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BUSINESS

Rock N Roll Sushi aims to open week of Jan. 20



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Rock N Roll Sushi, in southwest Cullman's Marktplatz Center, hopes to be open the week of Jan. 20. The restaurant's interior features hand-painted murals by local artist Seth Miller.

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POLITICS

Cullman County Republican Women welcome chairman Kenneth Walker



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker speaks at the Cullman County Republican Women meeting this week.

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Community combatting human trafficking

Task force joined by James R. Smith Trucking; community leaders issue proclamations

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Friday, Jan. 11 was national Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force had a full schedule for both that day and the week leading up to it. After The Tribune's story ran last week, Director Kathy Wilson was contacted by Birmingham television media and others, and she has done multiple interviews. On Tuesday of this week, the Cullman County Commission signed a proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month, followed through the week by proclamations from the mayors and councils of Holly Pond and Dodge City. On Friday, the task force display was set up at Karma's Coffee House in Cullman's Warehouse District, while Wilson visited Cullman City Hall to receive a proclamation from Mayor Woody Jacobs.

In a press release following the proclamation, Jacobs said, "This is a real issue – a real problem. Thank you for bringing awareness to human trafficking and for working to prevent this terrible crime from happening in Cullman and Cullman County."

James R. Smith and Truckers against Trafficking

Wilson received a most pleasant and welcome surprise earlier in the week when James R. Smith Trucking reached out to her about a partnership through the transportation company's participation in Truckers against Trafficking (TAT), a nonprofit that "exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of the trucking and busing industries to combat human trafficking," according to the group's website.

The TAT self-description also stated, "Truckers Against Trafficking recognizes that members of the trucking and busing industries are invaluable in the fight against this heinous crime. As the eyes and ears of our nation's highways, you are in a unique position to make a difference and close loopholes to traffickers who seek to exploit our transportation system for their personal gain. This site has been created to inform members of the trucking and busing industries, and other travelers of the basic issues involved in human trafficking and a summary of ways you can help. We invite you to travel through this website and learn how you can join this worthy cause and save lives."

Wilson said of James R. Smith Trucking, "They contacted me, which was fantastic! Amber Heaton, she actually contacted Amy Smith at (Cullman County) DHR, because they wanted to partner with the task force- the Truckers against Trafficking. And she contacted me; we talked. They want to do a video, and they wanted the video out for today; it really was a little short notice, but we got it together; we went down there yesterday."

To see the video, visit www.facebook.com/JAMESRSMITHTRUCKING/videos/2179594122105129/UzpfSTg3MDU4NTA5NjM1Mjc0ODoyMDExMDI2NTg4OTc1MjU0/.

With the video, the trucking company posted this statement:

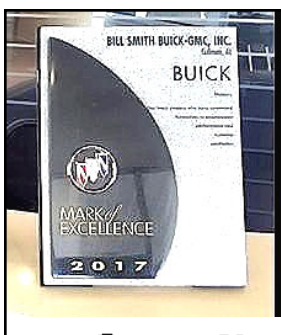
Today is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. We are so grateful for Kathy Wilson, Chairperson of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force (CCHTTF), and that she took the time to meet with us and go over some important information to help us do our part in ending human trafficking. We look forward to further educating our employees, and our partnership with the CCHTTF.

Be sure to follow Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, Truckers Against Trafficking, and check our page frequently this month for more information on what we can all do to aid in wiping out this epidemic.

Wilson continued, "They have actually taken one of their trucks and wrapped it in 'Real superheroes don't wear capes.' Truckers Against Trafficking, their motto is 'Everyday Heroes.' That's what they're going for with their campaign, so it kind of ties in together.

"While I was there, I had told them that I've been wanting to do a public service announcement kind of video--just an informational video--but I want it to be something that's local. And they've have gotten tons of suggestions for some things to do to try to get that rolling. I want to use local people, I want to use local surroundings, because the way that you reach people is local. Our people don't want to hear about California, and so you

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville's Nail: 'I think we're in a public safety emergency'

Christy Perry
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HANCEVILLE – "I'm here to sound the alarm!" said Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail at Thursday night's Hanceville City Council meeting. Hanceville Fire and Rescue battled two structure fires Wednesday and into the early morning hours of Thursday, and the mayor said there is a serious shortage of volunteer manpower.

"This is a problem. The problem isn't just in Hanceville. The problem is in Cullman County and in Alabama. We've got four full-time firefighters. We responded to 1,100 calls last year. We have five volunteers," said Nail.

The mayor said a shortage in volunteer firefighters and police reserves is a problem being felt in many areas, explaining, "In the last month, I have heard we were the fourth fire department toned out, and of course we responded. It is starting to be a public safety emergency. Especially the volunteers, these guys do the best they can, but most of them still have to go to work. We have five volunteers. Five! In the daytime, everybody fights fires-everybody. The police, fire, public works; everybody helps."

Hanceville has already begun basic fire training for its police department, but with fewer people volunteering, Nail said the departments are struggling.

Shared Nail, "One of our fires yesterday, one of the firemen was on the scene by himself for a few minutes before the other guys got there. I've done it and (Councilman) Jim (Nuss) has too, rolled up and been the only guy there at a house fire for several minutes. It's a long several minutes.

"I think we're in a public safety emergency. I don't know what the answer is. People don't volunteer anymore. The volunteers we've got are wonderful. They are great, but it's a serious, serious problem. You have a structure fire at the wrong time during the day, when other folks have gone to work, you've/we've got problems."

The City of Hanceville made the decision a couple of years ago to no longer send the fire department to cut trees out of roads. It uses public works for trees to make sure the fire trucks are available for an emergency. Nail asked the council to think about other ideas and solutions. Nail suggested that this be considered in the next year's budget.

Nail urged those considering volunteering to call the fire station at 256-352-5544.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Jacobs proclaims Jan. 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Cullman

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Friday officially proclaimed Jan. 11, 2019 "Human Trafficking Awareness Day" in the city of Cullman. On hand to accept the proclamation from the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force were Cullman County District Judge Kim Chaney, Kathy Wilson and Blakely Hopper.

"This is a real issue, a real problem," said Jacobs. "Thank you for bringing awareness to human trafficking and for working to prevent this terrible crime from happening in Cullman and Cullman County."

Human trafficking, often referred to as "modern-day slavery," involves the use of coercion, force, or fraud to get victims to perform labor or commercial sex acts against their will. It is a large and thriving criminal industry that can be found throughout the world.

It can take many forms (debt bondage, forced marriage, slavery, commercial sexual exploitation), but in every case goes against the core principles of individual freedom and civil rights our nation was built upon.

The majority of human trafficking victims are pre-teens or teenagers. Young victims are often lured into traps by people they consider friends, or even by family members.

Also, because of our close proximity to the Interstate and other major highways, Cullman is a prime location for perpetrators of human trafficking.

The Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force was organized to work with local law enforcement and other agencies to help prevent human trafficking in the community.

The first step to prevent human trafficking is to educate the public. The task force strives to do that through holding public meetings and by sponsoring community events designed to explain what human trafficking is and how people can recognize it. The task force also advocates for changes in local, regional, and state policies related to human trafficking. The volunteer task force is made up of individuals from various departments and agencies throughout the community.

To find out more about the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, visit www.facebook.com/Cullman-County-Human-Trafficking-Task-Force or email endtrafficking25@gmail.com.

More information on human trafficking in Alabama can be found at www.enditalabama.org and www.stnow.org.

Saint Bernard Abbey monk releases fantasy novel; book signing this Saturday

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – On Saturday, Jan. 12, Br. Benedict Dyar, O.S.B. will be hosting a book signing of his newly released novel, "The Flame of Telbyrin" at the Ave Maria Grotto bookstore in Cullman. Dyar hopes that his novel will help bring light and joy to all who read it.

"It's just a good story that I'm very proud of," he said. "It's not overly religious but gives the reader a taste of the message of both faithfulness and self-sacrifice. I sincerely hope the reader will find joy and life in reading it."

The story takes place in the fictional world of Telbyrin, a world of elves, humans, wood fays and the dreaded Meldron.

At the center of the world is the Sacred Flame of Telbyrin where the Creator touched the world into existence.

All the peoples venerate it as the sign of creation's prayers that rise to the Creator.

All except the Meldron, a race with a supposed secret knowledge of dread power that is rumored to hold the key to immortality.

The reader will enter into the world of two young married elves who live peacefully on a cattle farm, one a warrior of great renown and the other a common but courageous farm girl.

During their annual pilgrimage to the Sacred Flame, they discover that the Flame is going out.

All of a sudden these two peaceful elves get caught up in an adventure of discovery of why the Flame is going out and who or what may be behind it.

"The story hopefully has the key ingredients of a good Christian fantasy adventure novel," said Dyar.

"It has action and adventure, heroes and villains, good and evil, double-crosses and dear friendships, romance, and most importantly, a take home faith message. I very much enjoyed writing it and hope to write more books on Telbyrin soon."

The book signing will start at 11:30 a.m. and last until 2:30 p.m. Copies of the book will continue to be sold at the Ave Maria Grotto bookstore and online at www.Amazon.com.

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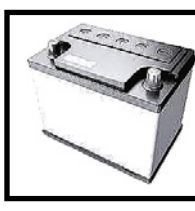
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES SEALES * CASE NO PC 2018-267
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **FAYE SEALES,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES SEALES, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Faye Seales
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 23, 2018 by Christopher Ray Bank, an unmarried individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1842, Page 483 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 February 4, 2019:

Begin at a stake on the south line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South Range 2 West, which stake is located 630 feet east of the southwest corner of said forty; thence north 595.0 feet; thence east 146.43 feet; thence south 595.0 feet to a stake on the south line of said forty; thence west 146.43 feet to the point of beginning.
ALSO: Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West; thence N 89°00' E distance of 526 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed; thence continue N 89°00' E a distance of 104.0 feet, more or less, to a point; thence N 00°30' W a distance of 342.5 feet to a point; thence S 62°53' W distance of 104 feet, more or less, to a point on the east line of the R. V. Russell and Sherlene Russell tract; thence S 00°30' E to the south line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section and the point of beginning hereof.
ALSO; A right of way and easement for ingress and egress, said easement going over and along the following tract of and being more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West; thence N 89°00' E a distance of 630 feet to a point; thence N 00°30' W a distance of 342.5 feet, which is the point of beginning of the easement herein; thence continue N 00°30' W for a distance of 497.5 feet, more or less, to a point on the right of way of County Road No. 35; thence S 62°53' W along said right of way a distance of 15 feet to a point; thence S 00°30' E distance of 497.5 feet, more or less, to the north boundary line of a tract of land owned by Donnie T. Banks and wife, Loretta Banks; thence along line a distance of 15 fret to the point of beginning of the easement granted herein. Said lands lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

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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Arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 10-11

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 10-11, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON JAN. 10

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incidents

Jan. 7

- County Road 1161, harassment
- Third Ave. SW Garden City, trespassing/criminal mischief
- County Road 49, domestic violence
- Hwy. 31, theft of property
- County Road 651, burglary
- County Road 715, trespassing/criminal mischief
- County Road 1138, harassment/trespassing
- County Road 590, attempting to elude
- County Road 376, burglary
- County Road 702, theft of property
- County Road 1288, domestic violence
- Second Ave. SW, unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle/criminal mischief
- County Road 52, domestic violence/criminal mischief
- County Road 1216, domestic violence

Jan. 8

- Short St., burglary/unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle
- County Road 984, trespassing
- County Road 502, theft of property
- County Road 1214, theft of property
- County Road 1355, domestic violence
- Short Dr., unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle
- County Road 1352, violation of a protection order
- County Road 1043, domestic violence
- Mayfair Lane, theft of property
- Third St. SW Garden City, theft of property
- County Road 813, criminal mischief
- County Road 1118, trespassing
- County Road 1428, domestic violence
- Mayfair Lane, unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Jan. 9

- County Road 62, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana, domestic violence
- Mann Dr., trespassing
- Red Hill Rd., theft of property
- County Road 617, domestic violence
- County Road 719, harassment, theft of property
- County Road 1114, theft of property
- County Road 461, theft of property
- County Road 712, unauthorized use of a vehicle

Arrests

Jan. 7

Bailey, Christopher Jared, 26
- second-degree theft of property

Cammon, Michael Eugene, 54
- second-degree domestic violence

Cooper, Cassandra Hope, 32
- FTA- first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Copeland, Cameron Kyle-Allen, 20
- third-degree burglary
- third-degree receiving stolen property

Delsman, Roger Christopher, 32
- FTA- driving while suspended

Goodman, Kyle Jake, 25
- third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications

Helms, Brittany Lynn, 31
- FTA- third-degree burglary

Kimbril, Blake Edward, 22
- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Parks, Justin Colby, 32
- carrying a pistol without a license
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Payne, Johnathan Paul, 30
- second-degree bail jumping- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Posey, Joni Tennille, 40
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Robertson, Brenda Ann, 35
- second-degree theft of property

Screws, Michael Anthony, 34
- writ of arrest- child support

Scruggs, Ben Cody, 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shearin, Amanda Nichole, 27
- attempting to elude

Smith, Jeffery Wayne, 30
- FTA- driving while revoked

Trammell, Donald Wayne, 43
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Jan. 8

Davis, Jason Lee, 33
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Hancock, Noah Eli, 20
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Handley, Melinda Ann, 41
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hardin, Ashley Brooke, 30
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

