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POLITICS

State of the State

Shedd, Gudger, Stadthagen speak at annual luncheon



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Left to right, Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman and Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle pose for a photo at Friday's State of the State luncheon at the All Steak Restaurant in Cullman. » PAGE 8

John Apel honored with Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award



MARIA STANFORD

Rotarian Jeb Williamson presents the William O. Buettner Service Above Self Award to honoree John Apel.

W.C. Mann, Dr. T.J. Franey
Contributors

CULLMAN – On Thursday, Jan. 17, the Cullman Rotary Club presented its William O. Buettner Service Above Self Award to John Apel. Apel, a native of Cullman, is president of Apel Machine & Supply Company, a family-owned business with more than 30 employees.

The Rotary Club shared: "Mr. Apel is active in local government activities and is community minded. He has been involved with the City of Cullman Industrial Development Board and has served for over 20 years. In addition to being a board member, he has stepped up in leadership positions over the years and currently serves as the vice president of the ID Board. He has served as president working alongside Dale Greer with the City of Cullman Economic Development Agency. This is a low-profile kind of position and he enjoys serving behind the scenes.

"He has served on the Cullman Regional Foundation Board of Trustees for many terms. He currently is in the leadership position as president and is the former treasurer of the board. He has been instrumental in fundraising campaigns, the annual gala and Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love program. He has been committed to various projects to help advance healthcare services for our community. He is the first one to volunteer for an event and gives of his time; in fact, he really doesn't want any recognition.

"Mr. Apel is a member of St. John's Church as well and has served in various leadership positions such as Past Chair of the Church Council, Senior Pastor Search Committee, Building Committee and humbly worked on kitchen crew behind the scenes.

"He is a strong supporter of the City and County School Systems as well as Wallace State Community College. He has been involved with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. He does so much in the community that we don't » PAGE 5

ARTS

Auditions Jan. 21 for 'The Pied Piper'

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CULLMAN – Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) will make its annual stop in Cullman next week. The group will be in town from Jan. 21-26 to put on "The Pied Piper." The production will include area children, ages 5-18, with auditions held on Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center.

The theatrical company has come to Cullman annually for more than 20 years in partnership with Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST).

MCT's "The Pied Piper" is an original musical adaptation of the classic children's tale, written by Jim Caron with music by Bob Hubley, additional dialog by Steven Thomas and Michelle Nigh, and additional music by Michael McGill.

What do you do when your town is overrun by ravenous rats? Sara, an orphan girl, and the other townspeople of Hamelin Town turn to the mayor of Hamelin and the council when their town is threatened. They then call on the Pied Piper to save them from the troublesome creatures. The mayor's children, staff and the cooks also join in the endeavor. Find out what happens when the town chooses not to pay the Piper and the children are led away from the town along with the rats!

Among the roles to be cast are the Pied Piper, Sara, the mayor's kids, the mayor's council, the Hamelin Administrative Team (HAT), barbers, cooks, townskids and the troublesome rats. Students, grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.



MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

The Missoula Children's Theatre will be in Cullman Jan. 21-26. This year's show is "The Pied Piper."

Auditions for the musical production will be held on Monday, Jan. 21, at 3:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. No preregistration is required. The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals with selected actors, who will rehearse for the remainder of the week. The fee is $40 (only if cast). All practices will be held after school hours. Performances will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Jan. 18-22

North Alabama Quartet Convention
Continues Jan. 19, 2019
Free admission
Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman (off Alabama Highway 157 near West Point)
5 p.m. Saturday
Saturday evening will feature a "homecoming-style" hymn singing.

Senior Outreach Organization Dinner and Entertainment
The Senior Outreach Organization meets on the first, second and third Saturday of each month at The Link of Cullman County. (It is not affiliated with The Link of Cullman County, it is only renting the building.)
The meal begins at 5 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.
708 9th St SE, Cullman

Bingo at the American Legion
Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4.
181 Reid Road
Good Hope, AL 35057

Westside Baptist Church Singing
Singing Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. with Trusting Grace. 711 Cleveland Ave. SW

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing
Third Sunday night singing, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. with Second Mile. The church is located by U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Benefit Singing
Benefit singing for Zachery, Jessica and baby Sampson Tanner. The family had a great loss by house fire, but thankfully the family got out safely. The singing is Sunday, Jan 20 at 2 p.m. at Freewill Baptist Church on St. Joseph Street in Cullman. Guest singers will be Battle Ground GG and Heartfelt Trio.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- Meeting
TOPS meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
Meeting 3:30-4:30
Contact- Candy Wachter 256-338-1272
Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

New cancer support group- Victory Support Group
Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. The first meeting is Monday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II. Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional. Victory Support Group recognizes that each survivor has a personal journey of recovery, and that survivors feel more comfortable consulting other survivors for information and resources. Survivor: Any man or woman who has been diagnosed with cancer. Co-Survivor: Anyone who walks alongside a survivor on his or her journey. This person may be an adult or child, caregiver, family member or a beloved friend. For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

Find more events at www.CullmanTribune.com/Calendar.

Compiled by the Cullman Tribune Staff

WSCC Cruise-In and Car Show rescheduled

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The car show and cruise-in planned for Saturday, Jan. 19, at Wallace State's Burrow Center, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. due to the threat of inclement weather.

The car show and cruise-in, sponsored in part by Alabama Cable Network and featuring area collectors, complements the Burrow Museum's "LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting." All collectors and enthusiasts are invited to attend.

The free car show and cruise-in will be held in the parking lot of the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, with the exhibition inside.

In the museum, throughout the run of the exhibit, the first hot rod to run more than 200 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats is on display to accompany the LUSTER exhibition.

The So-Cal Streamliner was built by Alex Xydias, founder of So-Cal Speed Shop, and driven by Dean Batchelor.

It broke two speed records at Bonneville, 196 mph in 1949 and 210 mph in 1950.

Keeping with a Bonneville theme, a 2016 Triumph Bonneville motorcycle is also on display.

"LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting" is on exhibit through Feb. 11.

The traveling museum exhibition features more than 50 paintings in a range of media and size by 15 realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject of choice.

Hyperrealism emerged in the 1990s as a new generation of artists began producing an impressive, collective body of work that extended photorealist automotive painting.

LUSTER encompasses a broad range of cars and motorcycles from vintage vehicles to classics of the 1940s and after.

The exhibition is curated by David J. Wagner, who earned his Ph.D. in American Studies and served as a museum director for 20 years.

It is co-sponsored by The Evelyn Burrow Museum and Wallace State's Automotive programs.

The Evelyn Burrow Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information about The Evelyn Burrow Museum, visit www.burrowmuseum.org, call 256-35-.8457 or email burrowmuseum@wallacestate.edu.

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
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256)734-3342

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Todd McLeroy
McLeroy Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Steven C. Smith
1626 First Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone: (256) 734-6994

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
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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(256) 734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: Estate of
Willard O'Neal Shelton, Deceased. Case Number: PC2019-014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LYNDON SHELTON, as Executor of the Estate of WILLARD O'NEAL SHELTON, deceased, on the 6th day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court:

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.

