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ELECTION 2018

Kilpatrick, Murphree facing off Tuesday in only local seat up for grabs

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick, a Republican, is being challenged by former Cullman County Coroner, Democrat Gary Murphree, for the position



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Gary Murphree



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Jeremy L. Kilpatrick

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REMEMBER TO "FALL BACK" 2 HOURS TONIGHT



Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. Sunday morning

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

WEST POINT 55 - CORDOVA 14 | **GOOD HOPE 49** - HANCEVILLE 18
FAIRVIEW 21 - HOLLY POND 20 | COLD SPRINGS 0 - **VINEMONT 34**

PREP FOOTBALL

Fairview finishes season with 21-20 win over rival Broncos



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Aggie Quarterback Dayne Black racked up 142 yards and two touchdowns in Fairview's win over Holly Pond Friday night.

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Gudger resigns from Cullman City Council



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Garlan Gudger

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#MORETHAN4: 'HE'S A SUPERHERO'

Aggies raise money for Mountain Brook student with Fairview connection

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MOUNTAIN BROOK – Sean Fredella was just 2 years old in 2003 when he faced his first of three battles with lymphocytic leukemia. Then, in 2011, he was diagnosed with cancer for the fourth time with an extremely rare adult tumor known as an esthesioneuroblastoma. Sean had 22 cancerous lymph nodes in his neck. Four battles with childhood cancer prior to junior high is why Fredella has been nicknamed "the boy born to fight cancer."

Fredella is 18 years old now and a senior at Mountain Brook High School. He created a movement several years ago after learning that only 4 percent of the National Cancer Institute's annual budget is dedicated to childhood cancers. Fredella knew that wasn't good enough and realized his purpose was to change that.

In August, Fairview Elementary School Principal Marty Hardman saw an article written about the shiny gold helmets the Mountain Brook football team would introduce for the 2018 football season.

Hardman explained, "I always keep up with Mountain Brook football because of Fairview alumnus Chris Yeager being their head coach. He's a great guy and I have known him since I was a kid."

Yeager is a 1980 graduate of Fairview High School and member of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. He played football at the University of North Alabama and held coaching positions at the University of Alabama and Troy University prior to becoming the Mountain Brook head coach.

Hardman learned the gold helmets were to be worn to promote pediatric cancer awareness, saying, "The article talked about Sean's life and I was shocked that only 4 percent went to research childhood cancer. I was inspired by this young man's courage and wanted to support him, so I had a few ideas."

Yeager said of Fredella, "He is a superhero. While some kids have hobbies, Sean raises money and fights for cancer awareness. Sean started a movement and the hashtag #morethan4. He reached out to NCAA officials, college athletes and professional athletes to help in raising awareness."

Fredella is a quiet guy by nature, but he recently told Yeager, "When you face cancer and death four times, there's not much that intimidates you."



MARTY HARDMAN

Cancer survivor Sean Fredella, left, and Fairview Elementary School Principal Marty Hardman pose for a photo at a pep rally in Mountain Brook recently. Hardman's students raised money for More Than 4 Athletics, created by Fredella to bring awareness to pediatric cancer.

Hardman began reading all he could about Fredella and watching YouTube videos of Fredella's presentations and was "blown away." Hardman recommended a particular video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG5PLE2KK68

He continued, "This story tugged at my heart and I knew Fairview could help. We had two hat days. Kids could wear their favorite hat at school if they donated. We passed a hat at Fairview's middle school football games. We raised $820 for Sean's #morethan4."

Recently, Hardman traveled to Mountain Brook and was introduced by his lifelong friend Yeager at the school's pep rally.

Hardman recalled, "The pep rally was wild! They were getting fired up for their game against their biggest rival Vestavia Hill. The parents were even

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ELECTION 2018

Here's what Cullman County voters will see on their Nov. 6 ballots

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CULLMAN – The General and Constitutional Amendment Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cullman County Judge of Probate Tammy Brown, whose office oversees elections locally, is optimistic about the number of voters who will come out to the polls, even with wet weather predicted for Election Day.

"I am expecting a large voter turnout, but weather can play a part in voter turnout," said Brown. "Even with weather predictions being rain and/or storms Tuesday, I hope people will go vote but be safe."

In addition to several statewide races, Cullman County voters will see a handful of local races, but only one in which there is opposition: Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick, a Republican, is facing challenger and former Cullman County Coroner Gary Murphree, who is a Democrat.

Voters will also decide four state constitutional amendments, dealing with the 10 Commandments, abortion, the University of Alabama Board of Trustees and vacancies in the Alabama House of Representatives and Senate. One local amendment will address how the money for feeding inmates in the Cullman County Detention Center is managed.

New in this election, all Cullman County polling locations will be equipped with ExpressPoll Tablet electronic pollbooks, which means that voter check-in will be done electronically by poll workers.

For a full list of all races and amendments Cullman County voters will see on their ballots Tuesday, visit www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/11/02/election-2018-here-s-what-cullman-county-voters-will-see-their-nov-6-ballots.

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Cullman man charged with soliciting child online

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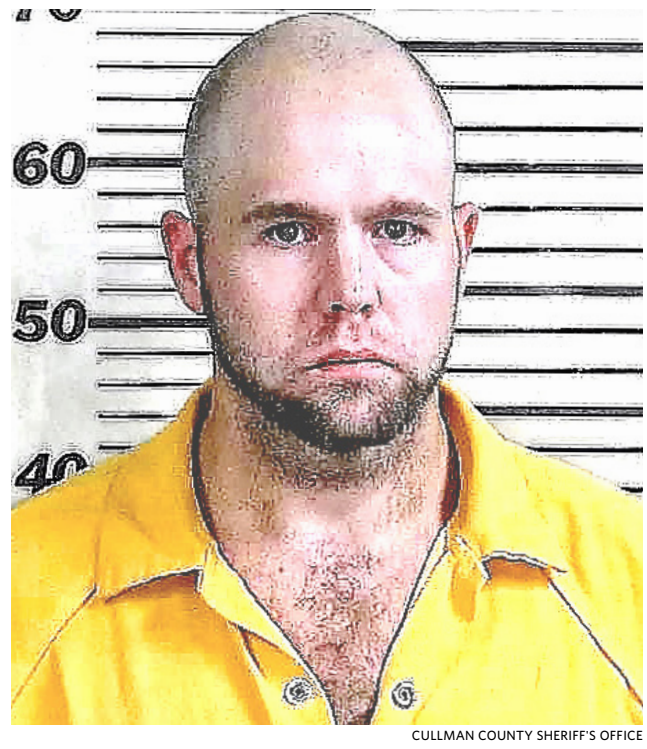
CULLMAN – A Cullman man was arrested this week, charged with electronic solicitation of a child and transmitting obscene material to a child, both Class B felonies.

Dylan Lynd Sudduth, 28, was arrested Monday after a short investigation, according to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

A spokesman for the CCSO said Sudduth allegedly used a social media site to solicit an underage child.

"The CCSO would like to thank Cullman County DHR and Brooks' Place for their assistance in this case," said a statement from the sheriff's office.

Sudduth was booked into the Cullman County Detention Center on a $30,000 property bond. He has since been released.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dylan Lynd Sudduth

Notice: Disruption In Water Service- Monday, Nov. 5

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN – City of Cullman water customers on St. Joseph Street SW, Fromhold Road, Dripping Springs Road, Brunner Street and in surrounding areas may experience a disruption in water service on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018. The City of Cullman Water Department will turn off water in those areas from approximately 8 a.m. until noon that day in order to tie in the water line for the ongoing Brunner Street Neighborhood Improvement Project.

