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Workforce solutions: confronting local housing shortage



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CULLMAN – As Cullman continues to grow, finding its workforce and population places to live is becoming more of a challenge. Even the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is embarking on a study, according to its website, "to counter the area's significant housing shortage." Plans are in the works for an apartment complex on the city's north side, and the recent update of a city zoning ordinance has paved the way for a significant increase in the number of loft apartments downtown.

To find out more about the current housing situation, and Cullman real estate in general, The Tribune called on one of the area's top realtors, Wes Warren of Happy Homes Real Estate.

What's it like being a realtor in Cullman today?
"Great! I get to see the public and talk to the public every day, and actually get to meet new people, especially those that are moving into town- getting to meet new residents of Cullman, being able to show them the town. It's so exciting every day, being almost a different day every day."

How is the housing market in Cullman right now?
"It's definitely a good market, meaning, you know, sales are very well--especially in the city of Cullman--doing very well. But actually the whole county as a whole is doing well, too. The market's really good. It's more of a seller's market, just because of the limited inventory."

How limited is it, and at what economic level?
"It's probably all across the board. (In the) city of Cullman there is, fairly, a shortage, for sure, of houses that are out there that are available for the people to see. You know, we've got a lot of buyers that are even sitting in rentals, kind of just sitting on standby, » PAGE 5



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Wes Warren

Cullman's Keith Twitty earns CLCP designation



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AREA safety manager Michael Kelley, left, and AREA president and CEO Fred Braswell, right, congratulate Keith Twitty, center, on his recent Certified Loss Control Professional (CLCP) designation.

Allison Law
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MONTGOMERY – Keith Twitty of Cullman, who works as a safety specialist with the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA), recently earned the Certified Loss Control Professional (CLCP) designation. It is an intensive program in electric utility safety and loss control.

The CLCP program is conducted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national service organization that represents more than 900 not-for-profit electric cooperatives, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business.

Earning the CLCP designation means that Twitty has developed the skills needed to communicate safety issues with staff and management of the 22 rural electric cooperatives served by AREA.

He's also learned how to use tools and techniques to collect, analyze, maintain and interpret safety data and records.

The program requires participants to complete a rigorous series of seminars and tests, a 30-hour OSHA course and a detailed final course project.

According to OSHA, 4.2 million injuries occur annually in the workplace. One of the goals of a CLCP is to help ensure a safe work environment for utility workers and the public in general.

Avoiding workplace accidents avoids down time and can ultimately lead to lower utility rates.

Twitty started at AREA in November 2013. Earlier in his career, he was technical programs manager and a journeyman/lead line worker with TVPPA. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1986-1992.

He is a graduate of Wallace State Community College and completed the TVPPA Lineman Apprentice Training Course at Nashville State Technical Institute.

Curt's Closet now open

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CULLMAN – On Thursday, Ashley Wilson officially opened Curt's Closet at 1515 St. Joseph St. NW in Cullman, offering clothing and accessories for students of low-income families, in a setting more like a retail boutique than a traditional charity "clothes closet."

"Opening day was awesome and amazing," said Wilson Friday morning. "We had four families and eight children come in yesterday, on the first day. It was a blessing to not only them, but me also."

Shopping is by appointment only. Families will need to verify income or hardship or be referred by a church, minister, school official, DHR or another source that pre-verifies the family's situation.

Curt's Closet was founded by Wilson to honor the legacy of her son, Curtis James Wilson, who lost his life as a result of a car wreck in May 2017. Curt was 15 and a student and athlete at Cullman High School.

For more information call Ashley Wilson at 256-735-4557, or visit www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset and http://sites.google.com/view/curtscloset or email curtscloset20@gmail.com.



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Ashley Wilson on the boutique floor of Curt's Closet

Arrest reports: Feb. 28-March 1

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Feb. 28-March 1. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Aldridge, Dana Jean, 38
- FTA- driver's license not in possession
- FTA- speeding
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Buxton, Kimberly Ann, 37
- FTA- third-degree theft of property (old charge only)

Carroll, Kevin Douglas, 45
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Doss, Kimberly Brooke, 40
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence harassment
- FTA- driving while revoked

Evans, Miranda Madonna, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hann, Terrell Matthew, 32
- FTA- driving while revoked

Hester, Bradley Dewayne, 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Marsh, Myron Clifton Jr., 53
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Sanders, Colton Joe, 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shirley, Jason Earl, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Turner, Nevada Wayne, 46
- harassment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beasinger, Tonya M., 43
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Henderson, Colton C., 24
- FTA- public intoxication

Widner, Crystal L., 36
- fourth-degree theft of property

Buxton, Kimberly A., 37
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Sparks, Angela M., 35
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Hankins, Tyler M., 22
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation

Hanceville Police Department

No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Barrett, Shannon Troy, 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cox, Westly Daniel, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gillilan, Gregory Linston, 51
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

Hankins, Tyler Mark, 23
- first-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Johnson, Michael Lee Thomas, 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kelso, Dustin Anthony, 27
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- tag light required

Martin, Hannah Leah, 21
- chemical endangerment of a child

Nunnelley, Jacky Lee, 43
- first-degree theft of property

Ponder, Trevor Lindley, 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Taylor, Calvin Heath, 29
- second-degree bail jumping- first-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kelso, Dustin A., 27
- FTA- expired tag (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)

Carroll, James D., 46
- FTA- public intoxication

Roach, Roy W. II, 42
- third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

4-way stop now in place at dangerous Hanceville intersection

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HANCEVILLE – Crews from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on Friday installed stop signs to create a four-way stop at the notorious intersection of Alabama Highway 91 and Edmondson Road on Hanceville's east side. The move is a response to three deaths that occurred in vehicle collisions at the intersection. Crews also installed rumble strips on the east side approach to Edmondson Road along Hwy. 91 and spent time directing traffic through the intersection to make sure all motorists passing through slowed down and were aware of the change.



