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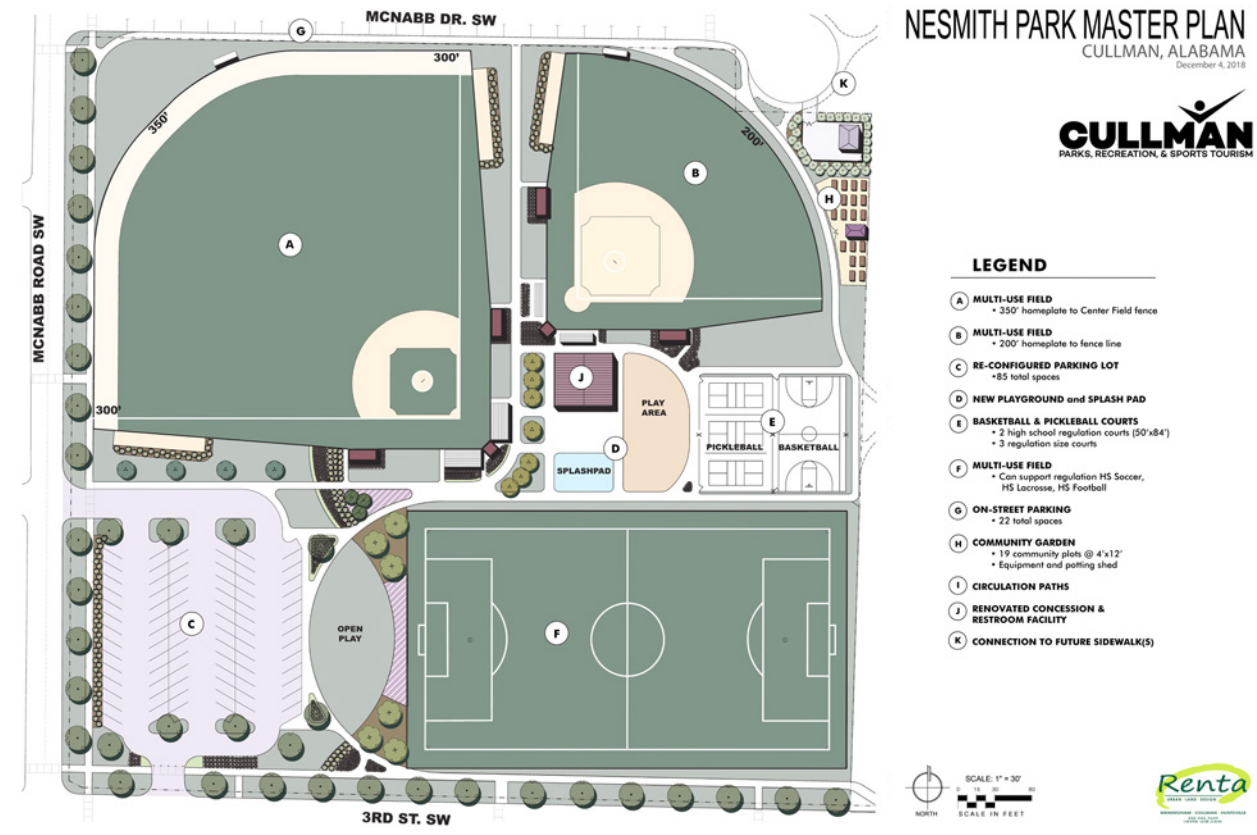
Organization brings veterans' memorial program to Wal-Mart Distribution



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Both military veterans, Wal-Mart drivers Homer "Junior" Twilley and brother Allen Twilley wait to start their leg of the wreaths' journey to the National Cemetery in Houston.

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CP&R

The proposed renovation plan for Nesmith Park provides for a splash pad, regulation and youth baseball/softball fields, multi-use football/soccer field, pickleball and basketball courts and an updated playground.

Major renovation planned for Nesmith Park

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CULLMAN – In recent years, Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism (CP&R) has undertaken the renovation of four city parks: Ingle, Carrol Acres, Stiefelmeyer and Culpepper. Next, the department hopes to add Nesmith Park to that list. Seeking funding from the federal government's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) matching grant program, CP&R hopes to perform a major operation on the west side park that will go far beyond sprucing up, to the creation of what will be in many ways a whole new recreation and sports facility.

The proposed plan calls for:

- a regulation baseball field approximating the dimensions of Cullman High School's field
- a splash pad, to replace the park's pool that closed several years ago
- open play spaces with upgraded playground equipment
- a half-mile walking loop around the complex
- a multi-use football/soccer field
- a youth baseball/softball field
- three pickleball courts
- a basketball court

Baseball field meets identified need

CP&R Executive Director Nathan Anderson told The Tribune, "The high school baseball coach, Coach (Brent) Patterson, approached me a couple of years ago about field needs with his baseball teams, primarily the JV team, and a pretty big need for additional field space. And we currently, especially on that side of town, did not have a field that was large enough for them.

"So, as we were thinking about how we could use this land, we started playing around with the layout, and it turns that out we could get a field around the same exact size that the high school currently has on this property. So that plays with the 350-foot distance from home plate to center field, which is perfect for their needs. So this will be a practice site and a game

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1 person killed in wreck near Jones Chapel

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JONES CHAPEL – One person was killed in a single-vehicle wreck at County Road 1114 and County Road 1092 near Jones Chapel Wednesday afternoon.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick said David Anthony Smith, 54, of Vinemont was pronounced dead at the scene. Alabama State Troopers are investigating.

STATE/OPINION

Farm Bill passage provides certainty for farmers

Jeff Helms
Alabama Farmers Federation

MONTGOMERY – Final passage of a five-year farm bill by Congress today (Dec. 12, 2018) was welcome news for Alabama farmers eager to prepare for the 2019 crop year.

The House of Representatives approved the bipartisan legislation by a 369-47 vote, following Senate passage on Tuesday by an 87-13 vote. President Donald J. Trump has indicated he will sign the measure into law.

Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell said the farm bill makes significant improvements in federal farm programs.

"While no farm bill is perfect, this legislation addresses many concerns expressed by our members," Parnell said. "It gives farmers greater flexibility in choosing programs to fit their individual businesses and allows prices and yields to be adjusted based on global markets and production history. We appreciate Congress and the Trump administration getting a farm bill approved so farmers can have certainty going into next year."

