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EDUCATION

## Child Development Center working toward new inclusive playground



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*Concept art for Phase I of the Cullman County Child Development Center's inclusive playground.*

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*A pair of Raider soccer players prepare for the upcoming season at practice Wednesday afternoon.*

PREP SOCCER

## Good Hope readies for 1st soccer teams in 20 years

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**GOOD HOPE** – Good Hope High School will be adding a new sport this spring, fielding soccer teams for the first season since 1999, and there's already a big turnout for both the boys' and girls' squads.

According to head coach Alan Scott, the huge interest from the students was the deciding factor in starting soccer this season and the expectations are big for the first year.

"We have over 30 students in the soccer program at this time," Scott said. "We want to represent the school and community well. The athletes are working very hard to compete at a high level."

Some of the players on both teams already have experience playing soccer, which will be huge for Scott and the rest of the coaching staff.

"We have several players who have played soccer for several years," Scott added. "This will be vital as we add in a few others that are relatively new to the sport. We also have two coaches, Adriana Skutchan and Damian Rodriguez, who are very knowledgeable."

The squads began practice last week, and with the first matches coming up in mid-February, the coaches are looking forward to a good season.

"I am looking forward to seeing our student athletes learn to play soccer as a team and increase their athletic ability and skill level," Scott said.

Some of the team leaders will be Andres Aguilar, Oscar Tepetate and James McWhorter for the boys' team, and Hannah Adams, Peyton Caudle and Karla Guadarrama on the girls' team.

"I think that any time you can give students an opportunity to excel in something they are passionate about, it is a great thing," Scott said. "I hope the Good Hope community will come out and see what great students we have in our school."

Good Hope's opening matches will be on Feb. 12 at Fairview. The girls will start things off at 5 p.m. and the boys will follow them at 7 p.m.

EDUCATION

## State Superintendent of Education Mackey, others visit Cullman City, County Schools

**Wendy Sack, Nick Griffin**

**CULLMAN** – Alabama State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey visited Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools Friday. Mackey, along with Deputy State Superintendent Dr. Jeff Langham, made stops at the Cullman City Board of Education, Cullman City Primary School and Cullman High School Friday morning. Mackey, Langham and Alabama State Department of Education Board Member Dr. Cynthia McCarty began their tour of Cullman County Schools shortly after.

According to the city school board office, district personnel, school principals, Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson, Mackey and Langham visited classrooms, observed students during instructional activities and had opportunities to speak with students, reading coaches, custodians and teachers.

"The two state dignitaries were genuinely impressed with our school facilities and the quality of instruction and classroom management that was apparent as they toured," said a statement from the office.

Mackey and Langham also attended a special-called Cullman City School Board meeting Friday morning.

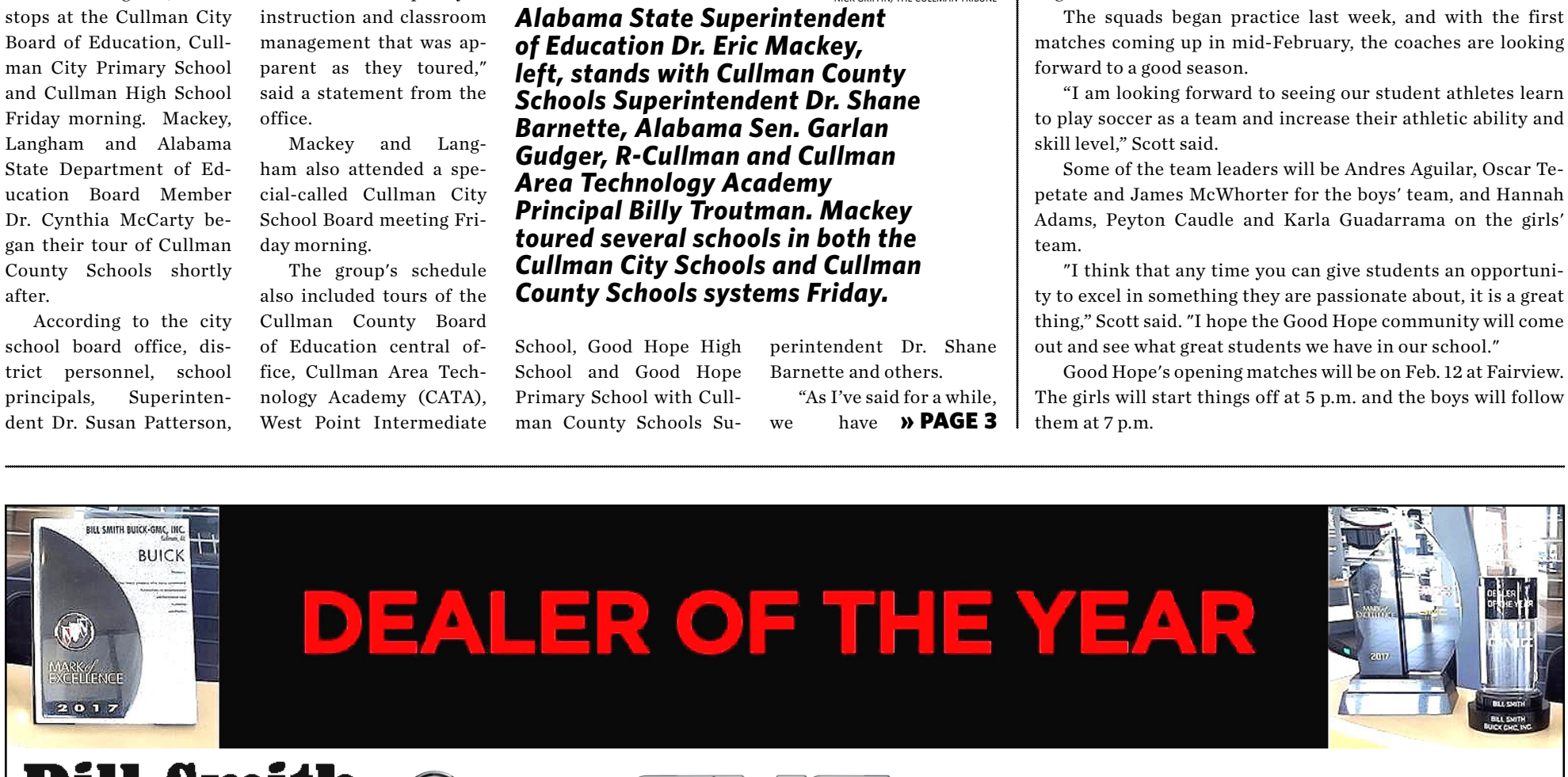
The group's schedule also included tours of the Cullman County Board of Education central office, Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), West Point Intermediate School, Good Hope High School and Good Hope Primary School with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and others.



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*Alabama State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey, left, stands with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, Alabama Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman and Cullman Area Technology Academy Principal Billy Troutman. Mackey toured several schools in both the Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools systems Friday.*

"As I've said for a while, we have » PAGE 3




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# Arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 31-Feb. 1

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**CULLMAN** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**REPORTED ON JAN. 31**

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Jan. 28**

- harassment; County Road 307
- theft of property; County Road 1395
- harassment; Good Hope School Road
- trespassing; County Road 1556
- theft of property; County Road 1725

**Jan. 29**

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; County Road 702
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; County Road 1719, County Road 1742
- harassment; Longbrook Drive NE
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, domestic violence; Johnson Circle
- theft of property, criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; County Road 1139
- possession of drug paraphernalia; County Road 490

**Jan. 30**

- domestic violence; County Road 712
- violation of a protection order; County Road 607
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; New Harmony Road
- theft of property; County Road 1718
- domestic violence; County Road 109
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; County Road 1490
- domestic violence; County Road 627
- domestic violence; County Road 1413
- theft of property; Hwy. 91

**ARRESTS**

**Jan. 28-29**

**Addison, Byron Timothy, 43**

- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- unauthorized use of a vehicle

**Bakely, Curtis Edward, 30**

- second-degree bail jumping- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- second-degree bail jumping- interfering with a domestic violence emergency
- second-degree bail jumping- first-degree unlawful imprisonment
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- interfering with a domestic violence emergency
- FTA- first-degree unlawful imprisonment

