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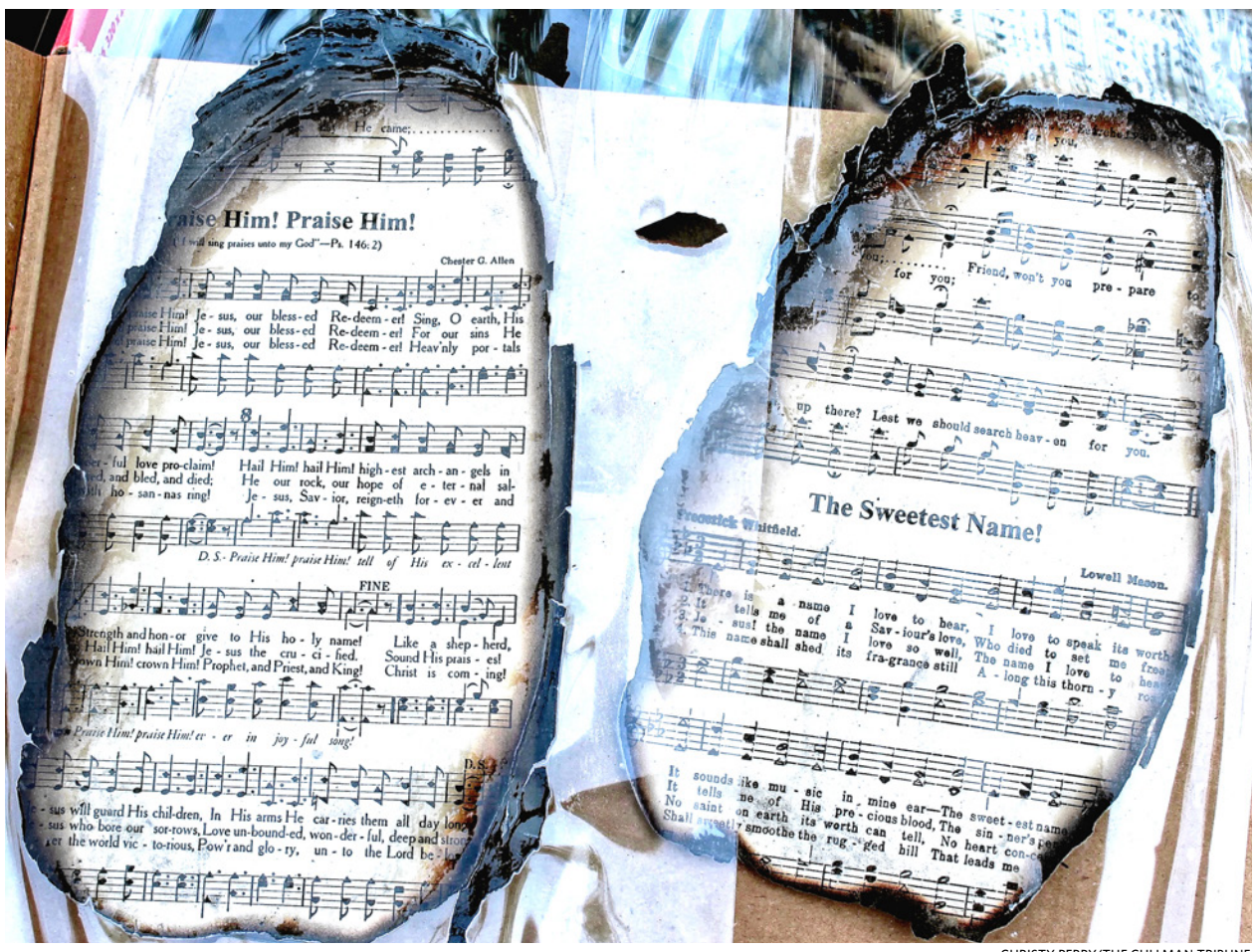
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FAITH

'GOD IS STILL GOOD!'

Warrior Creek Missionary Baptist Church rebuilding after devastating fire



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hymnal pages were salvaged from the blaze by firefighters.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Wrigley the rottweiler mix needs a forever home



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Wrigley

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

Wrigley is a 1-year-old rottweiler mix. He's a lively medium- to high-energy pet with a strong desire for human companionship. He demonstrates his desire to belong, and has the makings of a possible therapy, service or companion dog.

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" to work as special needs service dogs.

Wrigley'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 cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

No hydrogen cyanide at south Cullman Walgreens; freon to blame for Sunday night incident

W.C. Mann, Wendy Sack
Tribune Staff

CULLMAN – The Walgreens at 1700 Second Ave. SW and King Edward Street in Cullman was closed early Sunday evening after a refrigerant leak sent employees and two firefighters to Cullman Regional due to exposure to what was originally identified as hydrogen cyanide. Authorities have now determined there was no poison gas in the store. Instead, the culprit was a hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC), a form of freon, which has a chemical signature similar enough to hydrogen cyanide to have registered on gas meters being used by responders from Cullman Fire Rescue. HCFC exposure can even cause similar symptoms but is not poisonous.

Cullman Fire Rescue Operations Chief Darren Peeples explained: "We responded to a strange odor, smell of gas, unknown odor, and when the crew got there, some of the patients were already having signs and symptoms such as dizziness, headache, light-headed, nausea, elevated heart rate. And so a couple of the guys were treating one or two of the employees, and then our guys went inside. And we have gas meters that detect certain gases, and as they got in the cooler, the meter went off, detecting hydrogen cyanide.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Firefighters stand outside Walgreens in south Cullman Sunday night after six people were taken to Cullman Regional for what was believed at the time to be hydrogen cyanide poisoning. It has now been determined there was no cyanide, but instead a form of freon.

Peeples continued, "So, at that point, they evacuated the building and began looking up the information on hydrogen cyanide. They contacted me, and while I was en route to the scene, they had the information on hydrogen cyanide, and every single one of the symptoms they had was consistent with hydrogen cyanide poisoning. So the medical director was contacted, Dr. Scott Warner, and he met me at the scene. We started evaluating patients. Well, based on what the meters said, based on signs and symptoms, we treated it as cyanide poisoning because we could not identify what the product was or where it was coming from.

"Fast forward 30 or 40 minutes, after we've sent people to the hospital, including two of my crew; the air conditioning guy got there and went on the roof--did not go in the building--to check the units, and found that one of the units' freon did have a level drop in it. It was R-22 (freon).

"R-22 is HCFC. So its signs and symptoms of breathing that or being

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Alabama Bicentennial: 200 ways to save Alabama for the next 200 years

Ben Johnson South
Contributor

Dear Governor Ivey:

I'm writing this as a "love letter" to my native and sweet home state of Alabama as we celebrate our Bicentennial. Here are 200 simple things we can do as citizens to save Alabama land and wildlife for the next 200 years:

1) KEEP ALABAMA GREEN and NATURAL- Volunteer with groups like Cahaba Riverkeepers, Alabama Audubon Society, North Alabama AGRIPLEX

2) CAN IT- The Alabama Cooperative Extension still teaches canning, pickling, freezing food preparation in every county

3) ENJOY SLOW FOOD- return to family-prepared, prayed-over, eaten-together meals

4) USE CLOTH GROCERY BAGS AND RESUABLE CONTAINERS

5) PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO NEEDY- Alabama spends $65 million taxpayer dollars each year on colas and candy; a simple barcode change could swap that for fresh, farm produce

6) DUST YOUR LIGHTBULBS- this can use 40 percent less electricity

7) CREATE AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM and EDIBLE GARDEN IN EVERY ALABAMA SCHOOL

8) PLANT A BICENTENNIAL SHADE TREE

9) EAT ALABAMA FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN SEASON

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Arrest report: Aug. 23-26

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Aug. 23-26, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018

Huskey, Harold Henry, 35
- aggravated child abuse

Jones, Zachary Wendell, 26
- leaving the scene-misdemeanor

Moreland, Terry Wayne, 40
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Reynolds, David Jerry, 37
- attempting to elude
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- first-degree bail jumping- trafficking in methamphetamine

Williams, Walter Alexander, 30
- third-degree criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

Friday, Aug. 24 - Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018

Adkins, John Paul, 29
- GJ- second-degree rape
- GJ- first-degree sexual abuse

Atchley, Brenda Gaye, 51
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Ballenger, Zachary Douglas, 21
- FTA- second-degree criminal mischief
- third-degree receiving stolen property (old charge)

Barker, David Michael, 53
- harassing communications

Cray, Shane Robert, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Denton, Roger Danny, 65
- public intoxication

Dozier, Kellie Lynn, 27
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Engel, Roger D., 42
- FTA- third-degree attempted theft

Evans, Sonya Wynette, 47
- FTA- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Howard, Michael Allen, 59
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- public intoxication

Hunter, Jonathan Paul, 40
- FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Jones, Lawanna Lindley, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Tony Dewayne, 43
- FTA- driving while revoked
- possession of drug paraphernalia

King, Alice Rena, 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Knowles, Tracy Rena, 20
- GJ- chemical endangerment of a child (4 counts)

Lenz, William Dallas, 47
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Link, Adam Colby, 27
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Lovell, Brandon Lee, 29
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

