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Local man indicted for murder of his wife

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CULLMAN – A Cullman County man has been indicted for the murder of his wife. Jason Dewayne Crawford, 38, of Cullman was indicted by a Cullman County grand jury which convened last week for the murder of his wife Tiffiney Joy Crawford. Tiffiney Crawford, 32 at the time of her death, was found dead at the couple's residence on May 3, 2017.

Jason Crawford turned himself in to the Cullman County Detention Center. His bond was set at $100,000 property. He has since made bond and been released.

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Jason Dewayne Crawford

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WWII soldier's knife returned to family

Chance find in Germany touches Vinemont veteran's family

Prentice Ball's daughters Jo Ann Dempsey, left, and Sheri Mize, right with a drawing of their father. Ball's pocket knife, lost in a World War II foxhole in Germany in 1945, was returned to his family at a special ceremony on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at West Point High School.

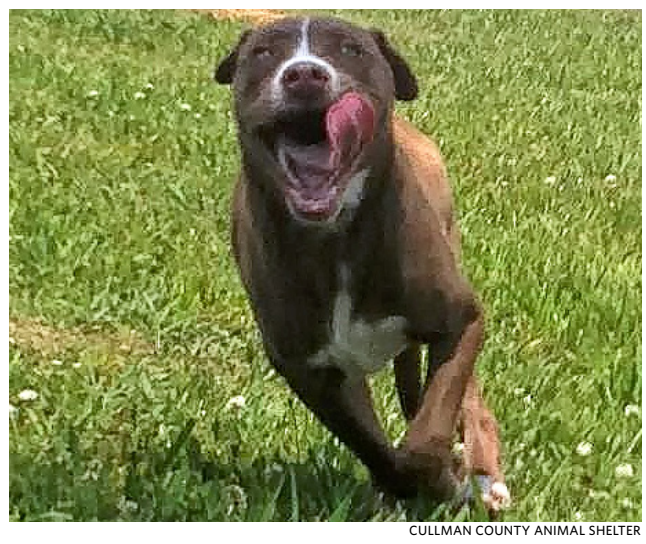
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Pet of the Week: Help Melody sing a happy song

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay introduces us to The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week.

Melody is a 6-month-old mixed breed dog with a little terrier in her. She's a low- to medium-energy pet who is submissive to people. When she first came to the shelter, she was timid about going outside, but she has taken to her leash and enjoys taking a walk, as long as she can stay close by her human's side.

And, despite her name, Melody's a quiet dog and not much of a noise-making barker. Overall, she has the potential to become an excellent companion or comfort pet.

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" recently to work as special needs service dogs.

Melody's adoption fee is $90, which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimal-shelter@gmail.com.

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Arrest report: May 18-20

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for May 18-20. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

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Aaron, Amos Moses, 31
• FTA- first-degree theft of property

Bass, Erica Renee, 30
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Black, Travis W., 54
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (4 counts)

Bradford, Kenneth Lee, 25
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Chambers, Jason Wayne, 35
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Checkon, William Edward, 75
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Crowe, Steven Lee, 40
• violation of protection order

Dingler, Sebastian Joseph, 22
• public intoxication

Edge, Patrick Thomas, 24
• judge's order- DUI

Edwards, Stacy Dion, 41
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Guillot, Norris Joseph III, 43
• second-degree bail jumping- certain person forbidden to possess a pistol

Hays, David Andrew, 32
• second-degree sodomy

Henderson, Sheila Ann, 50
• third-degree domestic violence
• illegal possession of prescription medicine

Leslie, Elizabeth, 32
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

McCay, Mandy Michelle, 38
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Moore, Ashley Denise, 33
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Nickens, Shannon Dwayne, 31
• third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Overton, Brandon Gene, 28
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Rogers, Adrian Brian, 42
• FTA- PSC- no fuel marker

Self, Cru Alex, 29
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault
• writ of arrest- child support

Shipley, Robert Thomas, 36
• attempting to elude
• second-degree criminal mischief (6 counts)
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)

Shoemaker, Shasa Marie, 29
• third-degree theft of lost property

Smith, Jonathan Wayne, 38
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sobkowiak, Jacqueline Riedlin, 47
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• resisting arrest
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Stephens, David Lee, 39
• second-degree criminal mischief (6 counts)
• fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)

Vanderberg, Gage Allen, 23
• obstructing government operations
• resisting arrest
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Freeman, Charles M., 56
• public intoxication

Thompson, Destiney K., 20
• first-degree criminal trespassing
• illegal possession of prescription drugs
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore, Kristina L., 33
• DUI

Champion, Kimberly J., 32
• FTA- improper lane usage

Lynn, Donald J. Sr., 58
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- expired tag

Vanderberg, Gage A., 23
• FTA- failure to register vehicle
• FTA- insurance violation

Weston, Eddie D., 56
• DUI

Calhoun, Dustin L., 33
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Overton, Brandon G., 28
• attempting to elude
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• reckless driving
• speeding
• failure to signal
• driving while revoked
• no tag

Patterson, Kyle E., 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Campbell, Rodney L., 47
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Self, Cru A., 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving without a license

Kneece, Michael D., 57
• FTA- third-degree theft by deception

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Murder (from Front)

Tiffiney Crawford was the founder of the popular MHM Mothers Helping Mothers community on Facebook.

