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Cullman city leaders visit D.C. for Congressional City Conference

Leanne West
Office of Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Mayor Woody Jacobs, Council President Garlan E. Gudger, Jr., Council President Pro-Tem Jenny Folsom, and Councilmembers Clint Hollingsworth and Andy Page were in Washington D.C., March 10-14, 2018, to attend the annual National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference.

The Congressional City Conference is the annual legislative meeting of the National League of Cities (NLC).

This year, 3,000 city leaders from across America convened to advocate for city priorities, to hear from government officials and experts, to make important connections at networking events, and to meet with members of Congress on Capitol Hill. More than 100 of the delegates attending were from Alabama. While in D.C., Cullman officials also met with U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, Sen. Richard Shelby, Sen. Doug Jones (all of whom represent Alabama) and » PAGE 2



GARLAN GUDGER

[BACK ROW] Brian Dove (Cullman-Jefferson Gas), Dale Greer (CEDA), Larraine Greer, Susan Eller (CEDA), Council President Garlan Gudger [MIDDLE ROW] Mike Manning (Cullman Power Board), Jamie Troutman (CEDA), Heather Gudger, Councilmember Clint Hollingsworth [FRONT ROW] Council President Pro-Tem Jenny Folsom, Mark Bussman (Cullman ID Board), Councilmember Andy Page, Mayor Woody Jacobs

5TH-GRADE SCHOLARS WIN WEST POINT HIGH INVITATIONAL



LEE HENRY

Team members are, from left to right: John Davis Yovino, Brodie Henry, Eli Taylor and Katie Beth Yovino.

Lee Henry
Contributor

WEST POINT – The West Point Intermediate School Scholars' Bowl team ended its season by finishing in first place at the West Point High School Invitational on March 3.

Despite being all fifth graders, the team won the Sixth-Grade Division of the tournament, defeating West Point Middle, East Elementary, Arab, and East Lawrence Middle Schools.

Since the team's season is over, the members have "moved up" and have now joined the West Point Middle School team, which is going to compete in the Middle School National Championship Tournament in Chicago this May.

This is the first time in the school's history that it will compete for the National Championship.

'Thousands of employees affected'

Cullman Economic Development Agency: local industrial zones hit hard by storms

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Note: *the listing contained here is preliminary; it should be considered a demonstrative sampling, not a complete nor final report. Investigation of the effects of the March 19 storms is ongoing.*

CULLMAN – The Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) surveyed damage around town after Monday's storm, and found that the area's industrial parks and complexes sustained major damage. Only Industrial Park Four, located west of the city and north of storm victim Industrial Park Three, was spared severe effects.

After a preliminary examination, CEDA Director Dale Greer indicated on Friday that the path of destruction from Monday's storms included:

- **Cullman Industrial Park One:** Wal-Mart Distribution Center suffered roof damage but was still undergoing assessment. Webb Wheel lost windows in its main building and suffered roof damage. Numerous vehicles were damaged. Pennington Seed suffered roof damage and took in water but was able to reopen. Concours Mold had a company vehicle damaged but no building damage to report, at least initially.

- **Cullman Industrial Park Two:** Reliance Worldwide suffered roof damage to multiple buildings. Damage to company and employee vehicles was extensive, and the facility suffered some water damage. Serta suffered damage to trucks and vehicles and scheduled a roof inspection. Elk River had skylights broken out, with substantial damage » PAGE 7

Bullseye: Local teams collect wins at county archery tournament

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – Several local schools claimed wins during this week's NASP Cullman County Regional Tournament at Fairview High School. The West Point Warriors collected first place in the high school division with 3,365 total points, Cullman Middle School finished first in its division with 3,312 points, edging out Vinemont Middle School by just 12 points, and East Elementary racked up 3,199 points on its way to first place in the Elementary Division.

Top five finishers in each male and female age division

Female High School Division

1. Sophomore Ronnie Gentry, West Point High School. Scored 22 tens and 292 total points

2. Freshman Shay Sellers, West Point High School. Scored 15 tens and 282 total points

3. Sophomore Lily Owen, West Point High School. Scored 15 tens and 281 total points

4. Freshman Mallory Hammock, Good Hope High School. Scored 13 tens and 279 total points

5. Freshman Jenna Chaney, Priceville High » PAGE 2



HEITH YEARWOOD

The West Point High School archery team took first place in this week's NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) Cullman County Regional Tournament

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CCBOE moves to speed repairs to facilities, vehicles

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Cullman County School Board held a brief special session on Thursday to speed up the process to repair property damaged in Monday's storm.

CULLMAN – In a special called meeting on Thursday afternoon, the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) declared the need for repairs to Welti Elementary School and the county bus shop (including vehicles) to be an emergency situation by unanimous vote of all members present. The declaration will allow repairs to begin right away.

According to Superintendent Shane Barnette, "We had Welti that we had multiple buildings there, and the siding, and the windows, and the awnings. "It's going to be several hundred thousand dollars there, and then the bus shop. We're expecting it, when it all comes back, to be over a million dollars."