**Barnes, Scott Daniel, 33**

- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

**Brizendine, Christopher Neal, 44**

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Bryan, Daniel Jake, 24**

- FTA- no tag/tag not plainly visible
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Bryan, Jeffrey Allen, 32**

- FTA- second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- third-degree forgery (2 counts)

**Campbell, Brett Allen, 19**

- FTA- altered/mutilated driver's license
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Collins, Brenda Diane, 37**

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Eason, Alisa Esteen, 33**

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Faust, Brandon Carl, 37**

- FTA- third-degree theft of property

**Graves, Kevin Dewayne, 32**

- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Green, Anthony Lamont, 51**

- DUI- influence of alcohol

**Hunt, Tabatha Annette, 39**

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Jolly, Gary Lynn, 21**

- second-degree rape

**Lovvorn, Andrea Nicole, 33**

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Moses, Lauren McKenzie, 19**

- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Thursby, Terry Wayne, Jr. 31**

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Turner, Jonathan Paul, 37**

- FTA- DUI

**Williams, Shayla Cheyenne, 24**

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

**Jan. 30**

**Baraglia, Lacy Brook, 29**

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Harris, Onis Stephen Kelly, 27**

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Howton, Amber Deann, 24**

- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Larue, Jessica Lynn, 37**

- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Mann, Daniel Reece, 28**

- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

**Mikel, Stephanie Ann, 32**

- FTA- interference with child custody

**Moore, Ashley Denise, 34**

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

**Rollo, Brandon Dewayne, 35**

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Thornton, Randy Howard, 43**

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Jan. 29**

- harassing communication; person

**Jan. 30**

- theft or property; Five Points Grocery; Rosemont Ave. NW; misc.; $45

**ARRESTS**

**Jan. 30**

**Dover, Andrea L., 34**

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**Webster, Melanie E., 38**

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Smith, Kenneth W. Jr., 42**

- ignition interlock violation
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Trivette, Christopher A., 48**

- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Creel, Patrick S., 43**

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

**REPORTED ON FEB. 1**

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Jan. 31**

None reported

**ARRESTS**

**Jan. 31**

None reported

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Jan. 31**

None reported

**ARRESTS**

**Jan. 31**

**Aaron, Benjamin L., 40**

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Martin, Billy J., 44**

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

**Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title

2006 Volvo S60, Vin. #YV1RS592362521725.

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Ponder's Wrecker Service, 2600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058, on Friday, March 8, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

**Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2003 Cadillac Escalade, Vin. #1GYEC63T63R239097
2001 Pontiac Grand Prix, Vin. #1G2WK52J41F110530
2002 Dodge Ram, Vin. #1D7HU18Z83S114021

These vehicles will be sold on Friday, March 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

**NOTICE**

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD 1614.

WHEREAS, Amy McGriff Cordar, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975), more particularly described as follows:

A proposed vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road No. 1614, that runs through the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama. It being the intent of this description to vacate the entire portion of said County Road No. 1614 from the point of beginning to the ending point, the centerline of said proposed vacation being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found capped corner (LS-11845) marking the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N. 1522525.14', E. 2196290.90' and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds East (Bearing based on AL. State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, Grid) and run along the West line, a distance of 363.06 feet to a point in the center of Cullman County Road No. 1614, same being the point of beginning; thence run along the center of said County Road the following courses:

North 59 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 244.53 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 42 degrees 59 minutes 57 seconds, a radius of 335.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 38 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds East, and a chord length of 245.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 251.41 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 16 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, a distance of 517.54 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 09 degrees 33 minutes 20 seconds, a radius of 1,360.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 12 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds East and a chord length of 226.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 226.81 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 07 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 238.19 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right, having a central angle of 38 degrees 08 minutes 01 seconds, a radius of 280.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 26 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East and a chord length of 182.94 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 186.36 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 45 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 327.48 feet to the ending point.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, shall occur once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, Amy McGriff Cordar, is requesting vacation of the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 1614.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 1614.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is posted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of the Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 1614, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 24th day of January, 2019.

BY: s/ J. Chad Floyd
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## *Feb. 2-4*

**Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting- Saturday, Feb. 2, 7:30 a.m.**
The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge.
7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($10)
8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)
Special guest speakers will attend each meeting.

**Senior Outreach Organization Dinner and Entertainment- Saturday, Feb. 2, 5 p.m.**
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 Ninth St SE, Cullman

**Bingo at the American Legion- Saturday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m.**
Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4.
181 Reid Road
Good Hope, AL 35057

**Cullman City Planning Commission- Monday, Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.**
The Cullman City Planning Commission meets on the first Monday night of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall Auditorium.

**Victory Support Group-Monday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m.**
Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. Meetings are the first Monday of each month 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.

**Baileyton Town Council Meeting- Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.**
Baileyton Town Hall

**Holly Pond Town Council Meeting- Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.**
Guy Hunt Library

**Fairview Town Council Meeting- Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.**
Fairview Town Hall

**92nd Annual Cullman County Spelling Bee-Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.**
The 92nd annual Cullman County Spelling Bee will be held at Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184 at Alabama Highway 157, on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, starting at 7 p.m. Contestants are from grades three through eight in the city and county systems, as well as area private schools, and each has one his or her school's spelling bee. The winner of the county bee will compete at the state level in March 2019.

**Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing**
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing on Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. New Ground will be guest singers. 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.

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

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# Obituary Announcements: Feb. 2 – 9

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**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.

**Alice Mae Young**, of Cullman, passed away peacefully with her sons at her bedside on January 28, 2019 at the age of 85. She was born on February 12, 1933 to Harry and Alta Mae Williams Burpee. She is preceded in death by her husband Ozey D. Young. Funeral services are Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ralph Andrews officiating. Interment will be in Good Hope Cemetery. Survivors are her sons Ozey L. "Butch" (Teresa) Young, Bryan G. (Karen) Young, sister Linda Puhl, brother Richard (Mary) Burpee, grandchildren Jason, Michael and Matthew Young, great grandchild Addy Young. Visitation is Friday beginning at 6 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

**Memorial Service for William Hudson Faulk**, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Grace Episcopal Church, Rev. Robert Blackwell, Rev. Jay Gardner, and Father Bede Marcy O.S.B. will be officiating. There will be a reception following in the church. Will died on Sunday, January 27, 2019. He was born on April 17, 1995, to William and Paige (Hudson) Faulk. He graduated from Saint Bernard Preparatory School in 2013. He attended Birmingham Southern College on an academic and athletic scholarship to run cross country and track. Will transferred to the University of Alabama at Birmingham and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in May 2018. In January 2019, Will began graduate school at UAB, to earn a Masters in Accounting. Will always had an enormous love for the outdoors. He especially enjoyed running and taking his two puppies, Penny Lane and Finly, out to play. But most of all, he loved spending quality time with his family and friends. Will's legacy is lived on through his parents, William and Paige Faulk, his sister, Anna Faulk, his grandparents, Maxie and Mary Hudson, his aunts and uncles, Johnny and Edith Faulk, Michael Faulk, Barry Faulk, Melanie and Eddie Goodwin, Wesley Hudson, and Scott and Ashley Hudson, and his cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Gwendolyn Hudson and Patsy Daniel (Mudder). In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to: Grace Episcopal Church Saint Bernard Preparatory School Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

**Linda Holcombe**, 68, of Dothan, entered into the arms of our Heavenly Father on Thursday, January 31, 2019. She was born January 15, 1951, to Dee F and Ester Montgomery Holcombe. Linda was a child of Christ and was baptized at Redan Baptist Church. She was a member of the Holly Pond Class of '69. At a young age, Ms. Holcombe entered the Army and served our country honorably. We appreciate her service to our country. Linda had a servant heart and volunteered her time and talents often. She delivered meals to those in need and was always helping with community events. Linda was very creative and loved to use her skills to serve others. Ms. Holcombe was a very active Boy Scout mother when her son was a child, and served as a troop leader for his troop. Linda's kindness and love for others was apparent, but she also loved her family. She was a very proud and loving mother and grandmother. Her passing brings sorrow to many. Ms. Holcombe is preceded in death by her parents, Dee F and Ester Holcombe; and a grandchild, Cameron Weaver. She is survived by a son, Russell Weaver; daughter, Cynthia (Jonathan) Grice; three grandchildren, Kaitlyn King, Michael King, Devon Weaver; brothers, Ed (Connie) Holcombe, Monroe (Carole) Holcombe, Dwight (Debra) Holcombe; sisters, Rita Chambers, and Dee Ann (Howard) Uhlman. Graveside services for Ms. Holcombe are 3 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019, Holly Pond Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Holcombe family.

