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Christmas in Cullman



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The Christmas tree in Cullman's Depot Park was lit Friday night, with hundreds of folks braving the wet weather to come out and celebrate the annual Christmas in Cullman festivities, put on by Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism. The tree was lit at the conclusion of the Christmas parade and before a concert by Anthem Lights, the park and surrounding areas packed with people eager to celebrate the holidays.



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Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas keeps a photo of a critically ill baby of a drug user, a woman who was before him in court, to remind him of the dangers of drugs and the importance of reaching kids before they make dangerous decisions.

Making wise choices

Judges visit schools to promote good decision making

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CULLMAN – During a conversation in his office about decisions young people make, Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas reached into his desk drawer and pulled out a photograph, studying it for a few moments before returning it. It was a picture of a critically ill newborn baby in a neonatal intensive care unit, born to a young drug-addicted mother. The image is disturbing, not the kind of thing you'd want to keep around to see time and time again, but it provides the judge a powerful reminder of what can be prevented if someone can reach young people before they make bad decisions that can change their lives in all the wrong ways. And he's trying to be that someone.

Several years ago, Nicholas and District Judge Wells "Rusty" Turner began visiting area high schools, co-hosting a program called "Making Wise Choices" geared toward helping students understand how decisions they make today can shape the rest of their lives. During the year, they visit each high school in the county, presenting to a thousand or more students » PAGE 5

Holly Market continues today at civic center

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

This year's Holly Market Christmas Arts and Crafts Show has the Cullman Civic Center packed with loads of holiday vendors. The show continues Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

CULLMAN – The Holly Market Christmas Arts and Crafts Show 2018 is underway with countless one-of-a-kind gifts available for all those people on your Christmas list. The show, at the Cullman Civic Center, continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All booths feature handmade products from area vendors.

Civic Center Managing Director Kelly Pulliam said, "We really appreciate the community supporting us and we have grown over the years. I know the vendors appreciate it too. A lot of hard work goes into this show, including the vendors. I hope everyone will come out and help support these vendors by shopping local. There are so many unique items you won't find anywhere else."

The event is free, but there are concessions and other things for purchase inside. Proceeds will go to help the Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism's Therapeutic Recreation Program for individuals with special needs.

Pulliam explained, "We have partnered with the Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group to help provide fun events and activities for special needs families in our community. We have the Christmas party coming up very soon."

The Holly Market has transformed the civic center into a whimsical Christmas village with the Jingle Bell Bakery, Candy Cane Cafe and a children's area for crafts and letters to Santa. Cook Nancy Kuykendall with Farmhouse Bakery has fun shaped cookies ready for kids to decorate with icing and sprinkles. She is joined by Mrs. Claus with Santa expected to arrive at noon on Saturday.

Farmhouse Bakery also has many yummy confections available for purchase, including the popular peanut brittle from a more than 100-year-old recipe passed down through Kuykendall's family. Several vendors are offering a mouthwatering variety of baked goods, beverages and mixes, candies and snacks. Emily's Heirloom Pound Cakes, from Hoover, has samples of the variety of cakes she has ready to go.

My Mother's Kluckers has created delightful chicken-themed gourd art. Kat Cottage has beautiful cat beds/hammocks, a fantastic idea for any cat lover on your list. Debbie Conner Pottery, Perkins Crafts and so many other wonderful vendors are hoping for a crowd on Saturday.

The Candy Cane Cafe has concessions and drinks. On Saturday, they will have chili, grilled cheese, peach cobbler and strawberry shortcake.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's new Dale's Market, as well as the new Alabama Highway 157 turn lane are now officially open, following a ceremony on Friday with Mayor Kenneth Kilgo, store owner Greg Black and a number of city and county officials.

West Point opens AL 157 turn lane, welcomes Dale's Market

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WEST POINT – West Point celebrated the official ribbon cutting and grand opening for Dale's Market, along with the long-awaited completion and opening of the new turn lane at the Alabama Highway 157 intersection with County Road 1242. West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo and Dale's Market owner Greg Black combined the two celebrations and welcomed the community to share in their excitement.

Stephen Parker, chairman of the Cullman Industrial Development Authority, presented the mayor with » PAGE 8

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Arrests reported on Nov. 29-30

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported on Nov. 29-30, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

ARRESTS REPORTED ON FRIDAY, NOV. 30

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Monday, Nov. 26

Calvert, Chaulka Charles, 42
- FTA- public intoxication

Crenshaw, Ashley Renee, 27
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Decker, Wesley Vance, 45
- FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Ellis, Daniel Alexander, 38
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- resisting arrest

Jeffries, Justin Anthony Jr., 25
- sexual abuse of a child under 12

Kiedinger, Ronald Lane, 30
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Killian, Deaundre Roshaun, 27
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Maciel, Juan Diaz, 62
- public intoxication

Puckett, April Twitty, 38
- FTA- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

West, William Eddie Jr., 47
- FTA- liability insurance required

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Ballenger, Zachary Douglas, 21
- public intoxication

Fuller, Christopher Michael, 42
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

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

Millican, Mitchell David, 27
- probation violation-unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Morgan, Felicia Darlene, 30
- probation violation-second-degree forgery

Morton, Alexander Scott, 19
- FTA- third-degree burglary (3 counts)

Pilgrim, Nathaniel Scott, 27
- probation violation-chemical endangerment of a child

Richards, Summer Nikole, 26
- FTA- owner allowed operation without insurance

Sherrell, Cameron Daniel, 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Jeremy Allen, 37
- nonsupport

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Fuller, Cregary Alan, 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Harbison, Ian Job, 18
- 2 headlights required
- driving while suspended
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

McMillian, Eric Eugene, 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Odom, Alicia Blanch, 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Patterson, Malcolm Ronald, 36
- court appearance

Sivley, Joseph Bradley, 35
- third-degree domestic violence- reckless endangerment
- writ of arrest- child support

Weems, James Kyle, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Woods, Aaron Blake, 18
- first-degree theft of property
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle (7 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Boley, Christopher L., 31
- fourth-degree theft of property

Green, Allen D., 35
- harassing communications

McMillian, Eric E., 26
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

ARRESTS REPORTED ON NOV. 30, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Nov. 29

Thomas, Denzil J., 51
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- indecent exposure (2 counts)

Brown, Hannah E., 20
- fourth-degree theft by deception

Weaver, Coty L., 28
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 30

Thursby, Jessica L.
- FTA- no license

Morris, Jason K.
- public intoxication

Whitehead, Tammy L.
- FTA- traffic violation

Ramsey, Byron C.
- attempting to elude
- third-degree domestic violence

King, Kenneth C.
- FTA- open container

Jackson, Eddie L.
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Wasp, Jacob M.
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia

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Requirements to take the ***Firefighter*** exam are as follows:
- 18 years of age or older.
- High school diploma or GED.
- Valid Alabama driver's license.
- Ability to pass the physical requirements of the **Alabama Firefighter's Personnel Standards & Education Commission.**

*Note: Candidates will be responsible for arranging and testing at an **Alabama Fire College** approved CPAT facility* http://www.alabamafirecollege.org/vertical-menu/forms-and-resources/cpat/cpat-locations.