Robinson, James Brian, 41
- defrauding secured creditors
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Valdez, Raymond Joseph, 43
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Jan. 9

Allaire, Richard Lee Jr., 59
- FTA- first-degree theft of property
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Barker, Mike, 54
- second-degree bail jumping- harassing communications
- FTA- harassing communications

Birmingham, Jason Heath, 49
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Blake, Carter Wayne, 46
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Eason, Gary J. Shawn, 24
- motion to revoke bond-third-degree criminal mischief
- motion to revoke bond-third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- first-degree theft of property
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- motion to revoke bond-fourth-degree theft of property
- motion to revoke bond-unauthorized use of a vehicle

Freeman, Shannon Eugene, 39
- third-degree burglary

Lively, Denisha Dawn, 31
- judge's order- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Sansing, Jeremiah Nathaniel, 23
- second-degree bail jumping- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
- FTA- public intoxication

Smith, Gallerie Jaye, 48
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Tello, Melissa, 39
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Waldrop, Ricky Jason, 36
- FTA- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents

Jan. 9
- Woodard Dr. NW, harassment
- third-degree theft of property

Arrests

Jan. 9

Smith, Dustin L., 25
- first-degree possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

REPORTED ON JAN. 11

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incidents

Jan. 9
- harassing communications
- fourth-degree theft of property, Books-A-Million, $27

Jan. 10
- identity theft, fraudulent use of a credit or debit card
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, 9th St. SW
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, 9th St. SW
- theft of property, cash, $2,400
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle, Olive St. SW, damage to '09 Buick Lucerne, $1,000
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, cooler, $540
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing, Hwy. 157, $173
- fourth-degree theft of property, fourth-degree theft of property, The Foundry, 2nd Ave. SW, $100

Arrests

Jan. 10

Shikle, William C., 31
- third-degree burglary
- third-degree criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hayes, Zachary C., 35
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Morin, Carol D., 33
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Owens, Jason M., 37
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Chapman, Korrie D., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Seay, Heather E., 34
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

Trafficking (from Front)

bring something local. And so that's in the works.

"They (James R. Smith) were extremely receptive to partnering with us, with anything we do. Almost all their employees are trained with Truckers Against Trafficking. At our last task force meeting, that was one of the things that we talked about was community partners, you know, trying to pull them in with us, so that we could do things together. And they're our first, so I was pretty excited! They're eager, they understand the problem, they understand that it's here, and they themselves want to raise awareness, just like we do. So it's worked out really good, really good."

State summit coming up, Wilson asked to sit on panel

Wilson has been asked by the state task force to sit on a panel at this year's Alabama Human Trafficking Summit in Montgomery on Feb. 8. This week shows their choice to have been a wise one, as Wilson's panel will discuss community awareness.

Reflecting back over the week on Friday, Wilson said, "The community support this year has been overwhelming, absolutely overwhelming. I could not be any more pleased with how our January awareness month has started. And we plan to keep going, continue to raise awareness, until there is no longer a need."

For more information on the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, visit www.facebook.com/Cullman-County-Human-Trafficking-Task-Force-870585096352748/.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

William E. Malcom, deceased CASE NO. PC 2018-412

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MALCOM, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Steven C. Smith on the 9th day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Steven C. Smith, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Todd McLeroy
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STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
	*	
CULLMAN COUNTY	*	CASE NO. PC 2018-317

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JERALD HENRY MCMURREY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Wanda Butler McMurrey on the 10th day of January, 2019, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Wanda Butler McMurrey
Personal Representative

To the publisher of the *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Gentry begins 2nd term



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Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry was sworn in for his second term on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at the Cullman Civic Center. Gentry, joined by his wife Susie and sons William and Walker, was administered the oath by Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill.

Kilpatrick begins 2nd term



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Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick was sworn in for his second term on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 at the Cullman County Courthouse. Kilpatrick, joined by his wife April and pastor Malcolm Carter, was administered the oath by Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas.







Sushi (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Cullman's Rock N Roll Sushi is nearing its much-anticipated opening. Friday, The Tribune sat down with co-owners Lee and Brooke Black and general manager Kelsey Moore for an update.

Although a definite date has not been set, Lee Black said, "We should be open the week of the 20th for a soft opening, with a grand opening a week or so later."

The restaurant is waiting on its final building inspection on Tuesday, Jan. 15 and the arrival of the food, and the Blacks said they encountered a few setbacks since announcing Rock N Roll was coming to Cullman back in May 2018.

Shared Lee Black, "Finding a contractor after the hailstorm was difficult. They were all busy. Then, turning a bank into a restaurant was a challenge."

Brooke Black added, "It's not like we took an old restaurant and just ramped it up. We almost rebuilt from the ground up."

The Blacks looked at other locations in Cullman and said they might be open already had they chosen a different location, but the site they selected at 1900 Marktplatz Center (in the unit formerly home to First Community Bank) has many future benefits.

"Rock N Roll Sushi, they really like to go into strip centers where other stuff is around," said Lee Black.

With shopping, the move theater and so many businesses nearby, they hope to attract people out shopping, for dinner and a movie, and a robust lunch crowd.

Despite the name, the menu has something for everyone. Moore addressed concerns non-sushi-loving folks might have, saying, "We've got a lot of introductory sushi rolls that are fully cooked that would cater to people who are unsure about whether or not they would enjoy eating raw fish of might be opposed to it. We also have an entire portion of the menu that is hibachi-style. On our grill, we could use filet mignon, lobster, shrimp, chicken, fried rice and vegetables. Additionally, we have a vast amount of appetizers to cook that people are usually familiar with like cooked shrimp, egg rolls, crispy fried wontons or jalapeño poppers. What Rock N Roll does is it takes something that could be streamlined and basic and just makes it better! We've got a sushi roll with filet mignon on it, shrimp, and a little bit of spicy tuna. So, that's a good introductory sushi."

Rock N Roll Sushi also offers a full-service bar with its signature Rocktails, classic cocktails, wine options and draft beer, including a rotation of Goat Island beers, as well as bottled and canned beer.

Moore added, "We will introduce Japanese beers and sake options that really pair well with our food and that you don't find at other places."

The Rock N Roll Sushi atmosphere is also unique and will appeal to those who enjoy great music. Big screens play classic rock videos and the walls display rock memorabilia, giant posters of music legends and hand-painted murals by local artist Seth Miller. What once was the bank's drive-thru is now a heated patio which will provide additional seating and possibly live music in the near future. The patio is a feature the owners will "ease into" once the restaurant is open.

Several of the staff have worked for other Rock N Roll Sushi locations. Moore, who is from Hanceville, has many years of restaurant experience and said she loves Rock N Roll Sushi and its commitment to offering a great customer experience. The staff of 21 employees has been working and training at existing locations to prepare for the Cullman opening.