Election (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Thanks in large part to Republican domination of local politics and a lack of candidates coming forward from the Democratic Party, all but one of the Cullman area's available political seats were filled at the primary/runoff stage. The only local contest yet to be decided is that for Cullman County Coroner, in which first-term incumbent Republican Jeremy L. Kilpatrick is being challenged by Democrat and former longtime coroner Gary Murphree.

Meet the candidates

Kilpatrick is a 2001 graduate of Hartselle high School who served 12 years in the U.S. Army, most of that as a military policeman. He is married with six children, attends Temple Baptist Church and is an EMT with the Battleground Volunteer Fire Department. He is a member of the Wallace State Community College EMS Advisory Board and the Alabama State Mortuary Operations Response Team.

Murphree is a Cullman native and Cullman High School graduate who has worked for Moss Service Funeral Home for almost 47 years and has served as a reserve officer for the Cullman Police Department for more than 37 years. He has three living children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He began serving as acting coroner under then Coroner David Moss in 1972 and worked under Coroner Douglas "Rocky" Terry before being elected to four terms as Cullman County Coroner.

The Tribune spoke with both candidates, asking the same questions of each:

What qualifies you for the office?

Kilpatrick

"I do have a background in military law enforcement. I was an MP for seven years out of my 12 years in the military. I've been in EMS since 2005. I've got a 40-hour crime scene investigation class through Texas A&M. I've got all my NIMS classes.

"I'm also a member of the SMORT, which is the State Mortuary Response Team. SMORT has got assets stationed throughout the state, but it's basically headquartered out of Cullman County."

NIMS is the National Incident Management System, and ICS is the Incident Command System, a nationally standardized plan for responding to incident scenes. Kilpatrick indicated that his NIMS coursework included introductions to NIMS and ICS, incident supervision within ICS, intermediate and advanced ICS operations and the National Response Framework.

Murphree

"My education: I have been a student of Dr. Henry Lee, world-famous forensic investigator, Dr. Bass, the inventor of the Body Farm at University of Tennessee. I have been trained by the Alabama Department of Forensic Science for about the last 18 years at a conference.

"I was acting coroner for (former Cullman County Coroner) Rocky Terry and, before that, for David Moss. At that time, there were no deputy coroners, so I had to be appointed each time, and I was acting coroner for many, many years--many, many times. And that's also where I got a lot of my training."

Murphree went to work for Moss in 1972 and worked under him and Terry until his own election to the first of his four terms as coroner, a position he held until 2010. Murphree continued, "And, when I started, we didn't have forensic labs like we do now. We had doctors that came to the funeral home to do the autopsy, and it was the coroner's responsibility to assist them. And I usually, when I was working for David and Rocky, I usually ended up being the assistant to the forensic pathologist who was doing the autopsy, so I learned a lot there.

"I attended Jefferson State Mortuary School and performed autopsies there at the different hospitals in Birmingham. I've studied traffic homicide investigation: a class that was put on by the Tennessee Attorney General and the Tennessee Department of Public Safety. I studied investigation at the University of Alabama Police Academy in Tuscaloosa. I studied investigation at the University of Alabama Birmingham, and I have many certificates of study under different forensic investigators.

What in your prior experience prepares you for the job now?

Kilpatrick

"Trying to be proactive and point out preventable deaths that I have pointed out over the last three and a half years, realizing patterns of death and trying to get the word out about what deaths that could possibly be prevented."

Murphree

"You know, all of those years as acting coroner and my 16 years as coroner; I personally estimate that I've handled more coroner cases than anybody in Alabama.

"I have been to continuing education classes for about the last 20 years. The State of Alabama does require continuing education, now. I am certified and have been since the law was passed, and I've kept up my certification, even though I haven't been coroner for the last two terms. I did not stop studying; I still study coroner's work."

What do you hope to see happen in the coroner's office over the next four years?

Kilpatrick

"I hope to see some of the drug overdose and suicide death decrease, and possibly some accreditation for the coroner's office--a national accreditation. It would definitely solidify that I know what I'm doing, and make the county look good."

Kilpatrick described the accreditation from the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, which helps local offices ensure that they operate in compliance with international standards in the field.

"Make sure you get out and vote," said Kilpatrick. "Thank you. I appreciate your support and vote."

Murphree

"I have a plan that I have--I can't go into it--but I want to attack the problems we have with drug overdose and suicides. And I have a plan to work with the mental health people here in Cullman. I know that we've had several start-up plans in the last year or two, and I would like to work with them and assist them in coming up with some ways to eliminate some of the drug overdoses and suicides that we have."

After answering the questions, Murphree wished to add, "I have had a lot of people in the last several years mention to me that they wanted to vote for me, but they felt like they needed to vote a straight ticket. And I have many Republican friends, and I would like to say to them that the Alabama Code Title 17 says that you can vote a straight ticket and still cross over and vote for somebody in the other party. So I would like to ask all my Republican friends, if they want to vote a straight ticket, to go ahead and do so, and then find my name and then mark by it, and I will still get that vote, and it will not cancel out their straight ticket vote.

"And I got that information from John Merrill, Alabama secretary of state. And it's on his website, and it's also in Alabama Code Title 17, and it's there for anybody to look at that wants to.

"And I would just like to serve the people of Cullman County, and use my experience, my education and my history as a compassionate funeral director to assist the people of Cullman County in their darkest hour."

More

According to the Code of Alabama, Title 11-5-33:

(a) No person shall be eligible to hold the office of coroner unless he or she meets the following qualifications:

(1) Is a citizen of the United States.

(2) Is a resident in the county in which he or she seeks the office of coroner for at least one year prior to his or her qualifying for election to the office and remains a resident of the county during his or her term of office.

(3) Is a registered voter.

(4) Has attained the age of 25 years prior to the date of the general primary election in the year that he or she qualifies for election to the office.

(5) Has obtained a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

(6) Has not been convicted of a felony offense or any offense involving moral turpitude contrary to the laws of Alabama, or any other state, or the United States.

(7) Has successfully completed the next scheduled training course no longer than 180 days after his or her election or appointment, unless an affidavit affirms that the requirement of this subdivision has been met at the time of qualifying for the office.

County coroners are not required to be medical professionals but are currently required to complete a training course after election and an additional 12-hour training course each year.

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Tract I – 704 County Road 506, Hanceville, AL 35077
A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 12, Range 3 West, in Cullman County, Alabama more particularly described as follows:
Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14, thence East a distance of 658.39 feet to a point; thence North a distance of 195.90 feet to a point; thence West a distance of 674.08 feet to a point on the West line of the forty; thence South a distance of 190.04 feet to the point of beginning.
Together with right of ingress and egress according to the right of way and easement recorded in Deed Book 387 Page 375 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
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The Cullman Tribune-October 20, 27, November 3, 2018

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 27, 2005 by Christopher Jackson Coots and Pamela K. Coots, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1457, Page 104 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 9, 2018:

A part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33 T10S R3W, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found Railroad Spike located. North 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 seconds East, 1,331.74 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section, said spike being the accepted Northwest corner of the above described forty: thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 second East along the accepted North line of said forty a distance of 104.13 feet to a set Railroad Spike and the true point of beginning of the property herein described: thence from said true point of beginning continue North 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 146.85 feet to a set Railroad Spike; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 82.72 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 03 degrees 34 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 39.94 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 67 degrees 52 minutes 54 seconds West a distance of 40.06 feet to a set 5/8 Inch rebar iron; thence South 14 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 48.13 feet to a set 5/8 Inch rebar Iron; thence South 02 degrees 43 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 26.07 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 102.69 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 07 degrees 35 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 27.82 feet to a set 5/8 Inch rebar iron; thence North 06 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 34.02 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 19 seconds West a distance of 55.66 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar Iron; thence North 03 degrees 58 minutes 46 seconds East a distance of 93.12 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 0.65 acres more or less.

