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EDUCATION

## 'I love what I do, and I do it because I love it'

### Tony Serra Nissan-Cullman Tribune Teacher of the Month: Breann Prince



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*Tony Serra Product Specialist D.J. Maxwell introduces Teacher of the Month Breann Prince to the 2019 Nissan Altima she will be driving for the next month.*

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**CULLMAN** – Tony Serra Nissan has partnered with The Cullman Tribune to create a new feature recognizing Cullman County teachers who excel in offering quality education to area students. The Nissan dealership will provide a $200 Wal-Mart gift card and 30 days' free use of a 2019 Nissan Altima to each honoree.

Tony Serra Nissan General Manager Shan Bell told The Tribune, "We are doing this to recognize the hard work and dedication that all teachers put in day and night.

"As a parent of a special education child, I know the dedication and sacrifices that the teachers make with little recognition."

Our first Teacher of the Month is Breann Prince, who works with first- through sixth-grade students at the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) who are identified as intellectually disabled or autistic.

She manages the Structured Academics for Intensive Learning (SAIL) classroom, where she implements both formal and informal applied behavior analysis programs that change a student's environment in order to change or improve specific behaviors.

Information provided by the CDC said that Prince "was the first at the CDC to learn the informal and formal (applied behavioral analysis) approaches plus start mentoring other CDC teachers and aides in this researched teaching technique.

"The countless hours of training, planning, mentoring, researching, and reorganizing her room over and over is consistent with her passion to meet students' needs and to continue to sharpen her skills at her profession.

"Her energy level with solving daily challenges and being flexible would leave most people seeking another profession, but she meets each challenge and keeps making a difference each day with her students and all around her."

Prince is married to Anthony Prince and has two children, Will and Laney.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette told The Tribune, "We are very excited to start our Teacher of the Month program that Nissan is sponsoring for us, and we look forward to highlighting other teachers.

"But we started off highlighting a teacher from the CDC because we know how important their job is (as well as all the teachers in Cullman County), but we look forward to highlighting them, because we have so many people that go above and beyond all the time and they don't get the recognition for it; we just feel like this is a small way to do that."

CDC Principal Chris Chambers said of Prince, "She's just one of these people that gets here early and stays late, and she's a true winner, a team player.

"You know, she's exactly what you want a teacher to be. She's always innovative and trying new things and very flexible.

"And she's easy to coach and teach, and also she's willing to mentor the people around her.

"She makes a difference for the kids, she makes a difference with her aides, and also other teachers in the building. She does a phenomenal job."

Sitting in the Nissan Altima that she will drive for the next month, Prince smiled, "I am very thankful. I'm shocked that doing what I love has gotten me a nice surprise.

"But I love what I do, and I do it because I love it."

## Cullman Caring for Kids announces partnership with Cullman Tribune



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*Cullman Caring for Kids Assistant Director Nancy Bryant and Director Javon Daniel pose for a photo this week.* » PAGE 7

## Publix donates almost $9K to Cullman Caring for Kids




NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*Publix District Manager Vince Mingione (right) and Cullman Publix Store Manager Brad Boshell (left) presented this year's annual Food for All Campaign donation to Cullman Caring for Kids Friday afternoon. This year's campaign raised $8,970.16. Also pictured are Cullman Caring for Kids Director Javon Daniel (second from right) and Assistant Director Nancy Bryant (second from left).* » PAGE 8

## Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force advises: Severe weather preparedness includes guarding against human trafficking

**Heather Gable, W.C. Mann**
Contributor

**CULLMAN** – As we prepare to enter Alabama's Severe Weather Preparedness Week, Feb. 17-22, the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force advises that natural and other disasters can provide opportunities for traffickers to grow their businesses, whether commercial sex trade or forced labor.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services warns:

- At the onset of a disaster, disruption and chaos make it easy to exploit disaster survivors. Perpetrators of trafficking may pose as responders offering survivors help with housing, food or water.