Dubbed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the budget-neutral farm bill governs spending for a variety of federal programs including conservation, nutrition, crop insurance, agricultural research, forestry and foreign trade development.

Provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill

- Reference prices in the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program may increase up to 115 percent based on market prices and are incorporated in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program calculation. PLC yields may be voluntarily updated in 2020. Farmers will have the option to choose between ARC and PLC on a crop by crop and farm by farm basis in 2019 and annually beginning in 2021.
- Marketing loan rates increase by varying amounts. The rate for soybeans rises 24 percent to $6.20 a bushel. For corn, the loan rate increases to $2.20 per bushel, up from $1.95. The wheat loan rate changes from $2.94 per bushel to $3.38. Payment limits on marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments are eliminated in the 2018 bill.
- Payment limitations remain unchanged, and the family definition is amended to allow nieces, nephews and cousins in family farm operations to participate in programs.
- Conservation programs are retained. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage cap increases to 27 million acres, but rental rates and incentive payments are reduced to limit government competition with farmers who lease land.
- $75 million is approved for feral swine control.
- Crop insurance is preserved, as are existing disaster programs.

Efforts to reduce Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding and restrict eligibility were not included in the final package, but authority was granted for greater accountability in the program.

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said passage of the farm bill is especially important because the economic recovery in farm country has not kept pace with the rest of America.

"This 2018 farm bill is a complete package — one that will serve all Americans," Duvall said. "Farm and ranch families in particular will find a good degree of risk management support they need to help them weather the prolonged downturn in the agricultural economy that many of us are facing. Next year, we are going to face continued challenges across farm and ranch country, and this new farm bill gives us the tools

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Hanceville woman killed, 2 injured, in wreck on Cherokee Ave. in Cullman

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CULLMAN – One person was killed and two injured in a two-vehicle crash at Cherokee Avenue and 24th Street (just south of the National Guard armory) Monday evening. The fatality victim was identified by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick as April Dawn Landinger, 30, of Hanceville. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Cullman Police Department Traffic Homicide Investigator Joey Duncan said Landinger was a passenger in a Hyundai Sonata driven by Terry Autwell, 27, of Hanceville.

Duncan said the Hyundai was traveling southbound on Cherokee Avenue and attempting to turn left onto 24th Street when it was struck by a Ford Explorer coming northbound on Cherokee Avenue, driven by Skyler Higgins, 19, of Hayden. He said the driver of the Hyundai failed to yield the right of way.

Autwell was transported to UAB Hospital with serious injuries.

Higgins was transported to Cullman Regional with minor injuries.

Lt. Jeff Warnke said the wreck happened just before 6 p.m.

"The Cullman Police Department Traffic Homicide Investigation team is handling the investigation," said Duncan.

"The roads are a little wet, but at this time we don't think the weather was a factor."

The roadway was blocked for approximately three hours.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City recognizes employees; Royal Technologies tax abatement adjusted

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CULLMAN – Debbie James, at Monday night's Cullman City Council meeting, was recognized for five years of service with the Cullman Police Department. James, the office manager for the CPD's investigation division, was presented a pin and thanked by Chief Kenny Culpepper for her years of service and excellent work.

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth recognized Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson for this year's successful Christmas in Cullman Parade and Tree-Lighting. Anderson said he was pleased by the number of people who braved the rain and enjoyed the festivities.

Anderson also updated the council on the 24 hours/seven days per week fitness option coming soon to the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center, sharing, "This is something we have wanted to do for a long time, especially for the three-shift systems. Those who haven't been able to come during our normal hours will now have access to work out."

The council set a public hearing for Jan. 14, 2019 at 7 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2019-07 to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 62 Section 193 regarding permitted uses under zoning regulations.

The following resolutions were approved:

- Resolution No. 2019-22 to approve the 2019 Cullman City Council meeting schedule
- Resolution No. 2019-23 to award the bid for the Sanitation Department facility on Convent Road to the lowest responsible bidder, C.H. Harris, Inc., in the amount of $349,285, significantly below the $500,000 originally budgeted for the project.
- Resolution No. 2019-24 to amend a tax abatement for the expansion of Royal Technologies. The company previously listed the capital investment figure at $14 million but has since increased the amount to approximately $19 million.
- Resolution No. 2019-25 to enter into a contract with Sain Associates for traffic engineering at First Avenue and Second Street Southeast. The contract is for one year, not to exceed $13,600.

Nesmith Park

The council agreed to postpone the vote on Resolution No. 2019-26, to apply and commit local matching funds for the Nesmith Park Renovations Project, until the next meeting. Mayor Woody Jacobs said the council wanted another week to make sure all of the requirements for the grant were met.

Arrests reported on Dec. 11-12

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported on Dec. 11-12, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON TUESDAY, DEC. 11

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thompson, Dustin C., 32
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- insurance violation

Anders, Shaun D., 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation (3 counts)

Kerr, Michaela B., 21
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Haynes, Steven I., 24
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

REPORTED ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Morton, Alexander S., 19
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Watson, James M., 43
- FTA- driving while revoked

Garrett, Wesley N., 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended

Haynes, Joshua A., 27
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Bagwell, Westley L., 38
- FTA- violation of a protection order (2 counts)

Abbott, Kalyn W., 26
- FTA- duty upon striking unattended vehicle
- FTA- driving without a license

Hankins, Tyler M., 23
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation

Martin, Dakota J., 18
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (3 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Karrer, Christina L., 34
- reckless endangerment
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Smith, Kenneth W. Jr., 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Duke, Donna M., 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Alexander, Doris A., 46
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Tucker, Lisa I., 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hyde, Piper L., 21
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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



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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, December 17, 2018 at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