/S/ Lyndon Shelton
LYNDON SHELTON, Executor for the Estate of Willard O'Neal Shelton, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

ORDINANCE NO. 004-2019
"SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS" SALES TAX HOLIDAY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN "COVERED ITEMS" FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY, AS AUTHORIZED BY 40-23-230 THROUGH 40-23-233, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions in 40-23-230 through 40-23-233, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Good Hope, Alabama, exempts "covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the fourth Friday in February and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday. The time period for this ordinance is set to expire in October 2020.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by 40-23-230 through 40-23-233, Code of Alabama 1975, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

Jerry Bartlett
Mayor

ATTEST: Christie Chamblee
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2019-003

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LESLIE NORMAN LOVETT III and LATASHA NICOLE LOVETT TO ADOPT M.G.F., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JAMES ALLEN FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.G.F., a minor child (born July 6, 2016, to Jessica Danielle Whitehead Ford), was filed on the 14th day of January, 2019, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Leslie Norman Lovett III and Latasha Nicole Lovett. 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 17th day of January, 2019.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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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. 17-18

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 17-18, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON JAN. 17
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Jan. 14
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, Hwy. 278 E
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Chad Dr.
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, County Road 1514
- theft of property, Mercury Dr.
- home repair fraud, County Road 1371
- harassment, County Road 1282
- criminal mischief, Commercial St. NE, Hanceville
- domestic violence, Mize Rd. N
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, County Road 625
- trespassing, Chad Dr.
- assault, Beech Ave. SE

Jan. 15
- possession of drug paraphernalia, County Road 702
- theft of property, Hwy. 69 S
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude, County Road 310
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Good Hope School Rd.
- unlawful breaking an entering of a motor vehicle, County Road 338
- trespassing, County Road 1223
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, County Road 234

Jan. 16
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property, County Road 38
- domestic violence, County Road 601
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI, Hwy. 69 N
- trespassing, County Road 1194
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, County Roads 1828 and 1763
- domestic violence, County Road 747
- theft of property, County Road 1371
- unlawful possession of marijuana, County Road 1725
- theft of property, Welcome Rd.

ARRESTS
Jan. 14
Aderholt, Shauna Dawn, 37
- FTA- driving while suspended

Boyd, Lacie Michele, 22
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Burns, Kie Jeffery, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dillashaw, Anthony Wayne, 56
- first-degree theft of property

Harmon, Brandon Heath, 27
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Harris, Tammy Juanita, 48
- first-degree theft of property

Hopper, Derrick Earl, 32
- GJ- third-degree burglary (2 counts)

Kent, Chloe Marie, 19
- attempting to elude
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- reckless driving
- switched tag
- second-degree assault

Malin, Robert Gene, 40
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

May, Shawna Storm, 25
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McCarty, David Glenn, 53
- FTA- public intoxication

Morgan, Alex Carthel, 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nunnelley, Justin Grant, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Smith, Roger Dale, 36
- FTA- brass knuckles
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Willingham, Felicia Renea, 27
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 15
Cooke, Samuel Wade, 40
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Fowler, Jason terry, 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Loggins, Ashley Danielle, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Morris, William Matthew, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Oden, Arthur Junior, 60
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Palmer, James Allen, 50
- FTA- public intoxication

Pelham, Jennifer Louise, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Yarbrough, William III, 28
- attempting to elude
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 16
Barr, Marc Daniel, 55
- failure to signal turn
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Callahan, Jeffrey Dale, 26
- probation violation- first-degree theft of property

Champion, Jennifer Lynn, 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA- third-degree promoting prison contraband
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (4 counts)

Hanners, Joshua Earl, 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

James, Carie Renea, 39
- unauthorized use of a vehicle

Neely, Robin Mayhall, 55
- FTA- obstruction/using a false ID

Roberts, Jason Keith, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sanford, Christopher Lee, 34
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Smith, Ian Wayne, 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Terry, Kielynn Blane, 20
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Wiley, Austin David Ray, 25
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Willingham, Mickey Joe, 55
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Jan. 16
- person, first-degree theft of property, Main Ave. SW, AC unit, $5,000
- person, fourth-degree theft of property, Marktplatz Ctr. SW, tag, $30

ARRESTS
Jan. 16
Lowery, Douglas E. Jr., 23
- third-degree burglary

Sherrell, Cameron D., 21
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

REPORTED ON JAN. 18
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
None reported

ARRESTS
None reported

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Jan.16
- third-degree burglary, Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, 3rd Ave. SE, misc.
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing, person, 3rd Ave. SE, misc.
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, person, Denson Ave. SW, gun, $450

Jan. 17
- fourth-degree theft of property, Wal-Mart, Olive St. SW, general merchandise, $404
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle, person, Hwy. 157, damage to '01 Ford Mustang, $2,000
- fourth-degree theft of property, Wal-Mart, Olive St. SW, food, $11

ARRESTS
Marsh, Thomas M., 40
- fourth-degree theft of property

Champion, Jennifer L., 34
- fourth-degree theft of property

Keeling, Katie M., 39
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Blackwood, Phillip C., 46
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)

Phelps, Crystal M., 33
- fourth-degree theft of property
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARRESTS
Jan. 1-15
Murray, David R.
- public intoxication

Dauksza, Christopher L.
- FTA- speeding

Averette, John N.
- FTA- driving while suspended

Cohill, Larry T.
- FTA- driving while suspended

Ward, Wesley S.
- third-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Swann, Brandon L.
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Swann, Jackie L.
- resisting arrest

Vice, Deanna C.
- disorderly conduct

May, Shawna S.
- FTA- traffic offense

Walker, Tommy J.
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bagger, Donald F.
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- no tag

Harvey, Lauren A.
- FTA- motorcycle helmet required

Smith, Timothy
- contempt of court

Adams, Jessica A.
- FTA

Elrod, Zachary W.
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Valdez, Raymond J.
- FTA

Aderholt, Shauna D.
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Parker, Blake M.
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Morrow, Steven C.
- FTA- vehicle registration required in vehicle

Witcher, Billy K.
- FTA- insurance required FTA- switched tag
- FTA- driving while revoked

Murks, Rodney L.
- DUI

Hill, Christopher S.
- DUI

Armstrong, Jason E.
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- public intoxication

Huddleston, Jason A.
- third-degree domestic violence
- violation of protection order

Allred, Terry D.
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Moore, Christina J.
- third-degree domestic violence

Morgan, Alex C.
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude

Millican, Jody M.
- FTA- driving while revoked

Blevins, Dustin K.
- third-degree criminal mischief

Jackson, Clark A.
- FTA- harassment

Cook, Nathanael J.
- FTA- vehicle registration required in vehicle

Cockrell, Destin A.
- FTA- DUI

Blue, Justin K.
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Morris, William M.
- FTA- proof of insurance

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Billy Ray Cagle, 71, of Double Springs, entered into rest on January 17, 2019. Mr. Cagle was born on May 15, 1947, in Winston County. Billy loved spending time with family and enjoyed hunting, watching Nascar, and football. He was avid Alabama fan. Roll Tide Roll!! Private service. Arrangements announced by Nichols Funeral Home. Billy is survived by his son, Jeremy Cagle and his wife Jennifer; daughter, Lisa Cagle; brothers, Tommy Cagle, and Wayne Cagle and his wife Joan. He was "Pawpaw" to 4 grandchildren, Mathew Adams, Liberty Whisenhunt, Logan Cagle, and Juliana Cagle. He was preceded in death by his father, Earnest Cagle; mother, Syble George; and brother, Dennis Cagle.