Upon successful completion of the ***Firefighter*** written exam with a passing score of **70%**, confirmation of successful completion of ***Alabama Fire College*** approved CPAT or State of Alabama Firefighter I/II Certification, eligible applicants may be called for a panel interview. **PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER I/II & EMT, ADVANCED EMT, OR PARAMEDIC.** Upon recommendation by the Fire Chief, applicants must pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screening, pass an NFPA 1582 physical exam, and submit an employment background screening.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to FRAYNE HUTTON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of KARON LYNETT HUTTON, Deceased, on the 29th day of November, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Man arrested in Kentucky for bomb threats made to West Point Schools, Yutaka Technologies in Cullman

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Editor's note: *The suspect has been charged by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for the threat to West Point Schools; charges for the Yutaka threat will be from the Cullman Police Department.*

SEBREE, Ky. – One man was arrested Thursday night in Sebree, Kentucky in connection with threats that were called in to West Point Middle School and Yutaka Technologies in Cullman County Thursday morning.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), CCSO investigators worked with the Sebree Kentucky Police Department and the Webster County Sheriff's Office to place John Allen York into custody on charges of making a terrorist threat.

Early Thursday morning, West Point Middle School received a call from a male, now identified as York, who stated all the West Point Schools would be blown up at some point during the day.

The schools were placed on a soft lockdown and CCSO deputies searched all of the buildings for any suspicious devices.

At the same time, Yutaka Technologies, located in the city of Cullman, received a bomb threat.

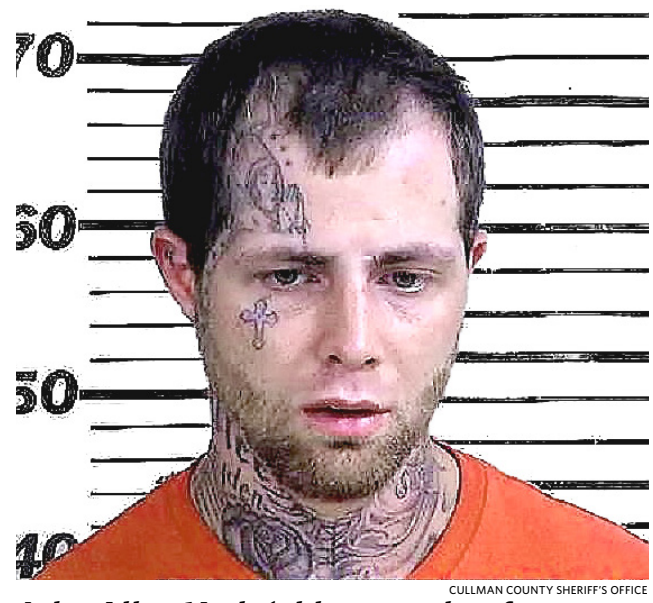
CCSO investigators worked with Cullman Police Department Investigators and determined that York was responsible for both bomb threats.

The CCSO said that investigators determined York was in Kentucky, so they reached out to the two local agencies.

"First off, I am glad that the suspect is in custody in Kentucky and we will be seeking to extradite him back here to Cullman County at the earliest possible time to face the consequences for his actions," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"We take calling in a bomb threat to a local school and business very seriously. Also, I can't stress enough how much I want to think the Investigators from my office and also CPD for the work they did today.

"Investigators do work behind the scenes that is oftentimes not seen by the public, but is very, very important to solving cases."



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

John Allen York (older mugshot from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office)

1958-2018: Cullman Regional Airport celebrates 60 years of service on Nov. 30

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CULLMAN – On Friday, Nov. 30, Cullman Regional Airport marked 60 years of service to the Cullman community. When the airport opened in 1958, the then 87.9-acre complex was already the culmination of more than 20 years of effort.

In 1935, at the height of the Great Depression, Cullman got a Works Progress Administration (WPA) contract for an airport, but the project was canceled in 1942, during World War II, before any construction began. Another chance, after the war ended, was thwarted when the City could not come up with a local match for the federal grant that was offered.

During the 1940s, a few flights were coming in and out of Cullman County, landing in an improved pasture near Hanceville, and nearer Cullman in the early 1950s, at the farm of Joe Sapp.

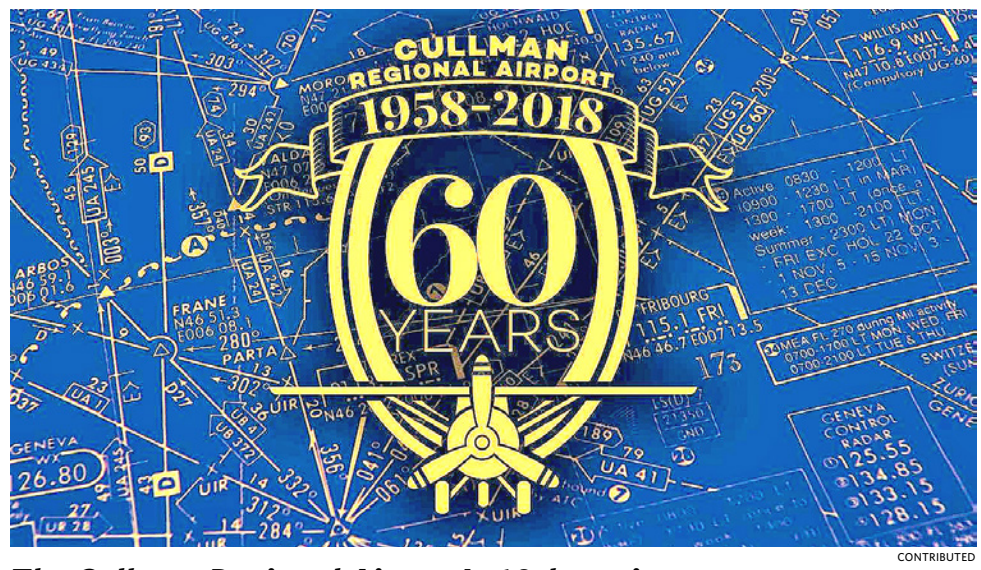
By late 1955, the City had a state grant in hand, and formed the Airport Commission made up of Judge Murray Battles, farm airfield owner Sapp and Bruce Pylant. Multiple sites around the area were surveyed before ground was broken in Vinemont on April 1, 1956.

Two and a half years later, on Sunday, Nov. 30, 1958, the airport was officially opened and named Folsom Field, in honor of then Gov. Jim Folsom. Folsom and his wife Jamelle Folsom attended the ceremony, along with the airport commissioners, Cullman Mayor J.W. Arnold, Alabama National Guard Adjutant Gen. James Berry, Alabama Aeronautics Board Chairman Asa Rountree, Rev. John Waller, James Moody, Neil Metcalf, Dan Mobley, George Ponder and others. Thousands of Cullman County residents attended the event, along with pilots who flew in from all around the region. At its opening, the facility had a 4,500-foot north-south paved runway and a 2,800-foot east-west runway that was originally dirt but paved a short time later.

