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MARCH 2018 STORM

Cullman hail storm's silver lining

Research could help make buildings safer

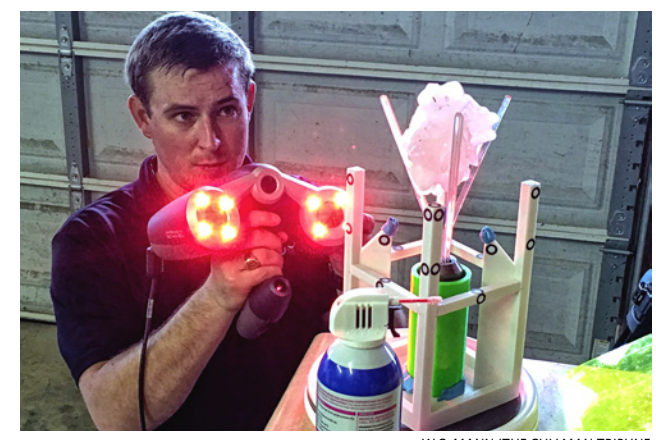
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WALTER – When bad storm clouds roll through Cullman County, they always seem to have behind them the silver lining of service: bringing out the best in people as neighbors help neighbors, and even total strangers step up to offer acts of kindness. The March 19 storm may also result in one more long-term benefit: research being done on the Cullman hail storm could lead to safer and more storm-proof buildings in the future, as well as more accurate reading of weather radar during storms.

On Wednesday, Ross Maiden and Scott Fowler of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) Research Center in Richburg, South Carolina visited Cullman County to see for themselves what hail did along a swath from south Cullman to the Walter community, and to perform 3-D laser scans of five large hailstones collected during the storm and preserved in Walter.

About the IHBS hail project

In an ongoing project led by IBHS Lead Meteorologist Ian Giammanco, the Research Center's Hail Field Study is collecting data to improve the interpretation » PAGE 8



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The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety's Ross Maiden scans the largest of five preserved hailstones collected during the March 19 storm.

Vandalism and theft becoming an issue for County Parks



NOAH GALILEE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Two suspects vandalized the coin-operated horse ride at Sportsman Lake Park Wednesday night.

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CULLMAN – On Thursday morning, staff at Sportsman Lake Park arrived to find a newly purchased coin-operated horse ride had been damaged. And this isn't the first time Sportsman Lake Park has been targeted.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport on Friday morning said that the two suspects arrived at the park after hours on a motorcycle before spending nearly a half-hour to break into the machine.

"It happened Wednesday morning around 2:55 a.m. They (suspects) were riding what looked like a crotch rocket motorcycle that is white or gray in color.

"Two people (were) riding it before they parked around behind the office," Davenport » PAGE 2

Need to get rid of large, unwanted items? Citywide Spring Cleanup April 2-6

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Cullman's annual citywide spring cleanup is next week, April 2-6. During spring cleanup, city sanitation will pick up large unwanted appliances, furniture, mattresses, etc. for customers at no extra charge.

This year's haul may be bigger than usual considering the amount of damage from last week's hail storm. Items like furniture, appliances and storm-damaged items are clear to be picked up, but items like construction materials (including shingles), rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, tires or hazardous materials are prohibited.

The Cullman City Sanitation Department only asks that customers place their items to be picked up curbside Monday or Tuesday. The larger items placed on the curb may be picked up separately from regular trash.

Email CityHall@CullmanAL.gov for more information, or visit www.cullmancity.org/departments/sanitation.htm.

CULLMAN COUNTY SANITATION CUSTOMERS: During the month of May, all County Sanitation customers can haul one load of unwanted items to the Cullman County landfill for free.

The landfill's hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-noon. It is located at 2805 Alabama Highway 69, Cullman, AL 35057.

CAMPAIGN 2018: Q &A with Rep. Corey Harbison

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CULLMAN – As we near the June 5 primary election, The Tribune is sitting down with all of the candidates voters will see of their ballots. In this installment, we hear from Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, who serves District 12. Harbison is a Good Hope native who, after attending Wallace State and graduating from Athens State, returned to serve as mayor of that city. He is completing his first term in the State House of Representatives. Harbison is being challenged in the primary election by Alex Chaney.

What led you to Montgomery in the first place?

"I have always enjoyed public service. I graduated from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy and served the people of Cullman County as a deputy sheriff for several years. I also served as the mayor of Good Hope for six years.

"I was taught the value of hard work from a very young age. I started mowing grass for the public when I was around 13 years old. While most of my friends took their graduation money and went on a senior trip, I took mine and purchased a new mower to expand my business. I » PAGE 5



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Corey Harbison

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Chaney is challenging incumbent Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope for his seat representing District 12.

What made you want to seek elected office?

"Cullman County has been really good to me and my family. I grew up in a service family: my father (Judge Kim Chaney) has donated his life to Cullman County, my mother has donated her life to her students in Cullman County. So I knew about service at a really young age.

"While in law school, I actually worked with the Alabama Law Institute, so I actually helped draft legislation to be used in the Alabama House and Senate. I think that my specific skills and legal background give me kind of a leg up with drafting » PAGE 8



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3 Joppa residents jailed after children test positive for meth

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Billy Alexander, Madison Knowles, Tracy Knowles

JOPPA – Investigators with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) on Wednesday charged three people in the community of Joppa with two counts each of chemical endangerment of a child.

Billy Allen Alexander, 49, Madison Paige Knowles, 21, and Tracy Rena Knowles, 20, were arrested after a search warrant of their residence allegedly yielded methamphetamine, prescription medication and marijuana, which a statement from the CCSO said were all being used by the offenders at the residence.

Four children, ages 2 months old to 3 years, were also living at the residence. The CCSO said all of the children tested positive for methamphetamine due to the exposure from the offenders.