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# Arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 14-15

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**CULLMAN** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 14-15, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**REPORTED ON FEB. 14**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
**INCIDENTS**
**Feb. 11**
- menacing; CR 1194
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1352
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- theft of services; Hwy. 157
- harassment; High School Rd.
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; CR 8
- burglary; CR 1148
- criminal mischief, unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 32
- unauthorized use of a vehicle; Blountsville Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1466
- violation of protection order; CR 1352
- criminal mischief; CR 68
- burglary; CR 641
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- receiving stolen property; CR 940
- theft of property; CR 1509

**Feb. 12**
- unlawful possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 703
- theft of property; Henke Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1194
- theft of property; CR 598
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1101
- theft of property; CR 1558
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 781
- harassment; CR 222

**Feb. 13**
- domestic violence; CR 827
- shooting into an occupied dwelling; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 56
- harassment; CR 790
- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle; CR 725
- attempting to elude, reckless endangerment; CR 1488
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- burglary; Sportsman Lake Rd. NW

**ARRESTS**
**Feb. 11-12**
**Broussard, Joshua Nathan, 35**
- DUI- influence of alcohol

**Buckelew, Michael Andrew, 30**
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

**Capps, James Ronald Lee, 47**
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Caudle, James Christopher, 44**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Cray, Shane Robert, 32**
- second-degree bail jumping- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Devoe, Jason Michael, 39**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- menacing

**Fairbanks, Jeffery Dwight, 53**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Fulton, Brandon Ken, 35**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Hale, Draven Kayne, 20**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Hanners, Bobby Leon, 30**
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Harris, Markus D., 26**
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

**Hinman, James Tyler, 37**
- FTA- aggravated child abuse
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana for other than personal use
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Hooper, Jessy James, 22**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Joslyn, Christopher Michael, 64**
- felon registration card

**Lane, Dana Faye, 23**
- FTA- public intoxication
- second-degree bail jumping- public intoxication

**Logan, Edward Eugene, 39**
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

**McNabb, Cody Daniel, 27**
- second-degree sexual abuse

**Mentzer, Misti Monique, 41**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Miller, Bryan L., 46**
- driving on wrong side of road
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- trafficking in methamphetamine

**Murphy, Bama Schenell, 34**
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (3 counts)

**Paugh, Dustin Skylar, 21**
- third-degree attempted theft
- third-degree theft of property

**Reed, Patrick Evan, 31**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Schrader, Kerry Ann, 27**
- probation violation- chemical endangerment of a child

**Screws, Michael Anthony, 34**
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Self, Tracy Scott, 44**
- probation violation- unauthorized use/breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

**Shipp, Dennis Earl, 58**
- second-degree bail jumping- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Skinner, Clifton Ray, 42**
- harassing communications

**Startley, Troy W. Jr., 33**
- FTA- DUI

**Tarvin, Kristen Leigh, 22**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Thomas, Belinda Sue, 45**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Vice, Chelsey Louise, 32**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Feb. 13**
**Cummings, Shannon Michelle, 38**
- probation violation- second-degree theft of property

**Hann, Timothy Michael, 30**
- attempting to elude
- DUI- any substance
- open container in vehicle
- reckless driving
- reckless endangerment
- speeding
- switched tag

**Johnston, Tabatha Lee, 45**
- driving while suspended
- no tag/tag not plainly visible
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

**Powell, Elisa Pitt, 55**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Powell, Thomas Buttler, 66**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Rooker, Harold Kipp, 68**
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Smith, Timothy Maynard, 32**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

**Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 24**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Stevens, Thomas Blake, 42**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Witt, Jason Scott, 41**
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana for other than personal use

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**Feb. 10**
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Cherokee Ave. SW

**Feb. 13**
- theft of lost property; person; Olive St. SW; cash

**ARRESTS**
**Hamilton, Rickey J. Jr., 38**
- third-degree domestic violence
- disorderly conduct

**Burns, Kie J., 19**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Thomas, Fred D., 34**
- fourth-degree theft of property