In addition to facilities damage at Welti and the bus shop, 13 buses were damaged, three driver's education vehicles were totalled, and one mechanical utility truck will likely be declared totalled as well.

Fairview Middle School was part of the original damage declaration on Tuesday, but was not included in Thursday's business since the damage was not severe.

"They had some water damage in there," said Barnette, "but I think it was something we were going to be able to fix there; and it wasn't something that was near as serious."

The CCBOE's next regular meeting will be Thursday, Apr. 19, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Good Hope High School lunchroom, with work session at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

Cullman mayor releases preliminary city property storm damage list

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CULLMAN – On Thursday afternoon, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs shared a preliminary listing of City-owned property affected by Monday's storms, noting that more properties could be added as assessments are still underway.

Buildings/facilities

- Cullman Economic Development Agency - damaged windows and awnings
- Wastewater Treatment Plant/Traffic Department - damaged windows, garage doors, gutters, AC unit, lighting; multiple damaged traffic units
- Fire Station 2 - damaged roof, windows, AC unit, vents, lighting
- Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center - damaged roof, windows, doors, AC unit, lighting, landscaping
- Donald E. Green Senior Center - damaged roof, door, window, siding, meter, AC unit
- Hubert Richter Memorial Chapel - damaged roof
- Heritage Park - damaged main office and concession/ bathroom building roof and windows; damaged pavilion roof, dugouts, bleachers, outdoor lighting
- Field of Miracles - damaged pavilion roof

Vehicles/trailers

- City Administration - 2 vehicles, including the mayor's vehicle
- Fire Department - 5 vehicles, 4 trailers
- Wastewater Treatment Plant - 2 vehicles
- Street Department - 1 vehicle
- Building Department - 3 vehicles
- Parks & Recreation Department - 1 trailer
- Police Department - 19 vehicles

As damage assessments are still underway, no monetary loss/recovery cost amount has been established. On releasing the list, Mayor Jacobs issued the following statement:

"On Monday, March 19, 2018, a large portion of the city of Cullman, and parts of Cullman County, were hit hard by severe thunderstorms that produced very large hail. The following day, I signed a Declaration of Emergency Conditions proclaiming the existence of a local emergency in Cullman due to the extent and severity of the damages sustained by the city of Cullman, citizens and business owners. I commend the actions of our first responders and public works employees, who are always ready to respond in severe weather conditions and other emergency situations. And my heart goes out to everyone who was affected. We will come through this together, just as we did in 2011 and just as Cullman's citizens have done several times throughout our history."



CONTRIBUTED

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

Tournament (from Front)

School. Scored 11 tens and 272 total points

Male High School Division

1. Freshman Matthew Dunagan, West Point High School. Scored 24 tens and 293 total points

2. Junior Ethan Little, West Point High School. Scored 21 tens and 291 total points

3. Junior Christian Parker, West Point High School. Scored 21 tens and 290 total points

4. Senior Will Dickerson, Good Hope High School. Scored 16 tens and 284 total points

5. Senior Bennett Fullenwider, West Point High School. Scored 15 tens and 284 total points

Female Middle School Division

1. Eighth-Grader Jamie Jowers, Cullman Middle School. Scored 15 tens and 281 total points

2. Eighth-Grader Gabby Conde, Vinemont Middle School. Scored 13 tens and 279 total points

3. Seventh-Grader Berkley Gable, Vinemont Middle School. Scored 12 tens and 279 total points

4. Seventh-Grader Savannah Mann, Vinemont Middle School. Scored 12 tens and 278 total points

5. Eighth-Grader Samantha Johnson, Cullman Middle School. Scored 12 tens and 275 total points

Male Middle School Division

1. Sixth-Grader Carson Starnes, Cullman Middle School. Scored 21 tens and 291 total points

2. Sixth-Grader Vance Powell, Vinemont Middle School. Scored 18 tens and 284 total points

3. Seventh Grader Carter Duke, West Point Middle School. Scored 13 tens and 282 total points

4. Seventh-Grader Jackson Henshaw, Cullman Middle School. Scored 15 tens and 281 total points

5. Sixth-Grader Will Bolzle, Cullman Middle School. Scored 13 tens and 279 total points

Female Elementary School Division

1. Fifth-Grader Allie Stewart, East Elementary. Scored 16 tens and 280 total points

2. Fifth-Grader Arianna Scott, East Elementary. Scored 11 tens and 267 total points

3. Fifth-Grader Ava Flores, East Elementary. Scored 6 tens and 266 total points

4. Fifth-Grader Lillyann Powell, East Elementary. Scored 8 tens and 261 total points

5. Fifth-Grader Briana Willoughby, East Elementary. Scored 7 tens and 258 total points

Male Elementary School Division

1. Fifth-Grader Jonathan Roland, Vinemont Elementary. Scored 9 tens and 275 total points

2. Fifth-Grader Cole Carden, East Elementary. Scored 12 tens and 274 total points

3. Fifth-Grader Hayden Scott, East Elementary. Scored 11 tens and 272 total points

4. Fifth-Grader Cole Burnham, East Elementary. Scored 10 tens and 268 total points

5. Fifth-Grader Kayden Henderson, Vinemont Elementary. Scored 10 tens and 268 total points

Conference (from Front)

other federal government officials.

