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FAITH

'What Christmas is really about'

Don and Lynelle Wilbanks say their light display, in its 43rd year, is 'a visual representation of the extraordinary birth of Jesus'



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Photo caption: For 43 years, Don and Lynelle Wilbanks have created a beautiful Christmas light display as a gift for the community. The display features a large star shining down from 75 feet up (left) onto the creek below. Nearby are Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus.

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview Elementary School's second-grade class performed its Christmas program, "Christmas Shoes," on Tuesday, collecting almost 500 pairs of shoes for those in need.

Fairview students use Christmas program to give back to community

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FAIRVIEW – Fairview Elementary School second graders on Tuesday performed their "Christmas Shoes" music program in the afternoon for students, faculty and staff and again Tuesday evening for family and friends.

Music teacher Robert Strane said he began working on this year's program last spring and wanted it to focus on the spirit of giving. Prior to the program, the Fairview Elementary student body participated in a house challenge to collect new and slightly used shoes for those in need. The students collected just shy of 500 pairs of shoes and learned at Tuesday's assembly that the "white" house (Integrity) came out on top.

The second graders performed a selection of Christmas favorites and Strane joined in to perform the title song, "Christmas Shoes," which delivered a poignant message of giving to others, especially during the holidays.

Soloist Kynslee Jones said after the program Tuesday morning, "I was shaking! I practiced a lot at home. Tonight's performance will be easier when my mom and dad are here, but I'm probably still going to shake."

Houston Gardner, who played guitar and sang "Away in the Manger," said, "I was scared at first, but I finally faced my fears. My friend, Hunter Bailey, told me to just go up there and have fun. So I did!"

Strane was incredibly proud of his students, saying, "We started rehearsing for the program when school started. The kids have done a great job. I want to make them love music, and this group has so much talent."

Fairview Elementary School Assistant Principal Caleb Elrod and Strane have made plans to donate the shoes collected by the students. This Saturday, Dec. 8 from 8 a.m.-noon in the school's old lunchroom, the shoes will be given away to those in the community who are in need. Shoes that aren't given away Saturday will be donated to a local charity.

Second-grader Aiden Jones brought in 50 pairs of shoes, many of which were shoes he and his older sister had outgrown or not worn. He also brought some from his mom and dad.

Said Aiden Jones, "It is important to help people who might not have the money to buy shoes."

To see a video of Tuesday morning's performance, go to www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/1218840668266423/.

Cullman County Schools students reaching out to help kids in need

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CULLMAN COUNTY – "Kids Loving Kids" (KLK) a charity program that gives young people the opportunity to help out peers in need, has needs of its own this Christmas season. With plans to assist 500 families in Cullman, Walker and Winston Counties this year, the program has found itself way behind on donations. In spite of high numbers of students from low-income homes, several county schools have decided to take part and help out. Harmony, Holly Pond High, Vinemont Middle, Vinemont High and the Cullman Area Technology Academy (Career Center) are all collection points for the ministry.

Harmony Principal Kevin Sullins said, "They may not have much, but they have a heart to give what they do have."

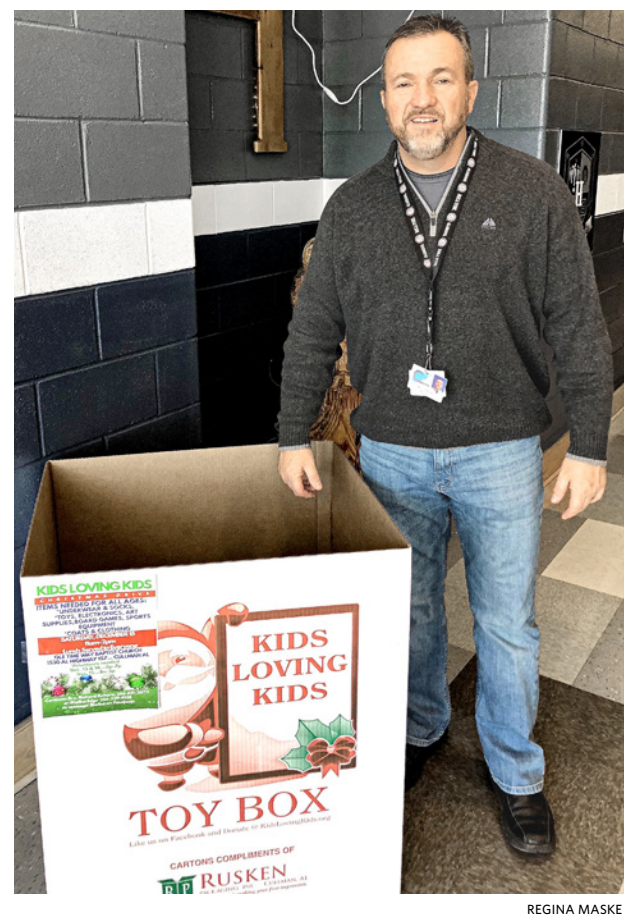
KLK representative Gina Maske responded, "See, this story is especially impressive since 70 percent of students at Harmony are below the poverty level! Yes, and they too want to give love back! An entire school! And these kids have heart-breaking stories themselves, but love isn't stopping them!"

In a message to The Tribune, Maske wrote that "KLK is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that encourages kids and teens to love and give back to others in need. If we train kids to love by giving at an early age, bullying, suicide, racism and other negative factors in our country will disappear. Love is the Foundation and Giving is an Action of Love! Last year, KLK served over 500 families in the three counties. The needs for this year are even greater so Harmony kids said Yes to Bridging the Gap of Love for those in need!

"The KLK Collection Drive is nearing a crucial holiday deadline for clothes and toy donations, with many of its collection boxes empty with less than two weeks to go.

"Pam Dodd of Arley, the founder of the 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, encourages the community to give items, including new underwear and socks, so children in Cullman county can have a brighter Christmas."

What Kids Loving Kids does



REGINA MASKE

Harmony Principal Kevin Sullins prepares to receive donations for Kids Loving Kids.

According to Maske, "Our focus is to teach kids and teenagers how to love one another by donating at the Christmas season, going through their own personal items that they have at home. KLK started in 2010 and the drive itself started in 2011 with only three volunteers who served around 30 families. About 500 children were served in Cullman, Winston and Walker counties by the charity last year. That number alone has us nervous as we have been finding that boxes are mostly emp-

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Happy 100th birthday!



SARA MCKOY

Dorothy Carroll Henderson celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 2 with family and friends at Woodland Center, Cullman. Pictured seated with Mrs. Henderson (left) is Sharon Bates, Daphne, AL, granddaughter; standing are: Galt Bates, Dallas, TX, great grandson; Penny Henderson Burkett, Cullman, daughter; John Bates, Columbia, SC, grandson.

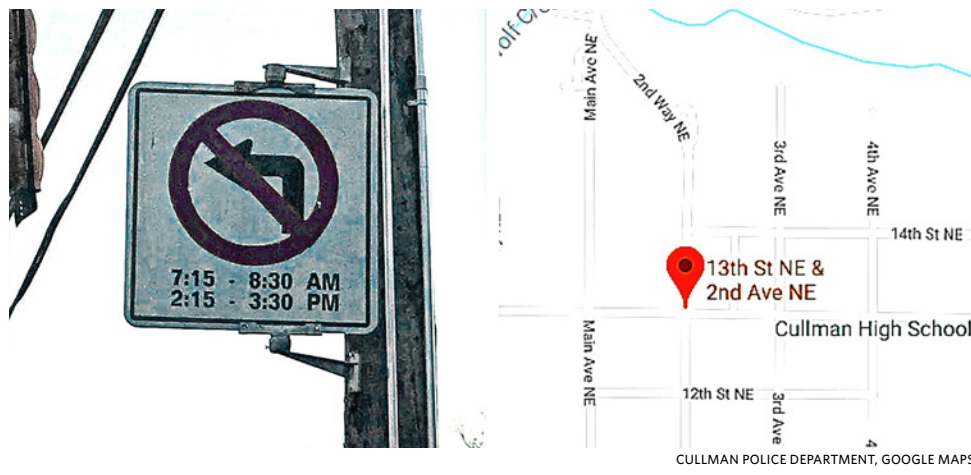
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TRAFFIC ALERT

CPD: No left turns onto 13th St. NE from 2nd Ave NE before and after school

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, GOOGLE MAPS

A sign on Second Avenue Northeast informs motorists that left turns onto 13th Street Northeast from Second Avenue Northeast are prohibited before and after school.

CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department is reminding drivers that during certain times before and after school hours, left turns onto 13th Street Northeast from Second Avenue Northeast are prohibited. This restriction was put into place in November, when traffic flow patterns around Cullman High, Middle and Primary Schools were adjusted due to the closure of Eva Road between Forrest Avenue Northeast and Scenic Drive Northeast. The restriction could be in place for up to 10 months.

Officers with the CPD say that some motorists have continued to turn left onto 13th Street from Second Avenue, in spite of the restriction and a sign noting left turns are prohibited there from 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 2:15-3:30 p.m. on school days.

They say that due to traffic at these times, a person turning left backs up traffic down Second Avenue, with often only one vehicle making it through the green light per cycle.

