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'The Grinch' comes to West Elementary



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Cindy Lou Who (Halle Robertson), the Grinch (Jay Lee) and Max (Ella Abbott), on the set of West Elementary Drama Club's production of "The Grinch" Friday evening.

Seniors enjoy annual Christmas party

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker, right, points to a winner at Friday's annual Christmas party for seniors at the Cullman Civic Center.

CULLMAN – Approximately 850 Cullman area seniors braved the rain to pack the Cullman Civic Center Friday morning for the Cullman County Commission on Aging's annual Christmas party. Santa and Buddy the Elf greeted the partygoers and a live band played country and bluegrass favorites.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker was all smiles as he watched the guests dancing, laughing and having a good time.

"Celebrity" servers for the lunch included Holly Pond Mayor Bill Oliver, Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett, Rep. Randall Shedd, Vinemont Mayor Reggie Dodson, Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Garry Marchman, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar, Cullman County Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, Cullman City Councilman Johnny Cook, Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman County Sheriff's Office Communications Director Bradley Williams, Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas, and several others, all of them donning red aprons to help serve the seniors.

Door prizes were given to the oldest veteran in attendance (97), Cullman's state Senior Games winners, oldest man (97) and woman (93), and longest-married couple, married for 80 years.

Drawings for door prizes had everyone on the edge of their seats waiting for their number to be drawn. The Rowdy Bunch from the Hanceville Senior Center had a lot of fun. Dressed in matching shirts and festive elf hats with elf ears, the Rowdy Bunch loved watching everyone as their numbers were called, but one lovely lady added, "I just wish everyone could win!"

After dozens of prizes were given, the big prizes were brought out. Gloria Williams of Freedom Insurance Agency donated two $250 prizes and one $500 grand prize. Another special prize was a 50-inch Sharp flat screen television.

Vera Robinette of Cullman won the TV, laughing, "I guess I have an older television for sale now!"

Jane Clark of Cullman won the $500 grand prize. She was excited to share the moment with her friends Cookie Day and Judy Nelson.

An ecstatic Clark said, "I'll be able to put a few more gifts under the tree for my seven grandchildren. I'm going shopping."



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Gov. Kay Ivey

ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL

Ivey launches year of Alabama Bicentennial

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Festive weekend fun!

Wendy Sack
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CULLMAN – There are several fun holiday events scheduled to take place this weekend in and around Cullman. Here are a few to enjoy:

Photos with Santa at Cullman Regional
Cullman Regional is excited to host a free Photos with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 8-11 a.m. Children can visit with Santa and have their photos made. Refreshments will be provided, including candy canes, cookies and hot chocolate.

The Photos with Santa event will take place in Cullman Regional's Colonel Cullmann Room (Professional Office Building 2). For more information, email news@cullmanregional.com or visit www.cullmanregional.com.

Makers Market at the Festhalle
The second annual Makers Market is coming to Cullman's Festhalle this Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Event founder Elizabeth McDowell calls it "the last-minute procrastination market." With no other craft shows or football this weekend, it's a great weekend to get out and find some special gifts for everyone on your list.

The Makers Market features all local vendors and makes sure all the products are handmade.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
The City of Good Hope's Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park are this Saturday Dec. 15. The parade grand marshal will be 92-year-old Navy veteran Thurman Ryan. The parade starts at 2 p.m. in the Good Hope High School football field parking lot. Christmas in the Park will follow at Municipal Park with free food, fun, hay ride, train ride, snow and photos with Santa.

3rd Annual Fairview Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. The event will take place at Randall Shedd Community Park.

Parade lines up at 5 p.m. Following the parade: - Tree lighting - Reading of "The Night Before Christmas" - Santa Claus - Free refreshments. This event is sponsored by the Fairview Lions Club.

Hanceville Tinsel Trail and Tree Lighting
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in Veterans Park. Sponsored by the Hanceville Civitans.

Fairview High School's Scenes, Sweets, and Songs
Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Fairview High School

The program with start the theatre department's production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in the auditorium. Afterward, desserts, coffee and hot chocolate will be served by the food innovations class. Then the band will perform its Christmas concert back in the auditorium. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students and children. Get them from any band or theatre student. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Hanceville approves Downtown Improvement Plan

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HANCEVILLE – On Thursday evening, the Hanceville City Council took the next step in its revitalization efforts with approval of a Downtown Improvement Plan submitted by the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG).

NARCOG representative Joey Hester, who attended the council meeting, explained to The Tribune, "The goal is for the plan to serve as a guide for the redevelopment and other improvements for downtown Hanceville."

Plans are in the works for improvements to all parts of the city, but the plan passed Thursday focused on an area centered roughly on the stretch of U.S. Highway 31 from the Alabama Highway 91 intersection south to Hanceville City Hall, stretching a few blocks in each direction.

The goals, according to the vision statement in the plan shared by Hester, include making Hanceville's downtown historic, vibrant, entertaining, family-friendly and unique.

The plan includes updating development regulations (like zoning regulations and building codes), improving existing building facades, improving transportation infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, parking), creating parks and greenspaces and promoting downtown residential spaces.

The council also presented a certificate of achievement to Hanceville Police Officer William Tyler Isbell, in recognition of his recent completion of Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) certification at the Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Selma.

The council approved a resolution to participate in the state weather preparedness sales tax holiday, Friday, Feb. 22 through Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

Exemptions from sales taxes will include many types of batteries, cell phone chargers and batteries, flashlights and lanterns, portable radios, tarps and drop cloths, ice chests, duct tape, plywood, cold packs, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and other items.

For more information visit https://revenue.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/WPHolidayQuickRefSheet-19.pdf.

In other business, the council voted to:

- grant a 10-day extension on an order to clean up property on the intersection of Commercial Street and Bangor Avenue
- reappoint Waid Smith to a new six-year term on the City Water Board
- surplus a wrecked fire department car and several old traffic signals
- annex property on the city's east side, at the property owner's request

Mayor Kenneth Nail reminded all present that Hanceville's Christmas tree lighting will take place in Veterans Park at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Hanceville City Council will meet next on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. in the city hall auditorium, with work session at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

Arrests reported on Dec. 13-14

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported on Dec. 13-14, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON THURSDAY, DEC. 13
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Monday, Dec. 10
Anders, Shaun David, 28
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Barnett, Christian Davis 22
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Campbell, Johnny Ray, 55
• public intoxication

Crocker, Jason Robert, 42
• obstruction/using a false ID
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Handley, Alexandria Grace, 26
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hogan, Christopher Lee, 32
• carrying a pistol without a license
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jackson, George Williams, 63
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Kelley, Terry Lawayne, 36
• domestic violence-strangulation/suffocation

Laney, Brandon Christopher, 23
• probation violation-unlawful possession of a controlled substance (4 counts)

Light, Zackary William, 30
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Marsh, Myron Clifton Jr., 54
• FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order

McCurry, Jason Allen, 40
• FTA- defrauding secured creditors

Reeves, Fallon Rene, 35
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Willingham, Janet Lee, 43
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Bartholomew, Christopher, 30
• FTA- first-degree theft of property