"This year's NLC Congressional City Conference was very productive," said Jacobs.

"We met with various Congressional leaders to discuss and promote issues important to Cullman.

"The NLC provided information on federal policies and regulations affecting cities, the latest funding opportunities, and so forth. Representatives from the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) were also there, and we met with other Alabama Fourth Congressional District mayors and City Council members to discuss matters affecting our district."

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For more information on the NLC Congressional City Conference visit ccc.nlc.org.

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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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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State's February unemployment rate maintains record low of 3.7%; Cullman's rate up slightly to 3.6%

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MONTGOMERY – The office of Gov. Kay Ivey on Friday announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate held steady at 3.7 percent, well below February 2017's rate of 5.3 percent. Cullman County's rate went up slightly, from 3.5 percent for January to 3.6 percent for February, down significantly from February 2017's rate of 5 percent. Cullman County's February 2018 rate is the second lowest in the state.

According to a media release from the governor's office, February's rate represents 80,685 unemployed persons, compared to 80,807 in January and 115,397 in February 2017. 2,080,339 people were counted as employed, up from January's count of 2,079,876, and up from February 2017's count of 2,060,841.

"The fact that we are able to maintain our record low unemployment rate for yet another month shows that we are, in fact, keeping Alabamians working," said Ivey. "Once again, we can announce that we have the fewest number of unemployed people in history.

"More people are working, and our economy is adding jobs. This is a combination I'm proud of, and one we hope to maintain for many more months to come."

"We have maintained a wage and salary employment count of over two million for eleven months in a row now," said Alabama Department of Labor Sec. Fitzgerald Washington. "Not long ago, we were looking forward to just attaining that 'magic number.' We are consistently adding jobs to our economy. These numbers show that employers are confident in the economy and are continuing to hire."

Statistics released by the governor's office

Wage and salary employment grew in February by 14,800. Monthly gains were seen in the education and health services sector (+4,700), the government sector (+2,600), and the professional and business services sector (+2,400), among others.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 19,300, with gains in the education and health services sector (+5,000), the professional and business sector (+4,300), the leisure and hospitality sector (+4,200), and the manufacturing industry (+2,400), among others.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 3.1 percent, Cullman County at 3.6 percent, and Marshall, Madison and Blount Counties at 3.7 percent.

Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 10.5 percent, Clarke County at 8.0 percent and Lowndes County at 7.4 percent.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 2.6 percent, Homewood at 2.9 percent and Alabaster and Hoover at 3.0 percent.

Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Prichard at 7.5 percent, Selma at 7.2 percent and Anniston at 6.5 percent.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1898

Logan is rapidly becoming an important town. The density of the population of the community may be estimated from the fact that there are 500 school children within walking distance of the place.

Cullman went Democratic in the Tuesday elections.

Mrs. W.E. Morris returned on Saturday from a visit to relatives in Greensboro.

There is talk of extending the corporate limits to include West Cullman.

George Newman has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Professor E.M. Kelley, of Bremen, was in Cullman on Wednesday.

Miss Eva Cagle and Albert Harper were married recently.

Invitations have been sent announcing the marriage of Attorney Joel B. Brown and Miss Minnie Heidelberg. The wedding will take place on November 24th at the First Methodist Church.

Professor S.H. Green spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks in Falkville.

The "Peak Sisters," entertainers, have dedicated a song to the "Dudes of Cullman," which they will sing here on Friday night. The local dudes should turn out in full force to hear their praises sung.

From The Files Of 1917

Reverend Clay I. Hudson, of Athens, will become pastor of the First Baptist Church on the first of January.

Marion Jackson, Dick Sandlin, Lucy and Martha Buckelew and Monroe Partain were injured in a surrey accident, on Saturday.

Miss Ethel Powell, expression teacher, will spend the holidays in New York City.

14,178 bales of cotton from the 1917 crop had been ginned, up to December 1st, as compared to 16,958 bales up to that date in 1916.

Wiley Helton has sold his blacksmith shop, at Walter, to Arthur Whitaker.

Married on December 9th were Miss Hessie Moore, of Walter and Ped McDowell, of Georgia.

Reverend and Mrs. B.F. Foster will spend the holidays in Lexington, Kentucky.

There will be a Christmas tree, at Fairview School, on Christmas Eve night.

From The Files Of 1940

Beech Grove News

Misses Olive McElroy and Wynell Hathcoat spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Elaine Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Clay spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Guthery, of Logan.

The community is saddened by the injury of Mrs. Rape and mourn the death of Mrs. Sargent. Mrs. Rape is reported to be improving nicely.

