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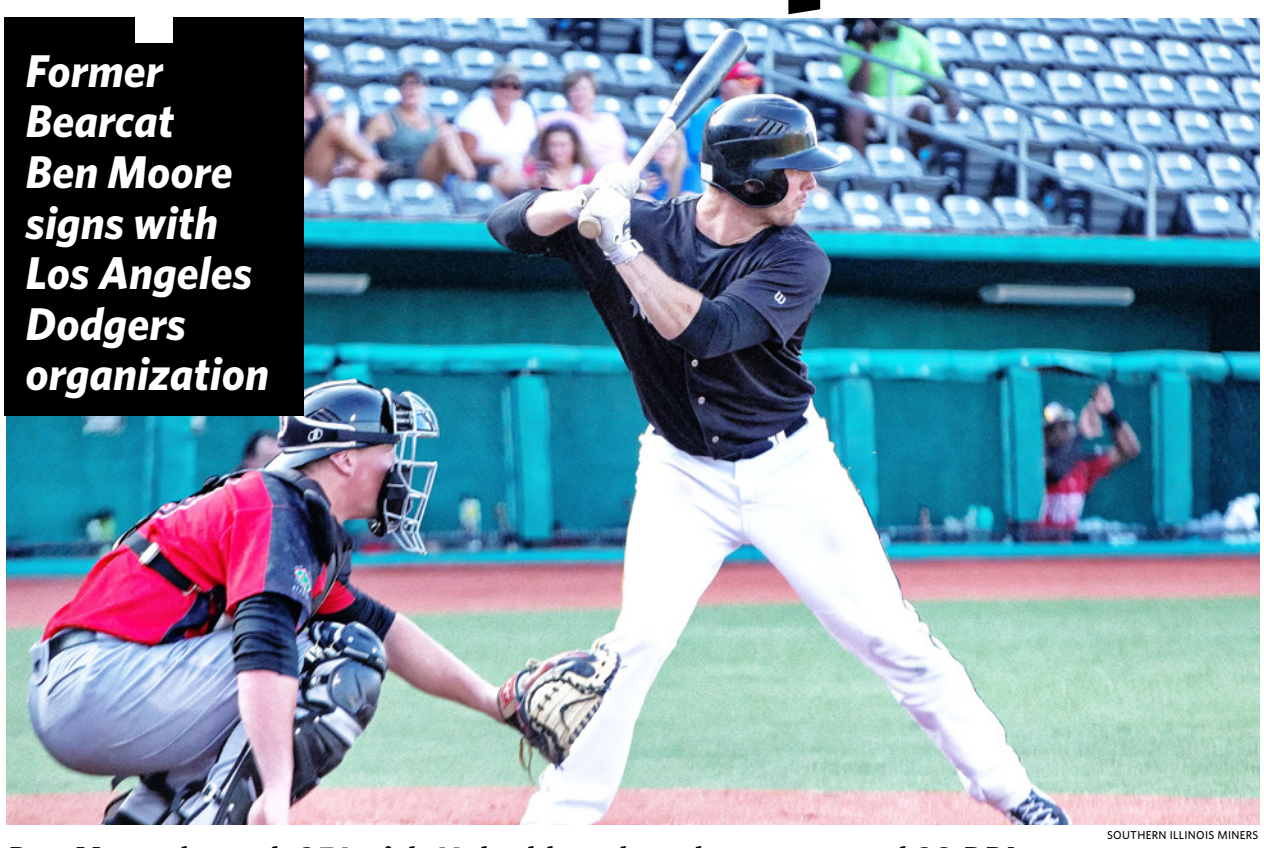
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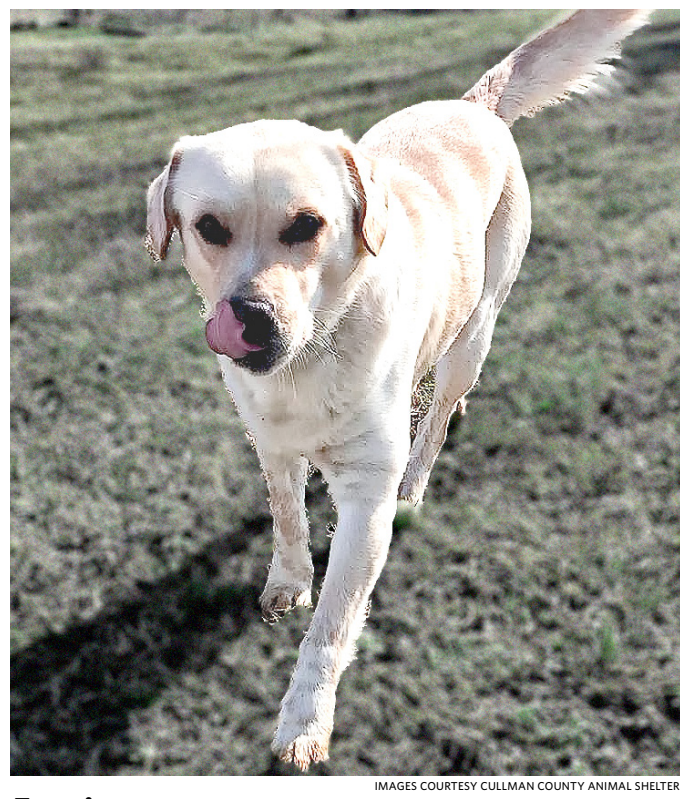
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS

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***Fonzie***

PET OF THE WEEK

## Fonzie looking for a cool friend

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**CULLMAN** – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Fonzie is a yellow lab mix, a laid-back, low-medium energy pet whom Ruttkay describes as having "the pleasing demeanor of a country gentleman." He is not noisy, and barks very little. He enjoys spending time outdoors and is quite comfortable on a leash. Fonzie has all the makings of a good companion, comfort, therapy or hiking dog.

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.

Fonzie's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neuter, 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 pass 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.



## Bremen man charged in arson, burglaries, assault of law enforcement officers

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**PROSPECT/MT. JOY** – A Bremen man has been charged with multiple offenses stemming from an event Friday night in the Prospect/Mt. Joy area in which he allegedly set fire to two homes, burglarized properties and assaulted multiple law enforcement officers.

According to a statement from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Matthew Eli Aaron, 36, has been charged with second-degree arson, two counts of second-degree assault, third-degree burglary and resisting arrest. The CCSO said there will be additional charges added.

