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2 more women come forward in case against Cullman attorney Randy Hames

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CULLMAN – Two more civil lawsuits have been filed against disgraced Cullman attorney Randy Allan Hames. According to court documents obtained by The Tribune, the plaintiffs are Doris M. Watson and Alisha Cobb; the complaints were filed on March 13, 2018. Both women are represented by Cullman law firm Crocker & Sparks, as well as Birmingham firm Wiggins, Childs, Pantazis, Fisher & Goldfarb, LLC. The firms are now representing a total of four women in cases against Hames.

"On Tuesday, the 13th, I and another law firm I'm working with, filed two lawsuits against Randy Hames," said attorney R. Champ Crocker. "The human trafficking law has a civil right of action in it. A victim of human trafficking has got a right to have their own private lawsuit, » PAGE 4



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cullman attorney Randy Hames, shown here in his mugshot from Monday, March 5, 2018



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Attorneys Anna M. Sparks and R. Champ Crocker, who are representing four women in civil cases against Cullman Attorney Randy Hames, are seen here leaving a status hearing on Friday, March 16, 2018.

Vinemont man charged with trafficking methamphetamine



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ronall Brannon

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit on Thursday arrested Ronall Jason Brannon, 45, of Vinemont for trafficking in methamphetamine and unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

Police say Brannon sold more than an ounce of methamphetamine.

Carla Sheiree Swann, 42, of Cullman was with Brannon at the time of the arrest. Swann was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brannon remains incarcerated in the Cullman County Detention Center. Swann has been released.

Irish Heritage Festival today in downtown Hanceville

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – Hanceville is going to be debuting a new tradition this St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Heritage Celebration. Mayor Kenneth Nail has had the idea presented to him in the past and he, along with a few other organizers, decided to break ground on the tradition this year.

"Several years ago, Coleen Vansant, who is the public relations person for the Alabama Forestry Commission who just happens to live in Hanceville and went to school at Hanceville, she's been chewing on my ear for two or three years about we need an Irish heritage festival. I said you know you're exactly right because Cullman has the German heritage festival with 'Johnny' Cullmann and all that, but to be honest with you, there was probably more Irish in Cullman County than there were Germans," Nail said. "My great, great grandfather was what they called the old red Irish with the red hair and the whole nine yards so we kind of decided to do a little bit this year. We hope to build on this next year and do a little bit more; we would love for it to get bigger and bigger."

This being the inaugural festival, Mayor Nail and the others didn't have as much time to prepare and organize this year's event as they will in the future. However, Nail is still excited for the attractions and activities they'll have Saturday for the public to enjoy.

"We didn't want to get too deep because we didn't want people expecting just a whole bunch of different things and we're really just starting out with four or five people so this year basically what they're going to do, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. they're going to meet around the library downtown, the Hanceville band is going to be there and they'll be playing some music and there's going to be a bake sale and you might be able to get some green Kool-Aid."

Outside of the bake sales, live music and other features, this year's festival also has activities planned for the kids.

"One of the things we're going to do is between 2 and 4 the kids can come to the downtown area between Jimmy Hale Mission and Bangor Avenue and hunt for the gold around downtown Hanceville, and what they are is gold rocks. If you bring the golden rocks to the library, you will get » PAGE 8



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Hanceville's Irish Heritage Celebration will take place in downtown Hanceville today, Saturday, March 17, from 2-4 p.m.

Vinemont man arrested for multiple drug offenses, trafficking meth



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

James Reaid

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit on Thursday arrested James Michael Reaid, 67, of Vinemont for trafficking in methamphetamine, unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police say Reaid sold more than an ounce of methamphetamine. During a search of Reaid's home, police allegedly recovered 20 additional grams of meth, multiple pills and drug paraphernalia.

Reaid was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where he remains incarcerated.

Wallace State to host Forum on Leadership as part of National Women's History Month

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – In recognition of National Women's History Month, Wallace State Community College announces it will host a Forum on Leadership on Thursday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m., in the Bailey Center Auditorium.

A number of women in leadership roles will share their thoughts on leadership, success, and what it takes to break the glass ceiling, including Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics; WSCC Future Foundation board member and State Farm agent Shirley Quattlebaum; Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown; leading economic developer and consultant Peggy Smith, currently serving as the Converging for Success Consultant at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce; SkillsUSA National Officer and Wallace State student Maci Key; and Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Leah Bolin.

The event, sponsored by the Wallace State Diversity Committee, Learning Communities, and Burrow Museum is open to all.

The 2018 Theme for National Women's History Month is **"Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of** » PAGE 8

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Cullman man charged with distribution of meth

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CULLMAN – A Cullman man was arrested on Tuesday by the Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU), charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with physical evidence.

According to the CPD, officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Terry Wayne Thursby, Jr., 30, but before pulling to the side of the roadway, Thursby allegedly threw a black case out of the passenger side window of the vehicle.

Officers recovered the case, which the CPD said contained approximately 10 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia items.

Thursby was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where he has since made bond.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Terry Thursby, Jr.

Cullman woman charged with selling meth

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) on Tuesday arrested Lauren Alexandra Harvey, 21, of Cullman for one count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine.

She was also arrested on a warrant for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Harvey was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center, according to the CPD, and while there, was allegedly found to be in possession of methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, resulting in additional charges of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree promoting prison contraband.

Harvey has since made bond.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lauren Harvey

2 Hanceville women ID'd as victims in Thursday morning wreck

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WALTER – Two people were killed in a head-on collision near the community of Walter Thursday morning, confirmed Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick, who identified the victims as Michelle Denean Hicks, 45, of Hanceville and Natasha Nicole Byrd, 31, of Hanceville.

The wreck happened in the 30000 block of Alabama Highway 91 near County Road 653, about 4 miles south of Holly Pond around 7:30 a.m. according to Alabama State Trooper Chuck Daniel.

Byrd was killed when the 2008 KIA Spectra she was driving crossed the center line and collided head on with a 2011 Hyundai Sonata driven by Hicks. Both drivers were pronounced dead at the scene.

There were no passengers.

The Walter Volunteer Fire Department was first dispatched to the scene, along with Cullman EMS and Alabama State Troopers, who are in charge of the investigation.