Citations could be issued to motorists who disregard the rule.

Below are the traffic flow patterns put into place in November:

Cullman High School and Cullman Primary School

- Traffic coming from the south will be unaffected and may proceed as usual.
- Drivers coming from Hwy. 157 who usually take Eva Rd. should proceed to Childhaven Rd.
- At the fork in Childhaven Rd. at the bottom of the hill past Mitchell Rd. NE and Orphans Home Rd. NE, proceed right onto Main Ave.
- From Main Ave., turn left onto 13th St. and proceed to schools.
- If you take the left fork onto 2nd Way NE (which turns into 2nd Ave. NE), left turns from that street onto 13th St. will not be permitted during drop-off or pick-up time. In order to turn left onto 13th St., you must take Main Ave.

Cullman Middle School

- Traffic coming from the south will be unaffected, and may proceed as usual
- Drivers coming from Hwy 157 who usually take Eva Rd. should proceed to Childhaven Rd.
- At the fork in Childhaven Rd. at the bottom of the hill past Mitchell Rd. NE and Orphans Home Rd. NE, proceed left onto 2nd Way, which becomes 2nd Ave. NE
- When you reach CMS, depending on your drop-off or pick-up point, continue on 2nd Ave. NE or turn left onto 9th St. NE over to 4th Ave. NE.

COMMUNITY NOTE

News from the Cullman County Bosom Buddies

Judy Grissom
Contributor

Celebration Dinner

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc., with the support with the support of local sponsors, recently invited survivors and guests to a Celebration Dinner at Stone Bridge Farms. We thank everyone who supported the evening.

We would like to give a huge thanks to Cullman County Sheriff Mat Gentry for being the keynote speaker. A special thanks to The Revelations for providing the entertainment.

We all had a great evening. Now we are starting plans for next year's event.

Bill Smith Buick-GMC donation

Bill Smith Buick-GMC held a Test Drive Fundraiser in the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. General Manager Andy Cole and his team donated $25 for each test drive to the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc.

Andy recently presented CCBBF Board Member Judy Grissom a check for $1,800. We are truly grateful for this generous donation.

These funds will be used to assist cancer patients, who are in active treatment, with basic living expenses, such as food cards, gas cards, utilities and other approved needs. The Foundation Board wishes to thank Andy and everyone at Bill Smith Buick-GMC for this generous donation and their continued support.

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation is a 501(c3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide financial assistance to Cullman area cancer patients who are experiencing financial hardships during their treatments. All donations are used for cancer patients in the Cullman County area.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddiesFoundation/.

Arrests reported on Dec. 4-5

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported on Dec. 4-5, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON TUESDAY, DEC. 4

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday, Dec. 3

Duckett, Morgan A., 24

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Bryan, Jeffrey A., 32

- third-degree forgery (2 counts)
- third-degree possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Martin, Joshua L., 31

- obstructing government operations
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Pendergraft, Jeana M., 49

- FTA- driving without a license (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation

Woods, Barry D., 60

- FTA- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

REPORTED ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Gomer, Michael S., 32

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Klosinksi, Mary E., 29

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Miner, Henry O. III, 38

- third-degree domestic violence

Aaron, Benjamin L., 39

- fourth-degree theft of property
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peters, Samantha P., 26

- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

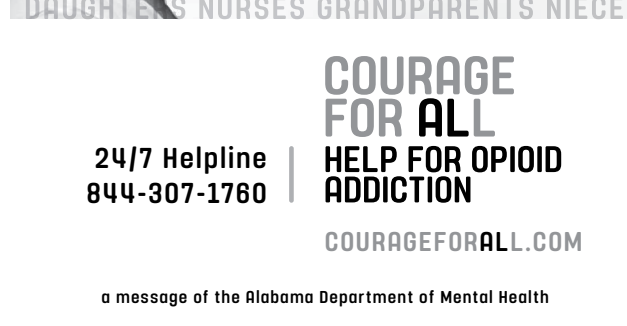
Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

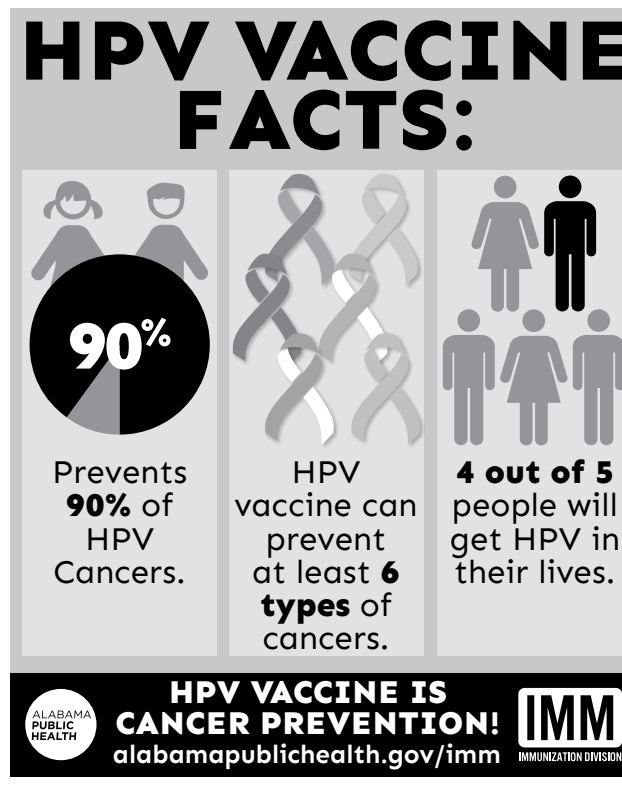
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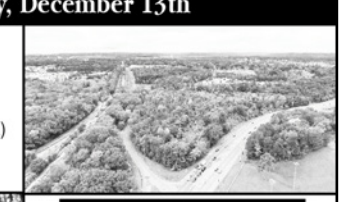
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Holly Pond makes final decision on rumble strips

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HOLLY POND – After months of discussion and modifications, the Holly Pond Town Council on Monday night made a final decision on what to do about rumble strips on Brooklyn Road, voting to keep them in place. The strips, placed on the roadway to help prevent speeding, have been a community concern since July, when nearby residents began complaining about the noise.

In August, the council voted to remove the strips altogether, but did not do so immediately because a replacement solution was needed. Since then, the strips have been modified, with residents reportedly satisfied with the changes. The strips are now more like speed "humps" that don't make noise when driven over.

Holly Pond Mayor Bill Oliver played the council two videos, one of a car driving over the side of the road without strips and then one of another car passing over the side with the strips, showing there is no difference in how the passing cars sounded.

Holly Pond High School student, Leah Tarvin, accompanied by her mother, gave spoke in favor of the rumble strips Monday night.

Tarvin, who was in a car accident on the same stretch of roadway before the strips were placed, shared, "I would rather be annoyed by the sound of the speed bumps than hearing of another wreck."

"We're going to decide what to do this time," said Oliver.



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday night voted to leave rumble strips in place on Brooklyn Road.

A final motion was brought to leave the rumble strips as they are.

The vote passed with four votes; two council members abstained as they felt they'd voted on the issue enough.

The council agreed to add signs to caution drivers to slow down on Brooklyn Road.

Baileyton tables bid for new town hall construction

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BAILEYTON – The Town of Baileyton Monday night opened sealed bids for the rental of newly acquired Town property and the construction of the new town hall.

Matt Ryan submitted the high bid of $510 to rent the new property for 12 months. The bid was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Walker Brothers, Ltd. bid $310,000 to build the new town hall, but the council voted to table the bid until negotiations can take place and a breakdown of the bid can be obtained.

The bid was over the $262, 000 amount the Town budgeted for the project.

At November's meeting of the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC), Baileyton was awarded a $7,500 grant to add lights to the walking trail at the town park.

Monday night, the council approved the purchase of lights pending a search for solar lighting options.

Mayor Johnny Dyar invited everyone to the Baileyton Senior Center on Dec. 15 from 5-7 p.m. for the 2018 Baileyton Christmas Celebration.

Smiled Dyar, "The real Santa Claus, the main man, will be there for the kids."

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, a drawing will be held for a giant teddy bear, and toys and goodies for the children will be handed out.

The mayor also encouraged everyone to attend Thursday's Special Needs Rodeo at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, saying, "The main rodeo is good (Friday and Saturday night), but it ain't nothing like Thursday! If you want a real blessing, come to it." (See more at www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/11/22/20th-annual-cullman-county-sheriff-s-rodeo-dec-7-8-special-needs-rodeo-dec-6)

Also coming up, on Friday, Dec. 14 at 9 a.m., the Cullman County Sheriff's Office will be hosting its annual Christmas Dinner for Seniors.

The event will be at the Cullman Civic Center with many door prizes and entertainment.

Councilwoman Myra Martin invited everyone to Mt. Hermon Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.

A 50-member guest choir will perform a Christmas cantata. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

The church is located at 4312 County Road 1570 in Baileyton.

The Parkside Outreach Program, inside of A&D Motors (12756 Alabama Highway 69 N), has established a food bank for the Baileyton-Parkside community.