The B.Y.P.U. at Beech Grove is coming along nicely. Everyone is invited to be with us.

Mr. D.L. McCann was the guest of Mildred Higginbotham on Saturday night.

Logan News

Several of the children are having to miss school because of the chicken pox.

Mrs. Otis Watson, of Birmingham, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Denson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Kilgo, of Jones Chapel, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kilgo.

The ballgame at Logan, on Friday night, was a great success.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gammon, who have moved to Logan.

The play, "An Old-Fashioned Mother," sponsored by the Junior III class was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Belcher, of Birmingham, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Belcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Vickey.

An indication of Alabama's rapidly advancing business is given by comments of the Department of Industrial Relations in the November report, which was made public by Judge John D. Petree, Director of Industrial Relations.

The number of continued claims for unemployment benefits (claims filed for subsequent weeks of unemployment after the original claims were submitted by the same claimants) was 13 percent smaller than in October.

Benefit payment checks decreased 16 percent, while the total amount of benefit payments decreased 15 percent.

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Surely no Cullman County person would keep my light male setter bird dog, if he knew how much he means to me.

The dog has black ears, stiff hind leg, J.A. Thornhill, of Decatur, on collar plate. He was lost near Jones Chapel, on December 7th. Reward will be given by J.A. Thornhill, Decatur, Alabama.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

There is one common thing that brings us together

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Thirty two years ago, I discovered something that has been a regular part of my life ever since. Since then, I have participated in this activity around three times each week. That's adds up to around five thousand times.

That is a lot of time to invest in any one thing. If you've guessed what, you've probably guessed church attendance. You would be incorrect.

Oh, I've been in church probably that many times, if not more, during those same years.

I've been involved in ministry for over forty years, but that's not what I'm talking about here. No, it's not golf.

The PGA never called and I'm not sure where my clubs are. I'm talking about chasing a little blue ball around inside a rectangular room with a hardwood floor. It is racquetball.

Racquetball is tremendous fun but also great exercise. An hour of competitive racquetball burns around 700 calories. Some kind friend once remarked that I didn't look like someone who plays racquetball. I replied, "Can you imagine what I would look like if I didn't play?"

Through the years, I have played with some great groups of players. Many of them have become dear friends. When my family and I moved to Opelika in 2007, there were no courts here.

For two years I traveled to Valley to play. I still play with a couple of those guys, but since 2009, when the Sportsplex opened in Opelika, we have played there.

Several others have joined our group since then. We are mostly older guys, although, Tyler recently joined our group and he is only nineteen.

The rest of us are between fifty and seventy something. Our oldest player will be 75 next month. Racquetball players are rated as A-B-C, or D players. Our group might be rated A-A-R-P!

Actually, some in our group are retired but several of us are still working.

We are indeed quite a diverse group in many ways. None of us ever worked together or held the same profession, other than military. We have Bobby, who served in the Air National Guard and has operated an insurance agency for forty-four years.

Anthony owns a dry cleaning business. He once lived in, and operated a dry cleaning business, in France.

Then there's Frenchy who grew up as French Canadian, before his family moved to Florida. Occasionally, those two converse in French.

Frenchy retired as a Major in the Air Force but continued to work as a defense contractor for the space program and spent twenty years in Special Ops Command. Keith operates his own business as a box distributor.

Lee is a semi-retired forester. Bob is a retired O5 (Lieutenant Colonel) Navy officer, who worked at the Pentagon. AL retired from B.F. Goodrich after thirty-two years. He also served in the Air Force K-9 Unit. Charlie is retired police officer with twenty five years of service, sixteen of those as a School Resource Officer. David is a retired optometrist and avid bicyclist. Oh, and I am the minister of racquetball.

We are also diverse in our faith too. We are Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalian, and Catholic - and we all get along!

Well, there have been a couple of guys who needed stitches after a few games but it was purely accidental. No, honestly, it was.

There is that one thing we all have in common that brought us together - racquetball.

Now, let's go back to your guess that it was church. Church members come from various backgrounds too and certainly have our differences. We too have one thing, actually one person, in common. That's why we are called Christ-ians.

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Poet's Corner

Chaperoning My Daughter

By: Randy C. Hale
(for Chloe)

My first Hip Hop concert,
I have a book of poems with me
but I can't read them.
The volume of the music and
charge of the atmosphere.

Beside me is my fourteen year old
daughter, excited and bright eyed.
The artists take the stage with
charisma, energy, capturing
the audience.

The crowd enjoys themselves
swinging, flaying their arms.
wiggling their hips , jumping on
their tippy toes.
Do wah Do wah the song goes,
something like that, catchy.
Why am I here?

Fourteen reasons
"Smile daddy" she says, leaning
into me as she snaps a selfie.

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Annual percussion dinner raises funds for Cullman bands

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests at the annual "Dinner with the Drumline" event enjoyed dinner and a show.