Members of MHM this past Saturday dedicated a Buddy Bench in Tiffiney Crawford's memory at Sportsman Lake Park. Jason Crawford attended the event.

Phone calls and messages to Cullman County District Attorney Wilson Blaylock have not been returned.

This is a developing story.

For the latest, visit CullmanTribune.com.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:
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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, June 4, 2018, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short-form subdivision – Main Ave. SW & Park Drive SW

For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BOBBY W. BYARS, Deceased.) CASE NO.: PC-2018-120

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to RICKEY JOE PEEK, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BOBBY W. BYARS, deceased, on the 2nd day of May, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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 2nd day of May, 2018.

RICKEY JOE PEEK
Personal Representative

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TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2018-058

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JANE MEYER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Dorothy Jane Friedrick Falkner and Tina Jo Friedrick on the 3rd day of May, 2018, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dorothy Jane Friedrick Falkner and Tina Jo Friedrick
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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CAMPAIGN 2018

James Fields hosts community outreach event in Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday afternoon, Cullman County's Democratic gubernatorial candidate James Fields stopped by Veterans' Park in Hanceville for a community outreach event with food, a DJ playing music and children's activities. The Tribune caught up with him after he finished an address to the crowd of his supporters to find out how his campaign is doing.

"Campaign's going great; we can't complain," said Fields. "Where we are, right now it appears that we're still running just a fraction of a percentage point ahead, and if we just stay focused, we'll pull it out in June. The worst thing that can happen to us is that we'll be in a runoff. We don't know if it'll be Walt Maddox or Sue Bell Cobb, but we know that there will be a runoff, from the way things look right now.

"The message we're trying to get out right now is to stop the message that is being circulated by particular groups: 'Don't waste your vote on James Fields, because Alabama is not going to vote for a black guy.' And so we're trying to squelch that by pointing out to people that James Fields was victorious in Cullman, and he'll be victorious in Alabama."

Fields' all-volunteer campaign team

Fields told us, "This is probably one of the best campaign teams I've ever seen, because they're all volunteering. And they're working hard, day and night. They'll call you at 3 a.m. in the morning if they've got an idea. They'll call you at six o'clock, they'll call you at nine o'clock, 7 a.m., because they're wanting to win. They're wanting to show the world that it just takes hard work to win a campaign.

"You know, no one's an expert, and so they're working together. Do we have headaches and heartaches? Oh, yes! We work them out and they just keep going. They keep digging and digging, and the tougher it gets for us, the harder they work, and they're good. Every last one of them are good.

"You can't beat Tiffany Collins, you can't beat Chanelle, Becca Smith. Becca Smith, every time you see her, she's the one that brings the smile to the table. Donald Law brings the strategy, he and Gene Price. Annie Erskine stepped in from Huntsville, which is a person we never heard of before, but Annie and I had worked together years ago, and she stepped up and says, 'I want to help you win,' and she's taken care of us in Huntsville. Then you've got Ernestine Linton, Richard and Lana Heinl--they're there. And my nephew Ivan, who drives. Mike Johnson, who goes with us; he and I grew up together. They've just been champions!"

Getting the word out

"The people we meet on the campaign trail, when we get through giving a speech, they'll come up and say, 'We believe in you, because what you're saying is the truth.' And these are people who've been around politics for years; they know when somebody's just blowing smoke.

"We were speaking in Gadsden Thursday night. It was a Republican political rally; of course, they invited Democrats. And two mayors from two other towns over there came up to us afterwards--and they're Republican--said, 'We're going to support you, because what you said is true.' And they know that.

"And we always say in our speeches, 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.' And so they know that we're reaching out to them. They know that we're serious about what we can and cannot do.

"All our opponents talk about is what they did a hundred years ago, or 'We pass a lottery, we can do this, this, this.' But what if the lottery don't pass? What are you going to do? Those children still need books, they still need school supplies, they still need adequate transportation. So what are you going to do? They have no answer, because they're not willing to make the tough and hard decisions that we've got to make as a state, as the people of Alabama.

"And everybody knows you need to expand Medicaid, but none of our Republican opponents talk about insurance coverage. Now, the Democrats are smashing it to death, but the thing is, I want to do the same thing with Medicaid. But if I get you health care, but I don't have no place for you to go to see about whatever's ailing you, then all you sitting there with a card saying, 'Hey, I've got insurance, but I've got nobody (to provide service).

"We're just trying to get people to understand: we're going to make sure your lives are made whole."

'We all love her, and we miss her dearly'

Mothers Helping Mothers dedicates 'Buddy Bench' at Sportsman Lake Park in memory of founder Tiffiney Crawford

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The placard on the Buddy Bench reads, "Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

CULLMAN – On Saturday evening, friends and family of Tiffiney Crawford gathered with members of Mothers Helping Mothers (MHM), the support group for area moms that Crawford founded, to dedicate a "Buddy Bench" in her memory in the playground at Sportsman Lake Park. Crawford died suddenly on May 3, 2017 at the young age of 32.

The Buddy Bench program originated at an elementary school in Germany and was introduced to the U.S. by first-grader Christian Bucks at his school in Pennsylvania. The bench is a place for kids who are alone and have no one to play with. Students are encouraged to go to any child they see sitting on the bench and invite them to play.