Said property subject to a right of way for Mize Road along the North side and all other right of ways and/or easements of record.

Description according to survey of H. D. Harris Ala Rag. No. 5742 dated September 21, 2005.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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 part of the foreclosure process.

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Arrest reports: Oct. 29-Nov. 1

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY, OCT. 29, 2018 TO WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Monday, Oct. 29, 2018

Butler, Charlotte Rose, 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cavanaugh, Candice Michelle, 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Collum, Benjamin James, 38
- FTA- second-degree domestic violence
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communication
- nonsupport (2 counts)
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gossett, Michael Brice, 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Olsowy, Brian Lloyd, 27
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Penley, Heather Renee, 31
- chemical endangerment of a child

Puckett, April Twitty, 38
- contributing to truancy

Reed, Patrick Evan, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sudduth, Dylan Lynd, 28
- electronic solicitation of a child
- transmitting obscene material to a child

Thomas, Merlin Eugene, 36
- FTA- driving while revoked

Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 30-31, 2018

Alexander, Caleb Dennison, 22
- third-degree assault

Atchley, Lashay Gail, 19
- chemical endangerment of a child

Bagwell, Brian Keith, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substation

Donta, Richard William, 65
- third-degree theft of property

Eipp, Austin Wade, 24
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Elliott, Robbie Charlene, 64
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Feldman, Lawrence Walter, 49
- third-degree assault

Gambrell, John Michael, 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gilland, Ciara Danielle Hann, 26
- public intoxication

Hafner, Crystal Marie, 37
- public intoxication

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 27
- third-degree burglary
- FTA- third-degree theft of property (old charge only)

London, Dennis Charles II, 31
- drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Long, Dakota Chaise, 27
- chemical endangerment of a child (2 counts)
- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

McIntyre, Hugh Dale, 54
- FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

Moore, Michelle Laannette, 46
- chemical endangerment of a child (2 counts)
- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Olsowy, Brian Lloyd, 27
- FTA- possession of a firearm with an altered ID

Pack, Heath Shane, 33
- third-degree assault

Pilgrim, Rex Earl, 63
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Ponder, Robert Cliff, Jr., 67
- FTA- third-degree theft of services

Southard, Jessie Wayne, 37
- probation violation- third-degree robbery

Swann, Johnny Gregory Jr. 37
- contact SAA to add charge

Waldrop, Amanda Ruth, 32
- drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Weathersby, Lee Jameson, 35
- drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Weeks, Chase Leanne, 23
- drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

West, Jayme Allen, 37
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- writ of arrest- child support

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018

Moreno, Mawavea N., 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- speeding

Graham, Jonathan A., 23
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ward, Wesley S., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Adcock, John E., 54
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No reports provided.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charland, Laurence R. Jr., 29
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Superhero (from Front)

at the pep rally!

"Sean had been selected as an honorary captain for the game, but he was unaware of why I was there. Chris introduced me, and I was able to present Sean with the money raised by the Fairview community. It was awesome, and Sean was very moved. I felt honored to meet Sean."

After the pep rally Fredella went to see Yeager in his office.

An emotional Yeager said, "Two things from that day are etched in my mind forever. Sean said to me after receiving the gift from my hometown, 'It really encourages me that so many people care. Their encouragement encourages me to keep working.' That night at the game, Sean was honorary team captain and he brought pediatric cancer patients from both Mountain Brook and Vestavia, our biggest rivals, and Sean reminds everyone that their fight is so much bigger. As we run on the field, Sean is holding these kids' hands. Some had ports or had lost their hair. One child looked at me before this huge game and said, 'This is the happiest day of my life.' That moment was so profound. Reminds me there are things more important than football. I need that."

Hardman said he hopes that other area schools will be inspired to join in on the More Than 4 movement by raising awareness or raising money for Fredella's cause.

Yeager said, "Sports brings people and communities together. Sean reminds us of this and to have my hometown support this young man and his efforts was special. Marty is special and a really great guy."

To learn more about Sean Fredella and the More Than Four movement, visit www.morethan4athletics.com.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Estate of:)
)
KERMIT MELVIN SCOTT)
Deceased) Case No: PC 2018- 272

Amended NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Gladys Jean Veigl as Administrator of the Estate of Kermit Melvin Scott, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Gladys Jean Veigl
Administratrix of the Estate of
Kermit Melvin Scott, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

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

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Kermit Melvin Scott, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
DAVID N. CHAPMAN,) **CASE NO.: PC2017-122**
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration having been granted to **KENNETH CHAPMAN,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **DAVID N. CHAPMAN**, deceased, on the 31st day of October, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 31st day of October, 2018.

KENNETH CHAPMAN
Personal Representative

C. BLAKE WEST
Attorney for Petitioner
1701 Main Ave, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-0026

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2018-098**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF B.A.A.F.
D.O.B. 12-14-2001
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: FRIOLAN ALCALA CUEVAS, Alleged Father, whereabouts unknown
ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN PERSON, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE MINOR CHILD

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DONE THIS 24th 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

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2018-099**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF A.A.F.
D.O.B. 08-18-2005
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
IVAL LEE SKINNER, * **CASE NO.: PC2018-350**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JERRY W. SKINNER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of IVAL LEE SKINNER, deceased, on the 16th day of October, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 16th day of October, 2018.

Personal Representative:
JERRY W. SKINNER

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Warriors' offense lights up Cordova, 55-14, to finish the season

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT – The Warriors hosted the Blue Devils of Cordova on a chilly Friday night. It was all Warriors in this one-sided affair, 55-14, and the Warriors controlled both lines of scrimmage.

The game couldn't have started any better for the Warriors as the Blue Devils fumbled the opening kickoff, setting the Warriors up 27-yards away from the end zone. Three plays later, Hunter Persall set them up with first-and-goal at the 1-yard line and Rylan Jones capped the drive off with a 1-yard run to give the Warriors an early 7-0 lead. The Warrior defense forced a three-and-out, quickly giving the ball back to the offense. On the first play of the ensuing drive, Jones threw it behind the line of scrimmage to Will Cochran who then found Kolton Sapp on a double pass for a 55-yard touchdown putting the Warriors up 14-0 with 8:40 remaining in the opening quarter.

Cordova answered back with a touchdown of its own, cutting the lead to 14-6 with 3:59 still remaining in the first quarter. Two plays later, West Point answered right back on a 30-yard pass from Jones to Levi Farley and pushed the lead to 21-6 with 3:30 remaining. After a three-and-out from the Blue Devils, the Warriors struck on the first play with a 55-yard pass from Jones to Persall and added to the lead, 28-6, with 1:23 still remaining.

It wasn't until late in second quarter when Jones hooked up with Whit Laney for a 50-yard touchdown that the Warriors scored to go up 35-6 with just 56 seconds remaining in the first half. Four plays later, Laney intercepted the pass to give the Warriors one more chance to add to the lead before halftime, but it wasn't meant to be as they had a 60-yard touchdown called back a few plays later and kept a 35-6 lead at the break.

