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# Annual Christmas Tour of Homes this weekend



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

***The Share Club of Cullman's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will take place this Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1-5 p.m. Shown is a mantle decorated for a previous year's tour.***

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## Black bear struck by vehicle on U.S. 278 in Brooksville

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**BROOKSVILLE** – On Sunday evening, a black bear was struck by a vehicle on U.S. Highway 278, just across the Blount County line in Brooksville. That's about 30 minutes east of the city of Cullman.

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Naturalist/Biologist Marianne Hudson reported to The Tribune that the bear was a male, approximately 2-and-a-half years old and weighed 231.5 pounds--a typical size for its age. It survived the initial impact but sadly suffered critical injuries and had to be euthanized at the scene. Officials do not currently know who hit the bear.

Black bear sightings are fairly common in Alabama, especially in the Appalachian northeast quarter of the state and along the Gulf Coast and counties bordering Florida. According to Hudson, though, bear sightings have been reported in more than half of Alabama's counties; sightings appear to be on the rise in the northeast part of the state, where bears have migrated from the mountain region of north Georgia.

Several reports have been made this fall of black bear sightings around the Baileyton community in northeast Cullman County.

Said Hudson, "We would like people to be aware that bear sightings are becoming more frequent and common in Alabama. And that is a normal thing, that bears can be seen anywhere in our state, especially in that (northeast) part of the state, and also down in south Alabama. And we would also like people to report their black bear sightings through our website."

Anyone who spots a black bear should visit www.outdooralabama.com or go directly to the reporting page at https://game.dcnr.alabama.gov/BlackBear.

Hudson pointed out that Alabama has no population of grizzly bears, and that the response to encountering a black bear is different from what one often sees being taught online and on television about dangerous bear encounters.



JAMIE PETTIT

***Brooksville resident Jamie Pettit, who helped state wildlife officials load the bear for transport, shows the size of its paw.***

"You don't run from a black bear, and you also don't play dead," said Hudson. "You, instead, make yourself known. Make sure the bear sees you and has an escape route and is able to move away from you--spook away from you like a wild animal should."

Hudson also encourages people who might encounter bears to visit https://bearwise.org, a website devoted to helping people understand how to deal safely and responsibly with black bears.

**Its tips for bear encounters include**

- In the woods, do not approach the bear, but move away quietly and leave the area.

**On your property**

- From a safe distance, make loud

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PET OF THE WEEK

## The shelter has a Darlin' friend for you!

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

Darlin' is a retriever/hound/shepherd mix who's approximately 1 year old. She's a laid-back and well-mannered low- to medium-energy pet and could be a good comfort, companion or therapy dog who might even do well in hospital or nursing home settings.



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

***Darlin'***

Ruttkay shared, "She epitomizes grace, a consummate lady!"

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.

Darlin's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

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

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






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*Cullman County Sheriff's Office personnel on the scene at the Dollar General in Dodge City on Saturday*

# Theft, possible robbery, at Dodge City Dollar General

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**DODGE CITY** – Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) investigators on Saturday responded to the Dollar General store in Dodge City, where a suspect allegedly got away with all of the money from a cash register.

"Someone went in and stole the tray, the cash register tray," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"It's early on in the investigation," Gentry said. "Once we have all the details of the investigation, then we'll be able to release them, or any suspects, once we receive any positive identification of the suspect, then we'll be putting something out."

If it is determined through investigation that a firearm or weapon was used in the commission of the crime, it will be considered a robbery.

# Keep your home cozy in cold weather

**CULLMAN** – Keep your home cozy with some cold weather tips for the brisk, wintry temperatures just around the corner.

With some simple planning and a little bit of effort, you can maintain a comfortable temperature in your home throughout the winter months while keeping your power bill under control.

Be sure you have enough insulation in your attic and use caulk to seal window and door frames.

Here are more tips from Cullman Power Board, Cullman Electric Cooperative, Tennessee Valley Authority and Touchstone Energy Cooperatives to help you winterize and heat your home more efficiently this season.

**1.** Set your thermostat wisely – By setting your thermostat at the lowest comfortable setting during the winter months, your power bills will be lower. In winter, 68 degrees is a suggested temperature setting.

**2.** Change heating system filters regularly – Dirty filters can decrease the efficiency of your heating system. Change the air filters of your heating system each month and be sure to have your system professionally serviced once a year. Make sure your filters are facing in the correct direction (look for an arrow on the side of filter).

**3.** Clear the area around your outdoor heating unit – Remove weeds, overgrowth or debris from the area around the outdoor unit of your heating system.

**4.** Control your vents – To prevent blockage, keep curtains, shades, rugs and furniture away from air vents.

**5.** Close doors and windows – Keep your doors and windows shut when your heating system is on. Otherwise, you may be paying to heat the outdoors. Ensure your windows and doors seal tightly and are properly weather-stripped. Use heavy-duty, clear sheets of plastic on the inside of windows to reduce the amount of cold air entering your home. Insulate your attic access door and ensure it closes tightly.

**6.** Adjust blinds and curtains: Keep them open to let in sunlight during the day and close them at night to keep heat inside and to protect from drafts.