Funeral service for Jerrie Glover Smith, 79, of Cullman, are Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating, with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Smith passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilmer Smith and Ruby Dee Turner Smith; her first husband, Leonard Glover; her 2nd husband, Joe Smith; and sisters, Carol Pope and June Smith. She is survived by her daughter, Denise (Tony) Blackmon; stepchildren, Danny (Vicky) Smith, Darrin (Jennifer) Smith, Donna (Phillip) Miller and Dana Link; grandchildren, Zandria (Jeff) Robinson and Derrick (Christy) Blackmon; three great grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; twenty-one step great-grandchildren; brothers, Byron Smith, Randy Smith and Vicki (Wendy) Smith and sister, Patsy Jones.

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Evelyn B. Fields, 84 of Arley, entered into rest on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at home surrounded by her loved ones. Mrs. Fields was born on August 10, 1934 in Winston County, Alabama. She was a long time member of Arley Church of Christ. Evelyn was an exceptional woman with many talents and a great love for her family and friends. She was giving and full of compassion when needed, but when called for, tough as nails. Evelyn was a caregiver in multiple ways not only to her family and friends but to many in need in the community. In her younger days, she enjoyed playing softball and spent many times behind the plate talking a batter into taking a swing. She loved writing poems, songs, and had a short story published. Evelyn spent endless hours working with her flowers and plants around her yard, introducing nature to her grandchildren and great grandchildren, sometimes providing them a worm bed to dig in or a tadpole pond to watch how frogs grow. She loved working with wood and building structures that many thought impossible for a little woman. She could swing a hammer with the best of them in her heyday. Evelyn hated being inside the house and spent most of her time outside where she could enjoy the trees and pretty rocks and bluffs. On those walks, she would often come home with an orphaned animal which led to her love of animal rescue and rehab. She was a generous woman and well respected. Evelyn will be deeply missed by her family and many others. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., with services on Monday, at 11 a.m. at Arley Church of Christ. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Terrance Cleghorn will officiate. Burial will follow in Old Bethel Church Cemetery, Arley, Alabama. Evelyn is survived by her sons, Danny Fields, Donny (Sherri) Fields: daughters, Leann (Richard) Hillhouse, Tammy (Wayne) Elliott: brothers, Lenoit, Nelson, and Jerry (Joyce) Ragsdale; sisters, Judy Golden, Tommie and Bonnie Cleghorn; best friend, Inez Caughran; and a host of other family and friends. She was "Grandma" to 11 grandchildren, Kimberly Matthews, Cody Fields, Leah Parson, Pilar Martin, Maggie Hillhouse, Abby Fields, Crandall Hillhouse, Heather Elliott, Hannah Collins, Tyler Elliott, Maverick Elliott; and 9 great grandchildren, Javan and Noah Matthews, Kevin Fields, Ellie McDonald, Caruso and Evielle Parson, Alaina Martin, Jasper and Toran Elliott. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dearl Fields; great granddaughter, Adalyn Fields; parents, Johnny and Ethel Ragsdale; sister, Fay Roberson; brothers, Reuben and Avery Ragsdale.

Funeral service for Mary Sue Smith, age 72, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Fellowship Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Smith passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at Cullman Health Care Center. She was born September 29, 1946, to Vertis L. and Cleo Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents, Vertis L. and Cleo Smith; son, Shannon Quick. Survivors include her sons, Starlon Quick and Shane Quick; daughter, Shawonna Watts; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; brother, Billy Smith; and sister, Carol Smith. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Arthur Alvin Smith, 94 of Houston, entered into rest on Friday, January 18, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Arthur was born on August 18, 1924 in East Alton, IL. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be at 5 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville.

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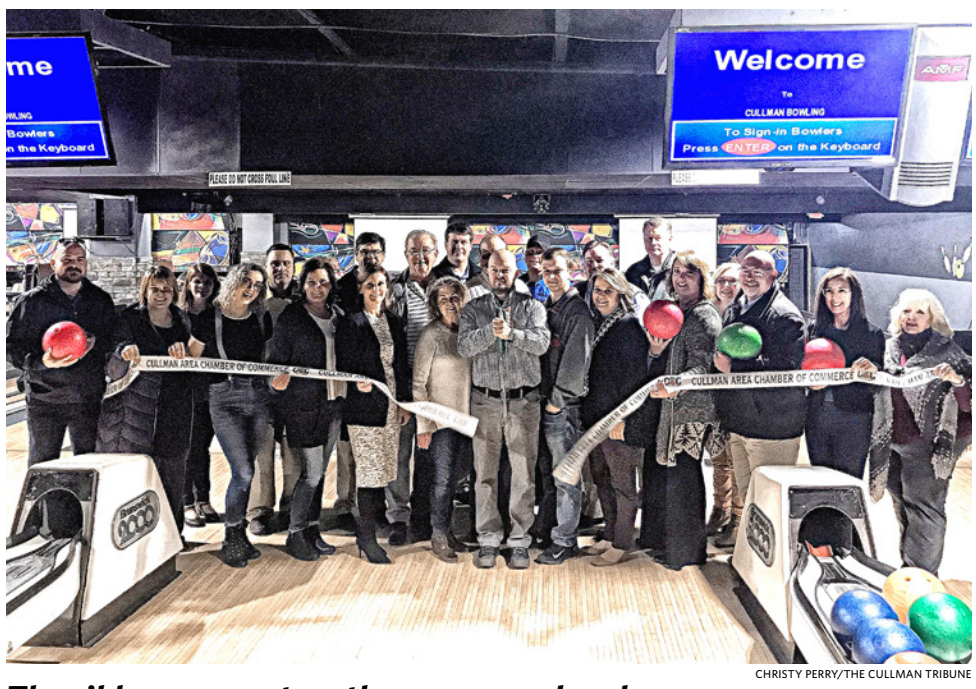
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The ribbon was cut on the re-vamped and re-opened Cullman Bowling Center on Thursday.

BUSINESS

STRIKE!

Ribbon cut on re-opened bowling center

Christy Perry
christy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN – The Cullman Bowling Center has undergone a major renovation and celebrated its recent grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting, along with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and city leaders, on Thursday. The bowling center began renovations in July 2018 and re-opened in December.

The addition of the Valley Tavern and Grille provides food, a full bar, live music and large outdoor patio areas.

General Manager Brian Vance explained, "We will be adding our draft beer system hopefully next week. We will have a variety of draft beers including several local beers from Goat Island."

Live music is featured on Friday and Saturdays, and the center hopes to bring in more bands during the week. When the weather warms up, the patio will provide more seating and outdoor activities.

Owner Corey Sandlin incorporated parts of the old bowling alley into the renovations.

Shared Sandlin, "We used the wood from the old lanes to create the bar. The backdrop of the bar is from the old air hockey table. Most of Cullman has probably played on that."

The arcade area now has at least 15 new games in addition to the classics like Skee-ball. The new arcade has a redemption center where players can get prizes for tickets.

The bowling area and lanes are much improved, with renovated lanes, new pins and new bowling shoes. The entire center looks brighter and modern.

Vance also emphasized, "Our center is ADA-compliant and can be enjoyed by everyone."

Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Sandlin spoke to those in attendance, saying, "We appreciate all the excitement everyone has shown about this. It couldn't have happened without several people. First God, and our families, our friends and all of our employees.

"I'd really like to thank Cullman Savings Bank. Without them, we couldn't have done any of this. I think it's something really good for the community and we are proud to be a part of it. We have excellent food, full bar, and I think our bartenders and our servers are the best anywhere in Cullman."

Cullman City Councilman Johnny Cook followed, saying, "The great investment you have put into the facility creates a great spot for families to come and enjoy.

"The bowling, the food, a little bit of an adult atmosphere here; it's going to serve the citizens of Cullman well. We wish you the best of luck."