Authorities received a call from a local fire department that a field was on fire at the intersection of County Road 8 and County Road 35 Friday evening. When firefighters responded, a man, later identified as Aaron, refused to allow them to extinguish the fire. Aaron also allegedly threatened several firefighters. The CCSO said Aaron left the field by the time deputies arrived. He allegedly threatened several residents who came to assist the firefighters.

A search for Aaron ensued, upon which CCSO deputies discovered that he allegedly burglarized and broke into several homes in the area of County Road 8 and County Road 35.

"As deputies were speaking with one homeowner that just had their home damaged by Mr. Aaron, they noticed fire and smoke coming from another residence nearby," said the statement from the CCSO. "Deputies quickly arrived and saw the house was indeed on fire. Deputies then made entry into the home to make sure no one (was) inside the residence."

Deputies located Aaron as they made their way to the back side of the residence, said the CCSO, which said Aaron was inside a screened-in porch.

"After quickly coming into contact with the deputies, Mr. Aaron discarded the firearm he had in his possession and he did not follow any other lawful orders and began to assault the deputies and investigators," said the statement. "After several minutes of resisting arrest and assaulting the deputies, Mr. Aaron was handcuffed and placed in the back of a patrol car and transported to the Cullman County Detention Center (CCDC)."

Aaron allegedly resisted law enforcement further upon arrival at the detention center, where he allegedly attempted to assault CCSO deputies, detention deputies and Cullman Police officers.

"I am very thankful for the deputies (and) detention deputies, as well as the CPD officers and many firefighters who assisted in the arrest of this suspect and also help(ed) get him detained once he arrived here at the detention center. I have also spoken to District Attorney Wilson Blaylock about this incident, and his office and the sheriff's office will do everything we can for the victims and citizens in the Prospect/Mt. Joy area," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I'm proud of the relentless effort by our deputies and assistance from community members in Mr. Aaron's apprehension."

Aaron is currently being treated at Cullman Regional for drug-related issues and smoke inhalation. He is being held without bond. Charges are pending in other jurisdictions relating to these cases.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

***Undated booking photo of Matthew Eli Aaron***



# Arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 11

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

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Feb. 7**

- permitting dogs to run at large; County Road 700
- burglary; County Road 497
- criminal mischief; County Road 86
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; County Road 374
- theft of property; County Road 1408
- theft of property; County Road 1059
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; County Road 715
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana; County Road 747/ County Road 703

**Feb. 8**

- burglary; County Road 8
- arson, burglary, resisting arrest, assault, criminal mischief; County Road 8
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; County Road 1509
- domestic violence; Hays Dr.
- domestic violence; County Road 87
- burglary; Beech Grove Rd.
- theft of property; County Road 1237
- trespassing; County Road 831
- harassment; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, using a false identity; County Road 747
- burglary; County Road 704
- harassment; County Road 728
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Welcome Rd.
- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle; County Road 219
- possession of drug paraphernalia; County Road 426

**Feb. 9**

- theft of property; County Road 1807
- allowing dogs to run at large; County Road 616
- burglary; County Road 1606
- criminal mischief; County Road 143
- harassment; County Road 1447
- theft of property; County Road 109
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- burglary; Hwy. 157

**Feb. 10**

- illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; County Road 1194
- trespassing, criminal mischief; County Road 421
- domestic violence; County Road 715
- criminal mischief; County Road 1375
- possession of drug paraphernalia; County Road 715
- trespassing; 3rd Ave. SW Hanceville

**ARRESTS**

**Feb. 7**

**Baird, Brandon Lee, 28**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence, second-degree criminal mischief

**Butts, Christopher Trey, 23**
- judge's order- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

**Buxton, Kimberly Ann, 38**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Carroll, Savannah Michelle, 31**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Crump, Alan Wayne, 65**
- FTA- switched tag

**Hitt, Patrick Shane, 31**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Holland, Glennon Wynn Jr., 36**
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief

**Holt, Tammy Witcher, 51**
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Hyde, Piper Lashae, 21**
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Jones, Jimmie Don Jr., 54**
- FTA- driving without a license

**Rice, Adrin Clint, 44**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Rowland, John Eugene, 36**
- second-degree assault
- third-degree escape
- obstructing government operations
- resisting arrest

**Stansell, Tori Montana, 18**
- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

**Sticklin, Ashley Jane, 36**
- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

**Terwilliger, Hope Elizabeth, 27**
- FTA- DUI

**Thorne, Eugene Ray Jr. 59**
- writ of arrest- child support

**Waldrop, Ricky Jason, 36**
- third-degree forgery
- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card
- third-degree theft of property

**Feb. 8-10**

**Aaron, Matthew Eli, 36**
- second-degree arson
- second-degree assault (2 counts)
- third-degree burglary
- resisting arrest

**Allred, Terry Dewayne, 41**
- probation violation- second-degree theft of lost property

**Bennefield, Nicolas Jackson, 19**
- third-degree arson
- second-degree criminal trespassing

**Cofield, Jason Daniel, 41**
- FTA- DUI

**Cray, Shane Robert, 32**
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)
- FTA- harassment
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (5 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

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

**Drinkard, Gregory Delane, 45**
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

**Hardiman, Casey Michelle, 35**
- FTA- failure to file/pay sales tax (2 counts)

**Henry, Brittany Miranda, 30**
- first-degree attempted theft

**Kilpatrick, Justin Kenneth, 31**
- third-degree criminal trespassing

**Kitchens, Hunter Andrew, 23**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Langford, Senica Victoria, 46**
- DUI- influence of alcohol

**Logan, Angela Denise, 34**
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

**Melton, Ashley Nicole, 21**
- GJ- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card

**Mikel, John T., 33**
- FTA- third-degree burglary (2 counts)
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

**Murphy, James Ray Jr., 50**
- first-degree attempted theft
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- writ of arrest- child support

**Parker, Joseph Michael Jr., 35**
- third-degree receiving stolen property

**Price, Jacky Ray, 48**
- FTA- obstruction/using false ID
- FTA- public intoxication

**Shipp, Dennis Earl, 58**
- second-degree criminal mischief

**Silva, David Salvador, 21**
- third-degree burglary
- first-degree theft of property

**Sivley, Joseph Bradley, 35**
- carrying a pistol without a license
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree receiving stolen property
- trafficking illegal drugs
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Stewart, Mary Elizabeth, 33**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Stillwell, Angela Beth Reed, 30**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- trafficking illegal drugs
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Sturgeon, Anthony Mark, 23**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Sturgeon, Mark Allen, 46**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Tucker, Terrell Ernest, 62**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Turner, Timothy Joseph, 55**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Twilley, Jonathan Wayne, 38**
- first-degree theft of property