McClendon, Randy Jason, 37
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

McGaugh, Douglas Keith, 63
- third-degree theft of property

Moore, Jason Kendall, 41
- failure to register upon rel/conv SORNA

Mortenson, Tamala Hughes, 47
- FTA- DUI- controlled substance

Ortiz, Francisco Aviles, 26
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Peebles, William G., 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Reeves, William Brian, 38
- resisting arrest
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Stanford, David O'Neal, 37
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Swann, Danny Ray, 56
- unauthorized use of a vehicle

Turner, James Frank Jr., 63
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Waid, Carol Ann, 19
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Watson, James Marshal, 42
- FTA- driving while revoked
- probation violation-unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Wilhite, Stephen Dallas, 34
- distributing a private image

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Friday, Aug. 24 - Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018

Patrick, Braxton D., 21
- reckless endangerment
- attempting to elude
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Mortenson, Tamala H., 47
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- driving without a license

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

Allen, Derrick R., 38
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hill, John D. Jr., 35
- DUI

Bagwell, Westley L., 38
- violation of protection order

Goodwin, Sandra K., 52
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Laney, Lisa C., 59
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Ricky W., 56
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ramirez, Luis C., 19
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage

Warren, Shila J., 22
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given 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, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2012 Dodge Ram, VIN#3C63DRML2CG258425

This vehicle will be sold on September 26, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., at Just GM Auto and Truck Repair, LLC, 105 3rd Avenue, Southwest, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Premier Bank of the South
vs.
Charles Quick
3211 County Road 702
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Charles Quick, in the real property, described as follows:

Approximately 9.4 acres – SW ¼ SE ¼ lying W of County Road No. 518.
Parcel ID No. 22-07-36-0-000-026.005

Subject to all presently existing road right-of-way easements, restrictions, and all existing ingress and egress easements, recorded or unrecorded.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Charles Quick, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 14th day of August, 2018.

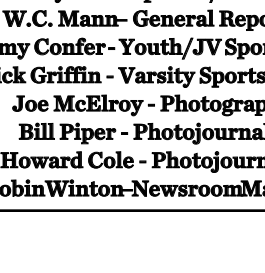
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Fundraiser Lunch
In support of Deputy Timmy Puckett
The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is hosting a fundraiser lunch for Deputy Timmy Puckett. To-go plates will be available.
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
1910 Beech Avenue, SE
AUGUST 31, 2018
11:OO A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
With a $5 donation, you can enjoy two grilled hotdogs, chips, and a drink. All proceeds will be donated to Timmy and Kim for his continued medical care.



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Bicentennial (from Front)

10) DON'T TRASH ALABAMA; DISPOSE PICNIC LITTER THOUGHTFULLY

11) WASTE NOT WITH COUNTYWIDE "GLEANING"-share unharvested produce with food charities, also, with health-department approved, end-of-day food from school and hospital cafeterias

12) DON'T PLANT INVASIVE SPECIES IN ALABAMA

13) DO PLANT NATIVE AND WELL-BEHAVED NON-NATIVE SPECIES

14) GIVE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES TO AN ALABAMA EYEGLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

15) CREATE BETTER, LOCAL BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE-get FREE advice from the Bikes Belong Coalition

16) DON'T USE GARDEN CHEMICALS INDISCRIMINATELY AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THE LABEL CAREFULLY

17) GIVE MORE EXPERIENCES AND FEWER THINGS- consider tickets to Alabama music, arts, sports events

18) VOTE IN EVERY ALABAMA ELECTION- be well-informed and be a good citizen, VOTE

19) RECYCLE BY BUYING ALABAMA ANTIQUES AND USED GOODS

20) SET YOUR REFRIGERATOR AT 40F AND FREEZER AT 5F- anything below doesn't preserve food any better and wastes energy

21) CREATE A COMMUNITY SONGBIRD ZONE- discourage loud noise; plant specific trees; provide off-the-ground water and resting sites

22) PLAY IN THE ALABAMA DIRT- buy a bag of marbles from your local toy store

23) SLING MUD AT AN ALABAMA POTTERY CLASS-make a Bicentennial cider jug

24) WASH CLOTHES ONLY WHEN THEY ARE REALLY DIRTY

25) REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING TO YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

26) CAULK AND WEATHER-STRIP AIR LEAKS TO SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

27) SHOP FOR PRODUCE REGULARLY AT ALABAMA FARMERS MARKETS

28) REPLACE LOW-NUTRITION BABY/CHILD FOODS WITH WIC PURCHASES FROM ALABAMA FARMERS MARKETS

29) CELEBRATE ALABAMA EARTH DAY EVERY APRIL 22

30) FILE YOUR ALABAMA STATE INCOME TAXES ELECTRONICALLY

31) DON'T OVER-FERTILIZE-base your application rate on FREE soil test results from your county extension office

32) DON'T OVERSHOP- use what you have on hand; finish off your pantry, first

33) THINK BEFORE YOU EAT- end mindless snacking in front of electronics and in vehicles to lower Alabama's obesity rate

34) MAKE HYBRID CARS MORE STATUSY FOR ALABAMA AFFLUENT DRIVERS- covet expensive, fossil-fuel vehicles less

35) REIMAGINE THE VICTORY GARDEN TO CREATE A SELF-RELIANCE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

36) SIGN UP TO PAY BILLS ONLINE THROUGH YOUR ALABAMA BANK

37) CONSIDER AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE FOR ALABAMA CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES

38) PUT THE "FIELD" BACK IN ALABAMA SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS- visit a farm, stockyard, orchard

39) HELP DRAFT A GRASSROOTS 10-YEAR, 50-YEAR, 200-YEAR PLAN FOR ALABAMA SUSTAINABILITY

40) BUY OR RAISE AN ALABAMA TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING- explore heritage poultry for a Bicentennial feast

41) HANG A MIRROR ACROSS FROM A WINDOW TO REFLECT NATURAL SUNLIGHT

42) SUPPORT A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Farm and receive regular, seasonal, fresh food from a local farmer

43) ASK YOUR EMPLOYER TO MATCH THE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY DONATION- you and your associates give to an Alabama charity

44) MAKE ALABAMA BERRY JUICE POPSICLES

45) GROW AN ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL VEGETABLE GARDEN- plant heritage seeds for unique flavors from the past along with the newer pest-resistant varieties

46) MULCH- slow weed growth without chemicals and keep soil moist and cool

47) BUY AN ALABAMA WILDLIFE VEHICLE TAG

48) HOE ALABAMA- hoeing is good exercise and sometimes the best way to control weeds

49) START A PETITION FOR YOUR PUBLIC AREAS TO RESPECT ALABAMA LAND AND WILDLIFE

50) DYE YOUR EASTER EGGS WITH BLUEBERRIES AND WITH BEET JUICE as an Alabama Bicentennial holiday salute

51) TURN OFF THE WATER AS YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH- this can save five gallons of water per brushing

52) DON'T LITTER MT. CHEAHA OR ANY ALABAMA HIKING HILLSIDE

53) WASH YOUR HANDS IN COLD WATER- hot tap water is not hot enough to kill bacteria; use biodegradable hand soap

54) COLLECT FREE, NATURAL RAINWATER-Alabama rainwater can meet 80 percent of home needs

55) USE CEDAR CHIPS TO DETER MOTHS, NOT CANCER-CAUSING MOTHBALLS

56) HELP ALABAMA LAWMAKERS KNOW YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

57) DON'T WARM YOUR VEHICLE ON IDLE- just drive gently the first few miles

58) GIFT ALABAMA-GROWN FLOWERS AND HOUSEPLANTS

59) USE LIGHT-COLORED ROOFING TO DEFLECT INTENSE, ALABAMA SUN RAYS- explore "cool roofs" and even a roof-top garden

60) MOBILIZE CHURCHES TO PROVIDE RURAL TRANSPORTATION FOR SICK, ELDERLY, HUNGRY

61) BUILD ON ALABAMA'S HISTORY OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING TO CREATE "GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE PRE-FAB HOMES"

62) GIVE YOUR ALABAMA CHRISTMAS SUNDAY VOLUNTEER HOURS- to the statewide Christmas Bird Count, ww.audubon.org

63) BUY/FILL A WATER CANTEEN AND WALK MORE

64) SUPPORT LOCAL, ALABAMA BUSINESSES

65) COOK MORE ALABAMA VEGETABLES "AL DENTE"-more nutrition and less energy use

66) CARRY SCHOOL AND WORK LUNCHES RESPONSIBLY- reusable lunch box/bag, thermos, metal utensils, cloth napkin

67) HAVE ALABAMA, EARTH-FRIENDLY PICNICS- use biodegradable paper plates, drinking straws and napkins and let kids add to compost

68) LET FAST-CHANGING KIDS RENT TOYS- rent American Girl dolls, Hot Wheels, other from www.pley.com

69) PULL OR DIG WEEDS RATHER THAN GRABBING FOR A CHEMICAL—good exercise and often more effective

70) TAKE THE TRAIN FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MOBILE-it's safer, less stressful, less polluting

71) QUIT SMOKING

72) BARBECUE WITH RECLAIMED, SCRAPWOOD CHARCOAL- start your fires as Alabama Bicentennial settlers did, no lighter fluid