CULLMAN – The Cullman High School and Middle School Bands held their annual "Dinner with the Drumline" fundraiser event Thursday night and the Cullman High School cafeteria was packed with supporters, who feasted on Mad Dog Mike's BBQ and enjoyed a concert featuring both schools' percussion sections.

CHS Director of Bands Christopher Smith was excited to see the crowd that came out to eat and support his students.

"It's really important to us; this community supports this school system so well for all the things we do," said Smith. "It's such a blessing to have all these people come out and support our band program in all the things we do, our Big Band Dance and this event, because these percussion students work hard. They're kind of the engine that makes the band program run."

Costs for equipment can add up quickly, which is why these fundraising events are so important for the band programs, said Smith.

"Whether it's marching season or concert season, percussion is such a critical part of everything we do, but it's also a really expensive part of what we do," he said.

"So, it takes a lot of money to get all the equipment and sticks and mallets and drum heads, everything we need to be able to function, and our band boosters and our community do a great job of taking care of us to make sure our kids have all the right equipment that they need to do what they need to do."

Doug Teuscher, who serves as the assistant band director for both CHS and CMS, echoed a lot of what Smith said."That's the thing about percussion is everything we use for marching band and concert band all year is all consumable.

"Drum sticks break, the heads that you hit break; we do a lot of maintenance on the equipment, so it just takes a lot of working to keep everything sounding good," said Teuscher.

"It helps offset a little bit of that, especially marching band. We're playing every day, hitting the drums hard a lot and we just go through a lot of equipment, so we replace everything and keep it sounding great and this helps us pay for it."

After the meal was had and a few door prizes were awarded, both the middle and high school drumlines performed for the crowd next door in the auditorium. Between getting the word out for the fundraiser and providing the entertainment, Teuscher is proud of the work his students put in during school and after hours.

"It's kind of on a lot of the students; there's about 40 kids at both the schools that are drummers and they really got to get the word out," he said.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

"I put some fliers out and kind of got the word out a little bit, but the kids really try to push the event and get some interest.

"They've been doing it for several years so it's kind of an expected thing almost at this point, but it's a really good feeling.

"Every year it gets a little bigger and a little bigger. It's awesome; this is like the one night that's all about the work percussion does. They kind of have to pull double duty. They have to do all the band stuff, and all this is extra, but it's worth it."

Linda Bean serves as the band director at CMS.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville council grapples with closing of city pool; estimate for splash pad shoots up to $200K

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HANCEVILLE – At Thursday evening's regular meeting of the Hanceville City Council, the main topic of discussion, during both the work session and official meeting, was the fate of the city's pool. At its meeting on Jan. 25, the council voted to close the pool and pursue the construction of a splash pad in its place, with Councilman Charles Wilson the sole vote against the move.

The general feeling among members Thursday night was that the pool should have salvageable materials removed, and then should be filled in, and they indicated that such was their intent when they voted to close it. When it came to making the actual call to begin demolition, though, council members seemed hesitant to drive forward quickly.

The main reason for caution appeared to be a more recent estimate of the cost of construction of the proposed splash pad. The original proposal was around $55,000 to $65,000, versus $75,000 or more to repair the old pool with its recurring outbreaks of black mold. An updated pad construction estimate has shot the total up sharply. Mayor Kenneth Nail and Councilwoman Kim Brown stated that, including all extra expenses that would go with the project, the total could top $200,000.

After lengthy discussion before and during the meeting, no action was taken on the pool; Nail pointed out that nothing could be done anyway until the City hears from the State on the matter. Since the pool was originally constructed with a state grant, demolition will require state authorization.

The council also welcomed Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown for a brief campaign stop at the meeting. Judge Brown shared a little about her career and the work of the Probate Court and office. As she concluded, she complimented Hanceville on its recent moves toward downtown revitalization and new growth.

The Hanceville City Council's next meeting will take place in Hanceville City Hall on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. with work session at 6. The public is invited to attend.



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The Hanceville City Council spent most of its meeting discussing the fate of the city's public pool.

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2 Cullman County youth win scholarships from Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Kayla Greer
Alabama Cattlemen's Association

MONTGOMERY – Two outstanding Cullman County youth were awarded scholarships on Saturday, March 17 by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) for their participation in Alabama's livestock industry.

Mattie Wood was awarded the County Star Junior Cattleman award, while Walker Johnson received the County Premier Exhibitor award.

The March 17 luncheon was held in coordination with the Alabama Jr. Beef Expo and the Southeastern Livestock Exposition (SLE) Rodeo.

The PBCI has a proud history of supporting youth in livestock. Each year, two young people from each of Alabama's 67 counties are awarded a scholarship to aid in future participation in youth livestock events or further education during the Jr. Beef Expo held at Garrett Coliseum during SLE Livestock Week.



