Knetter is from Gardendale, Hogan is from Fairview, Still is from Cullman and Jones is from Baileyton.

Christine O'Leary, a Wallace State physics instructor, is the team sponsor.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
W.S. RUSSELL, * CASE NO.: PC2018-050
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Shirley Anders Karl, as Personal Representative of the Estate of W.S. Russell, deceased, on the 9th day of February, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all personas having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

DONE this the 9th day of February, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Shirley Anders Karl

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
M.L.,)
A Minor Child, 07/08/2000)
CASE NO. JU 2000-411.06

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Mother, Louann Lawson, of M.L. born on or about 07/08/2000, respond to the Petition by the 8th day of March, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 25th day of January, 2018.

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of Jan, 2018.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

WELLS R. TURNER, III
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
REBECCA L. MOSLEY * CASE NO PC2018-052
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Administration of said deceased having been granted to **D. WADE RAMSEY,** as Administrator of the Estate of REBECCA L. MOSLEY, deceased, on the 9th day of February, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of 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.

D. WADE RAMSEY
Administrator

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
M.L.,)
A Minor Child, 07/08/2000)
CASE NO. JU 2000-411.06

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of M.L. born on or about 07/08/2000 to Louann Lawson, respond to the Petition by the 8th day of March, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 25th day of January, 2018.

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of Jan, 2018.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP and *
CONSERVATORSHIP of * CASE NO: PC2018-038
MARSHALL SHARP *
An Incapacitated Person *

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: TERESA NICHOLSON, CHRISTIE SHARP, JASON SHARP AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship for **MARSHALL SHARP** has been set for **the 30th day of April, 2018, at 9:30 A.M.** before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama, at this time you may appear or if you have an objection to the petition for Guardianship and Conservatorship you must make your objection known in writing and file said objection with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

Done this 12th day of February, 2018.

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

To the Publisher Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
FEBRUARY 22, 2018

Good Hope teen Tripp Taylor wants to be 'voice for the voiceless'

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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tripp Taylor is joined onstage by his family at the conclusion of his presentation.

BREMEN – On Tuesday evening, local residents filled Church 212 near Bremen to meet and hear from Tripp Taylor, a 13-year old Good Hope Middle School student who started My Story Isn't Over: The Right Fight Outreach, a ministry to the children of addicted parents. Taylor started the ministry after losing his aunt Ashley Taylor to a heroin overdose in Dec. 2016.

The event was part public information meeting, with visitors learning ways to become involved, part revival service with energetic preaching from Church 212 Pastor Chris Harrison and Birmingham pastor/recovery counselor Greg Mullen, and part fundraiser as the offering buckets were passed ahead of the group's trip to Birmingham for a heroin awareness walk this weekend.

Taylor didn't seem to want too much attention focused on himself, telling the crowd, "If there is any point in this where it is not to glorify God, or anything else, I will stop."

The teen talked to the audience about his aunt, even laughing over humorous moments from their family relationship.

After talking about his family's loss, he talked to the audience members about ways they could become involved in his ministry.

The concluding speaker was Mullen, a Birmingham pastor and volunteer at the Lovelady Center recovery facility.

He told the crowd, "The drug epidemic is a lot bigger than us, but the God that we serve is a lot bigger than the drug epidemic.

"And when we can use the tools that we have and project this image into their heads, they're going to understand that I don't care what you're into, how long you've been in it, how low you've fallen in it: you have not gone too far that God can't reach you.

"He is still able to reach down and pick you up from where you are, and turn your life all the way around, and place you in a place where you never thought you'd be."

For more information, visit www.mystorythefightoutreach.com/orwww.facebook.com/MyStoryTheFightOutreach.

Background: www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/02/20/fighting-right-fight-good-hope-teen-reaches-out-children-drug-addicts



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