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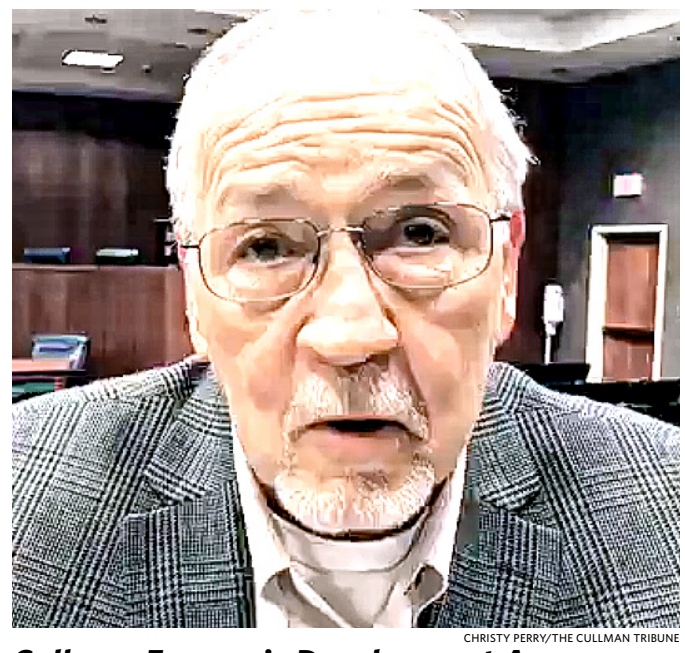
Church surprises Hanceville middle schoolers with holiday project



HFUMC

The renovated boys' restroom.

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Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer at Thursday night's kick-off meeting for the City of Cullman's five-year strategic plan

'Be bold and dream big' City of Cullman developing plan for the future

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CULLMAN – The City of Cullman is set to embark on a five-year strategic plan, and this week held the kick-off meeting at Cullman City Hall. Mayor Woody Jacobs, the Cullman City Council, the Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA), various business leaders and other community representatives gathered to brainstorm ideas for the plan, which requires the City to identify a vision, values, goals and objectives.

To help facilitate the plan, the city reached out to Brent Peinhardt of Vantage Associates, a general management consulting firm that specializes in strategic planning. A native of Cullman County, Peinhardt has spent most of his career in the Birmingham area consulting and helping corporations with planning.

Peinhardt shared, "Because I came from here and so many people helped me, it's an opportunity for me to give something back. A way to say thank you."

Peinhardt spoke about the planning process and what is required for the plan to be successful, citing three questions for the City to address: "Where are we today?" "What's our vision for the future?" and "How do we get there?"

Peinhardt stressed, "Be bold and dream big. Seventy percent of cities in this country that are comparable in size to Cullman are diminishing. Cullman is growing and performing well. Cullman is well positioned."

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Cullman County man's bond revoked in manslaughter case

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CULLMAN – On Friday morning, Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas revoked the bond of Donald Wayne Trammell, 43, of Jones Chapel in the manslaughter case stemming from the shooting death of Trammell's son in December 2017. Trammell led police on a high-speed chase on the night of Dec. 31, 2018, leading to multiple new charges. Additionally, he faces charges of both violating a protection order and stalking his estranged wife on two separate occasions.

Timeline of events

• On Dec. 24, 2017, shooting at his own truck which, according to Trammell, he thought was being stolen, the defendant struck and killed his son, Logan Trammell, who was driving the truck. In Feb. 2018, Donald Trammell was indicted by a grand jury for manslaughter, case CC-2018-230, and was released on bond.

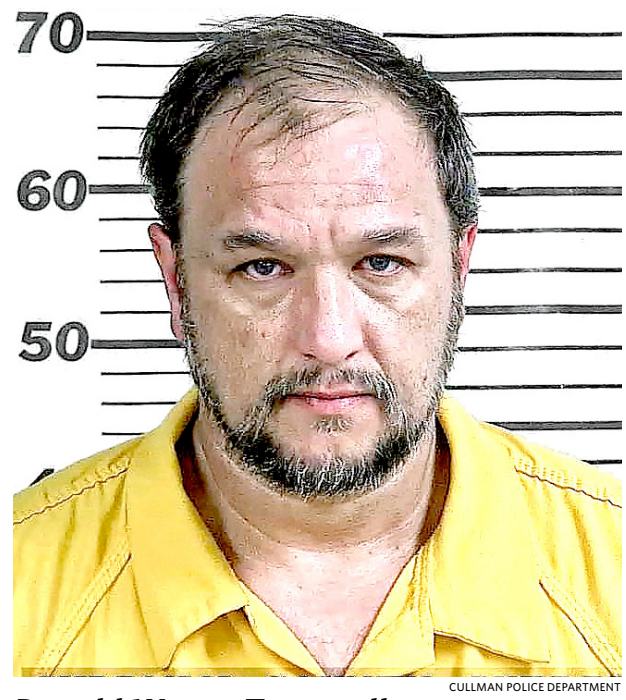
• In Oct. 2018, Trammell's wife filed for a protection from abuse order, claiming that Trammell had committed violent acts against her. The request was granted, and Trammell was served with the protection order on Nov. 2.

• On Nov. 5, Cullman Police discovered Trammell in a car across the street from his estranged wife's place of employment, dressed in camouflage clothing, with binoculars, a pocket knife and other tools. The time was before work hours, and police concluded that he was waiting on his wife to arrive. Trammell argued that he was meeting a friend to go view hunting land. He was arrested and charged with violation of a domestic violence protection order and second-degree stalking.

• On Nov. 7, Assistant District Attorney John Bryant filed a motion to revoke Trammell's bond in the manslaughter case, in response to the new charges. A warrant was issued for Trammell's arrest. He was located and arrested on Nov. 14. He spent 14 days in jail and was released on Nov. 28 with his bond reinstated. Among the conditions of his release was an agreement to submit to a psychiatric evaluation. Court records do not show whether such an evaluation has taken place.

