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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PICTURE

Postseason possibilities on the line this Friday



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Holly Pond's Jeremiah Holmes (5) fights for the ball in the air with several J.B. Pennington Tigers defenders on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018. » PAGE 4

FAITH

Catching up with First Source for Women



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The Mobile Unit, front and center at First Source's fundraising banquet, has become a big, very visible part of the organization's outreach efforts. » PAGE 8

U.S. Attorney's Office hosts 1st regional opioid prevention and awareness town hall meeting in Cullman

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday evening, the U.S. Department of Justice came to town to talk about the opioid crisis facing Alabama. U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama Jay E. Town and his staff chose Cullman for the first in what is to be a series of town hall meetings to confront the problem that has claimed numerous lives in Cullman County.

Before the meeting, Town told The Tribune, "Just like any other city, any other population center in the northern district of Alabama, Cullman is not a stranger to the opioid crisis--to fatal and non-fatal overdoses. And it impacts every community, and it certainly has impacted the county of Cullman and certainly the city, as well.

"One of the things that we are trying to do better is we are trying to track, not only fatal overdoses, but our non-fatal overdoses. Saving lives is really what President (Donald) Trump and Attorney General (Jeff) Sessions have tasked the U.S. Attorney community with doing, and one way to do that is to, certainly, find ways to track, real-time, fatal and non-fatal overdoses. And so, I have met with Sheriff (Matt) Gentry here in Cullman County, and we have come up with a way, using our 911 call data, using some of the automated systems that our software allows us, so that we can get real-time information on 911 calls about fatal and non-fatal overdoses, so that we can police it accordingly.

"If there's sort of a spike in overdoses, we can learn about it in real time, so that we can surge resources to that area. We can police that area more aggressively. We can do a public service announcement, because perhaps there's a bad batch, and that's why we're seeing this sort of increase in overdoses.

"The goal is to save lives. Yes, we're going to prosecute more people: we're going to prosecute drug dealers, we're going to prosecute people who have dealt drugs that resulted in an overdose of some sort; that's going to happen. We're going to prosecute doctors who have sacrificed the efficacy of medical care for the greed of pushing pills and opioids. Yeah, that's going to happen. But our goal, our ultimate goal in all of that is to save lives here in Cullman County, throughout the northern district, and indeed throughout the United States."



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Panelists (L-R) Grace Potter, Maria Steele and Sean Stephen listen to U.S. Attorney Jay E. Town (right) at Tuesday night's opioid crisis town hall meeting in Cullman.

North Alabama leads nation in opioid prescriptions

In a recently published study of available data from 2014-16, Alabama's 4th Congressional District, which includes Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion, Marshall, Walker and Winston counties as well as parts of Blount, Cherokee, Jackson and Tuscaloosa counties, sees more opioid prescriptions than any other district in the nation. During the time period of the study, for every 100 people in the district, 166 opioid prescriptions were written.

Town called on physicians to be more responsible in prescribing medications, and on consumers to be more responsible in storing prescription drugs and disposing of unused medications. While town hall meetings are just beginning to happen, the U.S. Attorney's Office has been actively approaching the opioid issue for more than a year. In Aug. 2017, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions formed an Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit to collect and analyze data on opioid abuse and selected the Northern District of Alabama as one of 12 districts across the country to participate in the pilot program.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office website, "As a participant, the Northern District will receive funding for three years for a prosecutor who will focus solely on investigating and prosecuting health care fraud related to prescription opioids, including pill mill schemes and pharmacies that unlawfully divert or dispense prescription opioids for illegitimate purposes.

"U.S. Attorney Jay Town established the Opioid Pilot Project Task Force (OPP) to implement and execute the pilot program and appointed a veteran prosecutor in the office to lead it. The OPP Task Force » PAGE 4

PET OF THE WEEK

Help Auntie find her forever home



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Auntie

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

Auntie is a medium-sized, 6-month-old mixed breed pup, born in mid-April. She's a lively medium- to high-energy pet who seems destined for a career as a companion, comfort or therapy dog.

Ruttkay said of Auntie, "Patience and perseverance have produced a trusting pup, who was otherwise anxious of the unknown and unsure of herself."

She also described Auntie as a loving companion who is "ever so sweet and trusting of you to keep her safe; she recognizes you as her leader, for direction and comfort. She thrives on positive affirmation for a job well done."

Overall, according to Ruttkay, Auntie is "one of the sweetest dogs ever."

Special deal: free!

Auntie's previous owner, who could not keep her, has paid the cost of her adoption in advance. That means that her new human will get his or her new best friend free of charge.

Ruttkay insists that, though Auntie is available for free, "That is not indicative of her worth!"

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.

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.



NICK LEE

Fairview's popular Brindley Mountain BBQ was declared a complete loss after a fire Tuesday morning.