**Harry Edward Lins Jr.**, 87, of Double Springs, entered into rest on January 31, 2019 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mr. Lins was born on April 24, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois. Harry served in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War as Corporal of the 25th Division - 35th Regimental Combat Team and was awarded the United States Army Combat Infantry Badge. He was a member of First United Methodist Double Springs for 20 years and attended Christ's Fellowship Assembly of God many times. Harry was a graduate of Amundsen High School in Chicago, Illinois. He retired as a National Claims Superintendent for the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in Chicago. He was a Little League Baseball Coach in Streamwood, Illinois and President of Streamwood Bowling League. Harry loved Jesus, his wife, his son, and waving at everyone going by his home on Hwy 278. He enjoyed caring for his cats, gardening, taking trips to The Gulf of Mexico and to The Great Smoky Mountains, and watching Chicago Cubs Baseball, Atlanta Braves Baseball, UAB Basketball, Chicago Bears Football, Atlanta Falcons Football, and Alabama Football. The most enjoyable game he watched was in 2016 when the Chicago Cubs Baseball Team won the World Championship. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 12 noon at The Rock Family Worship Center in Double Springs, where services will be held at 12 noon. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Pastor Drew Robbins will officiate. Harry is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Marie Borden Lins; son, Edward Gail Lins; sisters, Gladys Patsy Koral, Jeannie Stawasz; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Edward Lins Sr. and Elsie Leto Lins; sister, Lou Lou Hoover; and father and mother in law, G.O. and Alice Borden.

**Curtis Dalton Brown**, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on January 31, 2019. He was born in Cullman June 18, 1936 to Mollie Ethel Brown. Mr. Brown worked for the Alabama Department of Agriculture for 25 years, along with working during this time as a licensed funeral director for 20 years. He was formerly involved as a deputy for the Cullman County Sherriff's Department, Cullman County Rescue Squad, and Lion's Club of Cullman member. Mr. Brown also served previously as president of the Alabama Sight Organization. His wife of 60 years, Bette Faye Owen Brown; Son, Curtis Dalton Brown, Jr. (Dion); and grandson, John Owen Brown, survives Mr. Brown. His mother, Mollie Ethel Reynolds, preceded him in death. A Celebration of Life service will be Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 11 a.m. in Moss Service Funeral Home's chapel with interment to follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 10 am. until 11 a.m. at Moss Service. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Funeral service for Mr. Ron Lee Cates**, 55, of Arkadelphia will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at Mt. Joy Baptist Church with Reverends Ronnie Johnson and Harce Swann officiating. Interment will follow in the adjoining cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church Saturday evening beginning at 6p.m. and Sunday until service time. Ron died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at his residence after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Kim, Children; Amanda (Cole) Freeman of Brushy Pond and Eli Cates of Arkadelphia. His parents Cecil and Viva Lee Cates of Arkadelphia; brothers Roy Cates and Randy (Amy) Cates of Arkadelphia along with nieces Monica, Sarah and Lucy and a nephew, Zach.

**Funeral services for Alfred (Al) Eugene Stone**, 84, of Cullman will be on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at two o'clock at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Chuck Worley, officiating, with interment in Glenwood Cemetery in Fort Payne, Alabama. Mr. Stone passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Al was born April 23, 1934, in Fort Payne, AL to A. V. "Algie" and Emma Stone. Al worked many years in sales with the Coca Cola Company, out of Atlanta, GA and he ended his career in sales with the National Foundation for the Blind, in Mississippi. Al was a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Cullman. He served as a head usher, but he enjoyed serving communion to the members that were shut-ins at home or nursing facilities, the most. He also served communion at church. He was preceded in death by his parents A. V. "Algie" Stone and Emma; his first wife and mother of his children, Loretta Galloway Stone; a son Al Stone; three brothers, R. E. Stone, Vernon Stone, and Bill Stone; and one sister, Louise Stone Bryant. Survivors include his wife, Polly Spradlin Stone; his daughter Terri (Curtis) Hartin; a grandson, Jeffrey Hartin; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Hartin, all of Houston, TX; and a sister, Doris Stone Padgett, of Atlanta, GA. Pallbearers will be Bill Peinhardt, Doyle Jones, Larry Britton, Gerald Weatherly, Ray Latham, and David Hays. Visitation will be at Moss Service Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m. The family would like to thank the staff from Woodland Village Rehab Center for the wonderful care given to Al. You were so kind and loving, we appreciate all you did to encourage and help him. To the members of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, we thank you for all the many sitter and friends that stayed with Al and Polly. Your prayers and love are very much appreciated. In lieu of flowers, the family request you make a donation to St. Andrews United Methodist Church in memory of Al Stone. A donation would be much appreciated.

**Memorial service for Colleen Alice Garner**, age 66, of Cullman, will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Garner passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at her residence. She was born June 1, 1952, in Esterville, Iowa, to Harold and Bertha Mustard. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Danny Garner; daughter, Jennifer (Mike) Vasquez; sons, John (Tracy) Griffin and Buddy (Kayla) Garner; grandchildren, Kayla Vasquez, Brian Vasquez, Tyler Griffin, and Johnny Vasquez; sister, Connie Reed; and a host of extended family.

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# Mackey (from Front)

some wonderful things going on in Cullman County, as you know and many of people who live here," said Barnette. "A lot of times people from Montgomery and different parts of the state don't have the opportunity to see all the great things going on. So, we've been talking over the last few months, and he (Mackey) wanted to come and bring some of his staff and just see it first-hand."

Barnette continued, "I'm always bragging on our teachers and what they're doing in the classroom. We're winning awards left and right...some of the things our students have made are going to be on the International Space Station (see https://bit.ly/2TsSK0i), so we worked out a time where he could see it first-hand. I think he's been very impressed with what's going on in Cullman County. We're probably one of the less-funded school districts in Alabama, but we're doing more with the money we get, so it's been very exciting."

# Playground (from Front)

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**VINEMONT** – The Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) began planning for a major playground renovation more than two years ago. The current playground is short on equipment accessible for children of all abilities, and on equipment designed to give students a sensory experience. Principal Chris Chambers has planned a project that will make the CDC playground more accessible, and provide a wide spectrum of special needs students with activities geared toward them.

When the project first got underway, Chambers told The Tribune, "We're looking at pieces of equipment that'll be specially designed for kids, but also kids can just enjoy going and playing on, just like they would at any school.

"Some pieces are going to be specially designed to meet different needs, so it's going to be a lot more inclusive. We need the equipment to meet that inclusive part.

"Once we get everything in place, it's going to meet the basic adapted physical education needs, hopefully, and sensory needs of students with severe needs, occupational therapy needs, physical therapy needs and things like that.

"Our goal is to make it a public-use playground in the future. When we get our big project finished one day, it'll be a place where kids can come and have birthday parties, special needs adults can come.

"A lot of places are not accessible; we've got very few pieces of equipment in the county that are accessible, so we're trying to make it accessible for our kids, but also for use in the community as well."

The playground's equipment will be produced and installed by Fort Payne-based GameTime, and is expected to cost $441,100.

The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) and CDC recently began an online campaign through crowdfunding resource LeanStream.

On the campaign page, Chambers explained: "This playground will meet the needs of one hundred fifty six special needs students as well as the surrounding community that lack a space for typical and special needs children to play, receive services, or gather socially.