• On Dec. 6, Trammell was found near his in-laws' home where his wife was reportedly staying. According to the police report, he was "lying in wait and watching the victim with binoculars." According to a letter sent by Trammell to the court, "I was going to stop and talk

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Donald Wayne Trammell

Mental Health First Aid training at Cullman library Jan. 15

Sharon Townson
Contributor

CULLMAN – You are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional or mental crisis that someone having a heart attack. Learn how to help a friend, family member, coworker or neighbor in need. Get trained in Mental Health First Aid. The Cullman County Public Library is hosting a free Mental Health First Aid program on Jan. 15, 2019 from 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Please contact the library if you would like to attend at 256-734-2720. There are 30 slots available. The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE.

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Cullman Police make multiple drug distribution arrests

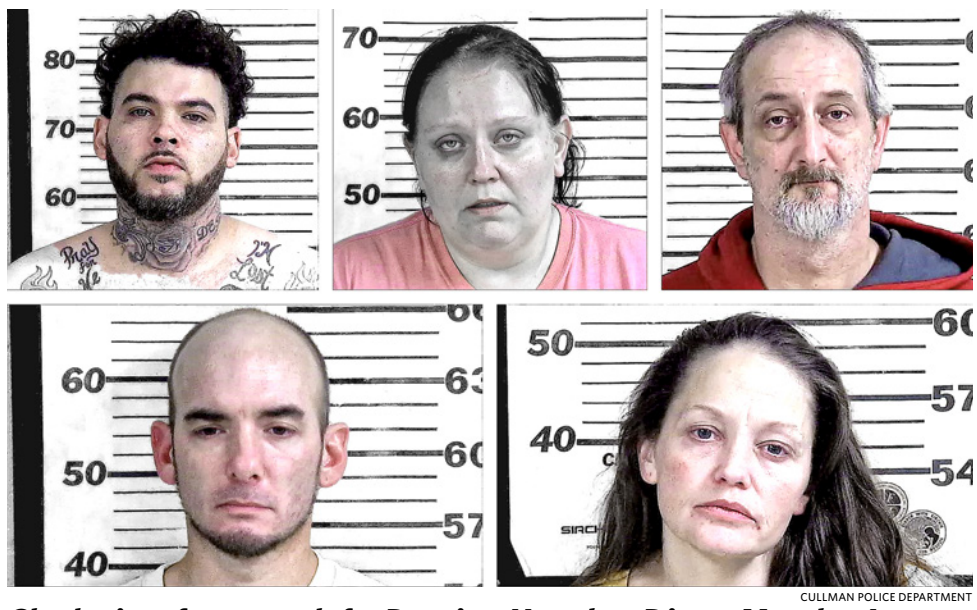
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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) has made multiple distribution arrests recently, in separate incidents.

On Dec. 26, the CSU, along with members of the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force (ADETF), arrested Damien Christopher Hausler, 36, of Cullman County. He was charged with three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling hydrocodone pills and marijuana.

Hausler has since made bond.

In a separate case, on Jan. 2, the CSU, along with members of the ADETF, arrested Diane Fay Mendez Lopez, 33, and Eric David Goodman, 49, both of Cullman County.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Clockwise, from top left: Damien Hausler, Diane Mendez Lopez, Eric Goodman, Cristina Lynn Schafer and Steven Paul Harris

Each was charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine.

Lopez and Goodman have since made bond.

In a third case, on Jan. 3, the CSU and members of the ADETF arrested Cristina Lynn Schafer, 40, and Steven Paul Harris, 39 at their residence in Vinemont.

Each was charged with three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine.

Harris was on parole at the time of his arrest and had outstanding parole violation warrants. He remains incarcerated in the Cullman County Detention Center.

Schafer has since made bond.

Warrior man arrested after shooting on I-65 in Cullman County

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CULLMAN – A Warrior man was arrested last week after an incident on Interstate 65 South on Christmas Day in Cullman County.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Anthony O'Neal Burrow, 27, "observed the victim, whom he knew, traveling south on I-65. The victim had just left a friend's house on Christmas Day and got onto I-65 south when she noticed the suspect's car beside her and heard a gunshot. She pulled over on the side of the road when the suspect also pulled over and began to damage her car. The suspect also made entry into the vehicle and assaulted the victim."

A spokesman for the CCSO said Burrow was not at the scene when authorities arrived. He was arrested on Dec. 27 and charged with first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree domestic violence and shooting into an occupied automobile or building.

Burrow has since made bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Anthony O'Neal Burrow

Cullman man charged with making terrorist threats at local business

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CULLMAN – A Cullman man, Dakota Mardel Sapp, 21, was arrested on New Year's Day, charged with making terrorist threats.

According to a spokesman for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Sapp "entered a local business making threats to harm the attendant working at the store.

He entered the business several times, cursing and threatening to harm the attendant due to the attendant not selling him some cigarettes."

Sapp was located by CCSO deputies shortly after he left the business.

The CCSO spokesman said that after a consultation with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, Sapp was arrested for making terrorist threats.

Sapp remains in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $20,000 property bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dakota Mardel Sapp

Project (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE – Eighth-grade students at Hanceville Middle School (HMS) returned from Christmas break Thursday morning to discover one more gift: a team from Hanceville First United Methodist Church (HFUMC) had slipped in during the holiday season to renovate the bathrooms in Edmondson Hall with fresh paint jobs, mirrors and even a few custom touches.

HMS teacher and HFUMC Friendship Circle ladies' group President Elizabeth Watwood came up with the idea and presented it to her group. With supplies purchased through a church special ministries fund, Pastor Paul Campbell and his wife Kyla Campbell, Watwood and her husband Ty Watwood, Nancy and Lane Horton, Sandy and Dewayne Waters, Chris and Sabrina Ryan, Chris Chaffin and Alexis Pitts provided the labor to complete the project.