BRINDLEY MOUNTAIN BBQ FIRE

'It's a complete loss'

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FAIRVIEW – A fire swept through Brindley Mountain BBQ in Fairview Tuesday morning, and Fairview Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Williams said Tuesday afternoon that the building is a complete loss.

The fire began at approximately 10:16 a.m. at the restaurant, located at 7472 Alabama Highway 69 N, across from Hopper's Family Market and very near the fire department.

"A new smoker had been installed in the last couple of weeks," said Williams. "The owner built a fire in it and left to go buy some meat (at Hopper's). When he came back the building was on fire."

The smoker was in a metal building attached to the structure of the restaurant, which was in 1970s-built home.



NICK LEE

"The flames went through the attic almost immediately," said Williams. "That old (house) had two or three roofs, and all of that air space acted as a chimney. And being as old as it was, the wood was dried out."

Williams said the whole structure will have to be torn down and rebuilt.

"Very few things salvageable," he said. "It's a complete loss, a total loss. The fire destroyed everything inside pretty much, except for maybe a few tables and chairs still standing that might could be cleaned."

No one was in the restaurant at the time of the fire, and there were no injuries.

Williams said fire departments from Gold Ridge, Baileyton, Holly Pond and Berlin assisted Fairview at the scene.

Fire departments were back in service by 2:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Good Hope donates $45K to schools, organizations

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GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope City Council on Monday night presented donations to several local organizations and schools. In all, the City donated a total of $45,500, all from alcohol revenues. In addition to the normal amounts given to Good Hope Schools ($14,000 to the high school and $4,000 each to the primary, elementary and middle school), the following were awarded: Good Hope Fire and Rescue ($6,000), Good Samaritan Health Clinic ($1,500), Margaret Jean Jones Center ($1,000), Cullman Area Mental Health (WellStone) ($3,000), Cullman Caring for Kids ($2,500), Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District($1,500), North Alabama Agriplex ($2,500) and Cullman County Emergency Management Agency ($1,500).

Representatives from each school and organization were on hand to receive the donations Monday night, except for Tonya Cupp, principal of Good Hope Primary School, and Scott McDonald, assistant director of Cullman County Emergency Management Agency, who were presented their checks prior to the meeting.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett introduced Resolution No. 001-2019, a contract agreement with consulting firm Retail Strategies, which describes itself as "a full-service consulting firm that develops and implements long-term retail real estate strategies for municipalities and economic development agencies."

Bartlett said "to test the waters," the City of Good Hope will enter a $12,000, six-month contract with Retail Strategies.

The City will get a cheaper rate than normal for 10 "contacts," who also work for the City of Cullman. Bartlett said he and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs spoke and that the City of Cullman approved the City of Good Hope going into the contract with the same contacts. The resolution passed.

The Good Hope City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKS BID FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN

The City of Cullman, Alabama is requesting bids for the construction of a new 4,000 square foot Sanitation Facility located at 931 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055. Copies of the general plans and bid specifications will be available in the City Clerk's office at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055. For detailed plans and specifications of the project, please contact the project architect, F & O Architects, LLC (301 3rd Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055), at (256) 734-1330. Bids can be hand delivered to the Cullman City Clerk Wesley Moore or mailed to the Post Office Box 278, Cullman, AL 35056-0278. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked attention Sanitation Facility Bid and addressed with the bidder's name and address. All bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on November 21st, 2018 in the Administration Conference Room at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055. No bids will be accepted after 2:00 p.m. on November 21st, 2018. All bids will be publicly opened and read. The lowest responsible bidder will be required follow and comply with all local, state, and federal laws and/or regulations. No bid may be withdrawn after the date of the bid opening. The City of Cullman, Alabama reserves the right to reject any and all bids without cause. All bidders are required to attend a pre-bid meeting at the site of the new Sanitation Facility located 931 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055 on November 7th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. All bidders must provide substantial proof of the following: 1) general liability insurance and workers compensation; 2) State of Alabama Home Builders License; 3) City of Cullman Business License; and 4) completion of five comparable projects over the last five years. The construction of this new Sanitation Facility must be completed within six months unless otherwise agreed upon by the City of Cullman, Alabama.

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Arrest reports: Oct. 22-23

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Oct. 22-23, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY, OCT. 22, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Shine, Tara M., 26
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mangum, Hailey C., 27
- second-degree stalking

Eipp, Austin W., 24
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (2 counts)

Curvin, Meschach J., 22
- attempting to elude

Ruatti, Bashir P., 33
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Hitt, Tracy L., 41
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No reports provided.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Teal, Kevin R., 47
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications

Powell, James H. III, 30
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

Parker, Chad S., 34
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle
- attempting to elude

Smith, Miranda E., 33
- third-degree theft of property

Grant, Steven L., 31
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Boone, Timothy A., 24
- second-degree receiving stolen property
- reckless endangerment
- attempting to elude

Biase, Gina M., 38
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No reports provided.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
S.N.,)
A Minor Child, 07/02/2008)

CASE NO. JU 2017-321.02

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 to Janet Willingham on or about 07/02/2008, respond to the Petition of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 29 day of November, 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 23rd day of October, 2018

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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A Minor Child, 04/19/2017)

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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 23 day of Oct., 2018.