"The playground will be available for reservations after hours to be used for families with typical or special needs children. A new safe, and accessible play space is needed in our community to serve students with disabilities in Cullman County.

"Our current population is approximately 82,000. Of this number the number of children under the age of 21 with a disability is around 12.1 percent. According to the Alabama State Department of Education and the Individuals with Disabilities Act we have a high prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"Our community has one park that is accessible to children and young adults with disabilities and it belongs to Cullman City Parks & Recreation. We need a space that the community can use for a day at the park, birthday parties or family gatherings. Our current playground is over 18 years old and has not been renovated to meet our growing needs.

"With your help we will be able to use our resources to apply for matching grants, fund phases of the project, or sponsor a particular piece of equipment in one of the five main areas or phases.

"Phase I $118,500, Phase II $146,600, Phase III $68,000, Phase IV $61,000, Phase V $47,000. Each phase or area is designed to address specific needs for children with disabilities, so they are able to enjoy what typical children their age enjoy. The play space will contain optimal layouts for ground level components to foster interaction and socialization among children of ages and abilities. We have collaborated with local businesses and organizations to make this dream become a reality. Stakeholders will be able to select phases or individual parts of the playground they would like to sponsor. Businesses, individuals, and organizations that sponsor any phase or area of the playground will have a marker to recognize their sponsorship."

**Halfway there**

Of the estimated $118,500 cost of Phase I, the CDC is a little more than halfway, at around $60,000. In January, the CDC received $12,000 from the Cullman County Community Development Commission, and Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview helped secure a $35,000 grant from the Alabama State Legislature. According to Chambers, the Town of South Vinemont has agreed to assist with demolition and excavation for Phase I. The rest has come from individual donations from the community. Among contributors have been several of the CDC's own staff.

Said Chambers, "I can't say enough for the faculty and staff here and plus (Superintendent) Dr. (Shane) Barnette and the (Cullman County) Board of Education. They went above and beyond to get this website up and running, and making this a featured need. When you go to (the website), you'll see it says 'featured need.' And Dr. Barnette and our board, along with our CFO, they have done a great job of getting this up and going. Now we've got to promote it and let people see the need we have.

"We just want to make a difference. That's all we want to do. And my goal is to leave it better than I found it."

Current plans have Phase I construction beginning this summer.

**Get involved**

If you are interested in helping out, visit www.leanstreamrp.com/projects/view/355 or contact the CDC at 256-739-0486.

# City school board has 5-year accreditation visit, extends Patterson's contract 3 years

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**CULLMAN** – The Cullman City Schools system has been busy this week with its five-year accreditation visit. The results of that visit were discussed Friday morning in a special-called meeting of the Cullman City School Board. Also at the meeting were Alabama State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey and other Alabama State Department of Education board members, who were in town to tour both City and County schools.

Cullman City Schools' accreditation visit began last Sunday due to the forecast of snow during the week.

The accreditation team was given a presentation by members of the Cullman City School Board and had the opportunity to ask questions.

On Monday, the team visited schools, observed teachers in their classrooms and interviewed 178 teachers, parents and community members.

Although a formal report will be available in 30 days, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson was briefed on highlights and suggestions made to her by the team.

Patterson said, "The team was inspired by the energy of our teachers and impressed with the conduct and behavior of our students.

"They were amazed at the on-task pace teachers and students were in as they visited classrooms."

Patterson shared the "best compliment they gave us" was the team described Cullman City Schools as "real."

She explained, "They said everything we provided as evidence, when they visited the classroom, it was real."

Other highlights included the openness and confidence of the teachers and staff, the great support teachers reported having from the administration, parents and community and the pride throughout the system and community for the schools.

"The team was also complimentary of the school board, describing it as "progressive, knowing their roles and wanting to serve their students."

**The team also suggested a few improvements it would like to see:**

**1.** A formalized program for a one-to-one program for child advocacy.

**2.** A more comprehensive program throughout the system regarding data meetings about improving instruction.

**3.** Continue to work on differentiated instruction for digital learning.

The team's summary read "I commend you and your school system for its commitment to advancing excellence in education through your continuous improvement efforts in the accreditation process."

**Patterson's contract extended**

The board voted unanimously to extend Patterson's contract.

Board President Jason Neal said, "We are pleased to announce that we have extended Dr. Patterson's contract for three more years to May 31, 2022. We are excited for the next three years."

**Personnel considerations**

• Delilah Graves Fox, temporary math teacher at Cullman High School to fill a leave of absence (approximately) Feb. 11-May 24, 2019

The next meeting of the Cullman City School Board will be Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in the central office board room.



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***Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson, left, poses for a photo with Alabama State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey, right, Friday morning in Cullman.***

# 'It's the highest honor for a high school musician in Alabama'

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**CULLMAN** – The Alabama Bandmasters Association held District III tryouts for All-State and District Honor Bands on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Muscle Shoals High School. Many area band students chose to take part in the difficult audition process in hopes of being selected. The auditions were open to middle school and high school musicians.

Cullman High School Band Director Christopher Smith and Assistant Band Director Doug Teuscher spoke with The Tribune to help explain how the auditions are conducted and how the honor bands differ.

Smith explained, "The Alabama Bandmasters Association (ABA) is split into eight districts, which is relevant to state contests, All-State and District Honor Bands. District III includes Cullman, Walker, Winston, Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, Marion, Lamar and Fayette Counties. For All-State these are the counties we compete with, unless, like in the case of our middle school baritone sax.

"They are called unassigned, and because there are fewer bari saxes, they actually combine us with District IV, which is the Birmingham-Shelby County area. So he was actually competing with more counties than our high school kids."

Teuscher added, "Every district has an All-State audition that's super hard. Every student that wants to try out, they have to go against everybody from that district. They pick the top players out of each district and they make a band. People that are the best from every part of Alabama, they get picked. The auditions are at the end of January every year and the concert is in April."

There are four All-State Bands. Three of the bands are high school musicians placed in either red, white or blue bands.

The red band is made up of the highest-scoring student musicians, followed by the white band and then blue. The fourth band is middle school students.

Teuscher points out, "It's harder to do middle school because they take less people."

The same audition is used to determine the All-District Honor Band. More musicians are chosen for this band. Those chosen for All-State also make District Honor Band along with the best musicians that weren't selected for the All-State Bands. According to Teuscher, it is common for those making the All-State Bands to forego their place in the All District Band. This gives students selected as alternates a chance to participate.

The audition process requires each musician to perform all scales, at least two prepared pieces (three for percussion) and demonstrate their sight-reading abilities.

It is a blind audition, so each hopeful student musician performs behind a curtain. The judges are only able to judge by sound and they are not given the names or schools from which the musicians come.

This year, 581 students signed up for All-State tryouts. Of those students, only 109 were selected to participate at the state level. For District Band, 165 were chosen. The tryout itself is difficult, and making it is even tougher.

Teuscher said, "As my band director used to say, 'It's the highest honor for a high school musician in Alabama.'"

**Cullman-Area Students selected for All-State Bands and District Bands**

**All-State Red Band:**

• Gracie Hamby- Meek High School, clarinet

• Branson Daneck-er- Cullman High School, French horn

**All-State White Band:**

• Tori Payne- Meek High School, flute

• Tessa Adkins- Cullman High School, clarinet

• Taylor Gable- Hanceville High School, percussion

**All-State Blue Band:**

• Madeline Murrah- Meek High School, clarinet

• Ally Parris- Meek High School, trombone

**All-State Unassigned:**

• Sara Reeves-Cullman High School, piccolo

• Kellen Drinkard- West Point High School, bassoon

• Sabrina Gaines- Meek High School, bass clarinet

**All-State Middle School**

• Yukino Shichinohe-Cullman Middle School, alto saxophone

• Elijah Putman- Cullman Middle School, baritone saxophone

**Alternates:**

• Xander Williamsen-Hanceville High School, baritone saxophone

• Anastasia Rubley- Meek High School, trumpet

**District Honor Band**

• Holli Hyche- Meek High School, clarinet

• Johnathan Schramm-Hanceville High School, alto saxophone

• Makala Cone- Good Hope High School, trumpet

• Avery Barnett- Cullman High School, trombone

• Aaron Farmer- Meek High School, tuba

• Ryan Griffis- Meek High School, percussion

**District Honor Band Middle School**

• Jacqueline Figueroa-Cold Springs Middle School, clarinet

• Ory Frith- Meek Middle School, alto sax

• Conner Goff- Cullman Middle School, percussion

"Sometimes for random instruments, like Sara (Reeves) on piccolo, when you go to the actual All-State, you have to do a short tryout again and they put you in red, white or blue because they don't know how many they are going to need. So instruments there's not a lot of, like bassoon, if you make it, you have to find out later where you are going to be. It's kind of nerve-racking, but red, white, or blue, they are all prestigious," Teuscher explained.