Arrest reports: March 14-15

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for March 14-15. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Armstrong, Jason Eric, 42
• third-degree domestic violence

Boatner, Joseph Dewayne, 31
• non support/writ of arrest- child support

Buchanan, Joshua Lee, 34
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Cole, Nicholas J. 34
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• driving while suspended
• improper lane usage
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Collier, Lori McKenzie, 41
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Mead, Jody Alan, 33
• judge's order- first-degree theft of property (3 counts)

Mead, Melanie Kay, 42
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• illegal possession of alcohol

Sponaugle, Zena Marie, 52
• FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- harassment
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Parker, Kristin R., 29
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

McDonald, Steven S., 33
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Berry, Crystal Gail, 38
• probation violation-false Medicaid statements

Boyd, Lucas Andrew, 30
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana for personal use
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hammons, Angelia Carol, 40
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- following too close

Herron, Jason Edward, 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• resisting arrest

Kelley, Shane Wesley, 31
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Light, Zackary William, 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore, Christina Johnson, 40
• unauthorized use of a vehicle

Netherton, Brandon Heath, 39
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Powell, Joseph Dustin, 20
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Simpers, Angela Michelle, 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Tudor, Jody Jay, 46
• attempting to elude
• public intoxication

Tyler, Roger Shaundale, 35
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

West, Tiffany Leann, 19
• fourth-degree theft of property

Wilkins, Rachel Johnson, 43
• possession of drug paraphernalia

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Byess, Dawn C., 38
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Chaney, Christopher L., 35
• FTA- third-degree criminal mischief

Jacobs, Tyler V., 29
• DUI

Lee, Jeffrey A., 37
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- insurance violation

Graves, Steven K., 29
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Harbison, Ann M., 34
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• attempting to elude

Stiefelmeyer, Carl A. III, 53
• FTA- public intoxication

Miller, Bradley L., 27
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- running a red light

Willingham, Larry S., 43
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving without a license

Ballard, Joseph A., 33
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Hicks, Timothy L., 33
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Freeman, Daryn E., 19
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- no tag light

Mikel, John T., 32
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Hannah K., 22
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Reaid, James M., 67
• trafficking
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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DONE this 12th day of March, 2018.

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of K.B.C., a minor child born on the 29th day of May, 2001, in Lexington, Virginia, to biological mother Dana Ashley Thrower Recher, was filed on the 9th day of March, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Shane Stewart Recher, Petitioner. 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 12th DAY OF March, 2018.

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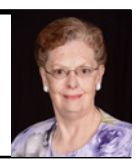
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MADISON COUNTY

Dripping Springs NSDAR members at the 120th Annual Conference at Auburn University. Back row, (left to right) are Linda Kuykendall, Pam Reid, Brenda Scott and Pat Kahler. Seated on the front row, (left to right) are Rhonda VanZandt, Athelia Gibbs, Julia Floyd, Linda Schiger and Julea Moats.

Good morning Tribune readers and families. Welcome to the beginning of spring. If the sun would shine, the wind quit blowing, and so forth and so forth, maybe we could enjoy some warmer weather.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club held their March meeting on Tuesday at the local fire hall. Mrs. Deanie Walker, club president, presided. Brenda Scott led in the pledge to our flag, followed by a very good devotional presented by Amelia Wisener. Minutes of our last meeting were presented as written and approved.

Also approved were the treasurer's report. The cemetery board report was also presented by Brenda Scott.

Miscellaneous items of business were discussed. The program was presented by Miss Belinda Kilgore on the topic, "Heritage Plants".

Each member received their cake plates to be filled for the bake sale, which will be held at the Holly Pond Town Hall on March 31.

Members were asked to have their items there by 7:00 a.m., of that Saturday morning and the bake sale will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Members attending were Amelia Wisener, Brenda Wisener, Brenda Scott, Nell Harbison, Lee Reid, Gladys Wisener, Julia Floyd, Janice Murphree, Jimmie Dean Carnell, Linda Reid, Sue Morris, Maggie Smith, Peggy Ray, Deanie Walker, Judy Jones, Lyndall House, Christine Wise and Louise Scott.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club met on Tuesday night. Kay Stewart, president, presided. Paul Brown, presented the invocation; Bart Dye led in the pledge to the flag with Tammy Baker leading in the Civitan Creed.

Judy Floyd presented a written secretary report followed by the treasurer's report by Sharon Oliver.

During the old business part, we discussed the successful pastor appreciation dinner.

A proclamation was signed for Civitan awareness month for the month of April. It was also announced that the club will be holding their annual Vidalia onion sale with the deadline for taking orders on April 10. Our members who attended the Region I meeting presented a report on this meeting.

During the new business part, scholarship plans were discussed; good citizen, youth leadership nominations, and plans for an Easter party to be held at the Holly Pond Senior Site building on March 26. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 27.

Members attending this meeting included, Kay Stewart, Judy Floyd, Bart Dye, Gladys Wisener, Sharon Oliver, Lynn Jetton, Carla Hart, Tammy Black, Jimmie Dean Carnell, Paul Brown, Bill Oliver, Walt Floyd, Janice Murphree and Mary Hickey.

The 120th Annual Conference of the Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution was recently held in Auburn. Dripping Springs daughters attending from the local chapter were Linda Kuykendall, Pam Reid, Brenda Scott, Pat Kahler, Rhonda Van Zandt, Athelia Gibbs, Julia Floyd, Linda Schiger and Julea Moats.

Until next time, be safe, and keep warm.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1955

Earnest Swann has gone back to work at the American Bridge Company in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hancock and boys spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Allred and family, in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Haynes, of Auburndale, Florida, are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Leroy Campbell spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Larry Dale, of Pleasant Grove.

Reverend J.B. Thompson has been ill and in the Jasper hospital.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for Mrs. Birdie Mae Glasscock, 78, who died at her residence, on June 15th. The Reverend J. Gilbert Speake conducted the services at Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Survivors are: seven sons, Troy, Fred, Louie, Rufus, Charles, Claiborn and Harold Glasscock; one daughter, Mrs. Pearlie Mae Thomas; fifteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Eli Davis and one brother, Eugene Harris.

Pound loaf of bread, 15 cents at Brothers. Ad.