Lisa McSwain (JW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

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As many as three out of four surgery patients could be receiving anti-clotting medications that they do not need, according to a study published in *Annals of Surgery* that challenges standard-of-care guidelines specifying that all general surgery patients receive anticoagulants. The treatment is meant to prevent formation of blood clots in the veins. In the worst cases, clots could break free and block blood flow to vital organs such as the lungs, causing sudden death. However the new findings suggest that the preventive measure may be unnecessary for most patients and could even be harmful to a small proportion.

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A new study published in *PLOS ONE* has found that people who take proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) had a 70 percent increase in the risk of being admitted to the hospital with infectious gastroenteritis.

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Physicians should prescribe metformin to patients with type 2 diabetes when medication is needed to improve high blood sugar, the American College of Physicians (ACP) recommends in an evidence-based clinical practice guideline published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. If a second oral medication is needed to improve high blood sugar, ACP recommends that physicians consider adding either a sulfonylurea, thiazolidinedione, SGLT-2 inhibitor, or DPP-4 inhibitor to metformin. The American Academy of Family Physicians has endorsed the guideline. Diabetes is a leading cause of death in the United States. The disease can affect other areas of the body and can cause retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy and coronary artery, cerebrovascular and peripheral vascular disease complications. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease, affecting about 29.1 million people in the United States (90 to 95 percent of persons with diabetes).

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Campbell's 3 TDs lift Bulldogs past Fairview for county crown

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HANCEVILLE – The Cullman County Middle School Football Championship game was the main event in Hanceville Tuesday night and the two teams on the field did not disappoint. The (4-3) Fairview Aggies made their way to Ray Talley Stadium to take on (6-0) Hanceville and the Bulldogs found a way to finish their season as county champions and undefeated with some late-game heroics.

Fairview quarterback Caden Hall slipped multiple Bulldog defenders on a 40-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 12 with less than a minute to play. Hall connected with Miguel Gonzalez on the 2-point conversion to go up 14-12. Two plays into Hanceville's ensuing possession, quarterback Zachary Campbell burst through the Aggie defense for a 39-yard touchdown with just 24 seconds remaining in the game to secure the county title for the Bulldogs. Campbell accounted for all three of Hanceville's scores in the win.

After the game, first-year Bulldogs Head Coach Braxton Pitts talked about his team's mindset going into their final possession.

"We just reiterated what we've talked about all year. Each game, each play, it's 0-0," Pitts said. "I just told them that again and let them know that it should be almost routine for us to drive down and score each time we line up."

Hanceville had just 49 yards of offense at halftime and Pitts knew his Bulldogs would have to make some adjustments in order to keep up with the Aggies.

"At halftime we knew that we had to put some of our best on their best no matter where they line up or what formation they're in," he said. "It really didn't matter how we lined up, we knew it would be a slugfest until the very end, and they do a great job at Fairview. I think that they represent the county very well."

When asked what the key has been for the Bulldogs' consistent success this season, Pitts had a quick response.

"I think it's the little things," Pitts said. "At the beginning of the year we had what many would call a 'come-to-Jesus' meeting about socks being inside-out and it's all those kinds of things that add up and lead to what we've been able to accomplish. We're trying to be successful in football and in life."

Hanceville struck first early in the second quarter when Campbell scooped up a bad snap that went over the head of Fairview quarterback Hall and took it 45-yards the other way for a 6-0 lead. Fairview responded on the ensuing possession with a time-consuming drive that ended with a 3-yard touchdown run from Eli Frost that tied the game at 6 going into the halftime break.

Both teams combined for just 128 yards of offense in the first half.

The physical, defensive struggle continued into the third quarter until Campbell hit his wideout, Brosnan Ward, in stride down the sideline for a 66-yard touchdown that put the Bulldogs up 12-6 late in the third.

Despite being held out of the end zone for a lot of the night, Fairview was able to move the ball effectively on the ground. Aggies running back Jameson Goble led the game with 122 yards on 23 carries, but it was the legs of the quarterback Hall that made the big play late in the game for Fairview. With less than a minute to play in the fourth quarter, Hall ran through and evaded several Hanceville defenders to score from 40-yards out. A pass from Hall to Gonzalez on the ensuing 2-point try put the Aggies up 14-12 with 47 seconds remaining.

Unfortunately for Fairview, Campbell had one more big play left in him for the Bulldogs. On the second play of the next Hanceville drive, Campbell broke through the line and sprinted past the Aggie defense to take an 18-14 lead and ultimately secure a 7-0 finish to the season and the county title. Campbell finished the night 3 of 5 for 98 yards and a touchdown through the air and added 51 yards and a touchdown on the ground to go along with his defensive touchdown earlier in the game.