**7.** Seal and insulate: This is the best way to keep heat in and air out. Areas that may need sealing include corners, cracks, door frames and windows. Outside your home, caulk around all penetrations including telephone, electrical, cable, gas, water spigots, dryer vents, etc.

**PREP GOLF**

## Good Hope senior Taryn Collins recently signs golf scholarship with Snead State



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Pictured, left to right: Standing is Good Hope Coach Drew Adams and Snead State Coach Shane Marshall. Sitting are parents Andy and Courtney Collins. Center is Taryn Collins.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO SELL LAND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

On November 5th, 2018, the City of Cullman approved to vacant and surplus 3.97 acres, more or less, of property, which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, located at County Road 473, Cullman, AL 35057 (PPIN: 9443 and PARCEL#17-04-19-0-000-010.000), more particularly described as: All that part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, more particularly described as: commencing at the northeast corner of said Section 19; thence South 0°29'12" East a distance of 1599.24 feet to an existing ½ inch pipe and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run South 0°20'00" East a distance of 398.05 feet to an existing ½ inch pipe; thence North 88°22'02" West a distance of 434.74 feet to an existing ½ inch pipe; thence North 0°20'49" West a distance of 398.26 feet to an existing ½ inch pipe; thence South 88°20'24"East a distance of 434.84 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 3.97 acres, more or less. Description from survey of H.D. Harris, AL. Reg. No. 5742, dated August 27, 2003. Subject to the Oil and Gas Lease to H. D. Easton, Jr. as filed for record in Book 112, Page 179 and also subject to the ROW for the gravel road along the East side of subject property as shown by the survey of H.D. Harris, AL. Reg. No. 5742, dated August 27, 2003. Zoning and all other matters of record. PROPERTY IS BEING PURCHASED IN "AS IS" CONDITION. On November 14th, 2018, the Crest Appraisal Group (an independent appraiser) valued the above described property as $74,500. The City of Cullman is required to sell the property for no less than its fair market value. The cost of the appraisal was $400.00. The cost of conveying the property by the City is projected to be $350.00. Therefore, the minimum bid for the property is $75,250.00, which is appraised value plus the cost of appraisal and the projected cost to the City of conveying the property. The City is requesting sealed bids for the property. Bids can be hand delivered to the Cullman City Clerk Wesley Moore or mailed to the Post Office Box 278, Cullman, AL 35056. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked attention Property Bid and addressed with the bidder's name and address. All bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14th, 2018 in Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055. No bids will be accepted after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14th, 2018. All bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bid received less than the minimum bid of $75,250.00 will be rejected. The highest responsible bidder will be required follow and comply with all local, state, and federal laws and/or regulations. The winning bidder will be required to deposit a $5,000.00 non-refundable payment (earnest money) on the day of the bid opening with the City Clerk. Closing shall occur within 30 day of bid award. Bidder withdrawing after award the deposit shall forfeit the earnest money and the next highest qualified bidder shall have two business days from said notification to deposit earnest money of $5,000.00 and close within 30 days of said notification. Any cost of financing, title insurance, and title search shall be at the cost of purchaser. Property to be conveyed by Statutory Warranty Deed. The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any and all bids without cause.

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# Arrests reported on Nov. 26

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**CULLMAN** – Below are the arrests reported on Nov. 26, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Monday, Nov. 19**

**Limbaugh, Oscar Brian, 44**
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Maddux, John Lester, 53**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Roberts, Gabriel Logan, 27**
- FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

**Thornton, Edward Dean, 59**
- FTA- failure to register/ establish SORNA

**Watts, Michael David, 25**
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

**Tuesday, Nov. 20**

**Baraglia, Lacy Brook, 29**
- FTA- expired tag

**Cammon, Michael Eugene, 54**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Cruce, Jeffrey Blake, 48**
- third-degree burglary

**Green, Jamie Charnette, 46**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**James, Loretta Sue, 31**
- chemical endangerment of a child

**Moore, Ashley Denise, 34**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Parker, Phillip Wayne, 56**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Parker, Stanley Leon, 51**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Sandlin, Benjamin Caleb, 33**
- FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

**Smith, Kenneth Ski, 46**
- FTA- driving while revoked

**Smith, Timothy Steven, 36**
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

**Walden, Stephanie Louise, 30**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Weeks, Chase Leanne, 23**
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Willingham, Tyren Shane, 22**
- FTA- public intoxication

**Wednesday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 25**

**Arrington, Ryan, 37**
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

**Black, Robert Lee, 34**
- violation of a protection order

**Box, Bryain Ray, 46**
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

**Hill, Cade Daylon, 19**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Jacobs, Jenny Michelle, 46**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Johnson, Angel Desiree, 25**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Lindsey, Darrin William, 49**
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**McCormick, Kenny Lynn Jr., 26**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Morton, Alexander Scott, 19**
- FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

**Murphree, Anthony Sherman, 69**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Porter, Michael Louis, 33**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Roberts, Christina Marie, 35**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Speegle, Daniel Eugene, 33**
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Stager, Michael Anthony Jr., 32**
- FTA- menacing

**Stallings, Brandi Elizabeth, 36**
- public intoxication

**Thursby, Jessica Leigh, 28**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Tucker, Sylvia Shay, 20**
- permitting dogs to run at large