73) BUILD ALABAMA FELLED-WOOD FURNITURE

74) DON'T USE LAWN AND GARDEN CHEMICALS NEAR PONDS- Alabama lawn owners use more poisons than farmers

75) ADOPT YOUR NEXT PET FROM AN ALABAMA HUMANE SHELTER

76) TRASH YOUR ELECTRIC CAN OPENER IF YOU ARE ABLE- also, no one is so precious they need an energy-using towel warmer

77) USE INTERNET TELEPHONE SEARCHES NOT A TREE-KILLING PAPER PHONE BOOK-call your distributor to stop this waste

78) ORGANIZE/SUPPORT AN ANNUAL ARBOR DAY TREE SALE OR GIVEAWAY

79) PICK UP SOME LITTER EVERY DAY

80) CREATE A VOLUNTEER "WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACK" PROGRAM FOR HUNGRY ALABAMA KIDS WHO RECEIVE "FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES"

81) DEFINE VOLUNTEER "HALOS OF HELP" THROUGHOUT YOUR ALABAMA COUNTY- include an emergency food bin source and a community mini-pantry

82) MAKE YOUR NEXT COMPUTER A LAPTOP-desktop computers use five times the energy

83) DON'T LOOK JERKY REVVING YOUR MOTOR-smooth driving saves 40 percent on fossil-fuel consumption

84) PRINT LESS AND USE BOTH SIDES OF PAPER- the paper industry uses 40 percent of wood sold

85) SUPPORT ALABAMA TIRE DEALERS WITH TIRE COLLECTION PROGRAMS

86) WASH WINDOWS WITH VINEGAR WATER- use cloth or old newspapers rather than paper towels

87) RECYCLE DRINK CANS-the U.S. could rebuild its entire commercial airline fleet from aluminum cans citizens trash each year

88) BUY USED THINGS, SELL OR GIVE USED THINGS TO CHARITIES

89) USE BAKING SODA + BOILING WATER + PLUNGER TO DECLOG DRAINS- (Full disclosure: I'll try this next time and confirm)

90) TREASURE ALABAMA WETLANDS (marshes, ponds, bogs) FOUND IN ALL 67 COUNTIES- wetlands purify water seeping into rivers and over-development threatens these areas

91) STOP USING PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS-the U.S. uses 100 billion plastic shopping bags a year and only 2 percent are recycled; a plastic bag can last 200 years, and they kill our Gulf sea life and pollute air

92) DONATE EVERYTHING INCLUDING THE KITCHEN SINK to reuse centers when you make home changes

93) MAKE ANY CHLORINATED ALABAMA TAP WATER TASTE BETTER by installing a filter on your faucet

94) LEARN HOW TO PREVENT CAMPING FIRES AND THE BENEFITS OF CONTROLLED BURNS

95) USE FREE ALABAMA SUNSHINE TO HEAT YOUR WATER AND HOUSE- solar panels pay for themselves in 7-10 years- and explore Federal tax incentives to install

96) FEED KIDS NATURAL CURIOSITY with nature trips to Alabama forests, state parks, preserves; give binoculars as a family gift

97) TAKE A SHOPPING LIST TO THE GROCERY STORE EVERY VISIT-avoid overconsumption

98) BOOKS AND IDEAS NEED TO CIRCULATE-get a FREE Alabama public library card and use it often

99) AVOID BUYING TAKEOUT FOOD-plan to eat inside and avoid additional packaging

100) RECYCLE YOUR OLD CELLPHONE FOR CHARITIES-ask your service provider; sell newer models on eBay

101) DON'T FEED DEER, DUCKS, OTHER ALABAMA WILDLIFE-they can become dependent on receiving food rather than naturally obtaining it

102) INVEST IN SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ALABAMA COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES that reflect your values

103) TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

104) REDISCOVER TRADITIONAL REMEDIES-white vinegar banishes mold and mildew; baking soda will scour a tub instead of harmful chemicals

105) SLOW YOUR CHASSIS DOWN-driving at 75 mph rather than 55 mph increases fuel consumption 20 percent

106) DON'T PUT HEATED LEFTOVERS IN THE REFRIGERATOR UNTIL THEY HAVE COOLED

107) GIVE YOUR CHILD'S OLD TOYS TO ANOTHER CHILD-take a photo of the toys as a keepsake

108) LESSEN TRIBALISM-Alabama is better altogether; let's honor our commonalities for the good of all who share this hallowed ground

109) HOST AN ANNUAL "SPLOTHER SALE" to purge objects and try to not buy as much splother the next year

110) HAVE YOUR VEHICLE ENGINE TUNED-regular tune-ups can reduce polluting emissions by 20 percent and save 10 percent on fossil fuel

111) THINK UP-think of your environmental-consciousness as positive not as sacrifice; feel stronger about biking not driving; feel healthier eating whole not processed foods; feel more connected to Alabama land and your neighbors

112) BUY ALABAMA-MADE MORE AND REDUCE GLOBAL TRANSPORT

113) THINK GREEN BEFORE YOU SPEND YOUR GREEN-ask questions about eco-friendly before buying; buy only want you need; avoid trend-spending

114) TURN DOWN WINTER THERMOSTATS 5 percent-living areas at 68F and bedrooms at 64

115) EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A "DYING CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOST CHIPPER"-to create mulch for those who insist on a newly cut tree each holiday

116) CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS TO LESSEN SOIL EROSION-design for well-placed downspouts

117) PLACE A CAPPED BOTTLE OF SAND IN YOUR TOILET TANK-every flush will use less water (Note: Don't use a brick for this because pieces of brick can get into plumbing and cause leaks)

118) BUY ALABAMA-HARVESTED SEAFOOD certified sustainable by the Marine Stewardship Council

119) WEAR FEWER CLOTHES AND REDUCE AIR-CONDITIONING IN YOUR CAR AND HOME

120) THINK BEFORE YOU OPEN A REFRIGERATOR DOOR-What do you want? Keep it orderly and quicker to find things; 30 percent of cool air escapes every time you open the door

121) EAT MORE ALABAMA PLANTS WITH MEATLESS MONDAYS

122) REST YOUR HOME WHEN GONE FOR TWO DAYS OR MORE-Unplug all electronics and heating/cooling

123) LET KIDS WALK TO SCHOOL OR TAKE A BIKE-uphill both ways like your Alabama grandparents did

124) TAKE YOUR WATER CUP AND COFFEE MUG TO WORK-get your bosses to stop using disposables

125) REMOVE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS FROM CATALOG COMPANIES

126) ASK ALABAMA POLITICIANS TO STOP MAILING THEIR HYPE

127) LEASH YOUR DOG ON WALKS AND DON'T TRAMPLE PLANTLIFE

128) TAKE YOUR OLD MOTOR OIL TO A COLLECTION SITE-60 percent of Alabamians change their own oil

129) DRESS FOR THE EARTH'S SUCCESS-have fewer dry-cleaned clothes

130) ADJUST YOUR DAY TO SUN UP AND SUNDOWN LIKE ALABAMA FARMERS

131) CREATE AN ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL CAMELLIA TEA GARDEN-with a state flower camellia variety for each of the 67 counties

132) RECYCLE PLASTIC BOTTLES AND GET YOUR OFFICE AND CHURCH TO-1 recycled plastic bottle = 6 hours of a lighted 60-watt bulb

133) THINK BIGGER, LIVE SMALLER-think before you buy a big house, big vehicle, big television; Do you really need it?

134) DON'T CASUALLY KILL ALABAMA FISH-buy low-or-no phosphate soaps; increased phosphates mean less oxygen for fish

135) CHOOSE DOUBLE-GLAZED WINDOW PANES

136) MORE YARDENING/LESS LAWN—plant ornamental grasses; install pebble walks and seating areas and a drought-resistant rock garden

137) BUILD A COMPOSTING BIN to make your own organic soil enhancer

138) PROMOTE CAR-SHARING IN ALABAMA CITIES-80 percent of in-town driving is for one person; explore car-renting like Zipcar

139) CREATE A COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION/TEACHING GARDEN and host "How To" parties

140) HAVE AN ALABAMA VOLUNTEER-BASED STAYCATION-donate a few days to a wildlife preserve clean-up

141) CREATE A BICYCLE-SHARING NETWORK FOR YOUR TOWN-Birmingham has a model program but this could be done in small towns with a Facebook group

142) BUY A BUSHEL-AND-A-PECK not individual packaging

143) CLEAN UP AN ALABAMA RIVERBANK-volunteers are always needed to aid aquatic biodiversity

144) DON'T DRIVE LOUD, ANIMAL ANXIETY-PRODUCING TRUCKS, TRAIL BIKES, WATERCRAFT

145) WEAR LESS COSMETIC MAKEUP and recycle used containers

146) BUY REFILLABLE PRODUCTS-look for these in your grocery store; ask store buyers to consider getting more

147) BUY FREE-FARMED OR TOTALLY FREE-RANGE ALABAMA POULTRY

148) HELP AN ALABAMA FARMER OR ECO-ENTREPRENEUR GET A BUSINESS LOAN-contact Alabama Farm Credit

149) CREATE AND CO-WORK A COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN-explore The American Community Garden Association and your county's Extension Office

150) ALABAMA IS FOR THE BIRDS-help assure birds have water and food (seed and suet) in the winter

151) REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS-call your county authorities to investigate freshwater froth or sewage stench

152) START TODAY BY BUYING RECYCLED PAPER COFFEE FILTERS, envelopes, paper towels, toilet tissue, greeting cards

153) RESPONSIBLY CLEAN UP YOUR PET'S WASTE-buy biodegradable scoop-bags or reuse plastic grocery and newspaper bags

154) AVOID "QUICK DELIVERY" SERVICE-plan ahead so companies can make full use of vehicle capacity and save you money

155) DON'T BURN AUTUMN LEAVES use for mulch or give to others for composting

156) REDUCE FARMER SUICIDE, the highest incidence of all American occupations per the Center for Disease Control, by improving rural mental health care

157) BUY FRUIT JUICES IN LARGE CONTAINERS-an average household of four drinks 45 gallons of orange juice a year; reduce packaging waste

158) CHOOSE HOUSING AS CLOSE TO YOUR WORK AS POSSIBLE-Commute Less. Relax More.