The program is in need of freezers to help store meat, milk and other perishables.

The Parkside Outreach Program has several areas of assistance available to seniors and needy families.

For more information and eligibility requirements, call 256-683-0715.

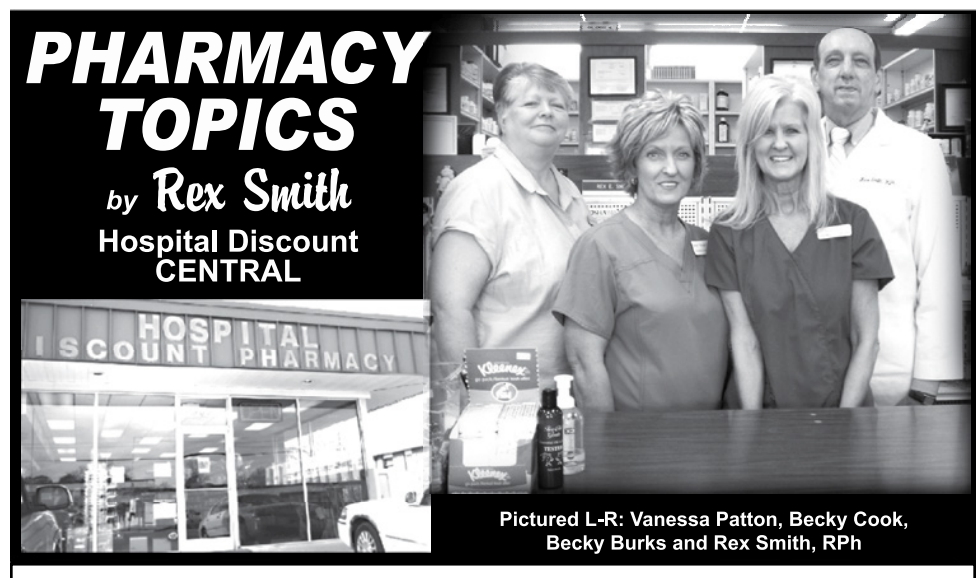

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Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

Pembrolizumab, an antibody drug already used to treat other forms of cancer, can be effective in the treatment of the most common form of mesothelioma, according to a new study published in *The Lancet Oncology*. Malignant pleural mesothelioma is a rare and aggressive cancer that represents about 90 percent of all malignant mesothelioma cases. It is primarily caused by the inhalation of asbestos, a fiber commonly found in some forms of insulation, vinyl floor tiles and other material. Tumors form in the pleura, a thin membrane of cells that line the lungs and chest wall. Most patients survive less than a year. This poor prognosis is partially due to the fact that most patients are not diagnosed until they are already at a late stage of the disease. The standard first-line therapy treatment involves chemotherapy and currently there is no approved second-line therapy.

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Patients with age-related macular degeneration who received seven or more eye injections of the drug bevacizumab annually had a higher risk of having glaucoma surgery, according to a new study published in *JAMA Ophthalmology*.

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A study published in ACS Chemical Neuroscience has found that the drug lorcaserin, prescribed for weight loss, reduced the use and craving for the opioid oxycodone. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of deaths from prescription opiate overdose in America has quadrupled since 1999. High relapse rates and too few people remaining in treatment programs long enough for it to really benefit them continues to pose major challenges in treatment for the misuse of prescription opiates such as oxycodone and illegal opiates such as heroin.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Fairview, Good Hope split Tuesday night matchups

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GOOD HOPE – Fairview and Good Hope faced off in a pair of games Tuesday night and the Lady Aggies used a huge second half to pull away and win it 62-39. On the boys' side, a huge fourth quarter from Good Hope helped propel the Raiders to a 66-48 victory.

Fairview 62 - Good Hope 39 (varsity girls)

Fairview and Good Hope played a tightly contested first quarter, with the Lady Raiders taking a slim 12-11 lead going into the second. Both teams went back-and-forth for a little bit and after a Molly McKelvy layup gave Fairview a 20-19 lead, Good Hope's Desire' Odachowski hit a three and got fouled just before the buzzer sounded. She completed the four-point play at the free-throw line to give the Lady Raiders a 23-20 lead going into the locker room.

The second half was all Fairview as the Lady Aggies outscored Good Hope 42-16 and took advantage of some sloppy turnovers by Good Hope to pull away and win the game 62-39.

Payton Golden scored 21 of her 24 points in the second half for Fairview (7-2), which is now on a six-game winning streak. She also added seven steals in the game.

Morgan Lindsay added nine points and three steals. Katie Ball ended up with seven points, three rebounds and four steals. Daisy Manasco added seven points, six rebounds and a steal.

For Good Hope, Rudi Derrick led the way with 11 points, three steals and a block. Odachowski ended up with 10 points and three steals. Abby Neighbors added nine points, seven rebounds, four steals and a block. The Lady Raiders fall to 1-4 overall.

Good Hope 66 - Fairview 48 (varsity boys)

The first quarter was very low-scoring between both teams, but Fairview was able to take an 11-9 lead into the second period.

Fairview held a 13-9 lead after free throws by Mason Black and Zane Miller, but the Raiders, behind Cole Maddox and Michael Lowe, went on an 8-2 run, with Lowe's three giving them a 17-15 lead.

However, it was the Aggies who finished the quarter strong as they outscored the Raiders 14-4 the rest of the way and went into the half up 29-21.

Both teams went back-and-forth for the majority of the third period, but Cole Maddox scored eight of the final 10 points in the period, including the final four, to pull Good Hope to within one at 39-38.

The fourth quarter was all Good Hope as Matthew Dixon got it started with a three and the Raiders took off from there to outscore the Aggies 28-9 to win the game 66-48.

Cole Maddox finished with 25 points, 13 rebounds and five steals in the game for Good Hope (4-1).

Noah Fendley added 11 points and three steals. Lowe ended up with 11 points, 10 rebounds and a steal. Drew Maddox added eight points, three rebounds and three steals.

Dixon added six points, four rebounds, a pair of steals and a block. Good Hope will travel to Ashville Friday night.

Sawyer Daniel finished with 13 points and five rebounds for Fairview (3-6). Luke Yarbrough also chipped in with 13 points. Fairview will take a road trip to Oneonta Friday night.

Other scores:

- Fairview 53, Good Hope 25 (ninth-grade boys)
- Fairview 33, Good Hope 16 (junior varsity girls)
- Fairview 53, Good Hope 36 (junior varsity boys)

PREP BASKETBALL

Warriors, Lady Warriors come from behind to knock off Cold Springs at home

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WEST POINT – Cold Springs made the trip from Bremen Tuesday night for some hardwood action at West Point and these two squads did not disappoint. The Lady Warriors trailed most of their game against the Lady Eagles until putting together a big fourth quarter to come back and win it 66-58. After them, the Warriors won in similar fashion, coming from behind to defeat Cold Springs 55-51 in overtime.

West Point 55 – Cold Springs 51 (OT) (varsity boys)

Both teams got off to a slow start in this low-scoring matchup but a deep three at the buzzer from Landyn Freeman gave the Eagles a 13-10 lead after one quarter. Cold Springs got a lot of its points driving into the paint and kept the Warriors at arm's length throughout the second quarter, taking a 30-25 lead into the half.

West Point continued to struggle offensively but the Eagles couldn't pull away.

A three-pointer from Whitt Laney cut the Cold Springs lead to 37-36 late in the third quarter and the Warriors trailed by just two at the end of the period.

It wasn't until midway through the fourth quarter that West Point started to shift the momentum of the game.

Kolton Sapp knocked down a three with less than two minutes to play to make it 45-44 Cold Springs, but Logan Rice hit a free throw on the other end to put the Eagles back up by two.

With less than 10 seconds on the clock, Rylan Jones got a layup to go in heavy traffic to tie the game at 46 and send us to overtime.

Once they got it to overtime, the Warriors began to pull away.

Rice hit a three to put the Eagles up 49-48 but Jones answered with a three-point basket of his own to give West Point a 51-49 lead at the 2:00 mark of overtime.

It was the first time West Point led the game since the opening minutes of the first quarter.

Freeman knotted things up at 51 with two free throws but Sapp answered with another layup that put the Warriors on top 53-51 with less than a minute to play.

Cold Springs had one more chance to tie the game when Levi Farley missed a free throw with 13 seconds to play but Jones pulled down the board and knocked down both of his free throws to secure the 55-51 comeback win.

Sapp led all scorers with 20 points finishing ahead of Jones who had 11, but most of Jones' points came in the big moments like the layup to force overtime and the free throws to ice the game. Kobe Bowers was just behind him with nine points.

Freeman led the Eagles with 19 points, followed by Adam Hill who finished with 11.

West Point will be on the road this Friday to take on Muscle Shoals and Cold Springs will travel that night as well to face Cleveland.

West Point 66 – Cold Springs 58 (varsity girls)

The Lady Warriors jumped out to an 11-2 lead in this one, but Cold Springs went on a big run to take a 16-14 lead by the end of the first quarter. Camryn Crider finished with 11 in the opening frame with three baskets from beyond the arc.