"As sheriff I am proud of the effort by our investigators and the (Cullman County) Department of Human Resources to protect our children; however, as a father and sheriff it angers me that the very ones who should ensure the children's safety have exposed them to this type of environment. Our mission is to be tireless and relentless to those who put children at risk," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

All three offenders remain in the Cullman County Detention Center, each on a $10,000 bond.

Arrest reports: March 28-29

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for March 28-29. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Alexander, Billy Allen, 49
- chemical endangerment of a child (2 counts)

Beebe, Tyrone Daishawn, 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Cray, Shane Robert, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fornes, John Allen, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Glasgow, Tommy Ray, 51
- DUI- influence of alcohol

Griffin, George Ervin, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Keeton, Charles Louis, 56
- public intoxication

Knight, Amber Marie, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Knowles, Madison Paige, 21
- chemical endangerment of a child (2 counts)

Knowles, Tracy Rena, 20
- chemical endangerment of a child (2 counts)

Posey, Bobby Joe, 31
- FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Pridgen, Keith Roberts, 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Speegle, Wesley Brendan, 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- speeding

Stallings, Alyssa Mercedez, 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Staten, Phillip Lashawn, 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Stewart, Mary Elizabeth, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Williams, Theodore Vann Jr., 30
- FTA- altered/mutilated tag or decal

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Williams, Theodore V. Jr., 30
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Posey, Bobby J., 31
- FTA- improper brake light
- FTA- driving without a license

Aderhold, Nicholas H., 39
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McKoy, Wesley N., 37
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Eddy, Christy L., 38
- FTA- driving while revoked

Barton, Andrew P., 27
- third-degree forgery
- third-degree possession of a forged instrument

Borchart, Alex J., 27
- FTA- public intoxication

Graves, Steven K., 29
- fourth-degree theft of property

Harbison, Ann Marie H., 34
- fourth-degree theft of property

Ewertz, Daniel J., 38
- DUI

Ferguson, Mary E., 36
- public intoxication

Pennington, Tommy C., 56
- public intoxication

Gill, Jenny R., 44
- fourth-degree theft of property

Gill, Brandon L., 20
- fourth-degree theft of property

Sawyer, Noah R., 19
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

Vandalism (from Front)

said.

"They were working on the coin-operated horse ride for 20 minutes.

"After trying to drill the lock out, with no success, they used something to pry off the door into the change box, stealing all money along with the money box."

The cost to fix the mechanical horse, which was purchased a little more than year ago, will set County Parks and Recreation back roughly $1,000, using spare parts, according to Davenport.

The suspects then focused their attention on a Dr. Pepper machine, which is positioned close to the putt-putt golf area, with no luck.

"They never got into the Pepsi machine but did mess it up, so that it's out of order," he said.

When asked about tighter security measures, Davenport stated, "A City officer did a drive through into the park and the (suspects) saw him. They immediately left in a hurry but he didn't know what was was going on at the time."

In a little more than a year, both Sportsman Lake and Smith Lake Parks have been vandalized, including incidents of arson, which is putting a financial burden onto the parks system and taking away elements of the park that visitors enjoy.

"Over the past 12-18 months we have had picnic tables set on fire, paddle boats burnt, paper towels and tissue dispensers torn off wall and busted, signs stolen, spraying (graffiti) on walls, a motorcycle doing burn outs in the bathrooms that had to be cleaned and repainted, doors busted in bathroom stalls and vandalism to splashpads multiple times," he said.

"When you add the labor and materials, probably $10-$15,000 that could have been used for other improvements to the park."

When asked about increasing patrols in the areas, Davenport stated that his department has inquired with both the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Police Department, along with looking at automatic gates to be placed at both parks' entrances.

"We have been working with the County and the City to try to do more drive throughs. I've been wanting to have time control-accessed gates at Sportsman Lake and Smith Lake, but the cost is around $25-$28,000," he stated.

Davenport is asking the public to report anyone at the park after 10 p.m. to the police department.

The only exception is for those visitors who are camping on the grounds.

"We just need the public's help with the vandalism. Sometimes people say, 'I'd just take those items out' or 'not replace them and not give them anything to do maybe then they stop vandalizing the park,' but we can't let a few people control or dictate our family parks that we love and are very proud of for our hometown," he said.

"There's a lot that we would like to bring to the parks for our community, but things like this slow that down, as it takes away from your budget to do repairs."

Anyone with any information regarding the recent vandalism and theft is asked to contact the Cullman Police Department at 256-734-1434 or Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342.

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **BOBBY CHRISTOPHER CROWE,** ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER:

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.

Shane Stewart Recher
Petitioner

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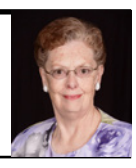
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning *Tribune* readers and families. HAPPY EASTER. Hope that you can remember that Christ is the reason for the season. This is a favorite time of the year for the "younger folks". That is because they like to hide and hunt Easter eggs.

Another reason for this season is the bake sale sponsored on this Saturday, March 31st at the Holly Pond Town Hall. They will begin at 8:00 a.m. and stay until they sell out of goodies. This is one of the Holly Pond Homemakers fundraisers that is used for the up-keep of the Holly Pond Cemetery.

Mayor Bill Oliver of Holly Pond presented Mrs. Kay Stewart, local Civitan president with a signed a proclamation at a recent Holly Pond Town Council meeting designating April as Civitan Awareness Month. A part of the proclamation reads, that the "Civitan Club embodies the ideals of Civitan in our own community. Now Therefore, I, Bill Oliver Mayor of Holly Pond, do hereby designate the month of April as Civitan Awareness Month and encourage the residents of Holly Pond to actively support and take pride in the worthwhile efforts of this international service organization and in the work of Civitans in our Community."

