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PREP FOOTBALL

GEARING UP FOR THE GRIDIRON

10 Cullman area teams ready for some football



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L-R: Hanceville OL Colin Long, Good Hope RB Matt Dixon, Vinemont WR Hudson Wood, Addison LB Gage Gilliland, Cullman OL Jordan Ray, Cold Springs TE Francisco Ayala, Meek WR Caleb Aaron, West Point QB Rylan Jones, Fairview QB Dayne Black. Not Pictured: Holly Pond LB/OL Jacob Ring.

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Addison Elementary motivates students with artwork

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ADDISON – Students at Addison Elementary are greeted with an encouraging sight when visiting the restrooms this school year, murals painted by Amanda Williams of Artsy Amber Designs in Cullman. The hand-painted murals are displayed in both the boys' and girls' restrooms at the school with messages like "Be yourself" and "Be kind, be brave, be you."

Jeff Scott, principal of Addison Elementary, said the murals were the culmination of an idea by the local Parent Teacher Organization's president.

"Our PTO president, Mandy Lake, she just wanted to come up with a way to inspire each student and make them realize that they're all important," said Scott. "Hopefully, if some of them are having a bad day, maybe it will lift them up and help them to realize just how important they are, not only to us, but to other people around."

Students at Addison Elementary have taken a liking to the murals, according to Scott. "We have people wanting to hang out in the bathrooms a little bit longer, but that's okay," joked Scott. "They really like it, they all noticed it. Once one of them looked at it and saw it, then everybody else wanted to run down and had to take a peek at it. So they really enjoy it."

When the idea for the mural was brought to Scott he immediately saw the benefit it could bring to the students. "Mandy is always brainstorming, you know, trying to think of ways to make things

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A motivational mural by Amber Williams of Artsy Amber Designs in Cullman is displayed in the boys' restroom at Addison Elementary School.

Community Needs Forum series kicks off Aug. 16

Rob Ketcham
Cullman Chamber

CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center's Talent Recruitment and Housing Taskforces have been hard at work pinpointing how to make Cullman County the best possible place to live, work and play.Now, they're asking for your help.

Make your voice heard on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall for the first of a three-part Cullman Area Community Needs Forum series appropriately titled "Your Community, Your Future." Each forum will focus on one aspect of the area's "live, work, play" approach.

First up for August is "work."

After analyzing nearly 400 survey responses, the Chamber's Talent Recruitment Taskforce has honed in on the biggest factors affecting the Cullman area's workforce needs.

Among the information they'll be looking to gather at this month's opening forum:

- Why citizens commute to jobs outside Cullman County
- Why people work in the Cullman area but live elsewhere
- What could be added to make Cullman County a more desirable place to live

All Cullman area citizens and members of the local workforce are encouraged to attend August's forum. Once participants answer the taskforce's short list of initial questions, they'll be broken into focus groups to obtain further details. From there, the Talent Taskforce will use all data and information collected to that point to partner with the Housing Taskforce and create action plans for filling Cullman County's gaps in each area. Recommendations will then ultimately be made to the appropriate parties to see the action plans enacted.

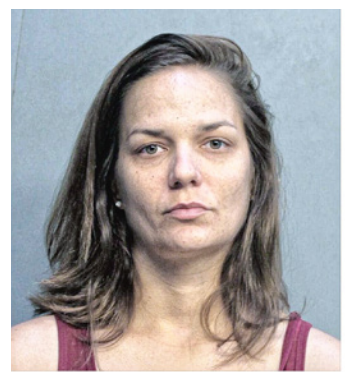
In addition to positively impacting the community you live or are employed in, there's plenty of incentive to participate in this month's forum. All attendees will automatically be entered in drawings for a slew of impressive door prizes — valued at more than $1,000 — from around the area. Prizes include, but certainly aren't limited to, a free pontoon rental from Trident Marina, a round of golf and

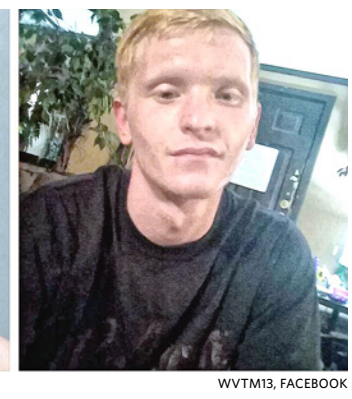
lunch buffet for two from TP Country Club and a one-night getaway for two from Smith Lake Bed & Breakfast. Winners will be notified after the event.

Dates, times and locations will be announced for the second and third forums in the "Your Community, Your Future" series as they become available. For more information, contact the Chamber at 256-734- 0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org.

CRIME

Cullman County woman arrested with murdered Birmingham couple's car in Miami; Arab man arrested in connection with crime





WVTM13, FACEBOOK

Kristen Gullion, left, and Zachary Phillips, right

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MIAMI – Authorities in south Florida arrested two people today in connection with a double homicide in Birmingham. Kristen Gullion, 30, of Cullman and Zachary Phillips, 23, who has an Arab address were both arrested Friday. Gullion was found with a car belonging to the slain Birmingham couple, Mary and Joe Holt, who were discovered on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018 at 8720 Ninth Court Circle South.

The Tribune is working with its Birmingham news partner, WVTM 13, on this developing story.

Birmingham police shared the following statement with WVTM 13

"BPD investigators received information that the Miami Police Department recovered the gray 2012 Honda Civic that belong to the victims. Miami Police also arrested a subject in that vehicle that had an unrelated outstanding arrest warrant. BPD homicide investigators are currently in Florida gathering additional information. It has

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COURTS

Bond revoked in human trafficking case

Bond revoked after Kenneth Loyd Woods arrested for witness tampering, contributing to the delinquency of a minor

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CULLMAN – On Thursday afternoon, Kenneth Loyd Woods, the first Cullman County resident to be charged with human trafficking, saw his bond in that case revoked after a new arrest on July 30, 2018 on charges of tampering with a witness and contributing to the delinquency of a minor involving two of the victims in the original case.

Woods, of Fairview, a previously registered sex offender, was arrested on May 9, 2017, and charged with second-degree rape, two counts of electronic solicitation of a child and two counts of transmitting obscene material to a child. During an investigation, Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) investigators learned that Woods was possibly distributing pills and alcohol to underage students at a Cullman County high school.

As the investigation progressed it was determined that the suspect would allegedly demand payment, "other than a monetary value," according to a media release from the CCSO, for the pills and alcohol that he was selling to the underage students. The Tribune learned from multiple sources that the high school was Fairview High School.