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**ARRESTS**
**Feb. 1-8**
**Hudgins, Steve A.**
- public intoxication

**Morgan, Felicia D.**
- FTA

**Ashley, David E.**
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- no insurance

**Quick, Angela D.**
- public intoxication

**Baker, Jessica A.**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Cook, Kenneth J.**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Cole, Nena C.**
- FTA- DUI

**Price, Katlyn B.**
- FTA- public intoxication

**Teague, Tanya M.**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Foster, Alexandria**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Wise, Dustin R.**
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Mickle, Ronald L.**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- carrying a pistol without a permit
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

**Ford, Dewayne L. Jr.**
- public intoxication
- third-degree domestic violence

**Melcher, Terry C.**
- FTA

**Logan, Edward E.**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**Millican, Jody M.**
- public intoxication
- Hollingsworth, Stephanie L.
- public intoxication

**Blackwood, Eric M.**
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- no proof of insurance
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Townsend, Orion A.**
- FTA- no driver's license

**Moon, Corey L.**
- FTA- first-degree DUI

**REPORTED ON FEB. 15**
**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
No incidents or arrests reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
**INCIDENTS**
**Feb. 14**
- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; misc. charges
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

**ARRESTS**
**Burns, Kie J., 19**
- third-degree criminal trespassing

**Anderson, Megan L., 22**
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

**Watson, James M., 43**
- FTA- driving while revoked

**Vernon, Michael C., 45**
- FTA- leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA- insurance violation

**Garrett, Wesley N., 37**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Allaire, Richard L. Jr., 59**
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Bagwell, Westley L., 38**
- FTA- violation of a protection order (2 counts)

**Minor, Henry O. III, 39**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

**Farr, Justin W., 27**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Overton, Joseph R., 27**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Kilpatrick, Justin K., 31**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Barnett, Christian D., 22**
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (4 counts)
- 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.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR
## *Feb. 16 - 19*

**Senior Outreach Organization Dinner and Entertainment- Saturday, Feb. 16**
The Senior Outreach Organization meets on the first, second and third Saturday of each month at The Link of Cullman County. (It is not affiliated with The Link of Cullman County, it is only renting the building.) The meal begins at 5 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. 708 9th St SE, Cullman.

**Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing- Sunday, Feb. 17**
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.

**16th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner- Monday, Feb. 18**
The 2019 Empty Bowls of Cullman County, benefiting the Cullman Caring for Kids food bank will take place on Monday, Feb. 18, from 4-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 320 Third. Ave. SE, Cullman, in Hearin Hall (at the intersection of Third Avenue and U.S. Highway 278). Tickets are available for $10 from Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE # W1, 256-739-1111 or First United Methodist Church, 320 Third Ave. SE, 256-734-6690.

**West Point Town Council Meeting- Monday, Feb. 18**
The West Point Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall.

**Garden City Town Council Meeting- Monday, Feb. 18**
The Garden City Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall.

**Lunch at VFW Post 2214- Tuesday, Feb. 19**
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. 19**
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

**COMING UP**
**Yoga at the Library- Wednesday, Feb. 20**
- Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cullman County Public Library
- 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Bring your own mat, strap and block. These items are optional.

**Cullman Woodworkers Meeting- Thursday, Feb. 21**
- 5:30 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talley Ho St.
- Richard Buettner will be speaking about "Woods of Alabama."

**Swamp John's Dinner- Friday, Feb. 22**
Swamp John's Dinner in the Fairview High School lunchroom on Friday, Feb. 22 from 4-7 p.m. All proceeds go to Fairview High School Softball.

**Cullman County Democrats Monthly Meeting- Saturday, Feb. 23**
Please join us as we hold our February meeting at the Colony Educational Complex in honor of Black History Month. This month also begins our series of educational programs geared toward serving the communities we live in. During this meeting we will be accepting donations to the Horace Culpepper Memorial. Mr. Culpepper passed away on Jan. 6. 151 Byars Rd, Hanceville, Alabama 35077 from 10 a.m.-noon.

