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READY FOR SNOW



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Authorities gathered at the Cullman Emergency Management Agency Monday to hear the latest on Tuesday's winter weather threat. All area schools are closed. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest.

EDUCATION

ASDE releases details on school report cards

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PET OF THE WEEK

Laid-back Sally's looking for her forever home

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week:



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Sally

Sally is a 3 ½-year-old Australian Shepherd mix. She's a laid-back, low-energy pet who could make a great comfort, companion or therapy dog. If you sit down, she'll put her head in your lap to get a little loving.

Ruttkay shared, "Shelter life has brought her out of her shell." She seems to get along well with other dogs and loves human companionship. Sally also enjoys spending time outside, and is at her most playful when she gets to play in the yard.

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

Sally's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

COURTS

Surrett pleads guilty in 2017 hit and run death

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CULLMAN – Days ahead of a jury trial scheduled to begin this week, Larry Dewayne Surrett entered a plea of guilty to the charge of leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death in the Mother's Day 2017 death of Good Hope resident Helen Virginia Duke.

According to the initial report from Alabama State Troopers, Duke was struck on Schwaiger Road in Good Hope on May 14, 2017 by an unknown vehicle which fled the scene. After Duke's body was discovered in a ditch near her mailbox, along with evidence of the vehicle, authorities searched for a Ford vehicle with a broken passenger side rear view mirror. Surrett was picked up on May 31, 2017.

A grand jury indicted Surrett on three charges:

• Leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death. Alabama Code 32-10-1 reads "The driver of any motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or the death of any person, or in damage to a motor vehicle or other vehicle which is driven or attended by any person, shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible and shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he or she has fulfilled the requirements of Section 32-10-3. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary."

• Driving with a revoked driver's license.

• Tampering with evidence. The state charged that Surrett replaced the grill, headlight, passenger side fender and passenger side mirror of his 1999 Ford Expedition in order to hinder the investigation.

Surrett's plea was only to the first charge of leaving the scene of an accident, which is a Class C felony. The other charges are both misdemeanors and could possibly be dismissed if the plea is accepted, but not necessarily so.

According to a source at the Cullman County Courthouse, Surrett entered what is known as a blind plea: he pled guilty without negotiating any sort of deal with the State. Judges are not required to be lenient in such cases.

A Class C felony can carry a prison sentence from one year and one day up to 10 years, and can be affected by various issues including circumstances of the crime and previous criminal history. Courts can also impose restitution.

Surrett's sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 21, 2019.



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Larry Dewayne Surrett



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CRIME

West Point man charged with selling meth

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WEST POINT – A West Point man was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 22, charged with three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine.

David Leonard Daniels, 50, was arrested by members of the Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit and the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Daniels was booked into the Cullman County Detention Center and has since made bond.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Leonard Daniels

Arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 28

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 28, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 24

- possession of drug paraphernalia, Highland St. SE, Hanceville
- criminal mischief, County Road 532
- domestic violence, County Road 558
- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property, County Road 1555
- violation of protection order, County Road 1371
- trespassing/criminal mischief, 3rd St. SE, Hanceville
- domestic violence, County Road 1515
- violation of protection order, County Road 1513
- harassment, County Road 461

Jan. 25

- harassment, County Road 1141
- domestic violence, County Road 62
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, County Road 831
- permitting dogs to run at large, County Road 1564
- violation of protection order, Elm St., Hanceville
- unlawful breaking an entering of a vehicle, Hwy. 91
- trespassing/theft of property, County Road 81
- domestic violence/menacing, County Road 1343

Jan. 26

- possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of marijuana, Hwy. 278 E
- trespassing, County Road 831
- harassment, County Road 307
- harassment, County Road 418
- burglary, Alabama Hwy. 157
- theft of property, County Road 856
- dog bite, County Road 793

Jan. 27

- permitting dogs to run at large, County Road 46
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, County Road 437
- domestic violence, County Road 613
- harassment, County Road 401
- burglary, County Road 1566
- burglary, Hwy. 69 S
- burglary, White Oak Loop
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, County Road 1807

ARRESTS

Jan. 24

Arroyo, Consuelo, 45
- contributing to truancy

Campbell, Terry Wayne, 59
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Copeland, Dakota William Mich, 23
- second-degree theft of property

Guillot, Norris Joseph III, 44
- court appearance

Hester, Kenneth Lamar, 44
- second-degree bail jumping- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- second-degree bail jumping- third-degree forgery
- FTA- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- third-degree forgery

Hudgins, Gary Mark, 48
- sexual offender failure to register termination- SORNA

Jernigan, Joseph Keith, 31
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Jordan, Mark Anthony, 42
- court appearance

Mentzer, Misti Monique, 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree promoting prison contraband

Mitchell, Jimmy Caroll, 49
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Nixon, Jeremy Glenn, 27
- harassing communications

Schorsch, Cletus Leo, 46
- failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Swann, Danny Ray, 56
- FTA- unauthorized use of a vehicle

Swann, Jamie Deann, 37
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

Waldrop, Bradlee Alexander, 19
- third-degree criminal mischief

Jan. 25

Chasteen, Mandy Boskat, 37
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required

Free, Montie Evan, 24
- FTA- fishing without a license

Greer, Jeffrey Neal, 41
- giving false name to law enforcement

Jones, Luther Joe, 45
- reckless endangerment

Kilpatrick, Justin Kenneth, 31
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pigg, Zackary Scott, 31
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Jan. 26

Channell, Krystal Rhodes, 35
- public intoxication

Hipp, Tracy Dianne, 48
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Leake, Jamie Nicole, 25
- leaving the scene- misdemeanor

Shoemaker, Shasa Marie, 29
- probation violation- third-degree theft of property

Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 24
- FTA- giving false name to law enforcement
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swafford, Cutessa Graveman, 36
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Swafford, Jeffery Scott, 40
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (3 counts)

Swann, Branden Matthew, 20
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Thornton, Edward Dean, 59
- FTA- failure to register/establish SORNA

Jan. 27

Baker, Richard Earl, 52
- FTA- driving while revoked

Ballenger, Zachary Douglas, 21
- FTA- second-degree criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Blocker, Erika Nicole, 34
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cornelius, Virginia, 61
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Green, David Wayne, 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Mayfield, Sarah Elizabeth, 31
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Widner, Christopher Davis, 51
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 24
- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card, person, misc. charges
- third-degree theft of property, person, cash, $890
- fourth-degree theft of property, Wal-Mart, Olive St. SW, misc. items, $63