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New stop signs greet motorists approaching Edmondson Road on Alabama Highway 91.

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, who originally asked ALDOT for a traffic light at the intersection, said, "We appreciate the governor helping us out with this deal. I'm no traffic engineer, but I hope this saves lives. I don't know; it's really up to the state of Alabama, but that's all we can do, is just hope and pray that this will save a few lives."

The last fatality at the intersection occurred on Jan. 4, 2018. Burshel Eugene Boatrite, 74, of Crane Hill was killed, and another person injured, when a pick-up truck and 18-wheeler collided at the intersection.

That same month, after a wave of community reaction, ALDOT announced its decision to install the four-way stop. Read more at www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/01/11/4-way-stop-coming-notorious-hanceville-intersection.

Cullman Regional hosting RN Recruitment Open House March 17

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – With Cullman Regional's expansion projects nearing completion, the hospital is adding more career opportunities in nursing. Nurses who are interested should join Cullman Regional on Saturday, March 17 for an RN Recruitment Open House.

Nurses who attend the open house will have the opportunity to meet with directors and hiring managers from several departments including the Critical Care Unit, In-Patient Services, Float Pool and Emergency Department.

New hire benefits include tuition reimbursement, outstanding team environment, competitive pay and benefits package, free parking, free on-site fitness facility and wellness rewards program.

The RN Recruitment Open House will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Governor's Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

For more information, email Cullman Regional's recruiter at recruiting@cullmanregional.com.

Hospice of Cullman County seeking volunteers

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CULLMAN – Cullman Regional's Hospice of Cullman County is looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of areas.

Opportunities include:
- **Patient care volunteers** – Assist caregivers with running errands, chores, shopping, meal preparation, visiting or provide breaks for caregivers. These volunteers share a cup of coffee, hold a hand, visit the patient and caregiver or provide a listening ear for patients and caregivers.
- **Office volunteers** – Answer telephones, make copies and assist with filing and large mailings
- **Bereavement volunteers** – Work with survivors who have recently experienced the loss of their loved one
- **Resource volunteers** – Provide professional expertise for patients and their families
- **Special projects volunteers** – Assist with projects including fundraisers, crafts, holiday celebrations and more
- **Bi-lingual volunteers** – Translate for workers and/or patients and their families, particularly Spanish-English
- **Professional hair stylist volunteers** – Style hair for patients and/or caregivers

For more information, call 256-739-5185.

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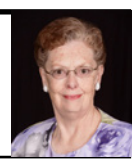
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News from the Pond

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Good Morning Tribune readers and families. Welcome to an early springtime. We have had our share of "Alabama Weather". One day the sun is shining, the next, raining, and more rain.

A very interesting program and meeting was held on Tuesday night, February 27 in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, in Holly Pond.

This was our annual "Pastor's Appreciation" banquet sponsored by the Civitans. Mrs. Kay Stewart, club president, presided.

The local club honors their local clergy each February. Civitan clubs around the world recognize clergy of all faiths for their service to their communities.

In addition to honoring the local clergy, this event recognizes the heroism of four United States Army chaplains during World War II, who were aboard the U.S. troopship Dorchester.

Civitan International is an organization of community service clubs with roughly 40,000 members across four continents.

Each club works to help others and fulfill needs in their community with a special emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

Local pastors and their families/spouses who attended this year included: Reverend and Mrs. Lynn Perkins, of Berlin Baptist Church; Reverend and Mrs. Cliff Cook, of Center Point Baptist Church; Reverend Scott Adams, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Holly Pond; Reverend Josh Sellers and his son, Parker represented Mount Zion Baptist Church; Reverend Wayne and Brenda Barnette, of Bread of Life Worship Center; Reverend and Mrs. Michael Lackey, of Plainview Baptist Church; Reverend and Mrs. Ricky Turner, of Pleasant View Baptist Church; Reverend and Mrs. Steve LeCroy, of Shady Grove Baptist Church and Reverend David Hooper and family representing Union Grove Presbyterian Church.

Special guests of Reverend Wayne and Brenda Barnette were Reverend and Mrs. C. J. Chandler, of Cullman.

Other Civitan members participating in the program included: Paul Brown, chaplain; Walt Floyd, Past District Governor who led in the pledge to the flag; the reading of the Civitan Creed was presented by Mrs. Sharon Oliver, club treasurer; Gladys Wisener presented a special solo of "My Anchor Holds"; Bart Dye, president-elect introduced the guest speaker Chris Warnick owner of Carpenter's Cabinet Food Bank, a relatively new business serving Holly Pond.

Ashley Dye, Bart Dye and Mary Hickey oversaw decorating the Holly Pond First Baptist Fellowship Hall for the event.

It was truly beautiful in pink and gold decorations. The wonderful meal of baked chicken, green beans, baked potatoes and slaw was prepared by Janice Murphree, Gladys Wisener, Melba Palys and Sharon Oliver.

Special thanks are extended to all Civitan members who assisted in this yearly event.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hinkle are the parents of a daughter, born on January 24th, at Cullman Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Levon Clay are the parents of a baby daughter.

Mrs. Amos Wallace is doing fine after returning from Cullman Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Gregory, Mrs. Mavis Stallings and Mrs. Nedlean Weaver attended an aunt's funeral in Walker County on Saturday.