**Turney, Steven Lee, 38**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Watkins, Gerald Timothy Jr., 30**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Watts, AnnMarie, 32**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**York, Kodi Valentin, 23**
- brass knuckles

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Wednesday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 25**

**Mattox, Kristina D., 36**
- public intoxication

**Uselton, Johnathan S., 27**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Westmoreland, Terena N., 34**
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Coots, Steven D., 28**
- third-degree criminal trespassing

**Sellman, Henry E. III, 35**
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

**Smith, Pamela D., 29**
- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- brass knuckles
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Higgins, Rachel N., 29**
- third-degree domestic violence

**Baldwin, Richard B., 44**
- fourth-degree theft of services

**Fortenberry, Stephen B., 33**
- third-degree theft of property

**Leopard, Skye M., 29**
- third-degree theft of property

**Jenkins, Jessica L., 18**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Curvin, Meshach J., 22**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Mathis, Becky S., 40**
- DUI

**Jones, John C., 27**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper tail lights
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

**Lee, Ellesha C., 35**
- third-degree criminal trespassing

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests reported.

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

# Tour (from Front)

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**CULLMAN** – The Share Club of Cullman's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will take place this Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $20, with proceeds benefiting Hospice of Cullman County, Good Samaritan Health Clinic and Restoring Women Outreach.

Four homes will be a part of this year's tour, each a different style: Lakehouse Living, Industrial Farmhouse, Modern & Masculine, and Craftsman Cottage.

**Tickets can be purchased from any Share Club member or from any of the following businesses**
- From the Heart
- White Willow
- The Added Touch
- The Added Touch, Too
- Hagan Realty
- Bill Smith Buick GMC
- Three Pairs
- Cullman Savings Bank
- The Blue Eyed Rabbit

Share Club Historian Paula Graham said, "We have some great homes this year. A couple have some parking limitations, but we will be able to shuttle participants so that shouldn't be any problem."

Women of the Share Club of Cullman, which was organized in 1972, "work to provide support for worthy causes in our community."

For more information, email shareclubcullman@gmail.com or visit Share Club of Cullman on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShareClubOfCullman.

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Dec. 8-31, 2018

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Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in front of the Hanceville Library after the ceremony.

Paid $ _____ Number _____

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Contact name: _____

Contact phone: _____

Exhibits may be placed Thursday, Friday or Saturday- Dec. 6, 7 or 8. (Exhibits placed by Dec. 8 must be ready by 3 p.m.)

Exhibits must remain until Jan. 1, 2019 and be removed by Jan. 5, 2019.

Locations will be assigned on a first come basis in the order applications and donations are received.

Sites will have access to electricity; however, extension cords must be furnished by the exhibitor.

Checks for $25 donation should be made to: Civitan Scholarship Fund

Application and donation checks should be mailed to:

Nancy Horton

1567 Co Rd 606

Hanceville, AL 35077

They may be submitted at the Hanceville City Hall by Dec. 1, 2018.

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## Submit your child's letter to Santa!




The Cullman Tribune will be publishing Letters to Santa this year beginning Dec. 1 through the Christmas holidays.

Each letter will be published, some in print* and all online. Letters should contain a salutation, an introduction of the child, the child's list and any wishes for others, e.g. asking that Santa remember a brother/sister, or children who might not know how to write, etc. Each one should be signed and include the child's age, grade and school (if applicable).

The letters should be addressed to:

Santa Claus
c/o The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Ave. SE
Cullman, AL 35055

Letters may also be dropped off or emailed. For more information, contact Robin Winton at 256-739-1351.

***The deadline for print is Friday, Dec. 21.***

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MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***Members of the Parker family in Vinemont pose for a photo. The family will put on The Parker Christmas Light Show for the third year in row beginning this Friday.***

# Vinemont family shares Christmas spirit, lights with community

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**VINEMONT** – Inspired by Christmas light displays seen in Birmingham and on television, the Parker family in Vinemont is now in its third year of its light show at home, dubbed "The Parker Christmas Light Show."

It all started with Melissa Parker saying to Chris Parker, "We can do this."

The Parkers began putting on their display in 2016 for the grandkids in the family. Now, it's a month-long celebration for the community.

Back then, at the end of the show, there was a bin where folks could donate canned foods that would go to the family's church, Temple Baptist, for its "Unsheltered" program, which provides food and other items to homeless shelters.

This year, monetary donations will be accepted, because the Parkers are planning to adopt a child from China.

So how do the Parkers plan their light show? They start with deciding what music to use.

"It has to be fast; slow music wouldn't go with the lights moving," said Chris Parker.

All songs chosen, usually five or six, are kid-friendly. The family starts stringing the lights up in October.

"It takes everyone," they smiled.

This year, the light show will use 64 channels for the synchronization between the lights and music for the show, which starts this Friday, Nov. 30 and will run through Friday, Dec. 28. Hours are 5:15-9 p.m. each night.

You can find the Parkers at 531 County Road 1295, Cullman, Alabama 35058.












# Winter weather tips to help keep pets safe

**ASPCA**
Contributor

**CULLMAN** – Temperatures are expected to dip over the next week, which has many residents preparing their homes and cars for the frigid weather. But are you doing enough to protect your pets or livestock?