Jan. 25
- third-degree theft of property, Hobby Lobby, Town Square Shopping Center, misc. items, $866
- third-degree burglary, person, Denson Ave. SW, misc., $750

Jan. 26
- fourth-degree theft of property, person, Hwy. 157, phone, $400
- fourth-degree theft of property, person, 4th St. SW, vehicle parts, $450
- fourth-degree theft of property, person, 2nd Ave. SW, phone, $250

Jan. 27
- third-degree domestic violence, person, Hwy. 157
- first-degree burglary, person, Stadium Dr. NE, guns and iPad, $2,750
- harassment, person

ARRESTS

Jan. 25

Braun, James P., 53
- third-degree theft of property

Schafer, Cristina L., 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jan. 26

Simmons, Alan D., 54
- DUI

Reagan, Sherry D., 59
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Wesley M., 39
- DUI

Busby, Megan K., 18
- DUI

Jan. 27

Lowe, Charles E. III, 22
- third-degree domestic violence

Sponaugle, Zena M., 53
- FTA- fourth-degree possession of a forged instrument

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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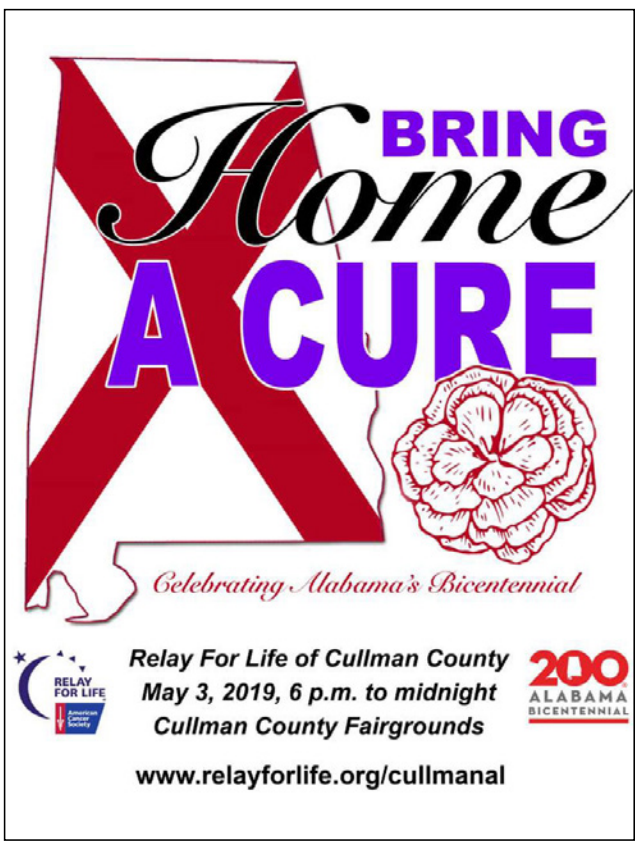
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Extension office hosting Poultry Litter Management meeting Feb. 12

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CULLMAN – Agriculture is the largest industry in Alabama. Poultry and beef cattle production are the two largest segments of that industry with Cullman County ranking at, or near, the top in both categories statewide. This should come as no surprise as both the poultry industry and the beef cattle industry often involve smaller sized, family farms that are focused on profitability.

Regional Forage and Livestock Extension Agent Gerry Thompson said, "Poultry production and beef cattle production are often mutually beneficial for a farming operation. One of the largest, and most valuable, by-products of poultry production is poultry 'litter,' which is a combination of chicken manure and the wood shavings that are used as bedding for the birds.

"In many industries, a by-product that is referred to as 'litter' would represent a significant environmental concern, but that is certainly not the case for poultry litter!

"Poultry litter is a fantastic fertilizer that can be readily used on pastures and hay fields and offers many benefits to farmers in our area. Poultry litter contains significant levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, all of which are needed for efficient forage production in pastures and hay fields.

"Poultry litter can also increase the levels of organic matter in pastures, which can increase the efficiency of nutrient use by forages and significantly decrease the amount of erosion in the areas where it is used, which can increase the overall quality of our water and health of our soils."

Thompson further explained, "The mutually beneficial relationship between poultry and cattle production is just one example of how farmers are the original environmentalists. But like almost every other aspect of our lives, there are ways that poultry litter should be used to maximize its benefit to our farms and also minimize any potential adverse effects on our environment."

To help farmers learn more about responsible use of poultry litter while taking advantage of a valuable "recycled" material, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System is offering an educational program about the "The Value of Using Poultry Litter for Pasture Fertilizer."

This meeting will be held at the North Alabama Agriplex (1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman) on Tuesday, Feb. 12 beginning at 6 p.m.

The primary speaker for this class will be Dr. Rishi Prasad, nutrient management specialist at Auburn University.

There is no cost to attend this meeting, but we do ask that you RSVP to the Cullman County Extension office by calling 256-737-9386 or emailing cullmancounty@auburn.edu no later than Feb. 11 to help us plan appropriately.

Report cards (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY – When the Alabama State Department of Education (ASDE) released its report card for schools in December, (www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/12/28/state-report-card-cullman-city-schools-receive-cullman-county-schools-receive-b), it gave the overall number and letter scores without a detailed breakdown of the data that went into those scores. That information is now available at http://54.148.24.183/Alsde/SelectSchool.

Cullman City Schools' overall system score slipped one point from 92 to 91, but it is still within the range to make the city system one of 15 districts in the state to earn an A.

Cullman County Schools retained its B letter grade from last year, but improved five points from last year to score an 85.

In the tables below, the overall number and letter score is given by the school name. Below that are the detailed scores.

Academic achievement was determined based on the percentage of proficient students in the areas of Reading/English and Math utilizing assessments in tested grades.

Academic growth was based on individual students who demonstrated growth in reading/English and math.

Chronic absenteeism represented the percentage of students who missed 15 or more days; on this, lower scores were better.

The other categories represented percentages of students who had particular characteristics or who demonstrated academic proficiencies. High schools had the extra percentile categories of Graduation Rate and College/Career Readiness.

CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Primary School 91 / A
- Academic achievement: 85.27
- Academic growth: 97.66
- Chronic absenteeism: 12.08
- Students with disabilities: 12.03
- Economically disadvantaged: 39.24
- Reading: n/a
- Math: n/a
- Science: n/a

Cullman High School 89 / B
- Academic achievement: 87.02
- Academic growth: 89.38
- Chronic absenteeism: 17.16
- Graduation rate: 93
- College/Career ready: 88.48 (highest)
- Students with disabilities: 5.79
- Economically disadvantaged: 30.27
- Reading: 67.91
- Math: 75.81
- Science: 68.84 (highest)

Cullman Middle School 96 / A (highest)
- Academic achievement: 95.56 (highest)
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 11.8
- Students with disabilities: 8.45
- Economically disadvantaged: 28.88
- Reading: 70.47 (highest)
- Math: 81.69 (highest)
- Science: 66.53

East Elementary School 95 / A
- Academic achievement: 92.93
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 14.06
- Students with disabilities: 8.0
- Economically disadvantaged: 26.33
- Reading: 69.83
- Math: 73.76
- Science: 64.62

West Elementary School 91 / A
- Academic achievement: 85.27
- Academic growth: 97.66
- Chronic absenteeism: 15.02
- Students with disabilities: 10.7
- Economically disadvantaged: 44.09
- Reading: 61.6
- Math: 66.08
- Science: 54.07

COUNTY SCHOOLS

Cold Springs Elementary School 90 / A
- Academic achievement: 80.98
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 18.46
- Students with disabilities: 15.23
- Economically disadvantaged: 57.52
- Reading: 54.8
- Math: 61.61
- Science: 40.34

Cold Springs High School 77 C
- Academic achievement: 53.39
- Academic growth: 78.46
- Chronic absenteeism: 21.43
- Graduation rate: 92
- College/Career ready: 76.06
- Students with disabilities: 8.8
- Economically disadvantaged: 40.49
- Reading: 43.75
- Math: 43.75
- Science: 45.31

Cullman Child Development Center 38 / n/a (The CDC, a special needs education facility, did not have enough criteria to be assigned a letter grade.)
- Academic achievement: 7.04
- Academic growth: 62.76
- Chronic absenteeism: 21.21
- Students with disabilities: 91.71
- Economically disadvantaged: 62.98
- Reading: 17.46
- Math: 11.11
- Science: 22.58

Fairview Elementary School 86 / B
- Academic achievement: 73.87
- Academic growth: 99.28
- Chronic absenteeism: 11.11
- Students with disabilities: 15.96
- Economically disadvantaged: 61.4
- Reading: 47.74
- Math: 56.45
- Science: 41.67

Fairview High School 88 / B
- Academic achievement: 68.7
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 4.28 (lowest)
- Graduation rate: 94 (highest)
- College/Career ready: 68.03
- Students with disabilities: 7.55
- Economically disadvantaged: 46.96
- Reading: 54.89
- Math: 49.62
- Science: 53.38

Fairview Middle School 89 / B
- Academic achievement: 76.65
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 9.48
- Students with disabilities: 10.25
- Economically disadvantaged: 59.63
- Reading: 47.81
- Math: 63.75
- Science: 35.24

Good Hope Elementary School 87 / B
- Academic achievement: 74.04
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 14.9
- Students with disabilities: 12.86
- Economically disadvantaged: 57.71
- Reading: 47.21
- Math: 56.98
- Science: 40

Good Hope High School 84 / B
- Academic achievement: 68.81
- Academic growth: 96.43
- Chronic absenteeism: 26.52
- Graduation rate: 90
- College/Career ready: 73.28
- Students with disabilities: 5.68
- Economically disadvantaged: 47.6
- Reading: 47.01
- Math: 52.14
- Science: 57.27

Good Hope Middle School 88 / B
- Academic achievement: 77.73
- Academic growth: 99.27
- Chronic absenteeism: 19.71
- Students with disabilities: 6.96
- Economically disadvantaged: 47.15
- Reading: 51.75
- Math: 63.81
- Science: 24.32

Good Hope Primary School 88 / B
- Academic achievement: 74.04
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 10.85
- Students with disabilities: 14.91
- Economically disadvantaged: 63.16
- Reading: n/a
- Math: n/a
- Science: n/a

Hanceville Elementary School 84 / B
- Academic achievement: 64
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 10.09
- Students with disabilities: 19.46
- Economically disadvantaged: 72.59
- Reading: 36.33
- Math: 43.88
- Science: 33.64

Hanceville High School 80 / B
- Academic achievement: 58.15
- Academic growth: 84.38
- Chronic absenteeism: 19.72
- Graduation rate: 91
- College/Career ready: 79.79
- Students with disabilities: 9.74
- Economically disadvantaged: 61.32
- Reading: 35.79
- Math: 50.53
- Science: 49.47

Hanceville Middle School 86 / B
- Academic achievement: 70.5
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 12.42
- Students with disabilities: 15.3
- Economically disadvantaged: 66.19
- Reading: 49.47
- Math: 49.47
- Science: 36.36

Harmony School 87 / B
- Academic achievement: 73.5
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 14.62
- Students with disabilities: 24.61
- Economically disadvantaged: 72.77
- Reading: 54.55
- Math: 52.07
- Science: 55.88

Holly Pond Elementary School 92 / A
- Academic achievement: 83.43
- Academic growth: 100
- Chronic absenteeism: 10.4
- Students with disabilities: 16.62
- Economically disadvantaged: 55.1
- Reading: 60
- Math: 64
- Science: 60.34

Holly Pond High School 84 / B
- Academic achievement: 66.14
- Academic growth: 97.8
- Chronic absenteeism: 23.51
- Graduation rate: 88
- College/Career ready: 73.4
- Students with disabilities: 10.12
- Economically disadvantaged: 42.94
- Reading: 50
- Math: 46.25
- Science: 43.75

Holly Pond Middle 85 / B
- Academic achievement: 67.19
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 9.88
- Students with disabilities: 13.45
- Economically disadvantaged: 55.88
- Reading: 50
- Math: 42.02
- Science: 31.94

Parkside Elementary School 86 / B
- Academic achievement: 72.22
- Academic growth: 100 (tie-highest)
- Chronic absenteeism: 16.62
- Students with disabilities: 16.26
- Economically disadvantaged: 70.25
- Reading: 46.36
- Math: 54.34
- Science: 28.38

Vinemont Elementary School 81 / B
- Academic achievement: 68.34
- Academic growth: 93.83
- Chronic absenteeism: 21.3
- Students with disabilities: 19.7
- Economically disadvantaged: 65.89
- Reading: 41.41
- Math: 46.88
- Science: 37.8

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELOISE ABBOTT, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2019-018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Christopher Abbott, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Eloise Abbott, Deceased, on the 17th day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Left to right are Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Brad Steele, Jeff Steele, Sherry Steele and Duke Cleghorn.