The June 2nd Mystery Farm has been correctly identified as that of H.K. Tilley, of Route Four, Cullman.

This 102 acre farm was previously owned by Mr. Tilley's father, L.A. "Bud" Tilley.

However, the present owner has been on the farm for the last 30 years. He has 75 acres in cultivation, on which he raises cotton, plants of various kinds, cattle, hogs and Shetland ponies. He does most of his farming by tractor, but some by mules.

Before her marriage on April 19th, 1924, Mrs. Tilley was Maudie Gilland. They have four daughters: Mrs. Charles Dunn, of Route One, Vinemont, Mrs. James Logan, of Birmingham, Mrs. Jack Nix, of Route Six, Cullman and Mrs. Ben Hoenig, of Columbus, Georgia and one son, Dwight Tilley, of Route Four, Cullman.

The Tilleys are Baptist. He is a director of the Farmer's Marketing and Exchange Association and she is a member of the Grandview Home Demonstration Club.

Fishing, boxing and all sports are listed by Mr. Tilley as his hobbies, while Mrs. Tilley says that traveling is her hobby. Last summer the Tilleys enjoyed a long motor trip through 16 states and into Canada.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I think he said, 'I want free hot dogs'

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



I am living evidence that God has a sense of humor. While I often tell and sing humorous stories, this is not why I said that. My life's calling has greatly involved the use of words; written and spoken. While it may seem that I have absolutely no problem speaking, this has not always been the case. I hardly spoke at all until I was three years old. Rather than vocalizing words, I grunted and pointed like a caveman. When I finally decided to impart my great words of wisdom to others, many didn't understand them. Okay, some still don't understand what I'm trying to say, but for different reasons. Back then, I simply could not articulate the words clearly. While Mom worried; others laughed.

There actually wasn't anything physically wrong with me. I simply did not know how to form certain words.

One of my neighbors was Larry Ledford but when I called his name it sounded like Warry Wedford. If I wanted someone to stop, I said, "Sop it!" I had a lazy tongue.

Rather than moving to the roof of my mouth to form the letters L and T, my tongue lounged around doing little. My lips didn't have a good work ethic either. Certain letters, such as R, require a little pucker power. Maybe I was afraid some pretty little first grade classmate might think I was trying to kiss her.

You might remember that Elmer Fudd had this problem, you "wascally wabbit." I also had other words in my vocabulary that had no rhyme or reason. I called chewing gum "shewing gene." I called Coca Colas "Shoe Shulies." I spoke my own language!

This can really become annoying, and even embarrassing, when certain words sound similar to other words. Later in life, a friend whom I'll call William (not his real name), suffered with a speech problem similar to mine, but his was caused by a birth defect. When he said the word "three" it sounded like "free."

One day he had stopped at a Dairy Bar to buy some hot dogs and Cokes. The lady at the window asked, "May I help you, young man?" William answered, "Yes, Ma'am. Give me "free" hot dogs and "free" Cokes." The lady replied, "Son, we don't have free hot dogs or free Cokes." William understood the problem, but she didn't. Somewhat exasperated, he said, "Yes, Ma'am, I believe you do. You see, I want "free" hot dogs and "free" Cokes." She became aggravated and shouted, "Son, I told you, we don't have those items, or any other items, for free. If you want hot dogs, Cokes, or a can of Vienna Sausages, you will have to pay for them – and we don't even sell Vienna Sausages! We don't give away food!"

William put his hands on his hips and shouted back at her, "I don't want free food! I am not saying I want free anything! I am saying I want „free,' „free." You got it? I want "free" hot dogs and "free" Cokes! I want one, two, free hot dogs and one, two, free Cokes! As Cool Hand Luke said, "What we've got here is a failure to communicate."

Among God's created creatures, the human ability to communicate with one another is one of the most unique and special gifts of any. William's speech problem was never corrected, yet, in spite of that, he spent his life as a minister and a teacher.

With the help of my older sister who helped me learn how to shape words correctly, I conquered my issue. To the best of your ability, use your gift of communication, especially with the ones you love.

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Poet's Corner



Forever Five

By: Randy C. Hale

Dennis the Menace is forever five,
I wish sometimes to be.
To forever play and do the things
of whatsoever dreamed.

When a stick can be a knights sword,
a rock a soldier's grenade.
When a bright red bike can lead-
a ticker tape parade.

To climb and swing from a Tarzan vine
or fly a starship to the moon.
To stop a raging herd of elephants,
knowing exactly what to do.

To Grab a broom or baseball bat
and be on stage with my guitar,
pretending to be - a Superstar!

"Hold the fort!" or "Circle the wagons!"
You might hear me shout.
I'd have a blast and run real fast -
Superr herooo speeeed!

Then lay down at night and fall asleep
thinking of adventures of little old me
and what tomorrow just might bring.

Dennis the menace is forever five
and that is nice to be.

Happy Birthday my grandsons
Jace age 5 and Jackson age 4

Case (from Front)

and that's what we did."

All four civil suits stem from human trafficking charges levied against Hames, 75, in the last few weeks.

Hames was arrested on Feb. 22 for two counts of second-degree stalking and two counts of promoting prostitution, misdemeanor charges. Kayla Carreker and Tomeka Bartlett accused Hames of requesting sex for rent payments. The two lived at Hames Trailer Park, owned by the accused. Carreker and Bartlett also accuse Hames of making crude sexual remarks to them. The two were the first to file civil complaints against Hames.

Hames was out on bond and practicing law inside the Cullman County Courthouse when he was arrested again on March 5 for two counts of second-degree human trafficking. He made bond that same day. Bond was $15,000 property for each count of human trafficking. A Cullman County Sheriff's Office spokesman said the Cullman County District Attorney's Office decided to move forward with the human trafficking charges after reviewing the case and speaking with the victims and others.

Hames was arrested again on March 10 and charged with first-degree human trafficking and second-degree human trafficking. He was booked on an $80,000 bond. He made bond and has been released.

Authorities have not confirmed whether March 10's charges relate to the same victims whose accusations led to his arrest on March 5, or whether they relate to the two new woman who filed civil complaints March 13.