West Point took the second-half kickoff, marched down the field and capped off the drive with a 13-yard run from Persall, stretching the lead to 41-6 with 6:38 remaining in the third. Cordova added a touchdown late in the quarter, 41-14, but early in the fourth, the Warriors scored on fourth down on a Jones to Cochran pass from 11-yards out to extend the lead to 48-14 with 10:32 remaining in the game. The ensuing Devil possession was cut short thanks to a Darian Wyenandt interception. Warrior Brayden Martin took advantage of the turnover and punched it in from 5-yards out to put the Warriors up 55-14 with five minutes remaining in the game. Cordova went three-and-out on its next possession, giving the ball back to the Warriors who ran the clock out to seal the deal at 55-14.

West Point snaps a seven-game losing streak with the win at home to end the 2018 season at 3-7.

Vinemont wraps up season with 34-0 shutout of Cold Springs

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – The Vinemont Eagles hosted the Cold Springs Eagles for senior night on Thursday and senior running back Dustin Moore's three touchdowns carried Vinemont to a 34-0 victory on a soggy and misty evening.

It didn't take long for Vinemont to take the lead as Cold Springs went three-and-out on its first possession. Seven plays later, Moore went 55 yards to put Vinemont up 6-0 with 6:40 remaining in the opening quarter. On the ensuing possession, Cold Springs failed to convert on fourth down.

Vinemont's offense picked up right where it left off with a heavy dose of the run, capped off by a 9-yard touchdown run by Dallin Dinkle, extending the Vinemont lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter.

Once again, the Cold Springs offense just couldn't find any rhythm, failing to convert on fourth down and setting the Vinemont offense up at midfield. Moore scored his second touchdown of the night on a 29-yard run on fourth down to give the home Eagles a 21-0 lead with 7:44 remaining until halftime.

Another senior, Cam Carter, gave Vinemont the ball back with an interception, and on the very next play Jack Hill found Teague Whatley over the middle for a 60-yard touchdown pushing the lead to 27-0 with 5:10 to play until halftime. Cold Springs put together a promising drive which got the ball inside the 10-yard line, but time ran out in the half, leaving Vinemont ahead 27-0.

Before the teams left the field for halftime, they participated in an untimed play more important than any other play run during the game.

Cold Springs senior Chris Myers made his way onto the field and took the handoff 50-yards to the end zone where he celebrated with both teams, and both sets of bleachers erupted. It was a moment bigger than football, and one that Chris, (who has Down syndrome), along with everyone else in the stadium, won't soon forget.

On the second play of the third quarter, Moore raced 48 yards for his third touchdown of the night to put the Eagles up 34-0. From that point it was time to get the young guys some playing time and neither team was able to find the end zone for the remainder of the game.

Vinemont coach Stephen Robinson said he was extremely excited to send the seniors out in that fashion and was proud of the way he has seen them grow all year. Vinemont finishes the 2018 season at 3-7 and will lose 10 seniors from this team in May. That experience and production will be hard to replace so there will be plenty of opportunities for new faces to step up for his Eagles next fall.

The road loss ends Cold Springs' season at 4-6, and like Vinemont, they'll have big shoes to fill next season. Twelve seniors are graduating from this roster in the spring, but the Eagles got a lot of production out of underclassmen this season that will be returning in 2019.

Raiders rout Bulldogs, 49-18, to move to 9-1

Preston Prewett
Tribune Correspondent

GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope Raiders hosted the struggling Hanceville Bulldogs on senior night Friday and outside of a couple of big plays, the game was all Good Hope. The offense was firing on all cylinders and the defense dominated the entire game. Good Hope ran away with a 49-18 victory and will immediately shift its attention to the looming start of playoffs next week.

The Raider defense flexed its muscle early, forcing Hanceville to turn the ball over on downs after holding the Bulldogs to only 8 yards.

The Good Hope offensive unit took the field and wasted no time establishing itself with the running game with the bulk of the yards coming from Colton Bagwell.

The Raiders put the first points on the board with a nine-play, 36-yard drive.

Isaiah Green punched it into the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown run to put the home team up 7-0.

The next few possessions were defensive struggles as both teams were forced to punt it away.

Good Hope found its rhythm on offense on its next possession, taking the ball 80 yards downfield on seven plays.

Bailey Quick was the workhorse and capped the drive off with a 44-yard touchdown run.

The Raiders went for two and extended their lead to 15-0.

Not to be outdone, Hanceville clawed its way back into the game, taking the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown to keep the score close at 15-6.

The Raiders didn't take kindly to that Bulldog score and made quick work of Hanceville.

Good Hope added seven more points to its column with a 20-yard touchdown strike from Quick to Preston Bagwell putting the score at 22-6 for the home team.

The defense decided to make its presence felt and on the first play of Hanceville's next possession, Tanner Malin came up clutch with a huge interception.

The Raider offense would not let the momentum go to waste and quickly scored on a five-play, 44-yard scoring drive capped off with another 17-yard Quick to Preston Bagwell hookup. With this score, Good Hope took a 29-6 lead.

Good Hope's defense continued to play grown man football, forcing a Bulldog fumble and coming up with the recovery at the 44-yard line.

The Raider offense unfortunately found the ball to be a bit slippery as well and fumbled it on the fifth play from scrimmage allowing Hanceville to take over.

The Bulldog offense found some success racking up 60 yards in the air on their next outing.

The six-play, 63-yard drive ended with a 24-yard touchdown strike putting Hanceville back in the hunt at 29-12 right before halftime.

The second half started with a Raider fumble and a Bulldog turnover on downs before the home team found some juice. That juice came in the form of a 69-yard Quick run that put the Raiders in scoring position at the 6-yard line.

Colton Bagwell took it to the house with a power run on the next snap, extending the Raider lead to 36-12.

Another quick Bulldog fumble allowed Good Hope to take over at the 30-yard line.

The Raiders had no trouble adding more points on the board after a Quick to Drew Maddox connection and a 23-yard Isaiah Green touchdown run locking the score at 43-12.

Hanceville had a hard time holding on to the ball as the Raider defense forced yet another fumble that took the game into the fourth quarter. The Good Hope coaches decided to give the starters a much-deserved rest before playoffs.

The second string and JV boys got to play the entire fourth quarter, getting some valuable game experience. The Raiders added six more points to the board coming off the foot of Walter Perez who knocked through two beautiful field goals of 27 and 32 yards to bring the final to 49-18.

The Raiders finish the regular season 9-1 and will be on the road next week to take on St. John Paul II for their first matchup of the playoffs. The Bulldogs finish the season 1-9.

Fairview (from Front)

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – Holly Pond and Fairview faced off in the final regular season game of the year and it was a dandy. It was a real, hard-fought battle between both teams and in the end, the Aggies came out on top 21-20.

Both teams were forced to punt on their opening possessions. Fairview got on the scoreboard on the first play of its next possession when Parker Martin found Mason Black on a swing pass and he took it down the right side for a 68-yard touchdown to make it 7-0, Aggies, with 4:18 remaining in the opening period. Black finished with 81-yards on a pair of receptions in the game. The score stayed the same to end the quarter. After each team forced turnovers to start out the second period, a bad Aggies snap sailed over the punter's head and the Broncos' Rip McBee recovered the ball in the end zone to make it a 7-6 game after the failed 2-point conversion.

Fairview looked to answer on its next possession and started to get a drive going behind the legs of Dayne Black and Tyvn Ellis. They each got a first down during the drive, but the Bronco defense tightened up and forced a turnover on downs. After a Holly Pond punt, the Aggies fumbled the ball and Levi Boatright recovered it for the Broncos, but they were forced to punt once again.

After a big 36-yard pass play from Martin to Devan Jennings, Fairview was in business at the 38-yard line but fumbled the ball once again and Bronco Tyler Boatright recovered. Holly Pond scored right as the half ended on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Kyler Chaney to Isaac Ludwig and went into the half on top, 14-7.