159) ASK ALAGASCO, ALABAMA POWER, YOUR ENERGY COMPANY for a home-energy audit to help you use less and pay less

160) VIDEOCONFERENCE, TELECOMMUTE-use readily available, energy-saving, Alabama technology

161) DON'T FALL ASLEEP WATCHING TELEVISION and use "Sleep Timer" to turn off gadgets if this is a pattern

162) HOST AN ANNUAL, COMMUNITY "GREEN FOLKS" NETWORKING EVENT to welcome newcomers and new eco-converts each year

163) CREATE AN ECO-FRIENDLY BUILDING MATERIALS SOURCE IN ALABAMA-good business opportunity to compete with online suppliers

164) GET YOUR TOWN TO ADOPT LEED-Certified Standards for Existing Buildings; saves environmentally now and economically long-term

165) SUPPORT ALABAMA TOURISM EFFORTS THAT RESPECT FRAGILE HABITATS

166) GET ALABAMA RUNNERS/JOGGERS/WALKERS TO DONATE WORN ATHLETIC SHOES to become safe, playground surfaces

167) BUY COOKING OIL IN RECYCLABLE GLASS BOTTLES

168) DRINK ALABAMA SLAKINGLY GOOD, RIGOROUSLY CHECKED TAP WATER, it's 10,000 times cheaper than bottled water

169) BUY RETREADED TRUCK/CAR TIRES which use 1/2 the energy as making new tires

170) CLEAN YOUR LINT TRAP and DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR CLOTHES DRYER-for more energy savings check www.alabamapower.com and www.alagasco.com and your energy supplier

171) DONATE UNUSED ELECTRONICS/CDs/DVDs TO BE RECYCLED INTO NEW, OFFICE PRODUCTS

172) RUN YOUR TRUCK/CAR ON DEEP FAT FRIED CHICKEN OIL-convert your diesel engine, now; U.S. creates 11 billion liters of wasted cooking oil, mostly from deep fat fryers (per EPA)

173) LET KIDS SPLASH IN RECYCLED WATER PARKS-don't waste water on excessive sprinkler play at home

174) RUN YOUR HOME DISHWASHER ONLY WHEN FULL; also, choose water-efficient appliances

175) SWAP SERVICES WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS-cook and deliver them a meal if they weed your garden; this saves community spirit for another century

176) WATER OUTDOOR PLANTS AT SUNDOWN-1/2 less will evaporate; also, don't water if rain is forecasted

177) CREATE A TOY-SHARING LIBRARY IN YOUR COMMUNITY to lessen consumption and increase variety

178) CREATE A TOOL-SHARING LIBRARY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

179) GET YOUR GOLF-PLAYING ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT HIGHER TAXES FOR GOLF COURSE WATER AND GRASS CHEMICAL USE

180) MAKE YOUR OTHER CAR A PAIR OF BOOTS-Share more cars and walk more miles

181) CREATE A HOUSE PAINT EXCHANGE PROGRAM-recycle any unused paint to be used for government housing

182) HOST A "LIGHTS POLLUTION, TURN OFF" NIGHT-have a non-toxic candlelit storytelling evening with an Alabama Bicentennial theme

183) TAKE SHORTER, COUPLES-SHARING SHOWERS-A 5-minute shower takes 15-20 gallons of water, but a standard bathtub holds 70 gallons

184) BOIL ONLY THE WATER YOU NEED MAKING HOT COFFEE AND TEA-put remainder you don't drink immediately in a thermos for later

185) SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE ALABAMA CATFISH FARMING-make certain producers are following standards; eat more, healthy, Alabama omega-3 fish

186) START A JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM in your local schools

187) RETIRED? BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSROOM MENTOR AND/OR ACTIVIST

188) SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ALABAMA-average family spends 16 percent of budget on vehicle-related costs

189) CUT BACK ON PAPER USE by opting for scrap paper rather than notepads and recycling shipping boxes

190) RECYCLE YOUR CAR/TRUCK BATTERY-contact Alabama Department of Transportation to know where to recycle batteries and other auto parts

191) LET IN A SOME FRESH, ALABAMA AIR in home and workplace regularly by opening windows and doors; 80 percent of 21st Century Alabama lives are spent indoors

192) MAKE EVERY ALABAMA COMMUNITY A "NO KILL" ZONE FOR PETS-spay and neuter; make certain exotic pets are appropriate purchases

193) DON'T SUPPORT "NO SPORT" GAME HUNTING IN ALABAMA

194) DON'T DRINK FOOD-COLORING GREEN BEER ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY-try a local, craft brew like Goat Island or Good People

195) PHASE OUT INCANDESCENT BULBS by replacing with LED or compact fluorescents

196) SUPPORT THE REVIVAL OF ORGANIC, ALABAMA COTTON FARMING-buy organic cotton clothes and fabrics

197) USE LESS CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP AND MORE IMAGINATION

198) GET CHEAPER INSURANCE WITH A HYBRID CAR

199) SAVE ALABAMA'S NATURAL LIFE AND CIVIL LIFE-stand up for human respect, appreciation, understanding and cooperation

200) BELIEVE YOU CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TODAY FOR ALABAMA'S NEXT 200 YEARS

Ben Johnson South, Alabama master gardener and author of "The Reluctant Topiary"

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PREP FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL WRAPUP: Week 0

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The first week of high school football is in the books and nearly all teams in The Cullman Tribune's coverage area are off to a fast start. Two of last week's games featured local teams playing against each other so an undefeated start across the board was impossible, but every other matchup saw a local team on the winning side of things.

(1-0) Cold Springs 34 – (0-1) Meek 20

Meek (Class 1A, Region 6) traveled to Eagle Stadium Thursday night to start its season against the Cold Springs Eagles (Class 2A Region 5). The Eagles jumped on Meek early, taking a 28-0 lead into the locker room at halftime. The visiting Tigers made a push in the third quarter and put some points on the board thanks in part to a touchdown run from senior running back Gabe Jones, but the Cold Springs' lead was too much for Meek to overcome. Sophomore running back Ayden Alexander and senior running back Calvin McNabb were an effective combination for the Eagles on the ground. Alexander scored the first touchdown of the night for Cold Springs and finished with 94 yards on the ground while McNabb punched in the final score of the contest and racked up 102 yards of his own.

Cold Springs will host Berry (Class 1A, Region 6) Friday night and head coach Rod Elliott was already looking forward to that game on the field after the opening win.

"We got the next game to go, which is Berry," said Elliot. "That's what I'm thinking about right now. You know, you win the first one then you work on winning the second one and then you go from there. We're just proud of our kids and excited for them and happy for them," he said. "We just gotta make it work and keep working."

(1-0) West Point 55 – (0-1) Fairview 27

Thursday night was fun for Warriors fans. The second annual Brandin' Iron Bowl saw the home-standing West Point Warriors (Class 5A, Region 7) rout their rival Fairview Aggies (Class 4A, Region 7) to start their season on the right foot. The Warriors put a lot of space between them and the Aggies early on, starting with a 6-yard touchdown run from senior running back Hunter Persall. Persall's night was far from over. He added 27- and 66-yard touchdown runs in the third quarter to put the game away and get his senior campaign off to a hot start.

Senior quarterback Rylan Jones also put up big numbers. Jones found Kolton Sapp and Kobe Bowers for touchdowns through the air and took one in himself from 7 yards out. Fairview's Dante Dumas put his team on the board in the first quarter with a kickoff return, but the Aggies didn't find the end zone again until late in the third quarter. Dayne Black, Mason Black and Parker Martin all got to the end zone in the second half, but it wasn't enough for Fairview to chip away at West Point's lead.

West Point Head Coach Don Farley said after the game, "I'm real proud of the players, and the coaches had a great game plan, and the players executed."

Farley said he doesn't have to worry about his Warriors becoming complacent.

"I have a great group of upperclassmen that would not let that happen."

West Point will host Arab (Class 5A, Region 8) Friday night and try to keep the offense rolling against the visiting Knights.

Fairview will host Hanceville.