As for the All-State performances, Smith said, "Our All-State kids, the kids we had make it and all the other schools, will go up to Huntsville this year. They will compete for chair placements within the band that they made. We had one kid make first chair red band for our district, but that doesn't necessarily mean he's going to be first chair red band when he gets to All-State. He's got to compete against all the other red band kids and figure out which actual chair he gets. It's a little convoluted and complicated, but that's essentially what it is."

The All-State Band rehearsals and performance will be in Huntsville this year. Details have not been announced yet, but it will take place in April. The students will rehearse for two full days prior to performing for family, friends and other guests. The bands are conducted by well-known composers and directors. For more information on the upcoming performance, visit www.myamea.org/aba/.





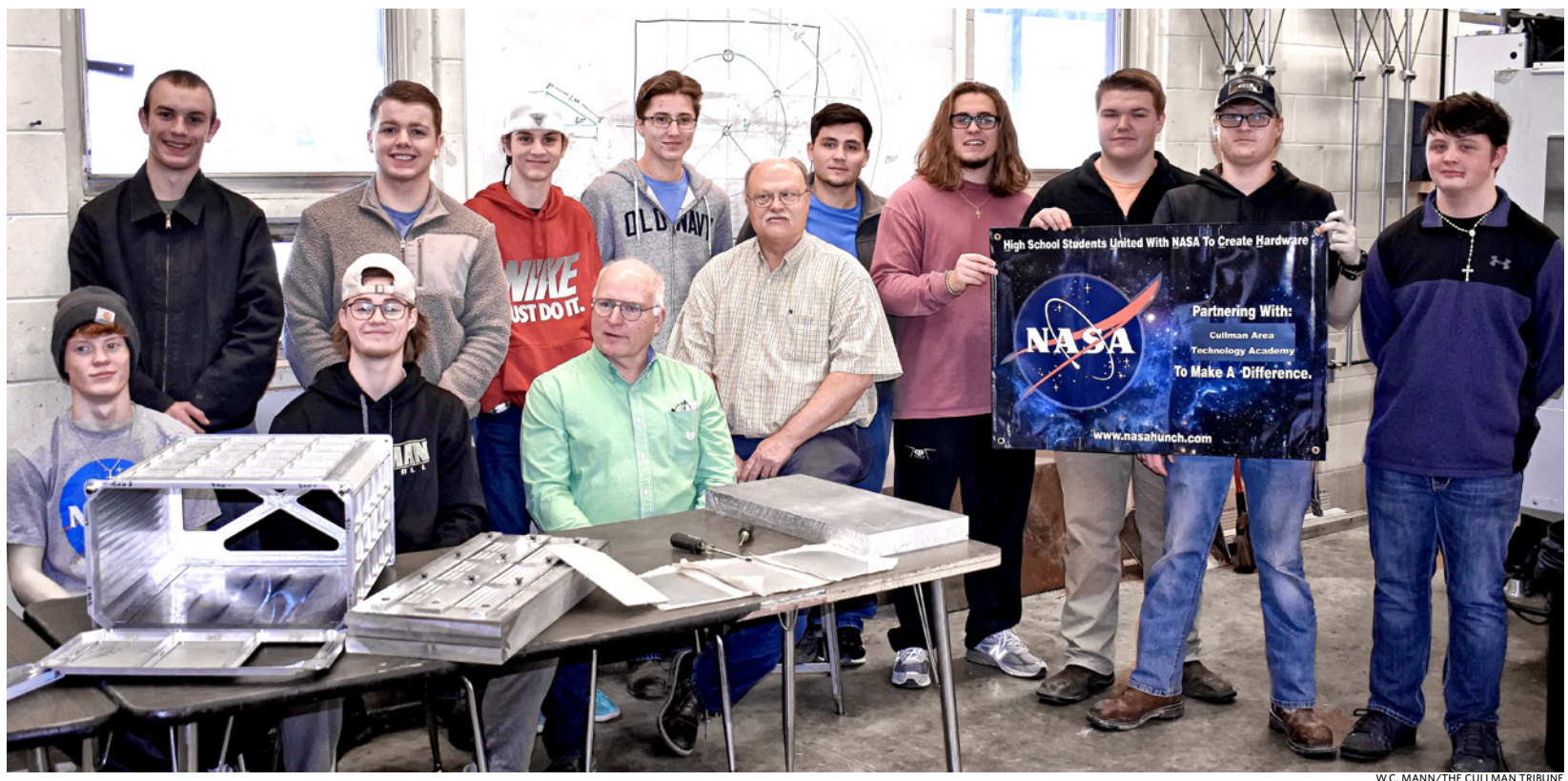







# Cullman Area Technology Academy students manufacturing parts for NASA, International Space Station

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***Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) machining program students and instructors who worked on the International Space Station stowage project as part of NASA's HUNCH program pose for a photo at the school on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019. A stowage compartment, machining form and sample compartment covers are displayed on the table.***

**CULLMAN** – Machining students at the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) on Thursday got to meet with representatives from NASA to see how items manufactured right in the school's machine shop are being used by the space agency to serve crew and mission needs aboard the International Space Station (ISS). The school is participating in NASA's HUNCH program (High Schools United with NASA to Create Hardware), which works with tech schools like CATA across the country to produce components for the space program. CATA is one of approximately 150 schools in 29 states currently participating in the project.

CATA students have manufactured sets of three panels that cover access ports on the doors of stowage lockers that can be used to transport anything from scientific experiments to containers of ice cream up to the ISS.

Multiple access ports allow part of the cargo in the container to be accessed without having to expose all the contents.

CATA students machined and drilled holes in the aluminum panels to tolerances of within five one-thousandths of an inch, a margin of error about the thickness of a sheet of common printing paper.

Representatives showed students a sample container and talked about how their parts are used.

HUNCH Project Manager and ISS Simulation Engineer Bob Zeek said of the components being manufactured in school shops across the country, "We do build them a lot cheaper (than primary government aerospace contractors).

"Technically, we're doing them about 10 cents on the dollar, which is saving NASA money on a flight product, but we're reinvesting the difference of the money into the schools: buying machining, tooling and all that kind of stuff."

Zeek instructed the students to visit the HUNCH website and register for a certificate that they can include on their resumes in the future, saying "You get to put NASA on your resume, now. You did products at Cullman County Tech Academy, built space station parts for our locker . . . So, on your resume, when they see NASA bolded out, somebody's going to read about that; whether you're going to try to get a college education, scholarship money or working for Wal-Mart."

In addition, according to Zeek, the students will get to sign their names on components headed to the ISS.

CATA Principal Billy Troutman told The Tribune, "They're allowing students the opportunity to build precision machining skills, but they're building hardware parts for NASA.

"These are locker doors that'll be in the International Space Station. So that part of it, that's just cool, no matter what.

"Precision machining parts are cool, no matter what anyway, because you're building something that's going to be used. But the fact that they're building stuff for NASA's just really neat.

"And the beauty of it is, they provide--obviously--the material, and they also provide tooling--be it hardware, blades, bits, equipment like that, as well--so it's a win-win for us."

After meeting with the students, Zeek talked to The Tribune about the quality of the components produced at CATA: "I was telling the kids earlier: Boeing used to make these parts, and Boeing still does these parts, but if you put them side by side, you couldn't tell a bit of difference.