**Vasquez-Gabriel, Fransisco, 23**
- USMS illegal entry offense

**Watts, Annmarie, 32**
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

**Whaley, Amber Nicole, 33**
- harassing communications

**Wilkins, Toby Adam, 45**
- carrying a pistol without a license
- obstruction/using false ID
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Wisener, Phillip Michael, 41**
- first-degree attempted theft

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Feb. 8**

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Logan St. SW; wallet and contents
- fourth-degree theft of property; TriGreen Equipment; tag
- theft of lost property; person; purse and contents
- fourth-degree theft of property; Catoma Package; County Road 1435; alcohol; $90

**Feb. 9**

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; generator; $297
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mat; Hwy. 157; medication
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Logan St. SW; damaged door; $50
- second-degree theft of property, fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; wallet and contents
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Hickory Ave. SW

**ARRESTS**

**Feb. 8-11**

**Stover, Tevin O., 26**
- FTA- violation of protection order

**Isbell, Matthew A., 35**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Busby, Joseph A., 35**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Abbott, Jade T., 25**
- DUI

**Waldrep, Marlon H., 31**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Southeard, Thomas C., 33**
- DUI

**Paradise, Kevin L., 33**
- third-degree domestic violence
- public intoxication

**Tankersley, Jeffrey D., 35**
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Vandergrift, Nicholas G., 26**
- third-degree domestic violence

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR
## *Feb. 12-13*

**Cullman County Commission Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
The Cullman County Commission meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. in the commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse.

**Lunch at VFW Post 2214- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Dr. SW

**TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
- Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
- Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Contact- Candy Wachter 256-338-1272
- Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

**12th Annual Chocolate Extravaganza- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
Alabama Beta Delta Teachers' Sorority presents the 12th Annual Chocolate Extravaganza on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 4-6p.m. in the St. Paul's Lutheran School auditorium. For a $5 donation, get a 20 piece box of homemade chocolates. No eat-in event this year; only take-outs available. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund to benefit a student who is pursuing a career in education. For more info contact Linda Walker at 256 347-0755 or Myrna Hermetz at hermetz@bellsouth.net.

**Vinemont Town Council Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
The Vinemont Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall.

**Colony Town Council Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall.

**Cullman County Republican Women Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 12**
The Cullman County Republican Women meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We will be serving casseroles and dessert. The guest speaker will be Cullman County District Attorney Wilson Blaylock. The meeting is open to the public. We welcome everyone.
- Place: Cullman VFW Post 2214
- 112 Veterans Drive SW
- Time: 6 p.m.

**Yoga at the Library- Wednesday, Feb. 13**
Bring your own mat, strap and block. These items are optional.
- Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cullman County Public Library
- 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055

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Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman. Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 4, 2019.

For more information, please contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431 or kholmes@cullmanswcd.com.

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# Authors Waters, Dyar, Maranise sign books at St. Bernard

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**CULLMAN** – On Saturday, the Ave Maria Grotto gift shop and bookstore welcomed three authors with Cullman connections who came to introduce and sign copies of their new books.

Br. Benedict Dyar is a member of the Order of St. Benedict and a monk of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman.

He wrote the Christian fantasy "The Flame of Telbyrin," about which he said, "I wrote it about two years ago. It took me about eight months to write the story, and it took about a year to publish it. And it was a joy to write, really was; (it) has great characters, I think. (I'm) really pleased with the work. I hope it really brings light and life to the readers. I think we're living in a day and age where a lot fiction is kind of dark and all that kind of thing, and I hope that this story really brings out some light and joy in the readers."

Anthony Maranise is a doctoral scholar at Creighton University and a Benedictine Oblate at St. Bernard Abbey. A childhood leukemia survivor, he wrote "Cross of a Different Kind" as a way of understanding and responding to cancer from a spiritual point of view.

Maranise told The Tribune, "'Cross of a Different Kind' is, more or less, a work of spiritual theology from a Judeo-Christian perspective, and it contains a tiny bit of my own personal story, which was my own confrontation with childhood leukemia. I was treated and cured at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. My remission has been going on for 20 years, will be 21 this April. And what I wanted to do with this fifth book of mine was to take my expertise in academic spiritual theology and merge it with an experience that I know affects countless persons throughout the country and throughout the world, and that is the confrontation with cancer.

"And what made our book unique here is that most books that address the intersection of spirituality and the cancer confrontation do so from only one perspective. And what we did in this book was we have three parts in one book, because the sad reality is that persons who encounter or experience a brush with cancer rarely do so only once. For example, if someone is a cancer survivor, they likely lost loved ones to it, or friends that they met throughout the journey to it. Sometimes, and this is a reality that even still frightens me to this day, cancers can come back, or you can develop subsequent ones because of some of the chemo drugs that may be used, or the radiation that may be used."




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***Authors (left to right) Michael Waters, Br. Benedict Dyar and Anthony Maranise pose for a photo at the Ave Maria Grotto on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019.***

Maranise's book was written in three sections, setting forth a "grief spirituality" for those who have lost loved ones to cancer, a "perseverance spirituality" for those currently battling cancer and a "survival spirituality" for cancer survivors.

Michael Waters is a Rhodes Scholar and a partner in Jones Walker LLP in Birmingham. He was also a childhood resident of Cullman, and wrote the autobiographical "Departure Points" to recount some of the stories from that period of his life.

Waters shared, "The book is autobiographical essays about growing up, to a large extent in Cullman. And I was the son of a very devout Catholic mother and a very devout Baptist father; my dad was a radio announcer here in Cullman, at WFMH. The first story, what really prompted me to write it, is my dad was a disabled veteran, a paraplegic from the Korean War, but he drove his own car with hand controls, and was very independent.

"The first story I wrote was really about him, but there are stories about my grandparents and some stories into early adulthood, including a brief story when I was legal advisor to Gov. Fob James in his first term, which was the late seventies, 1979-1980. That's where the biographical essays end. But the bulk of them are about growing up in Cullman."

The book's characters include Big Jim Folsom, whom Waters knew through a stint in a high school rock band with Jim Jr., and Waters' uncle Vic Geisler, who is a member of the Alabama Auto Racing Hall of Fame in Talladega.