Today, Cullman Regional Airport is jointly operated by the City of Cullman and Cullman County. More than 80 aircraft are based at the facility that boasts a single 5,500-foot runway and parallel taxiway. The airport serves local businesses' personnel and cargo transport needs, and hosts the Wallace State Community College Aviation program, Skydive Alabama, Air Evac Lifeteam, and aviation programs of Alabama State Troopers and the Cullman Police Department. The facility even has its own restaurant, The Prop Diner, open for breakfast and lunch Thursdays through Sundays.

While the airport is not intended for use by commercial jetliners, its runway and apron will support fairly heavy aircraft, and a current project to improve the taxiway will give all the facility's paved surfaces the same capabilities.

Airport General Manager Ben Harrison has worked at the airport for six years and was promoted to general manager in 2014. Earlier this year, he was selected to serve a three-year term on the National Air Transportation Association's (NATA's) Airport Business Committee.



CONTRIBUTED

The Cullman Regional Airport's 60th anniversary celebration logo, designed with help from staff at Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism

In a discussion earlier this year, he told The Tribune: "We are an economic development driver for the city of Cullman and for all of Cullman County. We don't do economic development, but we host the companies that are coming in, that are doing economic development here. I would say, pretty much all the large industry, at some point in time, always has someone coming into the airport several times per year, whether it be executives, whether it be air cargo that they need, whether it be people coming in to do business with them. So, constantly, we have someone coming in that deals with all the local major suppliers."

On Thursday, Harrison said of the airport's anniversary, "We are excited to be able to hit this milestone. None of this would be possible without the multiple individuals who had the foresight to see the area needed an airport for growth. Over the years, countless people have helped this airport grow and maintain a great facility that supports business and industry along with the private flying community.

"It is up to us to keep the airport growing for the next 60 years. We could not do this without the support of the city council, county commission, airport board, economic development offices, ALDOT aeronautics, and the FAA- also, all of the city and county departments who help support us."

For more on the Cullman Regional Airport, visit www.cullmanregionalairport.org.

NOTICE: Possible temporary water outage on Monday, Dec. 3

Leanne West
Office of Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

CULLMAN – On Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, the Cullman Water Department will be doing some work on the southwest side of town, between First Avenue Southwest and Second Avenue Southwest, near the area of the former Dodge dealership at Thirteenth Street.

This work may possibly result in a temporary water outage for surrounding businesses and residents.

If a water outage does occur, it should last less than a couple of hours. Two maps are shown indicating the areas that may experience an interruption in water service.

Please share with anyone who may be affected by this possible temporary water outage on Dec. 3, 2018. If you have questions, contact the Cullman Water Department at 256-775-7210.

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The deadline for print is Friday, Dec. 21.

PREP BASKETBALL

Good Hope and Holly Pond split Thursday night matchups

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HOLLY POND – Good Hope traveled for a matchup with the Holly Pond Broncos Thursday night and the two teams split their varsity matchups. The Lady Broncos knocked off the Lady Raiders 46-38 while in the boys' game, Cole Maddox's 32 points led the Raiders past Holly Pond.

Holly Pond 46 – Good Hope 38 (varsity girls)

Holly Pond had a huge first quarter, drilling four 3-point shots. Kara Hollis and Tate Duke each hit two, and the Holly Pond held Good Hope to just two free throws and two baskets as the Lady Broncos took a 14-7 lead into the second period. The Lady Raiders quickly made it a 14-12 game to start out the quarter, but Holly Pond stretched its lead out to seven at 19-12. After a Desiree' Odachowski trey made it a 19-16 game, the Lady Broncos answered right back by scoring the final six points of the quarter to take a 25-16 lead into the half.

A pair of Maddie Heatherly free throws made it 27-16 Lady Broncos early in the third quarter. Every time Good Hope started a run to get back in the game, Holly Pond had an answer for it and the Lady Broncos held a 37-27 lead after three and wound up winning the game, 46-38.

Maddi Ham led the way for Holly Pond with 10 points, five rebounds and a steal. Hollis added nine points, while Duke and Kristen Campbell each finished with eight.

Odachowski finished with 12 points for Good Hope. Savanna Derrick added 10 points, four rebounds and five steals. Savanna Burney added eight rebounds, while Rudi Derrick finished with six.

Good Hope 80 - Holly Pond 67 (varsity boys)

The first half was very evenly contested between Good Hope and Holly Pond as the score was tied at 17 after one. The second period saw both teams going back and forth, but the Raiders broke a late tie on an Eli Phares trey and a pair of Cole Maddox free throws to take a 41-36 lead into the locker room. Maddox had a huge first half, scoring 21 points. Kyler Chaney and Isaac Ludwig led the way for Holly Pond with 14 and 12, respectively.

It continued into the third quarter as both teams looked for that one run to pull away, but it never happened, and the Raiders took a slim 56-55 lead going into the final period.

Good Hope started the quarter on fire as the Raiders went on a 13-0 run to make it 69-55, but Holly Pond answered right back with six in a row to make it a 69-61 game. The Raiders, though, quickly pushed their lead back up to double-figures and didn't let the Broncos back in the game as they went on to win, 80-67.

Maddox finished with a game-high 32 points, four rebounds and three steals for Good Hope. Noah Fendley had a huge night as well, adding 24 points, 18 of them in the second half, and five rebounds. Michael Lowe added 11 points. Matt Dixon finished with nine rebounds. Phares added six rebounds of his own, Justin Turner finished with five rebounds and Tanner Malin added three steals. Good Hope will travel to Vinemont next Monday.

Chaney led the way for Holly Pond with a double-double, finishing with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Ludwig added 16 points, three rebounds and a pair of steals. Tyler Boatright ended up with 11 points, three rebounds and two steals. Holly Pond will take a road trip to Cold Springs on Friday. (Look for that story at www.CullmanTribune.com.)

Good Hope 35 - Holly Pond 28 (junior varsity girls)

The first half was very low-scoring, but Good Hope was able to hold an 8-7 lead after one. A pair of baskets by Quincey Marks gave the Lady Broncos a 12-11 lead, but the Lady Raiders' Kyndall Seal answered with back-to-back threes and they went into the locker room up 17-12.

Good Hope quickly stretched its lead to double-digits to start off the second half as Rechelle McLeod hit a layup. Seal and Emily Speegle later answered with back-to-back treys to make it a 25-12 score and took a 29-15 lead into the final period.

Holly Pond couldn't climb out of the double-digit hole until the game was already decided and Good Hope wound up taking the game, 35-28.

Speegle finished with 13 points for Good Hope, while Seal added 11. McLeod finished with seven rebounds, while Aaliyah Smith added six.

For Holly Pond, Raeleigh Olinger finished with 10 points, and Marks added seven points.

Good Hope 55, Holly Pond 38 (junior varsity boys)

Good Hope couldn't ask for a better start to the game as they jumped out to a 15-6 lead. They took a 16-8 lead going into the second period and the Raiders scored the first six points of the quarter to make it 22-8.

They didn't let up as the halftime score was 32-15. Holly Pond couldn't get a rhythm going offensively and Good Hope was able to shut them down and take advantage of some Bronco turnovers to pull away with a double-digit victory, 55-38.

