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Cullman Primary School honored as 'School of Distinction'

Old-fashioned games help the school earn recognition



CULLMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CCPS received its CLAS School of Distinction banner at an awards luncheon in Prattville on Monday.

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CULLMAN – On Monday, Cullman City Primary School (CCPS) was recognized as a School of Distinction by the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) at an awards luncheon in Prattville. The reason was profoundly simple: its students enjoy playing games.

CCPS Principal Tricia Culpepper explained, "This is our second year of doing board games, and what we were targeting was we wanted to increase our students' speaking skills and sportsmanship skills in the classroom. Our PTO provided us with funding, and I had a group of teachers from kindergarten and one from first grade, and they chose appropriate board games to play. And then, once a month, we invite the parents to come in, and grandparents, and they come in and play the board games with the students. And we've seen a big increase in our students' ability to communicate, and to take turns.

Said Culpepper, "One of our teachers here is getting her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at (the University of) Alabama, so she actually did a survey for us and wrote a paper about it, and so she presented that at Alabama about our board games. So now, we not only have our kindergarten and first grade doing it, but we also have our Head Start, our 3- and 4-year-old classes playing the games as well. They have more age-appropriate games than our k and one games have."

In an age in which everything seems to occur on a screen to which some young person's face is glued, CCPS went (literally!) old-school, choosing classic tabletop favorites like Connect Four, Uno, Sorry!, Perfection and Trouble, along with some more modern selections like Quick Cups. Yes, the kids are spending school time playing games, but they are also developing social skills.

Culpepper continued, "And the neat thing is, we have parents that have contacted us because the children came home at Christmas, and that's what they wanted to play, and those are the games that they wanted for Christmas gifts . . . It's a really good family connection piece, because you can get the kids to play it here, and they can go home and play it with their family.

"Our teachers have done a great job of incorporating this. Teachers have a lot on their plates » PAGE 2

2 Alabama journalism icons to be inducted into Hall of Honor




CONTRIBUTED

Left: Paul Davis, Right: Kathryn T. Windham

Alabama Press Association
Contributor

Kathryn Tucker Windham and Paul Davis, both icons in Alabama community journalism, will be inducted into the Alabama Newspaper Hall of Honor during ceremonies at Auburn University on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Kathryn Tucker Windham began her newspaper career at age 12, reviewing movies for her cousin Earl Tucker's weekly newspaper, The Thomasville Times.

She graduated from Huntingdon College in 1939 and returned to The Thomasville Times as a freelance writer. In 1940, she was hired by The Alabama Journal in Montgomery as a feature writer and police reporter. She was one of the first women to cover the police beat for a major daily newspaper in the South.

In 1942, Windham moved to Birmingham where she served as publicity director for the Alabama War Bond Committee, and in 1944 she went to work for The Birmingham News, editing state news and aviation and serving as a courthouse reporter.

In 1946, she married Amasa Benjamin Windham, and the couple moved to Selma where they raised their three children. She also wrote freelance articles for Progressive Farmer magazine and many Alabama newspapers. From 1950 to 1966, she wrote a locally syndicated newspaper column "Around Our House."

After her husband died in 1956, she joined the staff of The Selma Times-Journal, where she worked until 1973.

Along with her newspaper work, Windham wrote 20 books, the most familiar being "13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey." It was the first in a series of eight books about Jeffrey, the ghost Windham said inhabited her Selma home.

In addition to her writing, Wind- » PAGE 2

A first-hand account of tumultuous times, part 2

Ms. Pearl Jackson Green's story of growing up African American in the civil rights era in the South

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

Ms. Pearl Jackson Green wears many hats. No pun intended, but the lady has a hat collection that rivals any duchess. And she has worn many titles in her time. She was among the first black women from Lawrence County to attend college. Although her first inclination was to study science and become a medical researcher, she later changed her major. She earned a degree in education from Alabama State College in Montgomery and went on to teach in the Lawrence County School System for 20 years. At "80 plus" years of age, she is still teaching. People frequently ask her why she continues. "It's because I might be able to help some young person," she replies. You get the feeling when talking to her that she is teaching you things that you might never learn from websites or encyclopedias. In essence, Pearl Jackson Green is a walking, talking history book.

This is her story....

The right to vote

Always impeccably dressed, Ms. Pearl made her way down the interior stairway of the Lawrence County Courthouse; the young college graduate was excited to be able to register to vote for the first time.

Her excitement diminished when the registrar required her to say the articles to the U.S. Constitution.

Not many people outside a history class would have been able say them, but Ms. Pearl fooled the registrar, who would have denied her the right to register, had she not been such a whiz at history and memorization.

As she was rattling off these articles with rapid- fire piston precision, a young white man ambled up to the desk to register. When he heard Ms. Pearl giving what must have sounded like a history lesson, he questioned the registrar as to what was required. The older man, seated with other registrars at a long table in the courthouse basement used an unsavory slang word, and pointing to her, explained that he was having her recite parts of the US Constitution so that she could register to vote.

The kind stranger became incensed that the man would insult a woman in such a way. He began to » PAGE 4



FACEBOOK

Ms. Pearl Jackson Green

Arrest reports: Feb. 26-27

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Feb. 26-27. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

MONDAY, FEB. 26

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Gober, John Paul, 39
• DUI

Goss, Marcus Ryan, 25
• FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property

Long, Brandy Elaine, 37
• FTA- third-degree burglary

Robinson, James Brian, 41
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Santoyo Navarro, Victor Hugo, 42
• trafficking in methamphetamine

Thomas, Marissa Ann, 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• public intoxication

Walker, Christopher Franklin, 44
• FTA- speeding

Willingham, Tyren Shane, 21
• FTA- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Goss, Marcus R., 25
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peace, Charles D., 35
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Steele, Timothy G., 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Campbell, Joshua Adam, 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hilburn, Ronnie Frank, 43
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Laney, I.V. Renia, 47
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• public intoxication

McAlpin, John Burt, 50
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Mosburg, Lane Braxton, 18
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Peek, Latasha Annette, 28
• probation revoked-second-degree forgery (2 counts)

Price, Joshua Dylan, 23
• judge's order- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Sanders, Colton Lee, 28
• FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Williams, Shayla Cheyenne, 23
• judge's order- third-degree criminal trespassing

Wynn, Gregory Paul, 42
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of prescription medicine

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robinson, Antawn D., 24
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Hilburn, Ronnie F., 43
• second-degree forgery
• fourth-degree theft of property

Harbison, Jamison B., 22
• disorderly conduct
• attempting to elude

Graves, Steven K., 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia

McGaughy, Devon M., 28
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

Icons (from Front)

ham was also known for her story telling and radio broadcasts. She was frequently invited to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee and could also be heard on Alabama Public Radio.

Windham was a very talented photographer. She began taking photographs with the Graflex at The Thomasville Times. The first camera of her own was a Brownie she bought in 1930.

Her photographs were included in many showcases including "In View of Home: Alabama Landscape Photographs," organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art, and "Amazing Alabama," an exhibition organized for the Retirement Systems of Alabama.