Nancy Horton, a retired county schools superintendent and former Hanceville teacher who taught in Edmondson Hall, told The Tribune, "There were two bathrooms there that were just done in like two-tone gray, and it concerned Ms. Watwood; she was in that building, but she was concerned that they were just sort of just plain, and there weren't mirrors for the girls.

"Ms. Watwood's in my Sunday School class. And so she had talked to us at church about helping her paint and just decorate those restrooms a little bit, to liven them up and make them, you know, a little more pleasant rather than just being two tones of gray."

Horton explained that the team painted the restroom walls and partitions, installed mirrors and storage cabinets, and painted inspirational messages on the walls for students to read.

Sandy Waters related a story from a teacher about the students' discovery of the team's work:

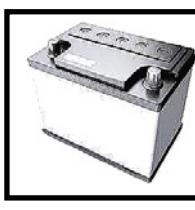
"She said about four or five girls went down there, and she stuck her head out the door, and said they went in, and she could hear them hollering and squealing. And they ran back out in the hallway and said, 'We've got mirrors! We can see ourselves!' You know, so they got a lot of positive reaction to it."

"You know," said Waters, "sometimes it doesn't take a whole lot of just a little thing to boost somebody's self-esteem."

For more on Hanceville First United Methodist Church, visit www.facebook.com/Hanceville-FUMC/.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
THOMAS ALLEN ALLRED) CASE NO PC 2016-259
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ANGELA MARIE FRASIER, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Evelyn Allred to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Allen Allred, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 4th day of April, 20 19, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 21st day of December, 20 18.

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2018-111

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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Arrests reported on Jan. 3-4

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported on Jan. 3-4, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON JAN. 3, 2019

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Thursday, Dec. 27 - Wednesday, Jan. 2

Burrow, Anthony O'Neal, 27
- first-degree criminal mischief
- second-degree domestic violence
- shooting into an occupied automobile or building

Davis, Amber Fay, 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Roach, Wesley Roy II, 43
- third-degree domestic violence
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Tubbs, Corey Lee, 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Allen, Jennifer Renae, 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Anderson, John David, 44
- FTA- driving while revoked

Atkins, Anthony Marquel, 36
- third-degree domestic violence

Blocker, Margaret Ann, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Burns, Kie Jeffery, 19
- public intoxication

Butler, Zachary John, 39
- second-degree attempted burglary
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- unauthorized use/ unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Cantrell, Jerimiah Ross, 22
- FTA- leaving the scene-misdemeanor
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (2 counts)

Collum, Benjamin James, 38
- FTA- second-degree domestic violence
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Cooper, Cassandra Hope, 32
- GJ- third-degree burglary
- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Corrigan, Carl Anthony, 30
- FTA- no tag/tag not plainly visible
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Couch, Terry Nathan, 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Cunningham, Tonya Farr, 42
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Dorton, Eric Preston, 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Durante, Devon Paul, 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fuller, Cregary Alan, 42
- first-degree receiving stolen property

Gaines, Jaydie Lynne, 19
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Hallman, Nathan Ray, 30
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Hanners, Joshua Earl, 30
- first-degree receiving stolen property

Kaiser, Christopher Brian, 33
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Kilpatrick, Justin Todd, 55
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

King, Kenneth Claude, 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Little, Benjamin Jabron, 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Loggins, Darryl Edward, 57
- attempting to commit a crime

Maddox, Dusty Glenn, 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mardis, Tracy Marian, 52
- disorderly conduct

Massey, David Michael, 36
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

McClure, Charles Brian, 43
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Nelson, William Marshall, 39
- probation revoked-unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Nixon, Jeremy Glenn, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Paris, Johnie Douglas, 47
- public intoxication

Pate, Cody Wade, 32
- public intoxication

Peek, Nancy Jean, 47
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Pratt, Bruce Lee, 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Roberts, Regina Laine, 37
- carrying a pistol without a license

Rouse, Billy Joe, 44
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Sapp, Dakota Mardel, 21
- terrorist threats

Smith, Jerry Shane, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Timothy Maynard, 32
- public intoxication

Smith, Tommy Jacob, 31
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault
- obstruction/ using a false ID
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Speakman, Hugh Carlisle, 44
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Stager, Michael Anthony Jr., 33
- second-degree bail jumping- menacing

Steele, Joshua Lee, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Thompson, Destiney Kiah, 21
- FTA- driving without first obtaining a license

Trammell, Donald Wayne, 43
- FTA- manslaughter
- FTA- second-degree stalking
- second-degree stalking
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Twilley, Amanda Denise, 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wallace, Timothy Lee, 29
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Washington, Jeremiah Jerome, 23
- public intoxication

Weeks, Rusty William, 48
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

White, Destiny Faith, 27
- harassing communications

Wise, Lisa Diane, 47
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- driving while revoked

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Harvey, Lauren A., 22
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Woods, Zachary T., 24
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment (2 counts)
- third-degree criminal mischief
- harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 3, 2019

Schafer, Cristina L., 40
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Harris, Steven P., 39
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Fitzgerald, Alan R. II, 38
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Aycock, Desmond K., 22
- GJ- second-degree theft of property
- GJ- third-degree theft of property (5 counts)
- GJ- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 24-30, 2018

King, James M., 37
- alias warrant

Harbison, Stephen L., 37
- alias warrant

Maddux, Whitney A., 27
- alias warrant

Cooper, Phillip, 74
- DUI

Maddox, Dusty G., 33
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication

Roberts, Jason K., 29
- alias warrant

Richardson, Janese K., 21
- alias warrant

Guthery, Shalina L., 25
- alias warrant

Beckham, Leslie S., 44
- alias warrant

Jenkins, Jerry Rodney, 49
- public intoxication
- obstructing governmental operations

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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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC 2018-425
JAMES DAVID SEYMORE, DECEASED *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of December, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the 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.