On July 20, 2017, Woods was indicted on two counts of first-degree human trafficking along with electronic solicitation of a child, second-degree rape, transmission of obscene material to a child and enticing a child for immoral purposes. The indictments were the first for human trafficking in Cullman County history. A grand jury returned two true bills of indictment for Woods, stemming from his arrest on May 9, 2017.

The first indictment was for electronic solicitation of a child, transmission of obscene material to a minor, second-degree rape, enticing a child for immoral purposes and first-degree human trafficking.

The second was for electronic solicitation of a child, transmission of obscene material to a minor and first-degree human trafficking.

According to the complaint, Woods supplied alcohol and drugs to students at Fairview High School, then demanded payment from them in the form of sex acts.

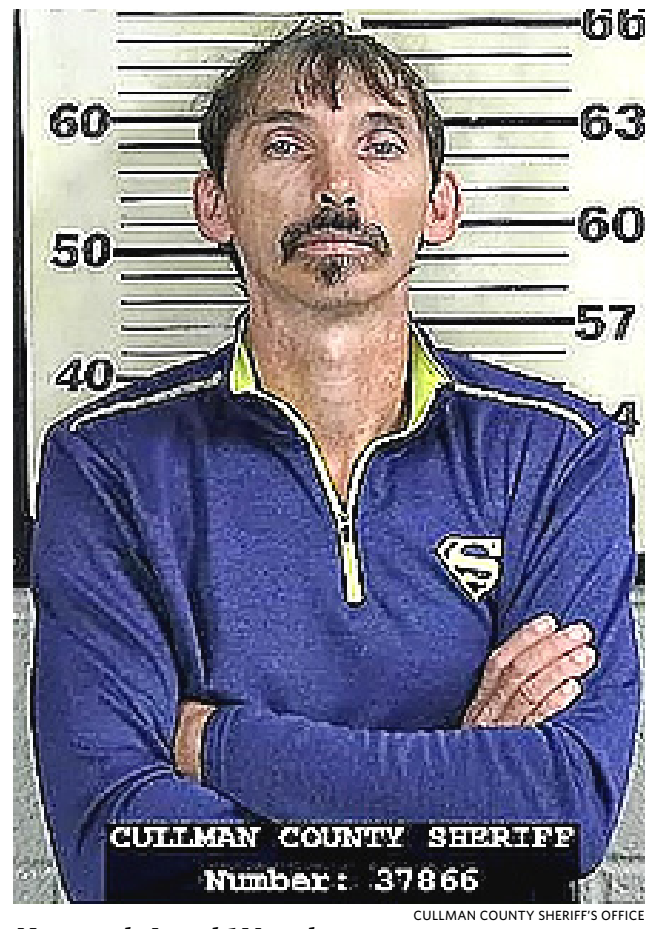
In the words of the law, Woods allegedly recruited, enticed, solicited and induced a minor for the purpose of sexual servitude. He has been out on bail while awaiting trial.

The new arrest involves an alleged meeting between Woods and two of the victims from that case at a house belonging to Woods's son.

According to testimony from Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Investigator Ryan Hogeland, one of the victims ran away from home and met with a friend who was also a victim.

The two allegedly went to a house belonging to Woods' son, where Woods himself previously lived, and, while the two were there, Woods came over to the house.

Hogeland also testified to finding evidence that Woods paid the cell phone bill of one of the victims and provided her with food. The victim, though, did not report being asked to alter her testimony in exchange for the gifts.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Kenneth Loyd Woods

According to Cullman County Deputy District Attorney John Bryant, Woods should have had no contact with the victims at all and contributed to the delinquency of a minor by not reporting the runaway.

Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas, in his ruling, determined:

"Woods arrest for the new offense of Tampering with a Witness and the two new offenses of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor were based on probable cause as determined by the magistrate on July 24, 2018 and July 27, 2018. Therefore, the court finds that probable cause exists that Defendant Woods has violated the mandatory terms of his pretrial release by committing new criminal offenses.

"It is therefore ORDERED that the release bond of the Defendant, Kenneth Loyd Woods, is revoked in this case and he shall be held in the Cullman County Detention Facility pending further court order."

Due to the defendant's now-incarcerated status, Nicholas also ordered that the case be expedited, and that the prosecutor and defense team "be prepared to proceed without delay at all future court dates."

For more on the crime of Human Trafficking and Cullman County's three current cases, see our story www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/03/13/what-human-trafficking. For specific information on the original human trafficking case against Woods, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/08/29/fairview-man-indicted-2-counts-1st-degree-human-trafficking.

CRIME

Cullman PD makes more meth arrests

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department on Thursday evening reported more methamphetamine arrests.

The first occurred on Tuesday, Aug. 7, when the department's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) arrested Joseph Lee Mickle, 26, of Cullman on an outstanding warrant.

During that arrest, officers allegedly recovered approximately 11 grams of methamphetamine.

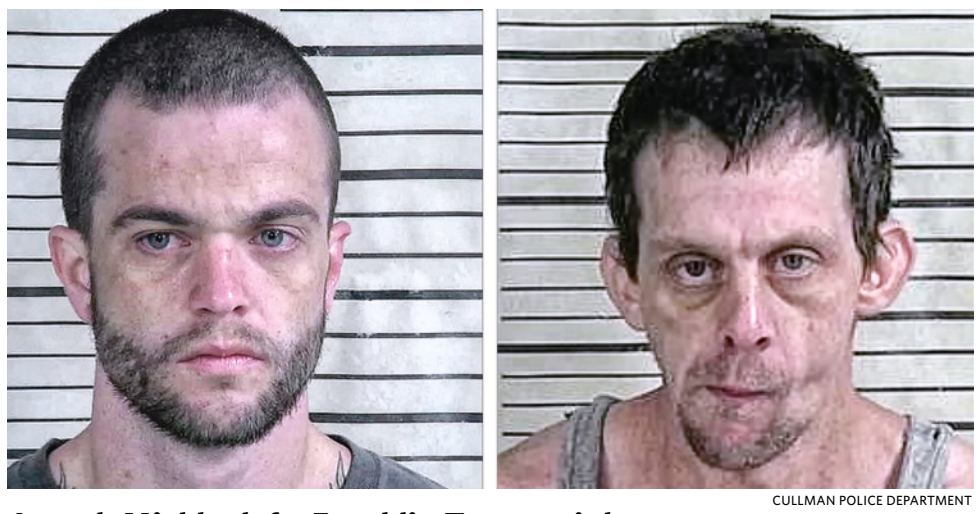
Mickle was charged with unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

He was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where he has since made bond and was released into another agency's custody.