Carol Stallings spent Friday night with Joice Walwraven, at West Point.

Mrs. W.W. Harbison, Ms. Herbert White and Mrs. Polly Waters attended a W.M.U. meeting on Friday at the First Baptist Church in Cullman.

L.P. Hulsey has returned home after visiting his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Auther Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sims entertained with a dinner at their home, in Hanceville, on Sunday, January 20th, honoring Mrs. D.H. Sims on her 88th birthday and their grandson, Leon Phillips, on his 14th birthday. Present were Robert Sims, Bob Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tidwell and son, Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. B.O. Mann, Senior, Mr. and Mrs. B.O. Mann, Junior, Mrs. Doris Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Travis and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Travis, all of Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Sims and daughters, of Garden City; Mrs. Kate Travis, of White City; Mr. and Mrs. George Sims and Pete, Mr. and Mrs. Mancil Sims and baby, Mr. Percy Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phillips, Mrs. Pearl Gibbs, the host and hostess and the honorees.

Miss Elizabeth Hart honored Mrs. John Glasscock (Martha Lewis) with a bridal shower on January 19th at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hart.

Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Ezma Black, Mrs. Ezma Reid and Miss Audrey Segers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sides and five-year-old daughter, Betty Ruth, were visited in their lovely new home on Ninth Avenue East, after having moved here from Dora, Alabama. Mr. Sides is a trucker for Cullman Banana Supply Company. This is a Methodist family.

Walter News

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burnham and Cindy and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, of Marietta, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ingram, Carol and Robert, of Mount Olive spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Burnham and Clarence Nuss.

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Echols, Mrs. Vonda Chrietzberg and children have moved to Hanceville.

Marlene Montgomery, West Point High Senior, was chosen Miss Cullman County FHA at a countywide FHA meeting held recently at Fairview. She is president of the county FHA and of her local chapter and is editor of the West Point student newspaper. Miss Montgomery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Montgomery, of Vinemont.

Hanceville Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholson and son, Jimmy, former residents of Cullman, have purchased the W.M. Clay home and will make their home here.

Mrs. George Sims and Wallace were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Myrtle O'Brian and family in Welti.

Mrs. E.J. Collier and Mrs. James McElroy, Senior, spent Thursday, in Birmingham.

Bill Rollins, of Atlanta, Georgia was the Thursday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bland.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The last member of the trio has joined the others

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



All three of them are gone now. They have all died within the past five years. The three of them lived a combined total of 296 years! The impact they had on this nation, even the world, cannot be known or summed up. As you no doubt already know, Doctor Billy Graham died in his sleep on Wednesday, February 21st. He was 99. He was the last living member of the trio that was the Billy Graham crusade team. He wished for all three to be buried on the grounds of the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. Doctor Graham will be buried there beside his wife, Ruth Bell Graham. Like her, he will be buried in a plywood coffin built by inmates of Angola Prison. George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows are both buried nearby.

My memories of watching the Billy Graham crusades on our old black and white television go back as far as I can remember. They began their ministry together almost a decade before I was born.

They were part of the lives of so many of us. I had the privilege of attending two of their crusades in person and also heard Doctor Graham preach once at the Southern Baptist Convention.

I took a group of senior adults from the church I pastored to the crusade in Atlanta. I did not realize it was youth night. When the Christian rock/rap band D.C. Talk came out singing "Jesus is Just Alright," and one member turned a flip from the top of a speaker cabinet, one of our senior adults asked me, "Is this the Billy Graham crusade?" Billy Graham's programs changed with the times, but his message never did.

Canadian born, George Beverly Shea, was the first of the trio to leave us, back in 2013. He was 104! The iconic rich baritone was known as "America's beloved gospel singer." He is believed to have sung live before more people than anyone else in history. He was a mainstay on the team from the beginning back in 1947.

Cliff Barrows left us in 2016. He died at the young age of 93. He too was part of the team from the beginning. He served as music and program director for the crusades.

Some of the biggest names in gospel and Christian music sang in the crusades and Mr. Barrows led the congregation in singing hymns. He once said, "I've had no greater joy than encouraging people to sing." In each service, after exactly forty minutes of music, Mr. Barrows would introduce Doctor Graham as "God's man for this hour." He also served as host of the weekly Hour of Decision radio program for sixty years.

Who knew that a North Carolina farm boy, the former pastor of First Baptist Church in Western Springs, Illinois, would one day become "America's Pastor?" As a young college student, he was once told, "At best, all you could amount to is a poor country preacher, out in the sticks somewhere." He would go on from preaching in tents with sawdust floors to preaching in packed stadiums in the major cities around the world. He became the spiritual advisor to presidents, as well as other world leaders. His crusades were regularly broadcast on network television during prime time. It is believed that Billy Graham preached the gospel in person to more people than any other person in the history of Christianity. He preached to live audiences of nearly 215 million, in 185 countries and in every state in the nation. 3.2 million people responded to his invitations to "Accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior." Yet, Doctor Graham remained humble to the end. Thank you Doctor Graham and team!

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Poet's Corner



Community

By: Randy C. Hale

I'd rather be dead than one
who thinks he is a god.
Build no statues of me.
I want no one to bow
or make a fuss
as I serve in the dust.

I want to be a useful part
of a well fed flock.
My hands resourceful
with callouses and blisters,
often helping my brothers
and my sisters.

And when my time comes
let me return to fertile soil
that I might replenish once more.
And If I am remembered
let it be when the wind blows
or the morning whispers spring.

When you hear the cooing of
doves or the redbirds sing.