Another Easter event took place on Monday, March 26th at the senior citizens site at the Holly Pond Lions Club building. The local Civitan club members held a bingo party and gave prizes to the site members in attendance. Local senior citizens in attendance were Hoyt Drake, Karen Dunn, Louise Carr, Ellen Drummond, Janice Bean, Jimmie Carnell, Richard Burks, Martha Coggins, Jane Heaton and Billy Stewart. Mrs. Linda Pruett is the manager of the local site.

Holly Pond Civitans held their local monthly program meeting on Tuesday night at the Holly Pond Guy Hunt Library Community Meeting room. Our guest speakers were representatives from the "Bikers Against Child Abuse". They told us about some of their programs and what they did about curbing child abuse and supporting the children involved B-A-C-A (Bikers Against Child Abuse) takes a firm stand against all forms of child abuse to include, but not limited to, physical, sexual, emotional abuse and child porn. The group can be contacted locally at the Hurricane Creek Chapter, Cullman, (256) 636-2453. Following their short program, we held a very informative question and answer session. Local Civitan Club members attending this meeting were Kay Stewart, Lynn Jetton, Julia and Walt Floyd, Jane Black, Jimmie Carnell, Tammy Black, Gladys Wisener, Janice Murphree, Sharon and Bill Oliver and Paul Brown.

Have a great week and enjoy this beautiful Easter season.



JIMMIE DEAN CARNELL

These adults are members of the Holly Pond Senior Center which meet each day at the Lions Club Park in Holly Pond at their Easter Celebration. Front row, left to right are: Hoyt Drake, Karen Dunn, Louise Carr, Ellen Drummond, Janice Bean and Jimmie Carnell. On the back row are Richard Burks, Martha Coggins, Jane Heaton and Billy Stewart.



JIMMIE DEAN CARNELL

Mayor Bill Oliver of Holly Pond is pictured with Mrs. Kay Stewart, local Civitan president, as Mayor Oliver signed a proclamation designating April as Civitan Awareness Month.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1907

Hanceville News:

Misses Kate and Mary Stender, of Cullman, spent Sunday with parents, in Hanceville.

Miss Dela Matthews returned Saturday from a visit to friends in Cullman.

Mrs. Fred Hassenphlugg was quite sick the past week. She is better at this writing.

Mr. Frank Hamill, of Chicago, visited her grandmother, Mrs. A.J. Hamill and aunt, Mrs. J.H. Gillespie, at Hanceville, last week.

Misses Eula and Lizzie Grimmett attended the entertainment in Garden City, last Friday night.

Miss Viola Waldrop and brother, Herbert, spent Saturday with relatives in Cullman.

Misses Autie Matthews and Claudie Gray spent Friday night in Garden City to attend the closing exercises of the school. Miss Lillian Creamer and brother, Sidney attended the closing exercises of the Cullman public schools on Monday. Misses Amanda and Lena Clements (Lena Gibbs) and Mrs. Millard visited Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Falkville, this week. Mr. John Couch and Mayor John Lowles spent Sunday in Cullman.

Mr. A.A. Doolittle joined his wife, Nannie Ketchum Doolittle here in a visit to her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Ketchum (Aunt Lizzie). Little John Self, (brother too little Mallie Self, who died a few days ago), is quite sick with pneumonia.

Miss Ethel Ragsdale, who has been visiting Mrs. R.A. Collins for some time, returned to her home in Bessemer, last Thursday.

Mr. Owens, of Garden City, was in Hanceville on Monday. Messrs: McAdams and Otto Fuller, of Cullman were here several days last week putting in some new phones.

Mr. Jack Griffin, of Cullman, spent last Wednesday in Hanceville.

Mr. Jim Griffith, of R.F.D. Number Three was in Hanceville, on Monday.

Mr. Houston Bland and Miss Talula Bland visited relatives in Cullman, last week.

Mr. Crawford Gray, of Clanton, Alabama visited parents this week.

The party at Mrs. James Speegle's last Saturday night was quite successful.

The odd fellows box supper, given at the schoolhouse, on Friday night, was quite well-attended and a good time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. James Speegle spent Friday in Cullman.

Mrs. Mack Bland and baby, visited her sister, Mrs. William Davenport, of Garden City, on Saturday.

Miss Mary Lindsay, of Route Three was in Hanceville, on Monday.

Mr. Green Towles spent Monday in Garden City. Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Thomas are on the sick list this week.

Miss Mary Redmond and Miss White, of Bremen, visited friends in Hanceville, this week.

Mr. Sam Foust, of Warrior, was here last week for the data of the town's history. We are also indebted to Judge James Holland.

Mrs. Kate Sloan, of Warrior, visited Mrs. R.A. Collins, this week.

Mr. John Couch, day operator at Hanceville and Mr. Jack Groover, the night operator, have aided us materially in getting up this edition.

Mr. R.S. Cook was photographer in chief, though some of our pictures were taken by the editor.

Doctor Nick Schlaff, Senior, who owns a fine business here and a hotel and is making money fast, ought to have been heralded in this issue and we offered him the opportunity. He finally agreed, but the photographer was taken sick and the work was not done. Doctor Schlaff is one of the old settlers and he is an industrious, able man. He offers his entire property for sale, as his health is bad and he must seek another climate, to the great regret of his friends.

The widows and orphans Home of the R.O.O.F. will be located in Cullman, if energetic steps are taken. It is the best point of offering such inducement. One hundred and sixty acres of land and $5,000.00 will be given. Work for Cullman County! It will greatly help the county! Everybody help at once!

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The biggest surprise of them all

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Ole Billy Bob's brother, Bubba, pulled up roots a few years back and left his home in Bird Bump, Alabama. He moved himself and his family all the way to Eureka, California. That is right smack on the west coast, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. That is 2,698 miles from downtown Bird Bump. Billy Bob and Bubba had always been as close to one another as two coats of paint. They had never lived more than ten miles apart in their entire life.