Dine-in and carry-out will be available, but Rock N Roll Sushi has not partnered with a delivery service.

Said Moore, "That is an option we will explore maybe 90 days after we open. We don't want someone's first Rock N Roll Sushi experience to be through a delivery service and something be wrong or late."

Local connection

Rock N Roll Sushi has many local ties. Lee and Brooke Black of Holly Pond and Keith and Tina Al-Dijaili of Cullman all own the new Cullman location. Cullman native Joe Ragsdale owns the franchise group. Rock N Roll Sushi was founded in Mobile in 2010 by Lance Hallmark and Gerri Mach-Hallmark.

Rock N Roll Sushi will be open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. For updates and announcements, visit www.facebook.com/Rock-N-Roll-Sushi-Cullman-214560639137943/.







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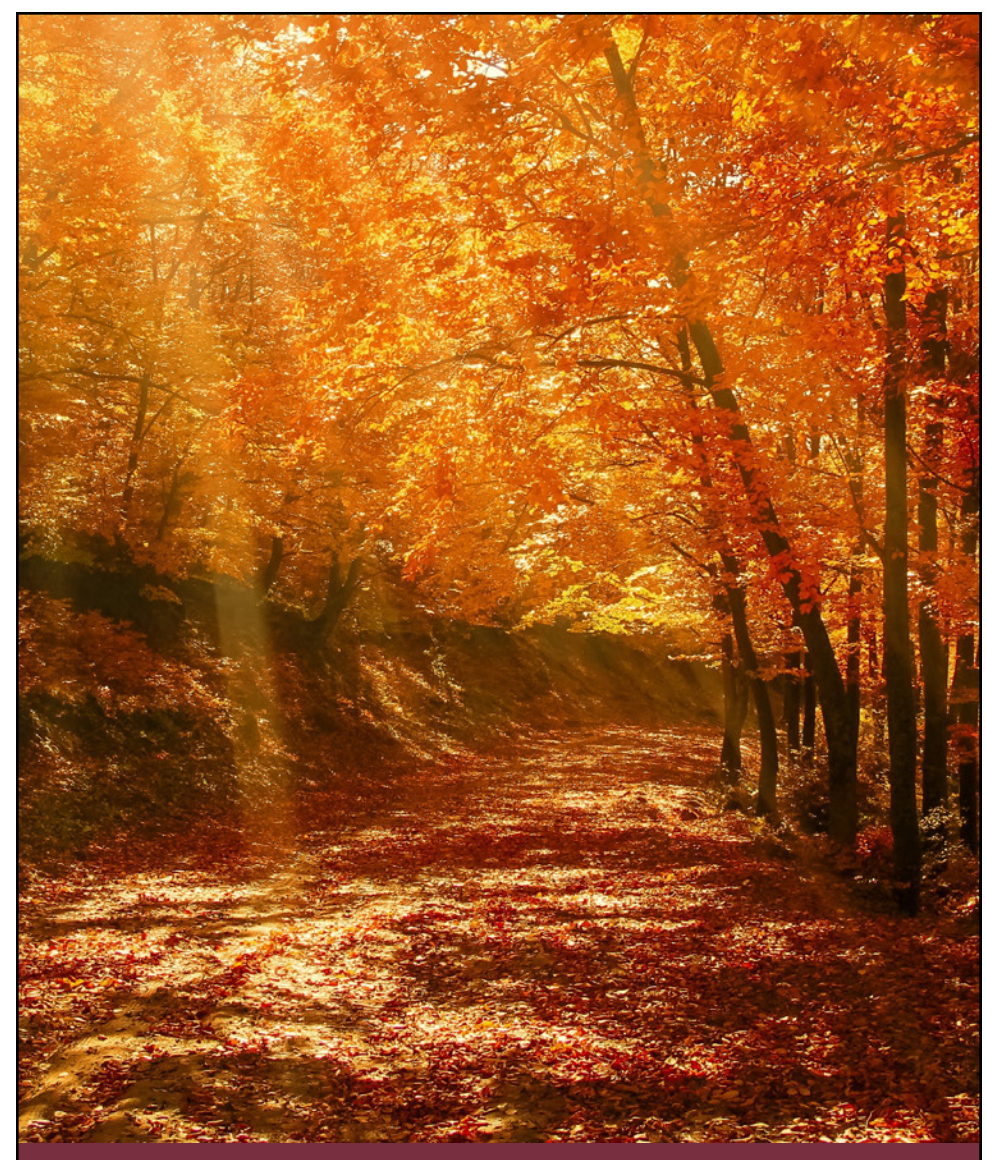
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19 laughs from our Tribune Tastemakers

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Contributor

Next week, The Cullman Tribune, Alabama's oldest, continuously published weekly newspaper and Cullman's oldest business, will launch a special, statewide, year-long, ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL series. The popular TASTEMAKER profiles will continue periodically as well. To transition, some of our 2018 TASTEMAKERS share favorite laugh lines they heard during the last 12 months. Couldn't we all use a smile, a chuckle, a chortle, a snortle during these tense times? And, away we go:

1. If I'm at Moss-Service and you speak at my funeral, I hope you say, "LOOK, HE'S MOVING."
2. "Her danged pit bull has plumb ruint my fine linens." (overheard at a Cullman laundry)
3. If Fat Tuesday isn't over soon, I'll have to let out this bathrobe.
4. PLEASE HELP: It's warm and sunny in Cullman today and I need more excuses to not exercise.
5. Ugh, this coffee tastes like Holy Water; they boiled the Hell out of it.
6. Vegan is a big, missed steak.
7. I could be golfing at The Masters instead of Terri Pines, but I didn't want an ugly green jacket.
8. Our town has lost its Piggly Wiggly, but we kept some of our hoggly woggly.
9. I went to a Cullman political debate last night and a hockey game broke out.
10. God gave us round heads so we can think from different directions.
11. The word "Saturday" comes from the old Roman meaning "no dietary restrictions."
12. Wallace State writing classes are most useful for personal ads, Facebook postings and IRS tax filings.
13. When I act immature, I'm just having a "junior moment."
14. I drove alone to a Smith Lake party and only had two arguments and one fight on the way.
15. I'm having a 10-course, Alabama meal this Saturday: four slawdogs and a six-pack.
16. Some days you're the skeeter. And, some days you're the swatter.
17. "THE MUSIC MAN" was terrific at Cullman's summer theater, but trombones are like prunes: Is four enough, are 76 too many?
18. It's the Back-To-School Tax Free Weekend so this kid is getting a satchel full of Goat Island Beer.
19. Kenny Culpepper needs to arrest my neighbor's chickens for fowl language.

Thanks for the memories, the tasteful tips, the wisdom and the wit, 2018 Tribune TASTEMAKERS.