FAITH

Cullman group The Steeles notches no. 1 Southern Gospel Song of 2018

Amelia Sutter
Contributor

CULLMAN – On Jan 10, a special reception was held at Redeeming Grace Church of Cullman to celebrate Cullman's own The Steeles, whose song "Prodigals" was named the no. 1 Southern Gospel Song of the Year for 2018 by The Singing News Magazine, The Printed Voice of Southern Gospel Music.

Foregoing the typical "Nashville" gathering, The Steeles opted to have the ceremony (which honored those who helped with the award-winning song) in Cullman.

Group owner and senior pastor at Redeeming Grace Church, Dr. Jeff R. Steele said, "We wanted to celebrate with and around the folks we live and shop and worship with...the folks of the city and county of Cullman.

"We had (for this event) the largest crowd (by far) we have ever had for ANY event here at the church. It was glorious!"

The event was made even more special because Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs presented all the plaques to each recipient that night.

Brad Steele, who received a plaque as producer of the song, said, "It was not only a real joy to have the plaque presented by our mayor, but to know that the plaque itself was made right here in Cullman was a big deal as well."

Jeff Steele's wife Sherry said, "Mayor Jacobs being there added clout to this event that set it apart as a very special night for all of us.

"Yes, he is our friend, but tonight he was the mayor and just did a great job!"

Tony Serra Nissan

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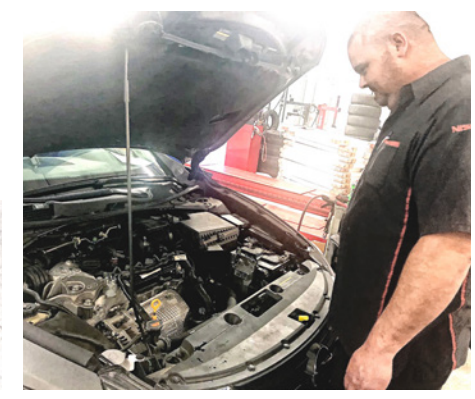
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Some of the adorable rats of Hamelin on stage Saturday at the Cullman Civic Center

ARTS

'The Pied Piper' makes its way through Cullman

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CULLMAN – The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) made its annual stop in Cullman last week, and on Saturday, after five days of practice, put on "The Pied Piper," cast with 62 local children. The theatrical company has come to Cullman annually for more than 20 years in partnership with Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST). The performances were at the Cullman Civic Center.

This year's production was directed by Billy Speed and Alicia Batterson. Batterson also performed as the Mayor of Hamelin along with the kids. Elizabeth Biscotto was selected to play Sara and Katie Landreth played the Pied Piper.

Biscotto was all smiles after her excellent performance. Although she helped with last year's MCT play, this was her first time as an actor.

She said, "It was a really good environment. Everyone was really nice to each other and worked together really well. Everyone was very encouraging."

When asked about acting in the future, Biscotto replied, "I would like to go into acting. It's kind of my dream, so it was really cool when I got the lead part."

Also performing for the first time was Maddie McCuiston. She was a member of the Hamelin Administrative Team.

She said of the experience, "I really liked it. I thought it was really fun to be able to get to know people and get a chance to act. I don't normally get to do that."

East Elementary second grader Nora Shupe was one of the adorable rats of Hamelin. She received roses from her mom, Kate, and was passing roses to her cast mates.

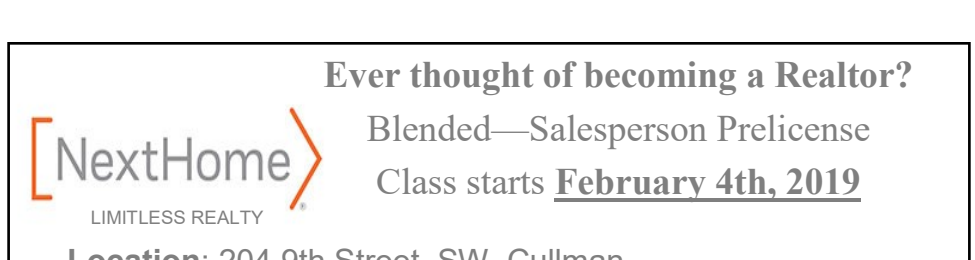
Kate Shupe was impressed with the MCT, saying, "They did such a good job with all the kids."

According to Speed, the MCT, based in Montana, performs in all 50 states, five provinces in Canada and 16 other countries. He and Batterson will travel to Brewton, Alabama next and then make a few more stops on the Gulf Coast. Afterward, they will continue to Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic. The tour will end in May.