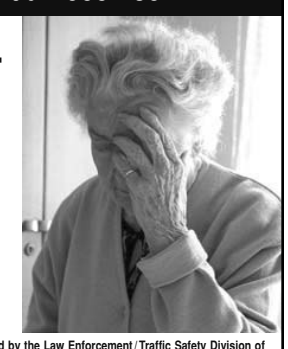
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For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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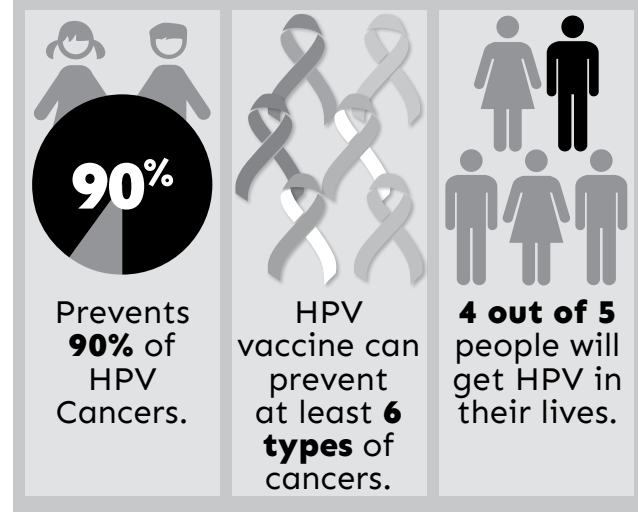
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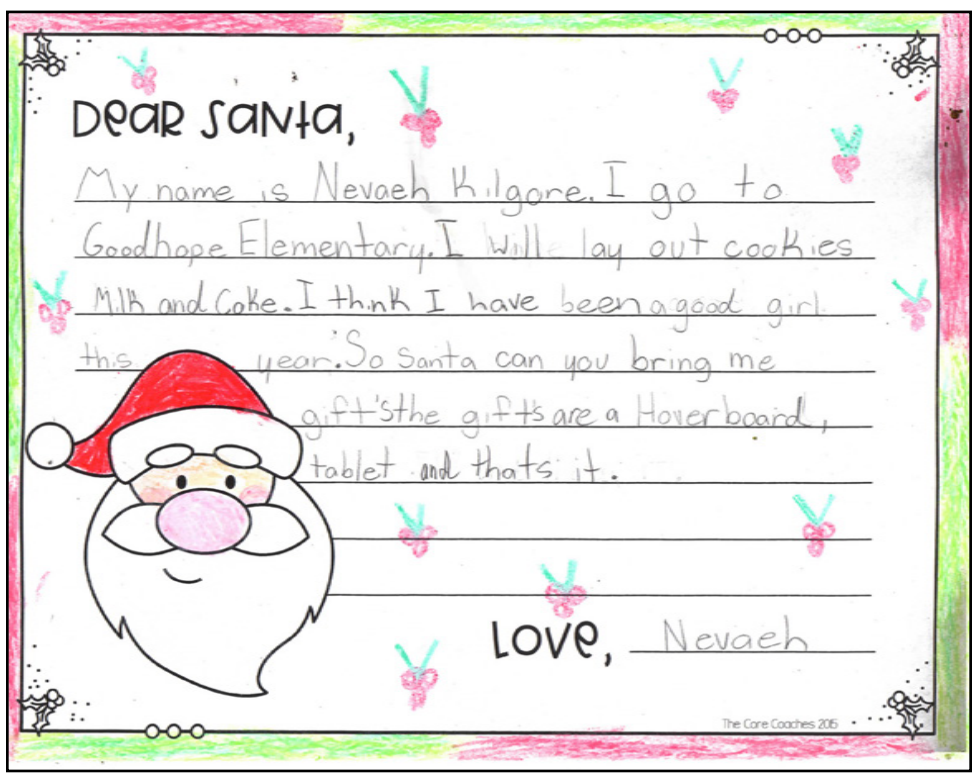
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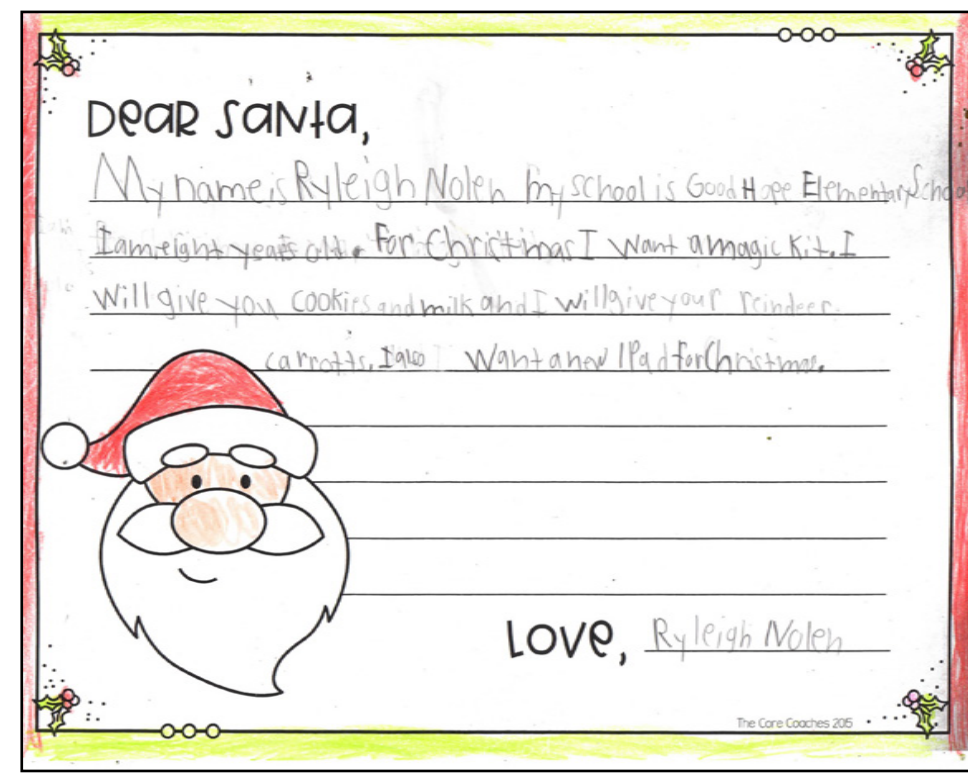
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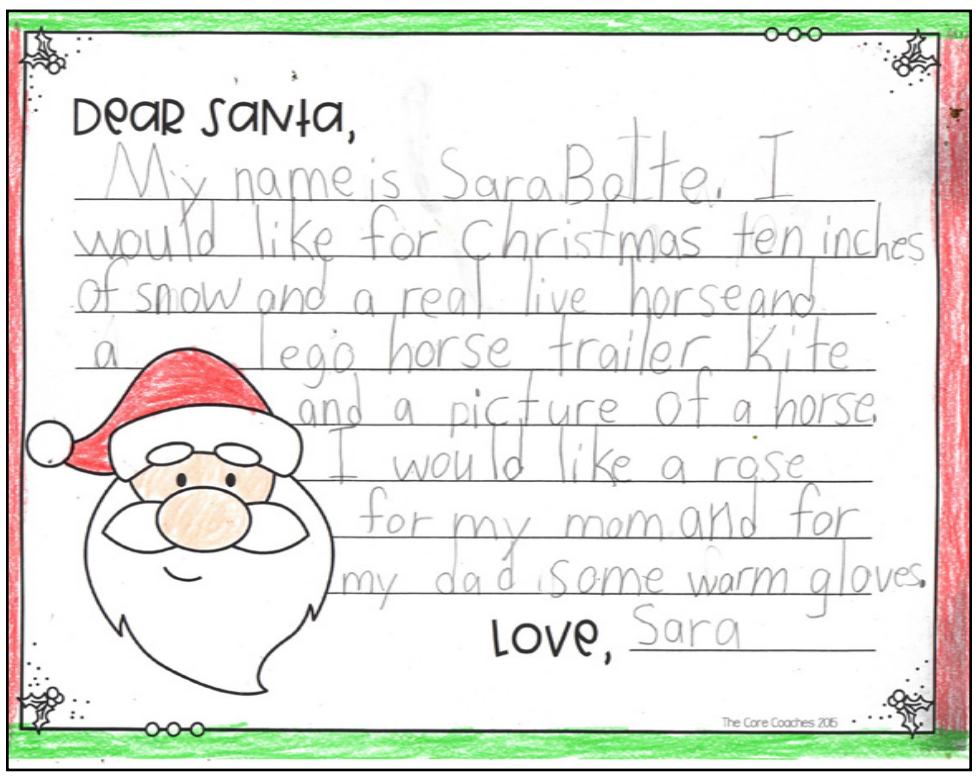
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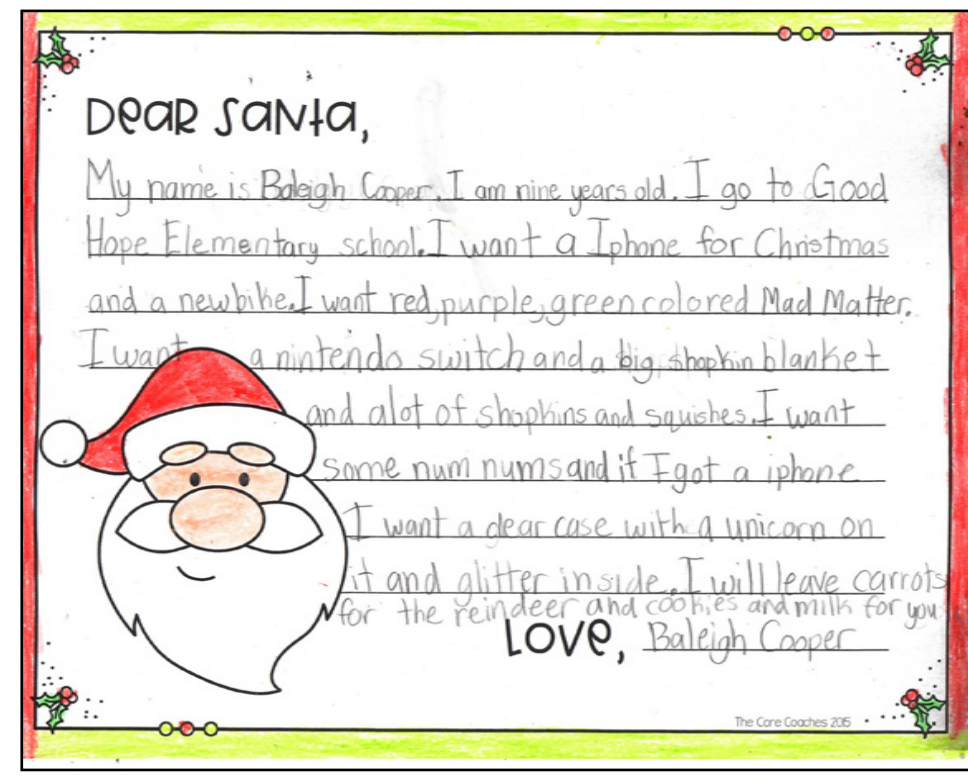
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Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Cofer's 3rd grade class, Good Hope Elementary