**The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips**

• Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

• During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

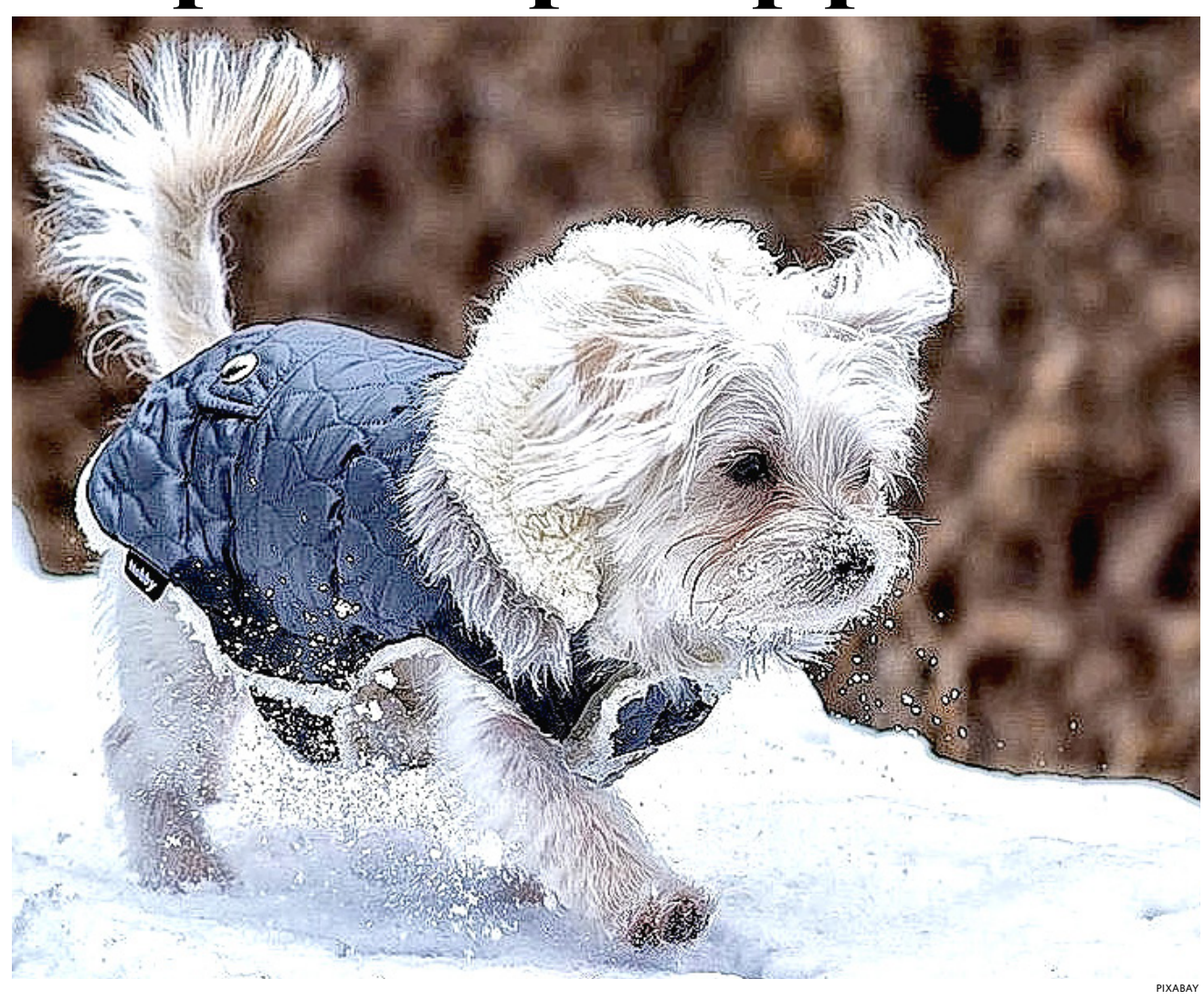
• Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm, dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

• Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

• Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

• Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

• Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.



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• Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him, and his fur, in tip-top shape.

• Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.

• Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A dog or cat bed with a blanket or pillow is perfect.



## OPINION

# Think before you give, or receive, a pet for Christmas

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The holidays season is here, and people are searching for the perfect gifts for friends and family. We have all seen beautiful images of cute puppies and kittens adorned with bows and the reactions of joy on the faces of the new owners. What happens next?

While some animals do find a happily ever after on Christmas morning, many of these animals prove to be too much and are surrendered to shelters after the holidays are over. Christmas is a busy time and can be quite stressful. People are coming and going, new toys are beeping and spinning, and daily routines are nowhere to be found. This can create a recipe for disaster for the new furry baby that has been added.

Puppies and kittens are hard work. They are in brand new surroundings and this can be overwhelming and frightening to them on any day. That anxiety and fear can be amplified during the holidays. There are many animals needing good homes and Christmas can be a great chance for that if the animal is introduced correctly.

Many shelters, including the Cullman County Animal Shelter, allow people to purchase gift certificates to adopt pets. A certificate with a pet bed, collar, or food bowls can be purchased. The recipient can then be part of the adoption process which is very important in finding the right compatibility. This is a great alternative for families who have discussed and agreed to add a pet to the family.