All three books are available at the Ave Maria Grotto gift shop, with proceeds benefiting St. Bernard Abbey. "The Flame of Telbyrin" and "Cross of a Different Kind" are also available from Amazon. Online sales of "Cross of a Different Kind" benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Moore (from Front)

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**CULLMAN** – Former Cullman Bearcats great Ben Moore is heading out west. Moore got the call from the Los Angeles Dodgers earlier this month that he would be heading to Arizona for spring training before landing at the Dodgers' Triple-A affiliate in Oklahoma City in April.

Moore wasn't expected this new opportunity to come his way and talked about his interactions with the Dodgers and his independent league manager, Mike Pinto, in the leadup to his signing.

"A couple of weeks ago I got a text message from my independent ball manager asking me to call him, so I reached out to him and he told me that he had been in contact with someone in the Dodgers organization that asked him about me.

"At that point that was all I really knew, and he said he'd get back in touch with me.

"A few days went by and I didn't hear anything so I kind of brushed it under the rug and didn't think much about it until last Sunday night when I got a call from my independent ball manager," Moore said.

"He had just gotten off the phone again with the catching coordinator for the Dodgers and they had talked for some time about me and what they were looking for.

"He told me that they should get in contact with me in the next day or so, and that following Monday I got a text from the assistant farm director of the Dodgers, so I called him, and he offered me a spot to come play."

After suffering a knee injury while playing for the Southern Illinois Miners last season, Moore believed his playing days were over and he prepared to take on a new role as a graduate assistant with the baseball team at the University of Alabama, where he played in college.

Moore's not sure exactly how often he'll be in the lineup; he is just excited to extend his playing career with a great organization.

"The official role is going to be as a backup catcher, and I don't know how much playing is going to be involved with that, but just the opportunity to get back into affiliated ball and go to Triple-A and be part of the Dodgers organization was too good to pass up," Moore said.

"I was playing independent ball last year and I tore my ACL and decided that it was time to move on and start a new chapter, so I came back here to school and to help out with the baseball team, but I guess God had other plans."

Moore spent two years playing in Marion, Illinois for the Southern Illinois Miners, batting .251 with 11 doubles, three home runs and 28 RBIs in his 101 games as the Miners' starting catcher.

In his time in Marion, Moore was also honored with the annual Frontier League's annual Fran Riordan Award.

The award recognizes a league player who exhibits outstanding citizenship in the community.

Moore said he enjoyed his time with the Miners and forged relationships with people that will always mean a lot to him.

"Marion is a small-town kind of like Cullman, so it was pretty easy to fit in and feel comfortable there. The baseball team is a big part of Marion.

"The whole town loves it and we get a lot of people at our games so as far as independent baseball goes. I'm willing to bet that Southern Illinois is one of the best places in the country," Moore shared.

"They take care of us; we've got great facilities and I was extremely lucky to get to play there.

"In the last two years I got to know a great group of people, from the coaching staff to the front office and my teammates. I made relationships with guys that I still keep in touch with today and I'm sure I will for a long time."

This past week has been an exciting one for Moore. After deciding to hang it up and start a new chapter after baseball, this new opportunity has made him as excited to play as ever before.

"Going from a place where I decided to be done and walk away and then (to) have this opportunity come up, it's definitely a gift and my perspective is definitely different this time around.

"The first time it was about playing well so I could make it, and now I'm really just happy to be there," Moore smiled.

"(I) just want to enjoy my time there, and if I play, I play, and if I don't, I don't, but I'm just going to enjoy this opportunity no matter what happens and have fun with it.

"It's kind of a no-pressure situation, I've got nothing to lose and I'm just on borrowed time I guess," he joked.

Moore heads out to Arizona for spring training this week to kick off his career with the Dodgers, and he believes this will be an invaluable experience for him regardless of how much he is on the field.

"I'll go to spring training out in Arizona for a few weeks until that first week of April and then we'll break camp and go to our affiliates.

"The Triple-A affiliate for the Dodgers is in Oklahoma City, and I'll be honest, I haven't heard much about Oklahoma City yet, but I heard they do pack out the stadium so that'll be fun," Moore said.

"I'll be in a back-up catcher role catching bullpens, helping out and working closely with the catching and pitching staffs.

"It'll be good experience on the playing end, but I'll also be around people who know the game at that high level, and the impact that could have for me going forward whether it's in coaching or baseball, who knows.

"Just everything about this opportunity, I feel like is setting me up for success going forward in whatever I decide to do."

# Cullman Regional hosting heart disease seminar Feb. 21

**Mary Beth Sellers**
Cullman Regional

**CULLLMAN** – In celebration of American Heart Month, Cullman Regional will host a heart disease community seminar on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cardiologists from the Cullman Regional Cardiology Clinic will be on hand to discuss prevention, treatment and management of heart disease and also answer questions.

The seminar will be held in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 Alabama Highway 157 East). The cost of this lunch and learn program is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others. To reserve a spot, register online at www.cullmanregional.com or call 256-735-5600.

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**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILMAN LEE FLACK, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Bobby G. Burks and Bettie Joyce Horton on the 1st day of February, 2019 by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Bobby G. Burks and Bettie Joyce Horton
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
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# Cullman seniors dance the night away

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**CULLMAN** – The Link of Cullman County is the place to be on a Saturday night for those over 50 and looking to have some fun. The Senior Outreach Organization (SOO) meets on the first, second and third Saturday of each month at The Link. (The SOO is not affiliated with The Link; 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. The events also include a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

SOO founder Jamie Brown wanted to give the seniors in the Cullman area a place to not only get a hot meal, but also meet old friends, make new friends, dance and have some fun.

Jack Shields, who volunteers and helps sponsor the dinners, said, "It's a great place for seniors to go with no smoking or alcohol. It doesn't matter if you have $2 or a million, if you are over 50, come join us."

Area businesses donate much of the food served. This past Saturday, the seniors were served barbecue chicken, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, fried okra and cornbread along with drinks, snacks and a marvelous table of homemade desserts. After everyone was full, it was time for dancing.

The Junction Band plays mostly hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. They play everything from classic country to good ole rock-and-roll.

This group loves to dance and if you aren't the best dancer, don't worry, they are fantastic instructors.

With Valentine's Day just a few days away, at Saturday's event, Brown gave a special valentine's sweetheart box to the couple married the longest, Tommy and Wilda Kohlenberg, who have been married 61 years.

The secret to a successful marriage, according to Tommy Kohlenberg, is "telling each other you love them every day.

"Make sure you show each other that you love and appreciate them. We kid each other a lot to and laugh together."

Wilda Kohlenberg added, "Don't fuss and never go to bed without saying I love you."