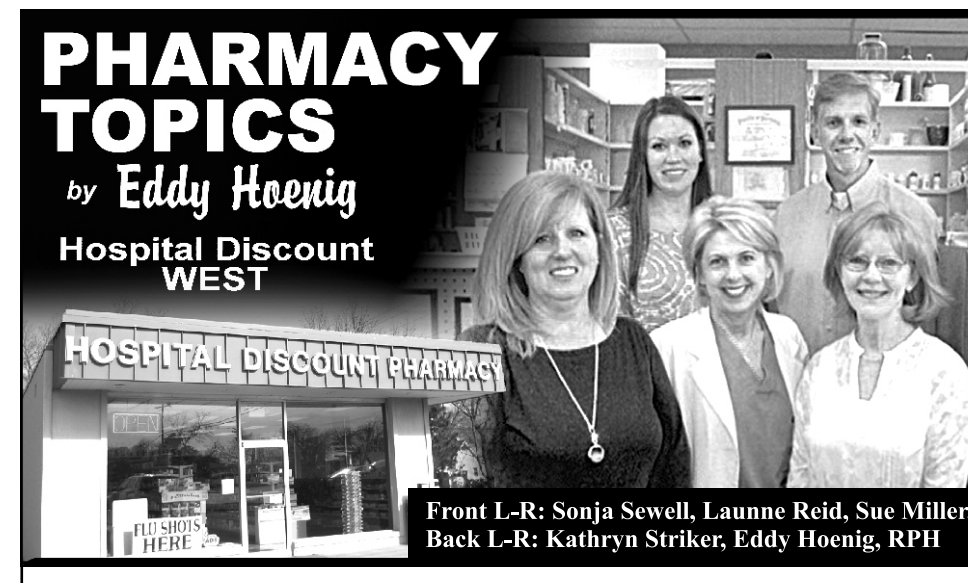


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A new Universite de Montreal study in the *British Medical Journal* reveals that antidepressants prescribed to pregnant women could increase the chance of having a baby with birth defects. The risk – 6 to 10 percent, versus 3 to 5 percent in women who do not take the drugs – is high enough to merit caution in their use, especially since, in most cases, they are only marginally effective, the study says. For example, when Celexa (the brand name for citalopram) was taken in the first trimester, the risk of major birth defects jumped from 5 percent to 8 percent. Similarly, use of Paxil (paroxetine) was associated with an increased risk of heart defects; venlafaxine (Effexor), with lung defects and tricyclic antidepressants (such as Elavil), with increased eye, ear, face and neck defects.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Courthouse elevators to be replaced

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission held its last meeting of the year Tuesday morning, approving a bid for the replacement of the decades-old elevators in the Cullman County Courthouse.