Holly Pond got the ball first to start out the second half and Jeremiah Holmes and Tyler Simmons led the way on the ground for the Broncos. A targeting penalty on Fairview put the ball at the 9-yard line and Holmes found the end zone on the next play to increase the Broncos' lead to 20-7 with 7:05 remaining in the third period.

Dayne Black quickly got the Aggies off to a fast start on their first series of the half as he picked up 21 on the first play. Ellis, on the third play, picked up 12 more on the ground. Dayne Black later found the end zone on a 1-yard run to make it a 20-14 game after the made PAT. The Broncos fumbled on their next possession and Ellis recovered the loose ball at the 40-yard line.

The running game for Fairview continued to give Holly Pond fits as Dayne Black and Ellis continued to pile up the first downs for the Aggies. But the biggest play came on fourth-and-16 from the 22-yard line. Martin dropped back to pass, but then found a huge hole on the right side and he scrambled for 20 yards and a huge first down. On the next play, Dayne Black found the end zone and that put the Aggies on top, 21-20, with 9:08 remaining in the game. He finished with 142 rushing yards on 21 carries and a pair of touchdowns.

A huge sack by Ellis on the ensuing possession forced another Bronco punt, and the Aggies looked to milk the remaining time off the clock. Two big first-down runs by Dayne Black helped the situation, but the Bronco defense stiffened up and forced a Martin interception in the end zone on fourth down.

Holly Pond was down to its final possession, but Brody Rowell completed a huge 28-yard pass to Alex Corneglio and a 14-yard pass to Tyler Boatright to keep the game alive. Rowell then spiked the ball to stop the clock. Then came the play of the game as Dante Dumas stepped in front of a Rowell pass and picked it off to seal the win and help the Aggies finish the season at 5-5.

Ellis added 68 yards on the ground on 17 carries for Fairview. The defense came to play, forcing three Bronco turnovers on the night. Six Fairview players played their final game on Friday: Devan Jennings, Dayne Black, Dumas, Alex Medina, Jared Bachelor and Elvis Pesina.

"I think we showed a lot of toughness before the game even started," Fairview head coach George Redding, Jr. said. "This game comes down to toughness and I believe both teams showed that. We had some bad penalties and some bad turnovers that kept us behind the chains. That put us in a situation where we had to come back in the second half. I don't know if we were able to shut them down on offense, but I do know this: I thought our defense played tremendous. Our defensive staff had a great game plan put together. We played lights out with just being disciplined. They hit some big plays on us, but we kept bouncing back, making some big plays in some big-time moments."

Redding praised Dayne Black on his tremendous career at Fairview and Martin for stepping up when he needed him to. He also talked about his seniors and how much they have meant to him.

"He had a tremendous career here," Redding said of Dayne Black. "How about a young man who breaks his throwing arm a couple of weeks ago. The first thing you think, you know, he can't be quarterback. He begs to differ though. I thought Parker Martin did an outstanding job, coming back, giving us relief. And I think Dayne and his leadership abilities were tremendous here tonight. I think it's unbelievable; it's just a great opportunity for your seniors to go out winning. We would much rather be in the playoffs, but we missed it, so the only thing that we could do is try to win this last one for our guys. And I think the guys really pulled together and did that tonight."

Holmes finished the night with 56 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown for the Broncos. Simmons added 49 more on the ground. Chaney finished 4-of-5 for 25 yards and a touchdown before being knocked out of the game on the targeting penalty. The Broncos forced four Aggie turnovers on the night as Levi Boatright and Tyler Boatright each had fumble recoveries. Rowell and Ludwig each had interceptions on the night. The Broncos finish the season with a 6-4 record and will travel to Geraldine for the first round of the AHSAA playoffs next Friday night.





COMMUNITY NOTE

Cullman High Class of 1953 holds 65 year reunion

Evelyn Stevens
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman High School Class of 1953 met recently for its 65 year class reunion. A buffet dinner at Stonebridge Farms was enjoyed and the next day a lunch catered by Freddie Day at the Ruehl Building. Forty-seven class members attended, along with spouses. Plans were tentatively made for another reunion in two years.

First row: Loretta Clark Pritchard, Maybelle Kinney Mangrum, Joanne Brindley Harwell, Joy Bradford Johnson, Betty Vandiver Lindstrom, Esther Davis Sparks, Hilda Perdue Sandlin, Evelyn Freeman Stevens and Shirley Hamilton Stephenson.

Second row: Edward Bolte, Emily Gibson Marcum, Wanda Baker Clay, Eva Nell Chambers Miller, Bonnie Johnson Taylor, Sue Long Bradley, Allie Yarbrough Owens, Mary Pylant Burden, Edwin Calvert and Doris Schafer Henke. Third row: Lowell Vann, Bill Baggett, Jimmie Wood, Gus Lowry, Donald Green, Harold Speegle and Ken Hill.



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STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: Addison captures 6th straight state title

Gary McGriff
Tribune Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM – The Addison Lady Bulldogs, led by head coach Kayla Woodard, took on the Winston County Lady Yellow Jackets, led by coach Tiffany Cole, in an all Winston County AHSAA State Volleyball 2A Championship in Bill Harris Arena at the Birmingham CrossPlex Thursday morning. Addison has dominated the regular season against its Winston County rival, and on Thursday the Lady Bulldogs walked way with their sixth straight 2A state title.

Addison survived an early challenge from Winston County, winning the first set 25-21.

Winston County rebounded, taking the next two sets 25-20 and 25-19.

In the fourth set, Addison came roaring back, knotting up the match at two sets each with a 25-16 win.

A fifth and final set was needed to determine the 2018 2A AHSAA volleyball champion.

In the fifth and final set, Addison (54-12) used the momentum from the fourth set to finally overcome a determined Winston County (33-15) team.

The Lady Bulldogs won their 11th AHSAA volleyball championship, the sixth in a row, 15-8.

For the match, Savannah Manley led Addison with 25 kills and 5 blocks.

Callie Crider followed with 14 kills.

Destiny Walker had 24 digs followed by Tess Alvis with 23 digs.

Addison finished the match 56 kills to Winston County's 45. Winston County ended with 123 digs compared to Addison's 106.



GARY MCGRIFF/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Lady Bulldogs claimed their sixth straight state championship by defeating Winston County in a five-set thriller Thursday morning.

Making the all-tournament team from Addison were Savannah Manley, Macey Butler and Callie Crider. Manley also took home tournament MVP honors.









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Ten Things from a Tribune Tastemaker

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Contributor

In this creative weekly series, local author, artist and all-around entertaining and eccentric (not to mention classy!) Southern gentleman Ben Johnson South introduces Cullman Tribune readers to the creative thinkers and doers in the Cullman community.

"10 Things from a Tribune Tastemaker"
This week, meet Jarrod Smitherman, wood turning wizard

How much wood could a wood turning wizard turn if he turned wood with his furniture-making father, his cabinet-making grandfather and his great-grandfather, a carpenter?

Jarrod Smitherman, a fourth-generation Alabama woodworker, was destined to become a skilled craftsman who can conjure magical, jaw-dropping beauty from homely, fallen, found wood.

Each holiday season, Smitherman's booth at the Vinemont Band Boosters' Christmas Arts and Crafts Show (Friday, Nov. 16 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 17 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Cullman Civic Center) is the "go-to" destination for quality, handmade, affordable-yet-amazing, wood-turned treasures.