Eight different Raiders found the scoring column, led by Colton Williams, who finished with 14 points, four rebounds and three steals. Colton Bagwell added 10 points, five rebounds and a steal. Michael Owens ended up with eight points, as did Ethan Anderson, who also added four rebounds and a pair of steals.

Landon Rowell finished with eight points, four rebounds and a steal for Holly Pond. Landon Perkins added seven points and three rebounds, while Jayden Perkins ended up with seven points and seven rebounds.

Other Thursday night scores

- St. Bernard 49 – West End 37 (varsity boys)
- Winston County 37 – Vinemont 29 (varsity boys)
- Winston County 69 – Vinemont 41 (varsity girls)

PREP BASKETBALL

Sullins' fourth quarter lifts Cullman over Brewer; Lady Bearcats suffer first loss of season

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CULLMAN – Points were tough to come by in both of Cullman's Thursday night matchups against Brewer and as a result, the Bearcats split their games with the Patriots. Jayden Sullins' 12 fourth-quarter points helped lead the boys' team past Brewer 60-49, but the Lady Bearcats fell 53-42 in their first loss of the season.

Brewer 53 – Cullman 42 (varsity girls)

Turnovers were the theme of the night for the Lady Bearcats and they struggled to get on the scoreboard for most of the night. Cullman kept things close in the first half despite a poor start offensively but a 10-1 run from the Lady Patriots to close out the second quarter gave them a commanding 28-19 lead at the half.

Offensive rebounds and second-chance points kept the Lady Bearcats in it during the third quarter, but they still couldn't get any outside shots to fall and they went into the final frame trailing 36-27. Two quick buckets cut the lead to four and a layup from Anna Grace Murphy at the 4:00 mark made it a 38-36 ballgame.

Turnovers continued to plague the Lady Bearcats as they weren't able to get anything going consistently on the offensive end. The Lady Patriots put the game away at the free-throw line as they pulled away to hand Cullman its first loss of the season.

Anna Katherine Eastman led the Lady Bearcats with 12 points in the loss. Cullman is now 7-1 on the year and will look to get back in the win column when they host Jasper Friday night.

Cullman 60 – Brewer 49 (varsity boys)

Both teams struggled to get on the board early in this one. A fast-paced, physical game began with the Patriots on top 13-11 after the first quarter but a late run in the second period would give Cullman the lead at the break.

It was a tie game or a one-possession game for most of the second half. Both teams continued to play hard on the defensive end and the Bearcats were actually held scoreless until midway through the third quarter when Robert Goolsby got a layup to fall. Jaden Orr added some points off the bench as well, knocking down a three to put Cullman up 36-34 late in the third. The Patriots were able to retake the lead at 40-39 before the end of the quarter but the final period belonged to the Bearcats.

A basket from JT White put Cullman up 45-42 early in the quarter and then it was time for Jayden Sullins to take over and put the game away. Sullins scored 12 of his game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter, including an and-one layup that he was able to convert at the free-throw line late in the game.

The basket put the Bearcats up 56-49 with two minutes to play and two more free throws from Noah Bussman at the 1:15 mark gave Cullman an insurmountable 58-49 lead. Two more free throws from Sullins iced the game for good and the 'Cats opened up their home gym with a 60-49 victory.

After the game, Bearcats Head Coach Bobby Meyer talked about his team's struggles offensively. The 'Cats didn't have much trouble getting to the charity stripe but when they did, they struggled to hit them.

"We struggled all night offensively and when we could do some good things like drive to the basket and get fouled, we couldn't make our free throws and that's been one of our bugaboos this year.

"We just can't knock them down, we're 50-50 on them and tonight we were missing both so free throws are critical to extending an offensive play and we can't do it," Meyer said. "The players just played hard. Our effort was still there and that's what we build ourselves on and pride ourselves on, but the problem is you've got to have some rewards for that effort and we're not getting those by missing easy layups and not finishing plays."

In games like these where both teams are playing full court for most of the night, it's invaluable for the Bearcats to be able to make large substitutions. Meyer believes that was a key to his team staying fresh and pulling away late in the game.

"We try and play our full roster on most nights and we feel like we can do that to wear a team down," Meyer said. "I think (Brewer) lost their edge down the stretch and that enabled us to get a little bit of a boost and take the lead."

Cullman is now 7-1 at this early point in the season will be back at home Friday night to take on the visiting Jasper Vikings.

Sports editor's note: Friday's games did not conclude before press time. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for those scores.

2 local groups receive $12K from Angling for Autism Bass Tournament

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CULLMAN – Two local groups were presented with a check for $12,000 Thursday at New Life Church. The Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group and Flourish of Cullman, Inc. received $6,000 each- proceeds from the third annual Angling for Autism Bass Tournament, organized by Wesley Sams.

Pictured are: back row, (l-r) Jennifer Murphree, Jordan Davis, Payton Peebles, Zach Mathis, James Goeller; front row, (l-r) Roger Sams with his grandson, Brenten Sams (for whom the Angling for Autism tournament was started), dad Wesley Sams (presenting check) to Rhonda Davis (of the Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group), Mary McAnnally, Janet Loyd, Theresia Mead, Laney White and Jessica Murphree.



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Choices (from Front)

annually.

On Wednesday, after returning from a presentation at West Point High School, Nicholas sat down with The Tribune to talk about the program.

"Judge Turner and I started that about four or five years ago. We were just kind of a little frustrated with seeing all of these young people come to the court, typically in their late teens or early 20s, with criminal charges. And they're not necessarily bad people, but they've made very poor choices.

"And everybody makes mistakes, of course, when you're growing up. That's just part of being human. But, quite often, those mistakes that they're making at 19, 20, 21 years of age are life-changing mistakes," he said. "So we're just talking to the high school students about some of those common mistakes that we see young people make, that are mistakes that are difficult to recover from, because typically it creates some criminal justice issues, which means that they may have criminal records. It may mean that they go to the state penitentiary to serve a little time."

He continued, "And even if they don't go to the state penitentiary, if you get convicted and you have a felony on your record, that makes life very difficult going forward, because it impacts your ability to gain employment. That's one of the typical questions on a job application: 'Have you ever been convicted of a felony?' When you mark 'yes, I have,' then quite often that application is not going to be looked upon favorably by your prospective employer."

Turner said, "I think probably the biggest goal that I can think of, the reason we do it, is to let kids stop and think before they make some of their choices, because their choices can have such life-altering impacts. And if they can see what some of the consequences are for some of those actions and some of those decisions, it can give them a little pause and make them think, 'Let me think about this for just a second,' and hopefully create a little impulse control in a teenage brain that's hard to do sometimes."

What are the situations that commonly bring young people into your courtroom?

Said Nicholas, "Making impulsive choices, typically. But the number one reason, and I tell the young people this, and I ask them, and most of the time somebody raises their hand and gets it, about 85 or 90 percent of the court cases that we see are involved either directly or indirectly with some sort of drug usage.

"And what I like to do when I speak to the students is I tell them stories, I change the names, typically, because some of the people we deal with are going to be friends or related to some of the students that we see, but I'll tell them those stories, and I think that makes it a little bit easier for them to understand it. I can get up and tell them what is legal and what's illegal, but when you tell a story, I think that just makes it a little bit more real to the students. So I typically do that."