According to court documents, Watson was a tenant at Hames's trailer park from September 2012 until May 2013. "Soon after Plaintiff moved into the trailer park, Hames showed up at Watson's home and invited himself inside telling Watson that he wanted to talk to her over a glass of homemade elderberry wine," reads the complaint. "Plaintiff agreed to talk with Hames. During the course of the conversation, Hames noticed Plaintiff's tongue ring. After plaintiff finished her one and only glass of wine, Hames said to her 'I bet you know how to use that tongue ring' and 'You need to give me a (b**w job)."

The complaint details Watson's allegations that Hames continued to come to Watson's home, and she would hide from him. She says he continued to make lewd, suggestive comments.

In Cobb's complaint, she alleges that Hames, who was appointed Guardian Ad Litem of Cobb's children from December 2010 through 2013, on multiple occasions asked Cobb "personal, private questions.

For example, Hames asked Plaintiff whether she was still having sex with her ex-husband; whether she ever gave her ex-husband '(b**w jobs)', whether she was having withdrawals from not having sex; what she 'liked' sexually, and whether she shaved her pubic area." Cobb alleges Hames told her he needed to know these things because "it's part of the case."

Cobb alleges Hames showed up at her home at night. During meetings at his office, she alleges he told Cobb he wanted to come to her house and bring elderberry wine. During one meeting, she alleges he touched her inappropriately. He told her, "I'm here to help you. I can get your kids back." She alleges he left lingerie for her on her front porch and at one point told her, "You'll lose your kids if you don't have sex with me." According to the documents, "When Plaintiff would challenge his solicitation of her, Hames would respond with statements like "Who is going to believe you? DHR's got your kids."

Cobb alleges that after she continued to refuse Hames's advances, Hames "became rude and adversarial to Plaintiff in court and began supporting DHR's petition to terminate her parental rights."

On Friday afternoon, Madison County Circuit Judge Donna Pate held a status conference in an effort to organize the many moving parts in the complex set of criminal and civil actions facing Hames.

Pate was asked to come from Madison County to oversee the case after local judges recused themselves from the case. Hames was, prior to his arrest, actively practicing law in Cullman and had professional connections to all local judges.

"We're just getting started," said Crocker. "This is an initial status conference, and it dealt more with the criminal cases than the civil cases I'm involved with. So we've got an out-of-town judge who's just trying to schedule some routine matters."

Present before Judge Pate were Crocker and Sparks, Assistant District Attorney Jeremy Cline, who is prosecuting the criminal cases, and defense attorneys Johnny Berry and Brandon Little who are defending Hames in the criminal cases.

Defense in the civil cases has not been named. Hames and his family were present, but Hames spent most of the conference away from the courtroom in an attorneys' lounge while family members sat in on the conference.

The conference was routine but experienced a moment of drama when the alleged victims arrived as a group, some wearing wigs and sunglasses to mask their identities. They wore matching shirts emblazoned with a barcode, a common logo used by movements the combat human trafficking, and the phrase "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." The next hearing in the case is scheduled for mid-April.

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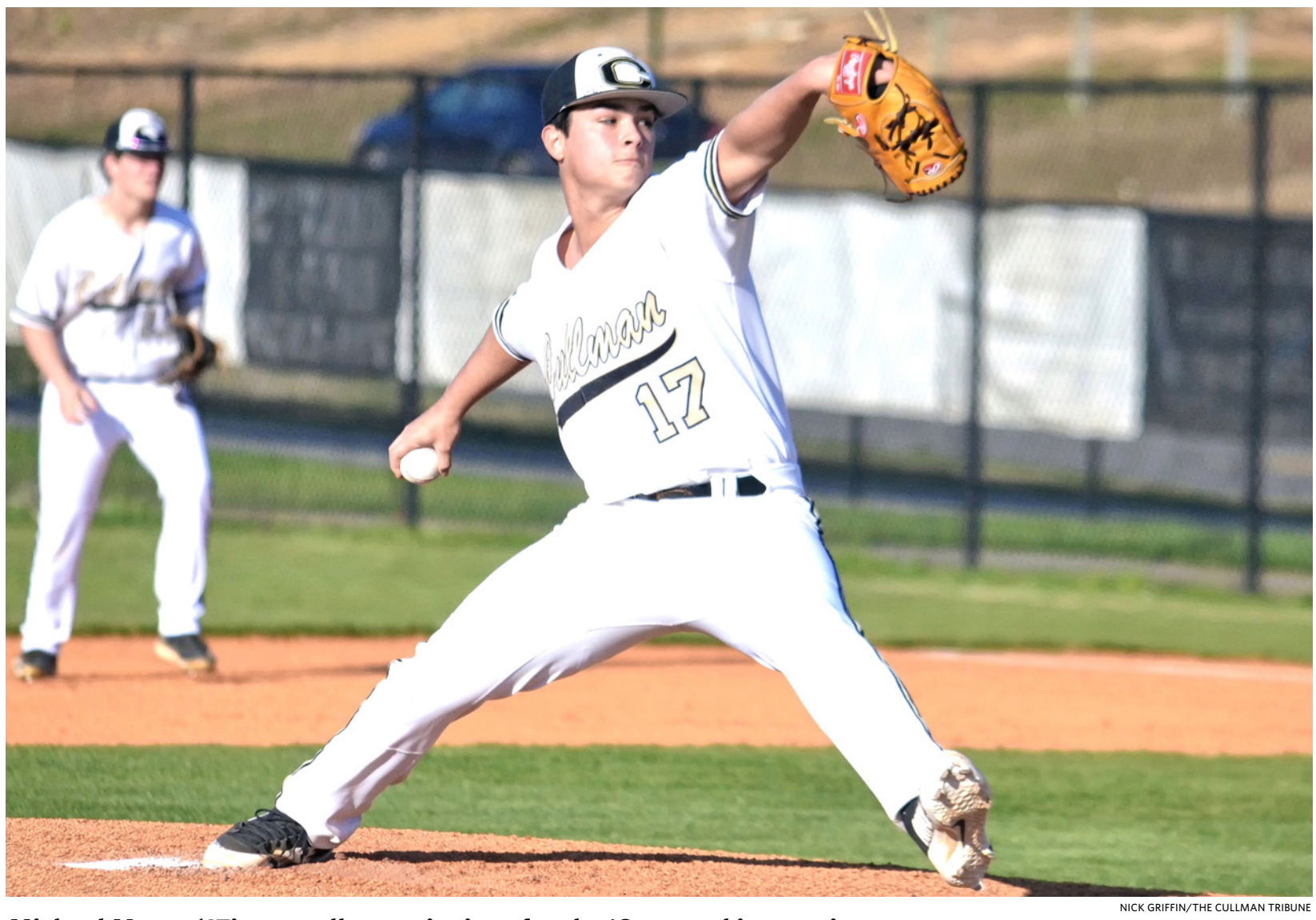
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PREP BASEBALL

Bearcats roll past Northridge, 11-4

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Michael Myers (17) went all seven innings for the 'Cats, racking up six strikeouts and allowing four runs on six hits with no walks.