They talked to one another on the telephone every Saturday night. Bubba always ended their conversation by saying, "I sure do miss you, brother. Why don't y'all load up the truck and come out here for a visit. Billy Bob always said, "We're going to surprise you one day and do that very thing." They both knew he was just talking and neither one thought he would ever do it. Billy Bob had never been to California or seen the west coast. Probably the largest body of water he had ever seen was Guntersville Lake. In fact, he had never seen anything west of the Mississippi. No, I don't mean the Mississippi River. I mean the Mississippi state line - on the Alabama side.

One day, out of the clear blue, he asked Thelma Lou Jean, his beloved wife, if she was up to a road trip. She answered, "Why, sure. Where are we going?" He answered, "We're going to California to visit Bubba. She asked, "How long will it take us to get there?" With a confused look on his face he said, "Well, how would I know? I've never been there before."

He got on the computer and looked it up on Mapquest, then said, "It takes forty hours, so according to that, we can be there in less than two full days."

The next morning Billy Bob got up before sunrise. He put the camper shell on the back his pickup truck, threw in a few suitcases, a cooler full of Diet Mountain Dews, a case of pork and beans, several cans of Vienna sausages and a box of saltine crackers. He threw a large print Rand McNally atlas in the front seat and said, "Let's go!"

The ole boy wasn't thinking about stopping to eat, get gas, sleep, use the restroom, or detour to see a few special sites that called loudly for them to stop.

Places like Graceland in Memphis; Woody Guthrie's statue in Okemah, Oklahoma; the Meteor Crater in Winslow, Arizona (and yes, they stood on the corner too); The Leaning Water Tower in Groom, Texas; the Roadside dinosaur in Arizona and Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch in Oro Grande, California. Oh, I almost forgot about Cadillac Ranch, in Amarillo, Texas. Their forty hour trip took them over two weeks.

As Billy Bob stood at the front door ringing the doorbell, a neighbor walked over.

He asked, "If you're looking for Bubba, he's not home. They've gone to Alabama to make a surprise visit with his brother, Billy Bob. They won't be back until next month!

This fictitious story reminds me of a true story – the real story of the day we call Easter. Three days after Jesus had died, after the Sabbath, and as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary traveled to his tomb, expecting to find the body of Jesus.

An angel of the Lord came and spoke to them. He said, "I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen!" I hope you take the opportunity this weekend to celebrate the fact that He was not there, because He is alive.

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Poet's Corner

Oh, A Dandelion!

By: Amy Roddam
Cleveland, Alabama

Oh!!! Squealed my 14 year old!
What is it?, I replied.

A Dandelion! She said with excitement!
I thought something was wrong!

Oh how she loves them!
My sweet teenage girl.

Just a weed thought of as
a nuisance by many.
But not by sweet Josie who
loves them the most!

Some see a weed, she sees a wish!
I might use my wish for
more days like this.

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ANNUAL EGG HUNT A HOPPING GOOD TIME

Cullman Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation and Miracle League host Easter egg hunt

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CULLMAN – Cullman Parks and Recreation (CP&R) Therapeutic Recreation and the Cullman Miracle League joined together for the groups' annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Field of Miracles on Wednesday evening. At the event, which has taken place for more than 10 years, participants got to try their hands at some fun carnival games, eat a hot dog supper and even got a visit from the Easter Bunny.

CP&R's Kelly Pulliam told The Tribune, "I think it's very important (to have events like this). I asked that the only people that hunt the eggs are those with special needs and disabilities. I did have some parents ask, 'What am I supposed to do with my other children to tell them no?' And I said we encouraged them to help, but we really wanted this to be just for (the special needs community). They don't have to compete with 'typical' individuals. It's just something for them."

Pulliam regularly partners with the Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group to host events for the special needs community like free swims at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center, and sensory-friendly haircut days at the Cullman Civic Center.

Several volunteers helping out around the Field of Miracles were wearing Cullman Pilot Club shirts.

Pilot Peggy Harris shared, "The Pilot Clubs internationally focus on brain-related disorders; it's called brain health and wellness. And so, locally, we have zeroed in on agencies that work with brain-related disabled: Margaret Jean Jones Center is one.

"We've worked several years with CP&R with Therapeutic Recreation, each time they have an event. We serve the food; sometimes we set up and decorate for whatever event. We have worked with the Field of Miracles, we work with a local Alzheimer's support group, we're supportive of mental health here, and autism. So, locally, we seek those groups out, to make contributions to, to assist in their activities."

"We're just hoping to bring a little more awareness," said Pulliam, "because we are trying to do a lot, so the families really have support, because that's what we really focus on, is doing things for the families, so that they can meet others and just have the support."

For more information on CP&R Therapeutic Recreation, visit http://cullmanrecreation.org/programs-events/therapeutic-recreation.