The judges confront the myths of immortality and invincibility that young people often buy into, letting them know, "Yes, it can happen to me."

Beyond drug-related crimes and life conditions, they venture into both the ethical and legal implications of many common present-day youth issues, including:

- Cyberbullying - using social media or other electronic means to harass another person
- Sexting - sending, receiving or forwarding sexually explicit photographs or messages
- "Revenge porn" - posting pornographic images of ex-girlfriends/boyfriends in order to humiliate them, which is a crime in Alabama
- Making terroristic threats, which has happened in two area schools and one production facility in recent years, and twice (by the same perpetrator) this very week. Even as a prank, it's still a crime.
- Texting and other causes of distracted driving
- Responsible use of social media
- The importance of an education

Turner said, "One of my kind of pat sayings is that somebody can take away your money, they can take away your health, but they can't take your education away from you. And that's something you earn, and you carry that with you the rest of your life, and to not forego that opportunity that they have here through the Cullman school systems. You know, we have a great school system, both city and county. And it'd be a shame to lose and waste that when, especially all over the world, there's people that would love to have this opportunity."

Continued Turner, "And so I stress, whether they want to go to college or not, it's going to take more than just a high school education for them to be successful and have a chance at a good job in today's world. And whether that be a four-year degree, or whether it be a two-year technical degree, it's going to take a little more than just a high school education. And this foundation that they lay in high school, though, sets them up for success later on."

Turner commended the administrations of both the county and city school systems, along with each high school's principal, for their openness to the judges' program. He noted that presentations have always produced good feedback and invitations to return.

The photograph

Nicholas shared about the disturbing picture in his desk drawer:

"I typically tell (students) about the picture I keep in my desk here at the courthouse of a newborn baby that's just a few hours old, and you can see the tubes that are attached to that baby's body, and you can see the intestines on the outside of the baby's stomach. And I tell them I keep it there because that reminds me just how powerful drug usage is.

"This child's mother was in my courtroom on a chemical endangerment charge, and she was 19 or 20 years of age at the time. And this child was born, the doctors say, with five different types of drugs in her body. In fact, she was born addicted to drugs, so that her little body was just shaking because she was coming off of the drug addiction. She was having withdrawal symptoms. The doctors did a great job of repairing the physical problems that you can see, but there may be some developmental problems as that child grows up, that we may not know about for years and years.

"Anyway, I tell the students the story about this little girl's mother, and about how she started out just using a little marijuana, she said, when she was, I think she was 13 or 14. And then pretty soon, that wasn't doing the trick for her, so she started using pills she was getting, I think, out of her grandparents' cabinet when she would go over there. And then, by the time she was 16 or 17, she was using meth.

"And I explain to them, kind of, that pharmacology about how drugs work, and about the dopamine and the chemicals and go into some detail about that just so they'll kind of understand that, and how you're always kind of chasing your next high because you build up a tolerance for the drugs. And the drugs you were using that made you feel so good, don't make you feel so good if you use the same amount or the same kind.

"So I talk about that, and the point I make with that is that a mother's love should be the most powerful thing on the planet, but, unfortunately it isn't, because the mother of this child, who was in my courtroom pleading guilty to that chemical endangerment charge appeared to be truly remorseful. She was crying at the bench, talking about how much she loved her baby. But drugs are so powerful that love wasn't enough."

The final word

Shared Turner, "Greg and I both do appreciate the school system being so willing to allow us to monopolize some time at each school, to just share a couple of hours with them and share this message, because--it's a tired saying, but it is true--if we can make a difference in one young person's life, it's worth doing, because I get tired of seeing kids make stupid mistakes when they should know better or think a little bit. And luckily, most of the time, the decisions they make are not something that we can't handle, and we can hopefully rectify. But sometimes, they're not. They do make a fateful decision that can have just life-altering impacts on them. We're trying to avoid those, as much as possible."

The judge concluded, "I have a whole lot of enthusiasm and a positive feeling for the future of Cullman because we do have bright kids, and a lot of them just need an opportunity and a little direction. And, hopefully, we're trying to give that to them."

If you know someone who needs help

Teachers and school counselors are increasingly receiving training in how to deal with a range of problems students may face, as well as knowledge of available resources for help beyond their own skills. If you are a student who needs help, whether you've made a bad choice and need to fix it before things get worse, or you're the victim of someone else's bad choice, find an adult you trust and talk to them.

For students or parents of students who may be suffering from depression or other mental health issues, or who may be drug-dependent, good starting points for help include:

- WellStone Behavioral Health - mental health and drug dependency recovery, www.wellstone.com, general information 256-734-4688, access to care line 256-255-1020
- The Bridge - group drug dependency recovery program specifically for teens, https://bridgeinc.org/programs/?id=2, 256-775-8301











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 Laci Dellaccio Schuman, cook, visionary and founder of Southern Eats - Meals to Go

REAL. AUTHENTIC. ORIGINAL. FUN. DELIGHTFUL. The same words used to describe the scrumptious, made-from-scratch dishes from Southern Eats - Meals to Go, also describe the go-go owner/cook, Laci Dellaccio Schuman. Laci started Southern Eats three-and-a half years ago with her foodie friend, Stephanie Jowers, "whom I'm forever grateful to for our business beginnings."

Both of these busy moms had the knowledge that everyone wants to feed their family better though it's impossible to make good, home-cooked meals with today's frantic schedules.

"Early on in Southern Eats history, Stephanie and I would meet friends in our church parking lot with tastings of my mother-in-law's very special strawberry pretzel salad and Baba's Chicken Salad, a prized recipe from my mom, Baba." (Note: Laci's maiden name is the proudly Italian, Dellaccio; her mom is Baba, and Baba's mom was Vida. After a tasty, Southern Eats - Meals to Go snack and a couple of glasses of Italian wine, I'm sounding like Lucy Riccardo and Vitametavegamin—"BabaVidaMama-Dellaccio.")

Fast forward to the holidays, 2018 and Cullman now has two Southern Eats - Meals to Go options. The original shop at 221 Second Ave. SE and now at Mae's Food Hall in the Warehouse District. Laci enthusiastically added, "I definitely have visions of more locations for Southern Eats."

It's REAL and REALLY GOOD. I tell her that I could imagine Southern Eats multiplying like Zoe's Kitchen—FRESH. TASTY. REAL FOOD.

Southern Eats - Meals to Go would be a tempting, created-in-Cullman dish for investors and franchise operators.

As for the venture at Mae's, Laci said, "I've been a big supporter of Mae's Food Hall from the beginning. It's a neat environment.

"Bring the kids to play free arcade games, let family members choose what they want to eat, and the grown-ups can have a beer, a glass of wine or a cocktail. I firmly believe if you come to Mae's and have a $6 bowl of one of my real, homemade soups, you will be back for more!"

Here are 10, tasty nuggets from TASTEMAKER, Laci Schuman

1. HEY BATTER, BATTER, BATTER—this Vestavia Hills softball star chose Auburn University over playing college sports

2. CULLMAN-GROWN STRAWBERRIES—THE BEST, and a shout-out to Graveman Farms: "I love selecting from all the Cullman County farmers' bounty at the Festhalle."