Many people search for puppies and kittens at the last minute due to not wanting the pet before Christmas morning.

This can be very risky if you have not met the pet or have confirmation through your vet that the pet is healthy. Abrupt changes can be stressful on babies and the last thing most want to deal with on Christmas is a puppy or kitten with upset tummies, parasites or other illnesses. Keep in mind, vet offices aren't open on Christmas and can have less availability throughout Christmas and New Year.

It's also important for kids to understand that animals are not toys. Some parents have explained that Santa does not deliver pets on Christmas morning because he only has toys on the sleigh. Animals are delivered separately to shelters or vets to make sure they are safe and healthy. This gives a family the opportunity to bring a new puppy or kitten in prior to or after Christmas when things are less stressful and when vets, stores and shelters can better assist them with needs and concerns.

Never give a pet to someone who is not aware or has not consented. Pet ownership is a long-term investment that requires planning. Giving an unwanted pet as a gift can have dire consequences and could prevent an animal from having the opportunity of being chosen by a family who has collectively decided to have a pet. Pets can also be very expensive, and the gift can easily overwhelm an unprepared person and create a bad situation for everyone.

Each year, shelters and rescues see an increase in owner-surrendered animals who have outgrown their baby stages and are no longer receiving the attention they deserve. The same pattern is seen in the weeks following Easter as the novelty of a new bunny wears off.

Pet ownership is a lifetime commitment for the entire family. Starting that journey can be both exciting and difficult. Introducing a new furry baby needs to be done carefully and thoughtfully. Consult your veterinarian for guidance and choose a pet as a family. Shelters allow families to visit with adoptable pets prior to adopting, giving pets and families an opportunity to choose each other. Find rescues and shelters with foster programs. Foster homes can provide valuable insight on an animal's personality, likes, dislikes and abilities.

*Christy Perry was a foster provider for the Cullman County Animal Shelter from 2005-2014. She also served as the foster and adoption coordinator for the shelter from 2009-2014. At the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, she was an adoption counselor from 2014-2017 and an intake specialist from 2015-2017. Perry has been featured in numerous publications, including the HBO documentary "One Nation Under Dog" in 2011.*

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY CARRUTH, Deceased. ) CASE NO.: PC2018-308

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DONE this 16th day of November, 2018.

Mark Lee Johnson
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# *Obituary Announcements: Nov. 27 - Dec. 2*

**Mr. Danny Wayne Hall**, 67, of Cullman passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was born October 24, 1951 in Cullman, Alabama to Joseph E Hall and Ruth Creel Hall. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ronnie Hall; sister, Kathy Howard. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Wallace Hall; daughter, Valerie Chelan Hall; son, Justin Hall; brother, Jerry Hall; sister, Carolyn Neal; grandchild, Violet Kaylene Anthony.

**Catherline Campbell** entered into rest November 24, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Complete obituary and arrangements will be announced at a later date by Nichols Funeral Home.

**Our loving mother, Mary Neal Lindsey Drake** went to be with her Loving Savior on November 24, 2018 at Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehab. She was born July 6, 1921 to Claude and Clara Loyd Lindsey. She was a member of East Flint Baptist Church for 80 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, loving husband of76 years, Atla Drake, brothers Johnny Lindsey, E.C. "Pete" Lindsey, Henry Ellis "Cotton" Lindsey, sisters: Pearl Norris, Lorine Graves, great-grandchild: Cade Brasher. Funeral services are Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 12 noon at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev.'s Gary Driver and Phillip Robinson officiating. Interment will follow services at Flint Creek Cemetery. She is survived by her children: Harwood and JoAnn Drake, Connie and Billy Lee, Claude W. and Martha Drake, Marlin and Susan Drake, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation is Tuesday at Moss Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until service time at 12 noon.