In his nomination, Ed Williams, professor emeritus of journalism at Auburn University, said, "Kathryn Tucker Windham was a dear personal friend and a friend to all of us in Alabama journalism. She truly is one of Alabama's treasures."

Like Windham, Paul Davis was a well-known figure in Alabama journalism. He was born in Clanton and grew up in Alberta, just down the road from W. D. Partlow Developmental Center. Davis became a fierce advocate for the patients at both Partlow and Bryce, and as a journalist, uncovered abuses at the facilities that he had witnessed as a child. His work led to the Wyatt v. Stickney case, which set new national standards for the care of the mentally ill and developmentally disabled, requiring the state to provide adequate care.

He began his career in the early 1960s at The Tuscaloosa News as a night shift reporter, and eventually became associate editor. His work was nominated twice for a Pulitzer Prize.

His hard-nosed reporting garnered widespread attention and led to reform of mental institutions nationwide. He defended the people who could not defend themselves.

He was present when George Wallace stood in the door of Foster Auditorium at the University of Alabama to prevent African-Americans from attending the school.

Later, when Wallace met with the US Deputy Attorney General, Davis was the only reporter present to cover the meeting.

Davis went on to become editor of The Selma Times-Journal and vice president and general manager of the Natchez (Mississippi) Democrat. He and his wife, Gayle, purchased the Auburn Bulletin and The Tuskegee News, and he was a regular contributor for the Opelika-Auburn News.

Throughout his career, he never gave up his fight to protect those with the mental health issues. He served on the advisory board for the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

In his nomination of his father, Alan Davis wrote, "In every community he called home, he became the driving force in local charities. In Auburn, he helped establish and ramp up the local food bank.

In Tuscaloosa, he helped establish a half-way house for those struggling with addiction. He never stopped giving back to those who needed help."

Davis was awarded the Alabama Press Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. He served as president of APA in 1990.

The Hall of Honor ceremony will be held at Auburn's Ralph Brown Draughon Library on April 7, 2018. Registration begins at 10:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 11 a.m. Invitations will be mailed to all APA members by the University Relations Department at Auburn University.

School (from Front)

these days, and so I really appreciate what they've done into their weekly, their monthly schedule.

"And they have really worked hard to make sure the children know the games. It took a while, especially for the kindergarten; they introduced a game a week. And so, I really appreciate what they've done, because they're the ones that are actually doing the games in the classrooms; we always appreciate what they're doing for us.

"I have a great group of teachers here that really work. What is so wonderful about our school is we are able to target this specific age.

"The youngest learners that come in are 3 years old, so we really are experts in instruction from ages 3 to 8, and our teachers work in every area: physically, mentally, emotionally. And so these board games really can help across the board with our students, with verbal skills or cognitive skills, and I just am really happy with the fact that our teachers just take it to heart, and work to implement these games in the classroom."

CCPS was one of only 24 schools selected statewide for the CLAS School of Distinction award.

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FOR THE ADOPTION OF
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DONE THIS 27th DAY OF February, 2018.

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Cullman Regional unveils new fifth floor

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On Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, Cullman Regional officially opened its newly-constructed fifth floor with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CULLMAN – On Tuesday afternoon, Cullman Regional officially opened its newly-constructed fifth floor, a little more than two years after announcing the project. According to CEO James Clements, the 39,950 square-foot addition will start with 15 beds and grow to 30. Clements said that a staff of at least 50 will begin duties on the floor, with that number expected to reach 100. The fifth-floor expansion project was first announced in January 2016 at Cullman Regional's annual State of the Hospital event. Construction on the project began in January 2017.

Clements shared, "We're opening a fifth-floor expansion today, to be able to better serve the patients in our community. We're growing to serve our local community. It shows that we're growing. We've grown about 22 percent in terms of our in-patient volume over the last three years. That, the usage of the community, has meant that we've needed to grow, and we're thankful for that."

Cullman Regional Executive Director Marketing & Community Relations, Lindsey Dossey said, "This is a great project. Our staff is excited about it. I mean, any time you're growing and expanding, I think it's positive, both internally and externally. Our staff has rallied around this project and really helped push it along, and worked really well with the contractor, so it's been a great team project."

Clements and Cullman Regional Facilities Committee Chairman Dennis Richard both addressed the audience at Tuesday's grand opening, recognizing architecture firm TRO's Hal Starkey, who designed the original Cullman Regional facility on Alabama Highway 157 and came back to design the expansion, and Doster Construction's Senior Superintendent Marty Stover, who brought to the project experience in vertical expansions atop operating healthcare facilities. Richard also recognized interior designers and hospital staff who participated in the project.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer told the crowd, "Cullman Regional went from 115 beds to 145, a $20 million capital investment, and created a hundred new jobs.

"You know, and that's occurring here in Alabama at a time when other hospitals are closing; they're not expanding. They're not doing what we are, and other communities are envious of this hospital; they just truly are. Cullman is experiencing some tremendous industrial growth and retail growth, and this hospital gets a lot of credit for that. I'm telling you: when companies look for locations, they want to know about the medical community and what's there.

"They want a good medical community for their employees, and, more importantly, for their families."

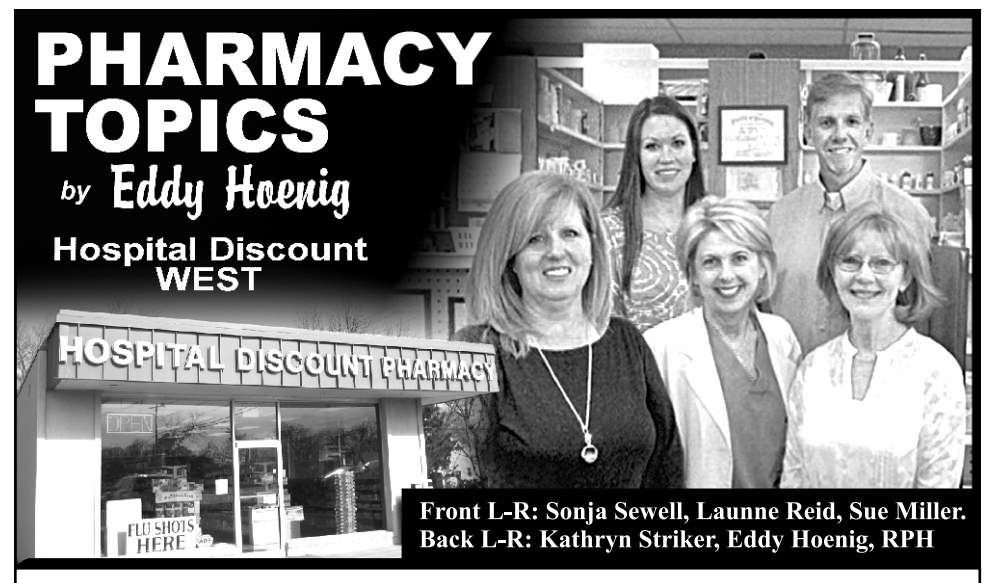
After the ribbon cutting, visitors toured the new facility, met staff and got information about what will happen there.