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Pictured (left to right): Southeastern Livestock Exposition President Walter Crim, Walker Johnson, Mattie Wood and Poarch Band of Creek Indians Elder Billy Smith

Obituary Announcements: March 24

Funeral service for William Edward Branham Sr., 75 of Cullman, will be Saturday March 24, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Interment at Empire Church of God Cemetery. Mr. Branham was born on December 14, 1942 to his Parents Everett and Delcie Branham in Pikeville, Kentucky. He was a truck driver for Praxair Co. He passed away on March 17, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Selsus Branham. He is survived by sons, William (Dawn) Branham, James (Shelly) Branham, daughters, Barbra (William) Rider, Penny (Greg) Hartman, Donna (Dave) Boyer, sister, Audrey Butler, brother, Larry (Sheila) Branham. 7 Half brothers and sisters, nephew, Darrel Davenport, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Oma Allene McBrayer was born to parents James and Naomi Dewberry on August 23, 1934. She passed from this life on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at the age of 83. Allene leaves behind her daughters, Jolene Luna and Linda Bray; sons, Scottie McBrayer and Don McBrayer; sister, Joyce Huffstutler; six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Mrs. McBrayer was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rex McBrayer; and daughter, Martha McBrayer. Funeral services will be at Bethlehem West Baptist Church in Vinemont, on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 3 p.m. with burial to follow in Bethlehem West Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Virginia Leigh Yarbrough, 54 of Crane Hill, will be announced at a later date. She was born on June 23, 1963 and passed away at her home on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

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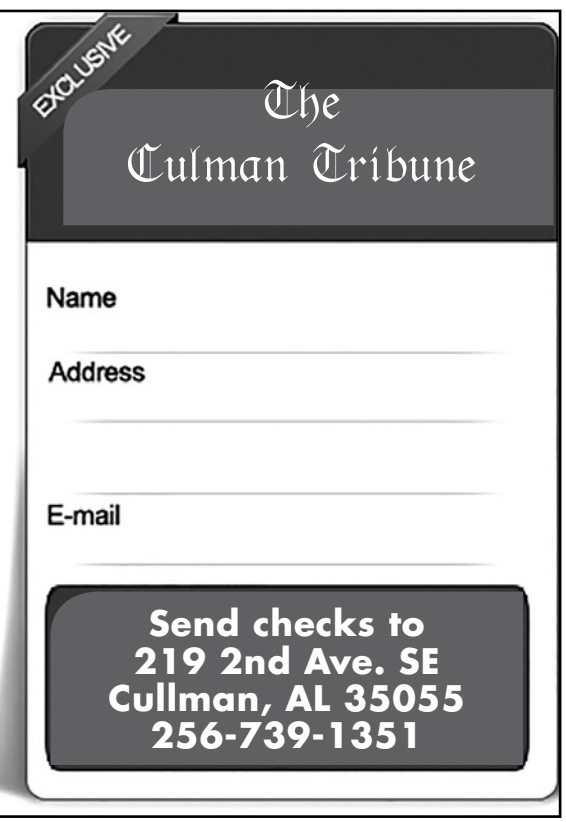
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The panelists listen as Dr. Vicki Karolewics answers a question. L-R: Peggy Smith, Karolewics, Judge Tammy Brown, Leah Bolin, Shirley Quattlebaum and Maci Key

Wallace State hosts professional women's forum on leadership

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HANCEVILLE – On Thursday morning, Wallace State Community College (WSCC) celebrated Women's History Month by hosting a forum for students and faculty on female leadership, success and breaking the glass ceiling.

Panelists from the school and community included:

- Dr. Vicki Karolewics, WSCC president
- Leah Bolin, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO
- Honorable Tammy Brown, Cullman County probate judge
- Maci Key, WSCC student and SkillsUSA national officer
- Shirley Quattlebaum, insurance agent and WSCC Future Foundation board member
- Peggy Smith, longtime Cullman area economic developer and consultant

Karolewics told The Tribune, "March is Women's History Month, and we wanted to, along with the work of our Diversity Committee, to celebrate the diversity of having women in the workforce, and to bring awareness of, maybe, the history of women entering the workforce, and maybe some of the challenges that women still face today."

The panel dealt with professional women's issues like wages differences, handling peer judgement in typically male-dominated professions and the balancing act of being perceived as capable and being liked in venues where men can be both, but women often find themselves having to push hard to prove themselves or be perceived as weak.

The presentation was well-balanced; while focused on the challenges faced by, and sometimes imposed on women, this was no male-bashing party.

During the panel discussion, Karolewics even told the audience: "I can tell you that my career has been helped more by men who believed in me and helped me believe in myself, and opened doors for me, than those who have imposed barriers for me."

A student invited to join the panel

The panel included one current WSCC student, who has already made a name for herself in a traditionally male skilled trade field.

Maci Key, who will complete her studies in the school's Machine Tool Technology and CNC programs this spring, is a national level officer in SkillsUSA, an organization for skilled trade students that describes itself as a "partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce." She is one of two women currently enrolled in her program.

Key told The Tribune, "It is different, but it's absolutely enjoyable!"