Bourgeois, Alisa Janelle, 35
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hazelrig, Jason Ray, 41
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hydrick, Emily Taylor, 21
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 28
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Townson, Donnie Ray, 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana personal use

Willingham, Joshua Joe, 35
• third-degree assault
• attempting to elude
• FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
• FTA- harassing communications

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Adcock, Marlon Dennis, 50
• probation violation-first-degree theft of property

Crane, Carrie Melissa, 48
• third-degree burglary

Devlin, Destiny Madaia, 25
• FTA- giving false name to law enforcement

Earley, Raymond Eugene, 46
• failure to file/pay sales tax

Goodwin, Gary Wayne, 54
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hamby, Cory Wayne, 30
• probation violation-unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hooks, Michael Wayne, 42
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Howard, Christopher Dewayne, 26
• probation violation-second-degree forgery (7 counts)

Lancaster, Jordan Lee, 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- reckless driving
• resisting arrest

Powell, Nathan Allen, 28
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Thomas, Denzil James, 51
• sexual offender failure to register termination SORNA
• probation violation-establishment of residence SORNA

Waters, Brian James, 45
• FTA- third-degree assault

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Wednesday, Dec. 12
Guthery, Trey B., 25
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dean, Stephanie W., 44
• fourth-degree theft of property

Mathis, Becky S., 40
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Creel, Patrick S., 42
• FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
• FTA- DUI
• FTA- improper lane usage

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

REPORTED ON FRIDAY, DEC. 14
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Thursday, Dec. 13
Kaiser, Christopher B., 33
• third-degree domestic violence

Warren, Avaleana N., 28
• FTA- running a red light

Stewart, Mary E., 22
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Brizendine, Christopher N., 44
• FTA- driving while revoked
• FTA- insurance violation

Baker, Kimberly L., 47
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving without a license (2 counts)
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- insurance violation

Peed, Mitchell T., 21
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Cooke, Cameron L., 23
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary water outage on Thursday, Dec. 20

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN – City of Cullman water crews will be working along Third Street Southwest on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018.

Water service will be turned off around 8 a.m. that day, and water customers on Third Street Southwest between West Main Street Southwest and Rosemont Avenue Southwest will temporarily be without water.

Water service should be restored later that afternoon, unless other issues arise. Please share with anyone who may be affected by this temporary water outage.

Contact the City of Cullman Water Department at 256-775-7210 with questions.

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COUNTY OF CULLMAN

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. AD 2018-111

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF DUSTIN LEWAYNE GREATHOUSE and KENDALL MICHELL GREATHOUSE TO ADOPT Z.A.F., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JAMES ALLEN FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of Z.A.F., a minor child (born March 25, 2015, to Jessica Danielle Whitehead Ford), was filed on the 6th day of December, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Dustin Lewayne Greathouse and Kendall Michell Greathouse. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2018.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
KARON LYNETT HUTTON,
DECEASED.

CASE NO PC-2018-378

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Frayne Hutton
Personal Representative

Douglas C. Martinson
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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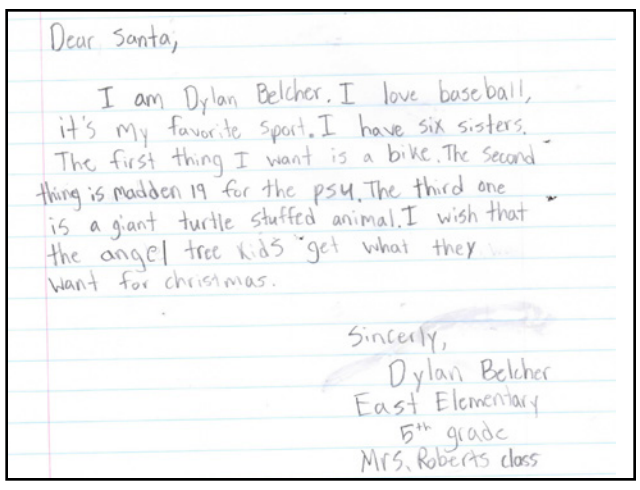
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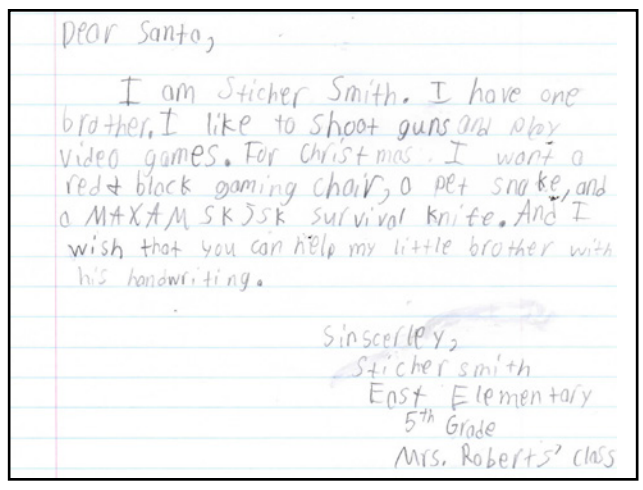
Letters to Santa

Ms. Roberts' 5th grade class, East Elementary


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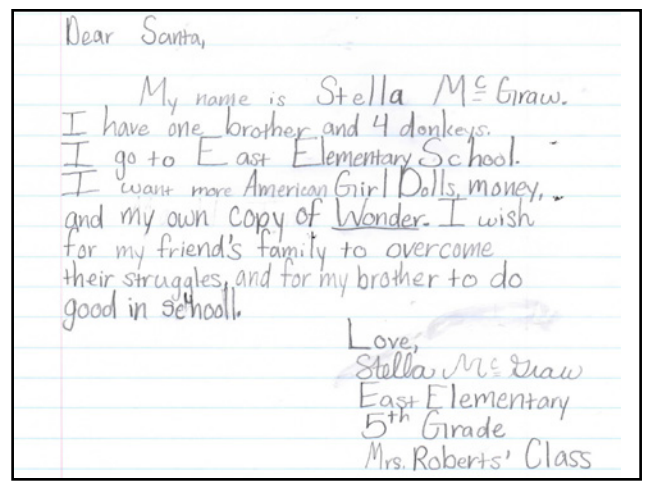
I am Dylan Belcher. I love baseball, it's my favorite sport. I have six sisters. The first thing I want is a bike. The second thing is madden 19 for the ps4. The third one is a giant turtle stuffed animal. I wish that the angel tree kids get what they want for christmas.