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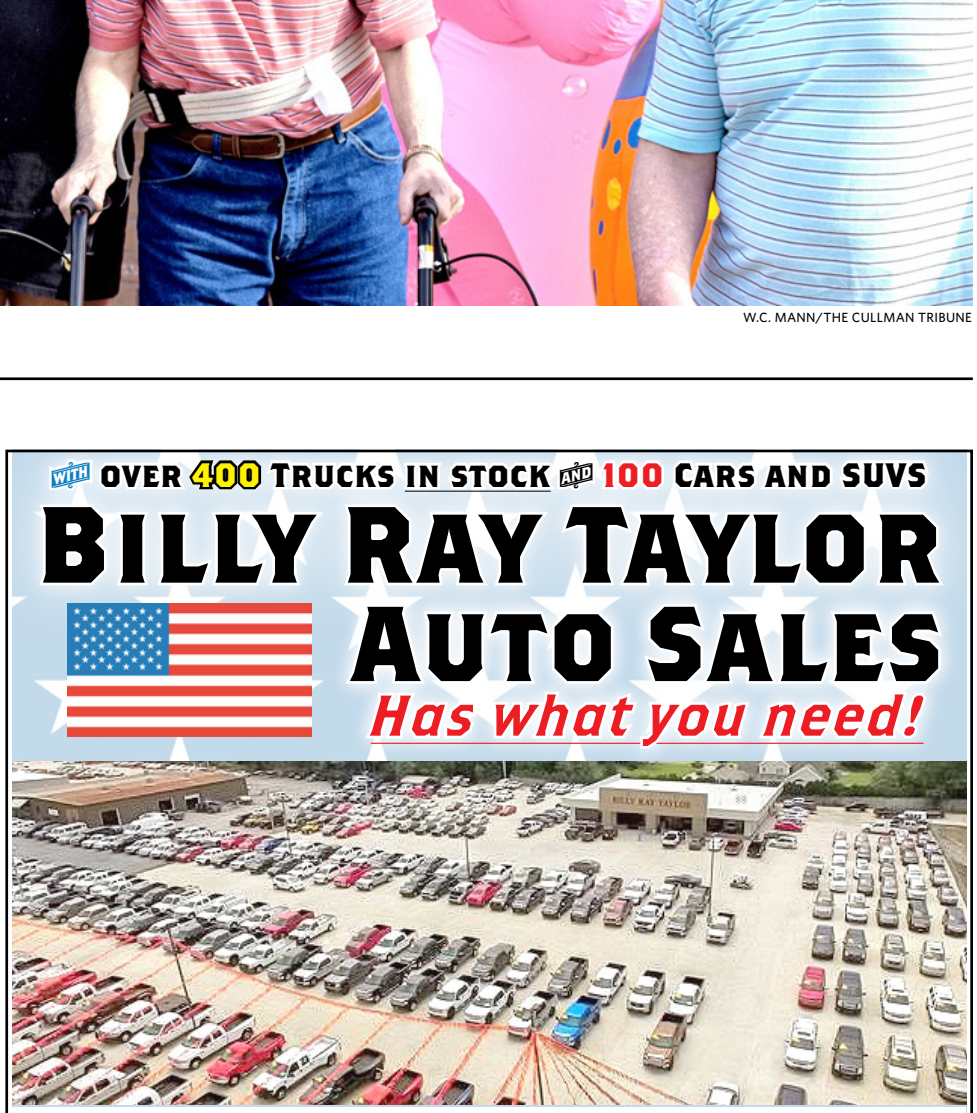


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have a drive to make our community and our state a better place to live."

What do people need to know about your current term in office, and what do you hope to accomplish in the next?

"I learned very quick that my job is not to go to Montgomery and pass new legislation. I believe it's very important to work against all of the bad legislation. I believe we pass too many laws in the state. I have worked my hardest to be a conservative voice. I have been ranked one of the most conservative lawmakers in Alabama by the American Conservative Union. I plan to keep fight for low taxes and conservative values."

In 2016, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the American Conservative Union gave Harbison an 83 out of 100, the highest score of any Cullman County legislator.

What do you consider to be the big differences between you and your opponent?

"I believe that one of the biggest differences is at a young age I started working with law enforcement to keep Cullman a safe place. We worked to put criminals in jail and get them off the street. As a criminal lawyer (Alex Chaney) is on the other of the spectrum. I have supported legislation to strengthen our criminal laws. I believe it's important to keep hardened criminals off of the street."

If you could boil your message down to a concise statement, what would you want people to know about you?

"I have the experience at both the local and state level of government to get the job done. I love our community. My wife and I are expecting our first child in July. I want to do all I can to ensure a bright future for all Alabamians. I have made myself available and been transparent. I believe it's very important for elected officials to stay in contact with their constituents. After all, we are there to serve you!"

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Milo's to donate 5 $1K grants to education organizations in Cullman County

The deadline to apply is Friday, April 13

Wendy Sack
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BIRMINGHAM – Milo's Hamburgers is giving five $1,000 grants to schools and education organizations in Cullman County. Milo's is giving the grants through its "Little Something Extra" Foundation.

Schools, as well as local nonprofits with a focus on education and leadership, are encouraged to apply for a grant online at www.miloshamburgers.com/lse-foundation by Friday, April 13, 2018. The five recipients will be chosen in late April, the company said in a statement.

"We are honored and excited to be getting more deeply involved with organizations that have local purposes. We believe in the value of hard work, leadership and helping our communities become better places," said Milo's CEO Tom Dekle. "By partnering with the people that do this best, we are convinced we can make a bigger difference together!"



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In Walker County, Milo's granted Valley Junior High School $1,000 to build a pavilion for its library.

Obituary Announcements: March 31

Memorial services for Mr. Samuel Peter Badalucco, Sr., 73 of Cullman, will be announced by the family at a later date. Samuel was born in Dallas, TX on February 25, 1945 and passed away on March 28, 2018 at V.A. Hospital in Birmingham. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing.