Team Elevator, LLC out of Birmingham was awarded the job, after submitting the lowest of four bids, at $219,500.

Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker explained, "The reason for this is these elevators have been here since the courthouse was built in 1965. It's way past its time."

The east and west side road departments will be upgrading and expanding their current security camera systems at an estimated cost of $11,744.

The road departments have been broken into several times and need the extra security, according to Commissioner Garry Marchman.

The commission accepted a Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the construction of Stony Lonesome OHV bath house.

The commission acceptance is required by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), which administers the RTP in Alabama.

The park was awarded a $291,294 grant. The County's match will be $72,823 with an in-kind cash match of $9,000. The remainder will come from tourism funds as previously agreed upon. (See more: www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/10/18/ivey-awards-291k-grant-cullman-co-stony-lonesome-facility)

The commission also authorized Walker to sign a contract with Loomis Brothers Circus. The circus plans to perform at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Feb. 1-3, 2019.

It also approved a resolution making Dec. 31, 2018 a County holiday.

The next scheduled commission meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. following an 8:30 a.m. work session.

Wreaths (from Front)

W.C. Mann, Christy Perry, Seth Miller

CULLMAN – On Wednesday afternoon, a pair of Wal-Mart Transportation rigs arrived at the company's Cullman distribution center, carrying a special seasonal cargo of 9,000 wreaths that will be placed on graves at the National Cemetery in Houston, Texas. The wreaths are part of a collection of hundreds of thousands that will be placed on graves in all national cemeteries, along with U.S. military cemeteries overseas, during the Christmas season in a program known as Wreaths Across America (WAA).

The pair of trucks was accompanied from Chattanooga by members of the Patriot Guard Riders motorcycle club.

They were escorted into Cullman County by officers from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, and, once in the city limits, units of the Cullman Police Department joined the escort, along with the department's helicopter.

Cullman Wal-Mart Transportation Operations Manager Carolyn Cecil told The Tribune, "We are honored to be able to participate each year in the Wreaths Across America event.

"Wal-Mart is a major sponsor in sponsoring wreaths to be placed on all the veterans' graves at our national cemeteries.

"And it's something that is just very touching. We have a lot of veterans here that have served in our armed forces, whether Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and we want to participate in this every single year, and we select some of our veterans to be our drivers of the trailers from Cullman."

Brothers Allen Twilley (a 12-year Army veteran) and Homer "Junior" Twilley (a 21-year Navy veteran) were chosen to drive the leg of the wreaths' journey from Cullman to Brook Haven, Mississippi.

Allen Twilley is former Airborne and Air Assault, with combat experience in Iraq and a Bronze Star Medal. Junior Twilley is a four-time recipient of the Navy's 7th Fleet Aviation Ordinance Man of the Year Award.

WAA's website states, "Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad." This year's WAA Day ceremonies will take place on Saturday, Dec. 15.

WAA explains its mission:

"While we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, our servicemen and women sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year, to preserve our freedoms. And in many homes across the U.S., every day there is an empty seat for one who is serving, or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

"That is why our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach lasts all year long, far beyond the single day in December when we coordinate wreath-laying ceremonies.

"All throughout the year, Wreaths Across America works in a number of ways to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget—we will never forget."

Multiple transportation companies across the country take part in the program, delivering wreaths to sites all over the nation, including Alabama's own National Cemetery in Montevallo.

Learn more at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

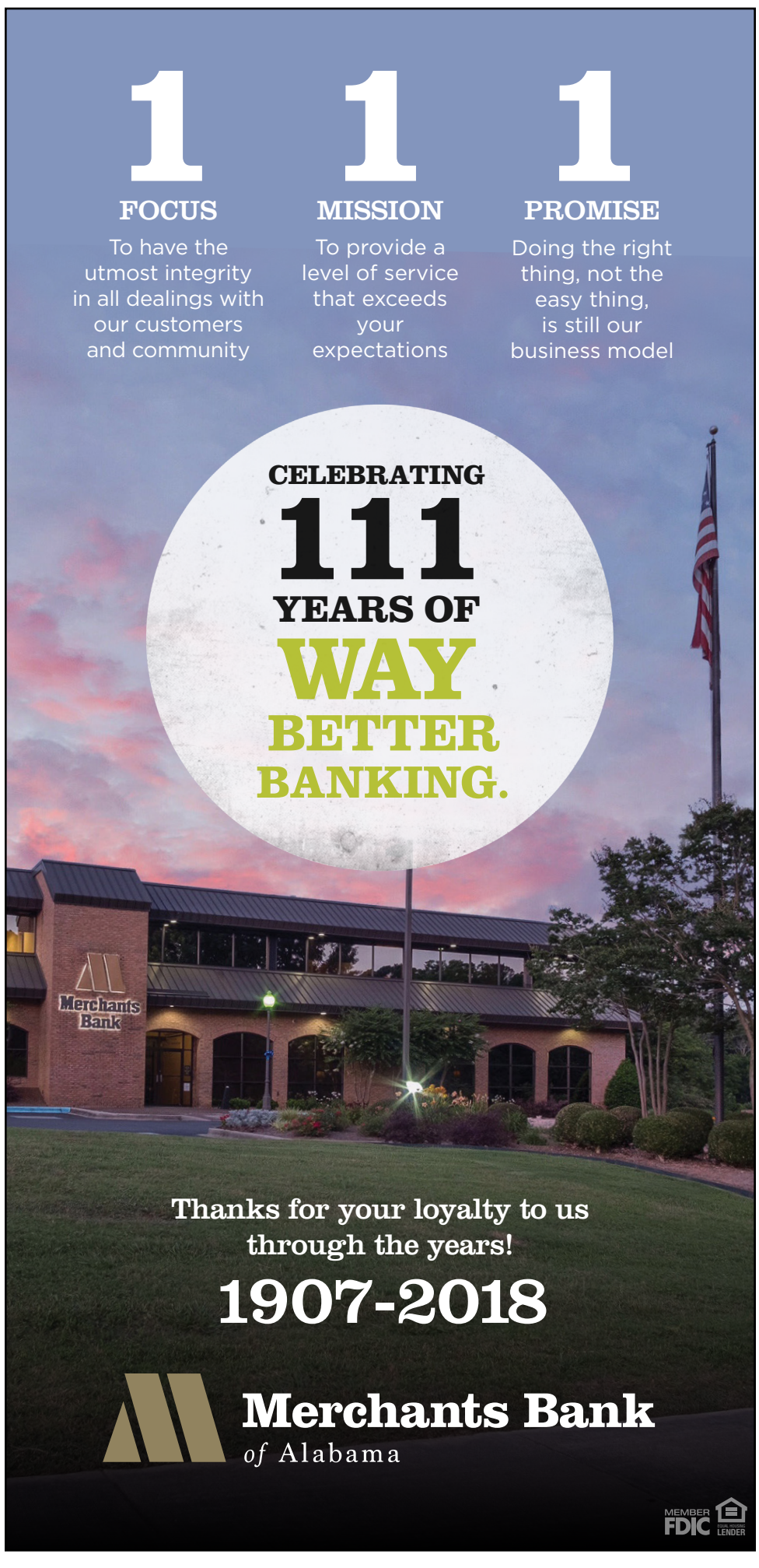
Bill (from Front)