Becky Browder loves the Saturday night dinner and dance. She was there with several friends and spoke about all the fun she has through the SOO and the Donald E. Green Senior Center.

Said Browder, "We just went on a day trip the other day on the bus.

"We went to all the thrift stores, shopped and had a ball.

"We have trips to Wetumpka and we have a trip coming up to the Smoky Mountains. We really have a great time."

Shields hopes more people and businesses will step up to help sponsor the Saturday senior events, sharing, "The Golden Corral, Busy Bee, Jim 'N Nick's, Cracker Barrel, Logan's and a few others have helped up with food and we really appreciate them.

"I hope other businesses will get involved to help us pay for other expenses."

SOO is a nonprofit organization. Find out more at www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2019/01/08/community-carol-jamie-brown-senior-outreach-organization.



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***Wilda and Tommy Kohlenberg were honored Saturday night for being the "longest-married" couple in attendance at the Senior Outreach Organization. The Kohlenbergs have been married 61 years.***




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PREP CHEERLEADING

# Bearcats make history with 4th place finish at 2019 National High School Cheerleading Championship

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**ORLANDO** – It was a busy weekend for the Cullman Bearcat Cheer Team. The team traveled to Disney World in Orlando, Florida for this year's UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship and captured fourth place in the national finals Sunday morning after advancing straight through the national semi-finals with its performance in Friday's prelims. The Bearcats made school history over the weekend with their fourth-place finish at nationals and by becoming the first Game Day team from Cullman to advance to the semifinals.

It took Bearcats Head Coach Erica Ball a couple of minutes to break down the entire record-setting weekend for her team after it put together such an impressive showing on the big stage.

"I brought 22 cheerleaders with me and this was Cullman High School's first year to compete in the Game Day division, and that was with all 22 girls on the mat. They did phenomenally well in prelims and advanced to the semifinals, and that was the first time they've ever done that, so we are super proud of that accomplishment," Ball said. "Our traditional Small Varsity team competed in prelims on Friday evening; there are 12 of those girls, and they had a stellar performance and they advanced straight to the finals. There were over 100 teams; only six advanced straight to finals and Cullman High School was one of them."

After the Bearcats' standout routine on Friday, they made their way directly to the national stage on Sunday morning. Ball said there were some nerves during prep time, but when the lights came on, the team showed up once again.

"Today (Sunday) we competed in the finals and they had some jitters heading out onto that warm-up mat, but they got back there and just really pulled it together as a team," Ball said. "Our energy was just super great toda; everyone was in great spirits and they took that same energy from the warm-up mat onto the floor and they killed it."

Coach Ball largely credited her coaching staff for helping this year's team get to this point, but they also noticed that this group of girls was special from the start.

"My coaching staff, Josh and Lacy Stancil, who are the owners of Victory Cheer Academy here in town and Stacie Owen, my junior varsity coach, I absolutely could not do it without that crew. This is not a one-man show by any means," Ball said. "We said right from the beginning after tryouts that this team was special. There was just a chemistry that we hadn't seen before and this team is special, they've been special the whole time."

Ball and her team had high expectations this year and set their sights very high, but even she was blown away by the way this team performed all season.

"We set some goals at the beginning of the year. We wanted to be super regional champs and we got that, we wanted to win state again and we did, we wanted to advance to semifinals in Game Day and they did that, and we wanted to be in the top 10 in the nation and they blew that out of the water by placing fourth," Ball said.

"That's the highest finish in Cullman High School Cheer's history. We saw that chemistry from the beginning. I've been coaching seven years and this team has just been a family from the get-go. They were just a super special team."

With just a few seniors graduating in May, the Bearcats are set up to collect more hardware next season and Coach Ball has already noticed the girls setting their sights on new goals.

"We're losing three seniors, so I expect we're going to have an even stronger team next year because this really catapults us. The girls are super hungry," Ball said. "Today they immediately started talking about their goals for next year. We're going to have a huge senior class next year, and they're already talking about their goals for nationals next year and we're ready to go for it. Something like this just makes the team that much hungrier and more excited for a win."

**2019 CULLMAN BEARCAT CHEER TEAM**

**Seniors**
- Emily Little
- Megan Flynt
- Kennedy Witcher

**Juniors**
- Ashton Story
- Emily Klair Brown
- Ellie Jones
- Sydney Ratliff
- Sophie Harrison
- Karli McGehee
- Lauren Sumrall
- Elizabeth Baughn
- Autumn Calvert

**Sophomores**
- Averi Wallace
- Katelyn Kress
- Bailey Battles
- Lilly Rutherford

**Freshmen**
- Adyson Bauer
- Krislyn Scroggins
- Chloe Echols
- Maddie Baughn
- Carlie Fuller
- Zoe Vincent

ARCHERY

# 3 local squads take home top honors at Guntersville Classic

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**GUNTERSVILLE** – Several local archery squads competed at this year's Guntersville Classic on Friday, and three of them brought home first place in their divisions. West Point High School (3,274), Vinemont Middle (3,316) and Vinemont Elementary (3,056) were those top finishers, but there were plenty of outstanding individual performances as well. Vinemont's Jayden Friedrich placed first in the elementary division after posting a 269, Cullman's Will Bolzle took the top spot in the middle school division with a 288 and West Point's Carter Duke took home first place amongst the high schoolers with a 284.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS BY SCHOOL**

*Top 12 finishers contribute to team's total score*

**Vinemont Elementary – 3,056 (1st place)**
- Jayden Friedrich: 269 and 12 10s – 1st place elementary girls
- Emily Coats: 267 and 7 10s – 2nd place elementary girls
- Tucker Robinson: 265 and 8 10s – 1st place elementary boys
- Savannah Pack: 255 and 8 10s – 6th place elementary girls
- Cheston Wilhite: 254 and 7 10s – 4th place elementary boys
- Jagger Lee: 253 and 6 10s – 5th place elementary boys
- Jeffrey Pressnell: 251 and 6 10s – 6th place elementary boys
- Clairebeth Johnson: 250 and 2 10s – 8th place elementary girls
- Riley Bramley: 249 and 9 10s – 9th place elementary girls
- Joshua Rhodes: 248 and 6 10s – 7th place elementary boys
- Andrew Landreth: 248 and 2 10s – 8th place elementary boys
- Colbi Kilpatrick: 247 and 11 10s – 9th place elementary boys