**Andrew "Chef Andy" James Camardella** died of cancer at the age of 76. Chef Andy was born on September 3, 1942 in Syracuse, New York to Peter and Cathrine Camardella. Chef Andy was a second generation, American Italian who made Cullman his home when he opened Calabria Italian Restaurant in the Shell Station in July of 1999. He married Kathleen Snook Camardella on February 19, 1966 at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church in North Syracuse, New York. In April of 1961 he voluntarily joined the United States Marine Corp. His foreign deployments included two tours in Vietnam, Bay of Pigs, Cuba, and Okinawa, Japan. He worked as a Chief Steward (chef) and personally served three presidents, twice on Air Force One. He left active duty February 1971 in El Torro, California, though he remained a proud Marine until his last breath. Chef Andy spent his life as a culinarian. After the Marines, he traveled the world and catered meals to royalty and superstars. He earned the title of Certified Executive Chef and was President of the Birmingham Chef's Association on multiple occasions. Preceding the fall of the Soviet Union, he was included in the very first Russian-American Culinary Exchange with Paul Prudhomme and was inducted into the American Academy of Chef's in 1990. After making Cullman his home, he and Kathleen moved Calabria Italian Restaurant to the Warehouse District and finally out to Hwy157 near Cullman Regional Hospital. His family will never tire of being told how good his white chocolate amaretto bread pudding was or how amazing the fresh Italian bread made the whole street smell wonderful. Chef Andy was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He loved to teach and was fiercely proud of all of his apprentices from Faulkner Community College in Foley, AL and Job Corps in Gadsden, AL. He was well known for teaching cooking classes at Hanceville First United Methodist Church as a fundraiser for the Living Bread Food Ministry. Most recently he taught at Sacred Heart Family Life Center and helped with several community food outreach ministries. Andy was preceded in death by his parents Peter J Camardella and Catherine Malara Camarella, his grandparents Andrew J. and Angela Camardellla and Pasquale and Carmelia Malara, and brother David John Camardella, all of Syracuse, NY. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Snook Camardella. Cullman, AL, children Tonia Camardella Beverly, Cullman, AL, Tony Camardella, Hayden, AL, grandchildren Andrew Christian-Taylor Camardella, Birmingham, AL, Isabella Madeline-Lea Camardella Hatcher (Devin Hatcher), Hayden, AL, Chandler Fleet Beverly, Cullman, AL, siblings Pat (Karen Wilson) Camardella, North Syracuse, NY, and Carmelina Camardella (Steve Komarinsky), Fayetteville, NY. Chef Andy is also survived by hundreds of cousins, friends and family. A Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hanceville 1st UMC Living Bread Food Ministry, 704 Commercial Street, Hanceville, AL or St. Vincent de Paul Food Ministry, 2nd Street, Cullman, AL.

**Funeral service for Mildred Josephine Barbee**, 86, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Grove Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Greg Davis officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.Ms. Barbee passed away Thursday, November 22, 2018. She was born March 16, 1932 to William Roy & Florence Lessie Farr Barbee. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, infant Emmitt Barbee, Elbert Barbee, Alton Barbee; sisters, Marie Grimmett, Rachel Leipert, Mae Harvell. Survivors include her son, James Wendell Jones; daughters, Betty Jo (Max) Anderton, Patricia Diane (Michael) Moon; sister, Iona White; grandchildren, Teresa Anderton, Stacy Byrd, Serena Wadell, Tony Woodham, Robert Woodham, Jeremy McCullar, Anthony Melton, Jenifer Melton; five great-grandchildren; host of family and friends. Visitation will be Tuesday at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

**Bobby B. Byrom**, 89, of Arab, entered into the presence of our Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 25, 2018. He was born April 27, 1929, to Paul E. and Bethal Annice Mcallister Byrom. Mr. Byrom was retired from retail sales, having worked for companies including JC Penny and Montgomery Ward. He was also a longtime member of Bonds Chapel Holiness Church. Bobby loved to learn and could often times be found working a word puzzle. He was passionate in his love of books, having collected thousands over his lifetime. Mr. Byrom loved to read the works of Mark Twain in particular. Bobby's love for words was not satisfied by reading alone; he was also a published author. Mr. Byrom was welcomed into heaven by his parents; brothers, William (Melvin), Sidney, Willard, Paul Oleth, Johnny Huston; sister, Ruby Marie; great-grandchildren, Sara Ann Willmon, James Edward Willmon; and his beloved wife, Gladys Fortner Byrom. He is survived by a son, Robert Jeffery Byrom (Robin); daughter, Judy Willmon (Verlon); brother, Richard Byrom; grandchildren, Jason Willmon (Lisa), Rebecca Hill (Keith), Clay Byrom (Kala); great-grandchildren, Brooke Hill, Hunter Willmon, and Camilla Byrom. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2018, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Verlon Willmon and Steve Mayhan officiating. Burial will follow in Brooklyn Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to services, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Byrom family.

**Funeral services for Aaron Morris Gandy**, 77 of Cullman, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at Bethel United Methodist Church, with a viewing one hour prior to service. Darryl Bailey, Trent Gandy, and Derek Arrington will be officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Gandy passed away at UAB Hospital on Saturday November 24, 2018. He was born January 12, 1941 to his parents, Maurice Gandy and Hattie Lucille Gandy. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include son, Terry Gandy, daughter, Teresa Bailey (Darryl), son, Trent Gandy (Jamie), son, Tim Gandy (Melissa); grandchildren, Christina Bailey, Morgan Arrington (Derek), Dustin Woodall, Lance Gandy, Isaac Gandy, Ethan Gandy, Jake Gandy, Michele Faulkner; great-grandchildren, Bentley Woodall, Hayden Arrington, Jaycee Woodall, Kaitlyn Stewart; sisters, Elaine Earwood (Ronald), Denise Latham (Tony), Shelia Grace (Mark); and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Memorial Service for Luther James Kohler**, age 89 of Hanceville, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness with Shirley Witcher officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Kohler passed away on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at Cullman Regional. He was born October 5, 1929 in Pennsylvania to Eva Kohler. Survivors include his wife, Eugenia Kohler; daughter, Kathy (Jessie) Bateman; three sons; and four grandchildren.

**Mrs. Ina Jo Pudles**, 87, of Hanceville, passed away on Sunday November 25, 2018. She was born on August 12, 1931, to Unk Hardin and Toleda Erethel Smith Hardin. There will be a Graveside service at Hopewell Cemetery, in Hanceville, on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2 p.m.