Sincerly,
Dylan Belcher
East Elementary
5th grade
Mrs. Roberts class


Dear Santa,

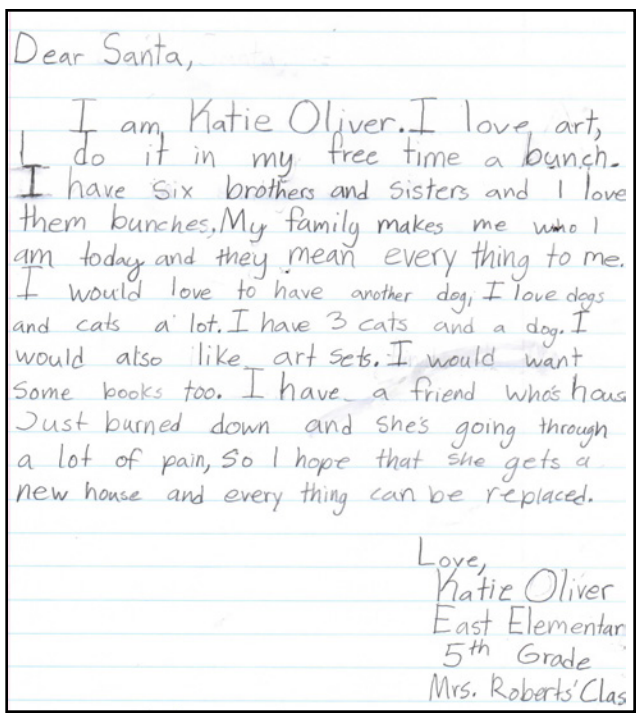
I am Sticher Smith. I have one brother. I like to shoot guns and play video games. For christmas I want a red + black gaming chair, a pet snake, and a MAXAM SK35K survival knife. And I wish that you can help my little brother with his handwriting.

Sinscerley,
Sticher smith
East Elementary
5th Grade
Mrs. Roberts' class


Dear Santa,

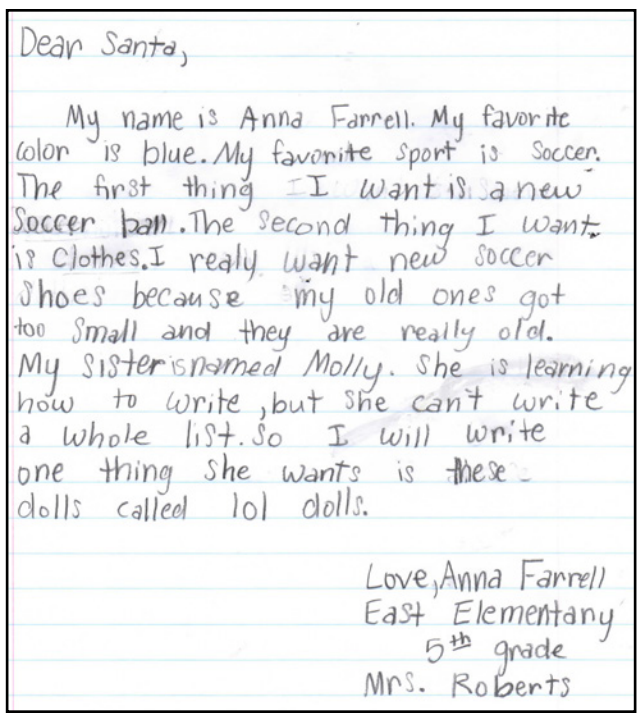
My name is Stella McGraw. I have one brother and 4 donkeys. I go to East Elementary School. I want more American Girl Dolls, money, and my own copy of Wonder. I wish for my friend's family to overcome their struggles, and for my brother to do good in school.

Love,
Stella McGraw
East Elementary
5th Grade
Mrs. Roberts' Class


Dear Santa,

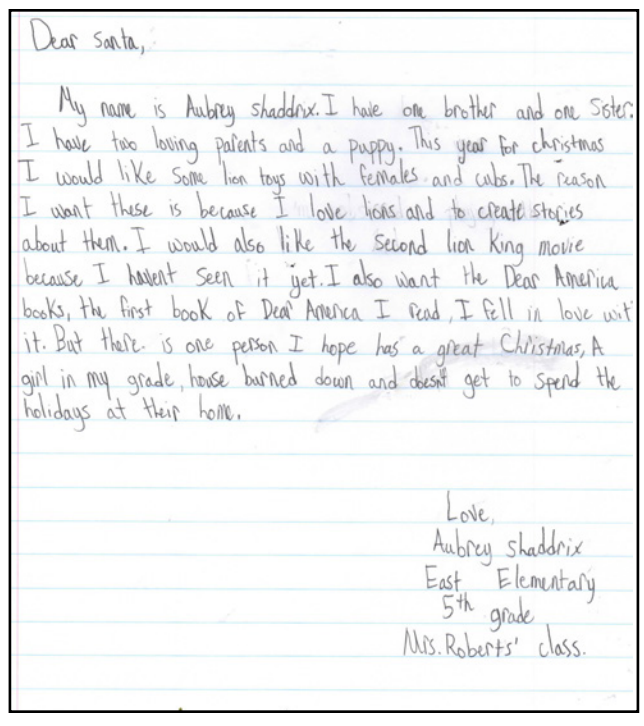
I am Katie Oliver. I love art, I do it in my free time a bunch. I have six brothers and sisters and I love them bunches. My family makes me who I am today and they mean every thing to me. I would love to have another dog, I love dogs and cats a lot. I have 3 cats and a dog. I would also like art sets. I would want some books too. I have a friend whos haus just burned down and she's going through a lot of pain, so I hope that she gets a new house and every thing can be replaced.

Love,
Katie Oliver
East Elementar
5th Grade
Mrs. Roberts' Clas


Dear Santa,

My name is Anna Farrell. My favorite color is blue. My favorite sport is Soccer. The first thing I want is a new Soccer ball. The second thing I want is Clothes. I realy want new soccer shoes because my old ones got too small and they are really old. My sister is named Molly. She is learning how to write, but she can't write a whole list. So I will write one thing she wants is these dolls called lol dolls.

Love, Anna Farrell
East Elementary
5th grade
Mrs. Roberts


Dear Santa,

My name is Aubrey shaddrix. I have one brother and one Sister. I have too loving parents and a puppy. This year for christmas I would like some lion toys with females and cubs. The reason I want these is because I love lions and to create stories about them. I would also like the second lion king movie because I haven't seen it yet. I also want the Dear America books, the first book of Dear America I read, I fell in love wit it. But there is one person I hope has a great Christmas, A girl in my grade, house burned down and doesn't get to spend the holidays at their home.

Love,
Aubrey shaddrix
East Elementary
5th grade
Mrs. Roberts' class.

Bicentennial (from Front)

Daniel Sparkman
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey launched the year of Alabama's Bicentennial at the Alabama State Capitol on Friday, saying it will be a year to celebrate and educate.

"We have an opportunity in front of us, and just as Alabamians have done for the past 199 years, we will make the most of that opportunity," Ivey said. "Alabama is defined by its people. It's that simple. As we near our state's Bicentennial, we recognize that our story of success is told by our people. And that is who we are celebrating: the Alabamians who got us here, all the men and women across our state today and the future generations of Alabamians who will help take us to even greater heights."

Children from Pell City's Eden Elementary joined Ivey and Alabama Sen. Arthur Orr, chairman of the Alabama Bicentennial Committee, in previewing some of the more than 400 Bicentennial events that will take place before the Bicentennial's culmination on Dec. 14, 2019 in Montgomery.