Cullman Regional Director of 5 East Post-Surgical Services, Jeff Bailey, who will run the day-to-day medical operations of the expansion, told The Tribune: "Our primary focus will be the recovery of post-surgical patients. They'll be in our care right after surgery for however many days the doctor deems necessary for their care. We focus on physical therapy--we have a lot of joint operations on this floor. We do have some medical patients on this floor, so it's not strictly surgical. We can take care of patients that have congestive heart failure or renal issues, and things like that."

The rooms are equipped with typical amenities like televisions and family seating and all the nozzles, cables and outlets patients are accustomed to seeing on the wall at the head of the bed. But they have their share of space-age hardware, too. Near every bed is a networked computer terminal, so patient information can be input or retrieved immediately by medical personnel. The beds themselves are "smart," with onboard scales, bed exit monitors to tell nurses when a patient has gotten up, foot controls for patient repositioning to prevent back injuries to staff, and a host of other built-in devices. According to Bailey, Cullman Regional "spared no expense."

Once the state makes its final inspection, which could be as early as Wednesday, the floor will begin receiving its first patients.

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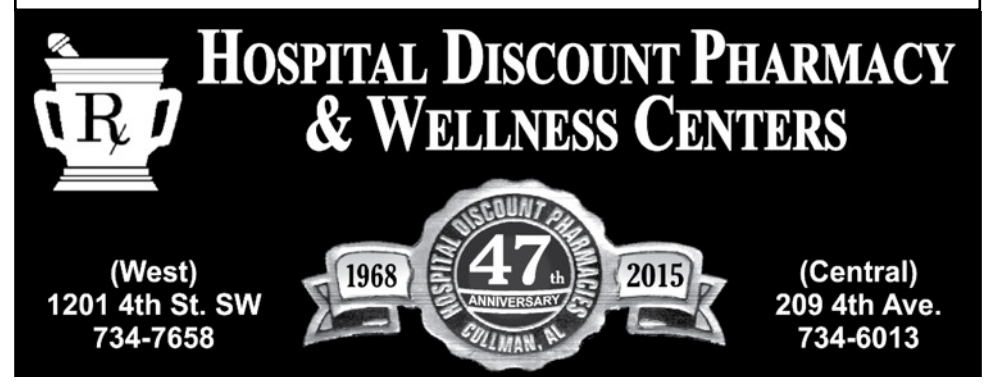
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Green (from Front)

raise his voice in protest and when the registrar became angry and stood, the two came to near blows with the registrar ending up bent backwards over the table, while the tall stranger pointedly expressed his disgust at the useless and totally unnecessary recital.

Someone called local law enforcement officials, who were located across the street at the county jail. The young man was summarily escorted to that facility, but it was only minutes before his bail was posted and he returned to the courthouse to register.

This time, as the young man approached the table, Ms. Pearl was counting marbles in a jar. She would now be required to guess how many were there before she could register to vote. "What are you doing now?" he asked the registrar. "I'm making her guess how many marbles are in this here jar," said the county official. "Then she has to get this paper signed by three white men and then she can register," he said.

The young man grabbed the paper, slashed his signature across all three printed lines and flung the paper back into the red face of the man who had finally run out of mundane things with which to entertain himself, and had to let Ms. Pearl register.

Such ordeals were not uncommon throughout the South, but men like the stranger were very uncommon. However, it would be the people who could see through the color of another person's skin to their character and their hearts, who would make a marked difference in Pearl Jackson Green's life.

Like the man on the bus (in part one), the young stranger, and many others like them, would live in her mind as ladies and gentlemen of great and good character, honest and unwilling to stand silently by and let people be bullied into submission by those who could not see beyond the color of a person's skin.

Today, that would have not only been socially unacceptable, but it would have been called racial profiling and been deplorable to most people of any color.

There were others who stand out in Ms. Pearl's mind. Among them was a young businesswoman who offered high-end clothing and millinery goods in a store called The Dress Shop, located on Main Street in Moulton. Ms. Pearl recalls that she was treated with dignity and respect by the store owner, who would take the time to help her chose perfectly tailored clothing and one of her passions – hats.

"This lady had a room full of beautiful hats," recalled Ms. Pearl in a speech two years ago at a local library fundraiser. "She helped me pick out hats that would accent my facial features. She taught me a lot about how to carry myself, and how to wear clothes and hats," she recalled. "I still have that first hat that I bought from her after I got my first job," she said proudly, holding up a pretty yellow straw hat, its brim tastefully decorated with pastel flowers. "This is the hat. The shop owner was Isabell Cammack. She was a true lady."

Others who gave her continued faith in her fellow citizens are too many to name, but there are people who saw in her something that her college professor recognized early on – an intelligence, a concern for her community and a desire to help make it a better place.

Passion for teaching

She was hired as a teacher, one of the first black, female teachers in the Lawrence County school system. She credits her college professors with teaching her the correct way to conduct herself in an interview. She was hired by Clyde Horton, superintendent, in 1954.

"You are very impressive," he told her. "I'll let you know my decision."

She was contacted by Supervisor of Black Schools in Lawrence County Schools, O'Dell Sheffield, who came to tell her what time and where to report.

"The vacancy was in Courtland," she recalled. Dressed in black leather heels and a freshly starched and ironed black and white dotted-Swiss shirtwaist dress, her trademark pearls around her neck, she showed up ready for work on a hot August day. She would be teaching the third grade. "I remember how the parents of these students wanted to be very involved because it was so important to them that their children get an education," she said thoughtfully.

A milestone event in her life occurred the next year, when on Sept. 3, 1955, she married William Jackson. The couple had three children, Andre, Stephen and Keith.

Over the next 30 years she would influence people like Laurie Lambert Montgomery, who says of her former teacher and mentor, "Mrs. Jackson was my fourth-grade homeroom and English teacher," said the retired LCHS educator. "I'm not sure I knew then that I would become an English teacher, but once I realized that was my calling, she certainly was one of the teachers I tried to pattern myself after.

"Back then the fourth grade was the first year of middle school," Montgomery recalled. "Kind of a scary time in some ways. Mrs. Jackson was something of a safe haven. She was a wonderful English teacher, she made learning fun, and she was one of the most considerate teachers I ever had."

Montgomery remembers how Mrs. Jackson took the time to bring her schoolbooks to her home when she was sick with the mumps. "My mother had just given birth to my baby brother and she called to see what I should be working on. Mrs. Jackson offered to bring my work to my home so that I wouldn't get behind. She showed that kind of caring concern for all of her students."

Lawrence County attorney and Chief Assistant DA, Bob Lang remembers how he frequently finished his English assignments early. "She knew I loved to read and would pull me aside and give me some extra work that was ahead of the rest of the class. I saw this as a reward and it made me want to work harder. I have always been amazed that she took the extra time to teach me and keep me interested. She was the best!"

Although it wasn't her original intention to teach, it became her passion. Because she loved teaching, loved children and wanted to see them succeed, her job was never boring to her, nor to the children who sat in her classroom. This patience to help those who needed her, and her willingness to assist those eager to learn faster, got the attention of those who could promote her talents.