3. BACON BALLS—yep, it's a Southern Eats thing for Holiday 2018 parties; also, sausage balls, pigs-n-blanket, assorted pinwheels, hot and cold dips and more

4. YOUR ENTIRE CHRISTMAS DINNER—Southern Eats "slays the holidays" with whole beef tenderloins, pork tenderloins, applewood smoked hams; also, an array of casseroles and side dishes



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Laci Dellaccio Schuman in her store, Southern Eats - Meals to Go

5. MADE-FROM-SCRATCH CHICKEN SALAD—not just glopped out of a jar or can; Southern Eats Chicken Salad has a devoted, in-the-know Cullman following because they use boneless/skinless chicken breasts, seasoned and cooked in-house. REAL. AUTHENTIC. DELIGHTFUL.

6. FIRECRACKERS—the Southern Eats bowl game snack you want with an ice cold, GOAT ISLAND BEER

7. THE AMAZING SCHUMAN TASTE TEAM—husband, Justin, and daughters Bailey Grant (15) and Logan Harris (11)

8. EATING HER WAY THROUGH ITALY—Laci's "bucket list" food adventure

9. U2, DAVE MATTHEWS, JOHNNYSWIM and IMAGINE DRAGONS—her kitchen playlist; "The U2 Achtung Baby Tour was my first concert and if I could cook for any three people in history, it would be my grandmother, Vida Blackwell; my grandfather, Joe Dellaccio, a WWII POW; and U2 singer, Bono. The first two for their love and storytelling; and, Bono because it would be supercool to break bread with that rock star guy."

10. SLEEP GREAT. DREAM GREATER—the motto of this foodie mom-on-the-move

Find out more at www.facebook.com/southerneatscullman.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 1 - 3

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.

Funeral Service for James Edward Gilley, age 73 of Logan, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rickey Newell officiating; interment at Logan Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gilley passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital. He was born October 18, 1945 to Jasper and Lessia Gilley. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ann Conrad; and brothers, Lavon and Houston Gilley. Survivors include his wife, Vernile Gilley; son, Jimmy (Sue) Gilley; son, David (Donna) Gilley; daughter, Theresa (Allen) Newell; son, Steven Gilley; grandchildren, Chris Gilley, Taylor Gilley, Greycee Gilley, and Nathan Newell; great-grandchildren, Emma Grace Rauch, Jaxon Fulmer, and Kara Newell; brothers, Don and Larry Gilley; and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Catherline "Cathy" Campbell, 79, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, formerly of Double Springs, Alabama, entered into rest on November 24, 2018 at Treasure Coast Hospice House in Stuart, Florida. Mrs. Campbell was born on January 25, 1939, in Double Springs, Alabama. She attended Winston County High School in Double Springs, Alabama. Cathy was a member of Dania First Baptist Church in Dania Beach, Florida for more than 10 years, where she taught Sunday school. She was a realtor for many years and retired from the United States Postal Service after 26 years. Cathy enjoyed crocheting, and solving crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Catherline was known as "Cathy" or "Cat" to her friends and family. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, Alabama, where services will be held at 12 p.m. Brother Gary Wakefield will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. Cathy is survived by her son, Perry Donald Tate and his wife Renee; daughter, Kathy Farmer Mehal and her husband Michael; step daughter, Barbara Campbell; and daughter in law, Gale Tate. She was "Grandma" to 8 grandchildren, Derek Tate, Jamie Tate (Daniel) Meyer, Jason (Becky) Tate, Caitlyn Tate, Maegan Cooley, Myles (Izzy) Cooley, JR (Sydnee) Dillard, Sheena Dillard (Blake) Edwards; and 7 great grandchildren, Kiersten Tate, Mason Green, Kaylee Edwards, Aaliyah Edwards, Jazmyn Dillard, Jaylee Dillard, and Aria Anna Rose Meyer. She was preceded in death by her husband, JC Campbell; son, Thomas Wayne Tate; parents, James and Reba Idell Cooper; and sister, Merlene Cooper Hood.

Kenneth Helton, of West Point Community, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Kenneth was the owner of Helton TV Sales and Service in West Point. He started working on TVs when he was just a teenager. He spent several years as an amateur radio operator. He was an avid pilot, enjoyed being outdoors and loved all animals. He was preceded in death by his parents: Clevous and Irene Helton. He is survived by his wife, Joann Braswell Helton, daughter, Allyson (Steve) Parker, sisters: Marlene McCravy and Ivodean (Harvey) Spell and a host of other family and friends. The Celebration of Life Service will be on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 2 p.m. at West Point First Baptist church with Pastor Steve Brown officiating. His visitation will begin at 12 p.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery.

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.

Funeral Service for James Lynch Vandiver, age 76 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Cullman with Ben Hale officiating; interment at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Vandiver passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at his residence. He was born June 5, 1942 to John and Elizabeth Vandiver. He is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Sally Mize. Survivors include his wife, Glynda Vandiver; son, John Mark Vandiver; daughter, Beki Vandiver Thomas; grandchildren, John Reed Vandiver, Jayden Thomas, Asher Thomas; sister, Betty Lindstrom; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Emil L. Godeke, 90, of Cullman are Monday, December 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Cullman, Pastor Todd Henderson officiating, with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Godeke passed away on Friday, November 30, 2018. Born one of thirteen children on his family's farm on August 24, 1928 to William and Margaret Godeke in Elberfeld, Indiana. He moved to Cullman in 1967 with Bendix Westinghouse, later Americold, where he retired. He was active in the Wesley Sunday School Class at the First United Methodist Church in Cullman. He loved gardening, where he loved sharing the fruits of his labor with friends and family and he and Marie did a lot of canning together. You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy. He was well known for his bird houses, feeders and wood working crafts. He was an avid fisherman, be it in a boat or sitting on the bank of a pond. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie Anna Godeke; granddaughter, Brandi Marie Walker; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Peak Godeke; sisters, Mildred Godeke Hahn, Mabel Godeke Blythe, Elsie Godeke Foerster, Wilma Godeke Drilling, Edna Godeke Kuhlenschmidt and Evelyn Godeke Rettinger and brother, Carl Godeke. He is survived by his sons, Ken (Robbie) Godeke of Evansville, Indiana and Randy Godeke of Jasper; daughter, Sharon (Pell) Walker of Fairhope; grandchildren, Caitlin Cassidy, Jamey Wood, Amy Rigsby, Pellum Walker, Sean Walker and Alex Walker; seven great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; sisters, Doris Godeke Young of Evansville, Indiana, Dorothy Godeke Menke of Elberfeld, Indiana and Marian Godeke Miller of Indianapolis, Indiana and brothers, Ray Godeke of Elberfeld, Indiana and Harold Godeke of Evansville, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Mr. Godeke to First United Methodist of Cullman at 320 3rd Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

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Funny things from yesterday: Oh, no, they went too far

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



About 14 years ago I had what could have been a serious health problem if things were not handled with special care and promptly. I had the start of prostate cancer.