The Cullman Bowling Center has many leagues. Ladies league is on Tuesday nights. Men's league is Thursday nights. Mixed leagues are Monday afternoon and Monday and Wednesday evenings. Senior league is Thursday afternoon.

Birthday parties can also be booked for Saturdays and Sundays or during the daytime on weekdays. Special needs bowling is also being organized. Glow Bowl is held every Friday and Saturday night.

Cullman Bowling Center is located at 1710 Tally Ho St. NW.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanBowlingCenter or www.cullmanbowlingcenter.com.

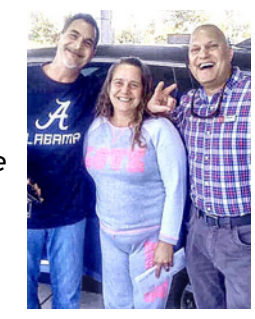
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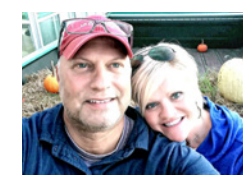
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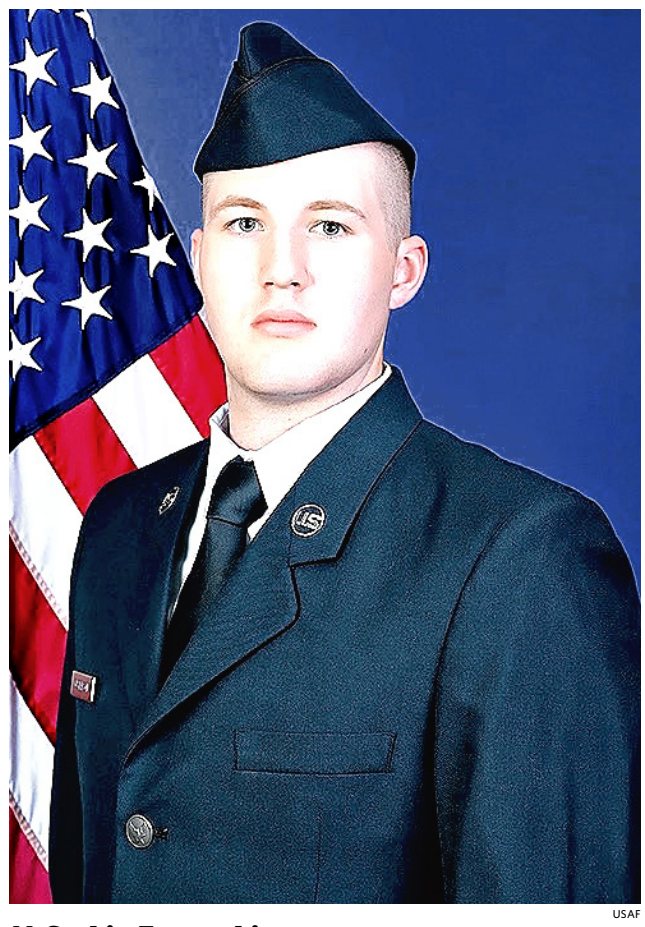
Vinemont's Damon K. Gustafson graduates U.S. Air Force basic training

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Contributor

U.S. Air Force Airman Damon K. Gustafson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Gustafson is the son of Kristie M. Gustafson, of Cullman and Mark D. Gustafson, of Cleveland, Tennessee. He is a 2017 graduate of Vinemont High School.



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U.S. Air Force Airman Damon K. Gustafson

Apel (from Front)

even know about and gives back to numerous non-profit groups in Cullman County. He is a selfless man and one of high character.

"He is married to Marie Apel and they have three children, Chad, Nicholas and Brooke and a granddaughter, Addison.

"He is known as a great teacher, an outstanding father and overall a great role model. He serves others and always puts family first while caring for his mother and mother-in-law.

"Mr. Apel always does the right thing for the right reason. John Apel lives the Rotary 4-way test: he speaks the truth, is fair to all concerned, and builds goodwill and better friendships in our community."

About the William O. Buettner Service Above Self Award

From the Rotary Club: "This award is named in honor of longtime Rotarian Bill Buettner who was an outstanding Rotarian who had perfect attendance for 50 years. Mr. Buettner was president of Buettner Brothers Lumber for many years and served our community quietly behind the scenes, never wishing to be in the spotlight – and truly exhibited service above self.

"To Rotary members the motto Service Above Self means that as professionals we pool our resources, network with like-minded professionals, and use our time and talents to serve our community.

"This award was created to recognize non-Rotarians in our community who live out this motto with their selfless actions."

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The Alabama honeysuckle border was inspired by an 18th century, Southern applique quilt.



WASHINGTON COUNTY SWEET HONEY BLUES COBBLER

Provided by Rebecca Catalena, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Ingredients

Crumble Top

- 1/3 cup almond flour
- 1 cup honey granola
- 1/3 cup nuts
- 3 tbsp. butter (chilled)
- 1/4 cup raw, Washington County honey

Blueberry Filling

- 1/4 cup raw, Washington County honey
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 lbs. of fresh, Washington County blueberries (if you use frozen berries, defrost before adding to honey. Honey and frozen berries=massive mess)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350F.
- In bowl, add half the blueberries, 1 tsp. of cinnamon, about a half of the 1/4 cup of the honey, and mix. After it is well incorporated, add the remaining blueberries, cinnamon, honey and mix. Put filling into an oiled 8x8 baking dish.
- In a food processor, combine all the crumble top ingredients. Blend well.
- Crumble topping ingredients over the top.
- Bake for 25-35 minutes or until fruit is tender and topping is browned. If browning starts too soon, cover the top with aluminum foil while fruit continues to bake.
- Enjoy alone or add a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

The United States flag flew over Alabama soil for the first time in Washington County. Our state's first county was named for America's first President, himself a passionate plantsman. In 1796, only 20 years after the country's birthday and a decade before Alabama statehood, a census recorded 190 people, mostly white Europeans with their African slaves, living in Old St. Stephens, the future capital of the territory.

For many years, Old St. Stephens was a ghost town; however, within the past decade the historical town has made a comeback!

With a newly renovated historical museum and the St. Stephens Historical Park thriving with activities such as disc golf, boating, fishing, camping and horseback riding, it is a must see when visiting the county.

Word of this fertile Eden spread and by 1819, the year Alabama was recognized as a state, there were 500 homes, two hotels, 20 stores and even a theater in that part of Washington County.

A newspaper reporter of the time described Old St. Stephens as a hamlet of "elegant, tree-shaded homes."

When planning your visit, contact St. Stephens Historical Park Director Jennifer Faith (251-247-2622) and check out the calendar of events at www.oldststephens.net.

Washington County, larger than the state of Rhode Island, has plant-centric place names with communities called: Fruitdale, Sunflower, Yellow Pine and even Vinegar Bend.

This is Alabama's "Piney Woods" region. Timber and pulp are still important revenue producers. The county's major industry today, in part embraced because of crop devastation by boll weevils, is petrochemical, rooted in plant culture.

Green is a favorite color in this part of the state and that's because of pine needles, cotton plants, truck farming and the money they have generated.

Before the white settlers, this part of Alabama was farmed by Choctaw and Creek Indians.

Many escaped the federal government's Indian removal during the 1830s by hiding in the deep forests between present-day Washington and Mobile counties.

Their descendants are the MOWA tribe of Choctaw prominent today in the region. I encourage you to visit the interesting and educational MOWA Cultural Center in Washington County's Mt. Vernon community.