MHM Director Valerie Shields shared a little the official Buddy Bench definition along with her own feelings, telling The Tribune, "'The Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground,' to help 'spread the message of inclusion and kindness;' and that's what Tiffiney was all about."

"She was amazing," said Maggie Derrick, "never met a stranger, and was everybody's best friend."

Derrick continued, "With MHM and the friends from MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers, the precursor to MHM), we all got together and purchased the bench, and asked (Cullman County) Parks and Rec if we could donate it. They installed it for us, and it's perfect. It's purple: she loved purple, her favorite color was purple. Her hair was often purple!"

In her address to the crowd during the dedication ceremony, Shields said of Crawford, "She wanted to eliminate loneliness. She wanted to include everyone. She didn't like cliques. You know, she wanted everyone to be part of her clique. If she was your friend, she made you feel like you were her best friend, every single one of you, complete strangers.

"We would go to play dates, and she would pick out somebody: 'Oh, well she's sitting by herself. I'm going to go talk to her. I'm going to go tell her about MHM, and I'm going to be her best friend.' And she sure would, she sure would. She never met a stranger. She could talk to anybody, anytime. It's just who she was.

"We all love her, and we miss her dearly, and this is in her honor. So now, it's not just for the kids, y'all; every one of us have kids. You want to come and sit on this bench? Talk to her; she's listening!"

MHM today: bursting at the seams!

Shields defined MHM as "a support group to help bring mothers together, so no mother is ever alone in her journey through motherhood, because moms tend to feel alone a lot when they have children, and they feel kind of secluded. And (Crawford) always wanted people to say, 'Hey, come out and join us! You know, we're not in middle school anymore. We can be friends, and we don't have to act weird!' And that's what she was."

MHM, which began as a small local support group with fewer than 10 members, has a current membership of 11,183 "and still growing!" according to Derrick. That number, by the way, includes only mothers, not their entire families, meaning that the number of people who benefit from the group's support and encouragement efforts is substantially higher.

For more on MHM, visit www.facebook.com/groups/momshelpingmomsal. For more on Buddy Benches, visit http://buddybench.org.

Town enjoys 45th annual Arley Day celebration

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

ARLEY – Years ago, a small group of women in Arley wanted the citizens to celebrate the town with a day of games and music. Now, 45 years later and more than 80 members larger, the Arley Women's Club (AWC) has made the annual Arley Day festival into a town-wide event with a morning fun run, a parade, a car show and a park full of food and fun.

Saturday's 45th annual Arley Day began with a 5K race and mile-long fun run at Arley First Baptist Church as warm-up events before the festival began, followed by a pancake breakfast at the fire station. The festival officially started with a parade marching from Dollar General to Hamner Park, where the opening ceremony was held. The entrance to the park displayed an extensive car show on one side and several inflatables and rides on the other, with vendor booths and live music further inward.

The live entertainment lineup for the day featured musical acts ranging from local groups like the Shed Band (a contemporary praise band from Arley First Baptist Church) to more widely-recognized artists like Austin Lewis, who was a contestant on The Voice. Along with the music, the live entertainment included a hula hoop contest and a bubblegum-blowing competition; the second contest offered the chance to meet the holder of the Guinness World Record for Largest Bubblegum Bubble Blown, Chad Fell. Visitors more interested in the vendors could buy crafts like soaps or pottery, support the Meek varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders, or learn about the Walker County Humane Society at its puppy kissing booth. Due to the heat and humidity, many vendors that weren't in the food area were selling water (some giving it away for free), and the Houston Memorial United Methodist Church was even giving out free sunscreen.

The AWC had its own booths set up for the celebration. One in the craft vendor area sold boutique items like purses and scarves, as well as raffle tickets for a handwoven quilt, and a booth in the food area was set up with bake sale treats. Members were also selling ride and game tickets throughout the park, though the train ride around the festival (courtesy of Traditions Bank) didn't require a ticket.







Hanceville Fire Department holds biannual fundraiser dinner

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HANCEVILLE – On Saturday afternoon, the Hanceville Fire Department hosted a fundraising dinner featuring Swamp John's. The event is held twice per year to generate funds for the department to purchase new equipment.

The Swamp John's folks had to contend with a flat tire on the way, but people will be patient for good food, so the cooks had a crowd waiting when they arrived.

Chief Rodger Green told The Tribune, "Having Swamp John's down twice a year really helps with our fundraiser. And we do have some good support around the whole neighborhood and the whole city, whenever we do the Swamp John's. We usually get a lot of support with the fire department, and we appreciate that."

GRADUATION

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2018

Graduation is Saturday, May 26, 2018, at 6 p.m. at Wallace State Community College's Tom Drake Coliseum.

"The faculty and staff of Fairview High School would like to congratulate the class of 2018 on their upcoming graduation. As always, we wish you the best in your future endeavors."