Two hundred schools across the state have been selected as Alabama Bicentennial Schools and are putting on Bicentennial projects.

Although there are hundreds of public events, Orr said the Bicentennial celebration is also having a huge but more subtle impact on Alabama, from its largest cities to its smallest communities.

"It's not just celebrations and festivals," Orr said. "It's almost impossible to estimate how many thousands of Alabamians are learning more about the state's history through touring exhibitions, the journeys they are making using the Alabama PastPort book and app, or through the thousand teachers who will have been instructed on ways to teach Alabama history by the end of the Bicentennial."

Coca-Cola was on hand Friday to introduce its Alabama Bicentennial Commemorative bottle at the event.

Children had their pictures made with Coca-Cola's famous polar bear icon before the press conference began.

A list of some of the key upcoming events was made available at the announcement.

During the next 365 days, 225 cities, towns and communities across the state will hold more than 400 events.

The events include everything from celebrating the 50th anniversary of Alabama's role in landing a man on the moon to revealing a replica that will show modern Alabamians for the first time what the state's first capitol looked like in Old Cahawba.

There will be a release of a U.S. Postal Service Alabama Bicentennial forever stamp, special concerts throughout the state, a Native American Bicentennial event in Moundville, the opening of Huntsville's newly renovated Constitution Village, a tour involving Alabama's most important documents, events honoring Alabama veterans and the culmination of the year-long celebration in Montgomery with the dedication of the Bicentennial Park in front of the Capitol.

Learn more at www.Alabama200.org.

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Saturday, December 22, 2018
VISITING HOURS: 8AM-6PM

Come out to see the beauty of the grounds, Christmas decorations and lights, and reserve a spot on a horse-drawn wagon ride before they fill up! We hope you can come and be renewed by Emmanuel, God's Presence among us. Complementary hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies provided. No visiting fee.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 30, 2008 by Sylvia a. Lackey, a widowed woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1553, Page 139 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 January 7, 2019:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence West a distance of 400 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 610 feet to the center line of a creek; thence West 145 feet; thence North 610 feet; thence East 145 feet to the point of beginning. The above described property situated, lying and being in the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 22 Township 9, Range 2 West.

Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 346, Page 935.

Robert N. Lackey and wife, Sylvia A. Lackey received title, for and during their joint lives and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, in that deed recorded April 28, 1979 in Book 346 Page 935. Robert N. Lackey died on or about June 9, 2007.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate: 1999 Freestate, VIN# FS101405MS.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-December 15, 22, 29, 2018

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2018-110

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF AUSTIN BRETT SMITH and TAYLOR ROWELL SMITH TO ADOPT I.K.M.A.F.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JAMES ALLEN FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of I.K.M.A.F., a minor child (born April 29, 2013, to Jessica Danielle Whitehead Ford), was filed on the 10th day of December, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Austin Brett Smith and Taylor Rowell Smith. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2018.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO: PC 2018-413

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARY SULLIVAN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Brian Joseph Sullivan on December 11, 2018.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 12th day of December, 2018.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 27, 2005 by Christopher Jackson Coots and Pamela K. Coots, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1457, Page 104 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 7, 2019:

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

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

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

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

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The Cullman Tribune-December 15, 2, 29, 2018

CCCDC presents almost $92K in grant checks to area organizations

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CULLMAN – At its meeting in November, the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) awarded $91,500 in grant money to eight recipients. On Friday, the CCCDC presented those grant checks at the Cullman County Economic Development office.

Grants recipients included:

- Parkside School, $12,00 for 48 Chromebooks
- Cullman Fire Rescue, $12,000 for chest compression devices
- Town of Baileyton, $7,500 for lighting on walking trails in town park
- Childhaven, $12,000 for educational expenses
- West Point Volunteer Fire Department, $12,000 for two chest compression devices
- Cullman Regional Foundation/Cullman EMS, $12,000 for cardiac monitors and defibrillators
- Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department, $12,000 for community shelter grant match
- Logan Volunteer Fire Department, $12,000 for community shelter grant match

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; and CCCDC member Bradley Williams were on-hand to present checks to recipients.

Shedd said, "The significance of us being involved is that we passed the legislation to set this up. I've got four counties in my district and two of them have legislative offices that cost about $200,000 a year to operate.

"We don't have that here. Thanks to (Cullman County Economic Development Director) Cherrie (Haney) and her staff here for helping us when we need it.

"If it wasn't for that and the fact that we don't spend $200,000 a year on legislative offices, y'all probably wouldn't have those checks. The community projects are what I like to see."

Added Harbison, "It's a tough task to be on that board. I do appreciate you all."

Maria Stanford, executive director of the Cullman Regional Foundation said she is very grateful for the grant the Foundation received.

Dr. Jim Wright, executive director of Childhaven, shared, "This grant is a blessing.

"It will go toward our educational program and educational support. Childhaven is one of Cullman's largest nonprofits and we are almost 100 percent donation funded."

When asked what Childhaven's current needs are, Wright replied, "Any need you might think of, we probably have it. Anyone interested in how to help is welcome to call."

Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar thanked the CCCDC saying, "The CCCDC- everyone has a chance with this. It's not political. It's the fairest way I know of. I'm blessed, and my town is blessed. Thank you."

CCCDC board members are appointed by the Cullman area's state legislative delegation.

CCCDC members are:

- Cherrie Haney - appointed by Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman
- Joe Golden - appointed by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
- Bradley Williams - appointed by Rep. Corey Harbison, R- Good Hope
- Josh Speakman - appointed by Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle
- Champ Crocker, chairman - appointed by the legislative delegation

Funding for CCCDC grants comes from taxes- Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in lieu of taxes and beer taxes. Grants are capped at $12,000 and are not issued for more than that amount except under extraordinary circumstances, which must be approved by the legislators.

To learn more or to submit a grant application, visit http://co.cullman.al.us/cccdc/cccdc.html.

The commission will meet next on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall.

Sheriff: Extra deputies on patrol through New Year's Day

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CULLMAN – Extra Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies will be on patrol from now through New Year's Day in Cullman County, the CCSO announced Friday.

"Sheriff Matt Gentry has directed the use of extra patrol deputies (through) New Year's and during Christmas to help in crime suppression," said a spokesman for the CCSO.

The deputies' focus will be on the prevention of thefts, burglaries, drug-related activity and DUIs through traffic enforcement, close patrols of churches and businesses, safety checkpoints and other crime-reduction activities.

"We always see a rise in thefts and burglaries towards Christmas and New Year's, so we try and be preemptive and have more deputies in the community," said Gentry.

"I encourage everyone if you are going out of town ask a neighbor to keep a look out on your home while you are gone, set your alarm, leave a light on and anything that will detour a thief."

Community Notes

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Part-time clerical/ministry assistant needed

East Side Baptist Church in Cullman is seeking a person who is proficient with Microsoft Office and has outstanding organizational and communication skills. Must have record keeping, bookkeeping and payroll experience. Need to have general computer skills and be able to use a PC and a Mac.