(1-0) Cullman 28 – (0-1) Jasper 27

The 2018 season couldn't have started out much more dramatically for the Cullman Bearcats (Class 6A, Region 7) than it did Thursday night. After not having faced the Jasper Vikings (Class 5A, Region 7) in four years, both teams clashed in Oliver Woodard Stadium to start the year with an instant classic. Neither team ever led by more than seven points, and in the end, it came down to just a few seconds and a few inches. From the Jasper 15-yard line on fourth down, Cullman's sophomore quarterback Max Dueland found senior wideout Dylon Wallace in the back corner of the end zone to tie the game at 27 with just three seconds to play. Senior placekicker Luke Andrews came on after that and knocked through the game-winning extra point to give the 'Cats a 1-0 start to the season and a satisfying win over a rival.

Dueland finished his debut at quarterback 19-of-27 for 164 yards and three touchdowns after throwing an interception on his first pass of the night. On the defensive side, senior free safety Seth Gable came up with two interceptions, one on Jasper's first pass of the night and one on its last, as well as a blocked punt that led to a Cullman touchdown.

Thursday night was also a debut night for Head Coach Matt Plunkett. Plunkett talked about deciding which play to run at the end of the game and the intangibles he saw in his team during game one.

"I knew we wanted to go with the fade ball to Dylon Wallace and just give him a chance. We've practiced that play a few times and he's really good in one-on-one situations," Plunkett said. "I really found out a lot about our team. We don't have any quitters out there. We never quit; our kids believed they could win the whole time and I was really proud of them for that. We've just got to get mentally tougher and communicate better, but overall, we're 1-0 and it sure is a lot better than being 0-1."

The Bearcats will host Mortimer Jordan (Class 5A, Region 5) Friday night, and it'll be important for Cullman to improve week to week this season as the schedule grows tougher.

(1-0) Good Hope 20 – (0-1) Carbon Hill 12

Good Hope (Class 4A, Region 5) found itself down early on the road against Carbon Hill (Class 3A, Region 4), but the Raiders stayed mentally tough and were able to come back and carry a lead into half. Carbon Hill went down the field and made it 6-0 on its opening possession and hit a 46-yard touchdown pass on the first play of its second possession to put Good Hope in a 12-0 hole almost immediately. After stopping the Bulldogs on fourth down during their next possession, the Raiders were able to get on the board as quarterback Bailey Quick found senior wideout Matt Hancock in the end zone for a score, and senior running back Matt Dixon later punched one in from 4 yards out to go up 13-12 before the half. The Raider defense held Carbon Hill scoreless in the second half and finished the game with three interceptions. Quick stretched the Good Hope lead in the fourth quarter to 20-12 with a 28-yard touchdown pass to Preston Bagwell that iced the game for the Raiders.

Raiders Head Coach Alan Scott was proud of the way his kids responded to the early deficit and saw every unit on the field contribute to the opening win. "We gave up a lot of yards through the air in the first quarter and we really settled down; we made adjustments in the secondary and at that point right there, you got to kinda just hang on and take what they give you," Scott said. "Our guys did a good job reacting to the football and making plays. Bailey Quick and the guys on offense, our offensive line, defensive line, special teams, everything. It was a team win tonight, and I thought it was a good night to be a Raider."

The Raiders will be back on the road this week as they head over to Priceville (Class 4A, Region 7) to take on another team of Bulldogs and hopefully find themselves on top once again.



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First-year Bearcats Head Coach Matt Plunkett celebrates with Jayden Sullins during Thursday night's 28-27 win over Jasper.

(1-0) Hanceville 48 – (0-1) Sumiton Christian 14

The Cody McCain era at Hanceville (Class 3A, Region 5) got started with some offensive fireworks last Friday as the Bulldogs racked up nearly 200 yards on the ground and just under 300 yards of offense in the first half alone. Senior running back RJ Evans could've added much more to that if he was needed. Evans racked up 138 rushing yards and two touchdowns in the first half and his night was over after the Bulldogs took a 36-0 lead into the halftime break. Sophomore quarterback Bo Joles wasn't a high-volume passer Friday night, but he was definitely an efficient one. Joles was a perfect 4-for-4 with 88 yards including a 45-yard touchdown to Fred Ellis in the first quarter. Hanceville got on the board a couple more times in the second half, including a defensive score on a fumble recovery to complete the season-opening win.

McCain liked a lot of what he saw during his first night on the sidelines at Hanceville and touched on some of his biggest takeaways from this win before the Bulldogs travel to face the Fairview Aggies (Class 4A, Region 7) next week.

"I feel like we've got good, skilled athletes. I think we have five or six of them that can do really good things with the ball in their hands and I think each one of them made some good plays tonight. It was good to be able to get the younger guys in; I'd like for them to be a little sharper when they get in, but that's just part of it," McCain said. "Sumiton kept playing and kept fighting and were able to get a couple touchdowns on us, but I was pleased with the effort. It's been right at a year since we've won a game here so for those guys that was kind of the moment they needed to have tonight. I'm proud of our guys; they were able to get the win and we're looking forward to playing Fairview next week."

(1-0) Addison 20 – (0-1) Curry 12

2018 started with a long road trip for the Addison Bulldogs (Class 2A, Region 7) but it also started with a win over the Curry Yellow Jackets (Class 4A, Region 5). Addison maintained possession for most of the first quarter and capped off a long drive with a touchdown run from sophomore running back Weston Smith. Head Coach David Smothers then elected to go for the onside kick and the Bulldogs were able to recover and retain possession with a 7-0 lead. Smith broke free for another touchdown run in the second quarter, this time from 72 yards out. Smith's second trip to the end zone put Addison up 14-0 at the half. After a scoreless third quarter, senior quarterback Zayne Guthrie put the Bulldogs up with another touchdown run. Curry was able to score twice late in the fourth quarter, but Addison's lead was too much for the Yellow Jackets to come back from.

Smothers was happy about the win but said there's still more work to be done with his team. Piedmont (Class 3A, Region 6) will travel to Addison this week and Smothers' only goal right now is to be 2-0.

"I'm tickled to death to be 1-0 and your next goal is 2-0; that's the way we look at things," said Smothers. "There were some good things, but we have a lot of work to do, just trying to get better. I'm proud to come down here and play and get us a first-game win, get that under our belt and go back to work."

(1-0) Holly Pond 26 – (0-1) New Hope 13

It was a strong night on the ground for the Holly Pond Broncos (Class 3A, Region 5) and particularly for junior quarterback Kyler Chaney. The New Hope (Class 3A, Region 7) defense had problems with Chaney all night, especially in the second half. After connecting with Alex Corneglio for a touchdown in the first quarter, Chaney used his legs to find the end zone three times in the second half and kept the Broncos out ahead of the Indians. Things were tight in the first half, however, and with an 8-7 Holly Pond lead late in the second quarter, senior defensive back Isaac Ludwig picked off a new Hope Pass to secure the halftime lead. The Indians found the end zone one more time late in the game, but it wasn't enough to keep pace with Chaney and the Broncos' offense.

Holly Pond will hit the road to take on Ider (Class 2A, Region 8) this Friday and the Hornets will play host to a powerful Broncos running game to start their season.

Vinemont 29 – East Lawrence 18 (jamboree)

Vinemont (Class 3A, Region 5) will start its regular season this Friday night against Falkville but last week the Eagles traveled to East Lawrence for a jamboree game and took the win over the home-standing Eagles. Defense was the theme for a lot of this game as neither offense found the end zone until it was nearly halftime. Vinemont did take an early 2-0 lead with a safety, but it wasn't until late in the second quarter when quarterback Jack Hill connected with Teague Whatley for a 47-yard touchdown that the Eagles' offense got on the board, taking an 8-0 lead into the break.

East Lawrence found the end zone through the air early in the third quarter, but Vinemont answered with a 2-yard rushing touchdown from senior running back Dustin Moore. Junior running back Dalton Whitehead tacked on another six points that put Vinemont up 22-6. Late in the third quarter, Hill found Whatley for another score, this time from 33 yards out to go up 29-6 and ice the game for Vinemont.

There were a lot of positives to take away from Vinemont's performance on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, but their first big test will come Friday night at home against Falkville (Class 1A, Region 7).

Walgreens (from Front)

around that product when it's leaking are identical to hydrogen cyanide. So they have very similar signs and symptoms. The difference is hydrogen cyanide is a poisonous gas, and the way it attaches to the molecules in the blood in the body is what causes the problems, versus the HCFC. It (HCFC) is an asphyxiant. So what happens is you become hypoxic (low oxygen level in the blood); that's why you get light-headed, people who are sensitive when they're dizzy, they become nauseous.

"So it mimicked the same symptoms, but it was simply a freon leak. It will make you light-headed; if you stay in the environment too long, you will suffocate because it displaces oxygen. But it is not a poison; it is an asphyxiant."

In a better-safe-than-sorry scenario, the gas meters used by Cullman Fire Rescue sounded the warning on a chemical signature that fell within the same general spectrum as hydrogen cyanide. HCFC, according to Peeples, appears to be "within the hydrogen spectrum that hydrogen cyanide is in. So when it (the gas meter) picked up that spectrum of the hydrogen, it immediately just reflected that within the meter. There again, if I understand how the meter works, it works obviously within a spectrum of several chemicals."

Even though it is non-poisonous, prolonged exposure to an asphyxiant can still be deadly by replacing oxygen in the lungs and blood with other gases. Both evacuation and medical exams for those showing symptoms were safe moves under the circumstances, while identifying the gas as non-poisonous made for an easier resolution to the incident.