Of walking into the program for the first time, when she was the only female student, she said, "I was terrified, but I had never actually stepped outside the box in the first place.

"So stepping into a male-dominated field, being a female, I was worried at first what they would think about it.

"And then, as time went on, they helped me get into the program, and then they realized I can do it, if not better than they can. It was helpful; they really just took me in after they saw I could do it."

Key found the WSCC faculty and staff to be supportive and encouraging, saying, "They were super excited! When I said I was joining the program and I came in as a dual enrollment student, my instructors were over-excited about me being a woman coming into that program."

After she graduates, Key hopes to work for an Alabama company in quality control, and to "continue to encourage women and young girls to step outside the normal box of what we're drawn to as career choices and try something new just like I did.

"And I believe that we love it, like you fall into the 'I've accomplished something!' and it's the best feeling to know that you've made the parts to tolerance.

"I just want to keep encouraging young women to do the same. I just want other women to find their calling, instead of just settling for something."

Karolewics, who sat on the panel as WSCC's first female president, concluded, "This was just a very interesting group of women who have very different vantage points about their roles of service and leadership in their communities.

"And, you know, we're about opening the world view of our students, so I hope that exposing the students, and the faculty and staff, that were here today to different experiences in our lives of leadership in this community, I hope had some good results."

Employees (from Front)

to the roof and front of the building. A company truck sustained severe damage. Nexan Building Products had employee vehicles totaled and suffered significant damage to the roof and front office area. Product displays in the front office were destroyed.

- **Cullman Industrial Park Three:** Topre America suffered extensive roof damage on 800,000-square-feet of its building. Cars of all second-shift employees were heavily damaged, along with some company vehicles. The new Sequence Health facility suffered roof damage causing water leaks, and damage to vehicles in its parking lot. NAFCO had broken skylights leaking water onto the plant floor. Two trucks there took significant damage, and a substantial amount of finished product inventory will need to be repaired or repainted. Advanced Heat Treat had minor roof damage, and a company truck was damaged.

- **Cullman Industrial Park Five:** Yutaka, Royal Technologies (specific damage not named)

- **Old Hanceville Highway and U.S. Highway 31 industrial areas:** Goat Island Brewery had roof damage. WestRock suffered holes in its roof and water damage, cracked windows, destroyed awnings, and every car in its parking lot was totaled. Rusken, located adjacent to Goat Island, had not been surveyed by CEDA, but potentially suffered damage. One of REHAU's damaged rental buildings is also located there. Inland Buildings had broken windows and one vehicle damaged. Cullman Casting Corporation had roof damage with leaks, and significant damage to company and employee vehicles.

- **REHAU/Cullman Industrial Complex:** REHAU's Tech Center roof was demolished, and both automotive and construction building roofs suffered damage as well. Two off-site rental buildings were damaged even more extensively than REHAU's campus buildings. The second shift was at work, and every employee's vehicle in the lot was damaged. Greer was certain that production will be impacted.

Greer warned, "These are very quick assessments and I believe there will be many more damage reports. Thousands of employees are affected."

The CEDA director pointed out that, unlike the tornado damage of 2011, this event's hail damage may not be as readily visible but could but just as extensive as the 2011 storms.

Where tornadic winds blew down walls before, large hail this time left outer walls of buildings standing but penetrated roofs, allowing tremendous water damage to follow.

"I just think it's damage that people don't see everywhere," said Greer, "but it is pretty significant, though . . . People are going to be amazed at the extent of the damage, because, for the most part, that's up on top of a roof where they can't see."

The full extent of damage will not be known until inspections of all locations are completed, which could take weeks.

The National Weather Service Huntsville office indicated Wednesday that the March 19 hail storm could go down as one of the most significant hail events in U.S. history.

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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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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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration having been granted to **GLADYS VEIGL and LEE DANIEL,** Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of **KIM DANIEL**, deceased, on the 12th day of March, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 12th day of March, 2018.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO.: AD2018-020

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF S.E.F.,
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **WHITNEY NICOLE FAULKNER THURSBY**
Address Unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of S.E.F., a minor child born on the 23rd day of April, 2013, in Cullman, Alabama, to biological mother Whitney Nicole Faulkner Thursby, was filed on the 9th day of March, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Keith Morrow and Reeta Morrow, Petitioners. 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 22nd day of March, 2018.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Arrest reports: March 21-22

Wendy Sack
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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for March 21-22. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Burns, Kie Jeffery, 18
- third-degree burglary

Collins, John Carter III, 34
- GJ- first-degree theft of property

Comer, Timothy Lee, 49
- FTA- liability insurance required
- obstruction- using false ID

Eddy, Dennis Keith, 61
- DUI- influence of alcohol

Grantland, Raymond Scott, 33
- probation revocation- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Moody, Susan Baker, 64
- parole violation/ revocation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Morton, Alexander Scott, 19
- third-degree burglary

Paulino, Claudius, 30
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Peebles, Ronald Paul, 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weaver, Jennifer Nichole, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Colby Alan Caine, 19
- third-degree burglary