Now try this for a quintessential, Washington County, PLANTS + PEOPLE, Bicentennial story. Surrounded by the cotton fields his family worked, a boy named Jimmy Roberts was born with a brittle bone disease.

He's 73 now, but in his words, "he's never taken the first step." Jimmy's mother died before he was 6 years old and he was raised near Chatom by his father's people.

His grandmother taught him to sew cotton quilt tops with a needle and thread and he made and sold these for $3 and his aunt quilted them with cotton batting for an additional $3.50. So, for $6.50 local folks bought a hand-sewn, fine quality, cotton quilt.

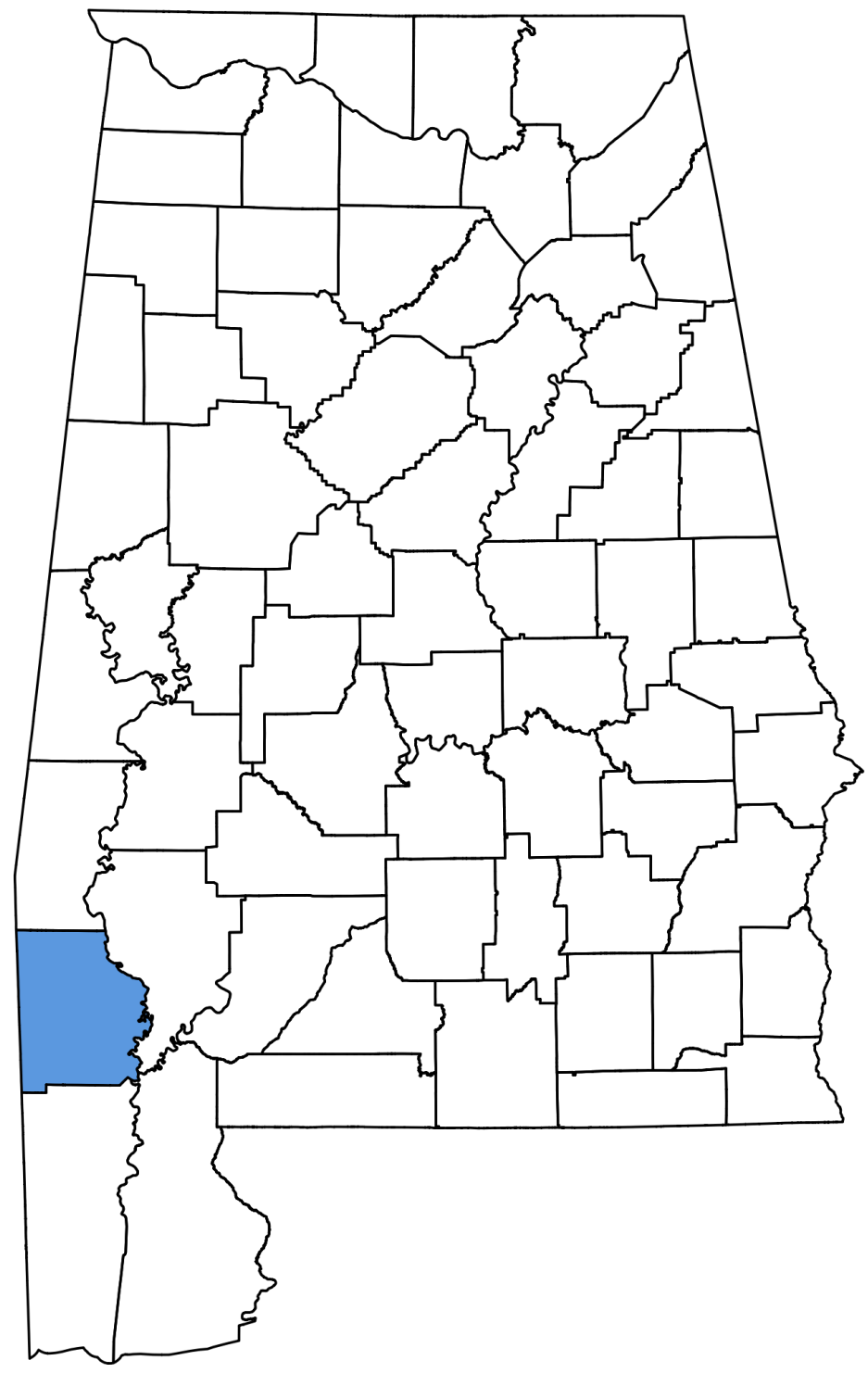
Talking with Jimmy Roberts is like a Harper Lee story come to life. With his quilt business earnings, Jimmy bought an old, wooden, "honky-tonk" piano and has played for Alabama gospel quartets, like The Journeymen, for decades.

He also worked in the Washington County pajama factory, military uniform manufacturing and other textile plants.

This man is proud to tell you he's "never taken a dime of charity" in his life. He still sews. Jimmy Roberts is a pastor of a church, but he "takes in" alterations, and he fashions wedding and prom gowns and bespoke baby clothes.

Show him a photograph of some fancy design and Mr. Jimmy can conjure it into reality.

In fact, he's making me a bowtie for the "Alabama Garden Party," and he's up for making Gov. Kay Ivey anything she wants for the Bicentennial celebration. Governor Kay just needs to send Mr. Jimmy a picture.



Here are some other pleasurable examples of how PLANTS + PEOPLE intersect in Washington County, including a scrumptious recipe for WASHINGTON COUNTY SWEET HONEY BLUES COBBLER, which salutes local beekeepers and local blueberry growers (see top right):

• **FARMERS' MARKET:** Every Friday in Chatom from May to Thanksgiving, sponsored by Washington County office of Alabama Cooperative Extension System

• **LOCALLY-OWNED PLANT NURSERIES:** Williams Nursery in Leroy and Pine City Lawn and Garden, also in Leroy

• **BEST PERSPECTIVE FOR LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY:** Old St. Stephens Historical Park combines natural beauty and local history (suggested by Sabra Johnson, Washington County Coordinator, Alabama Cooperative Extension System)

• **LOG CHURCH:** Andrews Chapel in McIntosh; this square-logged building with square-notched corners and a wood shingle roof was begun in 1860.

• **PLANTING AN IDEA:** Washington County gardeners have an interest in the Alabama Master Gardener program which can in part be taught via the Zoom teleconferencing network of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System; maybe connect with local beekeepers and have a honey-tasting to create some buzz and explore this sweet idea.

Y'ALL COME to Washington County on your "67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY" tour. It's where Alabama history began and a very good place to start your own celebration of some mighty fine "PLANTS + PEOPLE."

Many thanks to Sabra Johnson and Rebecca Catalena of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for their help on this Bicentennial salute.

Their website is http://offices.aces.edu/Washington. For up-to-date info on events and workshops check their Facebook page at Washington County – Alabama Extension.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

Bursting my bubble

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



Every man needs a pick-up truck. The older it is the better. I qualify for having an old one.

The one I had at that time was a 1957 Chevrolet. That truck was the same age as our daughter. At the time I had the truck, she had two children.

I had done a considerable amount of work on it. I spent one summer refinishing the body and had it painted a bright metallic green.

I had the engine rebuilt and put in a four speed transmission with a floor stick shift.

I put new carpet in the floor and spray painted the inside of the cab.

Two bucket seats were installed with shoulder and waist seat belts.

New oak floor was installed in the bed.

I was proud to have it on the road and running so well.

At this time I was helping our daughter out by picking up our little five year old granddaughter, Leanna, from the Son Shine Pre-school.