"And the fact that the students learn the concepts of material traceability, quality assurance, spec'ing out the parts--not just running them on the machine, but the visual part of it, too, so it's phenomenal. We get very few rejects, because the kids are eager and want to learn, and they want to put their brand on it and say, 'I did that.'"

Students working on the HUNCH ISS component project include Andrew Barnett, Dathan Campbell, John Converse, Brodie Curvin, Ben Doss, Garrett Evans, Zachery Hamilton, Josh Hooper, Ben Keplinger, Kane Kugler, Ethan Monk, Gavin Monk, Jonah Moss, Nash Patterson, Jacob Poe, Caleb Schmale, Caleb Sharpe, Garrett Smith and Shaun Thompson with instructors Tim White and Jack Capps.

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## *"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"*

# BALDWIN COUNTY

The Cullman Tribune is celebrating the Alabama Bicentennial (1819-2019) with statewide field reporting by Alabama Master Gardener/ Botanical Artist Ben Johnson South. This year-long feature, "The 67-County Alabama Garden Party," will spotlight different counties each week. Each county will get its own "quilt block," along with a historical profile, and we'll share a recipe specific to the area. At the end of the year, all 67 counties will be put in a book to commemorate the Bicentennial.

Alabama is "a state within a garden." This is an important and unique distinction from simply being a "garden state" or a "state with gardens." Alabama is, of course, those splendid things, as well, with hundreds of diversely designed gardens from grand to gritty and intellectualized to idiosyncratic throughout our 67 counties.

From our state's very beginning, as if some mastermind, visionary designer guided the imagination of the early settlers and land surveyors, Alabama has been bracketed by the vast, wooded, arboretum garden (trees, shrubs, vines) across our northern border and miles of sand pine, scrub forest and pristine white, sandy seaside garden at our southern border.

Alabama became "a state within a garden," when Baldwin County was drawn as the southernmost border on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1809. This date was when the Alabama Territory legislature established Baldwin County, 10 years before statehood.

Like many youthful adventurers, I was first introduced to Baldwin County on a Rumspringa-like beach trip to Gulf Shores. The only intersections of PLANTS + PEOPLE I foggily remember from that spring weekend are the hyper-sweet, sugarcane rum drinks with pineapple chunks at The Pink Pony Pub, a legendary watering hole whose motto is "We've Been SURVIVING HURRICANES since 1956."

It wasn't until after I'd finished college, worked and traveled to France to study painting and returned that I fully came to appreciate the forested landscapes, the dreamy, watercolor marshes, the Emerald Coast seascapes and especially the sun-filled palette of colors of Baldwin County in my native Alabama, my own backyard.

The artist I'd studied most, whose work I'd aped most, whose life will probably flash before my face before I die, was the French Post-Impressionist, Henri Matisse. In a museum in Paris, I heard a taped recording of Monsieur Matisse explaining he created his juicy range of colors after visiting a market in the old fishing village of Nice, on the famed French Riviera. So, I went to Nice. Hey, it's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it.

After sharing this I'll probably never be hired by the French Tourism Board, but, "Honest Alabamian," the swaying sea oats and gesso white beaches of Baldwin County are even more beautiful than the tres beautiful French Riviera. And, thank heavens, we don't often have the landscape-sullying, wine-bloated, middle-aged nudists they do.

The markets of the Vieux Carre' in "Old Nice" were charming. Seeing and handling the plums and melons and zucchini, I understood how Henri Matisse's Parisian colors had become more sun-infused. I started painting with a similar range.

The following summer, I returned to Baldwin County. I stopped at a u-pick tomato patch near Bay Minette and it was like Dorothy entering Oz. The rows and rows of proud, parrot green plants were pulsing with reds: scarlet, crimson, maroon, carmine, burgundy, cardinal, viridian and cadmium. After eating two and buying 10 more, I drove farther south.

Then, I had my own color epiphany at a farm stand in Foley. The squash was vivid, saffron yellow; the eggplants glowed like amethyst jewels; the okra was rich malachite, the cantaloupes were as orange as, well, oranges; the blueberries were cobalt and indigo. Deep in Alabama, I found the juiciest, most bodacious colors in the world, the sun-blessed palette I'm still captivated by three decades later.

**Here are some other pleasurable examples of how PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in Baldwin County, including a colorful, nutritious, yummy BALDWIN COUNTY GULP SHORES SMOOTHIE recipe:**

• **BALDWIN COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS and FARM STANDS**—Alabama Gulf Coast Farmers' Market (Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores), Coastal Alabama Farmers' Market (Foley), Fairhope Outdoor Farmers' Market (Fairhope), Ordonez Produce Farms (Fairhope), Po Boys Farm (Summerdale), Herb & Pepper Farm (Loxley) for microgreens and heirloom variety peppers

• **BALDWIN COUNTY U-PICK ORCHARDS and GARDENS**—Alan Norden (Silverhill), B.J. Farms (Elberta), Baldwin Blueberries (Loxley), Bee Natural (Fairhope), Broom Bush Farms (Summerdale), F.E. Little (Foley, for mayhaws, figs, blackberries), Gardner's Berry Farm (Robertsdale), Lyrene's Flower Farm (Fairhope), Perdido Vineyards (Perdido)

• **GRAND HOTEL (Point Clear)**—One of the finest examples of Southern hospitality in the world nestled in a breathtakingly gorgeous setting; the ever-elegant hotel was recently revamped for modern efficiency but retained its gracious DNA. Make reservations at the Southern Roots restaurant for imaginative, high-quality, farm-to-table dishes; plant tourists will rave about the deliciousness of locally-sourced and estate-grown ingredients. Also, enjoy the vistas seen through water oaks as you sip a garden-to-glass cocktail in the 1847 Bar. Baldwin County is one of the South's largest growers of pecans, so even the nut dish at The Grand is local and irresistible by the handfuls. (An Alabama art note: Get ready to be dazzled by The Grand's astonishing, multi-media artworks by international artist, Nall, an Alabama native based in Baldwin County, www.artistnall.com.)

• **BALDWIN COUNTY PARKS**—May Day Park (Daphne) for Spanish Moss dripping from majestic, old oaks; Bay Minette Bicentennial Park, 367 acres, 19th century, Alabama wooden church; Fairhoper's Community Park, great music festivals and impromptu guitar strumming; Blakeley State Park (Spanish Fort) historic Civil War park highlights a battle there after General Lee surrendered at Appomattox (Alabamians are tenacious); Meaher State Park (Mobile Bay) perfect for campers; Beulah Community Park (middle of Baldwin County forested area)- go sit under a tree and lose your yourself in peaceful nature; Gulf State Park (Gulf Shores) 6,500 acres; highlights for plant enthusiasts include the Nature Center, a living museum with a focus on environmental preservation of plants and wildlife, and the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail, 25 miles of biking, walking, plant-gawking pleasure.

• **BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**—Each year, 50,000 tourists, including many returning "snowbirds," visit this sanctuary for native plants and wildlife; environmentally-protected areas include scrub forest, boardwalk marshes, beaches and sand dunes; of particular interest to plant tourists is the conservation of endangered flora like Gulf sea oats.

• **BALDWIN COUNTY FOOD FESTIVALS**—There are many to savor, so please don't drool on your laptop as you read about them at www.GulfShores.com; Kay Maghan, a delightful and knowledgeable ambassador at Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism (1-800-745-SAND) shared a long roster of lip-smacking foodie fests and I made particular note of The Wharf Uncorked (Orange Beach), pairing wines and local dishes, usually held in September, and ocean-facing Hangout Oyster Cookoff and Craft Beer Festival (Gulf Shores) the first weekend in November.

• **FORT BOWYER/ FORT MORGAN (head west from Gulf Shores)**—Fort Bowyer, a fan-shaped fortress, was built in 1813 of local logs from this Piney Woods region and packed with native sand; in 1834 the masonry, pentagon-shaped Fort Morgan was erected on this battle site.