Over the next 10 years she would continue teaching in the LC School System in various capacities, in Courtland, Moulton High School (which at that time was all black) to Moulton Middle, and then was promoted to the central office as federal programs coordinator under the direction of Superintendent Don Parker for another nine years.

Breaking barriers

In 1979, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the federal government required the board of trustees of the Joe Wheeler Electric Co-op to provide representation that would reflect their consumers throughout the district, which included both Lawrence and parts of Morgan County. They had notified the manager of the co-op, Kenneth Sharrott, that he needed to find such a person so that the board would be in compliance with government regulations.

Because of her extensive experience with working within a large budget, Ms. Pearl was recommended to fill a newly created seat on the all-white, all-male board of trustees of the Joe Wheeler Electric Co-Op.

Things were still changing as far as equality went - for women as well as for blacks. "The federal government had sent a man from Washington to talk to Sharrott," she recalled. "The board, which was all white, all male, was under fire to hire minorities, but the board wanted a man. However, they didn't consider when writing the criteria that they would have to comply if an applicant met those criteria, whose duties would include experience in developing budgets and working with large figures, with which I was very familiar," she said.

She was the only applicant who met and exceeded all the criteria, having worked for years with federal programs, including writing many grants.

She walked into the first meeting dressed immaculately, as usual, in a navy blue single-breasted suit with a white shirt front and navy heels, every hair in place, ready to get down to business.

These "firsts" didn't sit well with some of the good ole boys. One of them quit the board on the spot, making no secret of the reason for his departure. The others were cordial but bandied the "n" word and used course language in front of her – for a while.

It was a difficult situation. She knew she was up to it, though, she had been in the presence of people who never disguised their feelings about equality, so this was just another situation where her intelligence and her character and the way in which she conducted herself won out over the temperaments of the others. "I always conducted myself appropriately in any situation," she said.

"They also wanted their membership to reflect the area where they served, so I was appointed as an 'at large' member, in an advisory capacity, but with no voting rights." She was uncomfortable with the arrangement, but it got her foot in the door. When the time came, she accepted the challenge, and campaigned for a seat on the board; being an elected representative would give her equal weight with the other board members. She won by a landslide.

"There were good people on that board, as well as the ones who continued to use foul language, but the good people there made it worthwhile. There were always and always will be pockets of people whose prejudices are not hidden, but those people were overshadowed by people with the best of hearts and intentions for the people they serve, like Neal Norwood, J.R. Knoff and many others, not only on the board, but in all walks of life."

In a 1994 area magazine, Joe Wheeler EMC board member Bunk Whitlock is quoted as saying that Pearl Jackson Green has a ready smile, is soft-spoken and is as tough as nails. "You don't want to back her into a corner!" said Whitlock.

Over the next 30 years she would come to hold all offices of the board, including president and secretary, and was considered a voice for all the people she represented.

In 1982 she was offered a job by the Decatur City School System, which she accepted, while still keeping her seat on the board.

While working in the Decatur school system, she served as principal of Somerville Road Elementary for four years before going into administration where she served as curriculum coordinator of city schools, which gave her the freedom to promote education at another level and allowed her to work under the leadership of Dr. Byron Nelson and Dr. Sam Houston.

She would retire from this position in 1995, ready to take on new challenges. She accepted a position as a consultant with the Zana-Bloser Publishing Company. There she did in-service for language arts teachers all over the United States for the next 11 years.

Ms. Pearl today

In 2009, after serving 30 years on the Joe Wheeler Board, Ms. Pearl retired to enjoy her family. She traveled and did things she had wanted to do for the past 30 years could not because of her commitments to her job and volunteer efforts.

In today's "Me, too" climate, it is a testimony to her character that Ms. Pearl never encountered harassment of a sexual nature. She attributes that to always being conscious of how she presented herself as unapproachable in that way. However, she was, and is, always approachable to her constituents, who brought their problems and concerns to her. "I would still be sitting on that board as long as the people elected me to be their representative, but at the time there were term limits," she said.

"It is my dream that we will see more young people getting involved, stepping up and taking the incentive to run for public office and to represent all of the people," she said thoughtfully.

"I envision a unified county that includes all races, religions, ages and all citizens from all over the county."

Her philosophy on life is that one should do all the good they have the capacity to do, every day. Pray a lot-say something good about someone every day or do something good every day.

Her current goal is to get every single person in Lawrence County to register and vote, no matter which party. She includes emphatically that they will not be forced to say the Articles to the Constitution or guess the number of marbles in a jar...

She continues to support equality for all people. She finally had a chance to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge a few years ago, and also had the opportunity to shake the hand of President Barack Obama when he took the walk across the famous bridge. "I waited in line all day to hear his speech and to shake his hand," she smiled. Her son, Lt. Col. Keith Jackson, was in charge of security for the event. He serves in the Army and is stationed in Montgomery. Needless to say, Ms. Pearl had a good seat.

Accolades

During her career, Pearl Jackson Green was involved in many activities, including the Red Dress Luncheon, a gala fundraising event for the American Heart Association, through her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, of which she served as the first president.

In 1978-79 she was cited as the BPW Woman of Achievement in Moulton.

In 1987 she was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to the Programs for Parents and Children Together.

In 2000 the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce presented her with its Citizen of the Year Award, citing her commitment and exceptional contributions to Lawrence County.

2008 brought her a well-deserved Lifetime Educators Award for Exemplary service as an educator to the cause of education people of all colors by the NAACP, Lawrence County Unit 5037.

In 2009 she was awarded a 30 Years of Service plaque by the members of the Joe Wheeler Board of Trustees, and another in the same year for 30 years of service on its Board of Directors.

In 1993, the Committee of Elementary Schools of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools honored Pearl Jackson Green with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding service.

In 2016, she was recognized as the first black person elected to serve on the Joe Wheeler EMC Board.

In 2017, she was presented with an award as speaker by the Alabama District 7 Board of the Moulton Democratic Party, "In recognition for challenging women on the subject, 'You Have a Right as a Citizen.'"

She is most proud of her family, and of legacy with the Joe Wheeler Board, and her work with the Decatur City School System. She also enjoys attending Smith Chapel ECM in Moulton, singing in the choir and serving as church treasurer. She currently sits on the board of Christian education and teaches Sunday school for first-third grades.

In 2016, a new scholarship fund was established in her name, created by her fellow Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sisters, who christened it , "The Pearl Jackson Green 'You Make a Difference' Humanitarian Award.'" This is what the proclamation stated, in part, about her: "Whereas Pearl Jackson Green has devoted her life and work to securing and advancing the ideals of equality, opportunity and diversity through education and civic associations in Lawrence and Morgan Counties, and because her principled leadership continues to serve as profound inspiration and motivation to educators and mankind throughout Alabama and the nation, and because, regardless of their race, creed or color, are the beneficiaries of her extraordinary contributions and sacrifices in the field of education and civic associations, she is without peer a renowned leader."

Ms. Pearl has sought to lead by example. Her former fourth-grade student, Moulton Water Department Superintendent, Greg Dutton had this to say about her recently: "Ms. Pearl made us want to learn, just by talking to us so that we could understand. She could talk to anyone on any level, from a president to the most uneducated person, and never make a difference. She never talked 'down' to anyone," he said thoughtfully. "She made me want to be a better person. She made me strive to be like her."