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Jarrod Smitherman in his woodworking shop



BEN JOHNSON SOUTH

Smitherman's turned wood artistry on razor and shaving brush

By day, young Mr. Smitherman is a social studies teacher at J.B. Pennington High School in Blount County. His motto is taken from one of his American heroes, Henry Ford, "Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice."

Here are TEN THINGS FROM THIS TRIBUNE TASTEMAKER:

1. "BIG TREE" IN THE SIPSEY WILDERNESS—favorite, Alabama wood object spanning the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries

2. CULLMAN ARTS AND CRAFTS BUNGALOWS—pre-prefab found in many older neighborhoods

3. PINOCCHIO TRAIT—if Jarrod ever fibbed it would be "a little, white lie" to not hurt feelings

4. TREEN— a weird word wood turners use for small, utilitarian, wood objects like much of Jarrod's artisanal collectibles; useful and beautiful

5. GUSTAV STICKLEY—favorite furniture designer, early-20th century mission-style

6. PURE, UNSTAINED ALABAMA CHERRY—eschews wood stains and paint opting for clear, protective finish

7. WOOD TURNED WRITING PENS—Holiday 2018 gift suggestion for men/women/children; kids and teens in our technologically driven culture are fascinated with hand-crafted items.

8. WALNUT SIDE TABLE—a most-cherished possession created with his father/mentor

9. ACOUSTIC GUITAR—becoming proficient in bending wood and inlay with aspirations to create one

10. THE WOODWORKING STUDIO IN "THE NOTEBOOK"—a dream space with lots of hand tools and vintage power tools

TASTEMAKER Jarrod Smitherman can be contacted about custom wood turning projects at woodchuckturning-studio@gmail.com

Gudger (from Front)

Christy Perry
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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council met Friday for a special called session as Garlan Gudger officially resigned his position. Gudger served 14 years on the Cullman City Council prior to defeating incumbent Sen. Paul Bussman in the June Primary. Gudger will be sworn in on Nov. 20 as the new Alabama Senator representing District 4.

Friday, Gudger read an emotional prepared statement prior to the council voting to accept his resignation. See a video at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/2154621981467330/

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 3 - 6

Sharon Annette Sparks Hicks passed away on October 31, 2018, at her residence at the age of 69. She was born June 15, 1949 to Evaughn "Dutch" and Helen Sparks. Sharon was a friend to everyone and a wonderful Christian, wife, mother, and MeMe. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and friends, spending time with grandchildren, and working in her flowers. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Patsy Wren; brother, Robert Sparks; and infant sister, Rebecca Sparks. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Danny Hicks; daughter, Kim (Mark) Holmes; son, Shane (Christy) Hicks; grandchildren, Levi and Calie Hicks, Skylar and Judd Holmes, Meaghan and Ana Parker; and great-granddaughter, Ansleigh Parker; brother, Keith (Carolyn) Sparks; Father-in-law and mother-in-law, Marlin and Essie Hollingsworth; brothers-in-law, Gary (Ginger) Hicks and Cordis Wren; sisters-in-law, Cindy (Jerry) Lewis, Becky (Doug) Harris, and Gail Sparks; and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Etha Baptist Church Building Fund or Southern Care Hospice in memory of Sharon Hicks. The funeral service for Mrs. Hicks will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Etha Baptist Church with Tim Lipsey and Ronnie Jetton officiating. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. The interment will be at Etha Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Garland Luther Privett of Cullman Alabama passed away on October 31, 2018 at the age of 98. He was born in Addison Alabama on April 10, 1920 to John David and Jessie Pearl Bird Privett. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Avel Hood Privett and 7 brothers and sisters. Funeral services are Saturday, November 3, 2018 at p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Nesmith with Rev. Junior Garmon officiating. Interment will follow in Nesmith Cemetery. Survivors are: sons Kenneth (Nancy) Privett, Bruce (Connie) Privett, Tim (Gerry) Privett, sisters Lorene Laseter, Dean Steeley, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren. Visitation will be at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Saturday from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m.

Funeral Service for Mildred Eulene Douglas, age 67, of Holly Pond, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. DeJuan Reese officiating; interment at Crossroads Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Douglas passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born Saturday, October 27, 1951, to Warner Banks and Marie Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie Olinger; and sister, Melba Banks. Survivors include her husband, Curtis Wayne Douglas; daughters, Donna Olinger and Crystal Olinger; grandchildren, Skylar Olinger, Jared Olinger, Kristian Sisk, and Tasia Sisk; great-grandchildren, Caleb Egger, Brayden Beasley, and Eli Beasley; brother, Raymond (Karen) Banks; sisters, Vennie Banks, Vera Barnes, and Joyce Ashley; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Patsy Jean Maddox, 79, passed away November 1, 2018. She was born March 25, 1939 to S.W. and Verla Thompson Edmondson. She was preceded in death by parents, husband, Kenith Maddox; sisters, Vonda Bates, Hazel Foster; brother, Earston Edmondson. Funeral services are Sunday November 4, 2018 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with Rev. Matthew Colburn officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Carla (Ricky) Drake; grandchildren, Jeremiah (Delitha Miller) Maddox and Alexis (Tim) Smith; great-grandchildren Ashton Maddox, Aubrey Stricklin, Jayden (Logan) Guthery and Kennedy Poag. Visitation is Sunday at Moss Funeral Home from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.

RC (Curly) Pugh, passed away November 1, 2018 at age 87. A native of Arkadelphia, Mr. Pugh graduated from Cold Springs High School and went Up North to establish a career with General Tire and Rubber Company. He retired in 1993 to his home on Smith Lake. Dancing was his passion and Dad cut a rug with the best of them, dancing weekly at the VFW as well as Donald Green. Preceded in death by parents Rufus and Cora Pugh; Siblings: Cleo, Melvin, David, Troy, Irene, Gertrude, Martha, Wanda, Elijah, and Arthur. Survived by brothers: Grady, Donald (Linda), Billy Gene (Pat), Charles (Patricia). Survived by his beloved, Maude Abercrombie. Children: Kimberly DeFilippis, Kerry Pugh (Lynda), and Wendy Boorsma. Grandchildren: Nicholas (Liz) & Charlie (DeAnna) DeFilippis, Matthew (Kara) Boorsma & Kelly (Justin) Green, Brian (Leah) & Kelsey Pugh. Great Grandchildren: Carsyn, Bryson, Autumn, Audrey, and Rhys. Served in the U.S. Army, Korean War 1951-1953. Visitation Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home, 100 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville. Celebration of Life (graveside service) will be held at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, 1638 County Rd 852, Crane Hill, November 4, 2018 at 1 p.m.

Funeral service for Mary Christine Edwards, age 98, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Campbell officiating; interment at Bethel United Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Edwards passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at Cullman Regional. She was born September 15, 1920 to William "Bill" and Cassie Estelle Stocks. She is preceded in death by her two husbands, James Hill and Frank Edwards; daughter, Glenda Ivey; grandson, Chad Hill; her parents; brothers, Carl and Dewy Stocks; sisters, Cora Jackson, Flora Brown, Pauline Thompson, and Gertrude Shaddix. Survivors include her daughter, Patricia (Riley) Flanagan; sons, J. Michael (Karen) Hill, Gary (Sabrina) Hill, and Clifford (Sherry) Hill; grandchildren, Lisa Ivey, Carol (Paul) Cox, Patrick (Marta) Flanagan, Charlie (Karen) Hill, Jessica (Kevin) Nazario, Amy Hill, Isaac Hill, Caleb Hill; great-grandchildren Kate, Gavin, Nicholas, Brianna, Alex, Cheyene, Dakota, Nichole, Chad Jr., Abigail, and Kaiden; and sister, Thelma Burks. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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Wallace State hosts approximately 1,200 high school sophomores during 4th annual college Showcase

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HANCEVILLE – Wallace State recently hosted its fourth annual college Showcase at Tom Drake Coliseum, giving approximately 1,200 sophomores from the area a chance to take a sneak peek at the programs and opportunities available at the college.