The defense from the Lady Eagles in the second quarter made it difficult for West Point to get anything going offensively.

Neither team got many shots to fall before the half, but Cold Springs maintained a 24-19 lead at the break.

Both teams traded three-point shots to start the second half, allowing West Point to hang around and keep the Lady Eagles from pulling away.

The Lady Warriors kept the game within two points or tied for most of the quarter before Miriam Oldacre knocked down a three in the final minute of the period to give West Point a 38-37 going into the fourth quarter.

It was the first lead for the Lady Warriors since the first quarter.

The fourth quarter was all West Point. The Lady Warriors exploded for 28 points in the quarter including three-point shots from Mackenzie Carter, Olivia Ball and Micah Oldacre to put the Lady Eagles away 66-58.

Miriam Oldacre and Carter finished with 22 and 21 points respectively in the win for West Point while Elizabeth Hill led the way for Cold Springs, finishing with 18 points.

Crider finished just behind her with 15. The Lady Warriors and Lady Eagles will both be back in action on the road Friday night. West Point will travel to Muscle Shoals and Cold Springs will travel to Cleveland.

Other Tuesday night scores

- Cullman 59 – Haleyville 30 (varsity girls)
- Hanceville 60 – Vinemont 17 (varsity girls)
- Holly Pond 53 – Randolph 12 (varsity girls)
- Falkville 61 – St. Bernard 21 (varsity girls)
- Cullman 63 – Haleyville 55 (varsity boys)
- Hanceville 68 – Vinemont 30 (varsity boys)
- Holly Pond 68 – Randolph 67 OT (varsity boys)
- St. Bernard 60 – Falkville 53 (varsity boys)



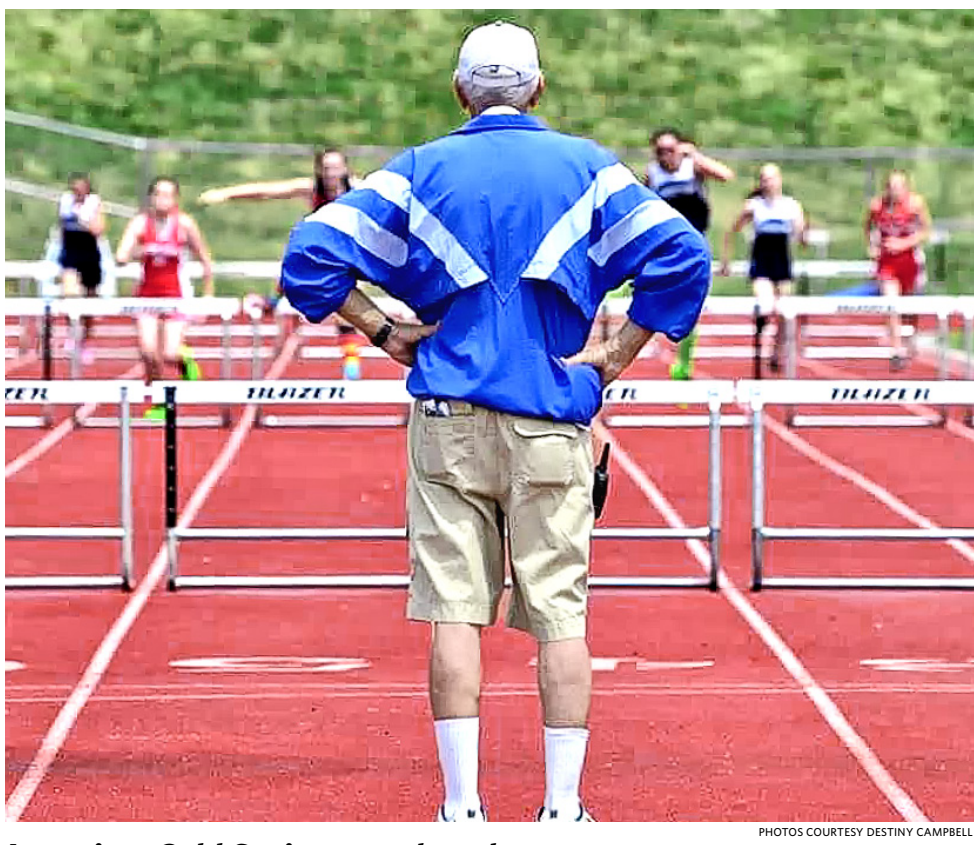












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Longtime Cold Springs track and cross country coach Clay Campbell will be inducted into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame in March 2019.

SPORTS COLUMN

My granddaddy, my coach

Longtime Cold Springs coach Clay Campbell to be inducted into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame

Destiny Campbell
Tribune Correspondent

Coach John Wooden once said, "Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there," and that is a perfect description of my granddaddy, Coach Clay Campbell.

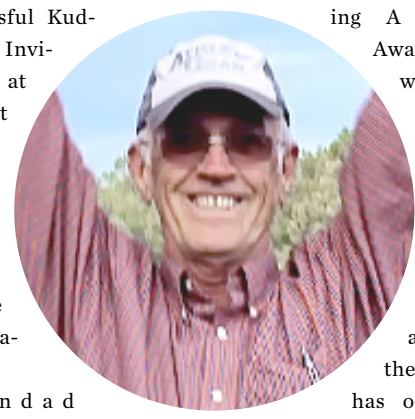
For Campbell, coaching has always been about seeing young people reach their potential and going about it the right way. Character is something he tries to instill in each athlete, to always do what is right even when no one is watching.

Campbell graduated from Cold Springs in 1971 as a dual-sport athlete and even competed on the school's first football team. He then attended Southern Benedictine College to obtain his secondary education degree. Campbell began his coaching career at Winston County High School coaching tennis, basketball, volleyball, football and baseball over the two-year period he was there. He also coached football, track and basketball at West Point High School before returning to his alma mater, Cold Springs High School. He remained there for the majority of his career, coaching basketball, football, track and even starting the school's very successful cross-country program and was inducted into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

In the early 2000s, Campbell began to notice the potential in his distance runners on his track team and began the route to starting the school's first cross county program.

"It took us several years and great parents to get the program funded and started," Campbell said. "It wasn't until our first state championship that the program could start standing on its own."

I personally remember waking up early on Saturday mornings and loading up our little maroon minivan with coolers and kids. This is what we used as our bus, and off we went to the meet for the day. When the program first began, the only place to train was running laps around the track. But, through grandad's hard work, he developed one of the state's top and most challenging courses in Cold Springs, which in turn birthed the ever so successful Kudzu Hills Invitational, at one point the largest event held on a school campus in the state of Alabama.



Grandad spent countless hours working on the course in preparation for the meets. He took a brand-new program and pushed it past its limits to build it into the powerhouse program it is today. Campbell led the boys' cross-country team to 13 consecutive county championships and two state championships.

He also led the girls to 11 consecutive county crowns and a state championship. Each team had its share of state runner-up finishes as well. He also coached many individual state champions as well as countless All-State finishers. Campbell was named the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2016 (boys) and again in 2017 (girls).

During his time coaching track at West Point High School, Campbell coached the Warriors to multiple county championships as well as sectional championships in both male and female categories. When he returned to Cold Springs, his success continued.

Being a small school, we did not really have the funds to get all the necessary equipment that we needed, but that did not slow Campbell down. He just made us work twice as hard. I have even heard stories from his earlier years of coaching where he had guys throwing cement-filled cinder blocks to practice in place of a shot put.

Campbell ended his career with multiple county titles, sectional titles and state runner-up titles at Cold Springs as well as back-to-back state championships. The U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association named him the Alabama Boys' Coach of the Year in 2014.

In 2016, Campbell was awarded the AHSAA Making A Difference Award. Those who know Campbell know the impact he has had on countless Alabama athletes and the impact he has on Alabama athletics as a whole.

Former University of Alabama runner Dr. Palee Myrex stated, "I learned how to be a champion not by the workouts Coach Campbell had us do, but by watching him live the principles that he taught of dedication, integrity, hard work and refusing to give up."

Campbell has recently been selected as a member of next year's AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame and will be inducted in March 2019.

It was a privilege to be an athlete under the leadership of Coach Campbell; however, it is an even bigger honor to call him my grandfather. His coaching goes beyond the competition arena. He is the perfect representation of what it means to be a coach.

When you ask his former athletes to describe him, numbers and stats very rarely come up, instead they are replaced by words such as mentor, teacher, guide and role model.

He imparted life lessons to the athletes he encountered that proved to be far more enduring than any race. He taught his athletes a way of life: being humble, maintaining priorities, having character and so much more.

There was once a scoring error at a sectional track meet that resulted in his Cold Springs boys taking home the second-place trophy. However, my grandfather, being the man he is, noticed the error later that evening and immediately contacted the school and even returned the trophy. All he said was, "You have to do what is right." From that instance alone, he earned the respect of many athletes, colleges and coaches by setting an example of doing what is right.

So, we congratulate you Coach Campbell, and we hope the culture of high school coaching can one day reflect your attitude toward young people, life and athletics.