"Obviously, they didn't need to stay in that environment," said Peeples. "Once we identified what the leak was, we were able to then backtrack and go, 'Okay, signs and symptoms the same, this is consistent. There's no other reason for the signs and symptoms,' which made remediation of the store a lot simpler also, because they didn't have to (decontaminate) the entire store."

All the patients were treated and released Sunday evening. Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Brian Bradberry said, "Dr. Warner our medical director responded to the scene to assist us. Under Dr. Warner's advisement the Walgreens employees were sent to the hospital for evaluation as a precautionary measure. We also sent two of our firefighters to the hospital to be evaluated as well."

The store has now re-opened.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Opening day scoring roundup

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Saturday saw the start of the Cullman County Youth Football season. Below are the scores for opening day.

West Point 22, Cullman Bearcats 12 (Fireplug)
West Point took the first game of the day over the Cullman Bearcats to start out 1-0.

Cullman 28, West Point 0 (Wee-Wee)
Cullman shut out West Point in the Wee-Wee matchup, dominating the Warriors from start to finish.

West Point 30, Cullman 0 (Pee-Wee)
West Point finished 2-1 on the day after the Warriors' shutout victory over the Bearcats.

Fairview 42, Cullman Cyclones 0 (Fireplugs)
Fairview dominated on both sides of the ball from start to finish as the Aggies started out their season with a shutout victory over the Cyclones in the fireplug game.

Cullman Cyclones 34, Fairview 0 (Wee-Wee)
Cullman's Wee-Wee team put up two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters en route to a shutout win over the Aggies.

Cullman Cyclones 22, Fairview 6 (Pee-Wee)
In a low-scoring affair, Cullman pulled away late in the final quarter scoring a touchdown; the Cyclones clinched the win with an interception.

Good Hope Outlaws 40, Hanceville 0 (Fireplugs)
The Outlaws flat out dominated from start to finish on both sides of the ball in their shutout win over the Bulldogs.

Good Hope Outlaws 38, Hanceville 0 (Wee-Wee)
Good Hope's Wee-Wee squad followed that shutout win with one of its own as they start out the season 1-0.

Good Hope Outlaws 56, Hanceville 16 (Pee-Wee)
Good Hope finished off their sweep of the Bulldogs in convincing fashion.

Vinemont 20, Cold Springs 6 (Fireplugs)
The Eagles' fireplug team started its season out with a win over Cold Springs in a low-scoring game.

Vinemont 30, Cold Springs 8 (Wee-Wee)
Vinemont made it 2-0 on the day as the Wee-Wee squad defeated Cold Springs.

Vinemont 28, Cold Springs 6 (Pee-Wee)
Vinemont finished off the sweep of the Eagles in the final game of the night.



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The Good Hope Raiders take the field Saturday.

Holly Pond 34, Good Hope Raiders 32 (Fireplugs)
Good Hope jumped out to a quick 20-0 lead, but Holly Pond battled back to tie the game and won the game in a double-overtime thriller.

Good Hope 34, Holly Pond 6 (Wee-Wee)
Good Hope dominated the Wee-Wee game from start to finish in its rout of Holly Pond.

Good Hope 8, Holly Pond 0 (Pee-Wee)
One touchdown was all that was scored in the game between Good Hope and Holly Pond, but that touchdown proved to be enough for the Raiders as they went on to win in what was a defensive battle.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

St. Bernard girls, Cold Springs boys, Holly Pond's Chambers take 1st-place honors at Pepsi XC Challenge

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MOULTON – Several local cross-country squads made their way to H.A. Alexander Park Saturday morning to compete in the eighth annual Pepsi XC Challenge. Fairview, Holly Pond, Cold Springs and St. Bernard all had teams in the field.

In the Girls' Small School Division, St. Bernard took first place with a total time of 2:03:40.05 and just 67 points. Cold Springs was not far behind, finishing in third place with a total time of 2:05:27.38 and 94 points, while Holly Pond came in just behind them in fourth place.

Holly Pond finished with a total time of 2:06:24.07 and 112 points, and Holly Pond's Camilla Chambers finished in first place individually with a time of 20:20.37.

Over in the Boys' Small School Division, Cold Springs finished more than five minutes ahead of Fairview to take first place with a time of 1:34:00.24 and just 51 total points.

Fairview came in second place with a time of 1:39:49.06 and 117 points. St. Bernard and Holly Pond rounded out the top four, finishing in third and fourth place, respectively.

St. Bernard posted a time of 1:39:16.69 with 119 points, while Holly Pond came in at a time of 1:41:29.49 with 147 points.

Cold Springs also had boys' and girls' junior varsity teams competing in the 2-mile run event. The Lady Eagles finished in fifth place with a total time of 1:19:49.66 and 138 points, while the Eagles placed ninth with a time of 1:13:07.34 and 243 points.



ANITA CLAYTON

The Cold Springs Eagles came in first in the 5K run for small schools on Saturday in Moulton at the Pepsi XC Challenge.

Girls' individual times

Holly Pond

- 1st place, Camilla Chambers. 20:20.37
- 25th place, Abigail Kusz. 25:20.52
- 41st place, Maritza Ramon. 26:32.85
- 43rd place, Madison Frnka. 26:51.44
- 46th place, Emma Grace Daniel. 27:18.89
- 52nd place, Kirsten Campbell. 27:49.09
- 53rd place, Kaitlyn Griffin. 27:51.81

Cold Springs

- 3rd place, Ava Akridge. 21:35.65
- 11th place, Ashleigh White. 23:38.90
- 16th place, Alyssa Jackson. 24:38.29
- 26th place, Sadie Terry. 25:23.99
- 75th place, Emma Collett. 30:10.55

St. Bernard

- 8th place, Chloe Tumbo. 23:29.04
- 10th place, Claire Sanders. 23:36.50
- 15th place, Emma Powell. 24:35.06
- 30th place, Lizbeth Medina. 25:40.36
- 35th place, Sara Barck. 26:19.09
- 36th place, Kathleen George. 26:21.97
- 63rd place, Aria McMillan. 28:35.98
- 66th place, Gracie Loyd. 29:04.89

Boys' individual times

Holly Pond

- 20th place, Parker Sellers. 19:43.21
- 21st place, Conner Lowery. 19:44.58
- 23rd place, Zackery Reynolds. 19:51.63
- 29th place, Christopher Putman. 20:07.15
- 67th place, Seth Self. 22:02.92
- 96th place, Caleb Partain. 23:11.63
- 121st place, Kolton Guthrie. 24:35.91
- 125th place, Andy Light. 24:54.23
- 129th place, Austin Marsh. 25:01.87
- 130th place, Reese Hightower. 25:09. 98
- 145th place, Hunter Farr. 27:42.94
- 153rd place, Charlie Huddleston. 29:01.87
- 162nd place, Caleb Knedlik. 36:14.45

St. Bernard

- 4th place, Caleb Guthery. 18:15.63
- 6th place, Joey McCarthy. 18:31.34
- 24th place, Francis Mami. 19:55.07
- 36th place, Joseph Arriaga. 20:51.77
- 59th place, Nikolas Borths. 21:42.88
- 68th place, David De Jesus. 22:08.42
- 75th place, Francisco Tona. 22:17.89
- 81st place, Daniel Bamberry. 22:33.06
- 114th place, Jiovany Aguilar-Arriaga. 24:12.17
- 147th place, Cesar Hernandez. 27:54.05

Fairview

- 16th place, Peyton Bailey. 19:15.61
- 17th place, A.B. Diaz. 19:25.04
- 19th place, Daniel Cook. 19:34.94
- 30th place, Keagan Hardin. 20:21.59
- 47th place, Will Butler. 21:11.88
- 80th place, Austin Lowe. 22:32.75

Cold Springs

- 5th place, Cole Akridge. 18:17.12
- 9th place, Jonathan Collett. 18:37.79
- 11th place, Seth Walker. 18:41.56
- 13th place, Aaron Spurger. 18:54.35
- 18th place, Will Grimmett. 19:29.42
- 32nd place, Hunter Calvert. 20:31.57
- 74th place, Slade Johnson. 22:17.66

Cold Springs junior varsity girls

- 3rd place, Reagan Parris. 14:06.31
- 28th place, Emma Hancock. 15:37.54
- 30th place, Ciara Calvert. 15:57.68
- 43rd place, Allison White. 16:48.93
- 50th place, Madison Perdue. 17:19.20

Cold Springs junior varsity boys

- 28th place, Brody Belcher. 13:12.79
- 53rd place. Jayden Allred. 14:03.66
- 78th place, Cameron Nunn. 15:11.45
- 79th place, Argin Dooley. 15:12.08
- 89th place, Justin Caffee. 15:27.36
- 121st place, Noah Crandall. 16:53.99
- 122nd place, Grey Johnson. 16:54.65
- 129th place, Kaiden Graves. 17:08.44

EDUCATION

Lance Self, founder and CEO of Zero RPM, named 2018 Wallace State Most Outstanding Alumni

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Lance Self, founder and CEO of Cullman-based Zero RPM, has earned the 2018 Most Outstanding Wallace State Alumni award.