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# Obituary Announcements: Feb. 16 - 18

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**Karola Erika Reynolds**, 77 of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Mrs. Reynolds was born in Germany on October 5, 1941. She met and married the love of her life, Timothy while he was stationed there. They moved to the States after their marriage and Karola loved the military life and moving around to different states. Karola was a homemaker and her passion and delight was her family. She was so very proud when she became an American citizen in 2009. She is preceded in death by her husband, Timothy Reynolds, Sr.; brother, Wolfgang Kurz and sisters: Krystal Kurz and Sylvia Kurz. She is survived by her three sons: Timothy Reynolds, Jr., Steven Reynolds and Robert (Amy) Reynolds and grandsons: Joshua Reynolds, Austin Reynolds, Alex Reynolds, Zach Horn and Andrew Horn and a number of other loving relatives. Her family will receive friends on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will be in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with burial to immediately follow at Mt. Zion cemetery.

**James Voyles**, 92, of Cullman passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2019. He was born December 25, 1926, to Amos and Nora Posey Voyles. Mr. Voyles was a farmer by trade. He is preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Smith Voyles; and his daughter, Becky Voyles Whitehead. Survivors include his son-in-law, Steven Whitehead; grandsons, Nathan Whitehead and Jacob (Jessi) Whitehead; and three great-grandchildren, Braxton Whitehead, Marlee Whitehead, and Millie Whitehead. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, February 16, 2019, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Graveside services will immediately follow visitation, in New Hope #2 Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Voyles family.

**Charles Dewayne Freeman**, 82, passed away on February 12, 2019. He was born November 15, 1936 to Onnie and Audrey Freeman, who preceded him in death along with his brother, Ronald Freeman. He is survived by his wife, Lila Roden Freeman; daughter, Charlene (Keith) Estes; sons, Marty (Sonja) Freeman and Vince (Melissa) Freeman; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Marie Rhodes and Francis (James) Dean. Funeral Services will be on Saturday, February16, 2019 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Moss Service. Burial will immediately follow at New Prospect cemetery.

**Jessie "Allen" Smitherman**, 74, of Vinemont, entered into rest on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at his home. Allen was born on September 20, 1944 in Bessemer, Alabama. He proudly served his country for four years in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Allen was a simple man, who enjoyed gambling and spending time with his family, especially the grandkids. He was known by most people as "Pop". A private memorial service will be held at a later time. Allen is survived by his sons, Roger Smitherman and his wife Cortney, and Gary Cruice Crowell; daughters, Robin Susanne Smitherman, Regina Graves and her husband Blake, and Samantha Banks and her husband Grant; brother, Jerry Smitherman and his wife Edith; sisters, Linda Oneal and Jean Miller and her husband Steve Miller; and ex-wife and caregiver, Rhonda Peterson. He was "Paw Paw" to 8 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Louise Smitherman; and sisters, Magdalene Smitherman and Gwen Fortenberry.

**Margaret Ramsey Powers**, 89, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019. She was born on February 7, 1930 in Birmingham, AL. She was preceded in death by her parents: Stephen James and Agnes Swygert Ramsey; brothers: Charles H, Stephen J, John J, James D and Michael S. Ramsey and sister, Mary Ramsey Scarborough. Her survivors include her son, Phillip James (Jeanette) Powers; daughter, Laurene M. Powers Ford; sisters: Catherine Ramsey Fievet of Birmingham and Almaretta Ramsey Brislin of Huntsville; brother, Patrick S. Ramsey, Florida; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Benedictine Monastery on Saturday, February 6, 2019 at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, AL.