In a separate incident, on Wednesday, Aug. 8, the CSU arrested Franklin Jason Turner, 39, of Hanceville for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine.

Turner was incarcerated at the time of his arrest on an unrelated drug charge and currently on parole.

He remains incarcerated.

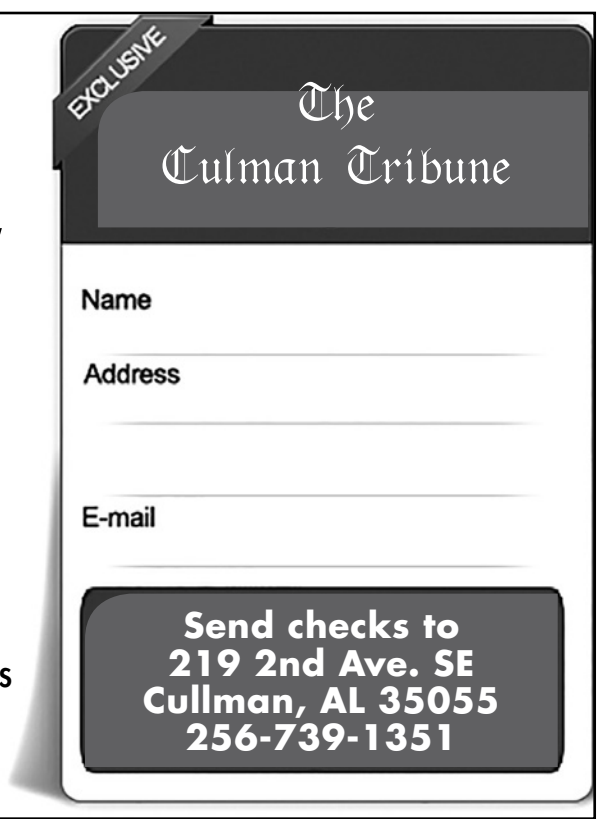


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Joseph Mickle, left; Franklin Turner, right

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2005 Honda CR-V, Vin. #SHSRD78845U309244

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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Arrest reports: Aug. 6-9, 2018

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Aug. 6-9, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6-8, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MONDAY, AUG. 6, 2018

Bridgmon, Michael Lewis, 46
• probation revocation- third-degree burglary (3 counts)

Delgado, Jesus Isidoro, 37
• second-degree cruelty to a dog or cat

Givens, Heather Nicole, 29
• FTA- third-degree burglary

Wilson, Jason Alan, 35
• possession of drug paraphernalia

TUESDAY, AUG. 7, 2018

Carroll, Savannah Michelle, 31
• third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (3 counts)
• third-degree forgery (3 counts)

Chumley, Eric Reese, 19
• judge's order- minor in possession of alcohol

Hale, Amy Beth, 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hanna, Hunter Alan, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hicks, John S. Jr., 45
• GJ- first-degree theft of property

McAnear, Taylor Ashbury, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Penn, Matthew William, 33
• violation of domestic violence protection order

Pettitt, Cameron Joseph, 23
• public intoxication

Pitt, William Eric, 47
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Satterfield, Larry W., 64
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Scott, Tiffany Maryella, 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Swafford, Christopher James, 41
• third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• third-degree forgery

Tolbert, Willie Jack, 36
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

York, John Allen, 27
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- DUI- controlled substance
• FTA- reckless endangerment (2 counts)
• FTA- resisting arrest

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8, 2018

Eipp, Nickolas Adam Edwin, 25
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Ellis, Daniel Alexander, 38
• illegal possession of prescription medicine

Hawkins, Paul Farris, 45
• probation violation- first-degree receiving stolen property
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Kimbril, Ricky Paul, 58
• harassment

Malone, Kenneth Don, 58
• manslaughter

McKenzie, Cameron Blake, 23
• FTA- proof of liability insurance required

Miller, Jackie Dale, 48
• probation violation- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana personal

Moore, Mary Anna, 40
• public intoxication

Parker, Kristina Lynn, 40
• FTA- driving while revoked

Parsons, John Patrick, 26
• proof of liability insurance required

Sparks, Geneen Lee, 44
• probation violation- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Wells, Michael Keith, 32
• driving while suspended

Wilson, Westley Steven, 26
• probation violation- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

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Nixon, Robert R., 56
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- driving without a license

Turner, Franklin J., 39
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided

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Williams, Courtni N., 26
• disorderly conduct

Wilson, Garry M., 33
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Blackwood, Phillip C., 46
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Jackson, Nicholas S., 26
• FTA- public intoxication

Yates, Jimmy L. Jr., 31
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Collins, Joshua T., 28
• FTA- public intoxication

Owen, Zachary A., 18
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Hitt, Bryan A., 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Crime (from Front)

not been confirmed that the subject found with the vehicle was involved in this case. No warrants have been obtained in this case."

Police say the car belonging to Mary and Joe Holt, who were found dead in a home in Birmingham last week, was discovered illegally parked on South Pointe Drive in Miami Beach Thursday night. Officers arrested a 30-year-old woman from Cullman County, Kristen Gullion, and later discovered she had a warrant in Cullman County.

Phillips was arrested Friday afternoon following a chase with police in Hollywood, Florida.

Gullion stated her permanent residence was on County Road 1488 in Cullman. Phillips resides on County Road 1855 in Arab.

This is a developing story. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the very latest.

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

JOSH O'NEAL
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
200 2ND AVE. SE
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055



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August 17 / 2:00 heritage park at the playground pavilion

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Nuss appointed to Hanceville City Council

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – There's a new face on the Hanceville City Council. Jimmie Nuss was sworn in Thursday night, filling the seat left vacant by former councilwoman Sharon Porter, whose last meeting was two weeks ago. Nuss was nominated by Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail and unanimously approved by the council to serve the rest of Porter's term, which ends in November 2020.

Nuss, who is a longtime resident of the city and former councilman, has been active with the Boy Scouts, Lions Club, National Guard and Hanceville Fire and Rescue. Following the council's approval, Nuss was sworn in immediately, after a quick check of the City's handbook by City Attorney Dan Willingham and City Clerk Tania Wilcox to make sure they could do it so soon.