Christopher Gambrill, principal, Fairview High School



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Row one (left to right): Matthew Carpenter, Isaac Brown, Truman Boyd, Austin Bartlett, Emily Campbell and Hope Bowen; Row two: Jack Chandler, Dawson Campbell, Adam Barnett, Lacey Abner, Maegan Anders and Sam Burgess; Row three: Scoot Bennett, Jeremy Cloud, Mason Atchley, Taylor Brown, Tiffany Berry, Patience Carden and Ashleigh Childers



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Row one, (left to right): Alivia Gambrill, Shayla Denney, Daylia Dean, Chris Golden, Hannah Dempster and Katie Golden; Row two: Parker Gothard, Brayden Dugins, Bryson Fletcher, Garrett Dunn, Jordan Earwood and Kailey Goble; Row three: Bridgette Duke, Cody Fallin, Cameron Guthrie, Lizabet Diaz, Clayton Delaware and Isabelle Garlowich



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Row one, (left to right): Averie Harris, Kyndal Harper, Valentina Klocker, Ally Hogeland, Anna Ingram, Jenifer Huerta and Savannah Hankins; Row two: Anna Hampton, Tre Kenney, Kennedy Howard, Devon Hodges, Jacob Hill, Grant Howard and Blake Kent; Row three: Tyler Jones, Devin Hollis, Ethan Holland, Cash Hanson, Dylan Harper and Klay Knop



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Row one, (left to right): Maria Martel, Beth Ozbolt, Matthew Moore, Sydney Linton, Caleb Patterson and Alicia Murphree; Row two: Jenica Oren, Alex McDonald, Paci Martin, Madysen Parker and Robyn Phillips; Row three: Samuel Moylan, Katelyn Neely, Justin McDonald, Mason Maze and Hunter McKelvy



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Row one, (left to right): Logan Schnittker, Kaylee Roberts, Taylor Robinson, Mason Rauch and Abby Schnittker; Row two: Jacqueline Reyes, Ellisa Rogers, Tevie Smith, Kayla Ramey and Britt Rayl; Row three: Colton Smith, Lane Schnittker, Erick Reza and CeCe Semadeni



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Row one, (left to right): Hunter Yeager, Tyler Williams, McKinna Yearwood, Abbie Yancy, Lorin Zehr and John Whitehead; Row two: Lauryn Tankersley, Abbi Taylor, Taylor Ann Yeager, Jessica Veal, Avory Taylor and Austin Wilson; Row three: Amanda Thompson, Katie Tucker, Austin Whitt, Eric Taylor and Johnathan Waldrop

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2018

Graduation is Saturday, May 26, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Wallace State Community College's Tom Drake Coliseum.

"Our 2018 seniors are a unique, hard-working, distinguished group. They have been a joy for our teachers to work with and have accomplished goals provided to them by the faculty and staff. This group will always be remembered and has left their mark on Good Hope High. I wish them well on their journey and look forward to seeing what each of them accomplish."

Dr. John Hood, principal, Good Hope High School



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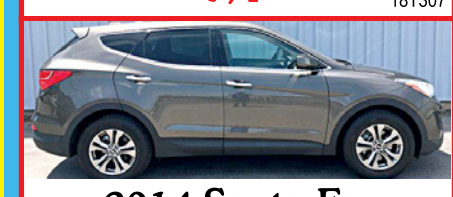




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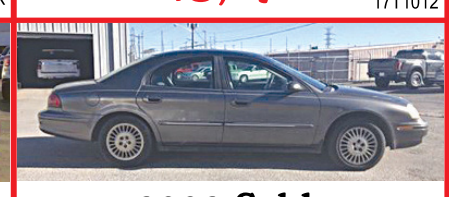
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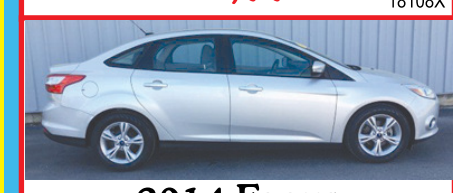
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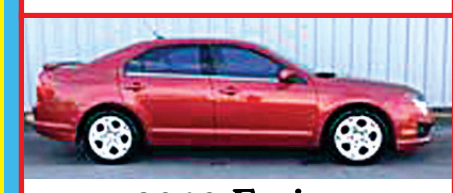
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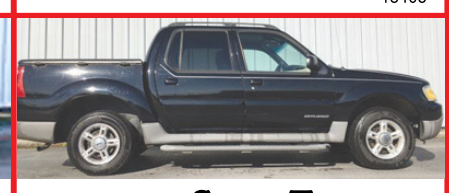
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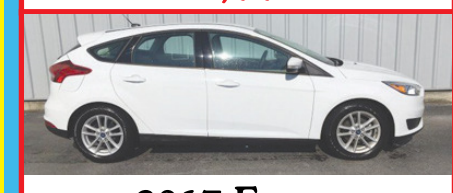
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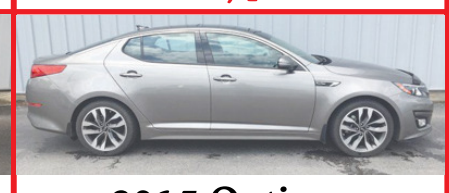
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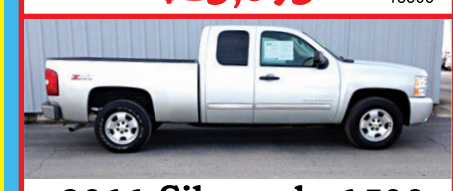
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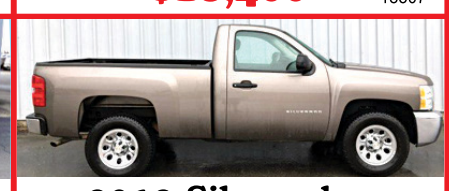
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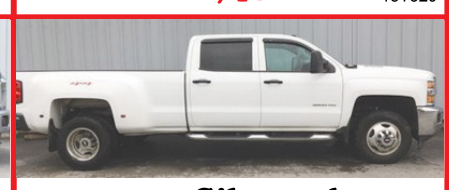
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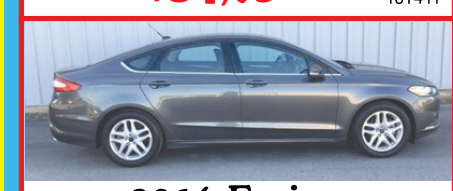
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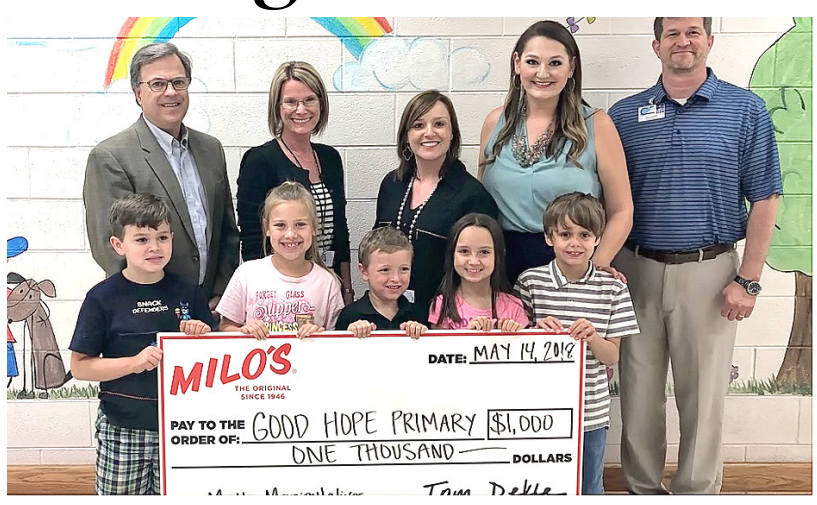
Milo's awards grants to 5 Cullman organizations