All claims must be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County.

Sarah Claire Seymore
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Personal Representative

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TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Probate Judge
Cullman County, Alabama

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JOHNNY LEE HOWARD, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC 2018-427

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ola M. Howard, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Johnny Lee Howard, deceased, on the 20th day of December, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

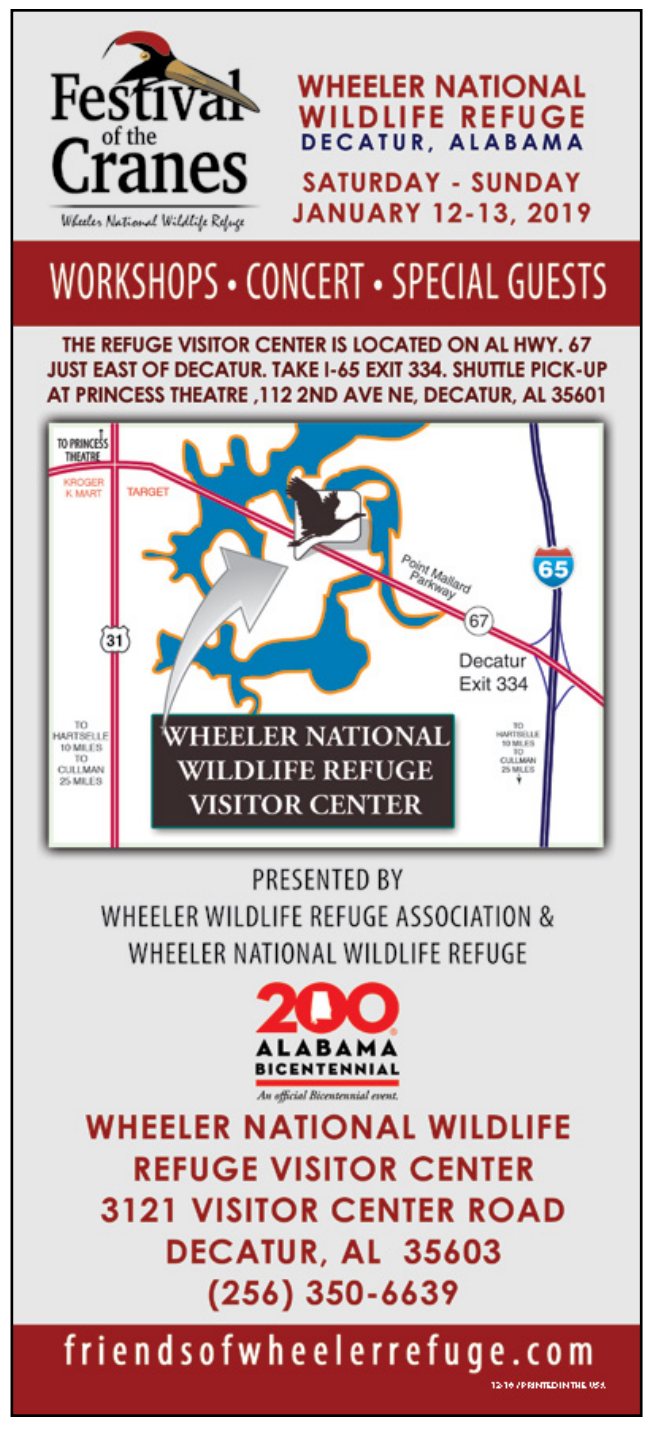
DONE this the 20th day of December, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
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Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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Future (from Front)

The City was asked to submit a vision for Cullman. The mayor and council defined the vision as "small-town values and big-town opportunities."

It was also asked to identify five values of Cullman or "beliefs that the city holds important as a community." The values chosen were integrity, tradition, visionary innovative thinking, unity and teamwork, and community.

The vision and values will serve as the foundation for the development of the City's five-year plan.

Peinhardt explained, "As many people as you can have participate and engage in this strengthens the plan. People in the community need to have a sense of ownership in the plan."

The plan will focus on five goal areas, with committees selected to target those areas. The goal areas are: Economic Development, Infrastructure, Quality of Life, City/Community Services and Community Partnerships.

The different goal committees, each overseen by a Cullman City Council member, met for the first time Thursday night to list some objectives. Peinhardt asked each committee to complete three things over the next three to six months: come up with objectives or outcomes in their area, identify critical success factors and potential barriers, and develop strategies and action plans. Each committee will continue to meet separately and work together over the next several months.

Hear CEDA Director Dale Greer talk about the project at https://bit.ly/2ArOzu0.

Bond (from Front)

to my mother and father in law. I pulled off the side of (***) at the end of their road to make sure my wife was not there!" Later in the letter, he insisted, "I have never nor will I ever have any bad intentions or plans to harm or threaten her in any way."

• On Dec. 7, ADA Jeremy Cline filed a new motion to revoke Trammell's bond, claiming, "The criminal actions of the Defendant constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of the Defendant's bond in these cases," that "The Defendant is a flight risk, as shown by his evasion of law enforcement prior to his arrest on the State's previous motion to revoke the Defendant's bond that was filed on November 7, 2018," and that "The Defendant is a threat to community safety." The motion was granted the same day by Cullman County District Judge Wells "Rusty" Turner.

• On Dec. 14, Turner issued an order for an alias warrant (warrant for suspects who fail to appear in court or respond to court orders) for Trammell.

• On Dec. 31, Trammell led three Cullman police officers on a high-speed chase along a route that included U.S. Highway 278, Interstate 65, Alabama Highway 157 and St. Joseph Drive and ended near the Cullman Housing Authority at the intersection of First Street Southwest and 13th Avenue Southwest. Trammell was arrested and charged with attempting to elude, reckless endangerment, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and multiple traffic violations.