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# Community with Carol: Jerry Jacobs of Grace Place

**Carol Berry**
Tribune Columnist

Jerry Jacobs is my guest this week on Community with Carol. Jerry is a person I admire greatly. He is such an asset to our community. If you have met Jerry, you know that he gives all honor and glory to any project's success to the Lord. He is a humble servant.

Jerry's newest venture, Grace Place, is no different.

He told me repeatedly during our interview, "Since we began in January, God has blessed this organization with every need at just the right time."

Through an experience with a personal family member and the help of a fellow church member, Grace Place was born. This is a program for individuals with dementia. The interactive program consists of four-hour sessions, filled with activities and one-on-one interaction. Grace Place offers the sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

In the short time Grace Place has been open another need was immediately noticed: support for the caregivers. In October, Grace Place began providing a day and night support group, now a very big part of the services available. The caregiver support groups meet weekly, and Jerry has a lending library with books and educational resources for caregivers to use. Grace Place also hosts monthly speakers to educate the group and the public on different subjects concerning the disease of dementia and the struggles facing caregivers. The December speaker will be Dana Dodson, a representative from NARCOG. She will be discussing financial assistance for caregivers. This will be held Dec. 6 at Grace Place (Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman).

My interview with Jerry is very informative and I encourage you to watch and to share on social media. Many are suffering with this horrible disease. The numbers Jerry shared in our interview are alarming. He said 1 in 9 individuals 65 and older will suffer from dementia and 1 in 3 over the age of 80. That is currently more than 2,000 Cullman County residents.

If Grace Place can assist you or someone you know, please call 256-736-4260.

Look for my interview with Jerry on The Cullman Tribune's Facebook page on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune.

Find out even more about Grace Place here: www.cullmantribune.com/keyword/grace-place.




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***Carol Berry with Jerry Jacobs***

# Weathering the winter season: Your guide to advisories, watches and warnings

**NOAA**
Contributor

The word winter brings many things to mind. For some, it's bundling up to brave the cold temperatures, school snow closings and fun-filled days of sledding. For others, it invokes treacherous commutes punctuated by blizzard conditions, slippery roads, and fender benders. This winter, understanding the differences behind National Weather Service's advisories, watches and warnings could save your life or someone you love by knowing the appropriate action to take.

**Know the signs of winter weather**

• **Outlook** – An outlook is used to indicate that a hazardous winter weather event may develop. It is intended to provide information to those who need considerable lead time to prepare for the event.

• **Watch** – A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous winter weather event has increased, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so. When a watch is issued, it's prudent to listen to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards and check the forecast frequently at NOAA's National Weather Service website.

• **Warning/Advisory** – These products are issued when a hazardous winter weather event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurrence. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause significant inconvenience and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

**Before, during and after a storm, pay close attention to your local National Weather Service forecast for detailed information on the type of weather conditions expected, accumulations, possible impacts, as well as advisories, watches and warnings like these:**

• **Winter Weather Advisory** – Any combination of snow, blowing snow, freezing rain and sleet that meets or exceeds a locally defined 12 and/or 24 hour advisory criteria, but remaining below warning criteria.

• **Winter Storm Watch** – Conditions are favorable for a winter storm event (any combination of heavy snow, heavy sleet, ice storm and blowing snow) to meet or exceed local criteria.

• **Winter Storm Warning** – Winter weather event that includes: snow, ice or sleet meeting or exceeding locally defined 12 and/or 24 hour warning criteria; or a combination of snow, ice, or sleet and blowing snow with at least one of the precipitation elements meeting or exceeding locally defined criteria.

• **Blizzard Warning** – Sustained wind or frequent gusts greater than or equal to 35 mph accompanied by falling and/or blowing snow, frequently reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile for three hours or more.

**Drive safer this winter**

"Thousands of people die every year in weather-related traffic accidents," said John Koch, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "The best way to avoid a tragedy is to be aware of weather conditions and limit travel when hazardous weather conditions exist."

**To keep safe, consider doing the following before driving in winter weather conditions, especially if the National Weather Service has issued warnings or watches in your area:**

• Keep the gas tank full to keep the fuel line from freezing.

• Let someone know your destination, route, and when you expect to arrive.

• Keep a cell phone or other emergency communication device with you.

• Pack your car with thermal blankets, extra winter clothes, basic tool kit, (including a good knife and jumper cables), an ice scraper and shovel, flashlights or battery-powered lanterns with extra batteries, and high calorie, non-perishable food and water.

• Use sand or kitty litter under your tires for extra traction, especially if you find yourself stuck in a slippery spot.

# Bear (from Front)

noises, shout or bang pots and pans together (to scare the bear).

• When the bear leaves, remove potential attractants such as garbage, bird seed or pet food.

• Ask neighbors to remove attractants.

• Check your yard for bears before letting out your dog.

**Around dumpsters or buildings**

• Make sure the bear has a clear escape route, and do not corner it.

• Inside any structure, leave doors open as you back out, and don't close the bear in a room.

**While hiking or walking**

• Be aware of your surroundings.

• Hike in groups and stay together.

• Keep kids within sight.

• Keep dogs on a leash or leave them home.

• Make noise in thick cover.

• Carry bear spray.