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Gov. Kay Ivey signs statewide ridesharing bill into law

Ridesharing law effective statewide July 1

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday — alongside Rep. David Faulkner, R-Birmingham, Sen. Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, Ride for Alabama coalition members and local rideshare drivers — signed Alabama's rideshare legislation into law during a bill signing ceremony at the State Capitol.

Alabama is the 45th state in the nation to welcome comprehensive ridesharing, allowing companies like Lyft and Uber to operate statewide. The law officially takes effect July 1, 2018.

"Today, we are paving the way for ridesharing throughout all of Alabama, regardless of location or proximity to major metropolitan areas," Ivey said. "I am proud to have supported this bill throughout the legislative process and commend the hard work of Representative Faulkner and Senator Singleton for sponsoring the bill and Ride for Alabama coalition members for their strong support throughout the legislative process."

"When I first spoke at the Ride for Alabama coalition launch in January, I stated that one of my primary responsibilities in the Alabama House is to ensure that all Alabama residents have access to safe, reliable and efficient methods of transportation," Faulkner said. "The legislation that I and Senator Singleton carried, and that Governor Ivey signed today, does just that."

Previously, ridesharing companies were allowed to operate only in select, approved cities in Alabama. By enacting statewide legislation, suburban and rural communities will now have access to the many benefits the rideshare industry provides, including enhanced driver earning opportunities.

"Rural parts of our state will now have access to these innovative transportation methods, and more Alabama residents will have the opportunity to earn additional income," said Singleton. "With Governor Ivey giving her signature to this legislation, Alabama's economy will move forward, public safety will increase, and Alabama residents will experience greater quality of life."

"We want to thank the Governor for her support of this law. Lyft is providing tens of thousands of Alabamians earning opportunities and transportation options that did not exist a few short years ago," said Scott Coriell, communications manager for Lyft.



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, JAMIE MARTIN

Gov. Kay Ivey waves from the seat of an Uber/Lyft car, before riding to ceremonially sign HB190 at the state Capitol in Montgomery, Thursday, March 1, 2018. HB 190 was sponsored by Rep. David Faulkner, R-Birmingham and Sen. Bobby Singleton, D-Greensboro, and creates statewide regulations for transportation network companies, also known as ridesharing companies.

"We're excited to expand those benefits to more individuals and families around the state in the coming months."

"With this statewide framework for ridesharing, more Alabamians will benefit from access to safe rides and flexible work opportunities through Uber – and current customers will benefit from an even more reliable experience," said Uber General Manager, Kasra Moshkani. "We thank Governor Ivey, Representative Faulkner, and Senator Singleton for their leadership and look forward to expanding throughout Alabama."

Throughout the legislative process, the bill was supported publicly by the Ride for Alabama coalition, comprised of multiple Chambers of Commerce and third-party entities, such as the Alabama Hospitality and Restaurant Association, Birmingham Urban League, Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, the Alabama Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Alabama Association for the Deaf, among others.

Judson College president David E. Potts announces transition to role of chancellor

Mary Amelia Taylor
Contributor

MARION, ALA. - After 27 years of service, Dr. David E. Potts has announced his transition from the role of President to the role of Chancellor of Judson College. Before his inauguration as Judson's twenty-second president in 1990, Potts served the college as Vice President of Development and Executive Vice President. Potts' impact on Judson College, Alabama Baptist life, and the Black Belt region of Alabama cannot be overstated.

Under Potts' leadership, Judson has more than tripled its endowment, added nine new academic majors, and completed a major renovation of its historic Jewett Hall, as well as the construction of the Charlotte G. Lowder Science Building, the Marion Acree Tucker Fine Arts Building, and the Charles F. Dunkin Athletic Complex.

He was instrumental in the preservation and restoration of Judson's Carnegie Library, now A. Howard Bean Hall, which houses the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame. Throughout his tenure, the college has increased the diversity of its faculty and student body and remained faithful to its Christian mission.

As Judson's president, Potts has sought to actively collaborate with the leaders of other colleges and universities, believing that institutions could accomplish more by working together. He has been an active contributor to the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities' (AAICU) effort to maximize the Alabama Student Grant, an initiative which allows students who enroll at private colleges and universities to receive a stipend from the state. He has served as a resource to other presidents through his involvement with both the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities and the Women's College Coalition.

In 2013, Potts was honored with the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award for Outstanding Contributions to Higher Education by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the regional body that accredits Judson and hundreds of other colleges and universities in the southeastern United States.

During his almost three decades as leader of one of the three colleges associated with the Alabama Baptist Convention, David Potts has become a well-known face and voice in Baptist life. He has sought to keep the college faithful to its Baptist roots, while maintaining its relevance for a new generation of young women. During his tenure, his ability to apply distinctively Christian values to the practice of higher education has earned him respect among the laity and leadership of Alabama Baptist churches, as well as the devotion of the faculty, staff, students, and alumnae of Judson College.

"College students are wanting to see a difference and make a difference," Potts told messengers to the Alabama Baptist Convention in 2007. "They long for honest, authentic Christian leadership. By connecting with God, connecting with His purpose, and connecting with people, you and I are able to fulfill every aspect of great Christian ministry and thereby provide authenticity of living in Christ that is compelling to younger generations."

Potts found a model of authentic faith and bold action in Ann Judson, the first American female foreign missionary and the woman for whom Judson College is named. Judson spent her life serving the people of Burma, now Myanmar, sharing the Gospel as she educated women and girls, trained indigenous church leaders, and translated the Bible into the native languages of those she served courageously and sacrificially.