Funeral Service for Gladys Fay Harris, age 83 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Roger Peirce and Tim Peirce officiating. Interment will be at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Harris passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at her residence. She was born Friday, October 19, 1934 in Fairview to George Crumbley and Ira Gladys Waldrop Crumbley. She is preceded in death by her husband Bill Harris, a son, Gene Taylor, her parents, and siblings, Leon, George, Jessie, Roseanner, Esmer, and Nodie. Survivors include her children Joyce Burton, Dwight Taylor, Larry Taylor, and Donna Young, her sister, Alice Goul, grandchildren, Samantha Rosa, Crystal Weimar, Greg Weimar, and Kenny Taylor, great grandchildren, Blaiden Rosa, Draiven Rosa, Justin Rosa, Angel Rosa, Ivy Rosa, Rosie Rosa and Roman Rosa. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, March 30 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Memorial services for Warner Harrison Jones, Jr., 57 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Jones passed away Friday, March 23, 2018 at the VA Hospital. He was born February 13, 1961 to Warner Harrison and Jane Elizabeth Allison Jones, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Pearce. Survivors include his wife, Pamela Jones; step-son, Paul (Chanda) Collins; brother, Matthew Jones; sister, Claudia (J.D.) Landers; two grandchildren, Caiden Collins and Jaci Baker; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mary Ruth Cone, 82 of Cullman, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lavon Cone and her parents: Millard and Birdie Harbison. Mrs. Cone is survived by daughters: Belinda Cornelius (Gary), Lanza Willoughby (David), and Natasha Laminack (James); sister, Sandra Hancock; brothers: Charles Harbison (Billie) and Nolan Harbison; grandchildren: Grace Willoughby, Hannah Cornelius and Emme Willoughby. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 10 a.m. until the Celebration of Mrs. Cone's life which will begin at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Bethany Baptist Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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Pictured, left to right: Haley Gains, Liana Hill, Kaylee Proctor, Gail Swafford, Blakely Hopper, Jill Herring, and Tyler Newman (all from Brooks' Place); Mayor Woody Jacobs; Jennifer Jackson-Kilgo (DHR), Nancy Bryant (Cullman Caring for Kids), Amanda Buchanan (DHR), PJ Bicknell (DHR), Candace Lingo (Cullman Caring for Kids) and Jesselyn Shewbart (Cullman Caring for Kids).

Mayor Jacobs joins Cullman Co. in proclaiming April 'Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month'

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs has officially proclaimed the month of April 2018 "Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month" in the city of Cullman. The Cullman County Commission did the same for Cullman County at its meeting this week.

According to current national statistics, five children die from child abuse or neglect every day in the US. Approximately 4 million children are reported abused or neglected each year, with more than 1,500 dying from their injuries and many others carrying the burden of their maltreatment into adulthood. Children younger than 4 are the most frequent victims. Abused children are more likely to suffer from substance abuse, depression, learning disabilities, school failure, emotional and behavioral disorders, commit criminal activity and have an inability to foster healthy relationships. They are also six times more likely to abuse their own children.

Local agencies such as Cullman Caring for Kids, the Child Advocacy Center (Brooks' Place) and the Cullman County Department of Human Resources (DHR) provide a host of services for children and families in need. They teach parents proper parenting methods, educate adults and children on the signs of child abuse and neglect, inform the public on how to report suspected child abuse and neglect, provide a safe place for children who have been abused or neglected to tell their stories and to receive help, coordinate counseling for families dealing with child abuse and neglect, help families find and obtain much needed resources to help with their daily basic needs, and much more.

"I am so glad these organizations work together to address the problem of child abuse in our community," said Jacobs. "I don't understand how anyone can hurt a child, but I know it happens and I appreciate those who devote their time to help these children and their families."

Nancy Bryant, assistant director of Cullman Caring for Kids, was on hand for the proclamation presentation and stated, "Last year, 28 children died as a result of child abuse and neglect."

The vision of Cullman Caring for Kids is that no child will ever be abused, no child will go to bed hungry, no infant will ever be shaken in anger, and the cycle of abuse will be stopped. The organization strives to see the next generation loved, encouraged, physically and emotionally prepared to face life feeling wanted and needed, and it provides a variety of services to help accomplish its mission. Other representatives from Cullman Caring for Kids present for the proclamation presentation were Candace Lingo and Jesselyn Shewbart. Director Javon Daniel was out of town.

Child Advocacy Center Executive Director Gail Swafford, also on hand for the proclamation presentation, said, "We saw 265 children last year in our facility." Swafford added, "We are doing something new this year. We are going into the schools to help educate teachers, parents and children on how to recognize and treat child abuse and neglect."

The Child Advocacy Center (Brooks' Place) coordinates a multidisciplinary team consisting of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Probation, DHR, specialized medical and mental health professionals, and family/victim advocates to conduct forensic interviews of victims, provide no-cost counseling for victims and families, provide emotional support, attend criminal justice proceedings and perform many other valuable services for victims. They also hold various events such as the Safe Kids Expo to promote safety and education about child abuse.

Other representatives from the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman present at the proclamation presentation were Haley Gaines (family advocate), Liana Hill (forensic nurse), Kaylee Proctor (outreach coordinator), Blakely Hopper (forensic interview specialist), Jill Herring (bookkeeper) and Tyler Newman (MSW intern). Representatives from Cullman County DHR were also present, including Jennifer Jackson-Kilgo, Amanda Buchanan and PJ Bicknell.

During the month of April, blue ribbons will be displayed throughout the city. This blue ribbon campaign was started in 1989 when a Virginia grandmother was grieving the death of her grandson and the battery of her granddaughter at the hands of their abusive father. As a reminder of the bruises she had seen on her grandchildren's bodies, she attached a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van. Since that time, the blue ribbon has come to symbolize child abuse awareness and prevention. Therefore, during the month of April, citizens and businesses are also encouraged to display blue ribbons on their buildings, homes or vehicles.

"I want to thank everyone who plays a role in helping abused and neglected children and their families, because without them, this problem would be so much worse," added Jacobs. "I urge everyone to find out how they can help in the fight against child abuse and neglect."

For more information on Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month, contact Cullman Caring for Kids at 256-739-1111 or visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com, or contact the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman (Brooks' Place) at 256-739-2243 or visit www.caccullman.org.

If you know a child who is being abused or neglected, please contact your local law enforcement agency, the Cullman County Department of Human Resources at 256-737-5300 or the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protect access to health coverage for cancer patients

W.C. Mann
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My family is full of cancer patients and survivors. Access to timely treatment, affordable medications and regular screenings/doctor visits are essential and the reason why those that I love are alive today. Any breaks in coverage could mean delayed care, not just for my family, but for our entire community, and dire consequences for patients' health.