Possibilities (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Several football teams across The Cullman Tribune's coverage area are either playing for or preparing for the postseason this week and the matchups will all have playoff ramifications. The Addison Bulldogs and Good Hope Raiders will be looking to improve their positions in the standings before region play wraps up while Cold Springs, Vinemont and Holly Pond might as well be in playoff games already. Those three will play with a postseason berth on the line this Friday.

(7-2) Addison vs. (5-3) Hatton

The Bulldogs will play their final region game of the season at home this week with a chance to jump up into a tie for first place in the standings with Colbert County and Red Bay.

Addison defeated the Patriots and fell to Colbert County earlier in the season, but Red Bay's upset over Colbert County has left the door open for Addison to force a three-way tie for first with a win over Hatton this week.

The Bulldogs looked sharp last week at Tharptown, but they'll have to keep it up with a red-hot Hornets team coming to town. Hatton started the season 1-3 but has won four straight since then, outscoring its opponents 188-34 in that stretch. Addison can do a lot to help its playoff path with a win Friday night.

(7-1) Good Hope at (7-1) Fayette County

The Raiders will be on the road to face their toughest opponent on the schedule this week, Fayette County. The Tigers are currently sitting in first place in the region standings but Good Hope, having secure the third seed, could make a push for second with a big win on the road this week.

If the Raiders win at Fayette County and Northside, which defeated Good Hope earlier this season, wins at Curry, Good Hope and Fayette County would have to settle the second seed via tiebreakers. Aside from playoff position, a win for the Raiders this week would be a huge momentum boost going into their final regular season game and the postseason.

(4-4) Cold Springs vs. (2-6) Sulligent

This will be the most important game of the season so far for the Cold Springs Eagles. They'll host the Blue Devils in their final regional matchup with their playoff chances on the line.

A win will keep those hopes alive, but a loss will officially eliminate the Eagles from contention. Cold Springs has now lost four straight after coming up just short on the road against Tarrant last week, but the Eagles are 3-1 at home this season.

Southeastern and Sumiton Christian could cause some chaos in the region with upsets next week but regardless, Cold Springs will have to find a way to win on Friday to stay alive.

(5-3) Holly Pond vs. (2-6) Vinemont

This matchup is arguably the most interesting of the week, at least in terms of playoff ramifications. The Broncos can clinch the fourth seed with a win over the Eagles, but if Vinemont pulls off the road upset, things will get tricky in Region 5. An Eagles win paired with a Locust Fork win over Hanceville would send Holly Pond, Vinemont and Locust Fork into a three-way tie for the final playoff spot.

The Broncos are coming off of a bye week, so they should be rested and focused for their biggest game of the season so far against a rival with a postseason berth on the line.

Other games this week:

- (3-6) Cullman at (5-3) Fort Payne
- (3-6) Meek at (4-4) Lynn
- (3-5) Fairview at (0-9) Danville
- (1-7) Hanceville at (3-6) Locust Fork
- (2-6) West Point at (3-6) Hayden

Meeting (from Front)

will work with the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services, and state and local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute pill mills and physicians and pharmacists contributing to the opioid epidemic. Through DOJ's Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit, the task force will have the advantage of data analytics that can point to potential opioid prescribing abuses. The analytics can show physicians who are writing opioid prescriptions at a rate far exceeding that of their peers; the number of a doctor's patients who died within 60 days of an opioid prescription; the average age of patients receiving the opioid prescriptions; pharmacies that are dispensing disproportionately large amounts of opioids; and regional hot spots for opioid issues."

The audience heard a painful account by psychiatric nurse Maria Steele about her son Bryan, a former Cullman High School football player who died at age 20 from a drug overdose. She recounted his expulsion from the team after being caught with drugs on campus, his escalation through increasingly powerful drugs, his experiences in multiple treatment programs, and ultimately his death while attending a residential treatment program. Steele said she hoped that sharing such a personal story might help remove some of the stigma from addiction and lead to more addicts receiving the treatment they need.

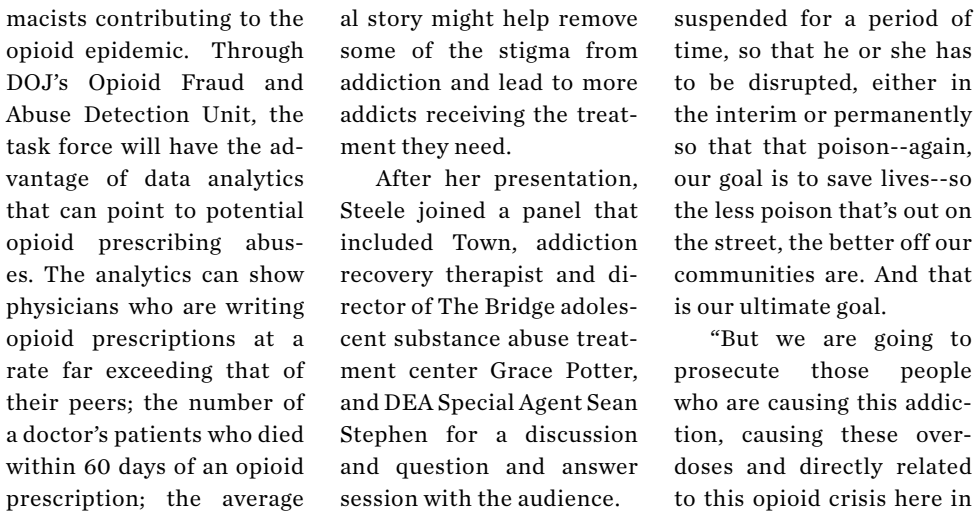
After her presentation, Steele joined a panel that included Town, addiction recovery therapist and director of The Bridge adolescent substance abuse treatment center Grace Potter, and DEA Special Agent Sean Stephen for a discussion and question and answer session with the audience.