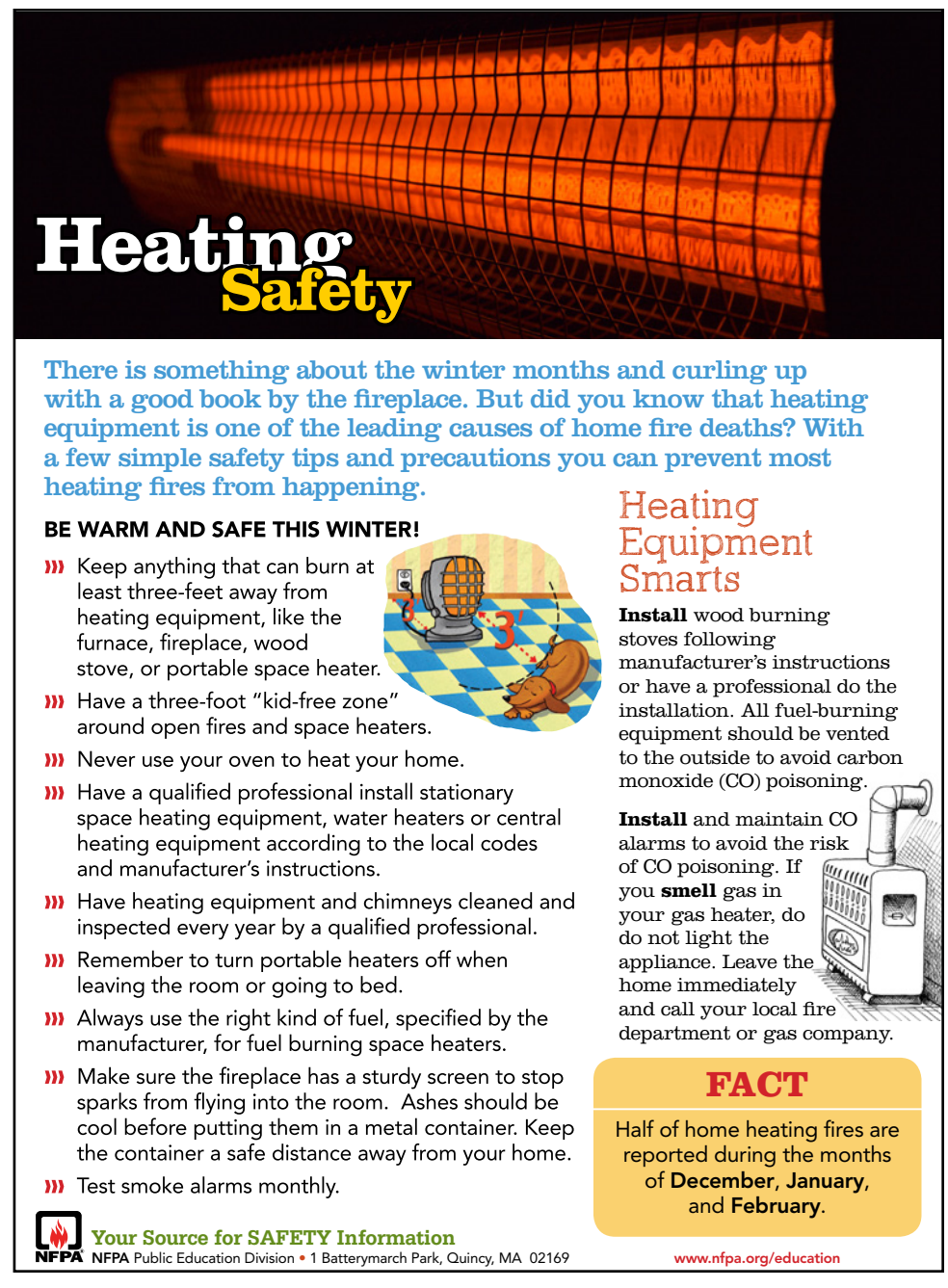
More tips and details for various situations can be found on the website.

Hudson reported that the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has the Brooksville bear's remains, and that they will be processed and used in the agency's wildlife education programs.

**Read more about black bears in Alabama here**

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/09/23/bear-sightings-reported-ne-cullman-co-residents-remind-ed-bears-are-protected

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# Fairview's Emersyn Hadley crowned 2018 Tiny Miss Alabama

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**FAIRVIEW** – After reporting recently on the local winner of the recent Little Miss Alabama pageant, The Tribune discovered that the Cullman area has another winner! Emersyn Tate Hadley, age 4, daughter of Jed and Alyssa Hadley of Cullman County, was crowned 2018 Tiny Miss Alabama earlier this month in Huntsville. She attends Early Years Preschool in Fairview.

Emersyn is also the reigning 2018 Tiny Miss Arab and was 2017 Mini Miss Marshall County.

According to mother Alyssa Hadley, the title almost didn't happen: "We had forgotten about the pageant and (were) notified the day of and had three hours to get ready."

Despite the hectic last-minute preparation and dash to the pageant, mom was pleased with the outcome, saying, "We are so proud of all her accomplishments and can't wait to see what the future holds for her. She definitely has a bright future!"

Emersyn will make several public appearances through the coming year as she prepares for her next pageant.




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