Self was recognized as the recipient at Wallace State's annual Convocation this month.

"I was obviously surprised when I received the email I was going to be named the Outstanding Alum. I've never thought of myself as outstanding. I'm very grateful and honored to be given this award," Self said.

"Ninety percent of the work I do today came from the things I learned at Wallace State. It's because of the diligence and sacrifice of people in this room that opportunities like this are possible for people like me."

Self enrolled in both electronics and engineering technology courses at Wallace State in the late 1980s and worked at HH Technologies as a mechanical draftsman while in college. Self later transitioned into a position at REHAU in 1997 where he managed Logistics, Production Control, Industrial Engineering, Cost Accounting and JIT Assembly. He also earned a bachelor's degree in management of technology at Athens State while working at REHAU.

Self continued to work in various roles at REHAU before eventually becoming the plant manager of the Magna plant in McCalla.

In 2012, Self founded Zero RPM, an award-winning leader in providing worksite idle mitigation solutions for its diverse customer base in utility and telecom vehicles, ambulances, fire engines, border patrol and police vehicles and armored vehicles across the country.

During its inception, ZeroRPM was Wallace State's first business incubator project and was recognized by Governor Robert Bentley in 2012 as one of the most important new businesses in Alabama since the recession began.

The company continues to excel today, branching out into independent power generators, grid storage, turnkey systems integration for OEMs, vehicle telemetrics and large-scale battery packaging. Zero RPM and its contracted manufacturer, HH Technologies, have currently created 60 jobs.

Self credited the positive influence of Wallace State for the rising success of Zero RPM.

"Wallace State has had a huge impact on my life, my family's life and the families of our employees. Every manager at Zero RPM attended Wallace State, three employees on our tech team attended here and most of our technicians came up through Wallace State," said Self, who also serves as the company's Chief Technology Officer. "It's made a huge difference for all of us."

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



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Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, left, presented Lance Self with the 2018 Most Outstanding Alumni Award at the college's Convocation.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 28 - Sept. 8

Arlow Wise entered into rest August 26, 2018. Complete obituary and arrangements will be announced at a later time by Nichols Funeral Home.

Diane Elaine Brimhall was born on April 24, 1946 and passed away on August 27, 2018. Complete obituary and arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be announced by Moss Service Funeral Home.

Sarah Gordon was born on September 29, 1992 and passed away on August 27, 2018. Complete obituary and arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be announced by Moss Service Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mr. Donald L. Quick, 80, of Cullman are Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. David Speegle officiating, with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation on Tuesday from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Mr. Quick passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, David L. Quick and Ruth Ester Jones Quick. He is survived by his son, Vincent Quick; brother, Jerry Quick; grandchildren, Eric Quick and Alex Quick; great grandchild, Echo Quick; nieces, Shannon Quick Morris and Tonya Quick Jett and great nieces and nephew, Ashley Morris, Kala Q. Byrom and Collin Cocke.

Voyt Jackson, 82 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Mr. Jackson was the Owner/Operator of Jackson's Trucking and Vice President of Need A Car, Inc. in Cullman, AL. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking. He is preceded in death by his parents: Roman and Tildie Jackson; brothers: John Cebron, Sr., Marvin, Coy, Hoyt and Hollis Jackson; and sister, Edith Jackson Williams. He is survived by his wife, Frances F. (Boots) Jackson; daughter, Judy Mathis (Nathan); sons: Voyt, Jr. (Flip) Jackson (Kim), Dave Schultz (Margie), Charles D. Schultz (Kay), James E. Shultz and Steve Jackson; sister, Ruby Jean Pearl (Bill), 21 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. The Celebration of Life for Mr. Voyt Jackson will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the funeral home with burial following at Fellowship Cemetery in Spring Hill. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Funeral service for Miriam Harville, age 85 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Burial will be at Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Harville passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born January 13, 1933 in Alabama to David and Verdi Walker. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister, Ethel Pruett, brother, Vaughn Walker, and sister, I.V. Walker. Survivors include her daughters: Wanda (Howard) Bartlett, Paula (Sparky) Wilson, Julie Harville, and Brenda (Steve) Gowdy, seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Wilhelmina Hartwig Parris, 82, passed away on August 25, 2018. Wilhelmina was born in Cullman Alabama to Frank and Anna Hartwig. She was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church since her baptism on August 23, 1936. Wilhelmina was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Parris and her parents Frank and Anna Budweg Hartwig. She is survived by her sisters Mary Frances (Clyde) Laney, Lawanda (Ed) Richmond, and Johanna (Marvin) Johnson, her bother Edward (Debbie) Hartwig; stepdaughter Alecia Parris Mills, and a host of nieces and nephews. All of whom are forever grateful for the blessing of her presence in their lives. Her love, her faith, and her witness touched many other lives throughout the community and her church family. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran School or Church.

Memorial Service for Marvin Pritchard, age 63 of Cullman, will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 08, 2018 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Mr. Pritchard passed away on Thursday, August 23, 2018. He was born February 9, 1955 to James and Frances Pritchard. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Pritchard, children; Marvin Brent (Christy) Pritchard and Mary Paige (Jeff) Hall, grandchildren; Connor Combs, Anna-Claire Pritchard, Jenna Pritchard, Bromleigh Hall, and Brady Hall, sister, Pam Rogers, and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

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IN RE:)
G.M.,)
A Minor Child, 01/19/2009)
CASE NO. JU 2017-540.02

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born on or about 01/19/2009 to Heather Sebert, respond to the Petition of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 11th day of September, 2018 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in *The Cullman Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this the 31st day of July, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of G.M., born on or about 01/19/2009 to Heather Sebert, respond to the Petition by the 11th day of September, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 739-9300 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 31st day of July, 2018

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 31 day of July, 2018.

Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EHELEE LAND BRYSON, Deceased)
Case No. PC2018-140

AMENDED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration for Ethelee Land Bryson, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of June, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shanna Schnittker
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for the Personal Representative
1701 Main Ave, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

OPINION

VOICES: Say no to backyard breeders, puppy mills

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

Anyone who has ventured into the world of animal rescue knows that the list of challenges facing them seems endless. Every day, there is another crisis, another urgent call for help and another day of feeling desperately overwhelmed. Despite the awareness of pet overpopulation and the knowledge that scores of dogs and cats are euthanized in Alabama every day, many continue to allow their pets to have litter after litter of puppies and kittens.

Not long after the world was introduced to Facebook, pages began popping up in every city and county with people selling dogs, cats and other animals. Facebook has since enacted a policy that prohibits the sale of live animals, pets or livestock.

A feature was added in 2017 that allows users to report posts selling animals.

Despite these policies, the sale of animals continues. One quick search on Facebook resulted in countless listings with threats of "taking to the pound if not gone by the weekend."

Facebook provides a great opportunity for shelter pets to be seen and networked.

Unfortunately, it also provides a new marketplace for those simply wanting to profit from the irresponsible breeding of more animals.

The Tribune spoke with several individuals, who asked to not be identified, who have purchased animals from Facebook animal sites.

One woman explained, "I wanted to adopt, but shelter animals cost more."

She acknowledged that shelter animals did come with a history of vet care and spay/neuters already performed but was still deterred by the adoption fees.

Another individual admitted, "I was scared for the animal and felt guilty, so I took it."

Both individuals expressed their desires to adopt an animal from a shelter but opted for the alternative due to personal convenience, breed preference and cost.

Another individual, who was also deterred by an adoption fee, regretted his choice, stating, "The adoption fees were a lot cheaper than the cost of a vet visit. I know that now."

Reputable breeders do NOT use threats or scare tactics to force a sale.

Animal shelters and reputable rescues are NOT the worst-case scenario; These places almost always invest more into an animal than they get in return. Beware of irresponsible "rescues."

Ask if it has a 501(c)(3) and is operating as a recognized nonprofit. Always research the history of a rescue prior to donating.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) both urge people to resist purchasing pets from "backyard breeders" and puppy mills despite the tactics used to generate guilt and pity.

Backyard breeders are defined by Almost Home Rescue as "Someone who keeps a number of dogs and either breeds them deliberately or just lets them breed.

"They usually have no understanding or concern about breed standards, genetics, socializing and maintaining health."

The successful backyard breeder often seeks additional dogs for breeding by obtaining "free to a good home" dogs and are at high risk of escalating into puppy mills.

Purchasing dogs from irresponsible breeders, puppy mills or irresponsible rescues perpetuates the irresponsibility and contributes to more animals being produced regardless of the demand or lack thereof.

To help combat pet overpopulation, people should make sure they aren't inadvertently supporting and encouraging these operations.

Many pet stores serve as the middle man between puppy mill and buyer, so make sure to research from whom the pet store obtains its dogs.

According to HSUS, ASPCA and other animal welfare organizations, these are some of the most common signs of backyard breeders and puppy mills:

- Refusal to provide veterinarian's name or documentation
- Individual, breeder or rescue selling large number of puppies with constant availability. Beware of "rescues" with large quantities of purebred puppies. Not all rescues are reputable.
- Constant advertisement in newspapers, social media or fliers
- Content with animal going to first person with cash in hand
- Roadside or parking lot sales
- Seller has multiple breeds including rare or new ones
- Money is their top priority. Suitable home and getting to know the new owner should be most important.
- Sales at flea markets
- Not allowed to meet the puppy's parents or view their home/breeding facility
- Discourages spay/neutering
- Foul odor from the animal or property of seller
- Unhealthy appearance
- Available before 8 weeks old
- No health or return policy

If you suspect that someone is irresponsibly breeding animals or operating a puppy mill you can notify Animal Control. Currently there are no laws prohibiting puppy mill operations, but these operations are required to maintain food, water, shelter, health and other standards by Alabama law.