Tough words for prescribing doctors

Town told The Tribune that he will go after physicians who overprescribe opioid painkillers, saying that his office is tracking prescription numbers per doctor, and also said that his office partners with "nontraditional partners like your medical boards and some of your other state regulatory agencies that can actually impact and disrupt a doctor who we believe is prescribing outside of the population norms for that particular area. And that allows us to at least halt that doctor from prescribing poison for his (patients), or we can actually take his prescription license away, or maybe even his medical license could be suspended for a period of time, so that he or she has to be disrupted, either in the interim or permanently so that that poison--again, our goal is to save lives--so the less poison that's out on the street, the better off our communities are. And that is our ultimate goal.

"But we are going to prosecute those people who are causing this addiction, causing these overdoses and directly related to this opioid crisis here in the Northern District. And I believe we have a really good handle on it, and I'm very anxious to see where we're going to be in about a year and see how much our overdoses--fatal and non-fatal--have declined. I'm very hopeful that it will be, and to my judgment it will be."

The town hall meeting was recorded and can be viewed on The Tribune's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/493540194498383/.





SCHOLARS' BOWL SCOREBOARD: Oct. 23 middle school matches; West Point finishes season undefeated

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HANCEVILLE – Results are in from Tuesday's middle school scholars' bowl matches at Wallace State.

West Point has proven to be a juggernaut. Due to a bye in next week's final regular season matches, the team has finished its season and has done so as the only undefeated team among Cullman County's middle schools.

West Point coach Lee Henry told The Tribune, "This is an amazing group of kids. And the starting four 'core' players have a great chemistry.

"The potential for this group is off the charts. While this is the end of the local league for us, it's just the beginning and we're just getting started.

"We have several invitationals in the coming months, not to mention the ASCA (Alabama Scholastic Competition Association) District and State Championships next semester. And, of course, we fully intend to qualify and travel to Chicago for nationals again this spring!"

Vinemont, Cullman and Fairview had byes this week

Round one

- West Point 415 - Good Hope 85
- Hanceville 270 - Parkside 120
- Holly Pond 205 - Harmony 120
- Cold Springs 135 - St. Bernard 120

Round two

- Holly Pond 200 - Good Hope 30
- West Point 415 - Hanceville 90
- St. Bernard 225 - Parkside 55

Round three

- Good Hope 70 - Parkside 40
- West Point 355 - Harmony 85
- St. Bernard 175 - Hanceville 60

Stay with The Tribune for middle and high school results through the end of the league season next week, and through upcoming postseason tournaments.

Thanks to Wallace State Scholars' Bowl sponsor Christine O'Leary for keeping us up to date.











Cullman adopts vaping ordinance; police honored

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council adopted an ordinance banning the use of vaping devices in public places where the use of cigarettes are banned. It also honored four city police officers and gave its approval to requests to get the area's fall festival season underway.

Vaping ordinance

The council suspended rules of procedure to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-04 on its first reading. The ordinance places "vaping" devices in the same category as tobacco products under the regulations of the Clean Indoor Air Act, banning them from all public places where cigarettes would be banned, but allowing their use inside retail establishments that specialize in selling such devices.

The move came after Dr. Scott Warner came forward to ask the council at its Sept. 24 meeting to consider including e-cigarettes and vaping devices under the same regulations as cigarettes and other tobacco products. Warner requested that e-cigarettes be classified in the same category as tobacco products under the Clean Indoor Air Act. He cited information from the U.S. Surgeon General listing dangerous substances found in the vapor and calling on local leaders to consider including e-cigarettes in smoke-free policies and laws, preventing access to e-cigarettes by youth, price and tax policies and retail licensure of e-cigarettes, regulating e-cigarette marketing likely to attract youth, educational initiatives targeting youth and young adults.

On Oct. 1, the council heard from Lee Black, owner of Vapors, Inc. vape shop and Joshua Register of the Breathe Easier Alliance of Alabama, who came to respond to Warner's comments. The two speakers did not oppose the doctor's request in general but requested that vaping shops be exempted from the regulations, so customer can try products and devices inside shops.