Nail said of Nuss, "Let me say this about Jimmie Nuss, and I mean this from my heart: Jimmie Nuss is a man of his word. He's the guy that, if he thinks the mayor is wrong, he's gonna tell 'em. He's not a rubber stamp for anybody. He loves this town."

Nail recalled the time he spent with Nuss while Nuss was recovering from injuries sustained during a fire department training exercise.

"I stayed there in the hospital with him, spent the night in my car in the parking deck. We all thought he was gonna die. The day we brought him home, we brought him to the city limits and had all the firetrucks and police cars there to see him. We went by the school, and every school kid was out there hollering, waving cheering him on, 'Go Jimmie!' I've never been so proud of this town for coming out and supporting this man."

The council also had several topics on its agenda that required a lot of deliberation. One was a possible incentive to get City employees to use other insurance providers in order to save the City money. After calculating roughly how much the City spends on insurance for its employees, the council tossed around the idea to give a stipend to employees who proved that they receive credible coverage from a different provider. The council made it clear that all City employees must have insurance, so anyone who either cannot get outside coverage or gets it but loses it will still be covered by the City, but they will not receive the incentive stipend. The topic was tabled until the council could do more research and get more concrete numbers.

Another big topic for discussion was what to do with the Rayford Talley building, which is currently being used to host fitness classes. The City allowed someone to use the building free of charge, and the council said that person subleased the building. The council deliberated whether the City would want to rent the building out, and if so, how much rent could be charged. It decided to also table the topic until the person originally using the building clears out.

Other business, the council

• voted to purchase a full-page ad in the Hanceville High School football program

• motioned to approve the application process for hanging banners of military members to include a $125 fee and a disclaimer that the original buyers can choose to buy another banner if the first one is damaged or stolen



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Jimmie Nuss, left, is sworn into office by Hanceville City Clerk Tania Wilcox Thursday evening. Nuss is filling the council seat left vacant by former councilwoman Sharon Porter.

• introduced Ordinance No. 621, which will amend Zoning Ordinance No. 510. The public hearing for Ordinance 621 will be during the next work session on Aug. 23 at 6 p.m.

• voted to accept the roads going through the Steppville Gardens subdivision once the roads are finished and the final subdivision plots submitted to the City

• discussed the paving of County Road 662. The City of Cullman agreed to pave it if Hanceville would purchase the materials, so the council agreed to work that project into the next budget. No other action was taken.

• voted to increase the fire department's budget to purchase a forceful entry tool

• paid the invoice to Action Resources and cleared up the protocol to be followed when demolishing a home. A home inspection must check the property for asbestos if the city is performing the demolition, and appropriate action will be taken based on the results. However, a homeowner can demolish their own property without an inspection.

• announced that an archery tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Cullman Community Archery Park (located across from Cross Creek Golf Course on County Road 490/Golf Course Road)



HAYDEN HYATT/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of the Dodge City Town Council discuss a payment issue with members of a business during Thursday's town council meeting.

Dodge City discusses little pantry, construction project

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DODGE CITY – The Dodge City Town Council met Thursday and discussed the placement of the new little pantry and payment for a construction project, among other agenda items, at its monthly meeting.

Jack's, on Alabama Highway 69 in Dodge City, has given permission to the Town to place a "little pantry" free food pantry on the restaurant's property. The pantry will be similar to those in Cullman and Good Hope. The little pantry will provide a place to store food donations and a convenient location for those items to be retrieved by community members in need.

The council also discussed payment to a business that was selected to work on a retaining wall for the Dodge City Senior Center. During the course of the project, the business' insurance lapsed, causing the Town to have to cancel the project.

A representative from the company was present at the meeting and engaged in discussion with the council over payment. There was miscommunication cited by both the council and the business over the original contract.

After a long discussion the council finally agreed to the payment of $1,373.75 for the work that had been completed.

The council agreed that once the company got re-insured and provided the council with a new contract agreeable to both parties, the Town will rehire the company to complete the job.

Council members approved the Town's financial report. The Town's expenses for July were $46,131.28.

The reason for the unusually high amount was $15,700 which was spent on improvements to County Road 236.

Sgt. David Nunn, Dodge City town deputy, had no major incidents to report during his report to the council other than a truck fire that had happened Wednesday.

The council's next meeting will be Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Dodge City Town Hall.



EDUCATION

Altec pledges donation for scholarships for 3 WSCC programs

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Altec recently donated to the Wallace State Community College Future Foundation to provide scholarships to students in three applied technology programs: Collision Repair, Diesel Technology and Welding.

Altec is a leading equipment and service provider for the electric utility, telecommunications, contractor, lights and signs and tree care markets. Altec employs several Wallace State alumni at its manufacturing facility located in Birmingham.

"We appreciate the trust you put in us and the partnership we have with Altec," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

Tim Grace, head of the Collision Repair program, said the scholarship would be beneficial to students who could use the funds to pay tuition or purchase books or tools.

Previously, Altec has provided scholarship assistance to benefit female welding students at the college.

Wallace State's Diesel Technology program is working with Altec to create a new short-term certificate in Heavy Utility Vehicles. This program will train students to service and repair heavy equipment. Plans are to have the curriculum ready for the Spring 2019 term.

Jeremy Smith, head of the Diesel Technology program, said the new curriculum is a joint venture with Altec and will give students the skills and knowledge they need to fill jobs that are in high demand.

"The nature of work in the U.S. is in the midst of profound transformation," said Lee Styslinger III, Altec chairman and CEO. "Smart machines and new technologies are remaking how workers do their jobs and U.S. businesses must respond to this fundamental shift.

"Altec's partnership with WSCC is an important step toward helping to meet the workforce challenges of the 21st century."

Jonathan Armstrong, service area manager at Altec and alumnus of Wallace State, said demand is high for qualified service technicians. Altec employs technicians in service center locations throughout the United States and Canada as well as mobile service technicians that travel across the country repairing vehicles.

Armstrong remarked, "In the current labor market, it is extremely important to partner with vocational schools and build relationships so we can begin to hire candidates directly into manufacturing and service technician roles."



WSCC

Representatives from Altec present a check to Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics to establish the Altec Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will benefit students in Collision Repair, Diesel Technology and Welding. Pictured from left to right are Altec Industries representatives Jonathan Armstrong, Kelly Westin and Chris Harned; Dr. Karolewics; Jim Thompson, Welding; Jeremy Smith, Diesel Technology; and Tim Grace, Collision Repair.

The partnership with Altec will teach students how to weld, fabricate and read blueprints. Collision Repair will prep and paint projects using electrostatic painting, which will be a new course for the program.