CULLMAN – The Cullman Bearcats rolled past Northridge 11-4 Thursday night thanks to some power from their lineup and an efficient night on the mound from right-hander Michael Myers. The Bearcats came up with 11 hits in the win and got out to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Cooper Beck sprinted home from third base on an error and after Myers made quick work of the Jaguars in the top of the second, Cullman's bats took a commanding lead in the bottom half of the inning. Dylon Wallace stole third base and made the turn to score after a throwing error put the ball in left field. After that, Grayson Taylor put three more runs on the board with a bases-clearing triple to deep center field that put the 'Cats up 5-0. Taylor came home on a wild pitch during the next at bat and Cullman took a 6-0 lead into the third. Taylor produced a lot of offense for the Bearcats Thursday, leading the team with four RBIs.

Three more quick outs from Myers put the Bearcats back at the plate where they added two more runs in the bottom of the third. Weston Norton scored Wallace on a single into right field and Beck crossed the plate on a sac fly from Taylor to go up 8-0.

The 'Cats scored their ninth run in the fourth on an error in the outfield and Myers finally allowed his first run in the top of the fifth on a fielder's choice. Northridge found some runs in the top of the sixth, scoring three and cutting the Bearcat lead to 9-4. Wallace answered in the bottom of the inning with a two-run shot over the left-center field wall that put Cullman up 11-4 and officially closed the door on the Jaguars. Wallace went 3-for-3 with two RBIs at the plate and reached on a walk. Myers went out to the mound for the final three outs and made quick work of Northridge to secure the 11-4 win. Myers went all seven innings for the 'Cats, racking up six strikeouts and allowing four runs on six hits with no walks.

Bearcats' Head Coach Brent Patterson gave credit to his guy on the mound for a lot of their success both at the plate and in the field.

"Mike (Myers) set the tone on the mound and we put him in a bad place to start the game off when we made an error and put a runner on second, and then he pitches out of it and we come in and score in the bottom of the first," Patterson said. "So, he set the tone on the mound, he threw three or four pitches for a strike on both sides of the plate. Everything revolves around what happens on the mound, and it's easier to hit when your pitcher fills up the strike zone. It's easier to play defense when your pitcher fills it up, so I credit everything back to Michael Myers."

Patterson said his team is still in the process of finding its identity but likes the progress he has seen for the most part since the start of the year.

"We're pretty close to being good, and we might be just a little bit more close to being real average. We've got to have some guys step up on the mound and play up to their potential more. We've got a lot of guys that can, but haven't, and so a lot of times we have to learn how to get out of our own way. I think a lot of it is being comfortable and confident in themselves, so I really like our club, but we showed in the top of the sixth that we've yet to really put a complete game together. The Hillgrove game, our first game over there at Lakepoint, was the closest thing we've had to a complete game and again that goes back to Michael Myers. It's easier to play when your pitcher is doing his job."

The win at home makes it back-to-back victories for the 'Cats, and they'll try to make it a winning streak on Saturday when they host Grissom and Hoover starting at 11.

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Wallace State's Dana Adams named recipient of inaugural AACC's Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award

Russell Moore
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HANCEVILLE – Wallace State math instructor Dana Adams has been named a recipient of the inaugural Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award, as presented by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Adams is one of only 50 community college instructors across the United States to earn the designation.

"It's a huge honor to know our administration believes I do a lot of good things for Wallace State and our students, even though I don't think I do anything beyond what the rest of our great faculty does," Adams said. "I'm excited and blessed to be among the first recipients."

Adams, who has taught at Wallace State for 10 years and is an alum of the college, is among the faculty leaders in instructional innovation.

She has been instrumental with developing Wallace State's Teaching and Learning Academy (TLA), Accelerated Math Program (AMP) and is the college's Instructional Coach for faculty.

Dr. Beth Bownes Johnson, Wallace State's dean of Academic Affairs, nominated Adams for the award.

"Dana was awarded the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award because of her demonstrated passion for student success, both inside and outside of the classroom.

"She shares this enthusiasm and her innovative pedagogy with peers through her role as Instructional Coach. Dana also developed one of our first Accelerated Math Programs (AMP) in order to streamline students through developmental studies and to increase the likelihood of completion and graduation.

"It is a privilege and pleasure to work with someone so dedicated to our mission here at Wallace State," Johnson said.

The Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award was established to celebrate individuals making a difference at their college.

Criteria for Adams and other nominees included:

- Demonstrating passion for the students and the classroom.
- Showing a willingness to support students, inside and outside of the classroom.
- Being in inclined to participate in college committees.
- Going above and beyond what is required to ensure that students are successful in their academic endeavors.

Adams will be recognized by the AACC at its annual convention in Dallas on April 28-May 1.

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



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Dana Adams will be presented with the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award at the AACC annual convention on April 28-May 1.