Walker (from Front)

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker was the guest speaker this week at the Cullman County Republican Women's January meeting. He touched on a variety of topics including county roads, the annual budget, insurance costs, last year's hailstorm and the expanded boat ramp at Smith Lake Park.

Walker opened by talking about the widening of Alabama Highway 157, saying, "Now they have to get new preliminary drawings because of the new laws about interchanges.

"Hopefully that's done in 2019 and they start bidding in early 2020. Then, hopefully, by late fall 2020 they start moving dirt to widen 157.

"That was a huge grant for, and of course it was for the City of Cullman, but we in the county had a lot to do with it along with neighboring municipalities. We're very thankful for that. We need that very bad."

On the condition of county roads and the challenges that exist for repaving them, Walker shared, "The road department-the roads, it's been wet, we've had early snow, we've had early freezing and there's a lot of roads in bad shape.

"I know that. I knew it when I came into office. From 2015 until today, we have spent $19,437,000.23 on repairing roads and nobody can tell it.

"So this is a bad problem. We know it is. We do all we can do with the revenue we get to pave our roads.

"The way the gas taxes are and the way the gas taxes fall back on us, we have the number two most miles of roads in Alabama.

"We are 17th out of 67 counties, which is $2,700 per mile, is what we get back per year on gas taxes. There's no way to fix these roads with gas taxes. There's no way."

Walker said he hopes new equipment purchased by the County, including a milling machine expected to arrive next week, will allow for a proper base to be put on roads when repaving.

Touching on the annual budget, he said, in 2018 there were 469 County employees and 143 working for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, compared to more than 550 County employees and 160 at the sheriff's office in 2012.

Walker boasted, "We are getting the work done with fewer employees."

The Cullman County Commission is currently self-insured. Walker said the County's 2012 insurance bill for 572 employees was $4,638,427, with employees also paying $728,000. Today's insurance bill with 469 employees is $6.6 million, he said.

The hailstorm in March 2018 caused $7.6 million dollars in damage to County properties and an additional $900,000 in damage to County vehicles.

Walker stated, "We had roof damage to the sheriff department and jail with 1,300 holes that went through 6 inches of roofing and busting out the ceiling tiles. It's terrible."

Recently bids were awarded to begin repairing roofs damaged during the hailstorm.

Walker said, "We've spent the last eight months dealing with insurance companies."

Insurance also covered the repairs of 50 vehicles and the replacement of 44 vehicles totaled in the storm.

Finally, Walker updated the group on the expanded six-lane boat ramp at Smith Lake Park. Walker recalled when his boys were in school that two slips were very problematic.

He laughed, "It was like 300 boats waiting on the two slips. Might take you four hours just to get out of the water.

"The ramps were a goal of mine since I came into office.

"Glad that's done. There are lots of fisherman in Cullman and around.

"I hope the county can host some tournaments now."

The Cullman County Republican Women meet on the second Tuesday each month at the VFW.

Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. with special guest speaker Cullman County District Attorney Wilson Blaylock.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 12 - 14

Shelia Elaine Byrams, 46, was born November 13, 1972 and passed away Friday, January 11, 2019. Complete arrangements will be announced Saturday afternoon by Nichols Funeral Home.

Barbara Jo "Bobbye" Wakefield, 82, of Haleyville, entered into rest on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Bobbye was born on March 9, 1936 in Childersburg, Alabama. She was a member of Botush Freewill Baptist Church for 43 years. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be at 12 noon. Reverend Gary Wakefield will officiate. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Bobbye is survived by her sons, Mark Wakefield and his wife Brenda, and Robert Wakefield and Gale; sister, Judy Winder; she was Nanny to 3 grandchildren, Amanda (Shawn) Moore, Kendra Wakefield and Trent Wakefield; and 2 great-grandchildren, Kaileigh Harrison and Gracie Harrison. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Wakefield; parents, Grady and Annie Willis; brother, Jackie Willis; and sister, Cherry Willis Frye.

Kenneth Malcolm Stewart, age 62, of Cullman, passed away Monday, January 7, 2019. He was preceded in death by brothers: Clifford F. Stewart Jr. and Clayton Stewart; son-in-law, Reginald McCovery; step-father, Ronald Stewart and step-mother, Bertha Stewart. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Donahue Stewart; mother, Juanita V. Stewart; Father Clifford F. Stewart Sr.; daughters: Daphne Lynelle McCovery; Mary Elizabeth Cox (Joshua) and Heather S. Lance; sons: Kenneth Michael Stewart Sr. (Jean), James D. Stark, Patrick W. Stark, Jonathan R. Stark (Sarah) and Travis E. Lance; sisters: Wanda Tedescucci, and Janet Pederson; brothers: James D. (Shirley) Stewart, Lee Darnley, and Franklin Stewart; grandchildren: Kelsie Stark, Kayne Stark, Jordan Stark, Alli Stark, Kenneth Stewart Jr., Romeo McCovery, Olivia McCovery, Calee Roberson and Connor Cox, and 2 great grandchildren. The celebration of the life of Kenneth Stewart will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with burial to follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral service for Danny Joe Armstrong, age 66, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Armstrong passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at Brookwood Medical Center. He was born April 19, 1952, to Loyd and Georgie Armstrong. He is preceded in death by his parents, Loyd and Georgie Armstrong; wife, Linda Mae Armstrong; and great-grandchild, Keegan Pace. Survivors include his wife, Shaharh Armstrong; daughters, Ann (Joey) Brock and Loura Armstrong (Charles Woods); sons, Matt (Rita) Armstrong and Daniel (Tammy) Armstrong; grandchildren, Chelsea Brock, Cody Brock, Brittney Butler, Braxton Armstrong, Brittany Turrentine, Brandy Pruett, Abby Armstrong, Katelyn Armstrong, and Hunter Armstrong; great-grandchildren, Daimon Campbell, Zayden Duffie, Job Pruett, Skylee Pruett, Jacob Pruett, and Brett Armstrong; brothers, Wayne Armstrong, Harold Armstrong, Roger Armstrong, and Edward Armstrong; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ula Beatrice Turner, 83, of Hanceville, will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church with burial in Colony Cemetery. She will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the service. Mrs. Turner passed away at her residence Sunday, January 6, 2018. She is survived by sisters, Earlene Johnson, Vassie Hollins and Sybble Holcomb and a brother, Michael Johnson and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Henry Turner; her parents, Luria and Lola Johnson and a brother, Fredrick Twitty.