Even though her life was put in danger on several occasions, she always fearlessly stood her ground and never wavered in doing what was right, nor did she let people think she was a pushover. She survived because of her wits and her ability to remain dignified, even under the worst of circumstances.

Ms. Pearl holds no animosity toward anyone for any reason. Not even when crosses were burned on her lawn in the 60s, nor when shots rang out in the darkness, coming through the front door of her home, waking her and her husband, William Jackson, from a deep sleep. She remembers trying to shield her children from it, so that they would not be victims of the vicious cycle of hatred that some families pass from generation to generation. She never held a grudge against an entire race of people for what one or a group of people said or did, nor did she align herself those who reacted violently. She has always been a quiet but effective voice of reason when others shout.

"Why should I hate a whole race of people because of what a few did? I have had so many people make kind gestures to me which I will never forget. I hope no one would ever hate me or hold a grudge against me because of what some other person of color did in another time and place. That doesn't make any sense," she said, shaking her head.

To say that Ms. Pearl has seen the world literally change in her lifetime is no small statement. She continues to teach at the Judy Jester School in Moulton, where she finds the good in people and experiences the joy of teaching every single day. "I want all of the kids I've taught and the ones I'm teaching now to be all that they can be," she said sincerely. "And I want to thank those students, and everyone else who has helped to shape me the into person I am today," she said humbly.

"This has been good for my students. They are constantly asking me to tell them more about those days, eager to learn more about that history," she said. "You know, when you've lived as long as I have, you have a lot of stories," she laughed.

Note from the author: It has been an honor to tell this story...thank you for sharing, Ms. Pearl, for loving our community, its people of rainbow colors, our children and all the lost and abandoned dogs that find themselves in your care. You are a treasure, and your life is an example for all of us.

Changes coming to Stony Lonesome after fatal wreck

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission approved several rule changes for Stony Lonesome OHV Park Tuesday morning in response to a fatal wreck at the park on Saturday that claimed the life of 21-year-old Hannah Bates.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport was at the meeting Tuesday to outline the new rules at the park, including: no coolers on the trails, required safety harnesses and seat belts and a stricter wristband policy

"We'd like to revise the first section of our rules at Stony Lonesome. We've always had it where we check the armbands to make sure they had signed the waiver, we'd like to implement a stop and go where a patron comes into the park and before they go on the trail we actually stop and check to make sure they have their armband, they have their seatbelts on and that there's no cooler. We're not going to allow any coolers in the woods at all on any type of machine," Davenport said.

"This will be the first step of some things that we'd like to come forward with and make recommendations, so no one ever gets hurt again in our park if we can prevent that.

Bates also offered his condolences to the Bates family.

"I know some of Ms. Bates's family is here; I ask y'all to continue to pray for them and for our staff as well because this is not like somebody coming up to buy a car tag one time and you see them once a year; our employees see these patrons sometimes every week or a couple times a month so they're like family to each other."

Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker gave his condolences to the Bates family members in attendance as well and tried to reassure them that steps are being taken to make the park safer.

"I just want to let everyone know that our condolences go out to the Bates family and we are doing and have done everything we can to make that a safe place for a family event.

"We hate it and I'm sorry, our prayers go out to you and your family and if there's anything we can do please let us know," Walker said.

Bates's father, Lionel Bates, was at the meeting and spoke from his seat directly to the commissioners.

It was an emotional plea. Lionel Bates said he believes alcohol consumption in the park is the biggest problem.



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Members of the Cullman County Commission at Tuesday's meeting, where Stony Lonesome OHV Park was the main topic of discussion

"There's plenty, there's a whole lot of safety issues at this place. I can make you a long list if you need somebody to help you. If you want to go look yourself, there are a lot of safety issues there and alcohol is the worst one.

"Alcohol, apparently, is approved there, the staff drinks with them, the man who ran off the cliff couldn't even stand up, but he was uninjured. Who monitors this?" Bates said.

He questioned the emergency response and medical capacities of the park.

"How long did it take anybody to get there, rapid responders, what kind of safety equipment is in place? What kind of medical staff is in place? It happens frequently. How long did my daughter lay under this RZR? Hours? Could she get a breath?" he asked, visibly shaken. "Don't let this happen to nobody else."

He continued, "I'm not a stupid person, I understand a little about engineering myself and it's terrible what's been allowed to go on down there and I'm sorry for the other families that have lost their children, but if you could wear these shoes, you'd have a whole lot different understanding. I know you guys are the ones who can put it in place and get it done. We need help."

Hannah Bates's death was the third at Stony Lonesome in less than a year. Back on April 22, 2017, Lawrence Richey, 34, of Smiths Grove, Kentucky and Erin Duncan, 22, of Elkins, Arkansas were killed when an ATV crashed into a crowd of spectators. The families of those victims have filed suit against the Cullman County Commission, all three commissioners, Stony Lonesome, Davenport, Midwest Motorsports and the driver of the ATV.

AGCOR making the move to Good Hope

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

GOOD HOPE – AGCOR Steel is moving to Good Hope. The Good Hope City Council on Monday night passed a resolution allowing Mayor Jerry Bartlett to enter an agreement with the company. AGCOR, which will build on 53 acres on Industrial Drive, will be Good Hope's first manufacturer. Bartlett said the company will add up to 20 new jobs and is expected to have annual sales of $8-$10 million.

AGCOR's move is the result of a joint effort between the City of Good Hope, City of Cullman and Cullman County. AGCOR is spending $400,000 on the project, with the three local governments each providing $133,333 in tax incentives, said Bartlett.

AGCOR, a manufacturer of metal building components, was being wooed by the city of Gadsden before this deal was put into place.

"They outgrew their place in Vinemont, but they wanted to stay in Cullman," said Bartlett.

"They went to the (Cullman County) Commission, and they found them a place in Berlin, and there was a big to-do about that. They met with (Rep.) Corey (Harbison) and myself. Gadsden really wanted them. But (owner) Zac (Smith) is from Cullman, and he likes Cullman and he wanted to be in Cullman.

"I think Gadsden was making them some offers of some land. Basically, what we gave them, they already had that in hand from Gadsden. I told Corey, we just can't compete with that. Zac went to (Cullman Economic Development Agency Director) Dale Greer. The more we sat down and ran the numbers, the more it really made sense."

Bartlett said Cullman County Economic Development Director Cherrie Haney, Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker, Harbison, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Smith and himself all came together in Good Hope to hammer out the details.

"They bought 53 acres here in Good Hope, over on Industrial Drive, and that land was $400,000. So, we divided that by three," said Bartlett.

"We're only giving them a portion of what they produce, so this is not going to hurt anybody. So out of what they produce, and it's projected $8-$10 million in the first year.

"Based on those figures, it's going to be paid off, we're giving them eight years, it's going to be paid off probably before that. In the unlikelihood that they didn't produce what they say, we give them a half cent off what they produce, and at the end of eight years, if they haven't produced enough to pay back the $400,000, we've fulfilled our part.