Early in his presidency, Potts felt a personal call to inspire Judson students to follow Christ boldly by helping them connect to Ann Judson's legacy of authentic faith lived out through selfless service.

As part of this endeavor, Potts established a strategic partnership with Kachin Theological College and Seminary (KTCS), an indigenous Baptist institution in northern Myanmar, in 2000. Over the past eighteen years, ten young Kachin women have been given the opportunity to study music, theology, and English at Judson at no cost. These young women then return to their home country to serve as members of the KTCS faculty and staff. The presence of Kachin students, who claim Ann Judson as their "spiritual mother", on campus has helped American students at Judson better understand the magnitude of the legacy of their college's namesake.

Perhaps the most important part of the presidential legacy that Potts leaves at Judson is the integration of service grounded in Christian faith into all aspects of the campus culture. While Judson has a long history of missions involvement overseas, it was during Potts' tenure that the college began to place a strong emphasis on seeking opportunities to minister to its neighbors in the Alabama Black Belt.

Fourteen of Alabama's 67 counties - all of them in the Black Belt - have a poverty rate higher than 25 percent. Perry County is among the poorest counties in Alabama, with 35% of its residents living below the poverty line.

David Potts has seen these facts as an opportunity to follow Christ's call to minister to "the least of these" (Matthew 25). Working with community members and leaders around the state, Potts was a founding board member of Sowing Seeds of Hope, a faith-based non-profit organization seeking to address the root causes of poverty in Alabama. As a member of Sowing Seeds of Hope's Board of Directors and Health Care Task Force, Potts has helped bring a dialysis center to Marion, promoted programs that helped children gain health insurance coverage, and worked tirelessly toward re-opening a hospital in Perry County.

He is a former president of Alabama Possible, formerly the Alabama Poverty Project, an organization co-founded by his father, former Alabama Baptist Convention executive secretary A. Earl Potts, which seeks to raise awareness of poverty issues statewide.

David Potts' personal commitment to service in the name of Christ has overflowed into his presidential leadership. In his tenure, Judson adopted a new slogan, "Knowledge and Faith for a Purposeful Life", re-emphasizing an institutional commitment to help students discover how the Judson experience was preparation to answer their Alma Mater's call to "live for service" and "send forth blessed light", rather than to seek only individual success. New academic programs in Nursing and Social Work were added under his leadership, strengthening the college's ability to develop students' minds and hearts to minister to a hurting world.

In 2005, Potts' commitment to promoting institutional service was further demonstrated through the establishment of the Office of Faith-Based Service and Learning, which provides Judson students, faculty, and staff with a formal avenue for community service and civic engagement.

Over the past thirteen years, the program has gained national recognition and has served as a model for the establishment of similar initiatives on other campuses. Judson is the only private college in Alabama to hold the distinguished Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Service has become such an integral part of Judson's culture over Potts' tenure that alumnae honored his twenty-fifth year as president by establishing the David and Beth Potts Award for Outstanding Involvement in Community Service, which is now awarded to a graduating senior each year.

For each of the past eleven years, more than 80% of Judson students have voluntarily participated in community service. Potts has served alongside them, often engaging in manual labor as he listened to students' stories and told them about ways they could use their gifts in the Alabama Black Belt. For him, being the president of a Christian college has always been about more than encouraging Chapel attendance or helping students develop personal piety. "We mustn't contain our Light and Truth on our campus, but must express it in the lives of people around us," Potts wrote in 2005. "We must use our resources to make a difference for the cause of Christ."

The Board of Trustees has appointed a search committee charged with selecting the institution's next president. Dr. Scott Bullard, who has served as Senior Vice President and Dean of the College since 2015, will serve as Interim President as the search committee completes its task. After a health-related leave of absence, Dr. Potts will transition to the role of Chancellor, which will allow him to devote his time exclusively to advocating for the people of the Alabama Black Belt, fundraising, and promoting "Christian higher education especially for young women."

For more information about the transition, contact the Judson College President's Office at (334) 683-5102.

'Butterflies of Alabama' program Tuesday at Agriplex

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The North Alabama Agriplex continues its Gosse Nature Lecture Series on Tuesday, March 6 with "Butterflies of Alabama." The butterfly program is free to attend and will be presented by author Paulette H. Ogard at 6 p.m. Ogard will present a photographic program about the intimate lives of Alabama butterflies and how gardens and landscapes can attract and sustain them.

Ogard is the co-author of "Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses into their Lives" and one of the founders of the online Alabama Butterfly Atlas (www.alabama.butterflyatlas.usf.edu).

Cullman County is filled with butterflies. According to the online Alabama Butterfly Atlas, the elegant Eastern Tiger Swallowtail calls it home, and Monarchs travel through the state during their yearly migration to and from Mexico.

The North Alabama Agriplex's Gosse Nature Lecture Series about Alabama history, biodiversity and local authors. Gosse was an Englishman who came to Alabama in 1838 and captured the wonders of Alabama flora and fauna in his paintings. In 1859 he published "Letters from Alabama," chronicling Alabama nature. The University of Alabama press has published a series of nature guides specific to Alabama plants and animals. The authors of these books will be presenting free programs and book signings at the Agriplex through July 2018.

Upcoming events in the Gosse series:

- March 6: Butterflies, Paulette H. Ogard
- April 17: Nature Journal, Dr. LJ Davenport
- May 1: Turtles, Dr. Craig Guyer
- June 26: Ferns, Dr. Dan Spaulding
- July 17: Mammals, Dr. Todd Steury

The Gosse Nature Guides are a series of natural history guidebooks prepared by experts on the plants and animals of Alabama and designed for the outdoor enthusiast and ecology layman. Because Alabama is one of the nation's most biodiverse states, its residents and visitors require accurate, accessible field guides to interpret the wealth of life that thrives within the state's borders. The Gosse Nature Guides are named to honor Philip Henry Gosse's early appreciation of Alabama's natural wealth and to highlight the valuable legacy of his recorded observations. Look for other volumes in the Gosse Nature Guides series at http://uapress.ua.edu.