At Friday morning's hearing, Judge Nicholas heard from Sgt. Cole Kelley, Investigator Justin Craft and Sgt. Chris Thomason, the three Cullman Police officers who pursued and apprehended Trammell on Dec. 31; he was also shown Kelley's bodycam footage from the incident. All three officers agreed that speeds during the chase were often between 80 and 100 miles per hour. A search of Trammell's truck yielded a small bottle containing marijuana under the driver's seat.

After the officers' testimony, ADA Bryant introduced a copy of the protection from abuse order, along with the previous charges against Trammell.

Defense attorneys Johnny Berry and Brandon Little did not present witnesses but argued for dismissal on the grounds that Trammell had not been properly informed of an amended list of charges and, therefore, had been denied due process.

Judge Nicholas offered the defense team a continuation of the case, to give them more time to respond to the amended charges, but it declined. With that, the judge revoked Trammell's bond, noting that his alleged behavior appeared to constitute a threat to himself and others.









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EDUCATION

Wallace State Sonography program graduates full class of 30

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The 30 members of the Wallace State Community College Diagnostic Medical Sonography Class of 2018 pose for a group photo.

HANCEVILLE – The 30 students who started the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Wallace State Community College less than 18 months ago were recognized recently for their successful completion during a pinning ceremony held in the auditorium of the James C. Bailey Center.

Program director April Sutherland credited the class's success to their positivity and unity.

"They have been united as a positive force from the first semester," Sutherland said. Though the program traditionally achieves high student outcomes, "this is the first year that all 30 students that we started have made it to graduation. I believe a large part of that is due to your positive attitude and working together as a family."

The class also accomplished a 100 percent pass rate for their physics registry, marking the fourth year for the program in that regard.

Of the 30 students graduating, 28 have already passed their Abdominal Sonography registry and 24 of those have passed their Obstetrics and Gynecological Sonography registry.

"I am truly in awe of these graduates," said Donna Attaway, the program's clinical coordinator. "You've all worked so hard, faced many challenges and made huge sacrifices to get to this point. I would like you to know how proud I am of you."

"We did it," said class president Ashton Gaddy of Jacksonville, quoting Reese Witherspoon's character in the movie "Legally Blonde," before noting many of the things they've experienced over the last four semesters, from how to hold a probe and hit buttons at the same time, to taking exams, sacrificing exercise and television time to study, completing those registries, and examining patients during clinicals.

"This program has been worth it all," Gaddy said.

Students recognized with special awards included Makenzie Cantrell of Falkville as the class valedictorian, and Maylen Fantocone of Decatur as the winner of the Sonography Student Award for Clinical Excellence.

Class officers Maleah Fuller, of Trinity, and Gracie George, of Hartselle, presented a check for $1,000 to the Summer Sonography Scholarship Fund on behalf of the class.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Wallace State can be completed in four semesters, after two semesters of prerequisite courses. The program accepts new students each fall, with applications accepted from March 1 to June 1 each year.











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19 things to do in Cullman in 2019

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Contributor

I asked the Tribune TASTEMAKERS for suggestions on "must-do" things in Cullman to enjoy sometime during this new year, and with their input could roster 2,019, but here are 19 superb ones for you:



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Crowds filled Depot Park during 2017's Strawberry Festival.

1. "THE YEAR OF 'BIG FISH' STARTS IN 2019—We're looking for an opportunity to watch the movie, "BIG FISH," with a big fan, Mayor Woody Jacobs; Cullman, AL inspired writer, Daniel Wallace, to create the best-selling novel that comes magically alive in "BIG FISH" the movie, and in spring 2020, Wallace State Theatre for the first time in our area is staging "BIG FISH: The Musical."

2. THE ALABAMA BIRD GARDEN—Thursday, Feb. 21, acclaimed Alabama birdman Herb Lewis will be in Cullman "LIVE" for a FREE talk being broadcast throughout the state on "How To Create An Inviting Garden For Alabama Birds."—reservations at Alabama Extension 256-737-9386

3. BICYCLE AROUND SPORTSMAN LAKE TRAILS—affordable bike rental for an hour or all-day

4. TAKE AN APRIL BICENTENNIAL WALKING TOUR—FREE every Saturday morning in April, Cullman County Museum

5. SHINY, NEW YEAR CAR AND MOTORCYCLE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW—Evelyn Burrow Museum opens "LUSTER" Jan. 12 and closes Feb. 10

6. HOLD KATIE AND JACOB FINE'S NEW BABY, Cooper Paul Fine, at Karma's Coffee House in the Warehouse District, BYOB (Bring Your Own Baby) for a Cullman cluster of cuteness.

7. SIP A GARDEN-FRESH, ORIGINAL BUNNY MELON COCKTAIL at 412 Public House (recipe by head bartender, Christine Chambless Nishimura, first shared by The Cullman Tribune in 2018).

8. EAT EXQUISITE, MADE-FROM-SCRATCH BAKED SWEETS by Lisa at Flavors Bakery.

9. STOP AND SMELL THE SOUPS made fresh by Laci Schuman and culinary team at Southern Eats in Mae's Food Hall.

10. GET SOMETHING OF YOURS PERSONALIZED by From The Heart Monogramming (Personal testimony: THE BEST, GENUINE, SINCERE, CHARMING CUSTOMER SERVICE in Cullman in 2018)

11. HEAR BARRY STONER PLAY MAGNIFICENT PIPE ORGAN AT SACRED HEART CHURCH—look for any and every opportunity to have your heart soar to the heavens in this Cullman landmark.

12. CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY with a fresh, delicious Rueben sandwich at Rumors Deli (Note: In 2019, St. Paddy's is on Sunday, March 17, so many are celebrating on 3/16).

13. NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SACRED HARP SINGING at Cullman County Courthouse in July

14. CULLMAN STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL—with fresh, local berries, goodies, LIVE MUSIC and fun on Saturday, May 4 at the Festhalle Farmers' Market

15. BLOOMIN' FESTIVAL—arts and crafts, LIVE music, festival food April 6-7 at St. Bernard; tour Ave Maria Grotto prayer garden

16. TAKE A HERITAGE CRAFTS CLASS at the North Alabama AGRIPLEX, a full-year of choices

17. HIKE HURRICANE CREEK PARK—thrill to the natural beauty and amazing biodiversity of this Cullman-area wonderland

18. SIP LOCAL, CRAFT BEER AND ENJOY BRATWURST at award-winning Goat Island Brewing; Richter's Pilsner is a favorite brew; also, sample the house-made wines

19. STRAP ON YOUR LEDERHOSEN and GET YOUR OOMPAH ON at Cullman OKTOBERFEST, Oct. 2-5

There's you 19 terrific things to do in 2019 from The Cullman Tribune TASTEMAKERS. Happy New Year to all!

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 5 - 7

Mrs. Nell Brown, 91, of Eva passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2018. Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will announced at a later time by Cullman Funeral Home.

A memorial service for Ms. Addlene Savannah Miller, 88, of Cullman will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Ms. Miller passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Phillip and Rossie Miller; brothers, Melvin, Basil, Gordon, Millard and Lewis Miller and sisters, Pauline Hollis and Magdalene Briscoe. She is survived by her sister, Dean Procter and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Amy Dianne McMillan, 49, of Arley entered into rest on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at her home. Ms. McMillan was born on November 21, 1969 in Jasper, Alabama. Amy has been a member of Bethel #1 Baptist Church for 40 years. She graduated from Meek High School in 1988. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on January 5, 2019 at Bethel #1 Baptist Church Cemetery in Arley, Alabama. Nichols Funeral Home directing. Amy is survived by her daughter, Attlee McMillan; mother, Rita Lindley; brothers, Andrew Lindley, Adam Lindley and his wife Candy; sister, Angela Lindley; and a host of friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by father, Att Lindley.

Mr. Thomas J. Szilagi passed away on Friday, January 4, 2019, at his residence. He was born October 3, 1957, to Sigmond and Elizabeth Joan Szilagi. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Hegerle; beloved dogs, Bandit and Daisy Mae; beloved cats, Mr. Mittens, Sheba, and Scaredy Cat; brother, Paul Szilagi; sister, Debbie Johnson; and a host of nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Dwight Ransom passed away on Friday, January 4, 2019, at his residence. He was born January 31, 1947, to Rayburn Ely and Lula Ray Ransom. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Vivian Ransom; daughter, Stephanie Ransom Wilson and Julie (Nathan) Barck; sons, Stephan (Sue) Ransom and Eli (Lynn) Ransom; sister, Stella (Ronald) Speegle; grandson, Tyler Maples; and a host of nieces and nephews. A private service will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing.

Funeral service for Sharon Lynn Reed, age 55, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Reed passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at Cullman Regional. She was born May 10, 1963, to George and Elizabeth Corrigan. She is preceded in death by her parents and son, Jordan Reed. Survivors include her husband, Chad Reed; son, Michael Rini; brothers, George Corrigan, Jr. and Dennis Corrigan; and sister, Janette Corrigan. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Marion K. Butler, 85, of Haleyville, entered into rest on January 3, 2019 at Haleyville Health Care Center. To honor Marion's wishes, there will be no funeral service. Burial will be at Winston Memorial Cemetery. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

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Deadline nears to sign on for Spring Fever Tour to Pigeon Forge

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The deadline to sign up for the Wallace State Community College Alumni Association's Spring Fever Tour to Pigeon Forge is quickly approaching. Jan. 31 is the deadline to sign up for the three-day trip that takes place during the annual Smoky Mountain Quiltfest and includes entry into the exhibit and a number of other events and attractions.

The motorcoach tour will transport travelers to and from each destination on the itinerary, removing the hassle of traffic and parking, plus providing plenty of storage for bringing home treasures found during shopping adventures.

The tour will depart on March 19 to travel to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., with stops at Moore's Discount Fabric Shop in Flat Rock, Alabama, Countryside Café in Ooltewah, Tennessee and Chattanooga Quilts on the way. Countryside Café has won "Best Meat and Three" and "Best Country Cooking" in the Chattanooga Free Press's Best of the Best competition.

The group will spend two nights at the Clarion Inn-Walden's Landing in Pigeon Forge, which is close to numerous shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities.

Travelers will enjoy one night out at the new Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show and another at the Smoky Mountain Opry and dinner at Bullfish Grill.

The itinerary includes a visit to the Smoky Mountain Quiltfest and shopping expeditions to The Island at Pigeon Forge and Tanger Outlet Mall.

"If quilting isn't your thing, the event is held right next door to The Island at Pigeon Forge, so it's just a short walk over to extend your shopping adventure or enjoy a meal at any of the dining options there," said LaDonna Allen, Alumni Association Coordinator.

"But, from what I've seen and heard about the Quiltfest, the display of quilts is quite extraordinary and worth the visit."

As the group departs on March 21, they will visit the Cherry Pit Quilt Shop Sevierville before heading home, with stops planned at Sweetwater Valley Farms, Mayfield Dairy and Lodge Cast Iron Factory Store.

The Cherry Pit Quilt Shop is located on the historic courthouse square in Sevierville, where the Dolly Parton statue is located.

The trip ranges in price from $369 to $595 based on occupancy and Alumni Association membership.

The package includes motorcoach transportation, two night's accommodations, admission to all attractions on the itinerary, and baggage handling, taxes and gratuities.