"The premise is we're creating a pile of money here, and we're going to give them back a small portion of it over a while and then after that it's all for the city of Good Hope, and the city of Cullman and Good Hope, because we all share in what they produce."

So what does all of this mean for Good Hope?

"It promotes our local economic and commercial development, stimulates the local economy, increases employment opportunities, it means the expansion of our infrastructure and the expansion of the city's tax base, which results in increased tax revenue," said Bartlett.

"Good Hope is supplying them (AGCOR) with a pump station through our sewer expansion. That's an extra $250,000. We are applying for a Community Development Block Grant for that. The cogs are already turning on that."

Revenue from Good Hope's new half-cent sales tax is being used for the city's portion of the tax incentive.

"We recently passed a half-cent sales tax here to come in line with a majority of the other municipalities," said the mayor.

"When we did that, (Councilwoman) Susan Eller recommended that we put that half-cent sales tax in a separate account and earmark it for economic development. We did that. So now, this money that we passed that (resolution) for is going toward that project."

Shared Bartlett, "Dale Greer and Cherrie Haney have both helped in this, along with the city and the county, and Corey's been very helpful, along with my council. It's very exciting for Good Hope."

The City of Cullman and the Cullman County Commission will now have to pass resolutions so the arrangement with AGCOR will be finalized.





Obituary Announcements: Feb. 28- Mar. 3



Sonny J. Cook, 86, of Yakima left his family February 4, 2018 at Astria Regional Hospital in Yakima, Washington. Sonny was born January 27, 1932 to Clyde and Elsie (Couch) in Cullman, Alabama. Sonny served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Sonny met his future wife, Ruth Webster, while he was stationed at Camp Handford, Washington. Sonny and Ruth were married January 19, 1953. They celebrated their 65th anniversary January 19th 2018. Sonny's birthday was January 27, 2018. He was 86. Sonny and Ruth Cook have one child, David Cook born in 1954. Sonny was a fruit warehouse manager, the only job Sonny had after his Army Honorable Discharge. Sonny also operated the first C.A. in the Yakima valley. Sonny loved his family and his son, David, was his pride and joy. He loved to go camping and fishing with David and Ruth. He also loved to go deer and elk hunting. Sonny was a wonderful and loving husband and father. Sonny will be missed by his family and friends. He liked to watch western movies and read Louis L'Amour westerns, also going to the casino once in a while. Sonny was the Super Glue to our family and will be missed. A very special "thank you" to the doctors taking care of Sonny, keeping Sonny going and your kind care of Sonny. Doctor David Doornick, we thank you! God bless each one of you. Also a special thank you to Sister Faye. God bless! Also thank you to Landmark for his care. Sonny was preceded by his father, Clyde Cook, his mother, Elsie Cook Ratliff, sisters, Syble Jackson and Jackie Askea and brother, Dale Wayne Cook, of Cullman. Sonny is survived by his wife, Ruth Cook; son, David Cook (Nona); sister-in-law, Anna Mae Oxford, of Yakima; brother, Michael Veguire (Bev) of California; family in California; nephews and nieces of Cullman and Washington State. We love you, Sonny! Your loving wife, son, David and Nona and all your family and friends. We miss you. Visitation was on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at Langevin El Paraiso Funeral Home. Graveside service was at 11 a.m. on February 15th at West Hills Memorial Park. To share a memory of Sonny please visit www.lepfuneralhome.com.

William Woljevach, age 76 of Vinemont, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018 at his residence. He was born, April 24, 1941 in Ohio. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his, children, William (Michelle) Woljevach, Michael (Kathy)Woljevach, Michelle Woljevach, Eric Woljevach, and Jennifer Woljevach, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Cullman Heritage is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Funeral service for Hannah Bates, age 21 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Mach 1, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jerry Lawson officiating. Burial will be at Bethsadia Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Bates passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2018. She was born September 21, 1996 in Cullman, AL to Lionel Bates and Sonya McSwain Bates. She is preceded in death by her three grandfathers; Leslie "Gene" Bates, Billy Franklin McSwain, and Guy Carr, Aunt Joy Baker and Uncle Don McSwain. Survivors include her parents, grandmothers; Betty Bates and Hilda Carr, aunts and uncles; Penny (Earl) Aldridge, Steve (Lisa) McSwain, Craig Bates, Deborah (Mike) Smith, Don Bates, and Ron Bates, cousins; Christian Knight, Kyle McSwain, Dylon McSwain, Mandy Shelton, Shellie Smith, Mason Aldridge and Ean Aldridge, and a host of great uncles and aunts and hundreds of loving friends.

Funeral service for Grady Clarence Powe, age 81 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Larry Brown and Alton Bailey officiating; burial at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Powe passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at his residence. He was born, February 08, 1937 to William and Effie Powe. He was the owner of Powe's Glass Service for many years. He also retired from the city of Cullman. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Walter, Ruby, and Teddy Powe, sisters, Dean Johnson and Jeanette Quattlebaum. Survivors include his wife, Martha Powe, son, Greg Powe, daughter, Anita (Mark) West, grandchildren, Heather (Patrick) Davis, Caleb West, Rayann Powe, and Allison Powe, sisters, Martha "Bobo" Pellegra, Jackie (Ulen) Quattlebaum, and Gaynell Marty, and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Justin William Stapler of Hanceville Alabama passed away on February 25, 2018 at the age of 34. He was born in Cullman on June 12, 1983 to Tommy and Cathy Stapler. He was the owner/operator of Provision Lawncare Service. Funeral services will be on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 12 noon at Lystra Baptist Church in Baileyton Alabama. He will lie in state for one hour prior to the service. Rev. Lee Vaughn, Randal Entrekin and Mark Dailey will officiate. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Survivors are, wife Leah Stapler, daughter Molly Morgan, sons Jacob Morgan, Nathaniel Gamble, parents Tommy and Cathy Stapler, brother Brad (Emily) Stapler, grandparents Sarah Rusk, Curtis Stapler, Eleanor Greathouse, Alvin and Delavina Edwards, Nieces Julie Stapler, Jill Stapler, Alex Holmes, nephew Isaac Holmes, Father in law Doug Edwards, mother in law Marcia Edwards, brother in law Brett (Leslie) Holmes, a host of aunts, uncles and other family and friends.