That's why I'm so concerned to see that Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar proposed a regulation that could significantly weaken the health insurance marketplaces and threaten access to health coverage for cancer patients, survivors and anyone at risk of developing the disease.

American Cancer Society research shows individuals without health insurance are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer at later stages when the disease is more expensive to treat, and chance of survival is reduced. Yet, this proposed regulation would increase the availability of short-term plans that can skirt patient protections and allow these plans to be more available for much longer periods than they were designed to be offered. If this regulation is finalized as is, it will likely weaken the insurance marketplace which many cancer patients and survivors rely on, make plans unaffordable and could lead to more bare-bones plans that can deny coverage based on someone's health history or cap coverage if an individual runs up too many bills.

Alabama residents deserve better than this.

Representative Robert Aderholt, for the health of citizens in your district, please oppose these efforts to weaken or strip patient protections from plans. Urge Secretary Azar to stop this flawed regulation from moving forward.

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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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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

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF S.E.F.,
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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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To: The Cullman Tribune

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Young teams, big future

New Holly Pond soccer teams eager to grow

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HOLLY POND – The soccer program at Holly Pond High School is very young but growing fast. Last season, the Broncos fielded their first every soccer team with their JV Girls squad, and this season a boys' JV unit has joined them. Coaches JC Rankhorn and Jeff Daniel led the Lady Broncos last year, and this season Rankhorn has taken over as the boys' head coach.

Rankhorn is pleased with some of the progress he has seen in the team's first year and thinks experience is the best way for them to improve going forward.

"It's been going really good, obviously it's a building year, but I think we have some pretty good talent," Rankhorn said.

"In hindsight I kind of wish we could've started last year, just to have a little more soccer IQ, because I think that's one thing we're kind of lacking a little bit is just knowledge of the game."

Despite the program being in it's opening season, the Broncos have six seniors, bringing leadership to an inexperienced roster. The six upperclassmen have been the core of the Broncos team so far this season and Rankhorn is happy to see them enjoying it.

"We're inexperienced definitely but we actually have six seniors. Last year they were juniors that really wanted to play and now they are my seniors and then I have a couple of sophomores, a freshman and a couple of eighth-graders actually so we're spread out and I was surprised at how many seniors I have this year. We consider all six of them leaders," he said.

"Zack Hightower, this is the first year he's ever played soccer; he's been my goalie and I couldn't ask for a better goalie, so I can't imagine what he would've been like if he'd been playing all his life," Rankhorn said. "Luis Garcia is another one, he's been playing football and he loves it but he's also a natural at soccer. Chase Hiesler is new to Holly Pond, but he actually scored one of the three goals we've had this season on a free kick and he enjoyed that a lot so that's a moment he'll probably never forget and hopefully he'll get some more of those.

"He's really stepped up and he loves it, so these guys are really growing, and this is their last year, so I want my seniors to play as much as possible because this is the only year they'll get to play."

Rankhorn is focused not only on this year's team, but on laying the groundwork for a soccer culture in the community that will help the program thrive.

"People are still learning that we have soccer in Holly Pond. It's something new; last year we did a little soccer camp and that's something we might do again this year just to keep that momentum going because we had enough for a team this year and we want to build on that. We're laying the foundation, and I hope it's a good foundation we can continue building off of."

Even though the soccer program has started with exclusively JV teams, that won't be lasting much longer according to Lady Broncos Head Coach Jeff Daniel.

"When we started last year; Ms. (Kim) Butler thought it would be best for us to play at the JV level to give us some games to where we could be able to compete. We wound up winning a game last year against a varsity team and tying another one. Of course, a lot of the teams in the county are just as young as we are in some aspects; they've had programs longer, but they're building just like we are," Daniel said.

"This year she made the decision to keep us at the JV level, especially with bringing the boys on, but next year we'll declare and go to varsity, which will put us in a section and we'll play teams in our area as a set schedule and then be able to fill in some spots outside of that of course."

Daniel has seen a warm reception for the program within the community.

"Being a start-up program we kind of compete against baseball and softball but other than that we've had a pretty good reception. People are excited that we have a program.

"They're still kind of surprised when they hear it, especially people who haven't been around for a few years and the first question I get is, 'Holly Pond's got a soccer team?' but when they find out about it everybody is real receptive and real encouraging. Several people have told me that it's been a long time coming that they need it so it's a real good thing."

Coach Daniel has seen his team get a little better every game since the team first hit the field last season. His unit has been learning how to play together and polish its fundamentals.

"We're not a fast team so we have to play smart," he said. "I think that the thing we have improved on thus far is we've improved defensively, but not only that, we've improved in our tactics as far as how we move the ball around. My whole thing throughout the year that I've been preaching is spacing.

"I've seen some improvement and I think we'll continue to do that because if you lose your spacing you lose everything. That and just general ball movement and being more accurate with our passing, that's where we are going to see the most improvement, the basic stuff."

Perhaps the most exciting thing for Coach Daniel and the girls' soccer program is its youth. This year's squad is made up of two seniors, two juniors, six sophomores, two freshmen and an eighth-grader.

With 11 of his 13 current players eligible to return next year, Daniel is excited about the future of the program.

"Last year we had a majority of sophomores and freshmen, this year we have majority sophomores, so I've got two more years with those girls and I'm really looking forward to that. The growth that I've seen in just that class, it gives me encouragement to go forward, and not only that but the ones who are juniors and seniors this year have been a real benefit for our program.

"It's a real good feeling moving forward knowing that we're growing it the right way, kind of young and letting those girls mature through the program at the same time. It's real encouraging."

Both the boys' and girls' teams will be back in action for the Broncos April 2 when they travel to J.B. Pennington to kick off the second half of the season.



SULLIVAN PHOTOGRAPHY

The Holly Pond JV girls' soccer team is in its second season.



SULLIVAN PHOTOGRAPHY

The Holly Pond JV boys' soccer team is brand new this season.