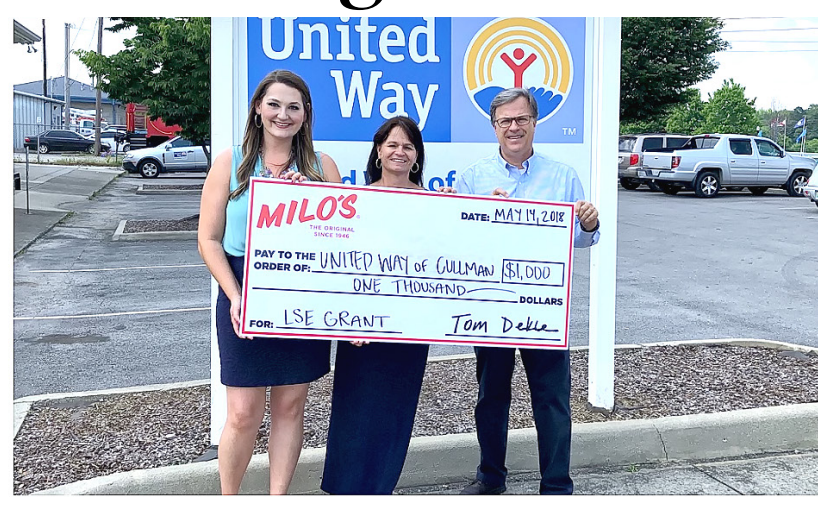
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CULLMAN – Milo's Hamburgers has awarded $1,000 grants to five organizations in Cullman County, the company announced Monday.

More than 30 organizations and schools in Cullman applied for grants through the Milo's Little Something Extra Foundation in the spring and five nonprofit organizations were chosen to receive a grant.

Schools, as well as local nonprofits with a focus on education and leadership, were encouraged to apply for a grant.











MILO'S

Milo's awarded grants to, clockwise from top left: Good Hope Primary School, The United Way of Cullman County, West Elementary School, Brooks' Place and ALAbundant.

Milo's was honored to present the grants to the following schools and nonprofits:

• Good Hope Primary School received a grant for its Math Manipulatives program, which will introduce more hands-on math skills to students.

• West Elementary School received a grant to update its sixth-grade science classroom with new materials and supplies.

• The United Way of Cullman County received a grant to assist its agencies.

• ALAbundant received a grant to help stock the pantry for Knapsacks for Kids, a program that gives non-perishable food items to underprivileged students in schools across Cullman County.

• The fifth grant was given to Brooks' Place, a child advocacy program that works to nurture hope and healing in the lives of children and families impacted by child sexual abuse.

"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 Tom Dekle, CEO of Milo's.

"By partnering with the people that do this best, we are convinced we can make a bigger difference together!"

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

DONNA MARIE DAVIS, CASE NO PC-2018-137

DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Administration having been granted to MELISSA H. WESSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DONNA MARIE DAVIS, Deceased, on the 17th day of May, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Melissa H. Wesson
Personal Representative

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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of BRENDA MAZE NOBLE, deceased
CASE NO: PC2018-141

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRENDA MAZE NOBLE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration on the estate of BRENDA MAZE NOBLE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, KENNETH RUSSELL MAZE, on the 14th of May, 2018, by the Honorable TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

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TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks.