This day I was driving my nice old pickup truck and I was interested in telling Leanna all about it.

When she got in, I explained all the nice things about my truck.

She was impressed with my bucket seats, how clean the carpet on the floor was and she liked the fresh paint job inside the cab.

She told me that her daddy had a pick-up but his was dirty on the inside.

We drove on down the street and then Leanna said, "Granddaddy, why does your pick-up rattle so much".

This really bursted my bubble.

I was like the famous song writer, Tom T. Hall said, "I had to look around for an answer". I then said to Leanna, "I guess my pick-up is like me, it's just getting old".

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

So long to a great educator and friend

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Beth was much more than a teacher. She was a friend, mentor, Christian sister, godly example, and encourager. She came to teach at my high school in my sophomore year; however, I didn't come to know her well until my senior year. Then, and even afterwards, she had a tremendous impact on my life.

She helped me to believe in myself, at a time when I was not so sure about myself. Just prior to that year, I had recommitted my life to God. This caused a large turnaround in my behavior, attitude, and goals. Shortly afterwards, I sensed God's calling to a life of vocational ministry. Beth eagerly encouraged me, listened when I needed an ear, and offered wise counsel.

She was our school librarian. I had been in the library before, but mainly because I had sleeping hall, I mean study hall, there. It was not the special place to me that Beth would cause it to become. She invited me to join the Library Club. That not only meant I spent one period of each school-day checking out, checking in, and cataloguing books, but so much more. She used that time to teach me to appreciate books, especially the Bible, and to love reading. She showed me good books. I read more books my senior year than all the other two books combined! Back then, in my wildest dreams, I never imaged one day becoming a writer and an author. That might never have happened had I not caught Beth's love for books. Beth was also the faculty sponsor for a devotional club that met in the library, one morning each week, before classes. We had a prayer time together and someone, usually a student, gave short devotional talks. Some of my first opportunities to speak in front of a group came during those club meetings. She always told me what a marvelous job I had done, even when I probably had not.

She encouraged me to play my guitar and sing songs for God. I had played and sang for a few years, but I did songs like "Stairway to Heaven," rather than "When We All Get to Heaven." My friend Steve and I, occasionally went to her house, uninvited and unannounced, to sing her some new song we had written. She listened, sometimes helped tweak them, and sometimes simply raised her eyebrows. I began to get invitations to speak and/or sing at churches. Beth often came in support. She continued to do that throughout her life, even as recently as two years ago. Obviously, Beth believed in education.

After all, she was "Dr." Beth Tullis. She earned her doctorate while teaching at our school. She encouraged her students to get the best education possible, both in high school and afterwards. I didn't have the money or the help from home to go to college. During my senior year, she often showed me college catalogues where I could attend, mostly from Christian schools. She showed me scholarships and financial aids that were available. She said, "You can do this. God will provide a way." As it turned out, she was right.

Last week, Beth lost her battle with ALS. Last Saturday, I returned to my native DeKalb County, where I had the distinct honor of speaking at her funeral. Dr. Beth Tullis, we will miss you my dear sweet friend, but we will see you again one day.

Thank you for your encouragement and your investment in my life, as well as in the lives of so many other students. You were indeed one who made a difference!

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ARTS

Student musicians participate in Cullman County Honor Bands

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CULLMAN – Many area band students participated in the 2019 Cullman County Honor Band recently at Wallace State Community College. Band students in grades six-12 were eligible to be a part of either the junior high or high school honor bands.

Students who tried out were required to perform scales and demonstrate their sight-reading skills. They also performed a prepared piece. Area band directors listened to the auditions to determine chair placement.

Special awards were given to the first chair of each section.

Those students placing in the top 25 percent were also recognized for their achievements.

The students spent all day Saturday practicing.

Vinemont High School Band Director Skylar King shared, "That's a long practice. I think they practice from around 8 in the morning until late into the afternoon."

The 2 bands then performed for friends, family and the public on Sunday.

King added, "We had 14 total students participate from Vinemont this year. I'm proud of all of my students.

"I'm especially proud of our first-chair students. We had Abby Jennings selected first chair baritone and Autumn Armstrong was first chair bass clarinet."

All students from Cullman County, including home-schooled students, were invited to participate.

King said, "Every county school and city school was represented."

This year the bands were conducted by Deanna Rizzo from Chelsea High School and Keith Anderson from James Clemens High School.

The students earning first chair in the 2019 Cullman County High School Honor Band were:

- Flute: Sara Reeves, Cullman High
- Clarinet: Lyndsey Elrod, Cullman High
- Alto Sax: Sara Owens, Good Hope High
- Tenor Sax: Ashley Clowers, Cullman High
- Bari Sax: Chloe Thompson, Good Hope High
- Bass Clarinet: Autumn Armstrong, Vinemont High
- Bassoon: Kellen Drinkard, West Point High
- Trumpet: Ethan Ayers, Hanceville High
- Horn: Ty Duke, Hanceville High
- Trombone: Avery Barnette, Cullman High
- Baritone: Abby Jennings, Vinemont High
- Tuba: Jacob Glover, Fairview High
- Mallets: Ella Absher, Hanceville High
- Snare: Emily Sharpe, Cold Springs High

The students earning first chair in the 2019 Cullman County Junior High School Honor Band were:

- Flute: Addison Morgan, Cold Springs Middle
- Clarinet: Anna Martin, Good Hope Middle
- Alto Sax: Yukino Shichinohe, Cullman Middle
- Tenor Sax: Domenico Brunetti, Seed-Harvest Academy
- Bari Sax: Elijah Putman, Cullman Middle
- Bass Clarinet: Amelia Johnson, Good Hope Middle
- Trumpet: Makayla Phenicie, Cullman Middle
- Horn: Aubrey Helms, Cullman Middle
- Trombone: Powers Bates, Cullman Middle
- Baritone: Sam Adkins, Cullman Middle
- Tuba: Peter Bates, Cullman Middle
- Mallets: Lilly Shannon, West Point Middle
- Snare: Kevin Jones, Good Hope Middle

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1958

Hanceville Happenings

Garden Club

The first fall meeting of the Hanceville Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. W.W. Ballard, with Mrs. W.J. Jackson as co-hostess. The president, Mrs. Talmadge Chappell, presided over the meeting.Mrs. Robert Barnett gave the devotional.

The four new members welcomed into the club were Mrs. J.A. Akin, Mrs. W.T. Jackson, Mrs. Roy Moore and Mrs. David B. Lamont.

Miniature and small arrangements were presented by the members.

Mrs. W.T. Jackson won the prize for the best miniature and Mrs. Pearl Eady for the best arrangement, in connection with the program.

Those present, who enjoyed the delicious refreshments were Mesdames M.G. Ashwander, Robert Barnett, Minnie Bonner, Talmadge Chappell, Pearl Eady, L.B. Jones, L.A. Kelton, David B. Lamont, W.T. Jackson, J.N. McNutt, Ray Price, W.C. Quattlebaum, Alma Ryan, Sammy Stabler, J.A. Akin, Miss Arbezina Stalkman and the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ponder honored Mrs. Aaron Howse with a birthday dinner, at their home, on Sunday. Others present were Mr. Howse and Sharla Ann, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Bielhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cutts and George and Delane Ponder, of White City.

Miss Peggy Peeler is now employed at Blue Cross-Blue Shield Hospital Insurance office in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman left on Saturday to spend a few days with their son, A2c Edgar Newman, at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

J.B. Lewis is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dean, in Decatur, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McConnell, of Westmoreland, West Virginia, were the guests last week of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Bonner.