Chaney (from Front)

legislation."

What got you ready for the position you're seeking?

"I am an attorney, I'm a small business owner, I have a general law practice on (US Highway) 31 that bills in both state and federal courts. And I think that that experience, legal background, helps me read, understand, and I think would it help me draft legislation.

"Also, like I said before, I worked in Montgomery at the Alabama Law Institute, and actually drafted legislation. One more thing: while I was in Montgomery, I also had the pleasure of working with Judge (Liles) Burke. He sat on the Court of Criminal Appeals when I worked for him, and now he has been appointed to the federal bench by our President Donald Trump, and I think he'll do an excellent job in that position."

What do you hope to accomplish in office?

Chaney focused on three main areas:

"Number one is education. Cullman County is fortunate; they have some of the best schools in the state, that I'm a product of, but unfortunately statewide that's not the case. So I need to look and evaluate our education system in the state. I'm all for having a reserve in the education budget, but I'm extremely a fiscal conservative, and I don't know if we need a billion dollars in the education budget. So I'd like to see what money's coming in and exactly how that's spent, before I make a determination on education.

"My second one would probably be mental health. Mental health is a huge issue statewide, and Cullman County's no exception to that. People are dying. Mental health is filling our prisons and our jails. Just today I had a dealing in my law practice with a client that has been already committed to the Department of Mental Health, but he's been held in the county jail for six months, waiting on a bed from Taylor Hardin (Secure Medical Facility). That's unacceptable! And I'm not going to wait on the state to do something; I'm sure not going to wait on the federal government to do something. We've got to act here locally to combat that.

"Third would have to be economic development. We've had a lot of business, a lot of growth coming into Cullman County, which is excellent, into the whole state. And I'm all for tax incentives to get new businesses in, but we've got to have the infrastructure necessary to keep those businesses. (Alabama Highway) 157's a prime example: that needs to be a four-lane road. There's those bridges there that are not being used; we've got to make that a four-lane road so we can attract these big companies.

"As far as businesses, we've got a lot of great local businesses, so I'm all for tax incentives to bring in new business, but we need to make sure that we take care of our business that's been here for many years. We need to give them tax breaks--the same thing."

If you had to boil your message down to something simple, what would you want people to know about you?

"Kind of my slogan has been 'The right combination of new ideas and old-fashioned values.' I'm fiscally conservative; I think you'd be hard-pressed to find a more conservative man than I am, running for office."

The Tribune offers each candidate the opportunity to discuss differences between themselves and their opponents that they see as important, as long as they keep things clean and friendly. Chaney, like some other candidates, chose not to comment about his opponent.

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of hail in weather radar images, and to create more realistic hail impact tests for building and roofing materials.

According to the IBHS website, "When it comes to innovation, dual-polarized (dual-pol) radar is one of the biggest achievements in advancing our understanding of the weather around us. The National Severe Storms Laboratory took more than 30 years to develop and implement dual-pol radar, which improves forecasts and response to severe weather by determining the amount of falling precipitation, differentiating between hail and rain, and accurately showing when a tornado touches the ground.

"As hailstorm damages increase, sometimes eclipsing a billion dollars a storm, the need for more hail research has never been greater. Building upon dual-pol radar's significant benefits, IBHS is conducting a multi-year research project studying the damaging impact of hail, as well as improvements to radar detection of hail.

"After traveling throughout the Central Plains and collecting measurements on falling hailstones from 60 different storms, IBHS is reviewing its field data and analyzing how it could be used to improve radar detection of hail.

"The prospects are exciting because IBHS' ground truth data will be compared with the dual-pol measurements taken by the National Weather Service for the same storm, and could have a profound impact on improving dual-pol radar algorithms that influence the radar detection of hailstones. As a result, this information can improve forecast warnings and hail swath products, potentially reducing the opportunity for fraudulent hail-related insurance claims.

"In addition to the innovative measurement work, IBHS also has a wealth of information from 3D scans of hailstones gathered during field research. The 3D scans provide a unique opportunity for IBHS to create digital representations of hail and more accurately recreate hailstones.

"Dr. Matt Kumjian, an assistant professor in the Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science at Penn State University, is collaborating with IBHS by using the 3D models to see how dual-pol radar sees and reacts to oddly shaped hailstones. This work could also have a significant impact on how we can improve the radar detection of hail, which was not possible without the groundbreaking research and data collected by IBHS."

Where Cullman's hail could land next

While setting up the scanning apparatus in Walter, Maiden told The Tribune, "We have a small hail lab that we do impact testing on, and we're trying to standardize that. So, from what we do, we can get very accurate densities, because we can get volume, and with the weight we know our densities, so we can replicate those densities in our lab that we're seeing.

"And also, a pie-in-the-sky goal might be to steer away from only spherical research (dropping or shooting round steel balls at roofing and building materials). Right now, that's all we're doing. So, with this technology, that opens the door up for a lot of different things."

Fowler added, "What they do (currently) is they drop steel balls onto the shingles to test their impact rating. But your hailstones don't look anything like steel balls; they don't act like steel balls.

"And so, what we designed is, we built the steel ball testing so we could replicate it in our lab, and then we built a hail cannon, which is basically a pneumatic PVC--it looks like a potato gun. That's what we originally based our idea off of. Now it's fully automatic and computer-controlled. What we do is we make ice balls and then shoot them at the shingles, and that is a much more realistic testing."

The 3-D scans made Wednesday could be used to produce realistic molds of non-spherical "spiny" hailstones, such as those that fell in several areas of Cullman County in March. Lab-created hailstones from those molds could be shot from the Research Center's air cannon to test the resiliency of current building and roofing material samples against "real-world" hail, helping insurance companies figure out how sturdy a building might be when writing policies, and helping material manufacturers develop stronger materials.

For more on the IBHS, visit https://disastersafety.org.