Obituary Announcements: March 17 - 18

Funeral services for Wanda Faye Shelton, 71, of Hanceville are Saturday, March 17, 2018 at noon at Shelton Grove Baptist Church; with interment in the church cemetery. Visitation on at Hanceville Funeral Home on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church. She passed away on March 15 at her home. She was born September 20, 1946 to Richard and Melba Stricklin. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bobby Stricklin and David Aaron and sister, Luene Rice. Mrs. Shelton leaves behind her husband of 56 years, Hugh Shelton, Sr., daughter, Marlene (Bruce) Parker; son, Hugh (Amy) Shelton, Jr.; grandson, Heath Parker; granddaughters, Paige (Drew) Adams, Haley (Justin) May and Hannah (Ryan) Hunt; great grandsons, Camber and Cash May; brother, Ricky (Tammy) Stricklin; sister, Teresa (Maurice) Rice; brother-in-law, Jurl Rice; sister-in-law, Myra Stricklin and a host of nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

Rita Darlene Aderholt, 59 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at her home. Mrs. Aderholt was born on July 11, 1958 in Guntersville, Alabama. Rita attended DAR High School in Grant, Alabama. Private services. Rita is survived by her fiancé, Danny Key; daughters, Kelly Aderholt and her husband Lemaar Leeth, Ashley Aderholt, Brandy Aderholt; father, Willie Hill; brothers, Roger Hill, Phillip Hill; sisters, Pam Skipworth, and Tracy Ledbetter; and a host of neices and nephews. She was "Nano" to grandson, Bentlee. She was preceded in death by her mother, Edith Bevel.

Eddy "Randy" Smith, 63 of Blount County, entered into the presence of his Savior and Lord on March 15, 2018 in Marshall County. Randy was born to Dock Claude and Katie Marie (Shoemaker) Smith on January 25, 1955 in Blount County. Randy was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He worked in the construction business as a contractor for many years but had rather been fishing any day. He was a member of Rock Springs Methodist Church. Randy is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Sherrel Smith; and a granddaughter, Hallie Smith. Survivors include his wife, Pat (Box) Smith; sons, Clint Smith(Chyenne) and Matt Box; daughters, Lauren Smith Tipton (Michael) and Miranda Box; brother, Sammy Smith; sisters, Linda VanZandt and Melba Hutchens (Ralph); sister-in-law, Vicky Smith; grandchildren, Jayden, Camryn, Hayden, Hayley, and Kia; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2018 in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Chris Washburn officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family beginning at 12 noon on Saturday. Burial will follow the service at Rock Springs Cemetery in Blount County. Pall bearers will be Chris Cole, Lance Yarbrough, Les VanZandt, Jonathan Hutchens, Matthew Smith, and Ty Smith. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Smith.

Memorial service for Hazel Lee Bush, 71 of Cullman, will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Mt. Grove Methodist Church, Rev. Phillip Doss officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Bush passed away March 13, 2018. She was born August 25, 1946 to Alex and Susie Mae Clark. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jimmy Bush; sister, Mary Clark. Survivors include her son, Dennis Dewayne Scott; three brothers, William Henry Clark, James Clark, David Clark; three sisters, Betty Lott, Ruth Clark Smith, Myrlie Davis; three grandchildren, Sandra Cody Tompkins; James Scott, Billy Scott; eight great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Evelene Nail Wilson of Vinemont Alabama passed away on March 15, 2018 at her residence at the age of 91. She was born on February 2, 1927 to D.R. and Rhoda Matilda Lyles Nail. She is preceded in death by her parents, sons Raymond and Danny Wilson, brother C.D. Nail, 1 grandchild and 1 great grandchild. Funeral services will be on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dennis Shaddix officiating. Interment will be in Bethel Baptist Cemetery in the Blair community. Survivors are daughters Londiline Pigg, Jeanene Martin, 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, sister Ezell Scott. Visitation will be on Saturday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Sharon Lynn Bryan, 49 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at her home. Mrs. Bryan was born on March 22, 1968 in Double Springs. Sharon was a member of Friendship Freewill Baptist Church for 10 years. She was a 1986 graduate of Addison High School. Sharon was known as "Shimmy Shimmy" by family and friends. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2pm. Brother Chris Bartlett and Brother Mike Turner will officiate. Burial will follow in Sardis Baptist Church No.2 Cemetery. Sharon is survived by her husband of 32 years, Kenneth Bryan; daughter, Jill Blakemore and her husband Adam; and brother, Kris Wayne Oliver. She was "Mimi" to one grandson, Abram Joe Blakemore. She is preceded in death by her parents, F.C. and Patricia Oliver.

Michelle D. Hicks, 45, of Hanceville passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018. The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 18 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home.

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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette poses with Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and the system's School Resource Officers Thursday at the Cullman County School Board meeting.

CCBOE thanks school resource officers, approves more than $2M in facility improvements

W.C. Mann
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HOLLY POND – In the wake of recent violent school tragedies across the country, the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) took time out of its meeting at Holly Pond High School Thursday evening to recognize and thank Sheriff Matt Gentry and his team of School Resource Officers for their service in keeping area schools safe.

As students distributed gift bags to the sheriff and his deputies, CCBOE Superintendent Shane Barnette said, "I can't brag enough on our resource officers and Sheriff Gentry, and I told them today as we were having to work through an issue today, I said I feel like sometimes our school system's their number one customer. But I'm really proud that you guys are there.

"I know you have our backs, and I know that everything that you guys do (is) to keep our kids safe; I don't ever want you to think we don't appreciate you, because we do."

Resource Officers

- Cold Springs - Boyd Posey
- Cullman Area Technology Academy/Child Development Center - Sgt. Randall Chambers
- Fairview - Jeff Lawson
- Fast Track/Rebound - Jimmy Posey and Neal Whitlock
- Good Hope - Eric Robertson
- Hanceville - Chad Whaley
- Harmony/Cullman Area Resource Education - Sgt. Arvel Allison
- Holly Pond - Shane Chambers
- Parkside - Matthew Rutherford
- Vinemont - Jim Butts
- Welti - Lt. Erik Ryan
- West Point - Kevin Folds

Facility improvements

The board voted to accept the following bids for facility improvements:

- $213,800 from A&S Electrical for electrical and HVAC upgrades and renovations at the Child Development Center
- $68,792 from Miller Roofing for reroofing and QZAB renovations at Fairview High School
- $1,884,497 from KC Construction for reroofing, HVAC and electrical upgrades and renovations at the Cullman Area Technology Academy
- $58,750 from A&S Electrical for electrical upgrades to the cafeteria at Hanceville High School

Faculty, staff and team recognitions

Barnette commended the system's transportation department for receiving a state Award of Excellence in bus safety for having less than 10 percent major deficiencies in the state inspection.

Melissa "Missy" Donaldson of Holly Pond Elementary School was recognized for her nomination to Jacksonville State University's Teacher Hall of Fame.