**Funeral services for Billy C. Keller**, 77, of Cullman will be on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Larry Duke, officiating, with interment in Bethsadia Cemetery. Mr. Keller passed away on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019; he was born Feb. 8, 1942 to parents W.O Keller and Aliean Stancil. His wife, Myrtie "Sam" Keller, and brother, Bobby Keller, preceded him in death. Survivors include his daughter, Renee (Randy) Hoffman; son, Terry Keller; aunts, Sue Mims and Dean Medlock; grandchildren, Justin Hoffman and Emilie Hoffman; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Moss Service Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., Saturday, February 19, 2019. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Visitation for Myra Juanita Lane**, age 70, of Vinemont, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Lane passed away on February 14, 2019, at UAB Hospital. She was born February 7, 1949, to James Albert and Omia Wynelle Day. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Errol Chadwick Day and Noel James Day. Survivors include her husband, Danny Lane; sons, Jason (Bridget) Day, Ryan (Jennifer) Lane, and Ross (Brittany) Lane; and grandchildren, Nicholas Day, Alex Day, Chandler Lane, Mackenzie Ledbetter, Easton Lane, Alysa Lane, Draven Lane, Deagan Lane, Xander Fowler, Chase Lane, Alona Haynes, and Athan Lane.

**Funeral Services for Mrs. Hazel Beatrice Persall Hathcote**, age 92, formerly of Jones Chapel, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Graveside service at Chances Crossroads Cemetery with Bro. Terry Michaels officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Hathcote was born on March 4, 1926 and passed away at Woodland Village Nursing Home on Friday, February 15, 2019. She was a homemaker and was known as a great seamstress by her family. She is preceded in death by her parents, Marvin Lafayette Persall and Marilla Beatrice Guthery Persall; husband, Claude Hathcote; 2 - Sons - Danny Hathcote & Ronnie Hathcote; and nine (9) Siblings. Survivors include numerous Nieces, Nephews, Great-Nieces & Great-Nephews, Cousins and Other Family.

**Memorial service for David D'Wayne Bethke, Sr.**, age 75, of Crane Hill, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bethke passed away on February 12, 2019, at UAB Palliative Care. He was born January 25, 1944, to Louis Bethke and Georgia Phillips. Mr. Bethke entered the U.S. Army right out of high school. He served active duty for 21 years, including two tours in Vietnam and multiple overseas duties. David decided to retire from the Army, and finished his master's degree. Later, he worked for the U.S. Civil Service as a Laser Protection Officer, Emergency Management, Logistician, Director of Military Support in Waegan, S. Korea, and finally by fielding and teaching helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft pilot and crews survivability systems. David served his country with distinction for a total of 50 years, retiring in 2012. David's passion was always classic cars, spending the last year of his life building a 1923 T-Bucket Hot Rod, of which he was very proud. When, he wasn't working on cars, he was the best husband ever, and strived to be the ultimate grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. Survivors include his wife, Jolene Bethke; daughters, Pamala Bethke (Chris Fretz), Angel Bethke (Tim McErlean), and Constance (Douglas) Gillon; sons, Rodney (Katherine) Ratliff and David Bethke, Jr. (Rosa Vera); grandchildren, Ariel (Daniel) Batton, Mogan Gillon, Shaun Torres, David Bethke, III, Mia Fuhrman, and Ethan Redmond; great-grandchildren, Luke Batton and Chance Batton.

**Floyd Donald Bates** was born on January 25, 1932 and passed away on Feb. 14, 2019. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 16, 2019 at Moss Service Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, February 18, 2019 at Moss Service Chapel at 2 p.m. Interment to follow at Bethsaida cemetery.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF )
RUDIE KEITH COOPER ) CASE NO PC 2018-389
Deceased. )

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**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

TO: SONYA COOPER, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Angela Madrigal to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Rudie Keith Cooper, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 12th day of April, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 13th day of February, 2019.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**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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STATE OF ALABAMA,

CULLMAN COUNTY.