we will need to weather this ongoing storm."

Alabama Sens. Richard Shelby and Doug Jones voted "yes" on the farm bill, as did U.S. Reps. Bradley Byrne, Martha Roby, Mike Rogers, Robert Aderholt, Mo Brooks, Gary Palmer and Terri Sewell.

Alabama Farmers Federation is the state's largest farm organization with 350,000 member families.

See a summary of the Farm Bill here: http://alfafarmers.org/uploads/files/2018farmbillsummary.pdf.











MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Luminaries and U.S. flags line the walkway to the water at Holly Pond's Governor's Park Tuesday night.

Holly Pond celebrates season with luminaries, Christmas cards

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HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond Civitan Club, community members and officials from the Town of Holly Pond braved the cold temperatures Tuesday night for the Town's annual Cards in the Park and Luminaries in the Park events.

All along paths in Governor's Park, white bags with glowing yellow candles inside were set out to remember or honor friends and family of Holly Pond community members.

Toward the water, luminaries and United States flags were placed to honor and remember area veterans.

"It's a good way to remember someone," said Holly Pond Mayor Bill Oliver.

"(The) Civitans, Town and community all come together (for the event)."

Local businesses, clubs, churches, schools and others have placed large "Christmas cards" in the park as well.

"It's a real unique thing, and a lot of work," said Oliver.

The Cards in the Park event usually coincides with the Holly Pond Christmas Parade; however, this year the parade, scheduled for last Saturday, was canceled due to heavy rain.

Both events Tuesday night saw good turnouts.

"It's been a very good community event; I enjoy it," said Oliver.











PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs sweeps Fairview at home

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BREMEN – Fairview traveled to Bremen to take on Cold Springs Tuesday night in two huge county matchups. In the girls' game, the Lady Eagles easily handled the Lady Aggies 67-45 and in the boys' matchup, Cold Springs used a huge fourth quarter to get past Fairview 58-47.

Cold Springs 67 - Fairview 45 (varsity girls)
Cold Springs didn't waste any time getting off to a quick start as the Lady Eagles jumped out to a 9-0 lead. The Lady Eagles held the Lady Aggies without a field goal for a little over six minutes before Katie Ball got a layup off a steal at the 1:52 mark. A Daisy Manasco trey made it 16-8, but Camryn Crider quickly answered with back-to-back threes of her own to make it 22-8. Cold Springs held a 22-10 lead after one and the Lady Eagles never let Fairview get back within single digits. The Lady Eagles pulled away for a 67-45 win to improve to 8-4 overall on the season.

Elizabeth Hill finished the game with 26 points, four rebounds, three steals and two blocks for Cold Springs. Crider drilled six threes in the game as she ended up with 20 points, three rebounds and three steals. Kinley Campbell added eight points and Toni West finished with seven points, six rebounds, two steals and a block. Aubrey Negron added two points and eight rebounds. The Lady Eagles are now 7-1 in their last eight contests.

Daisy Manasco finished with a double-double for Fairview, recording 12 points and 12 rebounds. She also added a steal in the game. Payton Golden ended up with seven points, as did Jaycee Gorham, who also added three rebounds and a steal. Ball added six points and a steal.

Cold Springs 58 - Fairview 47 (varsity boys)
Luke Yarbrough started the game on fire for Fairview as he scored 13 of his team's 15 first-quarter points. The Aggies held the Eagles to just three baskets in the opening period and took a 15-8 lead into the second quarter.

The Eagles started the quarter on a 7-0 run, led by five points from Landyn Freeman and two from Brody Peppers, to tie the game up at 15. However, Fairview countered with a 7-0 run to take a 22-15 lead and wound up taking a 25-21 lead into the break. Yarbrough finished with 18 points at halftime.

Freeman nailed a trey to make it a 25-24 game early in the third period and the Eagles cut it to one multiple times in the quarter. After Adam Hill converted an and-one basket, the Fairview lead was cut to 33-32, but after Sawyer Daniel hit a pair of free throws at the line, Yarbrough converted an and-one of his own, and Daniel Gibson hit a shot the lead stretched to 40-34 by the start of the fourth quarter.

The final frame belonged to the Eagles as they swarmed the Aggies on defense, forcing turnovers and making them take tough shots. They held the Aggies without a basket for almost six minutes. Hill hit one of two shots from the line to give Cold Springs its first lead of the game at 41-40, a lead Eagles didn't relinquish as they ended up outscoring the Aggies 24-7 in the quarter to take the game 58-47.

Freeman led the way for the Eagles with 21 points, six rebounds, two steals and a block. Hill ended up with 13 points and six rebounds. Mason Harris added 10 points, three rebounds and a steal. Logan Rice ended up with eight points, a steal and a block. Cold Springs will stay home to take on West End on Friday night.