EDUCATION

Dyron's Lowcountry hosts annual benefit dinner for St. Bernard

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – Dyron and Sonya Powell, owners of Dyron's Lowcountry Restaurant in Mountain Brook, annually sponsor a benefit dinner for St. Bernard Preparatory School. This year, guests from Cullman, Jefferson and Shelby Counties joined the monks of St. Bernard Abbey on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, for an evening of fine food, fellowship and camaraderie.

A delicious, savory, four-course banquet, prepared by Chef Randall Baldwin and his staff, was served with each course having its own paired-wine selection.

The menu consisted of a lobster bisque soup, Autumn harvest mixed green salad with roasted beets, persimmons, pecans and stone hollow chevre followed by the entrée of veal osso buco served with McEwen grits, roasted fall vegetables and red wine jus topped off with a delicious slice of chocolate ganache and peanut butter pie.

"This is truly an evening to remember," said Fr. Marcus Voss, director of development for St. Bernard.

"Dyron and Sonya and their staff have certainly outdone themselves.

"As we all know this is a benefit dinner whose proceeds support the Scholarship Fund for St. Bernard Prep School. Yet, it's more than a benefit dinner. It's an evening when friends come together to enjoy one another's company and strengthen their bond to St. Bernard and the work being done there.

"My thanks to you and all those who support us in our efforts to educate our students and provide them opportunities that can change their lives."

This year's overflow crowd was the largest even in the 10-year history of this event.

Patrons were seated not only in the main dining room but also in the "overflow room" which glowed in the warmth of its fireplace.

The Powells have their two children enrolled at St. Bernard Prep School.

"Catholic education is important to our family," Dyron Powell said.

"We are so happy that Ethan and Emma love St. Bernard as much as I did when I was a student there.

"They are very involved in the school and enjoy everything about it.

"Sonya and I have been blessed and are happy to assist St. Bernard in their fundraising endeavors."

Fr. Marcus concluded his remarks by saying, "This year's dinner exceeded our goal of $10,000 and raised $13,300 for the St. Bernard Scholarship Fund, which helps students in financial need. My thanks to everyone for your support."



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Sonya and Dyron Powell, owners of Dyron's Lowcountry Restaurant in Mountain Brook

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 6 - 8

Mr. Donald Wayne Smith, 39, of Hanceville passed away on Monday, December 3, 2018. Arrangements will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis Carl Smith and Pamela Gail Daniel Price. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Smith; son, Dillon Gage Smith; daughter, Allison Denise Smith and brother, John (Kimberly Campbell) Smith.

Funeral Service for Willadean Gentry Turner, age 93, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Darryl Bailey officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Turner passed away on Monday, December 3, 2018, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born Thursday, May 28, 1925 to Cleveland and Octavia Gentry. She is preceded in death by her grandson, Dathan Turner; parents, Cleveland and Octavia Gentry; and six brothers and sisters. Survivors include her sons, Robert (Pat) Turner and Wayne (Leslie) Turner; daughter, Culline (Steve) Adamson; grandchildren, Keith Turner, Chad Turner, Eric (Rachel) Turner, Craig (Asley) Adamson, Amanda Adamson (Mike) Vest, and Catlin (Klint) Adams; great-grandchildren, Brittany (Tucker) Lee, Halie Turner, Abbi Turner, Bree Turner, Ben Turner, Lilly Adamson, Madelyn Vest, and Xander Adamson; great great-grandchildren Brodi Lee, Braden Lee, Haddy Lee, Ava McDougal, and Aiden McDougal.

Gary Neal Nelson, 63, of Haleyville, Alabama, entered into rest on December 3, 2018 at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Nelson was born on December 17, 1954, in Haleyville, Alabama. He graduated from Winston County High School and was baptized at South Haleyville Church of Christ. Gary was a director of maintenance for Beverly Enterprises for 25 years. He enjoyed working on things and was able to fix anything. Gary's children and his grandchildren meant the world to him. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. Riley Holt will be officiating. Gary is survived by his daughters, Dena Nicole Nelson, Andrea Nelson Taylor and her husband Brandon J. Taylor; mother, Geraldine Nelson Cagle; brothers, Jerry Nelson, Ronnie (Donna) Nelson; sisters, Cathy Godsey, Bonnie Hill. He was known as "Paw Paw" to 4 grandchildren, Cooper Nelson Yarbrough, Colton Ray Yarbrough, Cali Beth Yarbrough, and Jax Ryan Taylor. He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Nelson; and brother, Terry Nelson.

Calvin C. Key of Cullman passed away on December 1, 2018 at Woodland Village. He was born March 29, 1931 to parents McKinley and Pearlie Fuller Key. He was a loving, caring husband, father and friend. He grew up in Arley (Winston County) and went to Meek High School. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After coming home from service, he worked at Cullman Lingerie for a few years. There he met his future wife, Gail Latta. After their son, Tim was born they moved to Birmingham where he worked at Piggly Wiggly Warehouse and later at Associated Grocers of Alabama. He worked there for 28 years but was forced to retire because of health reasons. He was a former member of Hilldale Baptist Church in Center Point. He loved working in the church with the ushers, men of Hilldale and Security. In 1998 the family moved back to Cullman and joined North Side Baptist Church where they were faithful until their health prevented them from attending. Mr. Key was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Samuel and Marvin Key; two sisters, Helen and Judy. His survivors include his wife, Gail Key; son, Timothy Key; two sisters, Vetra Campbell and Marie (David) Stephenson; sister-in-law, Maudra Key; brother, Avery (Iva Nell) Key; several special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and Dale and Kathy Williams Family from Hoover. Visitation with the family will be on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Moss Service Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Funeral Service for Mr. Calvin C. Key will follow in the Chapel of the funeral home at 12 p.m. with Rev. Jack Collins officiating. Burial will be held at Cullman Memory Gardens.

Funeral services for Mr. W.M. Brewer, 79, of Cullman are Friday, December 7, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Michael Jones and Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating, with interment in New Hope #1 Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Brewer passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry Brewer and Martha Melvina Jones Brewer; an infant son; sisters, Helen Alexander, Henrietta Posey, Elvie Cooper, Jenny Joyce Brewer and Ethelene Brewer and brothers, David Brewer and Waylon Brewer. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Brewer; son, Darell (Kim) Brewer; daughter, Pam (Billy) Piper; brothers, James Brewer, Jimmie (Cynthia) Brewer and Joe (Phyllis) Brewer; sister, Melvia Tidwell; grandchildren, Kristen (Nic) Gragg, Jessica (Jeremy) Norris, Alex Piper and Alyssa (Cameron) Galbreath; great grandchildren, Aidan Norris, Noble Gragg, Nola Gragg, Wyatt Norris and Noah Galbreath and a host of other family and friends. Pallbearers are Darell Brewer, Billy Piper, Nic Gragg, Ryder Jones, Jeremy Norris and Cameron Galbreath. Honorary pallbearers are Joe Brewer, Jimmie Brewer, James Brewer, Mitchell Ward and Charles Sellers.

A Celebration of Life ceremony for Mary N. Bradley, 78, will be 11 a.m., Friday, December 7, 2018 at Moss Service Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Lois Virginia Morgan of Mt. Olive, Alabama passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2018. She was born August 30, 1927 to Dexter Earl and Luvie Theo Maner Cole of Cullman, Alabama. Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Franklin Andrew Morgan. She is survived by her daughters: Janice Mason, Brenda Joyce Tolbert, DeLorese (Larry) Newkirk and Lyda (Barry) Miller; grandchildren: Brian (Kristen) Tolbert, Michael Mason, Danyelle (Michael) Yonosko, Phillip Mason, Ayla (Chase) Moon, and Faith Miller; great grandchildren: Kiearsten (Jordan) Marsh, Kayleigh Graham, Braedon Graham, Emmitt McClure, Oliver McClure, Averie Moon and John Michael Yonosko; and great great grandchild, Troy Marsh. Visitation for Mrs. Morgan will be Friday, December 7, 2018 at Moss Service Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. with a celebration of life to follow. Pastor Jeff Noles will be officiating and interment will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mr. William Everett Malcom, 78, of Hanceville, passed away at Cullman Regional on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. He was born June 28, 1940 to William and Mattie Lou Boyd Malcom. Mr. Malcom was a member of Colony First Church of God, and he was an employee of Tyson for Twenty-Five years. Visitation will be Friday, December 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., at Hanceville Funeral Home, and on Saturday at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church from 12 noon until 1 p.m., with his service beginning at 1 p.m. Reverend Nicholas Nall is officiating. He was preceded in death by his wife; Medora Malcom, and two brothers; Oliver and Donnel Malcom. Survivors include; three daughters, Etta (Billy) Washington, of Warrior, Donna Hardy, of Richton Park, IL., Barbara Turner, of Hanceville, one son, David (Kimmie) Malcom, of Hanceville, six Grandchildren; Jerald, Adam, and Jerrel Malcom, Nyles Hardy, Tamara and Diane Roden, one Great Grandchild, Amiria Malcom, two brothers, J.V. Malcom, and Zether Malcom, four sisters, Letha McKinny, Kathleen Harris, Glenda Hall, and Debra Ward.