Kenneth Ray Hardin, 47, of the Brooklyn Community, passed away at his home. Mr. Hardin was born August 3, 1970 in Flint, Michigan to Bobby Lee and Marlin Jane (Moore) Hardin. Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his brother, Michael Hardin (Tina); sister, Margaret Reynolds (Mark); and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Memorial services will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2018 in Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Wilna Sue Tucker Searcy, age 79, left behind a beautiful sunny, blue-sky day on February 26, 2018 as she stepped into the glorious Kingdom of Heaven. Her battle with Pneumonia and Septic Shock left her body tired but her eyes were open and focused on what lay ahead. She was greeted in Heaven by her son, Thomas David Searcy, her brother, David Harold Tucker, her Mom, Nellie Nina Posey Tucker and her Dad, Homer Hearold Tucker, along with a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and in-laws. Laughter filled the Heavens at her reunion. Left behind to await a later arrival into the Kingdom were her husband, James Wayne Searcy, her children, James Richard (Diane) Searcy and Anne Searcy-Vaneman, her grandchildren, Erica Leigh Searcy and Donald Wayne Vaneman, her friends and nurses Brian Rickey Reed and Jennifer Nicole Fitzgerald, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Wilna was anything but a "simple" housewife, although that's how she saw herself. She worked to support her husband Jim as he worked his way through college and she typed up many an essay, report and paper. She was his sounding board and she grounded him by telling him what ideas were good and not so good. She budgeted and scrimped so the family could afford their first home as the three children grew. In the early days, she wore the same pair of shoes until they fell apart so the family could have new school and work clothes. When she was stricken with Lupus in the 70s, the family moved back to Bessemer, AL where they built a house beside her parents. Life was slow and sweet, with football games, bare feet and home canned green beans from her parents' garden. A promise of a better job relocated the family back to Delaware during the 80s where she continued to support her husband and kids through hardships, homesickness and many a day spent shoveling show. The 90s saw the family move to Raleigh, North Carolina for the promotion of a life time. Life was slower and warmer with only the occasional ice storm and one nasty Hurricane named Fran that knocked 20 trees onto their house. After digging out from the debris, Lupus started taking a toll on her joints. Her hips ached and doctors started talking about hip replacement. Still, she managed to go with her husband on a trip to Paris where she kept up with all the walking. Retirement found the family returning to Cullman in 1999. Life was again slow and sweet but no more canned green beans as her father was no longer around to grow a garden and her mother was slowing down. Wilna helped care for her Mother and Aunt Una Mae as best as she could with bad hips and aching shoulders. She finally relented and bought a cane. Not just any old cane, but a black cane with painted flowers. Then she bought a clear Lucite cane. Then a red, white and blue striped cane. She rolled with the punches and made the best of it. She helped with design ideas when her husband and son started flipping houses and tried to keep them under budget, but that didn't always work. 2010 brought the devastating loss of her son and she found herself in a wheelchair. Then her mother moved in and her brother passed in 2013. Finally, her mother could not be cared for at home. Wilna visited her mom often until her passing in 2015. Life slowed down again and the family managed Jim's medical problems and eventual heart attack in 2016. August 2017 was when Wilna fell and broke her arm and hip. They celebrated their 60 wedding anniversary at the nursing home where Wilna went for rehab. Jim went every day and sat beside his little bride and they worked crossword puzzles and sometimes napped together. She came home on December 15, 2017 to enjoy Christmas, New Years and Football with everyone. 2018 brought a new year that unfortunately brought a new bout of pneumonia that lead to her new home in Heaven. Viewing will be on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. for Family, and 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. for Friends at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman, AL. The Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman, AL with Internment following at City of Cullman Cemetery. The Honorable Brother Ed Hayes officiating.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

KENNER, THE ESTATE OF MATTIE RUTH DECEASED, Plaintiff,
V.
CLOPTON ELEANOR, KENNER BYRON WENDELL, Defendants.
Case No.: CV-2015-900422.00

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LISA McSWAIN CIRCUIT CLERK CULLMAN COUNTY

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiffs having made a Motion for Service by Publication supported by the affidavit of Beverly Paschal Poston, Attorney for Plaintiffs, stating that service has been attempted on Eleanor Clopton, and that the address and whereabouts of Defendant Byron Wendell Kenner, and all unknown heirs, and all other persons claiming any present future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands are unknown to the Plaintiff and have not been able to be determined after diligent inquiry by contacting other known relatives, and attempting to locate over the internet; and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment Quieting Title to Real Property and Order to Sell Real Property to Pay Administrative Expenses and Distribution to Next of Kin, It is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Defendants Eleanor Clopton, Byron Wendell Kenner, all unknown heirs, and all other persons claiming any present future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands answer the Complaint of the Plaintiffs by the 21st day of April, 2018, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendant(s). It is further

ORDERED that this order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 15th day of February, 2018.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMA COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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Baggett & Wilson, LLC
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(256) 737-0740

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

D. Wade Ramsey
Attorney for Administrator
Ramsey & Associates, L.L.C.
P.O. Box 382012
Birmingham, Alabama 35238

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Legal Notice

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2018-013

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER MAXWELL CROSS and AMIE LYNN CROSS TO ADOPT J.L.E.V.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: KEVEN MARLON VANDERFORD, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of J.L.E.V., a minor child (born October 24, 2011, to Kristy Michelle Hass), was filed on the 22nd day of February, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Christopher Maxwell Cross and Amie Lynn Cross. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 23rd day of February, 2018.

Tammy Brown
Cullman County Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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PB ADT BK 48 PG 378 - 02/28/2018 09:40 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF CORY ALAN HOLMES CASE NO: AD2018-007
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
S.K.B, MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KENNY ALLEN BARBER, a/k/a KENNEY ALLEN BARBER, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF S.K.B. A MINOR CHILD BORN TO EMILY PAIGE HOLMES, f/k/a PEGGY DIANE BARBER

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by CORY ALAN HOLMES. 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 Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, Post Office Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

DONE THIS 27th DAY OF February, 2018.

CORY ALAN HOLMES
Petitioner

Andria Richter
Attorney at Law
300 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-775-7757