**East Elementary – 3,000 (2nd place)**
- Easton Walker: 262 and 7 10s – 2nd place elementary boys
- Aubrey Corry: 260 and 8 10s – 3rd place elementary girls
- Carson Defoe: 258 and 5 10s – 3rd place elementary boys
- Maddie Seidel: 257 and 8 10s – 4th place elementary girls
- Emmaline Powell: 256 and 7 10s – 5th place elementary girls
- Camp Smith: 247 and 6 10s – 11th place elementary boys
- Audrey Sears: 247 and 4 10s – 10th place elementary girls
- Carson Stancil: 247 and 4 10s – 12th place elementary boys
- Denise Contreas: 244 and 3 10s – 13th place elementary girls
- Karli Jo Ballenger: 241 and 7 10s – 15th place elementary girls
- Keyonna Puckett: 241 and 4 10s – 16th place elementary girls
- Brooklyn Walker: 240 and 6 10s – 17th place elementary girls

**Welti Elementary – 1,921 (4th place)**
- Silas Reynolds: 242 and 3 10s – 13th place elementary boys
- Sarabeth Jackson: 216 and 1 ten – 31st place elementary girls
- Dane Mauldin: 208 and 2 10s – 37th place elementary boys
- Ryan Miller: 207 and 4 10s – 38th place elementary boys
- Kaylee Burgess: 179 and 2 10s – 48th place elementary girls
- Riggs Fulmer: 166 and 4 10s – 59th place elementary boys
- Carriebeth Bohannon: 142 – 58th place elementary girls
- Jordan Pierce: 141 – 65th place elementary boys
- Devin White: 130 and 1 ten – 67th place elementary boys
- Morgan Bartlett: 124 – 62nd place elementary girls
- Kaitlyn O'Rear: 101 – 66th place elementary girls
- Abigail Brady: 65 – 74th place elementary girls

**Sacred Heart Elementary – 1,694 (6th place)**
- Nic Fallin: 235 and 4 10s – 23rd place elementary boys
- Arriana Rossie: 202 and 1 ten – 37th place elementary girls
- Katie Chamblee: 183 – 45th place elementary girls
- Lillie Toomey: 179 and 1 ten – 49th place elementary girls
- Sarah Woods: 175 and 2 10s – 51st place elementary girls
- Danny Garcia: 143 and 1 ten – 64th place elementary boys
- Maria Garcia: 137 and 1 ten – 61st place elementary girls
- Emma Osborne: 114 – 63rd place elementary girls
- Sarah Cumbie: 111 and 2 10s - 64th place elementary girls
- Sophia Lambert: 103 – 65th place elementary girls
- Daniel Pichardo: 84 – 73rd place elementary boys
- Philomena Gaudet: 73rd place elementary girls

**Vinemont Middle School – 3,316 (1st place)**
- Savannah Mann: 287 and 18 10s – 1st place middle school girls
- Vance Powell: 283 and 16 10s – 2nd place middle school boys
- Alexis Sartin: 282 and 15 10s – 4th place middle school girls
- Bella Gingrich: 278 and 13 10s – 6th place middle school girls
- Dawson Wilhite: 277 and 11 10s – 3rd place middle school boys
- Erin Anderson: 276 and 13 10s – 7th place middle school girls
- Ayden Thomason: 276 and 12 10s – 4th place middle school boys
- Ashton Kelley: 273 and 11 10s – 8th place middle school girls
- Rylan McRae: 271 and 14 10s – 6th place middle school boys
- Trinity Sartin: 271 and 12 10s – 9th place middle school girls
- Symon Joiner: 271 and 11 10s – 8th place middle school boys
- Sydney Ramey: 271 and 11 10s – 11th place middle school girls

**Cullman Middle School – 3,284 (2nd place)**
- Will Bolzle: 288 and 19 10s – 1st place middle school boys
- Ayla White: 285 and 21 10s – 2nd place middle school girls
- Briana Willoughby: 283 and 15 10s – 3rd place middle school girls
- Ava Ray: 282 and 15 10s – 4th place middle school girls
- Evan Dockery: 273 and 12 10s – 5th place middle school boys
- Jack Yeager: 271 and 13 10s – 7th place middle school boys
- Maddie Lindsey: 271 and 12 10s – 10th place middle school girls
- Ava Flores: 271 and 10 10s – 12th place middle school girls
- Cole Carden: 270 and 9 10s – 9th place middle school boys
- Hayden Scott: 268 and 9 10s – 10th place middle school boys
- Emma Thompson: 262 and 7 10s – 15th place middle school girls
- Julian Skinner: 260 and 7 10s – 13th place middle school boys

**Sacred Heart Middle – 2,213 (5th place)**
- Abigail McBride: 230 and 3 10s – 38th place middle school girls
- Lesly Garcia: 228 – 40th place middle school girls
- Madilyn Kerber: 225 and 1 ten – 43rd place middle school girls
- Kambelle Gentry: 201 and 1 ten – 49th place middle school girls
- Dulce Diaz: 196 and 1 ten – 50th place middle school girls
- Jose Arteaga: 192 and 1 ten – 44th place middle school boys
- Joey Shadowens: 185 and 3 10s – 48th place middle school boys
- Aubrey Hastings: 185 – 55th place middle school girls
- Ashlynn McMurray: 172 and 1 ten – 59th place middle school girls
- MaKenzie Cruce: 168 and 1 ten – 60th place middle school girls
- David Zatarain: 122 – 65th place middle school boys
- Leo Crabb: 109 – 66th place middle school boys

**West Point High School – 3,274 (1st place)**
- Carter Duke: 284 and 20 10s – 1st place high school boys
- Ronnie Gentry: 279 and 15 10s – 2nd place high school girls
- Skyler Rittenberry: 279 and 15 10s – 3rd place high school girls
- Shay Sellers: 277 and 12 10s – 7th place high school girls
- Matthew Dunagan: 275 and 14 10s – 7th place high school boys
- Sarah Hudson: 275 and 13 10s – 9th place high school girls
- Emma Tucker-Hillman: 274 and 10 10s – 10th place high school girls
- Lauren Taylor: 271 and 11 10s – 13th place high school girls
- Mallory Campbell: 270 and 9 10s – 15th place high school girls
- Cameron Haynes: 267 and 8 10s – 15th place high school boys
- Zoe Mattox: 266 and 11 10s – 16th place high school girls
- Kaitlynn Gable: 264 and 8 10s – 17th place high school girls