Funeral Service for James Ambrouse Nail, 90, of Vinemont, will be 12 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home one hour prior to service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Nail passed away Sunday, December 2, at his residence. He was born June 8, 1928, to his mother, Amanda Sylvania Nail Ramey. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Deborah Diane Mackey and Shelia Lynn Martin. Survivors include his daughter, Lawana Danielle; sons-in-law, Bo Kennedy, Fred Mackey; grandchildren, Chad Johnson, Jackie Phillips, Krisha Muirheid, Jamie Segler, Michelle Long, Delane Martin; sisters, Mary Ruth Gusich, Doris Ramey; brother, Wallace "Boot" Ramey; and a host of great-grandchildren and friends.

Gloria Julia Veglia Stieffel, 92 of Trussville, formerly of New Orleans, LA and Cullman, AL passed away on Monday, December 3, 2018 at Compassus Hospice in Birmingham, AL. Mrs. Stieffel was a lifelong resident of New Orleans until retirement when she and Calvin moved to Cullman to be close to their daughters and grandchildren. While in Cullman, she was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society. After moving to Trussville, she became a parishioner of Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Stieffel, daughter, Janice Stieffel, sister, Sr. Eugenie Veglia and brothers: Claude and Ambrose Veglia. Her survivors include daughters: Gwendolyn Stieffel Evans and Ann Stieffel (Nick) Vincent; son, Louis (Leslie) Stieffel; grandchildren: Eddie (Laurie) Evans, Toby (Satoko) Evans, Rachael (Nathan) Haden, Rebecca Evans, Natalie Stieffel, Jessica (Jim) Payne, Michael (Allyson) Vincent, Eric (Brittany) Vincent and Ryan (Rachel) Vincent and 17 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Moss Service Funeral Home, Cullman, AL. from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. with a Rosary following at 7:30 p.m. The family will be offering a second visitation at Moss Service Funeral Home Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cullman, AL. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

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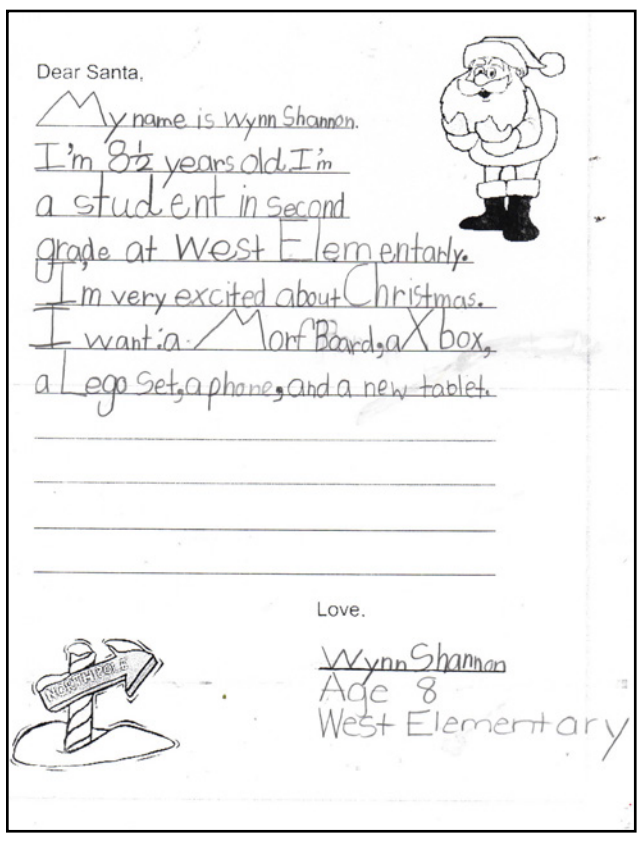
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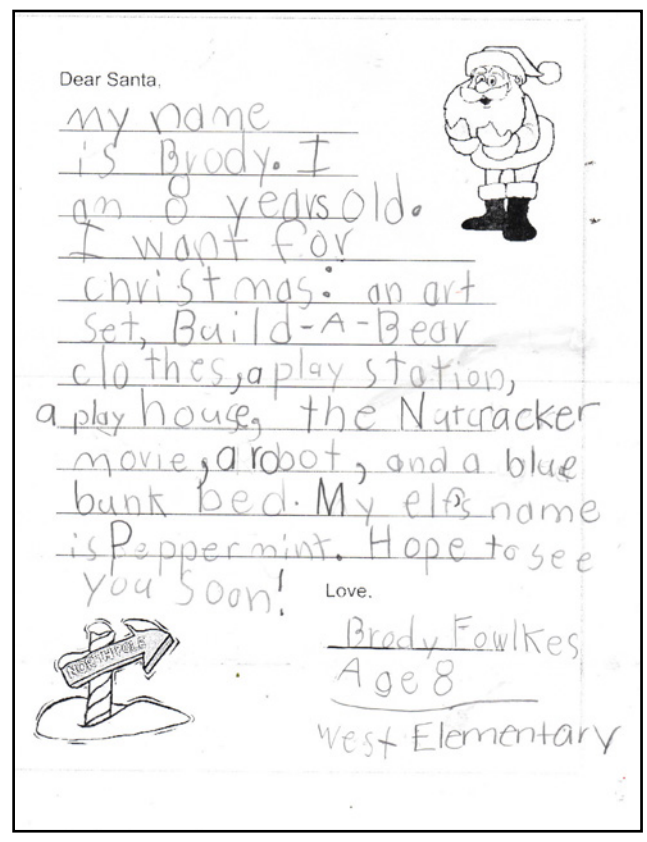
Mrs. Kelly's 2nd grade class, West Elementary


Dear Santa,

My name is Wynn Shannon. I'm 8½ years old. I'm a student in second grade at West Elementary. I'm very excited about Christmas. I want a Mart Board, a X box, a Lego Set, a phone, and a new tablet.

Love,

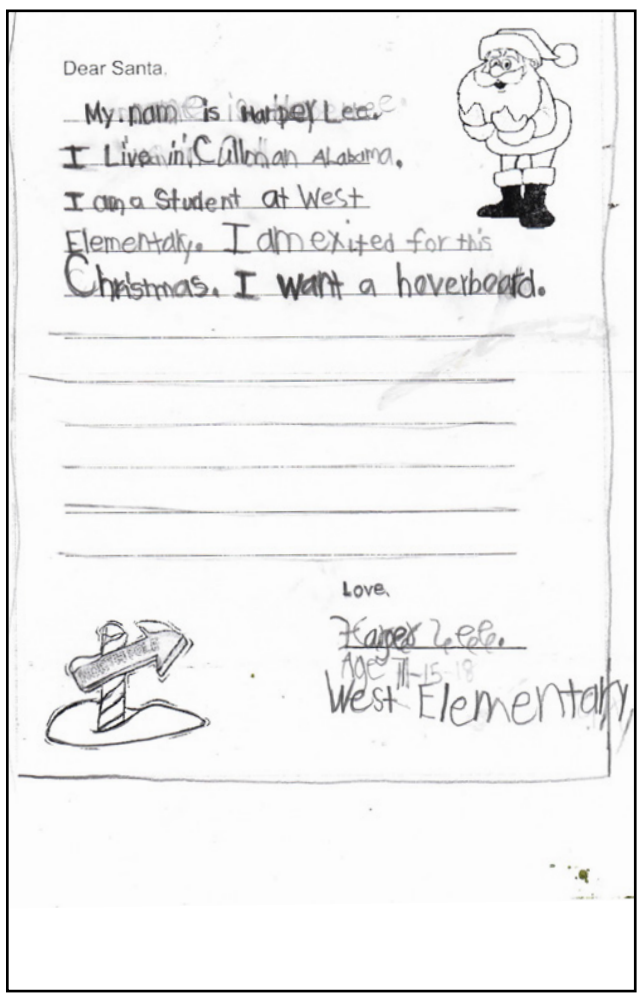
Wynn Shannon
Age 8
West Elementary


Dear Santa,

my name is Brody. I am 8 years old. I want for christmas: an art set, Build-A-Bear clothes, a play station, a play house, the Nutcracker movie, a robot, and a blue bunk bed. My elfs name is Peppermint. Hope to see you soon!