Letha Miller of Holly Pond Elementary School and LaTisha Jackson of Good Hope High School were recognized as the CCBOE's nominees for Alabama Teacher of the Year in their respective divisions.

In his report at the end of the meeting, Barnette congratulated the Fairview High School basketball team for winning the county championship.

Other board business

The board approved a block of resignations, leaves of absence, transfers, appointments, non-faculty coaches, substitutes and contract changes, but did not immediately release the list of affected employees.

The following expenditures were approved:

- $25 per hour to Kim Kanaday as a part-time tutor at Hanceville Middle School
- $800 to Daniel Moore as athletic director and C2C manager at Cold Springs Elementary School
- $60 to Robert Strane and $260 to Geoff McGukin for keeping the clock for Fairview High School basketball games
- $750 to Jacy Douglas as yearbook sponsor at Parkside School
- $500 to Josh Drake to coach the archery program at Vinemont Elementary School
- $100 per day for four days to Rebecca Rodriguez to attend the State Department of Education's "Failure in Not an Option" workshop

The board approved requests to surplus a hot/cold bar from Garden City School, pass-through warmer and pass-through cooler from Good Hope High School, and a Hobart mixer from Hanceville High School.

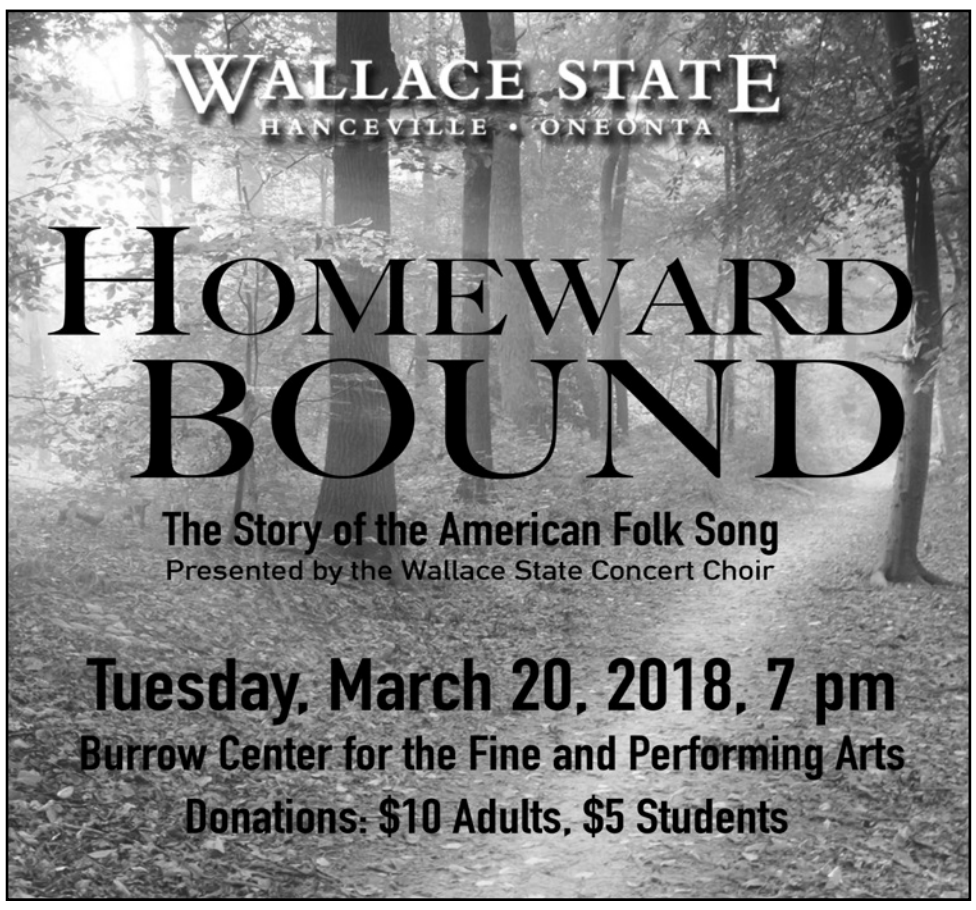
The board also approved the following out-of-state field trip requests:

- Fairview High School physics and AP chemistry classes to Atlanta for Math and Science Day at Six Flags, April 2
- Good Hope High School math department to Atlanta for Math and Science Day at Six Flags, April 2
- West Point High School softball team to Fayetteville, Tennessee for a softball tournament, April 20
- Fairview High School anatomy class to Atlanta for the "Bodies" exhibit, April 23
- West Point High School scholars' bowl team to Rosemont, Illinois for the Middle School National Scholars' Bowl Championship Tournament, May 10

The board approved a recommendation from Barnette to suspend a classified employee for three days without pay. The name of the employee and offending action were not released.

Barnette announced that Wednesday, April 4, which as a first Wednesday is usually a half day, will be a full day. Several recent short-term school closures created a need for more instructional time before the end of the year.

The CCBOE's next meeting will be April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Good Hope High School lunchroom, with work session at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PATRICIA L. BROWN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2018-000072.00

ANTHONY L. HOLLOMAN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Anthony L. Holloman, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Patricia L. Brown's Complaint for Divorce by May 14, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-000072.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of March, 2018.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
PATRICIA BROWN
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VINEMONT, AL 35179

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: AD-2018-014

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF J. D. H.
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DEAN GARLAND HOBSON

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY DOUGLAS GIBSON, PETITIONER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER JENNIFER JONES GIBSON, IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2018.

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

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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 28th 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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JUDGE OF PROBATE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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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Wallace State Concert Band celebrating 'The Best of Hollywood: 75 Years of Stage and Screen'

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The sounds of Hollywood will ring through the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on Tuesday, April 24 when the Wallace State Concert Band presents "The Best of Hollywood: 75 Years of Stage and Screen."

Jacob Keisler, Director of the Concert Band, said he chose the Hollywood theme to offer something that everyone can relate to.

All movies have soundtracks playing in the background to evoke emotion or enhance the story playing out on the screen, Keisler said.

The Concert Band will play a selection of songs from "The Great Gatsby," "Game' of Thrones," "Lord of the Rings," "Harry Potter," Chicago" and more.