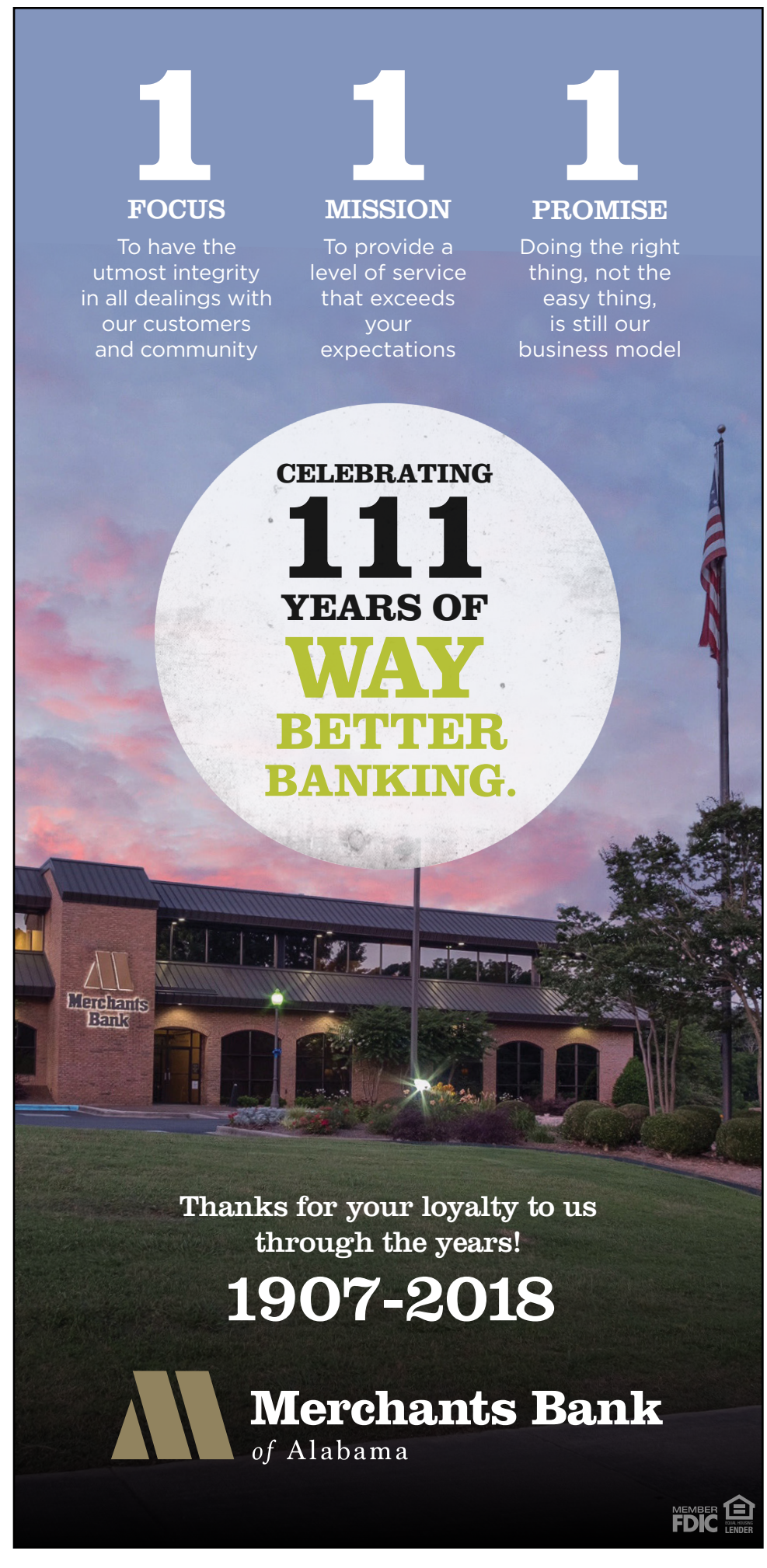












Good Hope topples Hanceville 65-47 to capture first county championship since 2010

Nick Griffin, Sammy Confer

HANCEVILLE – In our final title match of the Cullman County Tournament, the top seeds in the varsity boys' bracket faced each other with the county crown on the line.

The game was tight for most of the opening quarter, but Good Hope led the way 20-14 by the start of the second.

The Raiders began to add to their lead and create separation in the second quarter.

A basket by Noah Fendley off a phenomenal assist from Cole Maddox put Good Hope on top 29-16 midway through the second and a pair of free throws from Drew Maddox made it a 31-18 game shortly after that.

RJ Evans chipped away at the lead with a layup inside of three minutes to play in the half, but Dawson Turner responded with a corner three on the other end to restore the double-digit lead.

Both teams traded baskets in the final two minutes of the quarter, but the Raiders maintained a 41-29 lead at the break after another corner three from Turner in the final seconds of the half.

The Bulldogs were able to get the game back into single digits midway through the third but turnovers late in the period made it tough for them to get closer to the lead.

The Raiders led 47-39 with less than a minute to play in the period but a last-second tip in by Tanner Malin put Good Hope on top by 10 at the start of the fourth quarter.

A three from Fred Ellis cut the lead to 50-42 early in the fourth but turnovers continued to plague Hanceville.

A pair of free throws from Cole Maddox gave the Raiders a 57-42 lead midway through the fourth quarter and Good Hope was able keep the Bulldogs at a safe distance the rest of the way.

The Raiders pulled away to win it convincingly, 65-47.

Cole Maddox led Good Hope with 18 points, followed closely by Fendley with 17 and Drew Maddox with 10. RJ Evans led the way for Hanceville with 18 points, followed by Ellis with 12 and Raiden Morgan with six.

2019 Joe Shults Award winner

- Rylan Jones – West Point

2019 Eli Thomas Award winner

- Matt Dixon – Good Hope

2019 Varsity Boys Cullman County All-Tournament Team

- Austin Jackson – Fairview
- Kolton Sapp – West Point
- Fred Ellis – Hanceville
- Cole Maddox – Good Hope
- Romain Pochon – Hanceville
- Noah Fendley – Good Hope

2019 Varsity Boys All-County Team

- Kolton Sapp – West Point
- Cole Maddox – Good Hope
- Fred Ellis – Hanceville
- RJ Evans - Hanceville
- Landyn Freeman – Cold Springs
- Tyler Boatright – Holly Pond
- Katch Johnson – Vinemont
- Noah Fendley – Good Hope
- Adam Hill – Cold Springs
- Kyler Chaney – Holly Pond
- Dow Nichols – Fairview
- Rylan Jones – West Point
- Romain Pochon – Hanceville

West Point knocks off Fairview 50-48 for varsity girls' crown

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HANCEVILLE – The Lady Warriors and Lady Aggies tipped off Saturday night's varsity action and the top two seeds went down to the wire deciding this year's varsity girls' champion.

Fairview started the game strong, taking a 10-6 lead midway through the opening quarter and stretching their advantage to 17-9 later in the period on a Payton Golden three-pointer. West Point managed to fight back late in the first, cutting the lead to 19-16 by the start of the second. The Lady Warriors opened the second quarter on a 10-0 run to get out in front of the Lady Aggies, but Fairview was able to fight back as well.

A basket from Morgan Lindsay made it a 30-27 game with less than a minute remaining in the second and the Lady Aggies were able to get the lead down to 30-28 by the halftime break.

A free throw from Molly McKelvy put Fairview on top 31-30 early in the third quarter but Miriam Oldacre responded with a three-pointer on West Point's next possession. Micah Oldacre added another three-pointer to put the Lady Warriors up 37-31 with less than two minutes to play in the third and they held a 39-34 lead at the start of the fourth.

A layup from Daisy Manasco cut the West Point lead to 44-38 midway through the fourth and Golden nailed a three-pointer to trim the lead to 46-41 with less than a minute to play but it was too little too late for Fairview and the Lady Warriors went on to win it 50-48.

Miriam Oldacre led West Point with 17 points in the win, followed closely by Micah Oldacre with 16 and Mackenzie Carter with 10. Golden led the Lady Aggies with 19 points, followed by Maddie Yeager with 11.