The North Alabama Agriplex is Heritage Center is located at 1714 Talley Ho St. in Cullman. For more information, visit www.agriplex.org or call 256-297-1044.



PAULETTE H. OGARD

Eastern Tiger Swallowtails call Cullman County home.

COMMUNITY NOTE

Bloomin' Festival April 21-22

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – The 34th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on April 21-22 at Saint Bernard. There will be 150 artisans, awesome food and the giveaway of a 2018 Jeep Renegade and other valuable prizes. There will also be reduced price admission to Ave Maria Grotto.

For more information, visit www.bloominfestival.com or www.Facebook.com/bloominfestival.

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waiting on property that they're looking for. You know, something that jumps out at them or something they really want. So there's a limited number of those houses available."

Are you seeing new people moving in, or Cullmanites moving around?

"It's a pretty good mix. We do have a lot of people moving in, with the industry and some of these businesses, and that kind of thing. But we also have people that may even work out of town, that don't mind the drive, because I think they want to live in this town."

What are the positive moves happening in the Cullman market to respond to the shortage?

"There's a lot of new builds going on right now, different subdivisions are expanding and that kind of thing. And those are doing really, really well. I think the need is, there's still people that are interested in these older neighborhoods, that just--location wise--want to be in a different place, and the limited number of houses in those areas that are available.

"And the point is that people (in the historic neighborhoods) are happy living where they are, so they don't want to move. It's just limiting that inventory in those areas. But the new builds are doing real well, as well.

"There'll be houses, but not everybody wants a 1970s ranch house that needs updating. A lot of people are wanting move-in ready homes, and those (houses') availability in the older neighborhoods are few and far between."

A Cullman native and descendant of early city residents, Wes Warren has been active in the area's real estate market for most of his life, and has for several years he has been the top-producing real estate agent in Cullman. Happy Homes, since its founding by Warren as a one-man operation just six years ago, has grown to become the top-producing company in the Cullman market with a staff of 18. Find out more at http://happyhomesrealestate.com.







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45th annual Cullman Rotary Club Auction set for March 9

Brian Bradberry, Kristen Holmes

CULLMAN – The 45th annual Cullman Rotary Club Auction will be held on Friday, March 9 at the Cullman Civic Center. Doors will open, and the viewing of auction items begin, at 4:30 p.m. The silent auction will take place from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. The live auction begins at 6:45 p.m.

Hundreds of items large and small - household, personal, business and other - have been donated by local merchants and individuals.

There is something for every taste and in every price range.

Raffle tickets are also available for Glock 9mm handgun and $500 cash.

The raffle winner will be drawn during the event.

Visit the Cullman Rotary Club Facebook Page (http://qrne.ws/cullmanrotary) to see auction item previews and get more information.

"It's such a great community event. We receive our auction items from generous donations by local businesses, industries and individuals.

"All the proceeds are used to provide charitable donations throughout the community, and we recognize our sponsors at the time of auction," said Cullman Rotary Club Fundraising Chair Eli Howard.

This popular annual event is the Rotary Club's primary fundraiser, and it supports the organization's service to the community throughout the year.

"We raised over $50,000 last year that helped to support local charities and projects here in Cullman.

"Rotarians always work hard to make the Rotary Auction a success, and we appreciate all of the community support that makes this event successful year in and year out," said Cullman Rotary Club President Perry Shields.

For more information about the Rotary Auction, call Howard at 256-737-7128.

At a glance
45th Annual Cullman Rotary Club Auction
March 9, 2018
Cullman Civic Center
Viewing starts at 4:30 p.m.
Silent Auction from 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Live Auction begins at 6:45 p.m.

Obituary Announcements: March 2 - 4

Durk Dewayne Bennefield passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018. He was born April 9, 1954 to Otis and Peggy Bennefield. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his significant other, Sheila Warren, daughters; Harlie Bennefield and Mary (Randy) Summerford, son, Matthew Bennefield, step son, Shane Graham, granddaughters; Katie Beth, and Ella, sister, Reda (J.R) Legg, nephews; Jody (Candie) Legg and Tim Legg, and a host of family and friends. No services will be held at this time.

Funeral service for Roger Dewayne Deaver, age 53 of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Panama Baptist Church with Greg Aldridge officiating. Burial will be at Panama Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Deaver passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. He was born March 22, 1964 to Dennis and Joyce Deaver. He is preceded in death by his father and brother, Keith Allen. Survivors include his wife, Lynda Yates Deaver, sons; Joshua Allen Deaver and Jonathan (Leslie) Deaver, mother, Joyce Deaver, grandson, James Dennis Deaver, brothers; Randy (Kay) Deaver, Tim (Karen) Deaver, Ricky (Christy) Deaver, Kevin (Pricilla) Deaver, Edwin Deaver, and Derwin Deaver, sisters; Kathy West and Jeanetta Cornwell; David Watson, and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Panama Baptist Church.

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.

Graveside services for Henry Melvin Brazelton, 65, are Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Ready Cemetery in Toney, Alabama. Mr. Brazelton passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. He is survived by his brothers, Walter Brazelton and Edward Brazelton; sisters, Dorcas Murray and Sarah Tucker; seven nephews and three nieces.