• **BEST PERSPECTIVE FOR A LANDSCAPE ARTIST/PHOTOGRAPHER**—Sunset at Weeks Bay Bog and Kurt G. Wintermeyer Nature Trail (Foley) suggested by Stephanie Crowe at Page & Palette Bookstore (Fairhope), a third-generation shop serving locals and tourists for 50 years; check the outstanding gardening and cookbook sections, also Baldwin County authors Winston Groom, Sonny Brewer and writer/ plant explorer, Fred Nation. While you're in Page & Palette, sip some Mobile, Alabama-roasted Carpe Diem coffee and enjoy made-from-scratch carrot cake from Punta Clara Kitchen (Point Clear).

• **FAIRHOPE CITY BEAUTIFICATION**—Recognized as one of "THE BEST ART TOWNS IN AMERICA," Fairhope delights all the senses; note the generously planted and lovingly maintained planters and window boxes punctuating the downtown; experience the childlike joy of the giant, hand-painted murals; savor some imaginative and tasty street food as you listen to live music in the impressively landscaped parks and shaded courtyards. There are many pleasurable pairings of PLANTS + PEOPLE in this lovely, hospitable, Alabama town

• **PLANTING AN IDEA**—The author of "Forrest Gump," Winston Groom, has lived in Baldwin County for many years. Everybody loves his line, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." How about teaching kids and reminding some adults that chocolate comes from a plant? Procure, plant and protect a chocolate-making cacao tree in Baldwin County? There's a long-standing and tall-standing, 30-foot high, cacao tree in the Birmingham Botanical Garden four hours north and it's one of the favorites on any BBG tour. Sub-tropical Baldwin County can grow a grand "chocolate tree" with Forrest Gump positivity. Maybe some of those delightful cafes and restaurants in the county could sell hot chocolate and chocolate ice cream to raise the funds for this plant purchase.

**Y'ALL COME** to Baldwin County on your "67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY" tour through this "state within a garden."

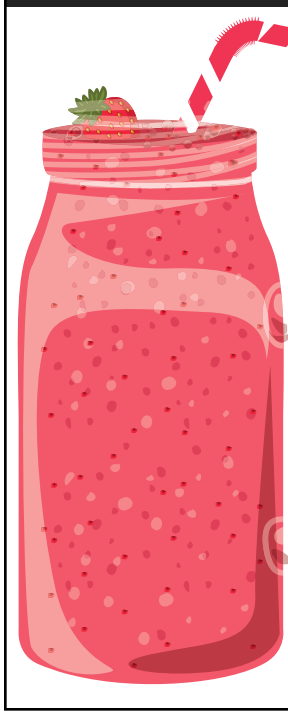
For more information on PLANTS + PEOPLE in Baldwin County go to the website for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System: http://offices.aces.edu/Baldwin.




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

## *BALDWIN COUNTY GULP SHORES SMOOTHIE*

*A colorful, healthy, easy, beach-going treat with local berries and honey. There are even more blenders in Gulf Shores than bathing suits. Osterizer and Cuisinart should have stores here.*



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups skim milk (refrigerated)
- 1 tbsp. local honey
- 1 ½ cups Baldwin County berries (strawberries, blueberries, blackberries)
- ¾ cup vanilla Greek yogurt (refrigerated)
- 2 tbsp. Alabama peanut butter
- Plunk all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into two glasses. Garnish with a few fresh berries. Kick back and enjoy!

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## FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

# Second in Line

**Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.**
Tribune Contributor



Most of the folks who know me, know that I'm not bashful when it comes to eating. I really enjoy those all-day dinners with singing on the grounds.

The singing doesn't appeal to me all that much, but those all-day dinners can't be beat.

Other dinners that are very good are church fellowship meals and family reunions.

These are the type dinners that tend to make some people put on a few extra pounds.

I have a very good friend that is my cousin-in-law. His wife and my wife are first cousins so I guess that would make Warren and me cousins-in-law.

Now, Warren loves to eat as much as I do.

Somehow he has the knack for being first in the serving line.

He enjoys every bite of food that he eats.

It amazes me that he can stay as slim as he does knowing the size meals he puts away.

Warren has the same philosophy about eating that I do.

Don't ever hurt a cook's feelings, always eat some of everything that is brought.

Warren is a fine fellow. He is always laughing, talking and making folks enjoy being around him.

He also has the ability to say a beautiful blessing and is called on many times to give thanks for the meal.

Occasionally he will sidle up to me and say, "If you will say the blessing, I will let you be second in line."

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## BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# We had central heat and air back then too – kind of

**Bill King**
Tribune Contributor



What we have experienced over the past few days is what Mama would have called "A cold snap." I think she called it that because everything was so cold that whatever we picked up might "snap" in two!

Our house didn't have gutters, so when it rained, water ran off everywhere. In freezing weather, this created icicles that hung from the edges of our roof.

I loved to break off those frozen sticks of ice. I tried eating them, but they didn't have much flavor.

Had it been in the middle of the long hot summer, they might have tasted great regardless, but by summertime they were long gone.

Mama believed they weren't clean and if I ate them I might catch some dreaded deadly disease and die before the sun came up.

My buddy Ronald and I had sword fights with the bigger icicles. They didn't hold up well and easily "snapped" into pieces, but it was fun as long as they lasted. We older folks tend to say things like what I'm about to say, but it really did seem like winters were colder back then.

Honestly, it may not have actually been colder, it may have seemed so because of the house I grew up in. Our old house was so cold in winter that our cats and dogs preferred to sleep outside!

We had our own version of central heat and air back then. The heat was a large coal burning heater in the center of the house.

The air was a big window fan that pulled air through the house in summer. That fan created a wind tunnel that sucked Uncle Lonzo's rug right off the top of his head once.

When Mama heard him fuming and fussing, she went back there and was almost scared to death when she saw his hair clinging to the grill on that fan.

She thought ole Smokey, her favorite long haired cat, was about to be sucked inside!

Our coal heater was called a Warm Morning. I don't know why, because I don't remember any of the mornings being warm.

We could fill that thing to the brim with coal before turning in for the night, but not a single ember survived until morning. Emerging from under those warm quilts on those frigid frosty mornings was a feat of fortitude.

That heater didn't send much heat back to the bedrooms before the coals burned out, but by morning the glass of water on my nightstand was ice water.

I managed to stay cozy under those fourteen handmade quilts, but I feared that once I moved out from under then I might flash freeze. Whoever froze first, I mean rose first, built the morning fire. Then we stood by the heater warming it until it finally warmed us.

Warming by a coal heater was like making toast in an oven; you could only toast one side at a time!

I guess those nights are why I still can't sleep in a hot house.

I turn the thermostat down before heading to bed and still enjoy feeling the weight of a quilt on me. I don't want the house quite as cold as back in those days, but I do sleep better with a little nip in the air.

Those were good old days, but they were also good old cold days. In August, I am thankful for air-conditioning, and in January, for central heat. I'm also thankful that I don't have to bring in a scuttle full of coal each evening and build a new fire every morning.

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# Tribune Files from Yesteryear

**From The Files Of 1958**

**Garden City News**

Dora Speegle, of Birmingham, spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Sinyard and attended church at Prospect on Sunday.

Mrs. Dilmon Rushing and children visited Mrs. A.L. Rushing and Mrs. Darrinda Rushing on Saturday afternoon. A.L. Rushing is installing a pump, in his well and running water into his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Bailey, of Huntsville, were weekend visitors of her parents, the Weaver Sinyards.

Effie Mae Sanford visited Sandra Rushing on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rayburn Guthery and Mrs. Homer Alvis have recently been employed at King Pharr Cannery.Mrs. David Couch and children left on Sunday night for Detroit, Michigan, to join her husband, who is employed there. Her mother, Mrs. Effie Rushing, made the trip with her.

**Two Are Injured**

Two Cullman men were taken to Cullman Hospital, early on Sunday, after the automobile in which they were riding went out of control, left the road and overturned.

They, Thomas Henry, 39, of Route Three, Cullman and Harold D. Self, 19, of Cullman, had multiple bruises, as well as back and head injuries.

Neither was injured seriously. The 1950 Buick, driven by Self, was a total loss.