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

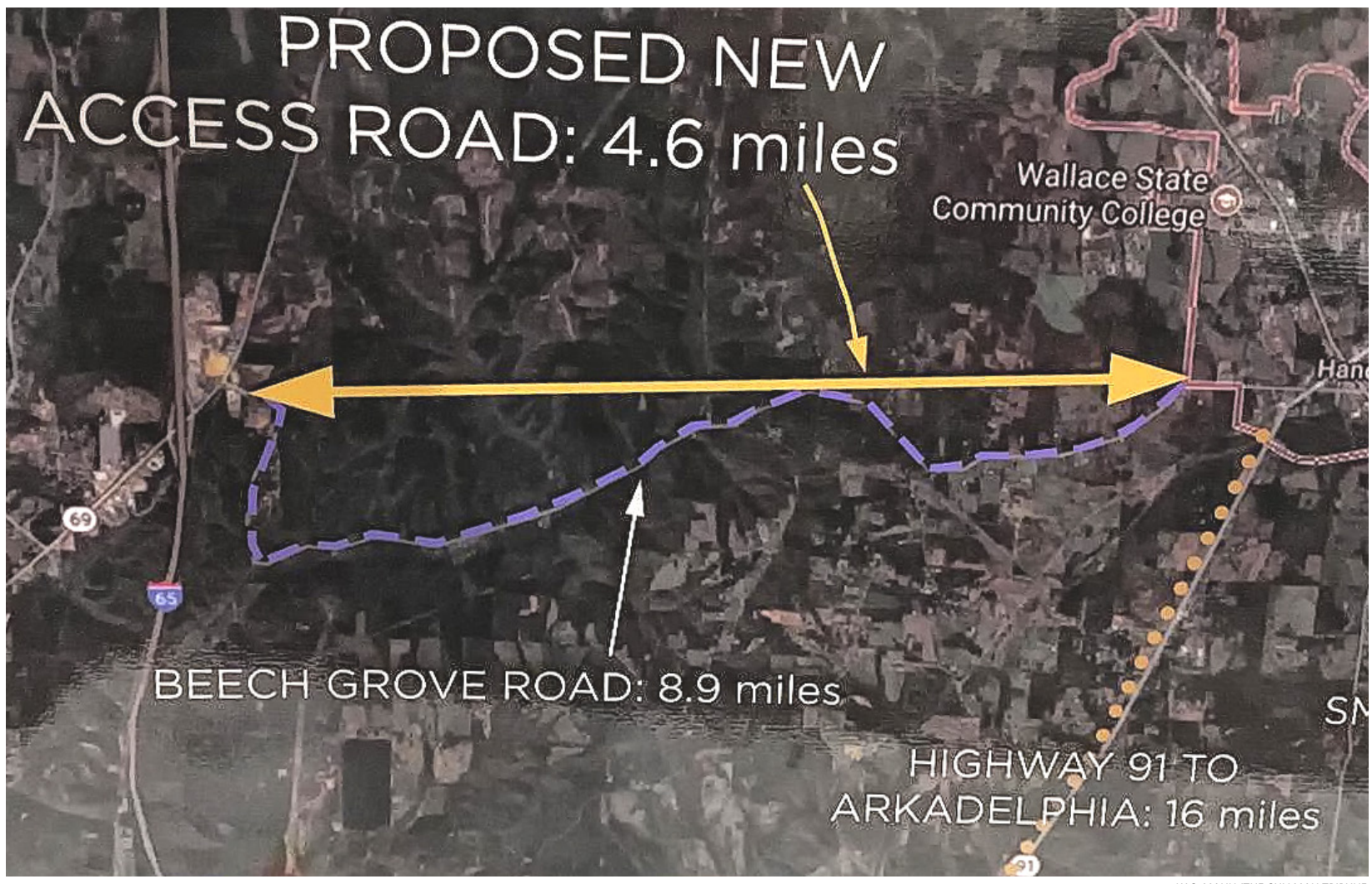
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Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
MARCH 1, 2018

Hanceville business leaders, local mayors discuss growth with Gudger

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A major topic of conversation was a proposed shortcut from Hanceville to I-65

HANCEVILLE – Hanceville-area business leaders sat down with Cullman City Council President and 2018 Alabama Senate candidate Garlan Gudger and Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail on Monday to talk about growing and promoting the county's smaller communities. Joining them were Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar and Holly Pond Mayor Bill Oliver. Gudger was invited by the City of Hanceville.

Nail explained, "We have this downtown meeting this time of the month, every month. We've had it for several years, just to bring local folks in and kick around ideas and see how we can better serve our community and how we can make Hanceville a better place.

"And we thought it would be a good thing to bring Garlan Gudger in. Cullman's done a great job in promoting Cullman, and of course I know he's running for senate; so we felt like that, with his expertise and the great job that Cullman's done in promoting Cullman, that maybe he could get on board with us."

The mayors and business leaders took the opportunity to bounce ideas off Gudger and each other; with topics focusing on:

• developing infrastructure to attract business and industry - including roads, utilities access and high-speed internet access

• developing Hanceville's downtown as a destination for day tourists and shoppers

• promoting and marketing the distinct features that the Hanceville area already has - including Wallace State, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the county's only industrial park located on a railroad line and a rapidly-reviving downtown

One of the main subjects of conversation centered on a map on the mayor's conference table showing the three current routes from Interstate 65 to Hanceville (US Highway 31, Alabama Highway 91 and Beech Grove Road), and a proposed straight-line route from Hanceville to the I-65 interchange at Dodge City.

"The main thing that we wanted to see," said Nail, "was how (Gudger) would feel about this new access road that we want to build from Hanceville to the Dodge City exit. Everybody knows Beech Grove Road is just so crooked, and by building a new road--and it might even partially join where the old road is in certain places--but we should be able to cut that road down. It's almost 9 miles from Dodge City to Hanceville (on Beech Grove Road), and we can cut it down to about 4 miles, maybe a little bit less, if we had a new road.

"And so we think, for the commerce of south Cullman County which--folks going to Holly Pond or Baileyton, or Fairview--it would just be a lot better route, you know, cut right down 91. But right now, it's not a real good way of getting into Hanceville. You know, we have thousands of cars that's going to Wallace State, and a lot from Walker County that's coming through. We think that that would definitely help.

"I think that (Gudger)'s on board with that, of course, if he gets elected. But we're just trying to promote our area."

Later, Gudger sat down with The Tribune to talk about his visit to Hanceville.

"They really just wanted to have an ear and a voice, if I'm honored enough to be elected. I feel like I have worked with council members and mayors in my elected career for the last 14 years. For the last 14 years, I've dealt with councilmen, and I have dealt with planning commissions, and I have dealt with mayors," said Gudger.

"And (Hanceville) wanted someone to listen to them, and be able to be a voice for them, if I'm elected to go down to Montgomery. And so I was invited by the planning commission to come down, and after they had talked to Mayor Nail, he invited a few more mayors to be there. And the meeting was really just a visioning process of where they are, what their plans are, what they're wanting to focus on in the future, and am I on board for that. And then also how am I going to work in the county, because I've had my city hat on. And I think it was very evident to everyone in the room that my job for the last 14 years is to represent the constituents in the city of Cullman which elected me.

"But it's very evident that if I'm elected to a larger district, which is all of Cullman County and Winston, Marion and Lawrence County; that district grows, and I will take care of everybody within that whole district, not just Cullman city. And I think that fear was relieved after talking to me today. And I had a call from one of the mayors, saying, 'I really appreciate you coming down, and I feel good about what you were saying, and we're going to be able to work together.' And I think that's the biggest thing that I can convey: is that I'm out there to build a consensus and build a group that we can, you know, work together going forward if I get to be able to be a senator."

What do you think will be the first step for Hanceville?

"Not only for Hanceville, but for most of the communities, is realizing that they have a voice in Montgomery, number one, if I can be honored enough to work for them. Number two, that they have to work together. It was said in the meeting today from one of the planning commission members that it seemed like we've always circled the troops against the other municipalities in the county, and kind of was territorial. And that's not the way to handle going into the future.

"The reason the city of Cullman has worked so well is that we've been good partners with people that we have grown with: the hospital, the chamber, Wallace State Community College, parks and rec, and the city government, the county government. And we want to continue to do that in the county.

"We need to know what their goals are, do an analysis of exactly where they are and where they want to go, and then from that, what resources we have to get there.

"And if there's a way that we're able to exponentially get them there faster through funding or through grants, or through just meeting with the right consultants, then that's part of my job, if elected, to help them."

Continued Gudger, "I enjoy seeing growth and progress, whether that's in the city of Cullman that I've helped lead over the last 14 years, or whether that's going to be in Hanceville, or that's going to be in Holly Pond, or Baileyton, Cold Springs, Fairview, Colony, Winston County, Marion County, Lawrence County; I want to continue to see that on a larger scale, and so I'm excited about what this step will do for me if I'm honored enough to be there."

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