Maythel Inez Winkles, 75, of Double Springs, entered into rest on January 10, 2019 at North Alabama Medical Center in Florence, Alabama. Maythel was born on June 15, 1943 in Double Springs, Alabama. She worked as Assistant Postmaster at the Post Office in Grayson, Alabama and worked at Kinro Ind. for a number of years. Maythel was a loving and devoted wife and loved her family very much. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding her tractor on the farm while listening to country music, watching hummingbirds, and visiting with friends. In her younger days she played softball, and in one game managed to pitch a no hitter. Maythel was also known by the nick names "May-May" or Nay-Nay" to her family and friends. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in Double Springs, Alabama, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Brother Bill Frank Wilson and Brother Randy Jones will officiate. Burial will follow in New Home Baptist Church Cemetery in Houston, Alabama. Maythel is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, John Elmer Winkles; brother-in-law, R.J. Winkles and his wife Julie; sister-in-law, Judy Garcia and her husband Ralph; nephews, Cody Gene Winkles and his fiancee' Alivia McKinnon, John (Tammy) Garcia, John Robert Garcia, Tanner Edward Garcia; nieces, Sophia Garcia, and Angie (Randy) Jones; great nephew, Justin (Kayla) Jones and family; great niece, Justine (Sam) Bridgeman and family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Irving "Pap" Tidwell and Eunice Page Tidwell McCafferty; infant brother, Quinton Tidwell; sister, Shirley F. Tidwell Ayers; brother-in-law, E.J. Ayers; nephew, Anthony "Tony" Jay Ayers; and grandparents, Zeff and Ada Garrison Page.

Rozelle Estes Bedard, 94, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019. The public viewing is Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 1 p.m. until the Funeral Services which will be at Moss Funeral Home at 3 p.m. in Cullman, AL with Pastor Todd Henderson officiating. Born in Cullman, Alabama, Rozelle was the daughter of Ed and Ammie Estes. She was one of ten children. Rozelle left home at the age of 18 to work in civil service in Washington D.C. and was transferred to Europe. There she met her husband, Wilbert Ernest Bedard who was in the Army. They married in Vienna, Austria in 1947. They later came back to the states and lived in Ogdensburg, New York for fifteen years before relocating to warmer weather in Cullman. While living in Ogdensburg, New York, Rozelle was the society editor for the Ogdensburg Journal. Upon moving to Cullman, she worked at the Cullman Hospital operating the switchboard and later moved to Human Resources. She worked both at the old hospital and Cullman Regional Medical Center, retiring in 1997. While at the hospital she served on the board for the American Red Cross and did volunteer work for United Way. During her thirty-two years at the hospital she received numerous certificates, awards, recognition for her dedication of service. She was well known at the hospital during Christmas time as Mrs. Claus for about 25 years. She made her own outfit and used it every year. After retiring she worked at Cook's Pest Control and the Cullman City School system serving lunches. In 1996 she was a contestant and runner up in the Mrs. Senior America of Cullman County Pageant. She performed a skit as Mrs. Claus. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cullman for over fifty years. Rozelle had the sweetest disposition of anyone you ever met. She always had a smile, a laugh, a helping hand and the most joyful personality you will ever find. She is survived by her Son: Eddie (Sara) Bedard, Daughters: Carin Braswell, and Lisa (Richard) Forrester. Grandchildren: Maria Bedard, Chrissie (Scott) Gardner, Heath (Leanna) Bedard, Zachary Forrester, Emily Forrester, Kristin (Johnathon) Pickett, and Amy (Jamie) McClain. Great Grandchildren: Tess Gardner, Evy Gardner, Fitz Gardner, Brody Pickett, Danielle McClain. She was preceded in death by her husband, of 70 years, Wilbert (Bert) Ernest Bedard. Her son: Bert Bedard Jr., her son in law, Floyd Braswell, her parents and nine siblings. Donations may be made to The First United Methodist Church of Cullman, AL. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Memorial service for Sandra Jean Camper, age 69, of Warrior, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 13, 2019, at Redemption Church with Rodney Thompson officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Camper passed away on Friday, January 11, 2019, at her residence. She was born September 4, 1949, to Robert L. and Ruby Mae Lowe. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert L. and Ruby Mae Lowe; sisters, Brenda Melton and Mary Ann Fendley; brothers, Kenneth Lowe, Bobby Lowe, and Allen Lowe. Survivors include her daughter, Elizabeth Hinchley (Joseph) Yarbrough; daughter, Cheryl Hinchley Clobridge; son, Jay (Lori) Johnson; daughter, Kelly Marlin; son, Ronald Marlin; daughter, Destiny Marlin; daughter, Hali (Ryan) Lane; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Cathy (Bennett) Tucker and Janice (Foster) Bedsole; and brother, Joe Knight.

Christopher Mack Robins, 42 of Double Springs passed away on January 10, 2019 in Birmingham surrounded by his family. Christopher was born on October 8, 1976 in Haleyville. Chris was a member at Union Grove Baptist Church for 17 years where he served as a Deacon for 11 years and a Sunday School teacher for 7 years. He graduated Winston County High School in 1996 and went on to become a logger with his dad and uncles. Chris loved playing with and coaching his children in softball and baseball. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church, where he will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Brother Keith Hood, Brother Ronnie Melvin and Brother Ricky Robins will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. He is survived by his wife of 19 years Kim Robins; son, Kyle Robins; daughter, Kailey Robins; parents, Mack and Connie Robins; brother, Darrell Robins; father-in-law, Leon Sullivan; brother-in-laws, John, Sam (Sarah), Robert (Mitz); sister-in-law, Ann Sullivan; nieces, Madison, Brittany, Faith, Mary Kate and Aleah; nephews, William, Gavin, Elijah, Jeremiah and Draven. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Margaret Sullivan; and grandparents, John Lee and Idella Robins, and Lonnie Lee and Annie Bell Tucker

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Hope you are enjoying this extreme cold, winter weather. Winter usually is the coldest after Christmas around here. I have heard older people say, they can always tell when it's cold, because of their bones aching.

The Dripping Springs Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a special meeting on Sunday, January 6 at the First United Methodist Church, Cullman. This was the recognition program for high school seniors that have been selected by their schools as DAR Good Citizens. They were to submit grade transcripts, recommendations and their essays on "Our American Heritage and our Responsibility for Preserving It".

A participant was chosen from each of the schools in Cullman County, as well as Cullman High School, and Saint Bernard High School. A panel of three independent judges evaluated each entry and selected the winners. Each student was presented with a certificate and lapel pin in recognition of their accomplishments. The top two winners were presented with a check. The top winner also had their essay entered in the district competition.

Participants were: Catherine Hoffpauir, West Point High School; Madalyn Olivia Williams, Good Hope High School; Kristin Nicole Hays, Fairview High School; Evan Rainey, Holly Pond High School and Blake Spradlin, Cullman High School. Doctor Nancy Horton, Good Citizens chairman of the local chapter read some of the winners' essays.

Blake Spradlin of Cullman High School has been involved in the Student Government Association, is a member of the National Honor Society; the leadership team of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a volunteer at Grace Chapel Church, Cullman Caring for Kids and Margaret Jean Jones Center.