Duties entail record keeping, general office duties, bookkeeping and payroll, print and digital publications, working closely with pastor and various groups within the church.

Send resumes to esbcsearchteam@gmail.com.

Cullman Regional hosting Healthy Life Christmas party Dec. 18

Cullman Regional is hosting a Christmas party for Healthy Life members on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be held in the Colonel Cullmann Room in Professional Office Building 2 at Cullman Regional. Turkey, ham, green beans and dressing will be provided.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. There is no charge for this luncheon, we just ask that you RSVP. To register for the Christmas party, call 256-735-5600 or register online at www.cullmanregional.com.

For more information about the Healthy Life program at Cullman Regional or for a list of upcoming events, visit online at www.cullmanregional.com.

Cross Baptist Church New Year's Eve service

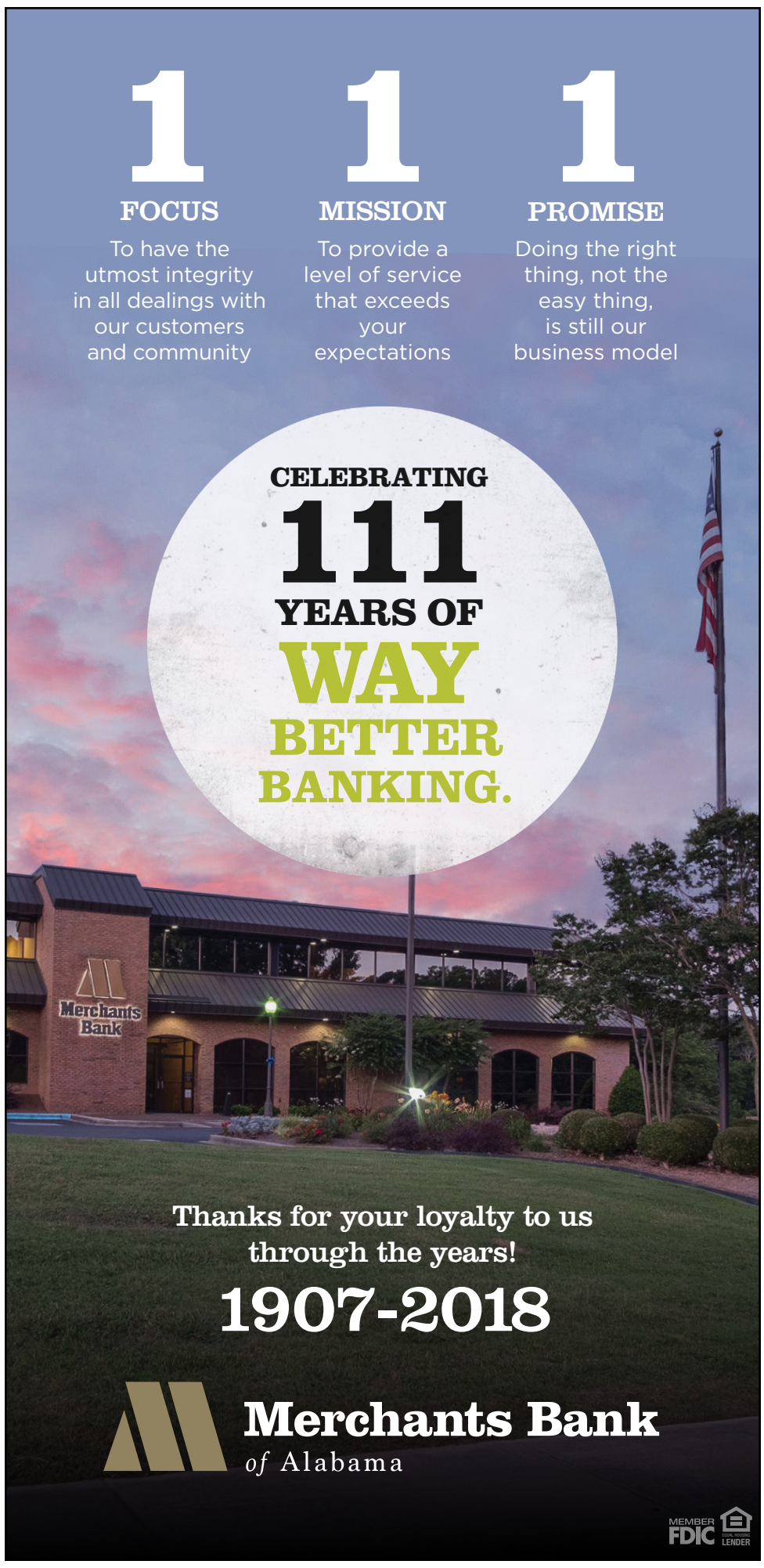
Cross Baptist Church will hold a New Year's Eve service Dec. 31, 2018, from 7 p.m. until midnight. Doctor David Smith will be guest speaker.

Trusting Grace and Debra Perry and Jaidyn's Call will be the guest singers. For more information, call 256-990-6345.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Watch Night Service

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church (U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left), will have a Watch Night Service on Sunday, New Year's Eve, starting at 8 p.m. The guest singers will be Point of Honor.

Refreshments will be served around 10 p.m. We will pray the old year out and the new one in. For more information, call 256-796-5986. Everyone is welcome.







COMMUNITY PROFILE

Meet Cloyce Talmadge Drake (part 1)

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Cullman County's Cloyce Talmadge Drake

It was Jan. 7, 1943 when 19-year-old Cloyce Talmadge Drake was inducted into the United States Army. Having been drafted, he arrived at Ft. Benning, Georgia and couldn't possibly have envisioned what he would experience over the next three years.

Upon completion of basic training, Drake was assigned to Company I of the 35th Division of the 320th Infantry. His unit was sent to San Luis Obispo, California for training. They went by train and the trip took an entire week.

While in California, Drake became very ill. He was diagnosed with spinal meningitis. Several of his fellow soldiers also came down with meningitis and were hospitalized. He was in the hospital for at least a month and was even unconscious for several days. He shared a room with another soldier who was very homesick. The other soldier would cry while Drake wrote and received letters from home. The soldier did not know how to read and write and once Drake realized that, he would write letters for him and read letters he got in return.

Once Drake was well enough to leave the hospital and travel, he was able to come home to Cullman County on a 30-day sick leave. During his leave the 35th Division was sent to Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Though it had been suggested to Drake that his illness could get him out of going to war, he chose to join his fellow soldiers at Ft. Rucker.

He shared, "I never made it a habit to lie, so I didn't figure I would start."

The 35th Division left Ft. Rucker and participated in the Second Army Tennessee Maneuvers from Nov. 22, 1943 to Jan. 17, 1944 where it received mountain warfare training. This training was new to units other than those in the Mountaineer Division. The training hoped to better prepare the soldiers for the conditions they were likely to face in the war.