Through this show, Keisler said listeners will learn about the composers of the songs, such as John Williams, who wrote scores for "Star Wars," "E.T." and "Harry Potter."

A narrator will share information about the selections and still images will be shown as the songs play to provide visual cues as to which movies the songs were in.

Members of the Wallace State Concert Band include: violin: Jotham Mayo of Birmingham; flute: Ashley Amason of Corner, Nicole Fisher of Pinson, Leila McDaniel of Locust Fork, Kara Pettus of Vinemont, Gabrielle Leak of Arab, Jennifer Lucas of Hartselle; clarinets: Kim Compton of Vinemont, Josh Gilmore of Morris, Jessica Webster of Fultondale, Hannah Crider of Good Hope; saxophones: Brisa Guzman of Somerville, Aaron Pipes of Cullman, Gage Swann of Hanceville, Hannah Glassco and Lacy Hendrix of Albertville, Kyle Hays of Fairvew, Harrison Wright of Blountsville; trumpets: Becky Finely of West Point, Tyler Dover of Baileyton, Blake Driver of Vinemont, Zach Hudson of Hanceville, Trever Kramer of Blountsville, Jerrick Little of Cleveland, Jessica Margotta and Drew Van-Winkle of Eva, Kaitlan Ragland of Houston; French horn: Karissa Hall of Eva; trombones: Adi Contreras of Blountsville, Daniel Leach of Hanceville, Baylee Mallon of Cleveland; tubas: Jacob Harbison of Cullman, Aaron Hollaway of Arab; bass: Cayla Bagwell of Arab; percussion, Levi Foster of Col Springs, Kayla Scroggins of Falkville, Sam Hewitt of South Dakota, Isaiah Smiley of Hayden, Jarrod Boike of Cullman, Rachel Roberts of Dodge City.



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Wallace State Concert Band director Jacob Keisler leads the band in practice for its April 24 concert "The Best of Hollywood: 75 Years of Stage and Screen." The show will be 7 p.m., in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is $5.

Admission is $5. To purchase or reserve tickets, contact Stefany Pate Keisler at 256-352-8277 or stefany.pate@wallacestate.edu.

Forum (from Front)

Discrimination Against Women."

Throughout this year, the National Women's History Project will honor 15 outstanding women for their unrelenting and inspirational persistence, and for understanding that, by fighting all forms of discrimination against women and girls, they have shaped America's history and our future. Their lives demonstrate the power of voice, of taking action, and of believing that meaningful and lasting change is possible in our democratic society.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-800.

Festival (from Front)

certain prizes. I did notice that there's some prizes like a wheel alignment and if little Johnny finds a golden rock he probably doesn't need the wheel alignment but Mom and Dad sure would probably like to get it," Nail joked. "There's gift certificates from places like Luna's BBQ, there's a set of jumper cables and some toys and things that we'll be giving away, so the rock/gold hunting is pretty much for the kids and then of course we encourage everyone to visit the stores downtown."

Hanceville's Irish Heritage Celebration will take place in downtown Hanceville today, Saturday, March 17, from 2-4 p.m.

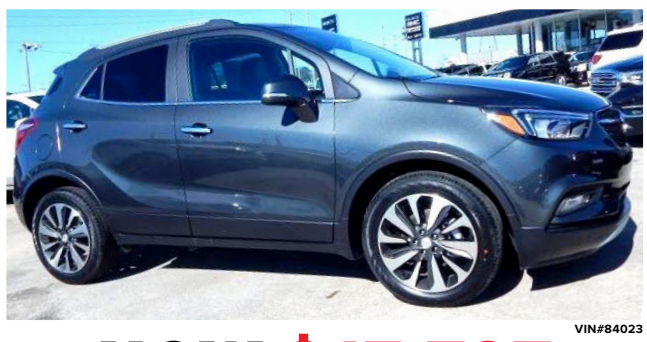
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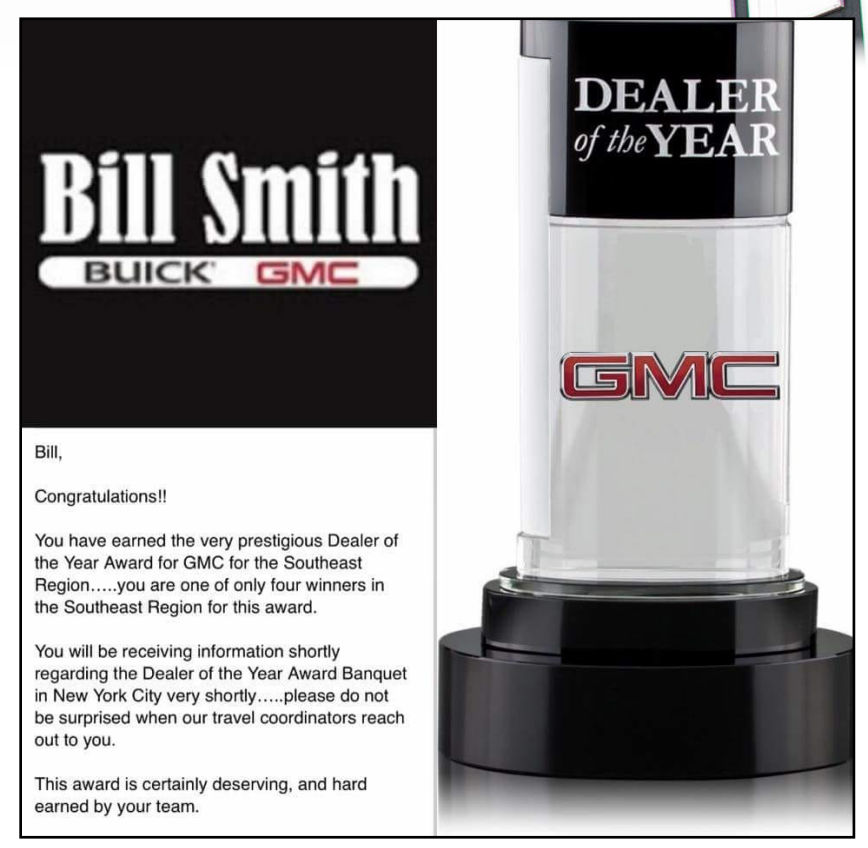
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