Miss Kristen Nicole Hays of Fairview has been in the top 5 of her class, she has always made all A's and has received many of the Outstanding Achievement awards for individual classes. Her school activities include Key Club, Marching Band, Student Council; Honor's Society and Youth Leadership.

Miss Madalyn Olivia Williams, Good Hope High School, presented an essay about our country. She said no matter the opposition, the people of this country have stood ready to meet it. By using knowledge of the past, it is possible to predict what will affect the outcomes of the future.

Representing Holly Pond High School was Evan Michael Rainey. Evan has been a part of Key Club for four years and has completed many hours of community services. Evan feels that

helping others and assisting in programs that make a better life for people that are less fortunate. He plans to continue that effort in his future.

Fulton Joseph Gil, Saint Bernard Preparatory, was a participant in the Cullman Regional Junior Volunteer Program, was a peer tutor in the 12th grade, volunteered to help maintenance the guest house for Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Florence and is a member of the National Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta was on the honor roll in the 11th grade.



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Good Citizen/Essay contest winners, from left: Mrs. Julia Floyd, Regent; Catherine Hoffpauir, West Point High School; Madalyn Olivia Williams, Good Hope High School; Kristen Nicole Hayes, Fairview High School; Evan Rainey, Holly Pond High School; Blake Spradlin, Cullman High School and Doctor Nancy Horton, Chapter Good Citizens Chairman.

Miss Catherine Hoffpauir, West Point School said her mentor was her mother who has shown what it means to love others through the good times and the bad.

The overall Good Citizen winner was Evan Michael Rainey of Holly Pond. Blake Spradlin of Cullman High School was the Essay/Good Citizen winner and will represent the local chapter in the state competition.

Congratulations to these outstanding students. This was one of the closest competitions by scores in the contest and each is a winner.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Chewing tobacco to impress the girls

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



When Robert, Jr. was attending Auburn University, he would be home during the summer and have a summer time job. This particular summer, he was working with the Street Department of the city of Cullman.

It seemed that most of the men who worked on the street crew chewed tobacco.

Of course, Robert, Jr., being in his late teens, though that you were a real man if you could chew tobacco. So he bought himself some tobacco to start his chewing career and become a man.

The street crew was off on Saturday. Two girls that Robert, Jr. attended high school with came by our house to see him one Saturday.

To impress the girls he gets his pack of tobacco out and gets himself a big chew.

The girls thought chewing tobacco was awful and asked him how he could stand that old stuff.

Robert, Jr. just laughed and chewed and spit as they sat around in the backyard and talked.

After the girls left, Robert, Jr. felt a little woozy. He went to his bedroom and laid down.

His mother came by and asked him why he was lying down. He told her he was just a little tired and sleepy and thought he would take a nap.

Later on that afternoon, his mother carried some garbage outside to put in the garbage can.

When she took the lid off the garbage can she saw Robert, Jr.'s nearly new pack of tobacco in the garbage can.

It seems that Robert,Jr. decided that there are other ways to be a man and impress the girls.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1958

Johnson Family Reunion

Members of the late Isaac Johnson, Senior family enjoyed a reunion on Sunday, at Brushy Lake, in the Bankhead Forest.

Honored on that day was Mr. Johnson's widow, Mrs. Julia Ann Johnson, who was celebrating her eightieth birth anniversary.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bowden, Dot and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Montgomery, Steve and Debbie, all of Birmingham; Nobe Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowlan and Peanie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heflin, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnson, Sherry, Jerry, David and Kathy, all of Cullman; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eason, of Alberville; Mr. and Mrs. Price Johnson, Linda, Brenda and Vickie, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Holladay, Mr. and Mrs. Alman Johnson, James, Tommie, Gary, Ray Blane and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Smith, Linda Kaye, Ann, Alice, Bonnie and Connie, all of Hartselle; Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Sterling, Phyliss, Delora, Joe, Jan and Larry, all of Decatur; Mrs. Lacy Bowden and Mrs. Ada Pope.

Cupp Rites Held

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, at Good Hope Baptist Church for Asa Clarence Cupp, 67, who died in Cullman Hospital on Friday.

The Reverend Robert Humphrey conducted the services and Moss Service directed interment in the Good Hope Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Essie Cupp; four sons, Cecil, Kenneth, Baxter and Ted Cupp; four daughters, Mrs. Carl King, Mrs. Mack Sasnette, Mrs. E.J. Viltone and Mrs. C.W. Self; nineteen grandchildren and five great- grandchildren.

Ray Elliott Killed

When Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Heinl returned on Monday from attending the funeral of his nephew, Ronnie Gasser, they had a message waiting that told of the critical injury of her nephew, Ray Elliott, in Gadsden.

Mr. Elliott, who was injured when a crane fell on him, while he was a work, died later on Monday.

Funeral services were held in Winston County.

Surviving are his widow; his mother, Mrs. Alta Ellison and a number of relatives in this county.

Robert Gasser Killed

Robert Gasser apparently lost control of the car he was driving, on the slick pavement of a curve on Saint Bernard College Road. He was alone, enroute to the college, when the accident occurred. He was thrown from the car.

Brain and internal injuries caused the youth's death, shortly before midnight on Friday in Cullman Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gasser; one brother, David and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kaple.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. on September 22nd at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with the Reverend Louis Funk, O.S.B. officiating. Moss Service directed interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Murry Lynch, Robert Sullivan, Edward Boike, Lynn Adams, Butch Bachmann and George Hasenbein.

The Saint Bernard football team and senior class served as honorary pallbearers.

Sims Rites Held

John W. Sims, 75, died on September 18th at his Hanceville residence and funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Hanceville, on September 20th with the Reverend Hunting, assisted by the Reverend Sammy Stabler officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Millie Sims; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Phillips; one grandson; three brothers and two sisters.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Pet Fish Out For A Swim

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Lenny Don Buttermilk, aka Blow Gum, called his ole buddy Billy Bob Bohannon and invited him to go fishing. Blow Gum said, "I'll pick you up right before daylight. We'll take my boat." He actually arrived about ten after – ten after daylight, that is. Billy Bob loaded up his equipment and they took off.

They couldn't have ordered a more perfect day. No wind on the lake and the temperature was warm but not blistering. It was the middle of March and the crappie were going wild. Long before he was ready to call it a day, Billy Bob had caught his limit of thirty.

When he put his rod and reel down and kicked back in the boat, his buddy asked, "What you doing?" Billy Bob explained that he had reached the limit, but Blow Gum replied, "Oh, don't you worry about that, ole buddy. You can catch some of mine."

Shortly afterwards they had caught more than sixty fish between both of them.

The crappie were biting like starved blood- thirsty mosquitoes. Blow Gum said, "Oh, it doesn't matter if we catch a few over the limit.