Drake said, "We left Rucker and went to Tennessee for special maneuvers. They took us up there in trucks. We slept out there through the winter months. It was cold. There was snow and it was rough. It taught you how to take care of yourself out in that weather. When I got over there fighting, I lived in the snow out in the forest. Every night I slept outside. We all had shelter halves. We would pitch tents and sleep five men to a tent or bed. We would take the shelters, put three on the ground and covered ourselves with the other two. We would sleep five men to a bed. Them guys would fuss about who was going to sleep with me saying I was just like a heater to them. They'd finally wind up putting me in the middle."

Once the division had completed the maneuvers in Tennessee it was ready for overseas. The division went to Camp Butner, North Carolina where Drake enjoyed playing basketball. He considered himself to be quite good at basketball. Soon after, he traveled to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to board a ship to England.

Drake and the other approximately 160 members of his unit boarded the Edmond B. Alexander for London. The trip took two weeks, as the ships carrying service members would maneuver strategically while enroute. When they arrived in London, Drake and the members of the 35th Division met and were interviewed by several generals who were curious about the new training they had received in Tennessee.

Soon his company headed to Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, landing 30 days after D-Day. From Omaha Beach, they headed to St. Lo, France for what Drake described as "the worst battle I was ever in."

To be continued...











Ten Things from a Tribune Tastemaker

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Contributor

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

"10 Things from a Tribune Tastemaker"

This week, meet Pat Sharpton, 2019 president of the Cullman County Master Gardeners

"MAKE CULLMAN EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL IN 2019" is a New Year's message from Cullman County Master Gardeners President Pat Sharpton. Growing up a U.S. Air Force kiddo, Pat has lived in many places.

She finished high school in Savannah, Georgia and completed undergraduate school at Emory University (Atlanta).

A newcomer to Cullman, moving here in 2013, Pat read a local newspaper article ("YAY, NEWSPAPERS!") encouraging people to become a Master Gardener. She is a retired science teacher with a master's degree but admits she "could not seem to be successful with plants."

Shared Pat, "Once in the Master Gardeners class, I found out I was skipping over the basics, starting with having the right soil!"

She added, "An important reason for joining Master Gardeners is the wealth of gardening knowledge you gain from other members and their willingness to share their expertise and plants."

Here are 10 things from this Cullman County Master Gardener as we head into a beautiful new year:

1. CHAMBERS FARM AND GARDEN SUPPLY, GIBBS NURSERY, MUSTARD SEED NURSERY, BIG CEDAR NURSERY—superb Cullman gardening sources

2. CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF ALABAMA GARDENING—2019 is our Bicentennial and Cullman County Master Gardeners are reimagining the Richter Chapel (downtown) landscaping as a salute

3. INTROVERTS & EXTROVERTS—Master Gardeners have opportunities for gardening with others and gardening in solitude

4. GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR MASTER GARDENER CLASS AND LOCAL NURSERIES—great Holiday 2018 gift suggestions

5. MONET'S GARDEN PAINTINGS—Pat's favorite gardening works of art

6. ALABAMA GARDENER MAGAZINE—great FREE read at the Cullman County Public Library

7. THOMAS JEFFERSON'S GARDENS (Monticello, Virginia)—a major garden adventure on her "bucket list"

8. OUTDOOR GARDEN CLASSROOMS—grow a new generation of gardeners; Pat volunteers with the North Alabama AGRIPLEX at West Elementary School

9. BLOOMIN' FEST, DEMO GARDEN, RAIN GARDEN, FESTHALLE POWER OF PRODUCE, RAISED BED GARDENS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS—opportunities for Cullman County garden enthusiasts to give to the community

10. BECOME A MASTER GARDENER IN 2019—Call the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386; classes begin in late-January; cost is $125 before Jan. 1 and $150 after.

BE A MASTER GARDENER

Make Cullman even more Beautiful in 2019

- Sign up for Master Gardener 12-week class only $150, includes lunch.
- Early Bird Registration before December 31, $125 (save $25, makes a great Christmas gift)

Thank You and Happy New Year!
Cullman County Master Gardeners
Contact: (256) 737-9386

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 15 - 17

Tammy Renee Grace, 50, of Haleyville, entered into rest on December 11, 2018 at Lakeland Community Hospital in Haleyville, Alabama. Ms. Grace was born on June 4, 1968, in Haleyville, Alabama. She enjoyed listening to music, watching tv, playing children, and playing with her pet dog "Benji". Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Alvis Treece and Tina Treece will officiate. Burial will follow in Old Curtis Cemetery in Double Springs, Alabama. Tammy is survived by her mother, Letha Ollie Mann; brother, Scott Grace; sister, Tina Treece and her husband Bobby; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Eugene Grace; and her brother, Stevie Dewayne Grace.

Funeral services for James E. "Jimmy" Dean, 73 of Hanceville will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Hanceville Funeral Home chapel, Reverends Dudley Brock and Dennis Reeves officiating. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery. Jimmy was a retired Alabama State Trooper and also from the Alabama National Guard. The son of the late Lewis and Una Crauswell Dean is survived by his wife, Patty; Children, Matt (Celette) Dean of Cullman and Michael (Michelle) Dean of Holly Pond, a host of grandchildren and a sister, Faye Ratliff of Hanceville. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Alan Dean.

Funeral Service for Randy Edward McClendon, age 63, of Cullman, will be at 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Barnett officiating; interment in New Hope No. 1 Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. McClendon passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at Cullman Regional. He was born June 7, 1955, to Harold and Geraldine McClendon. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his son, Jason McClendon, and brother, Mark (Karen) McClendon. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Talitha Danielle Baker of Hanceville Alabama passed away on December 13, 2018 at the age of 44. She was born in Cullman on June 12, 1974. She is preceded in death by a son: Austin Baker. Funeral services are Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Charles Sinyard officiating. Interment will be in Ebenezer Cemetery. Survivors are: mother: Deborah Phillips, daughter: Shaina (Adam) Shedd, son: Joey Riggs, grandmother: Lorese Woodard, grandchild: Luke Wilhite. Visitation is Saturday from 11 a.m. until service time at Moss Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes Richter Cordes, 91 of Cullman will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Hanceville Funeral Home with Reverend John Richter officiating. Interment will follow at Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation is Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The daughter of the late Julius and Marie Keim Richter is survived by children; Eddie (Rebecca) Cordes, Robin (Jerome) Speegle, Sherry (Dennon) Compton, Melanie (Jeff) Cupp and Lisa (Scot) Andrews. Grandchildren; Brian and Scott Tucker, Wendy Speegle, Jason Speegle, Stacy Peck, Danyell Garnett, Jared Cordes, Taylor Hodges, Rachel Gooch and Bailie Andrews; 14 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great-Great-Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, E. J. Cordes and a daughter and son-in-law Pam and Dennie Tucker.