After much discussion with different doctors and all the different treatments and advice from friends, I decided to have the prostate removed. I must have made the right decision, for I am still around. I went to Birmingham to have robotic surgery. That was also a good choice.

On the day of my surgery most of my family was there: wife, son and daughter, in-laws, brother, and I don't know who else may have been there. But all pulled me through.

After the surgery, the person at the desk in the recovery room area called for the Tidwell family to go to room 8. So, all went to room 8. They were surprised to see an elderly lady in the bed. Our sweet daughter-in-law, Glenda, who can think of something funny to say on the spur of the moment, said, "Oh, no. They have gone too far." Glenda thought she would have two mothers-in- law. One natural and the other one man-made.

When they found the right room and told me what had happened, I was sure glad that I wasn't the person in room 8. We all had a good laugh over this.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1955

The way was cleared for proceeding with the plans for the new addition to the Cullman Hospital, on Friday, when Judge N.J. Powell declared bonds proposed by the county government to be valid.

In the county, funds for its share of the cost of the addition is $119,000. The $21,000 yet needed will be secured by issuing bonds in that amount. Judge Powell ruled these bonds are legal and valid.

The city has also appropriated its share of the cost. The remainder of the funds are to be secured from the United States government under the Hill-Burton Act. The annex will cost $750,000.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company filed a $5,000,000 damage suit this week against the Communications Workers of America CIO, charging the union with a pattern of violence, during the recent strike, designed to destroy telephone facilities and interfere with communication service to the public in nine states, served by the company.

Although our boys didn't win the North Alabama Championship baseball title last night, they played wonderful ball.

"They didn't give the game away," commented Cullman High Principal Allen Hyatt today.

He was speaking of the game Cullman High played at Leeds last night to determine the North Alabama team, who will meet Sidney Lanier, South Alabama champions, for the state title, later this month.

The Cullman High Bearcats defeated Cotaco, 15 to 9, to become champions of the western division of the Eighth District. Then last Friday, the Bearcats won over DeKalb, 6 to 0, to wrap up the Eighth District title.

In the games yesterday at Leeds, to determine the North Alabama champions, Cullman defeated Woodlawn, 4 to 2 in the game at 1:00 p.m. Anniston defeated Sheffield in the 3:00 p.m. game. Then Cullman was nosed out 5 to 3 by Anniston in the final game on Wednesday night.

In the game with Woodlawn, the score was tied, 2 to 2, when Ralph Blalock hit a home run, which brought in a couple of scores.

DeLane Hulsey pitched all of the afternoon game and part of the game with Anniston.

Several scouts from Kansas City, New York and Philadelphia attended the games.

Cullman's team includes: DeLane Hulsey, pitcher; Van McElroy, pitcher; Ralph Blalock, center; Brownie West, pitcher and shortstop; Asa Brandon, center and right field; Jack Doss, first base; Jimmy Knight, second base; Billy Ray Johnson, third base; Jimmie Hudson, left field; Joe Miller, center field; Frank Duke, right field and Dale Cook and Darrell Owen, substitutes.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

That season has arrived once again

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Well, it is that time of year once again and the season has officially begun. I know that much of the male portion of our population is simply beside themselves with excitement. No, I'm not talking about football season. About all that is left of that are the conference championships, bowl games and playoffs. After that we will have to suffer until next September.

Although deer hunting season recently opened, I am not referring to that either. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday now behind us, the Christmas shopping season is now officially open.

Yes, I know that Wal-Mart had Christmas trees out on the fifth of July, but the shopping season does not officially begin until after Thanksgiving.

Like many of my male cohorts, I could have waited a few more weeks to do my shopping, but my daughter would not allow that.

I did something last week that I don't think I've ever done. I went shopping on Thanksgiving evening.

I didn't even wait on Black Friday, I went on gray Thursday. I didn't necessarily want to do it, but I did it for a good cause.

I wasn't Christmas shopping. In fact, I really didn't do any shopping at all.

I stood in line for an hour with my son-in-law, Justin, and my grandson, Drew.

We did it because my daughter begged us. One of the local shoe stores opened their doors at 6:00 Thanksgiving evening.

To entice shoppers they advertised ten dollar gift certificates for the first one-hundred shoppers through their doors.

They also said four of those one-hundred shoppers would receive a gift card worth one- hundred dollars.

Ashley needed a new pair of shoes for work, which happened to cost right at one-hundred dollars.

She and her mother had planned to go shop for something else, so she shamed us, I mean asked us, if we would go to the shoe store.

I adamantly said, "I am not going down there and stand in line for an hour on Thanksgiving evening, stuffed so full of turkey, dressing, and cranberry that I can hardly stand up period, for ten bucks."

She said, "You might win the hundred dollar one." I said, "No, I'm not going!"

We got there early enough to be in the first one hundred. In fact, we were in the first thirty.

They handed the three of us each a coupon booklet as we went in.

I didn't even see a ten dollar coupon. I saw a plastic card taped in mine, but it didn't have any amount written on it. I asked Justin if his card had anything on it.

He laughed as he said, "Man, you've got the hundred dollar card!" I've never won much of anything in my life, but I have now won one-hundred dollars' worth of shoes.

Well, before I got too carried away, I remembered that I went to try to win for Ashley. Like any good father would do, I bought myself a pair of shoes that I knew she would love! I'm kidding, I'm kidding, but I did have some fun with her.

I took the gift card out and handed her the coupon book. I said, "Here's your ten dollar coupon." She looked a little disappointed but thanked us for going.

Then I said, "And here is your one-hundred dollar gift card." That's one way to get some really big hugs from your grown daughter.

Christmas is the season when we do things for others that we might not do ordinarily. We do it because of love. That's why He did what he did for us.

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Poet's Corner

November Night

By: Adelaide Crapsy

Listen...

With faint dry sound

Like steps of passing ghosts,

The leaves, frost-crisp'd,

break from the trees

And fall.

Oh Lady, Let the Sad Tears Fall

By: Adelaide Crapsy

Oh Lady, let the sad tears fall

To speak thy pain,

Gently as through the silver dusk

The silver rain.

Oh, let thy bosom breathe its grief

In such soft sigh

As hath the wind in gardens where

Pale roses die.

Submitted by: Randy C. Hale

(This young poet died at a young age of 36, 1878-1914, from tuberculosis. Her 100 poems were published posthumously.)