Read more about the Clean Indoor Air Act at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/tpts/clean-indoor-air-act.html.

Police recognized

Councilman Andy Page, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, gave a certificate of appreciation to Cullman Police Department Patrolman Kyle Foshee, whose actions during a routine traffic stop led to the arrest of two female members of the multi-state "Felony Lane" white collar crime ring. A search of the pair's hotel room turned up computers, printers, check paper, forged checks and seven different identification cards. In all, the two suspects face 35 charges.

Three officers were recognized for their lengths of service:

- Capt. Bobby Kelley - 35 years
- Lt. Jason Mickle - 20 years
- Officer John Anderson - 15 years

Other council business

In accordance with the spirit of the fall festival season, the council approved a number of special event requests for special events:

- from Shannon Witcher to hold a trunk or treat in the 100 block of First Avenue Northeast in the Warehouse District for Grace Chapel on Oct. 26, 2018 from 4-10 p.m. The request specified closing the street early Friday morning, to avoid having to move people out right before the start of the event.
- from Johnann Moore to hold a family-friendly block party on First Avenue Northeast from Lavish Boutique to Flavors Bakery in the Warehouse District, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Mae's Food Hall on Oct. 26-27, 2018. The request specified closing the street from 5 a.m. on Oct. 26 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 27. The request for such a lengthy closure was approved with the stipulation that all businesses in the affected section of the Warehouse District had to agree to the closing. Mayor Woody Jacobs was authorized to handle any issues that might arise with those businesses on behalf of the council.
- from Kelly Keel of Legacy Realty Group to hold a trunk or treat at 1844 Second Ave. NW on Oct. 27, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.
- from Rebekah Mickle of Cullman First Baptist Church to hold the church's fall festival and trunk or treat on Oct. 31, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. The request asked for the closure of parts of Third Avenue, Fifth Street and Sixth Street.
- from Karen Speegle of Seventh Street Baptist Church to hold the church's fall festival on Oct. 31, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. The request asked for the closure of Fifth Avenue between Seventh and Eighth Streets.
- from Keith Peinhardt of Buettner Brothers Lumber Company for a special event permit to hold a Contractor and Customer Appreciation Luncheon on Nov. 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., requiring the closure of Seventh Avenue Southwest in front of the store.
- from Ronald Stevenson of Corner Ministries for sidewalk ministry at various dates and times in Cullman subject to prior approval by the police chief. The request specified that Stevenson plans to preach and display signs.

The council approved the following ordinances and resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2019-11 to enter into a professional services contract with KPS Group, Inc. for the development of subdivision regulations, neighborhood development regulations and zoning ordinances. This resolution takes the place of a previous agreement between the City and the North Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG).
- Resolution No. 2019-12 to hold a special called Cullman City Council Meeting on Nov. 2, 2018 at noon. At that time, it will declare a vacancy on the council as Garlan Gudger leaves to begin service as a state senator.
- Resolution No. 2019-13 to enter into a professional services contract with Thompson Engineering, Inc. for inspections and other engineering services on Eva Road Bridge.

The council also held a first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-03 to approve the 2019 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday, which will take place Feb. 22-24, 2019. On this first reading, the council took no action.

The Cullman City Council usually meets on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 23 - 24

Lorena Jeanette Herbert, 88 of Cullman, passed away Monday, October 22, 2018, at Cullman Health and Rehab Center. She was born April 27, 1930 to parents, Clifford and Jeanette Forest Greenwood. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Catherine Treece; two sons, Bobby Herbert and Stephen Blankenship; siblings, Paul Greenwood, Bernice "Bunny" Lord, Clayton "Sonny" Greenwood, and Leo Greenwood Survivors include a daughter, Linda Valcourt; two sons, Jimmy Herbert, Richard Tainter; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; siblings, Eugene Greenwood, Raymond Greenwood, Ellsworth "Butch" Greenwood, Alfred Greenwood, Theresa Hammond, Mary Greenwood; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with making the arrangements.

Funeral Service for Sandra Harper, age 68 of Hanceville, will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Perry Allbritten officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Harper passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at her residence. She was born, November 07, 1949 to RB and Jewell Brock. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her, husband; Gerald Harper, daughters; Angie Harper, Rachael Bice, Amy (Johnny) Kampis, 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, brothers, LeWayne (Rhonda) Brock , Larry (Jane) Brock, David (Charlene) Brock and Richard (Penny) Brock. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Cullman County Child Development Center Playground Fund.