Funeral Service for Lionel Dean Parker, age 53 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Wilbanks officiating; interment in Bethel United Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Parker passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at his residence. He was born August 3, 1965, to Ford and Katie Pearl Parker. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ford and Katie Pearl Parker; brothers, Don Parker and Joe Parker; and sisters, Katie Hitt and Vickie Williams. Survivors include his wife, Angela Parker; daughter, Kasie (Adam) Crump; son, Korie (Ashley) Parker; and grandchildren Eli Crump, Parker Crump, and Payton Parker. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral Service for James "JIm" Cook, age 55, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Barry Cook officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. James, beloved son, brother, and father, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Cullman Regional on December 13, 2018. He was born May 28, 1963, to John Marion Cook, Jr. and Mary P. Thomas. He is preceded in death by his father, John Marion Cook, Jr., and brother, John Cook, III. Survivors include his mother, Mary P. Thomas; brother, Lessley Cook; sisters, Donna Cook Teichmiller and Dianna Cook Durham. He was also blessed with five wonderful children: Kathryn (Michael) Garcia, Jim Cook, Patricia Cook, Jessica Cook, and Abigail Cook. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 17, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Memorial Service for Sandra Kay Wren, age 60, of Cullman, will be at Eastside Baptist Church on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Wren passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. She was born January 14, 1958, Laco and Corene Childers. She is preceded in death by her parents, Laco and Corene Childers; daughter, Amber Wren; son, Brian Wren; and brothers, L.C., Randall, and Bobby Childers. Survivors include her husband, Randy Wren; son, Daniel (Tiffany) Wren; granddaughter, Scarlett Wren; sisters, Faye Raney, Gwen Sherrill, Patricia Leopard, Renay Johnston, and Rita Sizemore; brother, Gary Childers; father-in-law, Van Ditto; mother-in-law, Marie Ditto; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to help with the cost of the funeral.

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BUSINESS

Southern Eats opens 2nd location; dine in at Southern Eats Cafe at Mae's Food Hall

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CULLMAN - You know Southern Eats - Meals to Go on Second Avenue Southeast in Cullman; now you can dine in at the establishment's second location: Southern Eats Cafe inside Mae's Food Hall in the Warehouse District.

The ribbon was cut on the new cafe Thursday morning, with Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, members of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and many friends and family who came out to congratulate owner Laci Schuman for her hard work and success.

The new Southern Eats Cafe offers dine-in choices of soups, sandwiches and desserts.

At the ribbon cutting guests were treated to chicken salad, pimento cheese or spicy pimiento cheese on croissants and sausage or bacon balls.

Schumer described herself as "thrilled" when asked about expanding into the Mae's location.

She added, "Let's all support Mae's and get people back in here.

"It's a great and relaxing place for people to enjoy. We could use some more foot traffic.

"There are many options here and I think the cafe brings some lighter choices, some mom food."

All of Southern Eats' food is made fresh daily at the original location.

Schuman explained, "We are our own commissary and the two locations being nearby works out great.

"When we run out of something at the cafe we can get more fresh from a few blocks away."

Southern Eats Cafe is open 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and the bartenders at nearby Ruckus Bar have access to the cafe's sandwiches during the later hours.

For more information visit Southern Eats' on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/southerneatscullman.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Magan F. Bartlett, left, stands with Southern Eats Owner Laci Schuman, right, at the ribbon cutting for Schuman's Southern Eats Cafe in Mae's Food Hall on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018.

Funny Things from Yesterday: The missing biscuit

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



I would like to thank The Cullman Tribune and Ms. Wendy Sack for the opportunity to have my articles, "Funny Things From Yesterday," printed again in The Tribune.

Some of you can probably remember when canned biscuits were put on the market. They were the things to have.

They saved a lot of time and labor for the housewife, but they did have one drawback which I will tell you about.

My youngest brother, Jim, who was 7 years old at the time, felt his calling in life was to be a drummer. He drummed on everything in sight with either sticks, spoons or whatever was handy.

This particular afternoon, Mother had bought groceries and one of our chores at home was to put them in the cabinets. As was our custom, we took all the groceries out of the sacks, placed them on the table to sort them and then put them where they belonged.

Jim came by with his spoon and began drumming on the tin cans when he came to one of the canned biscuits. When he drummed on the biscuit can it exploded. Not knowing what had happened, we all made a dive under the table.

After the excitement and our hearts settled down, we discovered biscuits scattered all around. We found nine of the 10 biscuits, but just not the last one.

My other brother, Dale, and I shared a bedroom next to the kitchen. The next morning when we awoke we found the last biscuit—it was stuck to the ceiling and had stretched down about a foot. That doughy mess hanging from the ceiling, glistening in the morning sunlight, did look a little weird.

By the way, Jim did not turn out to be a drummer. It seems after this experience he just decided to give it up.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1955

Mrs. John Christian entertained at her home on Sunday, honoring Mrs. James T. Odell, of Evansville, Indiana. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Niles Land and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Meyer and Linda and Mrs. Maude Jackson, all of Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Keller and family, of Cullman; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keller and family, of Gadsden; Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Morgan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Morgan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cobb and family and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Keller, all of Hanceville and the honoree.

From The Files Of 1905

Mark S. Chance is visiting friends in Georgia.

John Burden, of Baileyton, was in the city today.

Willie Griffin is attending the summer formal at Falkville.

Professor A.B. Murphree, who has been teaching at Flint, is again at home.

Charles Deppe and C.C. Whaley went to the Magic City on Wednesday.

Mrs. R.M. Brown and children spent the past week, at Joppa, with relatives.

Miss Alice Cottingham, of South Carolina, is visiting her brother, Doctor W.J. Cottingham.

Walter King, of the Montgomery Advertiser, was here with friends on Sunday.

There was not more than a third of a crop of strawberries this year.

Reverend L.T. Reeves and Howard Halbrook attended commencement at Howard College this week.

Tom Callahan, Junior and Misses Pearl and Etta Warren, of Arkadelphia visited the G. Scott Leeth family.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Stinson, while climbing a tree, caught a live telephone wire and was unable to turn loose Neighbors soon rescued him, without injury.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks were guests of the R.B. Sparks on Sunday.

The latter couple has a baby boy.

Mrs. S.P. Daniel, of Holly Pond, is ill.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Holmes, of Katie, last week.

Mrs. H. Arnold and children, of Cullman, visited Mrs. H. Rehling, on Sunday, at Gays Chapel.

Jesse Howell was thrown from his horse on Monday and broke his leg, between and hip and knee.

From The Files Of 1935

The Gold Medal for General Excellence was awarded to Jane Dodson at the Sacred Heart Academy Commencement on Tuesday. Highest scholastic average awards went to Anna Lee Veigh, first; Ruth Fehler, second, senior class; Marie Eckl, first; Clara Price, second, junior class; Helen Leigeber, first, Melda Ponder, second, sophomore class and Alma Price, first, Anna Margaret Karter, second, freshman class.

Bland Motor Company, Cullman's New Ford Dealer, will move into the Fuller Brother's Building on Fourth Street. Bland succeeds Mattingly Motors Company as the Ford Dealer here.

Mrs. Alfred Newman will leave on Saturday for her home in Baltimore, Maryland, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Racke.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Is this really the season to be jolly?

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



One Christmas song says it is the most wonderful time of the year, yet for some, Christmas can be the most difficult time of the year. I completely understand. I've been there.