2019 Charlotte Cummings Award winner

- Kierra Merriweather – Hanceville

2019 Bill Shelton Award winner

- Camryn Crider – Cold Springs

2019 Varsity Girls Cullman County All-Tournament Team

- Elizabeth Hill – Cold Springs
- Camryn Crider – Cold Springs
- Kelly Pickett – Hanceville
- Molly McKelvy – Fairview
- Payton Golden – Fairview
- Miriam Oldacre – West Point
- Lexi Shadix – West Point
- Micah Oldacre – West Point

2019 Varsity Girls All-County Team

- Lexi Shadix – West Point
- Payton Golden – Fairview
- Savanna Derrick – Good Hope
- Miriam Oldacre – West Point
- Camryn Crider – Cold Springs
- Kelly Pickett – Hanceville
- Maddie Heatherly – Holly Pond
- Elizabeth Hill – Cold Springs
- Olivia Ball – West Point
- Toni West – Cold Springs
- Molly McKelvy – Fairview
- Mackenzie Carter – West Point

West Point holds off Vinemont 38-32 to capture JV boys' title

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HANCEVILLE – A pair of lower-seeded squads duked it out for the junior varsity boys' crown Saturday afternoon as the (3) West Point Warriors squared off against the (5) Vinemont Eagles. After both teams traded the lead several times throughout the game, the Warriors were able to hold off the Eagles late in the fourth quarter and held on to win it

Neither side was able to create much separation from the other early in the game, but the Warriors still maintained a 10-6 lead at the start of the second quarter.

Back to back baskets from Logan Selby quickly put the Warriors in front 14-6 but the Eagles were able to make it a 16-9 game late in the second quarter.

West Point closed the half on a 6-3 run to take a double-digit lead into the locker room at the break.

Vinemont changed the momentum of the game as soon as they hit the floor for the start of the third quarter.

A 7-0 start to the half for the Eagles cut the lead to 22-19 early in the third and a basket from Tanner Brown made it 22-21 midway through the period. The run continued for the Eagles as Sam Maldonado laid one in to give Vinemont a 23-22 lead, but Brannon Bright finally got a shot to fall for the Warriors in the second half and they moved back in front 25-23. West Point added onto their lead and held a 28-23 advantage going into the final frame.

The Eagles struggled from the charity stripe early in the fourth, making it more difficult to chip away at the lead. Caleb Sharpe netted a free throw midway through the period to make it a 32-27 game and Bryce Perkins added two more to cut it to 32-29. Selby netted a pair of free throws with just under a minute to play to put the Warriors ahead 34-29 but Teague Whatley nailed a three-pointer with 10 seconds remaining to trim the lead to 34-32. Elvis Arroyo sealed the deal at the free throw line with six seconds to play and helped lift West Point to a 38-32 victory and a JV Boys' Championship.

Selby led the Warriors with nine points, followed by Carter Thornton with seven and Bright with five. Whatley led the way for Vinemont in the loss, finishing with 12 points. Sharpe finished just behind him with eight.

2019 Junior Varsity Boys Cullman County All-Tournament Team

- Teague Whatley – Vinemont
- Tanner Brown – Vinemont
- Logan Selby – West Point
- Mason Walls – West Point
- Brodie Malcom – Hanceville

Lady Warriors defeat Lady Eagles 53-43 to claim JV girls' title

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HANCEVILLE – In Saturday's second championship bout, the top-seeded West Point Lady Warriors took on (2) Cold Springs for the junior varsity girls' crown and both squads showed up hungry for some hardware. In the end, it was the Lady Warriors that managed to pull away in the fourth quarter to win it 53-43.

West Point jumped out to a 7-0 lead to start the first quarter and led things 17-7 by the start of the second, but nobody started the game stronger than Cold Springs' Madison Bruer.

Bruer scored the first 16 points of the game for the Lady Eagles including a three-pointer that cut the Lady Warriors lead to 17-12 midway through the second.

Emma Chambers netted a pair of free throws late in the second quarter to tie the game at 21 but West Point was able to get back in front 24-23 by the halftime break. West Point's Braelee Quinn and Bruer combined to score 30 points in the first half.

The Lady Eagles took a 26-24 lead almost as soon as the third began after a three-pointer from Chambers, but the lead would change hands several more times down the stretch.

The Lady Warriors were back on top 28-27 midway through the third and a three from Nikki Tyree made it 31-27 with just under two minutes remaining in the period.

Sidney Smith converted an and-one play at the line on West Point's next possession to go up 34-28 and Smith followed that with a fast-break basket to make it 36-28 with just over a minute to play in the third.

The Lady Warriors held onto a 38-29 lead at the start of the fourth quarter and two baskets from Smith quickly widened the gap to 42-29.

A pair of free throws from Brooke Crider trimmed the lead to 42-34 midway through the period but a three from Alexus Wells put West Point up 45-34 on the next Lady Warriors possession. Cold Springs would not go away, and a pair of free throws followed by a layup from Lacey Rice cut the West Point lead to 46-43 with less than a minute to play. Smith made it a 48-43 lead after netting two free throws on the other end and Wells added another after her to put the Lady Warriors up by six. The Lady Eagles couldn't get enough shots to fall in the latter part of the fourth quarter and West Point held on to win it 53-43.

Smith led the Lady Warriors with 20 points in the win, followed closely by Quinn with 18. Bruer led Cold Springs with 16 points, followed by Brooke Crider with nine.

2019 Junior Varsity Girls Cullman County All-Tournament Team

- Sidney Smith – West Point
- Braelee Quinn – West Point
- Kaylee Stallings – Holly Pond
- Lacey Rice – Cold Springs
- Kyla Aaron – Cold Springs
- Madison Bruer – Cold Springs

West Point tops Fairview 36-21 for 9th-grade title

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HANCEVILLE – Championship Saturday at the Cullman County Basketball Tournament tipped off with (1) West Point and (2) Fairview in the ninth-grade title game. After a slow start in the first quarter, the Warriors were able to create some separation in the second and pulled away in the second half to win it 36-21.

There were more turnovers than points early in this one and the Warriors clung to a slim 3-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Cade Simmons converted an and-one play at the free throw line early in the second quarter to put West Point ahead 7-2 but the Aggies were able to trim the lead to 11-8 with just under two minutes to play in the half. The Warriors finished the second on a 7-0 run and carried an 18-8 advantage into the break.

The run continued into the third quarter. A three-pointer from Sam Wheeler put West Point ahead 21-8 early in the period and the Warriors continued to add to their lead. Fairview trailed 25-12 at the start of the fourth quarter and couldn't put together the comeback. The Warriors pulled away to win it 36-21. Jayden Laney led West Point with nine points, followed by Isaac Hoffpauir and Simmons with seven. Mason Parker led Fairview with nine points and Ty Grigsby followed him with six.

2019 ninth-grade Cullman County All-Tournament Team

- Sam Wheeler – West Point
- Cade Simmons – West Point
- Parker Martin – Fairview
- Bryson Chamness – Fairview
- Ben Gillespie – Good Hope

Community with Carol: Martha Lawrence with Cullman's Little Pantry

Carol Berry
Tribune Columnist

Martha Lawrence was my guest this week on Community with Carol. In April 2017, Martha started Cullman's Little Pantry, the first in the state of Alabama. The pantry, a wooden box located on Fourth Street Southeast behind the Mary Carter Store, is a place where non-perishable food and necessities can be picked up by those in need or dropped off by those donating.