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.

Funeral service for Randall Earl Bowen, age 63 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 04, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Don Froelich officiating; burial at Union Hill. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bowen passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at his residence. He was born, September 29, 1954 to Arthur Bowen and Betty Jean Wallace. He is preceded in death by his, parents and sisters, Becky Massey and Alice Faye Bowen. Survivors include his, daughters, Debbie (Rick) Thiot, Summer (Tony) Mullet, grandchildren, Stephanie (Jason) McClendon, Jasmine Mullet, Laura Mullet, and Lauren Thiot, great grandchildren, Talyn McClendon, and Jasper Long, sister, Christine (Benny) Hale, Derinda (Charles) Johnson, brother, Roger (Kathy) Bowen, Bobby McMurtry and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 and 9 a.m. until funeral time Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan made campaign stop in Cullman Thursday. McMillan is running for state treasurer.

CAMPAIGN 2018

McMillan makes campaign stop in Cullman

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CULLMAN – On Thursday morning, Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan stopped by Peoples Bank in Cullman, not as commissioner but as a candidate. He is concluding his second term and is seeking the office of state treasurer, the position currently occupied by McMillan's personal friend, Young Boozer.

"We're both serving the last year of our two-(term) limit, which all the constitutional offices of Alabama have. So I had looked at what my future might hold. Young and several other close friends in the state government came to me and asked me if I would consider this," said McMillan, "and my initial reaction was not a lot of interest. But Young and I have been friends--same Rotary Club and all that--for many years, but I did continue to talk to him and visit with him, and over a fairly short period of time found that I did have enough interest in it to pursue it. So, basically, that's it."

Said McMillan, "I understand, from the position I'm in now, number one: how important these down ballot positions are, and secondly: how few of our citizens understand the importance to consumers and everybody else that both of these positions--ag and the treasurer's office--have."

McMillan grew up in Stockton, in Baldwin County, working on a family-run farm and sawmill. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Rhodes College.

He served on the Baldwin County Commission and two terms as a state representative. He has been commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and he spent 14 years on the state personnel board. McMillan has served as commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries since 2010.

What will be the major issue or issues for the office of the treasurer in the next term?

McMillan replied, "Young and I have both agreed that there are a couple of programs, for example: the old PAC college savings plan is frozen, but he has started the 529 college savings plan, and then there's another plan that's called EnABLE that the Legislature just passed in 2012; that is a program set up for tax-free contributions for the long-term care or benefit of special needs folks with disabilities and that sort of thing.

"We both agree that both the 529 and the ABLE program--EnABLE is official, but ABLE is what it's referred to (www.enableal.com)--both need more promotion. I have a special needs son myself, my wife and I, that's still with us, and we weren't even familiar with that program, for example. So, I think the promotion of those two programs.

"And then, depending on the general economy and what the Legislature decides to do with funding issues, one of the things that I'm very much interested in: I was instrumental in the oil and gas lease program that enabled us to have the Alabama Trust Fund for oil and gas proceeds, when I was commissioner of conservation.

"And those revenues are declining, so it's going to be important, I think, particularly to have an interest in protecting and preserving that fund.

"And it's gone from in excess of $150 million a year down now to somewhere in the neighborhood of $50 million a year, and that's going to continue to decline as those wells are depleted. I think that's an important thing that I have a lot of personal interest in.

"Those will probably be the main things, because so much of the rest of it depends on interest rates and the economy generally and nationally, and all of those kinds of things. A lot of that involves and requires decisions that move along through time."

McMillan has been a part of Alabama's government since his election to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1974, holding numerous elected and appointed positions over the years, and he feels that his career and record make him a suitable candidate for one more office.

Said McMillan, "I have had a lot of experience in state government, and (I've) been very successful, for example, in working with the legislature and fixing a lot of problems at the Department of Agriculture and Industries. So I'm up to those challenges.

"I feel like I've been blessed to have had these opportunities, and for this position I've got the skills, knowledge and experience to do a good job.

"And nobody'll work harder than I will. I pride myself on being the one that makes coffee everywhere I've ever been."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO.: AD2017-079**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF E.G.A
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.G.A, a minor child born on the 28th day of December, 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama, to B.L.W, was filed on the 1st day of November, 2017, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Crystal Helton and Alfredo Anglada, Petitioners, alleging that the identity of the natural father of the child is unknown or had not been disclosed to the Court. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF February, 2018.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

ESTATE OF) CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
CAROLYN CAMPBELL DECEASED,) **PROBATE COURT** PC2018-077

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to GREGORY CAMPBELL on the 28th day of February, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

GREGORY CAMPBELL
Personal Representative/Executor

ANDRIA RICHTER, Attorney for the Estate
of CAROLYN CAMPBELL, Deceased
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To: _____
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Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC-2017-348
FRANK CARL SPATARO, *
DECEASED *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have granted to LORRAINE McCAWLEY as Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANK CARL SPATARO, deceased, on this the 26th day of February, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman Count.

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP *
HELEN BRINDLEY, * **CASE NO.: PC 2018-007**
An Incapacitated Person. *

To: **Jimmy Faron Brindley**, next of kin, or any party having interest

Notice is hereby given that on this day came ELIZABETH HOLMES, filing her Petition for Guardianship of HELEN BRINDLEY, an incapacitated person, to be appointed as Guardian.