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must have completed one semester in the program. If he or she is a recipient of the Oneonta campus welding scholarship, he or she must be a resident of Blount County, have and maintain a GPA of 2.75 or greater, demonstrate financial need, and complete an essay explaining the need for scholarship assistance and why he or she has chosen the career field.

For more information about the scholarship, visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org or call 256-352-8144. For more information about Wallace State programs, visit www.wallacestate.edu.







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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 11 - 13

Memorial services for Mrs. Ellen West Barbee, 63 of Falkville, will be announced at a later date. Mrs. Barbee was born on August 16, 1954 in Jefferson County to the late Willard K. West and Mary Alice Bigbee West and passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at her residence. She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister Carol West and an infant sister. Ellen had careers in insurance and banking, but her passion was with her husband and their music ministry, that took them all over the South East. She did this until her health declined and then turned to social media to remain a positive influence to many people; she also was an avid nature lover. Survivors include her husband of 34 years - Stan Barbee; daughter - Angela (Ryne) Higginbotham; 2 - sons - Patrick (Patty) Etheridge & Nic (Heather) Barbee; 8 - Grandchildren - Blake Higginbotham, Natalie Higginbotham, Dante Higginbotham, Kaden Etheridge, Ashton Etheridge, Hannah Bodine, Katie Bodine & Ella Barbee; a host of family & friends survive; also two special pets - Maxx & Koji. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Anna Lou Schmidt Crider, age 86, went to her heavenly father August 7, 2018, The Oaks at Parkwood, Bessemer, AL. She was born September 21, 1931 to Frederick C. and Bernie Chappell Schmidt in Hanceville, AL. Ann was actively engaged in her church, St. Paul's Lutheran, in Decatur, AL and served the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for many years. A faithful servant to God, a loving mother and homemaker, Ann enjoyed traveling with her husband, attending plays and was a remarkable cook. Completely selfless in helping others in need, she made everyone feel welcome and loved in her home. Ann is survived by her husband of 65 years, Duron Crider, her daughters, Debra Crider Besant (Chris) of Tuscaloosa, AL, and Julie Crider Hucks (Austin) of Tunnel Hill, GA, her son, Darryl Crider (Lesley) of Hoover, AL, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers Donald Schmidt and Carl Schmidt, and three sisters, Dorothy Becker, Evelyn Hays, and Brenda Long. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Bernie Schmidt, three sisters, Earline Doss Schneider, Nellie Brown, and Catherine Wilson, and one brother, Wallace Schmidt. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 11, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hanceville, AL with Pastor Harry Kretzschmar of St. Paul's Lutheran and Pastor John Jankens of Trinity Lutheran officiating. A graveside committal will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, AL. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran on Commercial Street. Pallbearers will be Chris Besant, Austin Hucks, Chad Besant, Trent Crider, Nick Donegan, and Anthony Hays. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mrs. Ruth Doyle Wood, 77, of Huntsville passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Huntsville Health and Rehab. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Roy Dewayne "Peanut" Shewbart, 71 of Black Pond Community, entered into rest on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at Walker Baptist Medical Center. Dewayne was born on August 17, 1946. He began his career working in coal mines and later went on to start his own logging company. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, working on his tractors, and talking and joking with everyone. Along with being a good provider, Dewayne was a hard working husband, and a loving father and grandfather. He was a teacher of skills and life. Dewayne was a good friend and he would help anyone in need. He could also throw some of the finest tantrums you have ever seen! He was known on the CB radio as "Peanut". Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be on Sunday at 2 p.m. Brother Danny Page will officiate. Burial will follow in Williams Cemetery in Black Pond. Dewayne is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Ann Shewbart; son, Bryan Dewayne; daughters, Ronda, Vicki and Anita; brother, Dewight; sisters, Patti and Deborah; he was "Paw Paw" to 6 grandchildren, Kasey, Ashley, Scott, Trent, Sarah and Will; and 2 great-grandchildren, Wesley and Shelby. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Calvin and Ila Eulene Humphries Shewbart; grandparents, Martin Luther and Lilllian Anthum Johnston Shewbart, and Noah Asberry and Rhoda Louella Elvira Curtis Humphries.

Funeral Service for Jeffrey Dean White, age 60 of Antioch, TN will be at 12 noon on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Barry Gardner officiating; burial at Hopewell Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. White passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at St. Thomas Hospital West. He was born March 19, 1958 to Bill and Ruth White. He is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Caren White, daughter, Catherine (Jason) Stewart, grandchildren, Hoyt & Wyatt, mother, Ruth White, and a host of aunts, uncles, family, & friends. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Graveside services for Mr. Randy Thomas Kilpatrick, 58 of Fultondale, will be at 12 noon on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Mt. Zion Cemetery, with Pastor B.R. Johnson officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Randy was born on July 30, 1960 to the late James Otis Kilpatrick & Bernice Annelene Renfroe Kilpatrick and passed away Wednesday August 8, 2018 at home in Fultondale. There is no visitation planned.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2018-240

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EVELYN H. BUETTNER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to James R. Buettner, Sr. on the 8th day of August, 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.

James R. Buettner, Sr., Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JEAN MARIE LINDSEY, * **CASE NO.: PC2018-257**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to DARRYL EDWARD WASHAM, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JEAN MARIE LINDSEY, deceased, on the 9th day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all personas having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

DONE this the 9th day of August, 2018.

Personal Representative:
DARRYL EDWARD WASHAM

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2018-256

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EUNICE FAYE SELF, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Pamela Self Scott on the 8th day of August, 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.

Pamela Self Scott
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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ORDINANCE NO: 012-2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO: 003-2012, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA, PROVIDING LICENSING PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISHING PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This ordinance is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 003-2012 as follows:

SECTION 2. Subsection 2 of Section 4, entitled "Location of Premises; Zoning Districts; Near Church or School" is amended to state as follows:

(2) Subject to exceptions contained in this section, no facility or property shall be authorized for on-premises sale or off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages where the building in which the premises are located is less than twelve hundred (1200) feet from any building in which there is a church, public or private elementary, intermediate, middle or junior high, high school or child development facility. The aforesaid distance restrictions shall not apply in the following enumerated cases:

(a) Where the licensed premises are separated from the church or school by a street or highway having four (4) or more traffic lanes and the minimum distance between the licensed premises and the church or school building is at least five hundred (500) feet.

(b) Where the church or school was established after the licensed premises began operation and said operation has not been abandoned or discontinued for a period of twelve (12) months the above restrictions do not apply.