Yarbrough finished the game with a game-high 31 points, including six threes, five rebounds and a steal for Fairview, which is now 3-8 overall on the season. The Aggies will look to rebound at home against Ashville on Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats, Lady Bearcats collect home wins over John Carroll; Middle School County Tournament update

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CULLMAN – The Cavaliers of John Carroll made the trip up to Cullman High School Tuesday night and played well, but the Bearcats and Lady Bearcats sent them home with a pair of losses. The girls knocked off the Lady Cavs 52-40 while the boys outpaced John Carroll 54-40. With those wins, both the Bearcats and Lady Bearcats move to 11-1 on the season.

Cullman 52 – John Carroll 40 (varsity girls)
No one scored a bucket in this one until midway through the first quarter when the Lady Cavs hit a three to take an early lead, but Cullman was able to keep things very close by the end of the period.

Sadie Young knocked down a three at the first-quarter buzzer to cut the John Carroll lead to just 9-7 going into the second.

The Lady Bearcats took their first lead of the night on a fast break layup from Anna Grace Murphy that made it 12-11 early in the second.

A little later in the second, Young stretched that lead to 20-13 after hitting back-to-back three-point shots and by the half, Cullman had taken a 25-15 lead.

Turnovers made it tough to get things going on the offensive end for the Lady Bearcats, but their defense kept them ahead in the second half.

The Lady Cavs made it a 36-32 game early in the fourth quarter but couldn't get any closer than that.

Thanks to a stout defensive effort and free-throw shooting, Cullman was able to hold off John Carroll and pull away to win the match 52-40.

AK Eastman led the Lady Bearcats in scoring with 12 points, followed closely by Young who finished with 10 and Murphy who finished with eight.

After the game, Cullman Head Coach Josh Hembree said he was proud of the way his team fought and got the win but wants to see more consistency from his squad.

"We had spurts where we really played good basketball and we executed defensively and knocked down shots offensively, but there were also a lot of spurts where we didn't play well," Hembree said.

"We would have three or four girls busting their tails and then one girl that was just not on the same page with everybody and it was kind of like that all night so that's frustrating as a coach, but you never want to make a win feel like a loss.

"I'm proud of my girls for being able to get the win; we've got a lot of work to do and we've got to make sure we're getting a little better every day.

"John Carroll is a very well-coached, disciplined team and Coach (Ronald) Steele does a great job with those girls and its good to get a win with them coming into our place."

The Lady Bearcats will go for win number 12 when they host Huntsville this Friday.

Cullman 54 – John Carroll 40 (varsity boys)
Not unlike the Lady Bearcats, the 'Cats struggled to get on the scoreboard early in the game but still held onto a 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Cullman still wasn't fully clicking on the offensive end in the second period, but its smothering defense allowed it to build a lead.

A put-back layup and a three-pointer from Jaden Orr stretched the Bearcat lead to 30-11 inside of two minutes until halftime and by the break, the 'Cats were on top 33-13.

The offense slowed back down for Cullman in the third quarter and John Carroll was able to chip away at the lead.

The Bearcats kept the Cavs at arms-length, but the deficit had shrunk to 45-31 by the end of the third quarter.

The 'Cats slowed things down and put together several long possessions to help kill the clock and both teams scored just nine points in the final period, allowing Cullman to hold on and defeat John Carroll 54-40.

Jayden Sullins led the 'Cats in scoring with 14 points, followed by Mason Herron and JT White who posted nine and eight points respectively.

Ten different Bearcats found the scoring column in the win.

Cullman will look to avenge its only loss of the season this Friday when the Bearcats host Huntsville.

Cullman County Middle School Tournament Day One Results: Girls' Bracket
- (1) Good Hope 43 – (8) Vinemont 11
- (4) Cold Springs 35 – (5) Holly Pond 21
- (3) Parkside 42 – (6) Hanceville 11
- (2) West Point 28 – (7) Fairview 11

Other Tuesday night scores:
- Hanceville 64 – JB Pennington 52 (varsity boys)
- Hanceville 63 – JB Pennington 47 (varsity girls)
- Good Hope 66 – West Point 58 (varsity boys)
- West Point 62 – Good Hope 36 (varsity girls)
- Cold Springs 58 – Fairview 47 (varsity boys)
- Cold Springs 67 – Fairview 45 (varsity girls)
- Holly Pond 70 – Vinemont 38 (varsity boys)
- Holly Pond 55 – Vinemont 27 (varsity girls)

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 13 - 14

Mr. Eugene R. Phillips, 71, of Cullman passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. No services are planned. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on April 6, 1947 to Eugene J. Phillips and Marian Embree Phillips. He is survived by his wife, Nora Phillips and sister, Sharon Lacey. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Memorial Service for Ruby Lee Waldrop, age 88, of Vinemont, will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Waldrop passed away on Monday, December 10, 2018, at Cullman Regional. She was born Thursday, October 16, 1930, to Louis M. and Agatha Goodlett. She is preceded in death by her parents, Louis M. and Agatha Goodlett; daughter, Connie Waldrop; sister, Dorothy Smith; and brothers, Doug Goodlett and L. M. Goodlett, Jr. Survivors include her sons, Jimbo (Patti) Waldrop and Tommy (Terri) Waldrop; grandchildren, Jarad Waldrop, Magda Waldrop, Taylor (Eric) Ponder, and Kyle (Leah) Waldrop; great-grandchildren, Jack and Greer Ponder, and Archer and Nolan Waldrop; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mr. James Turner Williams, 96, of Cullman passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. No services are planned.