Wallace State hosted high schools from Blount, Cullman and Winston Counties, all within the college's service area.

Students initially arrived at the Wellness Center, where they were welcomed by the Wallace State Jazz Band and Cheerleaders and given instructions as to how to proceed.

Students then visited Tom Drake Coliseum where Wallace State programs – ranging from academic, health, applied technologies and STEM majors to dual enrollment/Fast Track, success coaching, student activities, athletics and more – had informational displays and booths set up, highlighting their offerings.

"Wallace State's fourth annual Showcase was a huge success again this year. Approximately 1,200 tenth graders from our service area attended and were provided the occasion to experience every program the college offers first- hand.

"They also met with the faculty that teach in the three divisions: Academic, Health, and Applied Technologies.

"Because many students opt to participate in either Fast Track or Dual Enrollment their junior years, the tenth grade year is an opportune time to begin thinking about careers and educational goals," said Dr. Beth Bownes Johnson, Wallace State's Dean of Academic Affairs. "Faculty, staff, and Wallace State students work together to provide this event, which is what makes it so enjoyable."

High schools visiting the Showcase were Addison, Cold Springs, Cullman, Fairview, Good Hope, Hanceville, Holly Pond, J.B. Pennington, Meek, Southeastern, Vinemont, West Point and local home-schooled groups.

Multiple schools shared their Showcase experience on social media, tagging Wallace State. All sophomores attending were encouraged to download the Wallace State Community College app.

Wallace State's Singers also provided entertainment for the high school students.

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

You can view more Showcase pictures here: www.flickr.com/photos/wallacestate/albums/72157701025223051.

Funny Things from Yesterday: Hogs

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Back in the early 1940s, just as our country was struggling to come out of the Great Depression, my daddy was working hard as a cattle trader to make a living for his wife and four little children, of which I was the second oldest.

We always had some cows and hogs around the barn that Mother took care of while Daddy was off trading.

In those days, back before black top roads, we lived 15 miles out on a dirt road.

That was what you called living in the country.

We were, however, what you called up-town in one respect- we had an electric pump in our well.

The neighbors down the road had to draw their water by hand with a rope and bucket.

Anyway, one blistering hot July day, two of our old hogs got to fighting.

They got so hot that one of them was about to die from a heat stroke.

My Mother knew that she had to cool that old hot hog down, so she turns on the electric well pump, drags the water hose out to the hog pen and sprays that good cold well water on that hot hog.

Have any of you ever butchered a hog in July?

There are two good things that came out of this experience.

First, I was always grateful that we had fresh sausage five months before anyone else in the community, and second, my Mother learned a valuable lesson.

As he late Jim Croce sang, "You don't pull on Superman's cape, you don't spit in the wind, and my Mother added, "You don't spray cold well water on a hot hog in July."

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1935
Marriage Licenses

• April 27th – Tom Swann, 24, to Bessie Taylor, 23.
• April 29th – Richard Hyde, 19, to Eula Ray Butter, 20 and Henry S. Mann, 22, to Mildred Power, 18.
• April 30th – Creamer Arthur, 21, to Juanita Travis, 18; Albert Lorenz, 25, to Evangeline Sue Clemons, 21; Euel Haynes, 21, to Vileta Aniese Yeager, 18 and Odis E. Ponder, 25, to Alene Grimmett, 18.
• May 2nd – Glenn C. Kalbfleisch, 31, to Nellie Rozzelee, 24 and Thomas M. Means, 24, to Rose Hasenbein, 17.
• May 3rd – Grawer Russ, 32, to Neva Dell Burns, 23.
• May 7th – Leathel F. Nelson, 20, to Lillian Lee, 20 and Claud Carden, 21, to Lucile Wix, 18.
• May 9th – Paul Wright, 21, to LaVerne Thompson, 19.

The home of F.F. Shoemaker, well-known employee of the Watson Store, in Cullman, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about 2:30 Tuesday morning.

The building, located in West Cullman, belonged to Mr. Dan Heck. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker were away from home at the time of the fire and were unaware of their loss, until informed by Mr. Shoemaker's father, J.W. Shoemaker on Tuesday afternoon about 1:30 p.m., at Holly Pond, where he and his wife had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shoemaker's nephew. All of their household furnishings were destroyed, with the exception of the porch furniture. Mr. Shoemaker stated that he could not account for the fire as he had only an oil stove in his house and there had been no fire in the building since about 11:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Bright passed away at her home, on Friday evening, May 6th, at 9:45 p.m., after a long illness.

The funeral service was conducted from the First Methodist Church, on May 8th, at 2:00 with Reverend W.G. Bartee, presiding elder of the Albertville District, assisted by Reverend K.N. Matthews and Reverend J.E. Marion, conducting the services. Interment followed in the Protestant Cemetery.

The deceased, who was 74 years old, is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds and Miss Maurine Bright and three sons, Tom, Will and Claude.

Pallbearers were Cal Leeth, William Lawrence, Otis Dunlap, J.M. Lee, Andrew Stinson and L.O. Brock. Moss-Scheuing in charge.

B.F. Hembree, our postman, recounted today that he had been carrying Uncle Sam's mail on the street of Cullman for the past twenty years.

"Has it been twenty years?" we interrupted.

"Let me think, when I started on the route Dad Bain was frying fritters in the only shack south of the courthouse.

"Clark Griffith was a normal size man. Doctor Ed Herrin had not written that memorable them on public health and sanitation. Cullman's fish fans were beginning to organize. To be exact it was December 17th, 1917 when I began."

"In these twenty years," continued Mr. Hembree, "I have walked a distance of 84,000 miles, in all kinds of weather.

"Over this period of service I have been out two days due to illness. I like seeing people every day and hear their cheery good mornings and how-do-you do."

The writer recalls he was a kid in knee breeches when Frank Hembree was the man to look to for that much sough letter from a distant favorite uncle and aunt.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

To be invited back is quite an honor

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



For around thirty years of my life, I served as a pastor. During that time, in the early to mid-eighties, I served as the pastor of Highland Baptist Church, in Fort Payne, Alabama. Immediately afterwards, I served as the pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, in Marietta, Georgia. We Baptist select our pastors differently from some denominations. Ours are not appointed to a church, but each local congregation invites their own pastor.

The church selects a committee that has the responsibility of securing a prospective pastor to present to the church. We call them pastor-search committees.

We used to call them pulpit committees, but that sounded like they were looking for a piece of furniture.

Although some of us may resemble a piece of furniture, they were not looking for a pulpit, but for a living being to stand behind a pulpit.

Well, even that is not completely true these days, because many churches don't even use pulpits anymore, and even those who do, may have a pastor who doesn't stand behind it. (I'm not suggesting there is anything wrong with any of that.)

Anyway, those committees often go hear the prospective pastor, usually at the church where he currently serves.

While I served at Highland, such a committee from Shady Grove came calling.

These committees usually stand out like an oversized watermelon in a cucumber patch.

As hard as they try, they are rarely inconspicuous, especially in smaller congregations.

Shady Grove's committee strolled in and sat together, directly behind Harold and Rita. During the "meet and greet time," Harold asked them if they were a pulpit committee.