**Cullman High School – 3,211 (2nd place)**
- Kilie Cosper: 281 and 15 10s – 1st place high school girls
- Sarah Kate Dockery: 279 and 13 10s – 4th place high school girls
- Abby Gragg: 279 and 11 10s – 5th place high school girls
- Claude Thomas: 278 and 13 10s – 4th place high school boys
- Samantha Johnson: 276 and 10 10s – 8th place high school girls
- Jackson Miner: 272 and 12 10s – 10th place high school boys
- Austin Russell: 269 and 11 10s – 12th place high school boys
- Cody James: 269 and 8 10s – 14th place high school boys
- Drake Speakman: 259 and 8 10s – 19th place high school boys
- Jackson Llewellyn: 255 and 3 10s – 23rd place high school girls
- Warren Kelley: 251 and 3 10s – 28th place high school boys
- Joseph Ruse: 243 and 3 10s – 33rd place high school boys

**Vinemont High School – 3,195 (3rd place)**
- Chandler Reese: 283 and 15 10s – 2nd place high school boys
- Sydney Rutherford: 278 and 14 10s – 6th place high school girls
- Ryan Isbell: 277 and 13 10s – 5th place high school boys
- Josh Gillott: 275 and 8 10s – 8th place high school boys
- Jarrett Friedrich: 273 and 13 10s – 9th place high school boys
- Gabby Conde: 272 and 12 10s – 12th place high school girls
- Preston Williams: 271 and 7 10s – 11th place high school boys
- Maria Whatley: 261 and 4 10s – 18th place high school girls
- Mackenzie Lawrence: 258 and 6 10s – 21st place high school girls
- Jordan Terry: 253 and 3 10s – 26th place high school boys
- Cadan Welch: 248 and 5 10s – 29th place high school boys
- Kix Johnson: 246 and 5 10s – 31st place high school boys

PREP BASKETBALL

# Area tournament recap

**Sammy Confer**
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**Class 1A, Area 13 Boys**
- St. Bernard 32, Falkville 24
- Meek 49, Lynn 35
- Decatur Heritage 79, St. Bernard (10-12) 39
- Decatur Heritage 84, Meek 31
- Meek's next opponent: @ Pickens County

**Class 1A, Area 13 Girls**
- Lynn 37, St. Bernard (4-18) 32
- Falkville 40, Meek (12-14) 35

**Class 2A, Area 12 Boys**
- Cold Springs 51, West End 27
- Cold Springs 60, Southeastern 49
- Cold Springs's next opponent: v. Sumiton Christian

**Class 2A, Area 12 Girls**
- Cold Springs 87, Southeastern 37
- Cold Springs 92, Cleveland 36
- Cold Springs' next opponent: v. Vincent

**Class 2A, Area 13 Boys**
- Red Bay 75, Addison (4-15) 27

**Class 2A, Area 13 Girls**
- Addison 53, Winston County 38
- Red Bay 41, Addison 40

Addison's next opponent: @ Hatton

**Class 3A, Area 12 Boys**
- Hanceville 73, Susan Moore 49
- J.B. Pennington 61, Hanceville 58
- Hanceville's next game: @ Midfield

**Class 3A, Area 12 Girls**
- Glencoe 59, Hanceville (13-11) 43

**Class 3A, Area 13 Boys**
- Holly Pond 74, Vinemont (5-23) 57
- Holly Pond 69, New Hope 48
- Holly Pond's next game: v. Lamar County

**Class 3A, Area 13 Girls**
- Holly Pond 50, Vinemont (4-24) 41
- Holly Pond 42, New Hope 30
- Holly Pond's next opponent: v. Carbon Hill

**Class 4A, Area 12 Boys**
- Good Hope 62, Fairview (8-15) 57
- Oneonta 63, Good Hope 60
- Good Hope's next opponent: @ D.A.R.

**Class 4A, Area 12 Girls**
- Fairview 72, Good Hope (5-18) 45
- Oneonta 40, Fairview 37
- Fairview's next opponent: @ North Jackson

**Class 5A, Area 14 Boys**
- Russellville 71, West Point (12-17) 66

**Class 5A, Area 14 Girls**
- West Point 58, Russellville 33
- West Point 88, Hamilton 40
- West Point's next opponent: v. East Limestone

**Class 6A, Area 14 Boys**
- Decatur 50, Cullman (18-12) 40

**Class 6A, Area 14 Girls**
- Cullman 68, Decatur 50
- Hartselle 71, Cullman 58
- Cullman's next opponent: @ Muscle Shoals

# Community with Carol: Becky Goff with United Way of Cullman County, Part 2

**Carol Berry**
Tribune Columnist

I did not have a new guest this week on Community with Carol. I wanted another week to focus on the United Way of Cullman County. I could have spent a whole month writing articles and doing videos on the Cullman United Way and new director Becky Goff.

Becky wanted to devote this article and video to volunteering, the Stamp Out Hunger Fundraiser and 211. I did a short video this fall on 211 after a guest, Katie Loyd, mentioned what a great resource it was.

I had no idea 211 was a United Way-funded endeavor.

Here is the basic idea: If you need information you can dial 211 and tell them your area code and they will assist you.

I gave it a try. In my case I spoke to a homeless person at Wal-Mart and called to see where the nearest shelter was. The operator asked for my area code and was very helpful.

Noticing all the resources were outside of a 50-mile radius, the operator asked other questions and gave us information that might be of help.

I was impressed with how quick the process was and how friendly and helpful the person was on the phone.

After talking with Becky, I learned this service can be used for a number of things! The card she gave me says, "Dial 211 to find hope and connect to help."

**HERE ARE SOME THINGS 211 CAN ASSIST WITH**

**BASIC HUMAN NEEDS**
food, clothing, shelter and other basic needs

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childcare, after-school programs, family resource centers, mentoring, tutoring and protective services

**HELP DURING A CRISIS**
emergency shelter, food distribution centers, state and federal assistance, volunteer opportunity, grief counseling, clean-up crews, potable water, ice or food and emergency financial assistance

All this information can be found by using the 211 service and giving them your area code.

If you are a local nonprofit, church, daycare or counseling service I encourage you to get your organization in the United Way directory.

You do not have to be a partner with the United Way to be included.

Cullman is full of resources that are not in the directory. Your organization can apply by calling 211.

Becky and I spoke briefly about the upcoming fundraisers for the United Way. United Way's Young Professionals Board is hosting its third annual crawfish boil on April 27 at Goat Island Brewing. The National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be on May 11.



BRITTANY HOWELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***Becky Goff, left, and Carol Berry, right***

Residents can leave non-perishable food items in or around their mailboxes for their mail carriers to pick up; United Way will distribute the food to local food pantries.

All the food collected will stay in Cullman County. Be looking for the postcard that your carrier will leave as a reminder.