Tammy Brown
PROBATE JUDGE Tammy Brown

Obituary Announcements: May 19 - 24

Funeral service for Thomas Joseph Gallagher, 93 of Cullman, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Sacred Heart Monastery, with interment in Sacred Heart Monastery Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Gallagher passed away Saturday, May 19, 2018. He was born July 4, 1924 to parents William and Catherine Bannon Gallagher. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a Detective for the New York Police Department for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Rosemarie Pyne Gallagher; brother, Joseph Gallagher; sister, Sister Catherine Peter MSBT; and uncle, Jack Bannon. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Gallagher; daughters, Geraldine (Walter) Bald, Sister Eileen Gallagher OSB; granddaughters, Emily (Phillip) Hector, Joanna Bald; brother, Senan Gallagher ST.; and a host of Nieces and Nephews. Visitation will be 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening at Sacred Heart Monastery, with Rosary at 7:15 p.m.

Frank Bates, 70, of Crane Hill passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Mr. Garlond Bennefield will be Wednesday, at 1 p.m., at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Jim Hampton officiating. Interment will be at Bethel United Methodist Cemetery in Eva. Mr. Bennefield passed away Sunday, May 20, 2018 at his residence. He was born July 2, 1936 in Arab, Al, to Garlond and Ruth Bennefield. He is preceded in death by his wife, Arlene Bennefield. Survivors include his daughter, Carla (Chris) Myers, 2 sons Johnny Bennefield and Ricky Bennefield, a host of grand and great grandchildren, and 2 sisters Renea Hampton and Jerida Starnes. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service on Wednesday.

Funeral service for SFC(R) Jim W. Powell, 71, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Oak Level Cemetery. Tim Rice will be officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. SFC(R) Powell was called home on Monday, May 21, 2018 at his residence. He was the husband of Brenda Faye Powell. Born on March 26, 1947, he was the son of the late Oscar and Lorene Powell. Through his love and loyalty for our country, he honorably retired after 23 years in the U.S. Army. Jim is survived by his wife of 45 years, Brenda Powell; daughters, Tammy White Quick and Brandy and Bobby Smith; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Leroy Powell and Chiron Demoss. He was loved by many family and friends. Visitation will be 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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SPRING FOOTBALL

Broncos and Warriors battle to 21-21 tie

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WEST POINT – Holly Pond and West Point faced off in some spring football action Friday, and it was nothing short of exciting and dramatic as the teams played to a 21-21 tie.

The defense on both sides started out strong as neither team could scratch the end zone for most of the first quarter, but the Warriors looked to get the first touchdown of the game when they forced a Bronco fumble and recovered it at the 45-yard line. A scary moment happened for West Point quarterback Rylan Jones during the drive. He tried to get in the end zone and suffered an injury to his kneecap, which kept him out for the rest of the game. Hunter Persall ran it in from 2 yards out to put the Warriors on the scoreboard with 1:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Holly Pond lost its starting quarterback, Kyler Chaney, in the second quarter with 8:04 remaining after his knee got scraped. Brody Rowell replaced Chaney for the rest of the drive and he drove the Broncos down the field; he finished the drive off with a 1-yard quarterback sneak to tie the game at 7 with 2:41 remaining in the first half. But West Point quickly answered on its next drive when quarterback Whit Laney completed passes to Persall for 10 yards and Kolton Sapp for 34 yards to quickly put the Warriors at the 26-yard line. After the Warriors got called for a personal foul on their next play, Persall found the end zone when he ran down the left side and evaded a defender before crossing the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown run to put West Point ahead, 14-7, which was the score at the half.

Both defenses stood out for most of the third quarter, but after stopping West Point on a fourth down play, Holly Pond found itself in dangerous territory at the 14-yard line. Chaney started the second half for the Broncos and he helped get some key yards and a couple of first downs during the drive; Jeremiah Holmes broke free for a 42-yard run and the Broncos wore down the Warrior defense on the ground. After a Chaney 7-yard run put the Broncos at the 2-yard line, Levi Boatright took it in from there to tie the game at 14 with 44 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Balanced running by West Point helped the Warriors move the ball down the field in the fourth quarter, but Laney forced a pass on a second down and it got intercepted by Chaney at the 3-yard line; he nearly took it the distance, but he got tackled at the 5-yard line; however, Holly Pond got called for a personal foul and the ball got moved back to the 20-yard line. On the first play, though, Rowell found Tyler Boatright for a 20-yard touchdown to give the Broncos a 21-14 lead with 9:29 remaining in the game. After being forced to punt on their next series, the Warriors looked to get the ball back, and they did just that as they forced Holly Pond to punt and got the ball back with less than three minutes remaining.

Some tough yards by Lucas McAfee and Hunter Morrow got the Warriors going offensively. Then came the biggest play of the game as, on a third-and-8 from the 39-yard line, Will Cochran dropped back to pass and found Jacob Dye on the left side; Dye jumped up and grabbed the ball, and he took it to the end zone to tie the game at 21 with 1:44 remaining in the game. Holly Pond looked to break the tie, but the Broncos couldn't get past midfield, and the game ended, 21-21.