In the city of Cullman, residents are always required to have all pets licensed through the City as well as proof of rabies vaccinations.

The County does not require a license, but rabies vaccinations are state mandated.

If an individual says a pet is current on vaccinations but has not seen a veterinarian, that is a red flag. Rabies vaccinations are required by law and are only administered by licensed vets. Rabies vaccinations cannot be purchased at a store or given at home.

The Tribune spoke with Capt. Tim McKoy, director of Cullman County Animal Control, about Cullman and the existence of puppy mills.

"We have puppy mills in Cullman County, but there are no laws against it," said McKoy. "We do welfare checks multiple times a year and as long as they are meeting the minimum requirements, that's all we can do."

Each year the Animal Legal Defense Fund releases the U.S. Animal Protection Laws Rankings, listing each state and U.S. territory in order from best to worst based on laws and ordinances in place to protect animals. Every year, Alabama is in the lowest tier, ranking 41st in 2017 below Puerto Rico and Guam. Animal Control cannot enforce laws that do not exist.

Atti's Bill was introduced in the 2017 session of the Alabama Legislature in hopes of putting a stop to puppy mills and backyard breeders.

The bill had its merits but met strong opposition from the American Kennel Club (AKC) for overreaching in its intended effect.

According to AKC, the bill would have "criminalized not feeding your dog twice a day, not providing constant access to and from an exercise yard, not providing an indoor enclosure that does not fall below 45 degrees regardless of breed and enclosing a dog in a dog crate."

It was not passed. A revised version of Atti's Bill is set to be introduced in 2019.

As animal advocates continue to push for stronger laws in Alabama to protect our animals, such as puppy mill legislation, spay/neuter initiatives and hot car laws, there are other ways individuals can help.

Get involved and volunteer with shelters and rescues. Have your pets spayed/neutered to prevent unwanted litters. Consider adoption from a shelter or rescue first. If you don't find the perfect pet there, seek a reputable and highly recommended breeder. Ask local veterinarians for advice or guidance when searching for a pet.

Know where the animals are coming from and avoid providing financial support to those contributing to the overpopulation. Report Facebook posts that violate policy.

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Good (from Front)

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN COUNTY – "God is still good!" the Warrior Creek Missionary Baptist Church choir sang at the first service since the church lost its sanctuary, classrooms and fellowship hall to a devastating fire last Tuesday night.

The buildings may have burned, but the service under the trees Sunday morning was proof that the church is stronger than ever.

The sadness of the congregation was still palpable, but it was dwarfed by optimism, determination and perseverance. Members of the church and community worked all day Saturday clearing the charred remains of the building leaving only the original sanctuary.

A wooden cross marked the location of the altar lost in the fire.

Under the giant shade trees were rows of folded chairs containing hymnals and boxes of tissues for the emotional Sunday service.

A steady stream of families filled all the seats and the 11 a.m. service began with the singing of "My Hope is Built" followed by "Not Made with Hands" and a heartfelt rendition of "Victory in Jesus."

The choir, consisting of members of all ages, then sang, "God's Been Good to Me" and "God is Still Good," prior to Pastor Daryl Ross' sermon.

Bro. Ross spoke of his personal struggles over the past several days and the difficulty in knowing what to preach.

He reminded everyone, "We are all right, and despite this tragedy and the questions of why, our faith and salvation in God was never in question. What DO you preach after a catastrophe?? Just preach the Word!"

After a powerful sermon and a passing of baskets for offerings, Ross made several announcements.

He thanked everyone for all the hard work and said a special thank you to Steve Martin of Pinpoint Locating, Inc. Martin insisted on donating all the equipment needed to clear the church grounds of debris.

Westside Baptist loaned hymnals for Warrior Creek to use. The tables underneath the trees contained boxes of the burned pages from hymnals that were found by firefighters.

The church plans to "stay at home," said Ross.

He added, "We have had many generous offers and we appreciate every single one of them. We intend to stay home.

"We will have six Sunday school rooms ready soon inside the old sanctuary. We hope to have power reconnected Tuesday and Servpro will be cleaning soon.

"Our greatest need is a self-contained double wide trailer that already has heating and cooling and can seat 100 to150 people. If we can find that, we can stay home."

Chairman of the Deacon Board, James Carson, said, "The state fire marshal ruled that the cause of the fire was 'electrical unknown.' I grew up on the same street as this church. I'm 95 years old and the church has always been a part of my life. We will rebuild, though. We will be OK."

Ross estimated being displaced for at least a year as the church moves into the rebuilding phase. The church is located at 1857 County Road 1830 in Arab, in the extreme northeast corner of Cullman County. The original structure was built in 1857.

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mary Ellen Jones

Community Spotlight: Mary Ellen Jones

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

It was the early 1930s when the Dust Bowl devastated Oklahoma and caused once hopeful farmers to seek new opportunities for their families. Mary Ellen McAfee was just 5 years old when her parents moved to Cullman County with her three older brothers.

Now she is Mrs. Mary Ellen Jones and a resident at Westminster Assisted Living in Cullman. The Tribune visited Mary Ellen and went with her on an impromptu stroll down memory lane.

Mary Ellen doesn't remember much from her years in Oklahoma but recalled, "When the winds would come, mama would shut all the doors and windows to keep the sand out. It still managed to seep into everything."

With her family unable to farm, they moved to Cullman County where her father was from originally.

They family settled in Logan. Mary Ellen recalled a neighbor with a mule.

She said, "We didn't have anything to play with really, but the neighbor had a mule we liked to ride. My brothers and I went over one day, and I wanted to ride the mule again. Well, this angered the neighbor after my brothers sat me back on the mule. The neighbor clapped loudly, spooked the mule, and the mule kicked me off of there. I broke my arm.

"My daddy had to take me to the doctor in Trimble. He put me in the wagon pulled by mules and took me. I got a sling for it."

Mary Ellen went to school at Logan Junior High until the school burned. "The school burned down, so we had classes in the church buildings until the school could be rebuilt."

She finished ninth grade at Logan. Students would ride buses to Cullman High School to complete 10th-12th grades. She explained, "We had dirt roads way back then and we got stuck often. We would be late to school or some days when the weather was bad; the bus couldn't bring us at all. I had friends in Cullman, so I would stay with them for a few days until the roads were clear. I didn't want to miss school."

After graduating from Cullman, Mary Ellen enrolled at the University of Alabama to become a teacher.

There was only one small problem. She had no car and no way to get there. Finally, she learned that her principal from Logan was attending Alabama to earn his master's degree. He offered her a ride and she settled into a small dorm.

Mary Ellen said, "This was just after World War II, and finding teachers was very difficult because most of the people were working factory jobs. I was hired to teach fourth grade at Dowling School in Crane Hill after just one semester of college classes."

This was in 1949 and she was still without a car. Mary Ellen said, "A friend and I found a two-room shack to rent in Crane Hill, so we were able to walk back and forth to work."

Every summer she continued taking college classes. Now, she was attending classes at St. Bernard College. She laughed, "I had to go to college so I could teach and teach so I could go to college."

In 1949, Mary Ellen began teaching fourth grade at Trimble School where she taught five years.

When asked about transportation she laughed, "Oh! I left something out. When at Dowling, I met this guy. He became my first husband and he had a car." Millard Freeman and Mary Ellen married in 1950.

The couple welcomed a baby girl named Betty. Mary Ellen stayed home with the baby for three years before returning to teaching. When she returned, it was to Logan Junior High where she taught English for 24 years.

During this time, she took another three-year break from teaching in 1960 after the birth of her son, Delbert.

Millard Freeman made a living as a timber hauler and sold timber to Buettner Brothers Lumber in Cullman.

In 1981, he passed away from congestive heart failure. Mary Ellen lived alone for six years but continued to teach English at Logan. She retired in 1985 after 24 years at Logan and 30 years of teaching.

In 1988, she remarried. She married John Paul Jones, a principal at Logan. John Jones passed away in 2010. Both of Mary Ellen Freeman Jones' children live in Cullman. Betty Freeman Kinney is retired from the post office and Delbert Freeman is the chaplain at Cullman Regional.

Mary Ellen laughed, "I have five grandchildren. I have 10-12 great grandchildren. I'd have to count." It was time for lunch, so the counting would have to wait for another time.

Mary Ellen is now legally blind due to glaucoma that runs in her family. "I am still able to get around fine, but I can't see well. I make it a point to walk 2 miles every day to keep in shape," she smiled, pointing to her step counter on her ankle.

Westminster is an assisted living and memory care facility in Cullman. Wanda Raines, executive director, spoke of the stories the residents have to tell: "They give me more than I can ever give them. I hope more people will want to volunteer or visit the seniors in their communities. The residents enjoy the visits, and what a person can gain from them is priceless."