Fred Ernest Montgomery, 90, of Old Hickory, Tennessee went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. Arrangements will be announced at a later date. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 15, 1928 to Walter Terry and Allie Lee Hendricks Montgomery. He was an Ensley High School and Howard University graduate. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired after 46 years of service with U.S. Steel. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at Bush Hills Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as three siblings, Annie Jeanette "Sister" Mercer, Walter Lee "Buddy" Montgomery and Edna Earle Russell; his wife, Jeanette Evelyn Calvert Montgomery and son, Fred Ernest "Freddy" Montgomery Jr. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Carol Morse Montgomery; granddaughter, Ashley Paige Montgomery and fiancée, James Baggett; stepson, Jimmy and wife, Terresa Raines and grandson, Colby.

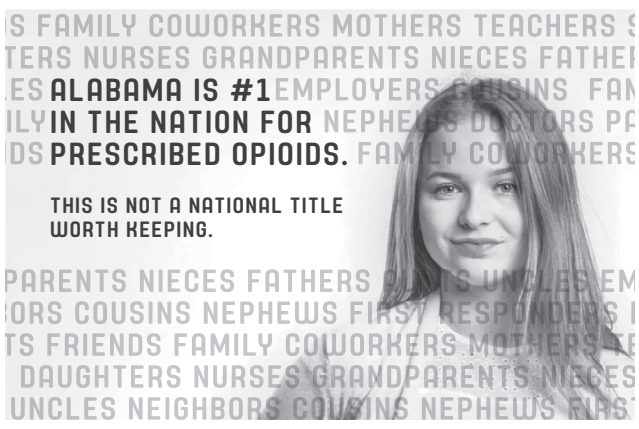
Funeral services for Mr. Junior Alton Kilgore, 78, of Summerville, Georgia are Friday, October 26, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Steven Sutter officiating, with interment in Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Visitation on Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Kilgore passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Toll and Lois Kilgore; daughter, Stephanie; brothers, Willard, Lelton, Feltus, David and Marvin Kilgore and sisters, Wilma Guess and Helen Roan. He is survived by his daughters, Gloria, Virginia and Rebecca; brother, Billy Kilgore; thirteen grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Christopher Guess, Joseph Guess, Danny Guess, Virgil Lee "Pete" Kilgore, Wayne Kilgore and Jeff Kilgore.

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[This will be the annual meeting of the Preservation Foundation.]



IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC-2018-112
WALLACE QUINN, *
DECEASED *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have granted to GLENDA SUE JONES as Personal Representative of the Estate of WALLACE QUINN, deceased, on this the 10th day of October, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman Count.

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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To: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Tammy Brown
HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES SEALES, * CASE NO PC 2018-267
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING

PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: MARGARET HAYNES, DARYL SEALES, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will for James Seales has been set for the 10th day of January, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama, at this time you may appear or if you have an objection to the Petition for Probate of Will you must make your objection known in writing and file said objection with this Court before the day and time of said Hearing.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 16th day of October, 2018.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO.: AD2018-097**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF O.G.H.,
A MINOR CHILD.
D.O.B.: 01/13/2017

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **Any known, unknown, or undisclosed persons who might be the biological father:**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of O.G.H., a minor child born on the 13th day of January, 2017, in Cullman, Alabama, to biological mother Jennifer Nicole Henderson Potts was filed on the 3rd day of October, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by HUNTER LEE POTTS, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055 Room 101.

DONE THIS 10th DAY OF October, 2018.

Hunter Lee Potts
Petitioner

Andria Richter
Attorney for Petitioner
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TO: CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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:

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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Don J. Szilagyi Husband And Sally A. Szilagyi Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. dated April 25, 2016; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1787, Page 20, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Quicken Loans Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 334, Page 247 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Quicken Loans Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 16th day of November, 2018 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
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Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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HANCEVILLE – First Source for Women (FSW), the faith-based, pro-life pregnancy and parenting support service headquartered in Hanceville, is growing by leaps and bounds. Just five years ago, in 2013, the organization saw 88 new clients. This year, it has seen 540 new clients and hosted new and returning clients for more than 1,200 visits to the office and new mobile unit, the "Stork Mobile." And 2018 is still two months from being over.

"I credit the increase in clients to the churches who participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang and our Save the Stork Medical Mobile," said FSW Director Catherine Bethell.

"We have distributed more than 2,000 baby bottles to local churches to date. The campaign runs for four weeks and raises awareness because, by the time it is over, everyone in that church knows we are here to help women, and they refer a client.

"Of course, our Stork Mobile is a traveling billboard. When we parked at Rock the South, our phone rang off the hook for two weeks."

Who is FSW?

If you're not familiar with FSW, it is a charitable organization that offers free support services to moms-to-be and even some willing dads, including:

- Free and confidential pregnancy testing
- Free ultrasounds by trained, licensed nurses
- Pregnancy options education
- Positive choices - sexual risk avoidance education
- Access to FSW's baby boutique for diapers, baby supplies, baby beds and maternity clothes for mom
- Referrals to agencies for community assistance
- Intensive training for moms and dads

At the recent FSW fundraising dinner, Bethell shared with the audience:

"Her name is Wendy. She is 19 and wants to be the first one in her family to graduate from college. One night her emotions overtook her, and she let her guard down. The boy said he would pay for an abortion, but he had no long-standing feelings for her.