Virgil McElroy spent last week in Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Waller, of Tuscaloosa, spent several days last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Alex Bland.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Drummond and Tommy, spent the weekend at their home in Eutaw.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Harris spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. K.E. Mitchell in Warrior.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnston and Jimmy, of Albertville, spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Linton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston and Mrs. Homer Thigpen visited L.W. Johnston, at an Oneonta hospital on Thursday, where he is improving after a recent illness.

W.C. Hamilton, Robert Jones and Ray Bunch, of Nashville, Tennessee, were the Sunday guests of Mr. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Jones were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Miller and Mrs. Viola Jones, in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Price, Debbie and Gene, of Garden City, visited Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Quattlebaum on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B.T. Howell spent the weekend visiting relatives in Decatur.

Mrs. W.C. Cook remains critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tommy Tyson.

Mrs. J.N. McNutt, Mrs. John Clark and Mrs. Margaret Burns attended a Florist Convention, in Opelika, on Wednesday.

Poet's Corner

A Ridiculous Lid Tale

By: Randy C. Hale

Once, there was a rat
who was friends with
a cat.

Imagine that, friends
with a cat.

Then one day the rat
brought over a bat,
wearing a ridiculous hat.



"Good evening," said the bat.
"Good evening," said the cat.

But he was not happy
with the rat, for bringing
the bat with the ridiculous hat.

So scat said the cat
to the rat and the bat
in the ridiculous hat.

Be gone I say to both of you.
Don't return you buffoons.

For I the cat would never
be seen with such a
ridiculous scene as you.

The End.

Moral of the story is: *Don't assume that your friend will always like your other friends.*

CITY OF CULLMAN POLICE OFFICER
NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

The **City of Cullman** is accepting applications for the **Police Officer** exam. Duties consist of general police work. Preference will be given to current Police Reserves and Veterans Honorably Discharged. Beginning salary is $35,977.24. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a written exam and drug test. A physical fitness and polygraph exam may be required. Benefits include individual health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, retirement, vacation, holiday pay, sick leave, and uniforms. Applications must be submitted to the Personnel Department by 4:00 P.M. on January 25, 2019, to be eligible for the exam. Please visit www.cullmanal.gov for more information.

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STATE

Cullman County's unemployment rate remains 2.9%, 2nd lowest in state

ADOL
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment December rate is 3.9 percent, down from November's rate of 4.0 percent, and slightly above December 2017's rate of 3.8 percent.

Cullman County's December rate is 2.9 percent, unchanged from November's rate and just slightly above December 2017's rate of 2.8 percent. Cullman County's rate remains the second lowest in the state.

For seven consecutive months, the number of people counted as employed has reached record highs, with December's count measuring 2,130,194, an increase from November's count of 2,127,934, and an increase of 49,018 compared to December 2017's count of 2,081,176. December's rate represents 86,023 unemployed persons, compared to 87,754 in November and 82,378 in December 2017.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.5 percent, Cullman County at 2.9 percent, and Marshall, Madison, Limestone, and Elmore Counties at 3.0 percent. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 8.7 percent, Clarke County at 7.1 percent, and Dallas County at 6.6 percent.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Homewood and Vestavia Hills at 2.3 percent, Alabaster, Hoover, Madison, and Northport at 2.5 percent, and Daphne at 2.9 percent. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 7.9 percent, Prichard at 6.3 percent, and Bessemer at 4.8 percent.

Job growth, weekly earnings at record highs

Alabama experienced a job growth rate of 2.2 percent from December 2017 to December 2018, the largest over-the-year percentage growth on record. This growth represents an increase of 44,300 jobs.

"We are ending 2018 with great economic news all around," said Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington. "To see this kind of record job growth is extraordinary. Alabama employers have added nearly 45,000 jobs over the past year – economists predicted that our economy would grow by 27,000 jobs. I'm happy to say that we more than exceeded their predictions."

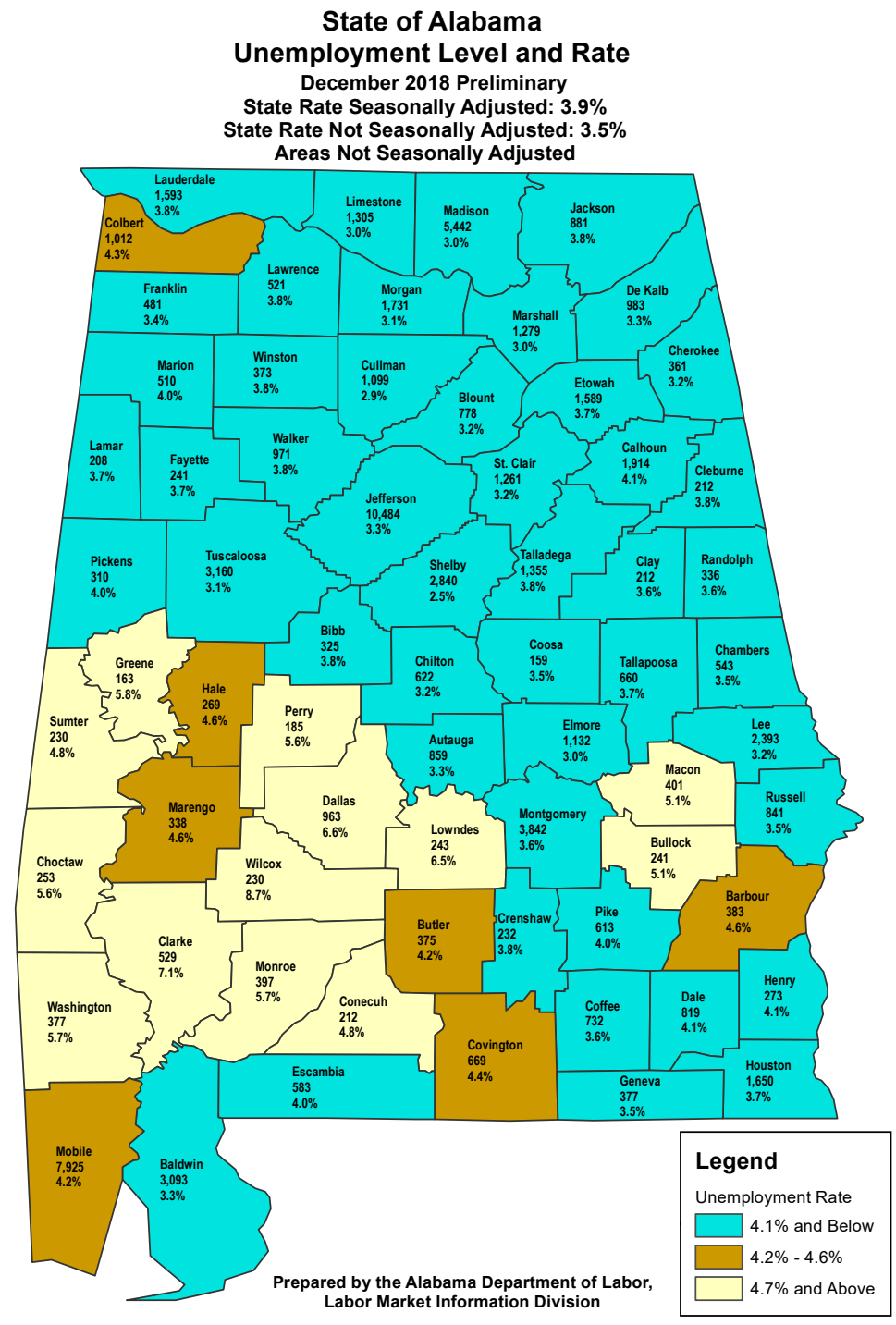
Nationally, the U.S. recorded an over-the-year job growth rate of 1.8 percent.