Register online at www.wsccalumni.org/quilt19 or contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestat.edu for more information.

Funny Things from Yesterday: Sleeping with the grandbaby and granny

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune
Contributor



Our little granddaughter, Leanna, was almost 2 years old and occasionally, Leanna's mother and daddy would let her spend the night with us. She was a precious little girl and called us "Granny" and "Granddaddy."

It seems that every time Leanna spent the night with us it was cool or downright cold. We had a nice baby bed for her to sleep in, but since it was so cold, Granny decided she needed to sleep with us. Granny wanted to be sure she would stay covered and warm. Fortunately, we had a king-size bed.

We had an electric blanket on our bed and Granny kept her side on roast and I left my side turned off. During the night, Leanna tossed and turned, rolled and tumbled, and finally rooted around until she was crossways in the bed. In order to give her room, I got crossways in the bed with my feet under Granny's electric blanket. I woke up with my covers thrown back, my arms nearly frostbitten because our room was so cold, and yet there was steam coming out from between my toes because they were under Granny's side of the blanket. I moved Leanna around in the bed and got straightened back out myself.

Did you know that a 2 year old can snore? I didn't know that until 2 o'clock in the morning and I was amazed that a 2 year old could do it so well. Now, everyone knows that a granny can snore and the Granny at our house can really do a good job when she is lying on her back. There it is, 2 a.m., and I'm in the bed with two snorers — one following the other.

Well, I worked out the sleeping arrangements for the next time our grandbaby visited us. I let the grandbaby and Granny sleep in the king-size bed and I slept in the baby bed.

My, let me tell you how time has flown away. Our little granddaughter is now grown, married for six years and is going to present us with two new little great grandsons next April.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1930

Henry Bradford and Miss Charlsie Yearwood attended church, here, last week. Several young people met at the home of Andrew Fulmer and reported a good fellowship.

Cullman High School will open on Monday, August 25th, 1930. The City School will open on September 1st, 1930. The senior class of 1928 will be honored with a watermelon eating.

The revival closed at Good Hope, this past Sunday, with 44 new members added. Misses Flora and Laura Harbison were visitors at Good Hope and attended revival with friends.

Irvin Phillips escorted Nellie Woodall home, from church, on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Eddleman and family have returned home, after spending a three week vacation with relatives, in Greenville, South Carolina.

Sixty-two county teachers have graduated from Florence in the past two years.

It was a surprise for Baldwin folks, on Friday afternoon, when Miss Lemper Bates and Garrett Grafton were married. Have the best of luck from everyone to this nice couple!

Mrs. Fleming Weeks, of Dayton, Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J.F. Weeks and other relatives, in Cullman. She will be here among family for nearly six weeks.

From The Files Of 1905

Grand jurors for September will be E.A. Cornelius, C.C. Yearwood, S.M. Foust, H.M. White, R.T. Presley, C. Whitfield, J.N. Gill, John Arndt, Thomas Warrick, J.M. Bottoms, John B. Lowery, J.M. Bright, W.F. Knopp, P.L. Freeman, Jack D. Wilhite, G.W. Johnson and F.M. Leeth.

Robert York died, on Saturday, after contracting pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. J.F. Morris, of Lacon, visited her sisters, Mrs. Leroy McIntire and Mrs. S.H. Green, this week.

Misses Allie Bogue and Maud Jones spent Tuesday, in Vinemont.

Postmaster John Sutterer has resigned to enter the mercantile business.

Lena Brown and W.A. Self were married, on Sunday.

Postmaster D.E. Young, of Jones Chapel, was in Cullman, on Monday.

Joseph Schafer, one of the largest strawberry producers in the county died at his home, on Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse Weeks and children, of Kansas City, are guests of the J.F. Weeks family.

J.B. Burks and Robert Elrod returned to Decatur, after a visit with relatives, in Baileyton.

Alvie, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schlosser, underwent surgery, in Birmingham, on Monday and is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Shelton arrived on the morning fast express from Paris, Texas, for a visit here.

Since leaving Cullman, Mr. Shelton has engaged in cotton buying.

J.L. Bridges, Barney Lynch, G.S. Collins and son, of Trimble, left this week to visit relatives, in Fayette County, Georgia.

Mrs. A.G. Coe delightfully entertained the Symphony Club, on July 20th.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Here we are again, with another New Year

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Almost every person over the age of forty has already said, "I can't believe another year has come and gone." Well, I am definitely over that age, and I have already made that statement. If you've ever driven down a country highway, going much faster than you should have, the fence posts running beside the highway almost blend together like one once you reach a high speed. That's how the passing years look to me.

As we begin this year, I realize that I've been here before, in a sense. This raises the question, if this is "another" new year, how can it be new? Well, anyway, the word "new" is an interesting word. Most of us like new things. We find them to be exciting and fresh, like a loaf of bread – especially if we have a fresh ripe tomato or a brown spotted banana! I remember well my first new car. That wasn't my first car, but my first new car. I bought my first car before I was old enough to legally drive it on the highway. It was a used 1968 Fiat. Did I mention it was used? It was well used, but obviously not used well.

It wouldn't run over fifty, and almost had to be pushed, or towed, to climb up Sand Mountain. It was not worn out, but it was about as close as possible. I paid $300.00 for that car and it was worth every penny of about half that much. Not long afterwards, I decided I needed a car that would actually get me from point A to point B.

My teenage years were spent working in my brother's paint and body shop. He bought and sold cars, so for the next five years, so did I. I owned more used cars than I can even remember. I would buy one that needed some work, fix it, paint it, sell it, and buy another one. I managed to do this until I finally owned a car that could easily climb the mountain, and with no car payment. When I was twenty-nine, I decided it was time to own a brand-new car. Eager Beaver Car Sales, in Scottsboro, had a gigantic tent sale in front of Wal-Mart. With every new car came a new push-mower – no, really. I bought a 1984 Buick Regal. It was a light mauve color, with a slightly darker landau top. Please don't confuse the color mauve with pink. I did not buy a new pink car.