West Point finished with 372 yards of total offense; 210 of those yards came on the ground. Persall finished the game with 109 yards and a pair of scores. Laney completed four passes for 86 yards, Cochran completed his only pass for 61 yards, and Jones completed two for 15 yards before getting hurt. The Warriors will start the season on Aug. 23 at home against Fairview.

Holly Pond finished with 270 yards of total offense: 196 yards rushing and 74 through the air. Holmes finished with 112 yards on the ground; Chaney threw for 47 yards and Rowell completed a pair of passes for 27 yards and a score. The Broncos will take on New Hope at home on Aug. 24.

Other scores

- Vinemont 42, Brindlee Mountain 7
- Fairview 28, Arab 27



BILL PIPER

The West Point Warriors and Holly Pond Broncos played to a 21-21 tie in their spring football game Friday.

SPRING FOOTBALL

Good Hope brings home 21-0 win over Cleburne County

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JACKSONVILLE – The Good Hope Raiders drove about two hours away to Jacksonville State University to take on Cleburne County in a spring game Saturday. They returned home 21-0 winners over the Tigers.

The first offensive play for the Raider offense came was a 34-yard run by Matt Dixon, who took it to the Cleburne County 34-yard line. Good Hope drove to the 6-yard line, then a penalty, followed by a 1-yard loss, dropped the Raiders back to the 12. Devin Moody tried a 29-yard field goal, but it was no good. The Raider defense, though, kept the Tiger offense off the scoreboard as the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie.

The second quarter, though, proved to be different as Jared Pugh picked off a pass at the Good Hope 45, one of three turnovers that the Raider defense forced on the day; later on, they cashed in on that opportunity as Bailey Quick executed an option play perfectly to Matt Schwaiger, who raced down the left sideline for a 40-yard touchdown with 9:09 remaining in the first half to put Good Hope on the scoreboard.

Schwaiger picked up the Raiders' second interception of the game at the 38-yard line with 2:49 remaining in the half, and they quickly capitalized on this turnover like they did on their first interception; after that got called for a holding on their first play, Quick found Matt Hancock for a touchdown that was taken off the scoreboard because of a block in the black penalty.

After a Dixon 4-yard run, that made it third-and-4 at the 14-yard line, and Quick got a big block by Dylan McDonald as he gained 13 yards on the keeper to put the ball at the 1. Dixon got in the end zone on the next play to make it 14-0, which was the score at the half.

There was a running clock for the whole second half, and some younger players came in to play for both sides. After stopping the Tigers with 9:39 remaining in the game, new quarterback Tanner Malin helped drive the offense down the field; he picked up 20 yards on a third-and-8 from the 30, which put the Raiders at the 10.

Malin scored on a 2-yard run to put the final score at 21-0.

Good Hope out-gained Cleburne County, 235-66, in the first half, and finished with 270 total yards offensively: 197 rushing and 73 passing. Dixon finished with 65 rushing yards and a score. Quick passed for 73 yards and ran for 39 more to finish with 112 total yards.

Hancock caught a pair of passes for 57 yards. The Raider defense held the Tigers to just 106 yards and three first downs; Pugh and Schwaiger each had interceptions in the game, and they forced a fumble as well.

The Raiders will start out the season on the road on Aug. 24 at Carbon Hill.

Other games

- Hanceville 14, Cold Springs 6
- Addison 22, Falkville 13

Knife (from Front)

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT – On Easter Sunday, Ronald van Meesen was pursuing his pastime of metal detecting World War II sites around the town of Alpen, Germany when he stumbled upon the remains of an American foxhole. In it, he hit on and dug up a pocket knife inscribed with a name and hometown: "Prentice W. Ball" and "Vinemont Alabama." On Sunday, just seven weeks later, Footsteps Researchers (FR), the company that handled the find, returned the knife to Ball's family in a ceremony at West Point High School.

Ball, who passed away in 1983, had three daughters: Jo Ann Dempsey, Sheri Mize and Jean Gilbreath; Dempsey and Mize were presented with their late father's knife at the event.

Dr. Myra Miller, with the St. Louis FR office, led the ceremony in West Point. Miller introduced two other team members who worked on the project: Sara Collins, the genealogist who traced the information on Ball's knife to his family here in Alabama, and Joey van Meesen, the lead researcher for the European sector of FR, whose father found the knife.

Miller described the process of finding Ball's family and returning the knife.

"We wanted to make sure we were 100 percent positive we had the right guy," she explained. This required finding the file on Prentice W. Ball in the national WWII archives in St. Louis (there were dozens of people with the last name Ball, three of whom were named Prentice), checking the morning reports, and confirming that he and/or his unit were in the area where the knife was found. Once all that was confirmed, FR started putting together a combat narrative package, which detailed not only the finding of the knife, but also the precise movements of Ball's unit, the return process, and documents from Ball's file ranging from dental records to his honorable discharge papers.

"An excerpt from the narrative read, "The 30th Infantry Division was put on a secret list, and the first battalion moved on the night of March 18th to the assembly area southwest of Wesel on the Rhine River. Prentice W. Ball's pocket knife was found in this area, south of the town of Alben."

Ball served in Company A, 117th Regiment, 30th Infantry Division in the U.S. Army during the division's post-D-Day campaign through France and Germany in 1944 and 1945. Between March 18 and 25, 1945, the 117th Regiment was encamped in Alpen.