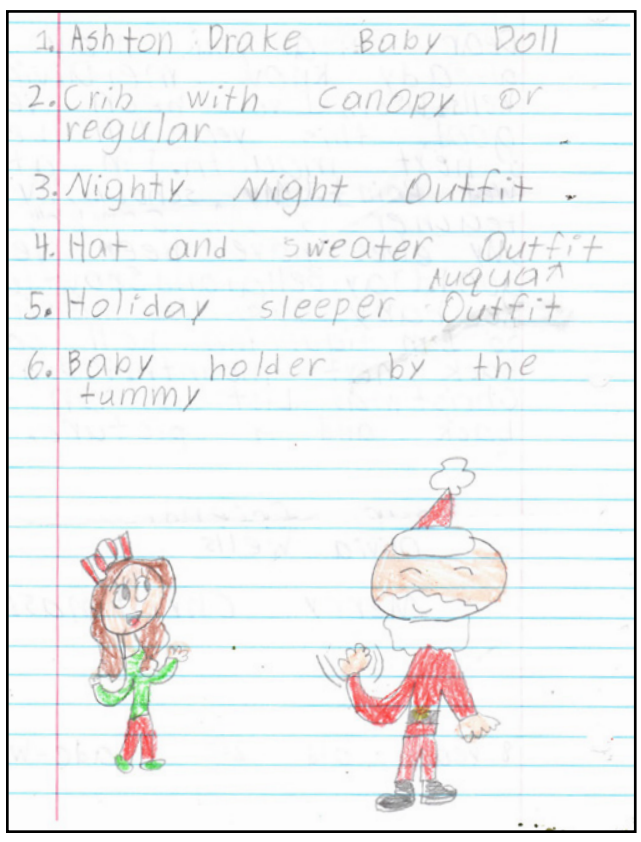
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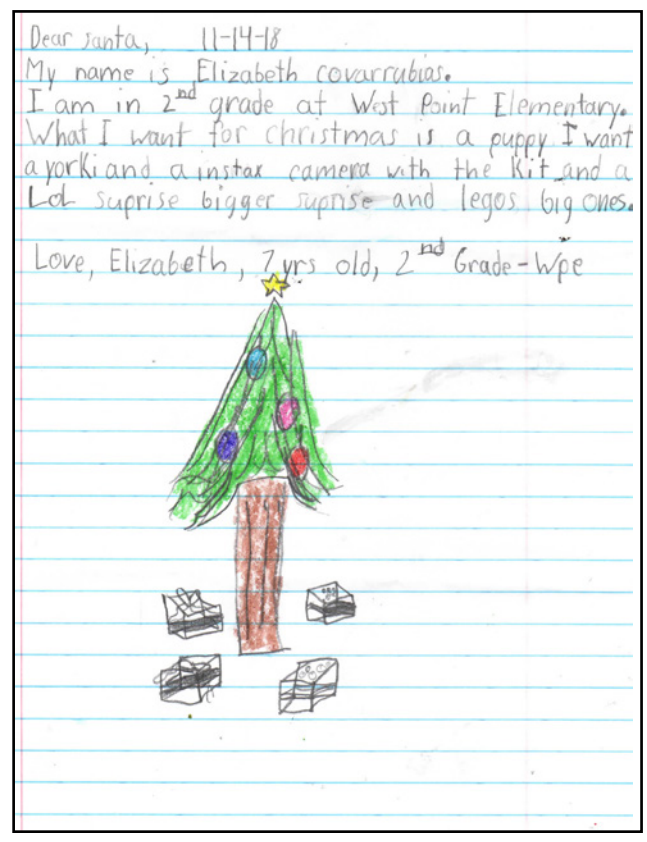
On November 5th, 2018, the City of Cullman approved to vacant and surplus 3.97 acres, more or less, of property, which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, located at County Road 473, Cullman, AL 35057 (PPIN: 9443 and PARCEL#17-04-19-0-000-010.000), more particularly described as: All 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.

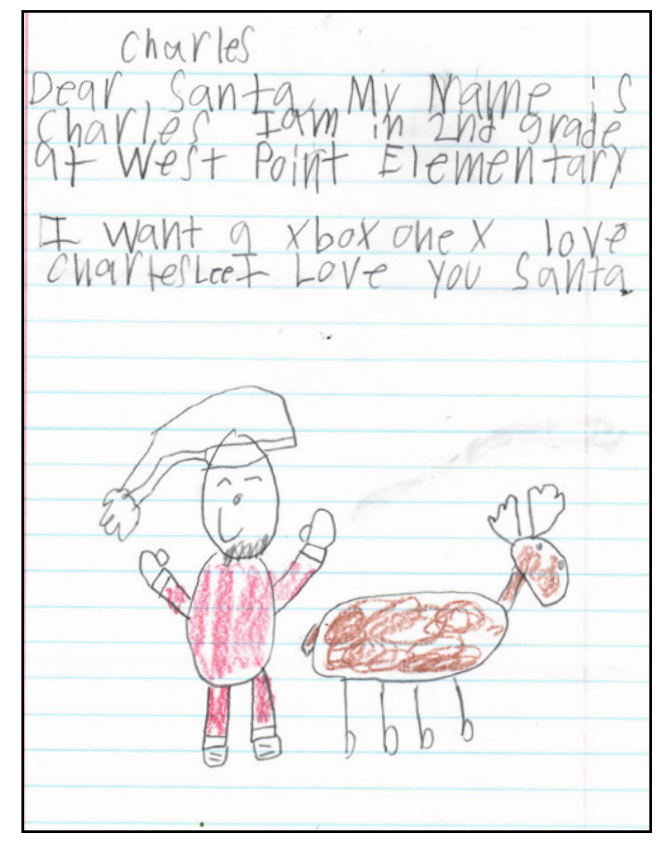
THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
DECEMBER 1, 2018

Letters to Santa

Mrs. Campbell's 2nd grade, West Point Elementary







West Point (from Front)

a check for $40,000 to help with the cost of the new turn lane.

Parker said, "They first came to us in about 2014 or 2015. This lane was much needed and it's a joy to see our communities grow."

A happy Kilgo smiled, "We've spent three years working on getting this turn lane. With all the trees there before, you couldn't see to make turns.

"Now, it's much safer. A lot of people go through that intersection- lots of school buses, lots of teen drivers and so many others. This is so much safer and better.

"Back 10 years ago when Jack's was coming in, we were told 15,000 vehicles a day passed through so I'm sure it's more now. We had good support from the (Cullman County) Commission, the ID Board, (and) ADECA (the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) paid for about half of this."

Cullman County Commissioner Gary Marchman added, "It really helps on traffic. The local contractor, T&K Construction, helped by working with us on many of the details.

"We have also noticed that the store is attracting lots of the out of town traffic that passes through here each day."

Kilgo explained, "The way this thing works in Cullman County, when we open something like this, the way we tax share between the municipalities and the County Commission, any new tax monies- we all share it. Everyone in Cullman County benefits."

Black opened the new Dale's Market two-and-a-half weeks ago and was excited to report, "Business has exceeded expectations. We are enjoying getting to know everyone. (The year) 2000 was when we first started looking at purchasing this land. Me and my mother, when she was still alive, wanted to open a store in West Point. My mom was Betty Pitts.

"My momma had breast cancer and passed away before we could get it done. My son's birthday is today. He's 14 and we chose 11:30 this morning because he was born at 11:30 a.m. on 11-30!"

Black thanked Pepsi, Merchants Bank, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Kilgo, 31 Construction, T&K Construction and everyone who came out to celebrate Friday morning. Pepsi gave an ATV to be raffled and the store's wholesaler donated a bicycle. Hunt Bros.

Pizza and J. Walken Chicken had raffle prizes and provided free lunch to customers.

Dale's Market is open Monday-Saturday from 4 a.m.- midnight and Sunday's from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

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