(c) Where the City licensed premises is a grocery store as defined in Ordinance No: 003-2012.

(d) Where the City licensed premises is authorized for only on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages, the minimum distance between the licensed premises and a church, public or private elementary, intermediate, middle or junior high, high school or child development facility is four hundred (400) feet.

(e) Where the licensed premises meets the State of Alabama's requirement of a brewpub or a manufacturer, the minimum distance between the building in which the premises are located must be a minimum of seven hundred (700) feet from a church, public or private elementary, intermediate, middle or junior high, high school or child development facility

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Ordinance 003-2012 of the City of Good Hope, Alabama as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict repealed.

SECTION 5. The section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, and phrase of the Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, word, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such ruling shall not affect any other paragraphs, phrase, clause, word, sentence or section since the same would have been enacted by the City of Good Hope without incorporation of such unconstitutional paragraph, phrase, clause, word, sentence, or section.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 23rd day of JULY, 2018.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christa Chamblee
City Clerk

EDUCATION

Students from Vinemont High InSPIRESS team travel to Washington, D.C.

Wendy Sack
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VINEMONT – Back in December, Vinemont High School's InSPIRESS team won its division in the InSPIRESS Competition at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). July 21-26, two members of that team (Team I.C.E.), Abby Sikes and Derrick Ransom, traveled to Washington D.C. to promote their winning design at NASA headquarters.

"The mission this year was to design a payload that would go to the moon and investigate properties that would allow humans to be able to live there," said Vinemont's InSPIRESS sponsor, Shannon Bridges, in an email to The Tribune.

"Team I.C.E.'s mission objective is to search for water-ice in permanently shadowed craters on the south pole of the moon.

"The team will be measuring pressure, temperature and composition of the moon's surface to find water-ice so we can one day colonize the moon," said Bridges.

While in Washington D.C., winning teams visited monuments, the U.S. Capitol, NASA headquarters and the White House.

This trip and the InSPIRESS competition are funded by the Planetary Missions Program Office, which is located at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center.

The Innovative System Project for the Increased Recruitment of Emerging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Students (InSPIRESS) is an outreach project that provides the opportunity for high school students to develop and design a scientific payload to be accommodated on a spacecraft which is designed by undergraduate students in the UAHuntsville IPT project. High school students collaborate with the undergraduate engineering students to understand the engineering requirements, the design process, and the role a customer plays in design.

InSPIRESS teams compete for selection by the undergraduate engineering teams. (www.inspiress.org/InSPIRESS)



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Vinemont High School's Abby Sikes, right, speaks as Derrick Ransom, center, looks on at NASA headquarters in July.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1900

We are in receipt of a copy of E.T. Paul's latest and greatest March entitled, "Dawn of the Century March."

Fifteen cents buys a good broom at The Hustler. – adv.

The Honorable S.J. Griffin made a professional trip to Moulton this week.

Joe Calvert, of Bremen, was in Cullman, on Wednesday.

Arthur and Walter Oden are at the bedside of their father, Captain E.J. Oden.

Reverend Anson West has about recovered from an illness.

D.L. Alldredge, of Holly Pond, was in Cullman on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Braasch and Edgar Stoll, of Vinemont, have entered the Polytechnic College, during this week.

T.J. Nunnelly, Junior, of Baileyton, was in town yesterday.

Doctor P.M. Musgrove will preach at East Baptist Church, next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

T.C. King is the new superintendent of education.

John Robinson's big show will exhibit in Cullman on October 26th.

German Day was celebrated here on Monday. In the forenoon there was a street parade and in the afternoon some very fine speeches made at Mayer-Dinckelberg Park. A ball, at Kullman Hall, closed the amusements of the day.

John Reinhardt was thrown from a hand-car on the L and N Monday and was injured. He is recovering nicely.

Marriage licenses have been issued to John Morgan and Miss Preuve Campbell; J.T. Abercrombie and Miss Margaret E. Walker; Joseph L. Lovvorn and Miss Hattie E. Goodwin; Robert S. Howard and Miss Effie Quattlebaum; Frank J. Orr and Miss Myrtie S. Jordan; James T. Burgess and Miss Nannie Ross and William H. Myers and Miss Mary James.

From The Files Of 1930

W.W. Wells, of Route Six, Cullman, sold a crate of strawberries to E. Wooten and Weeks and Howard on October 6th. The two firms bought them jointly and paid Mr. Wells $4.80.

The Cullman City Library is now located in the new County Education Building.

The library is sponsored by the Coterie, federated club.

Married last week were Miss Edythe Glasscock and J.D. Gorham.

Robert M. Clark, father of Mrs. P.G. Hartung died in Brookhaven, Mississippi, following a stroke of paralysis on Saturday night.

Presidents of the various organizations on the Cullman County High School campus are: Boys Council – Juel Lee; Girls Council – Myrtle Wise; Senior Class – Carl Peinhardt; Junior Class – Nelle Hurston; Sophomore Class – Bruce Wallace; Freshman Class – Goline Allen; Jefferson Literacy Society – Grace Martin; Websterian Literary Society – Carl Stiefelmeyer; Literary Society A – William Henzy Ziegler; Literary Society B – Ila Lee; Debating Club – Evelyn Blackburn; Hi-Y Club – Fred Buchmann; Girl Reserves – Grace Martin; Honor Society – Juel Lee; Boy's C Club, Carl Peinhardt; Girls C Club – Cyril Edwards; Tennis Club – Carl Stiefelmeyer and French Club – June Oldacre.

Mrs. Max Oeser was honored at a party on her 74th birth anniversary on Sunday.

Enrolled at Jacksonville Teacher's College from Cullman are Howard Corbin, Gladys Alldredge, Venerable Graves, Homer Haynes, Marshall Denson Jones, Herman Livingston, Merle Trammell, Larkin Yates, Mary Keaton and Marjorie Thompson.

Mrs. W.J. Cottingham spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Cullman defeated Hartselle, 13 to 6, on Saturday here.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Some phone calls should just keep on ringing

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I have a continual ringing in my ears. No, it's not tinnitus, it's my telephone. My phone rings constantly. If I don't remember to set my ringer on silent, crazy music blares from my pocket at inopportune times - sometimes embarrassing times. Billy Bob loves when that happens, but my more serious persona does not.