Love,

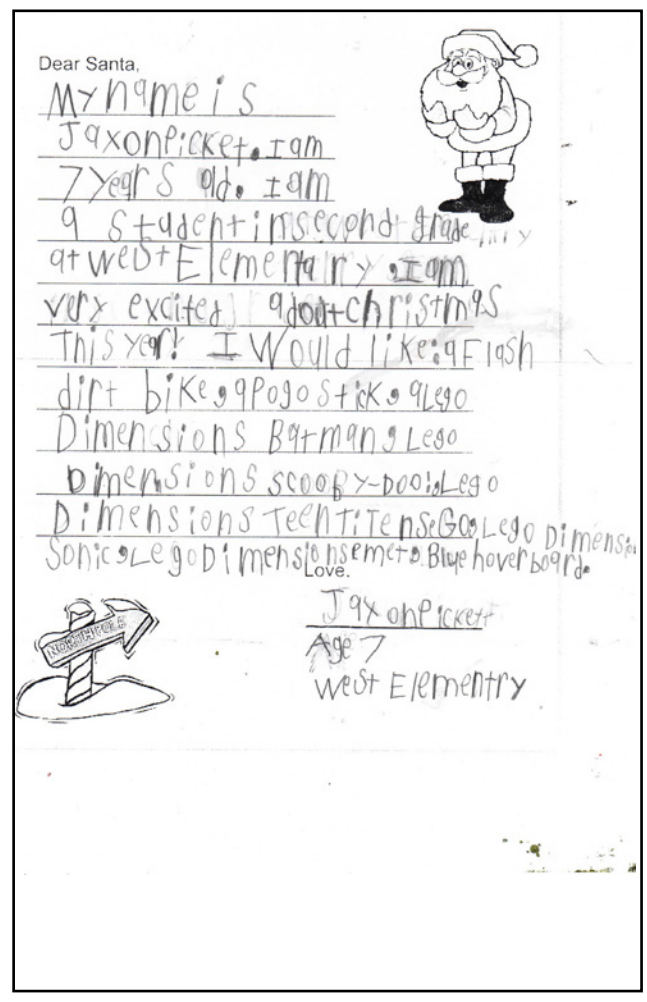
Brody Fowlkes
Age 8
West Elementary


Dear Santa,

My name is Harper Lee. I Live in Cullman Alabama. I am a Student at West Elementary. I am exited for this Christmas. I want a hoverboard.

Love,

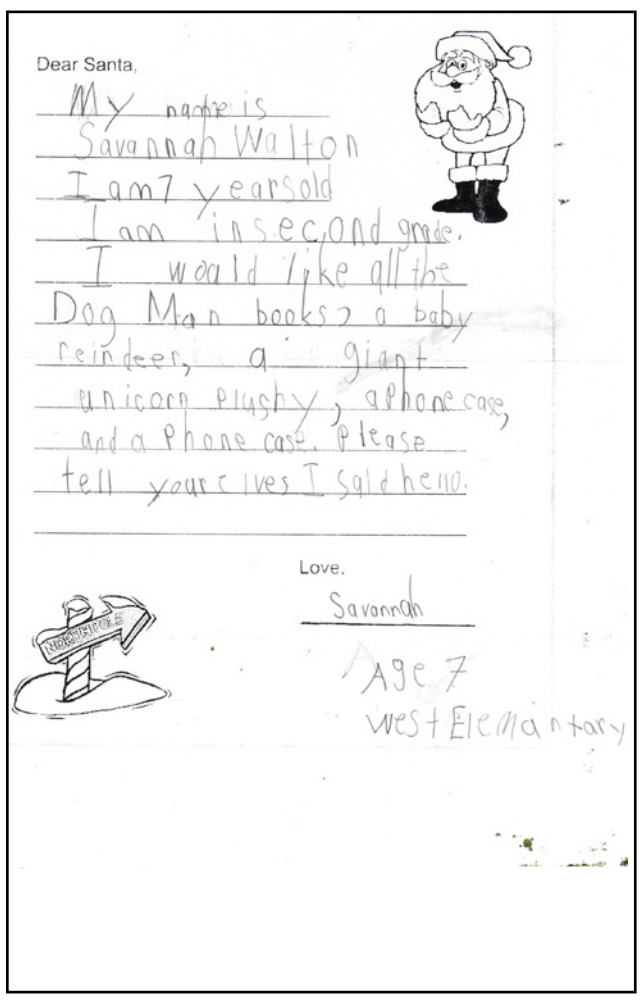
Harper Lee.
Age 7 11-15-18
West Elementary


Dear Santa,

My name is Jaxon Picket. I am 7 years old. I am a student in second grade at west Elementary. I am very excited about christmas this year! I would like: a Flash dirt bike, a Pogo stick, a Lego Dimensions Batman, a Lego dimensions scooby-doo, a Lego Dimensions Teen Titens Go, Lego Dimensions Sonic, a Lego dimensions emet, a Blue hoverboard.

Love,

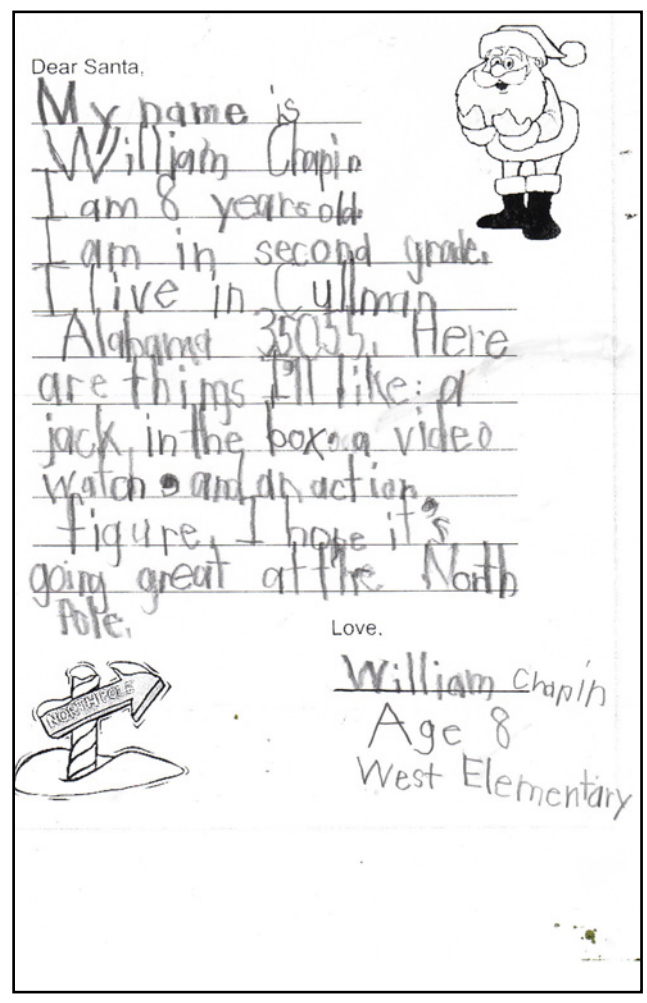
Jaxon Picket
Age 7
west Elementry


Dear Santa,

My name is Savannah Walton I am 7 years old. I am in second grade. I would like all the Dog Man books, a baby reindeer, a giant unicorn plushy, a phone case, and a Phone case. Please tell yours ives I said hello.

Love,

Savannah
Age 7
west Elementary


Dear Santa,

My name is William Chapin I am 8 years old. I am in second grade. I live in Cullman Alabama 35055. Here are things I'll like: a jack in the box, a video watch, and action figure. I hope it's going great at the North Pole.

Love,

William Chapin
Age 8
West Elementary

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WANDA SUE BRIGHT, * CASE NO PC-2018-382

DECEASED. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to SHARON BRIGHT, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WANDA SUE BRIGHT, Deceased, on the 20th 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.

Sharon Bright
Personal Representative

Shane Hanrahan
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Attorney for Petitioner
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2018-105**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF M.I.B.
D.O.B. 02-02-2003
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANGELA GRACE HODGE-BARNETT, MOTHER
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JEREMY W. STONE AND DEIDRE L. STONE, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF November, 2018.

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

Monica Austin-Hatcher
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MARTHA CAROL HAYES– Deceased

Case Number: 2018- 385

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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Edwin Joseph Hayes on November 20, 2018, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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To: The Editor and Publisher of the Cullman Tribune
Please Publish the above notice for three successive weeks in your newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 30, 2003 by Carl N. Yarbrough, a married man, and wife Diane Yarbrough, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1319, Page 339 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 17, 2018:

From the Northeast Corner of the North One-Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, township 9 South, Range 4 West, the Point of Beginning, go 345 feet in a Westerly direction to a point on Pick Sharpe Road; thence 220 feet in a Southerly direction along the East edge of Pick Sharpe Road to a point; thence go 345 feet in an Easterly direction to point; thence go 220 feet in a Northerly direction to the Point of Beginning for land herein conveyed; intending to get the land where the Walraven Home Place is located.

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

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Cullman overhauling subdivision regulations, zoning ordinances

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CULLMAN – In October, the City of Cullman undertook a year-long project to make a major update to its subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances, contracting with KPS Group, a Birmingham-based architecture and urban planning firm that provides services to clients across the country. On Wednesday, The Tribune and other media sat down with KPS Principal Planner Jason Fondren; City Building, Planning, and Zoning Director Rick Fulmer; Deputy Director Brian Lendreth; Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs; Cullman Economic Development Director Dale Greer; and new City Engineer Erica York to talk about the plan.

Fondren said, "We're updating the subdivision regulations and the zoning ordinance for the city. They're getting older. The times have changed, outside of just, you know, city business; the way development happens, the types of businesses that get developed, the way neighborhoods are designed are not exactly the same as they used to be.

"And so you have to take a fresh look at your regulations, to see how they need to be changed to accommodate new ways of doing things, while at the same time making sure that those new ways of doing things are consistent with community standards."

Fondren likened the regulations to a computer operating system that may be fine when it comes out but has to receive periodic updating patches to address one issue or another, until the system reaches a point that it becomes more logical to develop a new system rather than continuing patchwork fixes.