FR confirmed that the knife was dropped on the night of March 23, 1945.

The cover of the package featured a drawing based on a picture of Ball's unit (the original picture was also included in the package), which was done by Miller's brother. Her brother did a second drawing of the picture, which was framed while the other went with the package; both of these were given to the family before the knife was presented, as well as replica dog tags with Ball's name and serial number (created by Collins) and a jump drive detailing Ball's footsteps.

The knife was presented by Collins to daughters Dempsey and Mize. Mize thanked Miller, Collins and Joey van Meesen for everything they did to bring her father's knife back, saying how much it meant to the family to have a piece of him back. Dempsey and Dr. Miller let everyone have a chance to come up and see the knife, and then the family gathered together to get some group pictures with it; first the immediate family (the children, grandchildren, and so on), then the extended family with cousins and in-laws. Later, when the excitement died down a bit, Mize and Dempsey sat down for an interview with ABC 33/40 and The Tribune.



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A pocket knife inscribed "Prentice W. Ball" and "Vinemont Alabama" was found by Ronald van Meesen while metal detecting WWII foxholes in Alpen, Germany.

The sisters described their father as a good, loving man. "He didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't cuss," said Dempsey." He was a very good man."

Mize said, "He served his country. He always made sure his family had what they need. He was very active in the church, and he treated everybody the same."

Dempsey added that Ball almost never talked about his time in the war, to the point where they were unsure as to how long he served. Mize said that he also rarely lost things, so the fact that he lost his knife and it was returned to them meant so much more.

The sisters recounted that they were overjoyed when they first heard of the knife being found. "I think I've used about every word that there is," said Mize. "Amazing, unbelievable, just incredible."

Dempsey recalled seeing the photo of the knife for the first time and recognizing her father's handwriting. They both expressed extreme gratitude for Miller and her team - gratitude for these strangers going so far out of their way to do this for them, saying that if anybody else had found that knife then the family might never have gotten it back.

When asked what having the knife back in the family means, the sisters jokingly said that it means more family fighting over who gets to have it, which they feel their father wouldn't have approved of. "He would've said, 'Put it up and hide that rusty blade.' But also, 'I remember that night.'" There aren't any official plans set for the knife's future, so everyone in the family will get to hold on to it for a little while. The entire family, some of whom drove hours to be at the ceremony, will get their chance to remember PFC Prentice W. Ball and celebrate his legacy.

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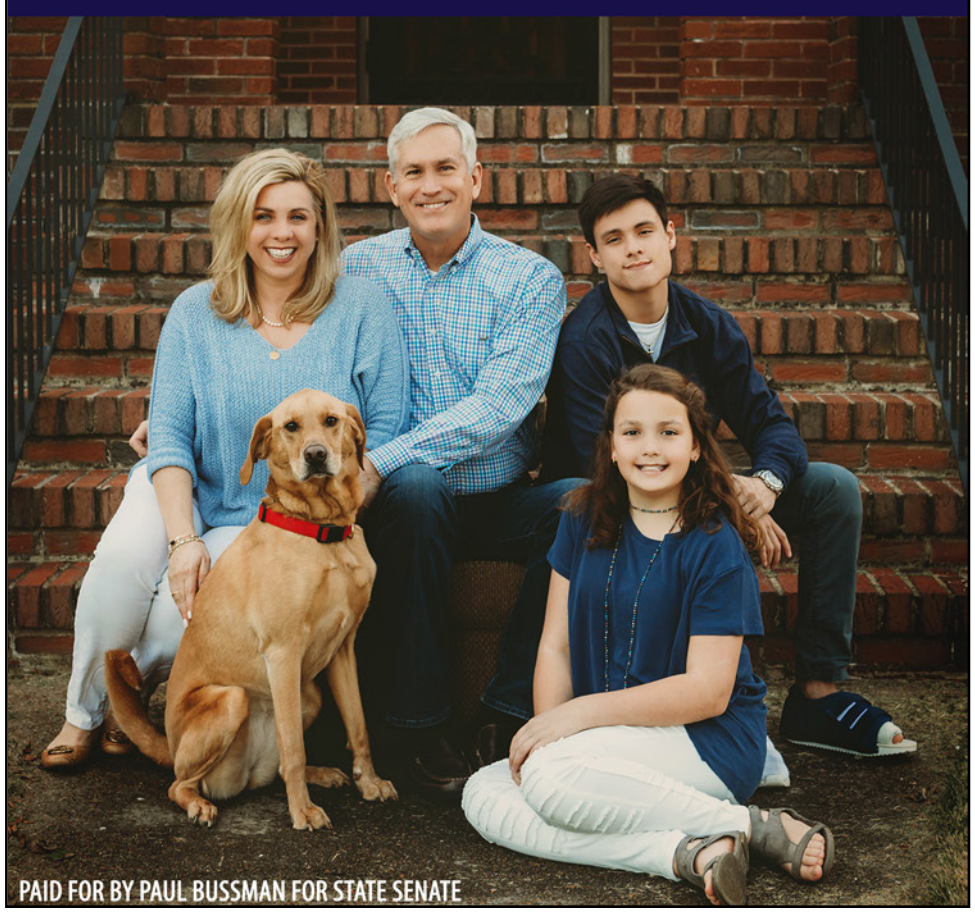
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