Probably like you, I get calls from who knows where, from who knows who, about who knows what. I usually let those just keep on ringing. On every other billboard, Alexander Shunnarah says, "Call me Alabama!" Not only does Alabama call me but almost every other state in the nation, plus the Philippines. If my phone shows someone calling from someplace like Scamtown, New York, or Conacallin, California, I know I need to let it keep on ringing.

When we moved back to Alabama, over eleven years ago, my landline days came to an end. I had realized that most of my calls came via my cell phone and that the only people who called on my landline phone were people I didn't want to hear from. They were either trying to sell me something I didn't want to buy, trying to survey me when I didn't want to be surveyed, trying to get me to vote for someone for whom I didn't want to vote, or trying to get my numbers - Social Security, credit card, or bank account numbers. Having only a cell phone was great at first, because only people I had given it to had that number. Now, all that has changed, because the others found my number, but at least my cell phone shows me if the caller is someone I know.

My friend Debra has drilled into her brother David's head to not answer the phone if he doesn't know who is calling. David is a grown man, but he is mentally challenged. A few years ago, he answered the call of a scammer and allowed him to swindle him out of a couple of hundred dollars. In an effort to teach David not to answer the phone if he didn't know the person calling, Debra called him numerous times using someone else's phone. Eventually, he got the message. He has all the numbers in his phone he needs to know, so now, if the name doesn't show up or he doesn't know them, he doesn't answer. This worked well until recently. Debra had traveled out of the country on a mission trip. She had borrowed a friend's phone that had international service, so she could call David, but David didn't answer. After repeated calls with no answer, she realized the problem. She finally called a friend, whom David would recognize, and asked her to call David to tell him it was

okay to answer the phone. She said, "David, Debra is trying to call you from a number in Kentucky, answer the phone." David replied, "I don't know anyone in Kentucky. I'm not answering the phone." She said, "Its Debra calling you from a number in Kentucky." David replied, "Debra is not in Kentucky, she is in Honduras." Exasperated, her friend finally said, "Debra lied. She is in Kentucky, not Honduras - ANSWER THE PHONE!" David finally answered his sister's call, only to tell her, "Hey, my friend is here and we are going to the summer swing concert, bye."

Whether by phone, or in person, we need to listen when some people speak and ignore others. The wise person knows when to tell the difference.

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Poet's Corner

Rocking Chair

By: Randy C. Hale

In the exhausted
old house,
his hair filled
with silver,
his heart filled
with gold
the floor creaked
in rhythm
the candle
flame slowed.



His children were busy,
so wealthy and fare,
no time to listen,
no time to care.

And the boards ceased to creak,
and there was no one to speak,
when wisdom went silent in that
old rocking chair -
while the candle flame waned
in the shame.

Gridiron (from Front)

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CULLMAN – High school football season is in sight, and the 10 Cullman-area teams are gearing up for a big year. Some, like Holly Pond, Addison, Cullman, Meek and West Point will be trying to make their way back to the postseason, while Vinemont, Cold Springs, Good Hope, Hanceville and Fairview will try to build off last season to put together a postseason run in 2018.

There will be some new faces on the sidelines in Cullman and Hanceville. Head coaches Matt Plunkett and Cody McCain are embarking on their first seasons with the Bearcats and Bulldogs, respectively.

The 2017 season was a long one for the Bulldogs as they finished the year 1-9, but McCain has seen his team take big steps this offseason and is excited to see what his players can do in 2018.

"I had about a month with the guys before we started spring training, so I came in and tried to get my feet wet as quickly as possible, but I think spring went a long way with us. We had nine good practices and a successful spring game, so I think the kids saw a little bit of the results of what we're trying do and we saw some positive things come out of that," McCain said. "As far as what I'm looking forward to this season, last season was 1-9 for the guys and I think they feel like they're a lot better team than that, and I think we're a lot better team than that. They've shown a real strong desire and a lot of hunger to work hard and I think we'll have a team that really plays hard on the field and also has some talent."

Just 10 miles up the road, the Cullman Bearcats are also getting ready for a new season with a new coach. The Bearcats were put out in the first round of the playoffs last season, and even though some people see 2018 as a rebuilding year, Plunkett and the Bearcats are ready to win now.

"I believe that we've really developed a competitive football team. I believe we'll have a chance to win every game in the regular season. I think that we'll go out there and play really hard and in the fourth quarter it'll come down to two or three plays, whether the game busts open for us or it slips away from us," Plunkett said. "My goal for this first season is for us to have a chance to win in the fourth quarter of every game. I believe our strength, numbers and the work we've done this offseason will give us the ability to do that."

The Addison Bulldogs will also be defending a playoff spot this season. Head Coach David Smothers is entering his seventh season with the Bulldogs and after posting a 10-3 record last season and making it to round three of the state playoffs, Addison will look to make waves again in 2018. All-State performers Hayden Ray, Matthew Harris and Zayne Guthrie will be back on the field for the Bulldogs this year and will look to anchor a roster that lost just eight seniors from last year's team.

The Cold Springs Eagles are another team that will have most of last year's roster intact this fall. Just nine seniors graduated from the 2017 team, and as a result, the Eagles will see a lot of familiar faces return in 2018, particularly in the backfield. Jordan Lacey, Caleb Roden, Calvin McNabb and Ayden Alexander all picked up valuable experience on the field last season and are set up to have big years for the Eagles' offense. Rod Elliott is entering his 11th season as head coach at Cold Springs, and after finishing last season 1-9, he and his team will be anxious to exceed expectations in 2018.

Another team looking to bounce back from a disappointing 2017 season is the Fairview Aggies. The Aggies finished 2-7 last season and are replacing a lot of seniors on the offensive side of the ball, particularly skill positions, but they do have a lot of experience returning in the front lines on both sides. Quarterback Dayne Black is also back for Head Coach George Redding this season, and after the invaluable experience he got last year, they'll look to him as a leader on offense in 2018.

Alan Scott will be entering his fourth year as the head man for the Good Hope Raiders and after coming up just short of a playoff spot last season, he and his team know that they have a chance to take a big step forward this season.

"We've had really good attendance; the kids are working hard, and they've got a good attitude so we're really feeling positive so far," Scott said. "This year is a little bit unique. We have 25 seniors on the roster; we only graduated four from last year, so we don't have to replace hardly anyone. Our defensive backfield was hurt through graduation and we had an offensive lineman, Tucker Putman, that was very good, but those are really the only roles that we've had to shore up. It's a pretty long list of guys this year because we do have so much depth and experience."