Funeral services for Barnard White, age 69 of Cullman, will be Friday, December 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dudley Brock and Rev. Roger Hood officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Mr. White was born on October 23, 1949 in Cullman to Henry Grady and Clora Smith White. He is preceded in death by a son: Grady Shawn White. Survivors are his wife: Sherry White, sons: Chad (Darinda) White, Josh (Stacey) White, step-sons: Roy Jr. (Kelly) Scott, Russell (Katherine) Scott, sisters: Mary Hathcock and Glin Calvert, 7 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Funeral Service for Wanda Lee Phillips, age 83, of Logan, will be at 12 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Randy Milligan and Bro. G.T. Robertson officiating; interment in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Phillips passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Cullman Regional. She was born March 31, 1935 to Arthur and Iris Hulsey. She is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Iris Hulsey; husbands, Clovis Aderhold and Floyd Phillips; great-granddaughter, Tayler Aderhold; brother, Cecil Hulsey; and sisters, Mamie Heth and Trixie. Survivors include her sons, Jim Aderhold and Randy (Carolyn) Aderhold; daughter, Sandy (Michael) Harbison; grandchildren, Heath (Kirissy) Aderhold, Brandon (Kim) Aderhold, Steven (Sheree) Harbison, Susan (Brandon) Adamson, Meagan Aderhold, and Jake Aderhold; great-grandchildren, Tristen Aderhold, Tanner Aderhold, Will Harbison, Jack Harbison, Mason Aderhold, Harper Aderhold, and Ava Aderhold; sisters, Clarene Reid, Naomi Lynn, Juanita Lynn and Linda Clardy; and brother, Jessie Hulsey. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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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
Attorney for Petitioners
2202 2nd Avenue North
413 1st Avenue SW
Birmingham, AL 35203

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF *
M.J.H., * **CASE NO.: AD2018-112**
A Minor Child, DOB 11/5/2003. *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **STEVEN GLEN HELTON, ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER.**

A Petition for Adoption of M.J.H., a minor child, born on the 5th day of November, 2003, in Morristown, Tennessee, to biological mother, Chariot Anne Collins Young, was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by WILLIAM KEVIN HUGHES, Petitioner. 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 the counsel for said Petitioner, whose name is listed below, and with the clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE THIS THE 11th DAY OF December, 2018.

WILLIAM KEVIN HUGHES
PETITIONER

SARA BAKER
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
100 FIFTH STREET SE
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055
(256) 737-7181

To the Publisher of **The Cullman Tribune**:

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive 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, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
SUE ANN BALLOU WEIR,) **CASE NO.: PC2018-403**
A/K/A SUE B. WEIR)
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased have been granted to **Kent Alan Weir,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Sue Ann Ballou Weir a/k/a Sue B. Weir,** deceased, on the 11th day of December, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 11th day of December, 2018.

Kent Alan Weir
Personal Representative

GAY BLACKBURN MALONEY
Attorney for Petitioner
201 Second avenue, S.E.
P.O. Box 1469
Decatur, Alabama 35602

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

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

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES LEE SWOFFORD * CASE NO PC 2018-408
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **STEPHEN KEITH SWOFFORD,** as Executor of the Estate of JAMES LEE SWOFFORD, deceased, on the 11th day of December, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Stephen Keith Swofford
Executor of the Estate of
James Lee Swofford

Mark C. Nelson
Attorney for Executor
2216 14th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Rickey D Hathcock An Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Evabank dated January 18, 2008; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1551, Page 706, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Green Tree servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 290, Page 779 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 4th day of January, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as commencing at an existing 1 inch pipe marking the northwest corner of said forty; thence N 89°42'35" E along the north line of said forty a distance of 123.40 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning continue N 89°42'35" E a distance of 1154.91 feet to a set railroad spike in the center of County Road 436; thence S 50°29'42" W along the center of said road a distance of 278.53 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence S 63°18'05" W along the center of said road a distance of 789.0 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence leaving said road run N 24°05'25: W a distance of 576.00 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 7.56 acres, more or less.
Said property is subject to a right of way for County Road 436 along the south side.

Said property is commonly known as 6696 County Road 436, Cullman, AL 35057.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Rickey D Hathcock or tenant(s).
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE SET FORTH BELOW WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL AT THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE LUCILLE N. GALIN AUDITORIUM AT CITY HALL.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 62 SECTION 193 AS AMENDED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA:

1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 1-52-84, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Code of Ordinances Chapter 62, Section 193 is hereby amended as follows:

2. SECTION 62-193 of said ordinance is hereby deleted in its entirety, and is hereby replaced by new SECTION 62-193, which reads as follows:

SECTION 62-193. PERMITTED USES.

1) Single-family detached dwellings;
2) Townhouse-type single-family attached dwellings, in accordance with section 62-711;
3) Duplex attached units;
4) Condominiums, in accordance with the permitted uses for condos as mentioned in section 62-712;
5) Accessory structures such as, but not limited to:
   a) Private detached garages;
   b) Private barbecue pits;
   c) Private swimming pools;
   d) Private storage buildings;
   e) Play areas; and
   f) Play equipment;
6) Public utility structures, such as electrical substations, natural gas metering stations, sewer pumping stations, and fire stations;
7) Similar items so designated by the planning commission which come within the spirit or intent of the zoning district; and
8) Multi-family dwellings of four or more units.

3. This ordinance shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and consideration of said ordinance.

4. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of the ordinance on the 14th day of January, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

5. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

6.Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

7.This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and adoption as required by law, including notice, publication, and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended.

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site for the high school, as well as continuing to meet the needs that we have with travel ball that we bring to the area."

Walkway to provide safe route for walkers, students

Nesmith Park is a thoroughfare for some of the west side's students going to and from West Elementary School.

According to Anderson, "We want to create a safer walking passage for the neighbors to get to school, also for exercise. And we will have pathway lighting, so at night it's safe, easy to monitor."

Water element returns to Nesmith with splash pad

After CP&R closed the Nesmith Park pool several years ago, it had a desire to return some type of cool-fun-for-hot-days water recreation to the site. The decision was made to pursue a splash pad, which is easier to maintain and is considered safer for younger children.

Anderson explained, "We're excited about bringing in a really nice splash pad that will be free for the public to use."

CP&R will submit its grant proposal later this month and will have to wait at least two months to hear back. If the department gets the grant, construction could begin shortly after that and could be completed in late 2019 or early 2020.

Anderson said improvements to Nesmith will move forward in some way, with or without outside funding.

Said Anderson, "We will be addressing that park regardless of grant funding, but we are hopeful that this is a great candidate for the LWCF grant. And, if we can get that grant, of course, we can do a lot more with the site.

"We appreciate the (Cullman) City Council's support for community parks and addressing quality of life needs within our community. We appreciate the feedback that we've received from Cullman City Schools and from West Elementary, and the athletic department, and then the local community to this park providing their insight and their history of this parkland. So, we could not have done this without their help.

"The small parks mean a lot to our park board and our staff, so we are very appreciative to the community and city leaders for supporting our efforts."

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