**Walter News**

Elder and Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Henderson, of Winfield and Mrs. Harris and Kennith, of Jasper were the Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton and Rex. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burnham, Jenell and Cindy, of East Point spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. B.T. Burnham and Clarence Nuss.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sutton, of Detroit, Michigan are here due to the illness of his father, C.R. Sutton. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gable had a long distance phone call on Monday morning from their daughter, Mrs. Claude Bice, who is with her husband, Sergeant Bice, in Guam.

**Kelley Boys Meet**

The first 4-H meeting of the Kelley Boy's 4-H Club was held on September 15th.

Officers elected were president, Wilmer Perry; vice-president, Gary Lindsey; secretary, Frankie Brown; reporter, Joe Kampis and song leaders, Bobby McGriff and Harold Driver.

**From The Files Of 1918**

Miss Lucile Kraft left on Saturday for Lebanon, Illinois, where she will be a student at McKendree College.

Among those who have gone to Tulsa, Oklahoma to attend the Confederate Veterans' reunion are Reverend J.H. Harbison, James A. Harbison, Mrs. S.J. Griffin, Mrs. J.C. Norwood and Maurice Norwood. Marion Robertson has returned from a trip to Washington, D.C.

S.W. Ponder, of Route Eight, Cullman, was taken to Birmingham on Sunday for an appendicitis operation.

Joseph Veigl has sent a "letter of welcome to the British Isles, signed by King George of England" to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Veigl, of Route Five, Cullman, to keep for him. Joseph landed in England, enroute to France.

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**ESTATE SALE OF JOHN AND PEGGY WHITLOCK**

**5920 County Road 813, Cullman, Alabama**

**February 1st-3rd, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Lots of furniture, linens, kitchen ware, tools, power tools, washer and dryer, garden items, pair of twin beds, queen size beds, Christmas, and lots more. The home and shed are full.

**Go to estatesales.net for more information and photos!**

**Estate Sales by Sheila**

**Notice Of Self Storage Sale**

Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th St., Cullman, AL 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupants who are in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 2/12/2019 at 10:15 a.m. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Lori McKinney, **unit #31,** 2820 County Road 702, Lot 12, Hanceville, AL 35077.

This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMA COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** *
**RUFUS HORACE CULPEPPER,** * **CASE NO.: PC2019-020**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to NEAL HORACE CULPEPPER and TIMOTHY PERRY CULPEPPER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of RUFUS HORACE CULPEPPER, deceased, on the 31st day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 31st day of January, 2019.

Personal Representative:
**NEAL HORACE CULPEPPER**
**TIMOTHY PERRY CULPEPPER**

Attorney for Personal Representative:
**TIMOTHY CULPEPPER**
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TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

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

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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**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

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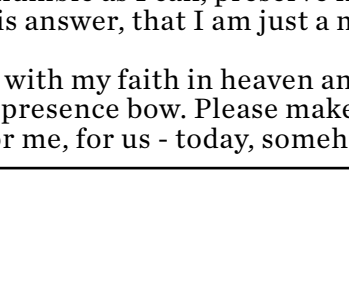
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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

# Poet's Corner

## *I Pray*

**By: Randy C. Hale**



ALBRECHT DURER

***Painting by Albrecht Durer 1471-1528 Northern Renaissance***

I Pray for one's safety, one's anxiety.
For one a better job, for one
the tears they sob.

I pray for one's body,
to become whole again.
I pray for my church, my world, my friends.

And bless the little babies who from
the day of birth, shall have so many
struggles to face upon this earth.

And all the beasts both great
and small who live a simple quest.
May mankind find the mercy,
and give them peace and rest.

For me I pray repentance,
for mercy and your grace.
I pray for divine guidance
in this messed up world, I face.

I pray for all these things
as humble as I can, preserve in me
this answer, that I am just a man.

So with my faith in heaven and in
your presence bow. Please make a way
for me, for us - today, somehow.

# Judge inspires with story of Veterans Treatment Court

**Gail Crutchfield**
WSCC

**HANCEVILLE** - After hearing the hour-long 911 call involving a young man who had previously appeared in her courtroom on DUI charges and returned this time in a domestic violence case, Baldwin County District Judge Michelle Thomason vowed to do something to help others in his situation. The young man was a veteran who had served his country and in doing so was left with unseen scars that altered his life in he was ill equipped to deal with.

"But you don't understand what I've been through," said Thomason, repeating what the young man told the deputy talking to the man during the situation. This man had been a sniper and recounted actions he had to take to take to protect the lives of the soldiers with whom he served. Stepping back into civilian life after those experiences was extremely difficult and led to the behavior that found him in front of Judge Thomason.

With no choice in that particular case but to follow the letter of the law, Judge Thomason said she found the man guilty of the charges against him, but placed him on parole and encouraged him to seek help, adding she would find out what she could do to help him and others in his situation.

That led to the implementation of the Baldwin County Veterans Treatment Court. Thomason said found two similar programs in Shelby and St. Claire counties and a program in New York where she attended a conference to learn about their system.

Thomason recounted this story Thursday, Jan. 31, to dozens of Wallace State Community College students, faculty and staff, explaining how that young man was the catalyst for a program that has now helped more than 200 veterans in Baldwin County since February 2014.

Participants enter the program voluntarily, committing to at least one year during which they agree to treatments prescribed by an "non-adversarial" team comprised of counselors, therapist, prosecuting and defense attorneys and law enforcement officials.

"Everybody is working toward one goal, and that is to benefit the participant in our program," Thomason said.

Many of the participants in the program are facing charges of domestic violence, DUI, or drug charges and whose situation can be traced back to issues resulting from their service, such as PTSD, physical injuries and mental health issues.

"We evaluate these veterans and if we see they have an issue connected to their service, that is connected to their crime, we will bring them into this program," Thomason said. After successfully completing the program, their charges are dismissed.

"We've had great success," Thomason said, adding nationwide that such courts have a 92 to 93 percent success rate. Each participant is paired with a veteran who volunteers to serve as a mentor, a factor to which Thomason attributes to the success of the program.

"This is someone who knows what that participant has been through, and most of all they are trained do one thing, and that is to let that veteran know that I've got your back," Thomason said. "I'm going to be here every step of the way to get you through this whole ordeal."

Efforts are underway to establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Cullman County and Thomason encouraged the audience to contact their local lawmakers in support of the program. She also encouraged them to reach out to their state and national legislators to do the same throughout the state and nation and to support veterans as they transition from active service. "They need to find a way to do better in helping our veterans reintegrate into civilian life," Judge Thomason said.

Completing the story she started about the young man, Thomason said the next time she saw him was several months later in divorce court.

She asked him how he was doing and at this point he was homeless and unable to work and still struggling with undiagnosed PTSD.

A man in the back row of the courtroom then raised his hand and asked to approach the bench.

That man was a counselor specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder waiting on another case to be called. He volunteered to provide his services to the young man.

"I called the young man up and introduced them and said, 'What do you think?' and he said, 'I think he would be an angel sent from heaven if he's offering to help me,'" she recounted.



GAIL CRUTCHFIELD/WSCC

***Baldwin County District Judge Michelle Thomason spoke Thursday at Wallace State Community College about the success of the Veterans Treatment Court she started in 2014.***

A few months later the man and his ex-wife were back in court where he was limited to supervised visitation with his children. "I thought it was just hopeless; I hoped not, I prayed not," she said.

Several years later, after she'd started the Veterans Treatment Court, that man and his ex-wife were back in her court. This time it was to reinstate all of his parental rights.

The counseling he'd received was a struggle at first, he told her, but after a while with the support he was able to turn his life around and now had a full-time job with insurance.

She then told him about the Veterans Treatment Court and how his case was catalyst for its beginning.

"Because of you, I've had my hand on over 200 veterans who needed help like you and was able to offer that help to them," she told him.

"That young man had to do it the hard way, but he did it," Thomason said. The goal of Veterans Court, she added, is to make it a little easier.

"At least as easy as we can make it for these veterans to get the help they need, but more than anything else, the help they deserve. To give them the tools to put them back in a place of honor in their community that they deserve to be in."