After seeing a model of a pantry in Arkansas on Facebook, Martha felt the Holy Spirit giving her a nudge. So, she called the lady over the organization, and after some prayer, she approached a friend to assist her. That friend was Mary Hovater. Mary did many things to help Martha get the project off the ground. She asked local Boy Scout Troop 321 to build the pantry.

Things just started to fall into place. Martha's sister, Melody Quattlebaum, was and still is an enormous help to the little pantry. She and Mary are the main volunteers and also two of the board members.

This has been a real family affair. Martha's husband Eddie is very supportive and doesn't mind stocking the storage shelves after the long shopping trips his wife makes to ensure the pantry is replenished daily.

The whole Lawrence family is involved and supports their mom and grandmother. Martha and Eddie have three children, Kourtney, Kel and Kolby. Each has given to the organization in a variety of ways. Even the eight grandchildren help Martha with the project. Kortlin, Caden, Corin, Fisher, Aubree, Cooper and Falyn all help their grandmother shop and stock items for the pantry. Baby Oakley isn't quite old enough to do anything other than ride to do periodical checks to ensure something is there for those who need it.

I was impressed with how organized Martha is. She has learned from mistakes, like placing the pantry in the wrong location. The placement of the pantry is key to keeping the food at the right temperature. The pantry was moved 30 yards west to its current location. Martha also learned about placing different things in the pantry in different seasons, so you are working with the weather and not against it. Lawrence takes this calling very seriously and goes to great lengths to ensure the pantry serves as many as possible.

Giving credit and thanksgiving to God was something Martha did throughout our conversation.

She was also extremely thankful for the core group of ladies who gives every week to the pantry and to the city council and then-president Garlan Gudger, Cullman's Rotary Club, the Glenn family and Office Max employees. She told me without those donations she could not fund the hundreds of dollars it takes each week to stock the pantry.

Stocking the pantry is a community project. Donations are always needed so Martha can purchase the pantry items. I asked Martha what staples are needed if an individual would rather just shop themselves for the pantry.

She quickly gave me a list.

- Bottled water
- Canned meats
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned vegetables

She also wanted to include things that individuals can't purchase with food stamps.

- Soap
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Stocking the pantry with a variety is always key, Martha told me. She even puts in dog and cat food on occasion.

If you would like to assist Martha and don't have time to shop or drop items by yourself, you can always leave a monetary donation at First Community Bank in Cullman. You can contact Martha through her Facebook page, Cullman's Little Pantry. She will be more than happy to store items for you and place them in the pantry for you.

Martha is happy others have taken the idea into other parts of the county and is eager to see a free pantry in every community in Cullman County by the end of 2019.

If your community is thinking about starting a pantry, please contact Martha; she is more than willing to assist you. Her knowledge is amazing and her passion unmistakable.

See my interview with Martha Tuesday at www.Facebook.com/Cullman-Tribune.



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Martha Lawrence, left, and Carol Berry, right

OPINION

Always Reforming: Courage

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

This is the second in a series of five. In this article we focus on Courage. Perhaps a quote from the well-known exchange in "The Wizard of Oz" provides insight into this quality. Listen in as Dorothy challenges the Cowardly Lion.

Dorothy: My goodness, what a fuss you're making! Well, naturally, when you go around picking on things weaker than you are. Why, you're nothing but a great big coward!

owardly Lion: [crying] You're right, I am a coward! I haven't any courage at all. I even scare myself. [sobbing] Look at the circles under my eyes. I haven't slept in weeks!

Tin Man: Why don't you try counting sheep?

Cowardly Lion: That doesn't do any good, I'm afraid of 'em.

Elders/shepherds cannot lead effectively if they fear the sheep. Effective leadership is focused on fulfilling the purpose of the organization. For the church this purpose is making disciples. This requires courage. Decisions are shaped by that reality. In the current culture that is radical. When fear rather than courage is the dominant motivation there is dysfunction and trouble ahead. Courage, real godly courage, is a rare commodity. But then, we don't need a multitude - - just a small band of COURAGEOUS and dedicated servant leaders. They understand the task, the difficulty and the challenges. Seeing all of this they say, "What are we waiting for?"

God and a man, or a band of men, with courage is the most significant majority the world has ever known. Courage is neither reckless nor foolish. It is bold and guided by the Holy Spirit. That guidance almost always puts you in a counter-culture posture. God always delights to identify men who in times of darkness trust the light of special revelation. Trust God and press on.

1 Chron. 28:20 Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished."

2 Chron. 15:2,8 - "Asa But you, be strong and do not lose courage, for there is reward for your work." Now when Asa heard these words and the prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He then restored the altar of the LORD which was in front of the porch of the LORD."

Ezra 10:4 "Arise! For this matter is your responsibility, but we will be with you; be courageous and act."

Haggai 2:4 "But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of hosts."

Acts 23:11 But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, 'Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.'"

Answer this question -"Does your shepherd lead with courage, or, is he more like the cowardly lion in 'The Wizard of Oz?'"

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Gladis "Ricky" Cornelius, 64, of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2019. He was born June 1, 1954, to Earl and Geraldine Robertson Cornelius. Ricky was an auto body man by trade. He loved to fish, hunt, and race cars. He built his own car and could be found at the drag strip racing whenever possible. He is preceded in death by his father, Earl Cornelius; and his sister, Diane Kilgore. Survivors include his mother, Geraldine Sweatmon; daughter, Krystal (Alex) Pantoja; brother, David Mickey (Darlene) Cornelius; grandchildren, Alissa, Alex, and Mason Pantoja; significant other, Lela Bridlebough; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2019, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Pete Grund officiating. Burial will follow in New Hope #2 Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to services, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cornelius family.