The United Way has so much going on it is hard to get everything in print.

I encourage you to look at the organization's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/uwaycc.org) or website (www.uwaycc.org).

Becky also encourages individuals to stop by and see her in person. You can reach Becky at 256-739-2948 or go by and see her at 304 First Ave. NE in Cullman (the Old Train Depot).

**OPINION**

# Always Reforming: Loyalty

**Tom Fillinger**
Tribune Columnist

This is the fourth in a series of five. The average pastoral tenure is three-and-a-half to four years.

True loyalty is developed over time and is tested by a variety of circumstances.

How loyal are you and how loyal are those you consider trusted friends?

It is often stated that most men have no, none, not one true friend. True, but tragic.

The basis for loyalty is a circle of friends and fellow servants in which transparency and vulnerability abound.

Transparency is my willingness to acknowledge with integrity the observations you make about my person and/or my ministry.

Vulnerability is the courage on my part to come to you and openly express a need or deficiency that I am struggling with.

Generally, I tell you what you already know. Now I have authorized you to address it and help me find solutions.

Such genuineness and "life in community' conduct inevitably produces LOYAL co-laborers and friends of the most cherished sort.

1 Sam. 20:16:17 David and Jonathan- So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD require it at the hands of David's enemies."

Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life.

2 Sam. 9:9-11 David and Mephibosheth- Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.

"You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so you're your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless Mephibosheth, your master's grandson shall eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do."

Mephibosheth ate at David's table as one of the king's sons.

2 Sam. 19:38-39; I Kings 2:7 The king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what is good in your sight, and whatever you require of me, I will do for you."

All the people crossed over the Jordan and the king crossed, too. The king then kissed Barziilai and blessed him, and he returned to his place.

"But show kindness to the sons of BarziIlai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table; for they assisted me when I fled from Absalom your brother."

I Chron. 12:18, 33 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, who was the chief of the thirty, and he said, "We are yours, O David, And with you, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace to him who helps you; Indeed, your God helps you!" Then David received them and made them captains of the band.

Of Zebulun, there were 50,000 who went out in the army, who could draw up in battle formation with all kinds of weapons of war and helped David with an undivided heart.

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**Annie Magolene Laney**, 96, of Vinemont, Alabama entered into rest on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Woodland Village in Cullman, Alabama. Mrs. Laney was born on December 7, 1922 in Morgan County, Alabama. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home chapel in Addison, Alabama with services following at 12 p.m. Brother Tommy Blackwood will officiate. Annie is survived by her daughters, Sue Parris and her husband Buddy, Polly Lawrence and her husband Roger; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Athel Laney; daughters, Margie Pigg, and Shirley Speegle; and granddaughters, Terri Speegle, and Kaye Kugler.

**Arrie Lee Vincent**, 95, of Cullman, Alabama entered into rest on Monday, February 11, 2019 at her home. Mrs. Vincent was born on June 4, 1923. She believed in the Baptist faith, was a good wife, and a precious mother. Arrie was known as an artist, musician, and seamstress. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in Addison, Alabama with services to follow on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. Brother Anthony Clark will officiate. Arrie is survived by her son, Phillip Vincent; daughter, Regina Speegle and her husband Larry; sisters, Mavinee Bishop, Roxie Allen, and Ivanell (Council) Harrison; as well as a host of neices and nephews. She was known as "MaMaw" to her grandchild, Angie Vincent. She was preceded in death by husband, Glenn Vincent; grandchildren, Clay Vincent, and Jamey Vincent; parents, Will and Ruby Hamrick; brothers, OThell, Orton, Hewitt, and Arnold Hamrick; and sister, Obera Knighten.

**Miriam A. Kelley** passed away February 11, 2019 at the age of 91. She was born October 2, 1927 to Daniel H. and Maudie Mae Collins Coggin. She is preceded in death by her husband Talmadge Kelley. Funeral services are Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 1 p.m. and interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are: daughter Leann (Mark) Reeling, sons Ronnie (Geralyn) Kelley, Bobby Kelley, Donnie (Rita) Kelley, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Visitation is Wednesday from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

**Helen Marie Hines**, of Cullman, passed away February 7, 2019 at the age of 90. She was born February 14, 1928 to Elbert and Bessie Speegle Sillavan. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband James Luther Hines. Graveside services are Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Valley Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the graveside at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2018. Moss Service Funeral directing.

**Carl Thompson**, 81, of Haleyville, entered into rest on February 11, 2019 at Haleyville Healthcare surrounded by his family. Mr. Thompson was born on July 4, 1937. A complete obituary will be posted at a later time. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother will officiate. Burial will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery.

**Funeral services for Francis John Boyle**, age 64, of Decatur, will be at 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at First Baptist Church Decatur with Blake Kersey and Roger Jenkins officiating; interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Berlin. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Boyle passed away on February 9, 2019. He was born June 8, 1954, in Tennessee to John Theodore and Floy C Boyle. He grew up in New Jersey and traveled through many states with his job before settling in Decatur, AL. The focus of his life was faith and family. He loved God. He was a member of the First Baptist Church Decatur where he worked in the preschool ministry. He was Mr. Frank to them, and they loved him and his playful ways. He also worked many years with the Hispanic Children's Ministry at Central Baptist Church. He had a zest for living in the outdoors. He was an avid kayaker, biker, and hiker. His loving dog, Bonnie, joined him on these excursions. Survivors include his wife, Jamie Thomas Boyle; parents, John Theodore and Floy C Boyle; daughters, Melanie Marie Polo, Jennifer Erin (Shanon) Anderson, and Julia Claire (Jeremiah) Fern; grandchildren Olivia, Charles, Zachary, Wesley, Jordan, Jillian, Vivian, Ale, and Sofia; brother, Steve (Tina) Boyle; sister, Noreen (Rick) Heebner; brother, John (Donna) Boyle; and a host of nieces, nephews, and family. Frank loved his family beyond measure. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. He will lie in state on Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. before the funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory be made to First Baptist Church Decatur, AL, Preschool Ministry.

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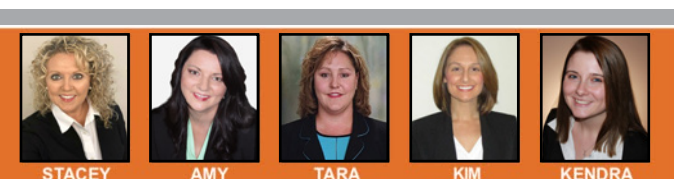
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