"His 'loving' words were just the things guys say. She walked into our office broken, torn and feeling totally unloved. Deep inside her mind, she wants to be encouraged that the best thing is to give life to this child.

"She needs someone to hold her hand and give her permission to take on the challenge of mothering by herself.

"She needs to be told she can do it, and that people will stand with her. And we do just that! We see lots of girls like Wendy."

Ultrasound services a key to success

The ultrasound service has proven to be a crucial key to FSW's pro-life mission.

Said Bethell, "Our center advertises in various ways to reach women who are at risk for an abortion and women who are seeking an abortion. We use the latest in ultrasound technology to show them that this is a tiny, growing person with fingers and toes and eyelids. When our clients see this, over 80 percent of them choose life for their child."

Stork Mobile gives FSW new level of community visibility

FSW received its mobile unit, nicknamed the Stork Mobile, in Sept. 2017, so it has been on the road for a little more than a year now. Allison Reid delivered a video update on the unit at the fundraising banquet:

- The unit has been to at least one event every month in 2018.
- The unit has been used in multiple outreach events near an abortion clinic in Huntsville.
- Staff on the unit have performed pregnancy tests and ultrasounds and have provided counseling to visitors.
- Increasing community awareness through the unit's presence at events is believed to be a major contributing factor in increased visits to the Hanceville office.
- The unit and its stories have provided encouragement to other pro-life pregnancy centers around the region.

The cost of "free stuff"

FSW clients get to come to the organization's baby boutique at the Hanceville office and shop for everything from maternity clothes to diapers and baby powder, to baby clothes and nursery furniture. It's all free . . . sort of.

The clients have to take classes on sexual integrity, pregnancy, labor, adoption, child-rearing and even life skills like household finances, in order to earn "mommy bucks" that they spend in the boutique for the things they want.

That's the formula, according to FSW: learn to be a better parent, get more stuff. It's a win-win.

By the numbers

- 64 percent of FSW's clients are Cullman County residents. Clients come from several surrounding counties to seek services not available in their home areas.
- 68 percent are between 15 and 24 years of age
- 27 percent are between 25 and 34
- 5 percent are over 35

Between July 2017 and June 2018, FSW:

- hosted 1,207 new and returning client visits
- performed 367 pregnancy tests and sonograms
- offered education via videos or literature 1,300 times
- "sold" 8,106 items through the boutique, paid for in Mommy Money
- offered 4,762 class sessions or referrals to community partners

Community partners

FSW's programs are supported and underwritten by a number of community partners including Mitch Smith Chevrolet, Traditions Bank, Walker Brothers Ltd., Tim Davis DMD, Drinkard Development, Fillinger Foot Clinic, Katherine Morgan/State Farm, Merchants Bank, Mrs. Ramona Steltemeier, Mel and Tress Bailey, Bill Smith Buick GMC, Peoples Bank, Clarence and Ladonna Roberson, Sweet Peppers Deli, Werner's Trading Company, American Classics Apparel, Martha Burchell/Burchell Insurance Agency, Chambers Farm and Garden Supply, Doug Doggett Jewelers, Johnny's Bar-B-Q, Richard Kreps/Office Equipment Company, Wendy's Health and Nutrition, and Johnson Chiropractic Center.

Get involved

Like any charitable organization, FSW needs community help to keep doing what it does.

Property needs

FSW is seeking a location for a small office in Cullman where ultrasounds and certain other services can be offered. As the organization currently has to store the Stork Mobile in another part of the county, the most ideal location would include sheltered parking for the 25-foot vehicle.

Financial needs

FSW is seeking 60 monthly donors at $59 per month. Visit http://firstsourceforwomen.org/donate/.

Baby supplies needed

- New cribs
- New car seats – infant to toddler
- Pack 'n' plays
- Diapers size newborn – 5 months
- Baby clothes - Newborn - 18 months
- Bottles 9 oz.
- Bottle brushes
- Diaper bags
- Pacifiers
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo
- Diaper rash ointments (A&D, Desitin, etc.)
- Infant medicines (Tylenol, Orajel, etc.)
- Breast Pumps (Electric & manual)
- Boppies / onesies
- Burp cloths
- Baby blankets and hats

Volunteers needed

- Receptionist
- Nurse sonographer
- Life affirming client advocate
- Help with newsletters and mail outs
- Distribute materials and promotional items
- Serve as church/organization liaison
- Help with fundraising events
- Sort and organize donated baby items
- Take home laundry when needed to freshen baby clothes
- Bake cookies or casseroles for special events

The final word

Said Bethell, "Every day, we pray that the girls will look up and no longer see us, but only see Jesus and see the love that we have for them. All our volunteers, they have that.

They make that connection with that girl, and they see Jesus in their eyes. They see that we love them, and we care for them, and we're going to take care of them."

Find out more at www.firstsourceforwomen.org.