Alabama's wage and salary employment again reached a record high for the fourth consecutive month, measuring 2,072,600 in December. Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 44,300, with gains in the professional and business services sector (+12,600), the manufacturing sector (+11,300), and the government sector (+5,000), among others.

Monthly gains were seen in the manufacturing sector (+3,000), the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+1,300), and the education and health services sector (+900), among others.

"Alabamians are earning more than ever before. This month, we saw the highest average weekly earnings in history," continued Washington. "This means more money in the pockets of working Alabamians, helping them to better provide for their families and grow the economy."

Average weekly earnings in Alabama reached their highest level ever in December, measuring $857.77. Earnings in four subsectors also reached record highs: goods producing saw average weekly earnings of $1,054.16, manufacturing measured $1,074.33, financial activities measured $1,097.26, and professional and business services measured $1,081.61.



ADOL

HEALTH

Free prostate cancer screenings Jan. 30 at Cullman Regional

Mary Beth Sellers
CRMC

CULLMAN - Cullman Regional will offer free prostate cancer screenings on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic. While the screenings are free, an appointment is required. Schedule an appointment by calling the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic at 256-737-2177.

Cullman Regional's screenings offer opportunities to check your risk for prostate cancer through a PSA test and a digital prostate exam. The screening is available for men ages 50 - 69 or men older than 40 who have a family history of prostate cancer. African American men have a higher risk for prostate cancer and should start getting screened at age 40.

According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, 1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

The greatest risk factors for developing prostate cancer are family history, race and age. Prostate cancer is the second-most common cancer in U.S. men and is highly treatable if detected early.

"Unfortunately, there usually aren't any early warning signs for prostate cancer," said Urologist Lars Erik Wallin III, MD, Cullman Regional Urology Clinic. "In some cases, prostate cancer can cause symptoms, such as trouble urinating, painful or burning urination, weak urine flow and chronic pain in the back, hips or pelvis. Prostate cancer is usually treatable in cases where it is detected early. That's why it is important to know your risk factors and start getting screened regularly."

For more information about the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic or services provided at Cullman Regional, visit www.cullmanregional.com.

State (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday hosted its annual State of the State luncheon, featuring members of Cullman's state legislative delegation. Speaking were Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman. Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope could not attend due to illness.

Business and community leaders joined local officials to hear the state delegation, including Cullman County commissioners, representatives for U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, Cullman City Council, Good Hope City Council and others.

Shedd, who is serving his second term for District 11 began with a daily devotion, then shared, "A bulldog can whip a skunk, but it's just not worth it. We have some issues coming up in Montgomery this year that whatever we do, we're not going to come out smelling like a rose, I can tell you that."

He identified many of the biggest issues legislators will tackle this year, including: infrastructure, the gas tax, prisons and courts, school safety, the opioid crisis, Medicaid and rural hospitals, mental health care, ethics laws, lottery and gambling, economic development, regulations rollback and poverty prevention.

Shedd assured those gathered that he will remain focused on local projects and continue to work with mayors and local officials.

"We have to find a way to remove the barriers to the people in our state that are stuck in poverty. We will continue to advocate to save our rural hospitals. We will also promote broadband and high-speed internet across the state," he said.

One of the pieces of legislation Shedd is working on is "requiring state agencies to have a plan to move up in the national rankings in their entity. Alabama is ranked number one in Pre-K and we need to see more no. 1 rankings of that nature."

Shedd hopes to focus and have the revenue available for many area infrastructure projects. Those he hopes to see addressed are: Alabama Highway 69 from Arab to Cullman improved with passing and turn lanes and U.S. Highway 278 East from Cullman to Snead completed, including St. Bernard Bridge.

Shedd added, "Alabama and Tennessee need to work together closely with President Trump's administration to get I-65 in north Alabama and southern Tennessee ready for (the) Toyota/Mazda influx of opportunities."

He also shared, "While Sen. Richard Shelby and (U.S. Rep.) Robert Aderholt are in powerful appropriation positions, Alabama needs to lay the foundation for high-speed rail and transit that Senator Shelby wanted a few years ago. The infrastructure legislation can't be just a gas tax increase. If it passes, it has to be fair and it must have a component that provides for electric and alternative fuel vehicles to pay a fair share, too."

He continued, "Now, does Alabama need new revenue for roads and bridges? Alabama has 101,429 road lane miles; 75 percent rural lane miles, 25 percent urban. (There are) 16,129 bridges in Alabama. Who pays for our highways and bridges now?

"Of today's fuel tax revenues: Almost half (43 percent) is paid by trucking/business and industry. Almost one-fourth (23 percent) is paid by out-of-state drivers (not Alabama individual citizens); one-third (34 percent) is paid by Alabama citizens. Fuel mileage efficiency has caused revenues to go down, and the cost of materials and construction has gone up.

"ATRIP (Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program) programs in Alabama in recent years paid for a lot of good highway projects, but that was bond issues or borrowed money and now that debt is coming due.

"That has reduced capacity funding (new lanes) to $45 million statewide; the Highway 157 project is $28 million. Over the past 25 years, vehicle miles traveled have nearly doubled with only a slight increase in lanes.

"The result is congestion. I'm not telling you I'm going to vote to increase gas taxes. I'm not saying now that I'll vote against it. I'm going to give you the information between now and the time it comes up for a vote and ask you, what would you do?"

Stadthagen, the newly-elected representative for District 9, followed Shedd, joking, "I'm a perfect example of a rookie versus a veteran in giving speeches."

He continued, "Since we began our campaign 20 months ago, Cullman County has literally become our second home. The Cullman County delegation, we've got a good group.

"I believe true leadership is shown through example and not words and that's how I take on this leadership role. I campaigned on town hall meetings and listening to my district. My Cullman County town hall will be in West Point at the Brandin' Iron Feb. 5 at 6 o'clock. I'm not going to be preaching. We are going to sit down, roll up our sleeves, and discuss the issues we are facing that Randall was touching on.

"I want to hear where you stand, where our district stands, and that's most likely where I'm going to stand, with the people I represent.

"I'm learning and it's a lot to take in. I've learned my committees. I'm on boards, agencies and commissions, local legislation and state government. I've got a bill to help our state be more fiscally responsible. I think that's where we need to start. We need to be more accountable and give incentives to save money for our state.

"If you need me for anything, call me. I'm a worker, and I'm here to work"

Gudger, who just began his first term in the Alabama Senate, said, "My job, along with my other colleagues, if we do our jobs, we are supposed to pass the bills that help enhance our community: our quality of life, our schools, our hospitals and everything that touches our daily lives in this community."

Gudger said he is passionate about career technology in high schools and two-year colleges.

"We're lucky that we have Wallace State," he said.

Switching from focusing only on the city of Cullman as a Cullman city councilman to a broader focus as a state senator, Gudger shared that he's having to learn how to work with people who are focused on different priorities. He's focused on building relationships with his fellow senators.

"Having to sell bills and good ideas for your community (that don't) always support other people's communities is probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do. I ask for your prayers, I ask for your guidance and I ask for your friendship."

The 2019 legislative session will convene on March 5.