It was less than two weeks before Christmas. I was nowhere nearly as grown as I thought. I was only fifteen. He was only fifty-four. I was his youngest and the only child who still lived at home. I had not seen him in almost two weeks. He had closed down his coal and building supply business a couple of years earlier. Since then he had leased his two semi-tractors to a trucking company. He drove one of them himself, so he was away from home most of the time.

While he was in California, over two-thousand miles from home, he caught a cold. His cold turned into a strep infection that settled in his throat. He bought something over the counter and pushed himself to make the long trip back. By the time he made it home, he was so weak he could barely crawl out of his truck.

With our help, he slowly managed his way inside the house and went directly to bed. He sent for me to come to his bedside. He could hardly speak in an audible voice.

To this day, nearly fifty years later, I still don't know exactly what he meant when he told me he wasn't going back out on the road again, but he did not. That Thursday evening was the last time I ever saw him alive. He was diabetic and when he went to see his doctor the next morning, his sugar level was over five-hundred. The doctor sent him straight to the hospital to be admitted. I went on to school and then to my friend David's house for the night. When their ringing phone awakened me in the late hours of the night, somehow, I knew what had happened before David's mother ever told me. I don't remember much about that Christmas. Everything seemed so surreal. Our spirits were numbed, and none of my family or I felt like celebrating anything. That Christmas was probably the hardest of them all, but there hasn't been one since that I haven't thought about him.

The Christmas season can be difficult and even depressing, for those who have recently lost loved ones. Two months ago Jean lost her father, this after losing her mom weeks before Christmas four years ago. Earlier this year, my brother lost his wife, my late brother's wife passed Thanksgiving week, and one of my closest childhood friends recently died.

No doubt, you have your own stories of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, especially if your loss was recently. If I might, please allow me to share some things that I've learned that might help make this Christmas season a bit jollier for you if you have lost someone. First, remember the good times you've had with those who have gone, but not so much that you forget about those who are still here. Second, don't spend Christmas by yourself. If you don't have anyone to be with, find someone. Don't sit around waiting for someone to come to you. Be with people. If you have a church, go and get involved. If they have fellowships and special Christmas events, go. Third, if you need help, ask for it. Pray. Talk to a friend, a minister, even a counselor, if needed. Fourth, have a merry Christmas. This really is the season to be jolly. It is the most wonderful time of the year, if we let it be.

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Poet's Corner

Counting Sheep On Christmas Eve

By: Randy C. Hale

I couldn't sleep then, could you?
The expectation made me a total
twisting wreck.
Tumbling in the night, trying all the tricks,
knowing there would be something under
the Christmas tree from Old Saint Nick.

I got things like a Tonka truck
with a low bed trailer, carrying a
bulldozer in sunshine yellow.
Tinker toys and magic sets, Dinosaur's
and Hot wheel tracks.
A stereo with an eight track deck, a toy
machine gun that went rat-a-tat-tat.

When older, I got things like a Marlin
lever action 22 rifle with a gold-plated
trigger, Craftsman tools, a super bicycle,
a pool table and snakeskin boots.
I still have that rifle and the lifetime tools,
some of my old toys my grand kids enjoy.

But I don't tumble on Christmas Eve
anymore and I'm told I even snore.
But just thinking about it makes me smile
and I sometimes wish to be that child,
trying to go to sleep, counting all those
Christmas Eve sheep.

PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville sweeps Corner at home; Thursday night scoring wrapup

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HANCEVILLE – The Bulldogs hosted Corner in Thursday night hoops action on a night where three Hanceville players were recognized before their respective games. Kelly Pickett scored her 1,000th career point on Nov. 30 against Susan Moore, Malia Howell was named the Player of the Month for November and R.J. Evans picked up his 1,000th career point on Nov. 27 against Fairview. In the girls' game, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Yellow Jackets 41-27 and in the boys' matchup, Hanceville completed the varsity sweep with a 61-47 victory over Corner.

Hanceville 41 - Corner 27 (varsity girls)

The first quarter was a defensive battle as both teams were held to just four baskets combined.

Corner held a 6-3 lead after one, but Hanceville's offense exploded in the second period, outscoring the Lady Yellow Jackets 20-5, with Pickett and Howell combining for 17 of those points to take a 23-11 lead into the locker room.

Four quick points by Corner made it 23-15 to start out the second half, but Hanceville answered back with an 8-1 run to push its lead back to double-digits.

The Lady Bulldogs took a 31-19 lead into the final period and wound up pulling away to win the game 41-27.

Pickett had a huge night, finishing with 17 points, 12 rebounds, four steals, three assists and a block for Hanceville (7-6).

Howell added nine points, three rebounds and a steal.

Mira Gieser finished with five points, six rebounds and a steal. Lauren Roberson added five rebounds. The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Holly Pond next Thursday night.

Hanceville 61 - Corner 47 (varsity boys)

Hanceville got off to a slow start offensively, trailing 8-1 early, but the Bulldogs picked it up on both sides of the court as an 8-0 run, including a dunk by Zeke McDonald, gave them a 9-8 lead.

Corner wound up hitting a three to take a 11-9 lead into the second period and an 8-4 Yellow Jacket run to start out the quarter pushed their lead to 19-13.

After a Corner free throw made it 22-18, Tyson Bellmon nailed a trey to make it a one-point game and Hanceville finished the quarter on a 9-2 run, including a steal and a basket by McDonald, to take a 27-24 lead at the half.

Fred Ellis nailed a pair of treys and Romain Ponchon added one of his own, plus a layup, to start out the third period for Hanceville with an 11-2 run that quickly pushed the Bulldogs' lead to double digits at 38-26.

Corner answered right back, but after a pair of Evans free throws, the score sat at 40-29.

The Yellow Jackets scored eight in a row to make it a 40-37 game, but the Bulldogs held a 43-39 lead going into the final period.

The Bulldogs made sure that a comeback wasn't in the cards for Corner by going on a 12-4 run to start out the quarter, making it 55-43, and they kept the double-digit lead the rest of the way, taking the game 61-47 to improve to 10-3 overall. Hanceville is now 8-2 in its last 10 contests.

Bellmon was one of four players to finish in double-figure scoring for the Bulldogs with 13 points and a pair of rebounds. McDonald ended up with 12 points, three rebounds, three steals and two blocks. Evans added 11 points, five rebounds and a steal.

Ellis finished with 10 points and four rebounds. Ponchon added seven points and four rebounds. Damion Johnson ended up with six points, three rebounds and three steals. Cainon Moore rounded out the scoring with two points and two rebounds.

The Bulldogs will be participating in a Christmas Tournament at Corner starting next Monday; their next regular season game will be next Thursday at Holly Pond.

Other Thursday night scores

- West Point 76 – Holly Pond 40 (varsity girls)
- Holly Pond 76 – West Point 60 (varsity boys)
- Winston County 63 – St. Bernard 32 (varsity girls)
- St. Bernard 52 – Winston County 45 (varsity boys)