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Morgan, Christopher S., 38
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Peak, Brian D., 48
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Wingo, Robert J., 36
- contempt of court

Collins, John C. III, 34
- FTA- public intoxication

McGregor, Ronald L., 62
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- third-degree possession of a forged instrument

Weaver, Jennifer N., 31
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of services
- FTA- third-degree theft of property
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- tag light required
- FTA- improper lane usage

Shook, Kenneth R., 56
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Blake, Carter Wayne, 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Boone, Timothy Aaron, 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Boyd, Lucas Andrew, 30
- second-degree bail jumping- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree bail jumping- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use
- first-degree bail jumping- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cochran, Shane Joseph, 35
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Dunn, Tamra Nichole, 34
- first-degree bail jumping- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

McGraw, William Ross Jr., 48
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Sikes, Julie Dianne, 42
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Staten, Phillip Lashawn, 20
- carrying a pistol without a license
- driver's license not in possession
- driving while suspended
- improper lane usage

Swafford, Christopher James, 40
- third-degree burglary

Thomas, Denzil James, 51
- failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Weaver, Jennifer Nichole, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

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Keller, Isabella A., 21
- FTA- insurance violation

Swindall, Emma R., 19
- FTA- driving while suspended

Cain, Nathan W., 34
- harassment

Thomas, Denzil J., 51
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- indecent exposure
- FTA- attempting to elude

Duke, Cory A., 29
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Osmon, Michelle M., 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tarlton, Nora S., 63
- DUI
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Goodwin, Phillip T., 54
- FTA- insurance violation

Nichols, Vanita G., 36
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- fourth-degree theft of property

Bartolome, David M., 23
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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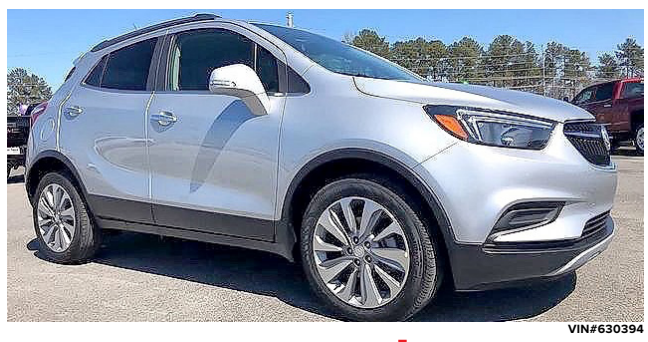
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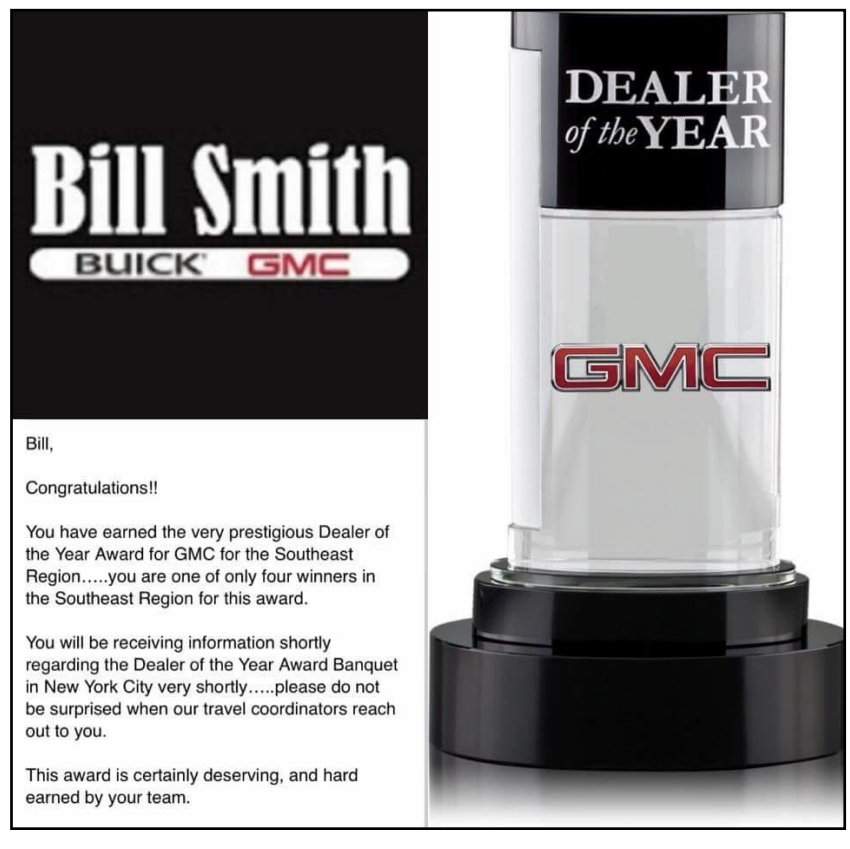


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