"And so, that's really what we're doing," said Fondren, "is we've got two sets of regulations that there have been little tweaks and patches that have been made over time, and there have been city policies and standards and ordinances that have been adopted and put in place outside of that, but have a connection to the subdivision regulations and the zoning ordinance that put us in a place where it's necessary to just start back at the beginning and build that new operating system.

"We're not throwing away all of the old stuff. We're taking all of that stuff that still works, and that's going to be the foundation for the new sets of regulations.

"But the patches are going to be integral pieces instead of band aids."

According to Fulmer, the current regulations and ordinances were put into place in the 1980s.

He explained that, when developers look at Cullman's current development policies, they can't just look at the basic policy statements, but must also search for more recent ordinances that may override and contradict earlier policies. The new plan will bring all the pieces into one place to create what Fulmer termed "one-stop shopping" for city planning and development.

The plan will be implemented in three phases, to be completed by fall 2019:

- Subdivision regulations will be updated first and are scheduled to be ready for planning commission review in March 2019.
- A traditional neighborhood regulation update is scheduled to be presented in April 2019.
- Cullman's new zoning ordinance is scheduled to be presented in October 2019.

The traditional neighborhood regulation update will include recent popular trends in housing development, including accessory dwellings (often called in-law cottages) and "tiny houses."

The new regulation should provide more flexibility and options for builders and property owners.

Said Fondren, "The traditional neighborhood development is sort of a resurgence of having different types of housing, different densities of housing, all within a well-designed, quality neighborhood that has choices for the types of housing for different needs."

Public access a big concern

The City's current regulations are mostly in hard copy form, with many available online as PDFs. This means that online documents cannot be searched, and that some documents might not even be available. According to Fulmer, the lack of accessibility results in developers having to place call after call to his office, often over the course of several days, tying up department staff to answer multiple questions and cover all the issues that the various patch ordinances can create.

Fondren said that the overhaul in progress will include consolidating all regulations into simpler forms and also digitizing them and making them fully searchable online.

Developers and property owners alike should be able to visit a city website and locate specific zoning and regulation information quickly, with less need for direct assistance from the Building, Planning, and Zoning Department.

Not only will average city residents be able to access the new policies, they should also be able to read and understand them.

Said Fondren, "They will be able to access it, and one of my goals, every time I work with a city to update their regulations, is we get rid of as much 'legalese' as possible while still making it legally sound. You don't have to use a lot of Latin words to do that."

Need (from Front)

ty. They need to be filled by Dec. 12th in order for volunteers to organize the events. We really need the community's help not only in donations but also as volunteers."

Volunteers needed

KLK is seeking volunteers to meet at Ole Time Way Baptist Church at 1530 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman to process items from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 13-14. Items will be distributed at the church on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and volunteers will be needed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for that event.

Ole Time Way Baptist Church will be serving lunch to families and will also have a puppet show for children.

Maske explained about another KLK event: "A separate Kids Loving Kids event is also held in Walker County. Pam (Dodd), who with her husband, Bobby, runs Bobby and Pam Dodd Ministries, understands the financial needs at Christmas and the need for the charity as she grew up in a single-parent family.

She understands that parents sometime have to make the difficult decision to spend money needed for bills to purchase gifts for their children at Christmas.

That is why this organization was started, so parents do not have to make these difficult decisions during the Christmas season. There are people that want to help.

"The no. 1 items requested by children and by teenagers are underwear, and socks, which we ask are purchased as new in all sizes for children and teenagers.

"Kids and teens love snuggle blankets because a lot of these children are from single-parent homes where the mom, dad or whoever they live with have to be at work and these snuggle blankets really comfort them.

"Besides the underwear and socks, other clothing can be slightly used from children's closets as well as adult closets, as we do serve newborn to 18 years of age.

"We ask that this clothing be laundered and make sure the clothing is not stained. Volunteers will also check clothing before offering to families."

You can help

Items accepted include new or slightly used shoes, toys, electronics, art supplies, books, puzzles, journals, board games, sports, fishing and hunting equipment, coats, pajamas, hats/caps, gloves, personal care items, gift cards, clothing, blow dryers, hair care products, nail polish and make-up.

KLK donation boxes are located at:

- Harmony School
- Cullman Area Technology Academy/Career Center
- Holly Pond High School
- Vinemont Middle School
- Vinemont High School
- Dollar General Vinemont
- Dollar General West Point
- Dollar General Eva Road beside Texaco
- Dollar General Hwy 278 Cullman
- Dollar General First Ave. SW, downtown Cullman
- Dollar General Dodge City
- Dollar General Cold Springs Warehouse Discount Groceries Hwy 157
- Dollar General Crane Hill
- Dollar General Berlin
- Dollar General Walter
- Alfa in Cullman
- Alfa in West Point
- Weichert Realtors Carter & Company
- Legacy Salon
- Planet Fitness
- Eva Bank in Eva
- Jacks Foodland in Eva
- Quality Drugs in Eva
- Hamby's Chapel Daycare/Church in Vinemont
- Walkers Brothers in Baileyton
- Woodland Nursing Home
- Wayne Door Company
- Dodge dealership
- Wendy's Health Store
- Creation Hair Salon
- Ole Time Way Baptist church
- Guitars and More
- Refuge Church of God

Donations left over from the clothing will be given to Curt's Closet in Cullman.

For more information about KLK, contact Pam Dodd at 256-318-4555 or pamdodd3@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/KidslovingKids/.

Checks can be written to Kids Loving Kids. Donations may also be made through PayPal at paypal.me/bpdministries or at Kids Loving Kids at Traditions Bank.

For more information about the distribution event at Ole Time Way Baptist Church, contact Dodd or the Cullman coordinator Shelba Edge at 256-339-0135.

Christmas (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY – For 43 years, Don and Lynelle Wilbanks have created a beautiful Christmas light display as a gift for the community. Their home on U.S. Highway 278 West across from Spring Hill Baptist Church, about 9 miles west of downtown Cullman, has brought smiles to many. The Wilbankses say the lights are a visual representation of the extraordinary birth of Jesus.

Both Don and Lynelle are retired Cullman City Schools educators. Don coached numerous sports teams and taught math and science. He is a member of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame.

What began as a small light display has expanded over the years. The display features a large star shining down from 75 feet up onto the creek below. Nearby are Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus.

Don explained the meaning of his work, "When God sent us the notice that Jesus was coming, he sent a star. The purest light of all light is white light. It's only when white light is separated that you get color. That's the reason a prism separates light. So, the white light that comes from the star and everything the star touches on the creek is white."

Colored lights are also used in the display but only on lower areas on the ground.

A large dogwood tree in the front yard is covered in white lights. The tree was recognized several years ago as the second largest dogwood in Alabama.

The Wilbankses believe it may be the largest now. A pond on the rear of the property is spanned by a bridge. The lights create a gorgeous reflection on the still water.

A charming bridge across the creek is also illuminated with lights. The bridge connects Don and Lynelle's property with their daughter's home next door. Two of their grandchildren, Peyton and Cole Chamblee, live there and they love the lights. Don said they help their grandfather more and more each year.

Don is also deliberate about when he first turns on the display.

He said, "We turn them on Thanksgiving night. That is the day we give thanks for all the blessings we have received. Our biggest blessing is when God gave us Jesus. I didn't want it commercial. I wanted it to where you could see what Christmas is really about."

Don begins checking his lights in October and starts putting them up on Nov. 1. He doesn't keep count of how many lights he has but said they do take up a large amount of storage in his shop. If a strand has lights not working, he keeps that strand out until he can get replacement bulbs. He then uses the strands the next year, so the lights are in rotation.

Shared Don, "When Wal-Mart first puts its Christmas out, I go up there and look for all the white light replacement bulbs. They are usually 10 per pack and cost maybe a dollar. I'll buy 75-100 of them."

The Wilbankses wanted the nativity to look lifelike so they searched for the right mannequins. Lynelle found the current ones in New Jersey. She remembered an incident years ago when a couple of students were going to house sit while she and her family were away.

Lynelle laughed, "I was showing the boys where we kept everything, and I took them out back to show them something they would need. They were surprised when I opened the door and two naked mannequins were standing there. I explained what that was about, and we had a good laugh."

The display is on seven to eight timers that turn the display on at 5 every night and off at 10. The lights come on every evening beginning Thanksgiving evening and are turned off on Jan. 1. The Wilbankses have lights connected to four different meters on their property.

Don smiled, "The Cullman (Electric) Co-op just loves me! I'm their favorite customer this time of year."

He estimates his bill increases by $325 during the holidays.

Taking the lights down each year also has its challenges.

Explained Don, "The temperature needs to be above 40 degrees to put the lights up or take them down. The plastic around the wires becomes hard and stiff when it's cold."

He added, "I'm 73. God has blessed me, and my health is still good, but it gets harder every year. I don't know how much longer I'm going to be able to keep putting them up.

"My children tell me we have to continue, and they will come help make sure the lights go up. Everyone in the community, they see them and know. They look forward to them. It's our gift to them."

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