The game warden never comes back here to this back part of the lake anyway."

They continued to fish and before they knew it, they had caught over a hundred fish.

About that time, they saw another boat approaching. Billy Bob said, "That looks like the game warden. You know, the one, 'That never comes back here to this part of the lake.'"

Blow Gum said, "Oh, don't worry about him. Just don't say anything and I'll take care of this."

The following portion of the story is not completely original to this writer; unknown source:

The warden pulled alongside them and asked, "Are you fellows having a good day?" Blow Gum answered, "Yes sir, beautiful day for a boat ride." Then the warden asked, "May I see your fishing license?" Billy Bob started to look in his wallet when he heard his friend say, "Oh, I don't have a license, but we don't need one because we aren't actually fishing." With suspicion the warden said, "Well, you won't mind if I look inside your live- well, will you?"

Blow Gum answered, "Oh, no sir, not at all. Now, we have fish in there, but we didn't catch them." The officer said, "If you didn't catch them, where did you get them?" "We brought them with us, from home," he replied. Billy Bob was beginning to sweat and squirm in his seat. Blow Gum said,

"You see, sir, these are my pet fish from my pond. I bring them out here once in a while so they can swim in the big water and get some exercise." The game warden smirked and said, "Is that so? I've heard some good ones in my time, but this may take us to a new level." He laughed and said,

"That's a good story, but how do you get them back in the boat?" Blow Gum said, "Oh, I just whistle when it's time to go home, and they swim back and jump right up in the boat. I can see that you don't believe me, so I'll show you."

Blow Gum and Billy Bob put all the fish back in the water then watched them swim away. With great sarcasm, the warden said, "Okay mister, whistle them back in." Blow Gum looked at him with a puzzled look and asked, "Whistle who back in?"

Sir Walter Scott wrote, "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive." More importantly, the Bible stated, "The folly of fools is deception." (Prov. 14:8).

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Poet's Corner

I Want To Hold You

By: Randy C. Hale



I want to hold you till Summer's end,
until the leaves lie on colorless grass,
until Christmas past.

Until, January's New Year and winter's bitter cold, until spring brings
forth New life, yet we are old.

Until, death has parted us And we unite again,
For in eternity my desire, will
be to hold you then.

One touches whom they love
as often as they may.
I want hold you endlessly forever and a day.

PREP BASKETBALL

Holly Pond splits road games against Good Hope; Thursday night scoring wrap-up

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Editor's note: *Friday night scores and stories can be found at www.CullmanTribune.com; they were not available as of press time.*

GOOD HOPE – The Holly Pond Broncos traveled to Good Hope Thursday night to play a pair of varsity matchups that were rescheduled due to Alabama's appearance in the college football national championship game Monday night. The Lady Broncos took the first game of the evening 52-38 and the ninth-ranked Raiders came up with a win in the boys' matchup 71-62.

(9-10) Holly Pond 52 - (2-14) Good Hope 38 (varsity girls)

Good Hope couldn't have asked for a better start to the game as the Raiders jumped out to a 12-2 lead behind seven points from Savanna Burney, a three from Desire' Odachowski and a layup by Rudi Derrick. However, the Lady Broncos finished the quarter strong when Maddi Ham drilled a trio of 3-point shots to help Holly Pond finish on a 12-3 run to make it a 15-14 game after one quarter. The second period featured very little scoring from both sides, a combined five points, but the Lady Raiders still held a slim 18-16 lead at the half.

Good Hope stretched its lead to 25-20 after another trey by Odachowski, but Holly Pond's Maddie Heatherly and Elizabeth Miller helped the Lady Broncos take a lead and then some, scoring 14 of the final 16 points in the period to take a 34-27 lead going into the final period.

The Lady Raiders made it a 37-31 game on a pair of Abby Neighbors free throws, but Holly Pond quickly pushed its lead to double-digits at 45-31 and wound up taking the game 52-38.

Heatherly finished with 16 points, 17 rebounds and five steals for the Lady Broncos. Miller added 12 points, three rebounds and a block. Ham ended up with 10 points and a steal.

The Lady Broncos will look to make it to .500 on the season in next Tuesday's game at Fairview.

For Good Hope, Burney led the way with 10 points and six rebounds. Neighbors added eight points, five rebounds and a steal. Odachowski ended up with six points and four rebounds. Rudi Derrick chipped in with five points, eight rebounds and three steals.

The Lady Raiders will look to rebound on Friday night when they travel to Oneonta.

(15-4) Good Hope 71 - (11-9) Holly Pond 62 (varsity boys)

Holly Pond got off to a very quick start in this one, jumping out to a quick 10-2 lead early and later stretching it to 23-11 on a pair of Isaac Ludwig free throws, but Good Hope cut it to 23-15 to end the quarter on two layups from Matt Dixon and Noah Fendley,

That momentum carried over into the second period as an 11-3 Raider run tied the game up at 26 and a Dawson Turner trey from the left corner helped Good Hope take a 31-29 lead into the locker room at the half.

Both teams traded mini-runs to start out the second half. After a pair of Cooper Jones layups gave Holly Pond a 37-33 lead, Cole Maddox, Drew Maddox and Tanner Malin were part of a 9-0 Raider run that gave Good Hope a 42-37 advantage. A Parker Sellers trey made it a 43-42 game and Good Hope pushed its lead back to five at 49-44 to end the third quarter.

Holly Pond made it 49-46 to start out the final period on a pair of Tyler Boatright free throws, but the Raiders answered back with a huge run, scoring the next 13 points to stretch their lead to 62-46. The Broncos made things interesting as they went on a huge run late to make it a 68-62 ball game, but Good Hope sealed the 71-62 win on three free throws from Malin.

Fendley finished the game with 24 points, seven rebounds and a steal for Good Hope. Drew Maddox added 13 points, five rebounds and three steals. Cole Maddox ended up with 12 points, 11 rebounds and two assists. Malin added seven points, five rebounds, three steals and three assists. Michael Lowe chipped in with two points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

The Raiders will travel to Oneonta on Friday night for a huge area game.

Tyler Boatright led the way for Holly Pond with 18 points, 10 rebounds and a steal. Kyler Chaney added 14 points, nine rebounds and a steal. Devyn Tankersley ended up with six points and eight rebounds. Jones added six points of his own, along with four rebounds.

The Broncos will look to bounce back in their game at Fairview next Tuesday.



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Holly Pond's Maddie Heatherly (32) led the Lady Broncos with 16 points in their 52-38 win at Good Hope Thursday night.

Other Thursday night scores:

- Hanceville 63 – Locust Fork 50 (varsity boys)
- Locust Fork 63 – Hanceville 36 (varsity girls)
- St. Bernard 41 – Vinemont 36 (varsity boys)
- Vinemont 41 – St. Bernard 33 (varsity girls)