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Letters of Guardianship has been set for the **4th day of April, 2018, at 10:30 A.M.,** before TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, Room 101, at this time you may appear or if you have an objection to the Petition for Letters of Guardianship you must make your objection known in writing and file said objection with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

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

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MARCH 3, 2018

WSCC SPORTS

WSCC women's golf wins Northeast Alabama Invitational title

Men's golf, basketball, baseball and softball roundup

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Wallace State's women's golf team won the Northeast Alabama Invitational this week in Scottsboro. Pictured are, from left, Dalys Mullican, Michaela Bryan, Anna Seahorn, Annalee Stephens and Anna Williams. Stephens was the tournament's low medalist.

Wallace State's Geordan Walker attempts a dunk as Snead State's Josh Freeman (12) and Jason Morrison (2) defend.

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's women's golf team is off to a flying start this spring. The Lady Lions, the defending Alabama Community College Conference champions, won the Northeast Alabama Invitational title this week at Goose Pond Colony Resort in Scottsboro.

Wallace State had four golfers place on the All-Tournament team.

Annalee Stephens was the tournament's low medalist by carding a 157 (84-73). The sophomore from Jasper was also the ACCC Tournament low medalist last April.

Wallace State's Anna Seahorn, Michaela Bryan and Dalys Mullican each joined Stephens on the All-Tournament team. All four teammates were separated by just seven strokes overall. Seahorn finished with a 160, Bryan with a 162 and Mullican with a 164.

Anna Williams rounded out the field for Wallace State.

"It's always great to get off to good start and win your first tournament. Our women are excited about it," said Wallace State coach Dan York. "They now go down to Louisiana on Sunday, and we'll see how we stack up against some four-year programs."

Meanwhile, Wallace State's men's team heads to Decatur on Sunday in preparation for the Calhoun Tournament at Point Mallard. The two-day tournament begins Monday.

The Lions are coming off a fourth-place finish in the Coastal Alabama Invitational on Feb. 18, and sophomore Brandon Lacasse was the individual tournament runner-up at Rock Creek Golf Club in Fairhope. Lacasse finished with an even-par 144 (74-70), placing one shot behind Eastern Florida State's Fraser Davren.

Wallace State's Anthony Lumpkin finished 10th with a 4-over 148 and sophomore Luke Wilson carded a 9-over 153. Thomas Gevas (155) and Cody Maddox (165) rounded out the field for the Lions.

Wallace State finished nine shots behind tournament champ Eastern Florida State.

Wallace State basketball

Wallace State's women's basketball team enters the postseason Tuesday on a four-game winning streak.

Sophomore Joy Sadler registered her ninth double-double of the season for the Lady Lions in a win over Snead State this week, pouring in 27 points and collecting 14 rebounds as Wallace State finished the regular season 8-2 in Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) action.

DeMaurea Moore added 10 points and six rebounds off the bench and Jada Golden contributed nine points behind three 3's.

Before the contest, Wallace State (22-7, 8-2 ACCC) had already clinched the North Division's No. 2 seed for next week's ACCC Tournament at Lawson State. The Lady Lions play at 1 p.m. on Tuesday against the Coastal-North/Snead State winner.

"I think the second seed is important for our team and especially the sophomores. We didn't have it last year. I think it gives us confidence knowing we are one of the top teams going in. We are excited about it and know it's a big deal," said Wallace State interim coach Jessica McBrayer.

Wallace State recognized eight players during sophomore night: Sadler, Sydney Powell, Karlie Hudson, Gabby Hill, Marquise Cobbs, Tykeah Rogers, Alexis Osteen and Ahzaila Wright.

"These ladies have been important to our program because they endured a lot of change this season. They have been consistent. They've consistently worked hard and consistently bought into what they were asked to do. I know I can lean on them, and I'm excited to see what they can do next week," McBrayer said.

Wallace State's men closed the season at 15-15 after the top-seeded Parsons used a big second-half surge to pull away for a 74-58 victory.

Wallace State freshman Demarkus Lampley poured in a game-high 30 points in the game, reaching the 30-point plateau for the third time this season and capping an impressive freshman campaign with the Lions.

Snead State, the ACCC North Division champion, used a 20-0 run to begin the second half.

Geordon Walker scored all 12 of his points in the first half for Wallace State, and Dee'Quan Fleming added six.

Fleming and Trevoris Waugh, both sophomores, were recognized before the game.

Wallace State baseball

Wallace State's baseball team travels to Andalusia on Friday, where the Lions are set to play LSU-Eunice and Lurleen B. Wallace CC this weekend.

Wallace State is off to a 12-1 start through the season's first month.

The Lions notched wins last weekend over Baton Rouge Community College, East Central Community College and Tyler Junior College.

Freshman catcher Easton Kirk collected nine RBI's last weekend and is third in the league with 18 RBI's thus far in 2018.

Sophomores Kolby Robinson, Palmer Ford and Dalton Cobb each had key performances in Mississippi, and starters Tanner Rusk, Blake Rivera and Garrett Brown notched wins on the mound.

Wallace State begins conference play on March 8 at Southern Union. The Lions' conference home opener is March 10.

Wallace State softball

The Lions have the weekend off after being rained out at Chattanooga State on Thursday.

Wallace State softball (13-6) has won three games in a row after splitting a doubleheader against Columbia State on Monday and sweeping Coastal Alabama – North on Tuesday with wins of 3-0 and 12-9.

In the doubleheader against Columbia State, Hannah Ingram finished with two triples and three RBIs, Sidney Edwards collected four RBIs and Megan Hill, Sydney McKissick and Keeli Bobbitt each added an RBI.

Wallace State softball travels to the College of Central Florida on Tuesday.

The Lions return home March 15 for a conference doubleheader v. Calhoun.

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Presley Higdon (3) and the Lady Lions have earned a first-round bye in the ACCC postseason.

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