When they answered yes, he said, "Well, I guess you've come to get our pastor."

I'm not sure what answer they gave, but Harold said, "Well, I hope you get the sorry rascal!"

As soon as the service ended, Harold hurried to tell me what he had done. He laughed and said, "You won't be hearing anything else from them."

Much to my surprise, as well as Harold's, I did hear from them, and the church invited me to become their pastor.

I guess they saw through Harold's remarks. A couple of Sundays ago, thirty-three years after I first went there, I went back.

Shady Grove had their 133rd homecoming, and they invited me back to deliver the morning message. The funny thing is that Highland, has invited me back too.

Thirty-eight years after I first went there, I'll deliver the morning message at their upcoming homecoming in December. I think this will be their 55th anniversary.

To be invited the first time was one thing, but to be invited back is a privilege that causes me to feel greatly honored.

Both churches listened to me preach every Sunday for all those years, and they still want to hear more! Bless their hearts.

I'm not sure yet what message I'll bring to Highland, but at Shady Grove I delivered the same sermon (with a few adjustments) that I did my first Sunday there.

I may do the same at Highland. I'm sure no one remembers, and some probably have even tried to forget. I remember both, but honestly, only because I kept notes!

Thomas Wolfe said you can't go home again, but I will do it twice in the same year. Oh, I know it's never exactly the same as it was before, but I enjoyed going back to one and look forward to the other.

God allows us to cross paths with people who touched our lives, and even helped shape us. What a blessing to cross paths again, even for just a little while.

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Poet's Corner

Christmas This Year

By: Randy C. Hale



I often cringe at Christmas talk,
until after Thanksgiving appears.
But this season is different,
I need Christmas this year.

Now, I don't need the cost,
the parties, or the presents
but I need it's message,
it's hope, it's "Presence."

The miracle of the incarnation,
God's visit to man.
I need to see the story
of the babe in the manger again.

I want to hear the Angels sing,
see Shepherds with their sheep.
To hear the cattle lowing
while baby Jesus sleeps.

I need the songs of triumph;
Joy to the world, Noel,
Old Little Town of Bethlehem,
and on the mountain tell!

I want the holly and mistletoe,
a Christmas tree full dressed.
I want to see the Christmas lights
burning east to west.

So go ahead and talk of it,
this year's okay with me.
For I need Christmas more now
than I have ever dreamed.

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‘Wizarding World’ descends on Parkside

‘Today Show,’ Warner Bros., cast of ‘Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald’ make stop in Baileyton

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Parkside teachers Jacy Douglas, Karen Moon and Tracey Jones react to the news of a $25,000 donation from Warner Bros., presented by Jude Law at the school on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018.

BAILEYTON – On a promotional tour for the new wizarding world motion picture “Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald” that, according to one cast member, will include places like Los Angeles, New York, London, Madrid and Paris, Warner Bros. stopped in Baileyton on Thursday to visit Parkside School, where a group of teachers have transformed a middle school hallway into the halls of Hogwarts School over the last two years. Cast members Eddie Redmayne (Newt Scamander), Jude Law (Albus Dumbledore), Zoe Kravitz (Leta Lestrange), Ezra Miller (Credence Barebone) and Callum Turner (Theseus Scamander) met students and faculty and presented a check from Warner Bros. for $25,000 to the three teachers who spearheaded the hallway transformation. The money will be used to purchase new smart boards for classrooms.

English and reading teacher Jacy Douglas, math teacher Tracey Jones and life science teacher Karen Moon began by repainting and redecorating their classrooms in 2017, a project that blossomed into a hallway transformation with fantastic doorways, murals and other features. Douglas turned her reading classroom into the Ravenclaw common room, Jones recreated the Hogwarts Potions classroom with a Slytherin theme and Moon came up with a Gryffindor-themed “Care of Magical Creatures” classroom. In 2018, a Hufflepuff classroom was added to complete the Hogwarts set.

Jones told reporters that, since the hallway transformation began, student class participation is up, participation in reading assignments is way up, and students are even helping clean and maintain the classrooms.

Early Thursday morning, before the festivities began, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune, “We’re real excited about the publicity. They have a lot of surprises that everybody doesn’t know about yet for the kids, and that’s going to be really cool--and they’re even holding that from most adults. But it’s really exciting.

“They’re going to have cast members here, and they’re actually going to do an assembly and make some presentations to the school and to the administration.

”And then, after that, they’re going to participate in the ‘houses’ competition with the kids. And that’s going to be pretty cool, too.

“It just brings exposure to the system, and it helps everybody outside of Cullman County see the great things that are going on in Cullman County--and not just Cullman County, in the whole state. I mean, this is a pretty big event, statewide.”

A slew of officials descended on Parkside for the event, including Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar and the town council, Cullman County commissioners, Sheriff Matt Gentry (who brought approximately 30 of his deputies along to provide tight event security), Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas, new State Senator-elect Garlan Gudger, members of the Cullman County Board of Education, and even members of the Alabama State Department of Education.

Among the dignitaries present for the program was Aaron Sullivan, the local artist who painted the murals that helped transform Parkside’s middle school hallway into Hogwarts School.

His artwork was an attention-getter in the online movement that garnered Parkside national and even international attention, but he gave the credit to the school’s teachers, telling The Tribune, “I’m glad that they get noticed for all that they’ve been doing here, because, I mean, it’s like I just work for them.

”I mean, it’s all the stuff they want to get done, so it’s really cool that they get noticed for that, because they’ve been doing it for several years.

”Actually, it’s been getting more and more and more, but then they’ve never gotten noticed, really, like this before. It’s real fun, yeah.

”I’ve liked working for them, because you get to something completely different all the time. It’s like all over the school, all kind of stuff, so it’s fun.”

Sullivan is still working on other projects in various places around the school.

After the presentation of the check during a school-wide assembly that kicked off the day’s activities, Parkside Principal Richard Orr met with reporters, saying, “It’s been a whirlwind: just the emotion of the cast coming and J.K Rowling recognizing our school and choosing to include us in something so big, for the donation they gave for our students--it just blows me away.

”What it means to a small school, low budget, that we can do so many more things. It’s just overwhelming.”

He continued, “I’ve got the most amazing faculty and staff in the world. They give so much of their heart. Like I said, a small budget.

”They spend their own time, extra hours after school doing things, not only on this hall, but all over the place, all over the whole school.

”They do so much for our kids; it’s just nice to see it rewarded.”

See Orr’s full comments at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/2212799022323941/.

Speaking to reporters after the assembly, Law, whose own parents were teachers, said, “To see teachers like this or to experience teachers like this who have put their hands in their pockets, given up their own time, and really thought about what they can do to make a difference, to engage and capture their students’ imaginations, and encourage them to dream and think . . . really work out what it is that makes them want to learn is very, very special.

”And that’s what we’re here to celebrate.”

See full comments from all cast members at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/343120716455496/ and www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/192261158316222/.

The final word

The Tribune asked the three teachers what they wanted people to remember about Parkside once the news crews left and the actors headed to their next stop.

Jones responded: “We’re a big old family here. We love each other, and we take care of each other, and our students know that. We love each other. We love our kids. Our kids, you know, they take care of each other.

”And if this little bitty school that’s 78 percent free and reduced lunch can do something amazing that makes the kids excited to be at school, then any school can do it.”

Moon added, “When they leave us, they often come back to see us, because they know they’re truly loved by us.”

- See the teachers’ full comments at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/483149818841155/.
- See the school assembly and check presentation at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/499861267177065/.
- See a full photo gallery of the event at www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1964266836968335&type=1&l=74d6602fea/.