For the Holly Pond Broncos, the running game is the top priority on offense, and the Broncos will have two big-time ball carriers returning to the field this fall. 2017 All-State Honorable Mention selection Kyler Chaney will be back under center for his junior season at Holly Pond, and behind him, Jeremiah Holmes will return at running back. Head Coach Mike Bates and his staff will have to find some new faces on the offensive and defensive lines this season, but Holmes and Chaney will certainly make that a little easier. The Broncos finished the regular season 7-3 before falling in round one of the state playoffs last year and will be hungry to get back to the postseason in 2018.

Speaking of the running game, Head Coach David Norwood and the Meek Tigers might have the biggest hurdle of anyone in the area this season when it comes to replacing production. The Tigers will have to put together another strong ground game without star running back John Mark Abercrombie. Abercrombie led Class 1A in rushing last season and was selected to the All-State First Team. That powerful running game led Meek to a 7-4 record and postseason appearance in Norwood's first season, but the Tigers are ready to keep moving forward.

Norwood believes that the summer has been very productive for his team and one of his goals was to identify some offensive linemen who can take on a bigger role this fall. The Tigers will be replacing all but one of last year's front five, but with the results he's seen over the offseason along with a couple injured players returning from last year, Norwood thinks Meek will be back in the thick of the playoff hunt in 2018.

After a 2-8 finish to last season, the Vinemont Eagles and Head Coach Stephen Robinson are anxious to get back on the field. Robinson is entering his second season as head coach and he has liked what he's seen during the offseason.

"I feel like the summer has gone excellent for us. We've had great attendance all summer, 40-plus at every workout," Robinson said. "We've been to quite a few competitions, seven-on-sevens, and been competitive in all those so it's been a good summer as far as numbers and the kids getting some experience."

Robinson feels good about his team going into the season and is excited to see them compete this fall.

"Coming from where we were last year and where we were years before that going into my second year, our goal is to be the most physical team on the field and to be competitive in every game," Robinson said. "We feel like we have a good chance to surprise some people this year, but I think every coach probably feels that way this time of year. For us coaches, we just expect our kids to play harder than the other team and to be more physical, that's what we want."

Last but not least, the West Point Warriors are yet another local team that will be fighting to get back to the state playoffs after a solid 2017 campaign. The Warriors posted a 6-5 record last fall after coming up short in the first round of state playoffs. Head Coach Don Farley likes the way his roster is shaping up and looks forward to seeing how the Warriors play together on Friday nights.

"We've got 16 seniors and 13 juniors, and we've got 60 on the roster right now so we're split about evenly as far as upperclassmen and underclassmen. We've had a great summer; the kids have worked really hard and I'm excited to see what happens," Farley said. "We've made the playoffs four straight years, so we'll see what this bunch can do and how they can put their mark on the program."

Eighteen seniors are gone from last year's team including First Team All-State offensive lineman Deakon Hembree. Farley and his staff have had their work cut out for them replacing production on the offensive and defensive lines, but the Warriors still have a lot coming back to be excited about.

"Both sides on the line of scrimmage are where we're really looking for guys to step up. There's opportunities for guys to step up and we're looking for some depth," Farley said. "Of course, we have Hunter Persall coming back. Hunter was a 2,100-yard rusher last year, led 5A in rushing, All-State player. He's back and we'll look to make sure he gets his touches."

With so many good players returning to field across this fall, the stage is set for the 2018 football season to be a memorable one in the Cullman area.

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better for our students and does a terrific job with the PTO," said Scott. "She was the one that made the connection, suggested it and wanted to know if I was in agreement with it. I said of course. Anything that might help motivate students and make them feel better about themselves. That's what we're all about."

Scott said the murals fit in with his personal philosophy. "I truly believe 90 percent of anything in life is believing you can," Scott explained. "That's what we want them to do."

The murals impress an important message for the students, said Scott. "Even though we're all different, we're all still important," Scott said. "That's our focus, to make them understand that it's okay to be different- just realize you're still important." The message of the murals also fits in well with the school's motto, according to Scott. "I coached ball for 22 years and that's something I always challenged our kids with," said Scott. "Our motto was we believe every day, if you work hard, act right and show respect, at the end you're going to be a winner. I always pushed that to my teams as a coach and I quote it every day for people here. Just to try to give the kids something that they can remember."

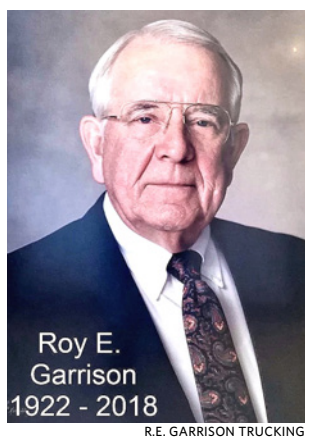
Scott emphasized that it's a group effort to get the students to achieve success.

"We really appreciate Mandy and what all she does with our PTO and all the parents that support (us)," Scott said.

"It takes a village to raise a child. We need parents as well as PTO and everyone helping us in order to get these students where we want them to be."

Roy E. Garrison, founder of R.E. Garrison Trucking, passes away at 96

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R.E. GARRISON TRUCKING
Roy E. Garrison

CULLMAN – Roy E. Garrison, founder of Cullman's R.E. Garrison Trucking, has passed away. The company announced Garrison's passing on its Facebook page Thursday evening. Garrison passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018.

"We are saddened to announce to our R.E Garrison Family, and to the Cullman community, that Mr. Roy E. Garrison, founder, namesake and friend, has died, August 8th, 2018, at age 96.

"Roy E. Garrison founded R.E. Garrison Trucking in 1958 on the principles of hard work, honesty, and fair play. He led the company with great success, forging such strong relationships with customers and drivers that when Wyles Griffith and Donovon Lovell purchased the company in 1996, they kept the company name the same as it had been since Mr. Garrison put signs on his first truck, some 30 years earlier.

"Wyles and Donovon paid tribute to Roy Garrison today by saying, 'We are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend, Roy Garrison. He exemplified the true entrepreneurial spirit. He was a visionary in the trucking industry, and used hard work and dedication to succeed. Roy Garrison was incredibly proud of the company that bears his name and was always reminding us to put the drivers first and treat people right.'

"Roy E. Garrison was a loving husband and father, and one of the last living veterans of the greatest generation, fighting in World War II bravely from November of 1942 to December of 1945, under the inspiring leadership of General George S. Patton.

"The employees and drivers of R.E. Garrison Trucking express our sympathies to his family, and we will be forever grateful for the legacy he has left us all."