Memorial services for Cecil 'Sonny' Van Leverich Jr. will be Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 1 p.m., at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Joe Shane officiating. Mr. Leverich passed away January 26, 2019. He was born May 30, 1931 to Cecil Van Leverich Sr. and Rhoda Leverich. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a grandchild. Survivors include his wife of 38 years; Clara Leverich, children; Lonnie (Tammy) Leverich, Kelly Leverich, Cody (Deborah) Davis, and Lori Davis, one grandchild, a sister; Nancy (Gene) Moore, and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral service for Mr. Donavon Dewayne Roper, age 68, of Maylene, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Roper passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Shelby Baptist Medical Center. He was born, June 11, 1950 in Cullman, AL to Raymond and Eunice Oakley Roper. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother; Billy Roper, stepson; Gene Crosby. Survivors include his wife, Donna Parker; daughter, Melissa Roper; grandsons, Jaydon (Salena) Hood and Keyan Lane; great grandsons, Byron Hood and Rylee Hood; stepsons, Darryl Crosby and Jeremy Crosby. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Vicki Lynn Maddux Childers, 59, of Holly Pond, passed away on January 26, 2019. She was born April 10, 1959, to James Sr. and Margaret Callahan Maddux. Ms. Childers was a loving person. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt. Her passing brings sorrow to many. Vicki is preceded in death by her parents; a son Rick Childers, Jr.; and her brother, Michael Maddux. Survivors include, sons, Travis (Amy) Childers, Rusty (Misti) Childers, Scotty Childers; brothers, John Maddux, James Jr. (Robin) Maddux; sister, Ella Jane Maddux; grandchildren, Ashleigh, Madison, and Isabella Childers, Natalie Hagel, Ty Corley, Adam Pearson; great-grandchildren, Phoenix Corley, Jaden Corley; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friend, David Helton. A memorial service for Vicki will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Friends may visit with the family an hour prior to services; from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Services will begin at 6 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Childers family.

Funeral service for Bobbie Jean Shikle, 84, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with David Mangum and Donald Dunn officiating; burial at Center Grove. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Shikle passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019, at Cullman Long Term Care. She was born to the late Luther and Velvie L Dover. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, J.C. Shikle; son, Stevie Shikle; and grandson, Cody Shikle. Survivors include her daughters, Stella (Pete) Evans and Cindy (Bruce) Brock; sons, Jeff (Talisha) Shikle, Jerry Shikle, and Jimmy Shikle; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Melba (Fred) Collier and Marcelle (Louis) Overton. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Woodrow Creel, 87, of Cullman are Friday, February 1, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Kerry Cleghorn officiating, with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from noon to 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Creel passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Brady and Gertrude Daisey Smith Creel; his wife, Bertie Lou Creel; son, Dale Creel and sister, Earlene Litaker. He is survived by his brother, James Douglas Creel; nieces and nephews, Joan Handley, Adam Creel, Holly Abbott, Louis Voris, Mary Litaker and Linda Sullins.

Funeral service for Margie (Nanny) Goodwin Langley, age 97, of Logan, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Langley passed away on January 27, 2019, at her residence. She was born September 12, 1921, to Joe and Alice Goodwin. She is preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Langley; daughter, Ann Shaddix; and parents, Joe and Alice Goodwin. Survivors include her daughters, Darlene Helms and Faye (Tommy) Helms; son-in-law, Charles Shaddix; brother, Dexter Leon Goodwin; six grandsons; thirteen great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Dawn Lynn Hudson, of Falkville, Alabama passed away Wednesday, January 23, 2019. She was born to James and Lena Brown (Wallace) on July 20, 1071 in California. Mrs. Hudson is Survived by her daughter, Jessica (Jonathan) Lay; sons, Vincent Bell, Jr. and Nickolas Hudson; Mother, Lena (Gary) Wallace; grandchildren, Christopher James Lay and Colby Jaxon Lay; and sister, Sandra Brown. Her father, James Brown, preceded her in death. A Celebration of Life service will be Saturday, February 2, 2019, 11 a.m. at Fairview West Baptist in Hanceville, Alabama. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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LIFESTYLE

Senior Spotlight: John Frutiger

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John Frutiger graduated from Cullman High School in 1962 with plans to attend Florence State that fall. Rather than spend his summer hanging out at The Globe and cruising to the Mug and Cone with his classmates, Frutiger was thinking ahead to college.

He was offered a job by Mr. Tom Gilley at the Cullman Ice Factory. It was 12 hours a day, seven days a week and paid $1.25 an hour. Knowing he would need spending money for college, Frutiger gladly accepted.

Ice wasn't available at every store back then, and it was before the days of refrigerated trucks. The Cullman Ice Factory was originally built on First Avenue Southeast in 1895 by E. Hauk. The Hauk family lived above the factory. By 1962 the Gilley family operated the business.

Frutiger described the job as, "making ice, pulling ice and loading bunker trucks. Back then trucks had bunkers loaded with ice with fans blowing to keep the truck cold. There were trucks of corn and we would ice the corn to keep it from going bad before the trucks headed up north."

The Cullman Ice Factory made 300-pound and 1,000-pound blocks of ice. Besides producing ice for bunker trucks, they supplied Goldenrod and other businesses with ice. With the only vending machine in Cullman, it was the first place a person could purchase a 10-pound bag of crushed ice.

Frutiger recalled, "On the 4th of July, they'd be lined up all the way around the block waiting to get crushed ice. It cost a quarter."

Frutiger worked every day from 5 p.m. until 5 a.m. It was just he and his coworker Tommy Tyson and they worked well together.

He said, "We got in a rhythm catching those blocks. I was very stout and strong. I'd catch a 75-pound block of ice in the air with the tongs and put it over in the bunker.

"We would stack blocks of ice 15 feet high. Up front was two large vats full of brine water and ammonia pipes ran through there. It's what chilled it.

"After 24 hours, the ice was ready. We would use tongs and pick the ice up, run hot water over it and dump it out of the metal containers it was made in. The trick was to get it on its side so you could work it, so you could slide it. You had to hit it on the edge. If it hit on the surface, it would explode and it would be ruined. A 1,000-pound block was probably 6-feet tall. The floor was real smooth so one person could slide the block."

Frutiger still holds on to his ice pick from his summer working at the ice factory. The inscriptions on the four-sided handled are still visible. The sides read Cullman Ice Factory, Ice and Coal, Save with Ice, and 34 & 22. The numbers were the phone numbers. The ice pick was used to break the blocks down.

Frutiger explained, "We would chip it up into different sizes. A lot of the highway department people would come get ice, 15-pound blocks of ice, and put it in their metal containers for the workers that day. To chip the ice, you just make a line in the ice and pop it. It's easy to work with once you learn the technique."

Frutiger remembers his summer job fondly, smiling, "I guess I can say I'm the last living person to work in the ice factory."



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John Frutiger shows off his ice pick he saved from the summer of 1962 when he worked at the Cullman Ice Factory.

Frutiger left for Florence State in September of 1962. He enjoyed his college years and said, "It was the time of my life."

After graduating, Frutiger returned to Cullman where he worked for the health department for 31 years.