The only things I had ever financed prior to that car were Jean's wedding rings and our first living room furniture. I had paid them off in twelve months. When that coupon book came for that new car, I'm surprised that the postman managed to squeeze it inside the mailbox!

That thing was about the size of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary! It was thicker than most of the books I had read. A slight wave of trepidation ran through my brain, followed by beads of sweat on my forehead. Thoughts of that coupon book kept me awake at night. I wondered if my Social Security check, when I finally retired, would be enough to make those payments. Then I wondered if my Social Security check might be enough to pay for another well-used Fiat.

New can be nice, because new can bring new opportunities. As we begin this new-year, we never know this year may bring, but we can commit to make wise decisions and enjoy this year to its fullest. This does not necessarily come with an Unabridged Coupon Payment Book!

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Poet's Corner

Frosty

By: Randy C. Hale



If only just one of us,
would have had a
camera that day.
It was the most wonderful thing
I ever saw.

The fresh fallen snow
was just right
for molding.
The large round base, torso,
oval head.

We put him altogether,
stacked him
nice and firm. We used
what we had,
a scarf, a button, a
corn cob pipe and
an old silk hat we found.

He came alive, I tell you,
the minute that derby
touched him.
It was magic!
He could talk, laugh,
sing and dance.

Like a drum major,
with an old broom
stick for a baton,
he led us down through
the village
going over the hills of snow.

The only adult that saw us was
a startled police officer
as we went by,
who later would convince himself
that it was just a
mischievous kid prank.

We played games like Freeze Tag,
Red Rover and Mother
May I, until
the sun got hot and our
new snow friend
began to melt away.

After playing just a bit more,
he waved goodbye, and
disappeared into the woods,
promising he would
be back again,
if he could.

A couple of us tried to get others
to believe us but it was no use.
Two of the others even
wrote a song
about him and it
became a great hit.

That was over sixty
years ago, and I
am the only witness that remains.
And I still look out my window
on the cold snowy days.

Sometimes, I think I see him,
and my childhood friends
and my old heart, you could say,
goes Thumpity Thump,
Thumpity Thump.

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Community Profile: Meet Cloyce Talmadge Drake (conclusion)

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Cloyce Talmadge Drake and the other members of the 35th Infantry had fought their way across France and into Belgium. The race to Berlin between the Soviet Union and the Allied Forces had become contentious. Drake's Company I made it to the Elbe River and just outside of the city limits of Berlin by mid-April of 1945.

Drake explained, "We made it to the city limits of Berlin when we were stopped. We didn't get to see much of Berlin. The Russians had made a deal with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that agreed to let the Russians go in." Historians list a few reasons given for the decision to allow Russia to enter Berlin. Some argue that it was strategic or due to heavy casualties suffered by the western allies while others have described it as one of the strangest decisions in military history.

Drake continued, "We would have done things differently probably, but we let the Russians go in. They killed everyone they could I guess. Hitler and his wife committed suicide right there pretty close by to us."

Of the approximately 165 members of Drake's unit that left for England, only 26 made the journey home on the Queen Mary when they returned.

Drake said, "After Germany had been defeated, we were coming home for new equipment and a 30-day leave. We were going to the Pacific to fight the Japanese. We were in France waiting on a boat to catch the Queen Mary in London.

"Then, they dropped that bomb on Japan. We didn't sleep for about two nights and some of those fellas got drunk."

Drake brought out his Eisenhower jacket and showed it off. He pointed out the service stripes and said, "I wore this uniform walking through the streets of Paris."

After celebrating in Paris, Drake and his fellow soldiers came home on the Queen Mary that had been used to transport troops during the war. The chandeliers and other luxuries had been removed to make room for rows and rows of hammocks.

Drake's daughter Renaa Hopper said of her father, "He didn't drink a drop the whole time he was over there. He saved his money. He didn't smoke, he didn't get drunk, and didn't go with any women."

Drake confirmed with a proud, "Nope!!"

Hopper continued, "He'd sell his cigarettes, didn't drink, didn't play cards. He saved all his money and would send it back home. He bought this 40 acres and this house when he got back with the money he saved when he was overseas. Now, he owns 100 acres and D&H Cycles with us."

Drake laughed, "The first sergeant knew what kind of fella I was, so he gave me three-day passes sometimes. Not because I asked for them, but he just wanted to send me with the other guys. All those guys liked me though. Sometimes in the PX on Saturday, it would be full of guys done lit, but they still remembered that I never drank. A few would try to catch me and pour it down me, but you know what? There'd be some of those drunks take up for me every time! They'd get on 'em."



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Talmadge and Virginia Drake

When Drake finally arrived back in the United States, he was bused to Georgia and discharged. He was free to go home. His brothers came to pick him up but didn't recognize him. Drake caught a ride to Cullman without them.

Soon after his return he would meet, fall in love, and marry Virginia. They were married for 70 years before she passed away in July of 2017. Together they owned a Grade A dairy farm and co-owned D&H Cycles in Vinemont. Renaa and her husband Jerold Hopper now own and operate the shop.

Drake recently celebrated his 95th birthday with a party, surrounded by family and friends. The party was held at what he refers to as his "party barn." In his 80s, Drake bought and renovated an old barn to host parties and family get-togethers. The old barn is now a beautiful place with stylish rooms named to reference the different animals that once occupied the spaces. He even converted the hay loft into a gorgeous bedroom he calls "the honeymoon suite."

Cloyce Talmadge Drake enjoys dancing the waltz and the two-step. At his party, he reminisced about all the places he and Virginia had danced.

"We danced in Hawaii, Texas, South America and here. I miss her every day. I love her."