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **HEATHER LEE WELLS, an unmarried woman,** in favor of Cullman Savings Bank, on the 10TH day of February 2010, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 1619, Page 512; the undersigned Cullman Savings Bank as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on March 12, 2019, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract of land being in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as commencing at the accepted Southeast corner of said SE ¼ of the NE ¼; thence South 1º53'57" East 26.40 feet to an existing ¾" pipe; thence South 00º05'56" West 180.60 feet to an existing 2" pipe; thence North 89º59'28" West 241.18 feet to an existing rebar; thence North 00º15'00" East 208.05 feet to an existing axle being the point of beginning; thence North 86º58'17" East 99.68 feet to an existing ¾" pipe; thence North 2º09'38" West 149.74 feet to an existing ¾" pipe; thence North 89º54'03" West 203.17 feet to an existing ¾" pipe; thence South 2º57'15" West 149.48 feet; thence South 87º04'49" East 117.13 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except all rights of way and easements of record. Also less and except an easement for ingress and egress 15 feet in width along the South line of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 3 West.

ALSO: A 15 foot easement for ingress-egress more particularly described as being 7.5 feet either side of the following described centerline: commencing at the accepted Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 1º53'57" East 26.40 feet to an existing ¾" pipe; thence South 00º05'56" West 180.60 feet to an existing 2" pipe; thence North 89º59'28" West 241.18 feet to an existing rebar; thence North 00º15'00" East 208.05 feet to an existing axle; thence North 86º58'17" East 10.02 feet; thence North 24º46'42" West 8.59 feet; thence North 63º56'09" West 24.24 feet; thence South 86º54'02" West 101.37 feet to the point of beginning of said centerline; thence South 86º54'02" West 114.07 feet; thence South 83º01'59" West 77.94 feet to the Easterly right of way of County Road 1422.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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PREP SOCCER

# Cullman Soccer gearing up for season with big goals, new faces

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**CULLMAN** – Soccer season is here for Cullman High School and both varsity squads kicked off the 2019 season this week. The Bearcats were scheduled to play Friday night and will play Saturday in the Lakeshore Shootout in Birmingham, and the Lady Bearcats kicked things off with an 8-1 rout of Indian Springs at home Tuesday night and were scheduled to play Friday night and Saturday in the Southern Shootout in Foley. Both Bearcat head coaches are pleased overall with how practices have gone up to this point, but they have different challenges this season when it comes to returning experience on the field. Women's Soccer Head Coach Jacob Brown has been impressed with the way his squad is playing right now and wants to see how it can continue improving throughout the season.

"The preseason has been going really well. We had our scrimmages this past weekend and we got two wins there, but the biggest thing we've been preaching is passing efficiency. In those games we had 83 and 90 percent passing efficiency which is unheard for us so we're already playing at a different level than we were last year," Brown said.

"We're really excited to see how we can improve on that and keep the ball rolling keep improving. I definitely have high hopes for this season." Despite having a lot of youth on the field this year, Brown has high hopes for his team and the players have set their sets just as high. "This year we'll start two seniors probably, one junior and then five ninth-graders and three eighth-graders, so we're still pretty young, but we're finally at a point to where our goal is final four," Brown said.

"We've always had that goal, but it's never been as realistic a goal until this year, so we're make or break. The slogan that the girls have this year is RTH, Road to Huntsville, so hopefully we can capitalize on that."

Men's Head Coach Casey Harbin is also excited to see his team kick things off, but he's anticipating some growing pains for his young team early in the season.

"It's been going well. We lost a lot of people from last year's team so it's a totally different team than it has been the last two of three years. They're very young so its going to be tough to have the same success we've had the last three years, but they're hungry," Harbin said. "They want it bad. They're going to learn the hard way, but they want it bad."

For Harbin, the biggest disadvantage of having a young team is obvious, but also very correctable once his Bearcats get a few games under their belt. "They're a young, inexperienced group so they don't make the greatest of decisions, but that's what comes with experience," Harbin said. "So, that's what we're trying to stay on them about right now is just to start making better decisions and the rest will come."

Harbin had a lot of good things to say about this year's team and expects his players to hit their stride as the season progresses.

"They're very coachable," Harbin said. "This is the most coachable team we've had in quite some time and they're going to grow every single practice, every single game, and we think by mid-season we'll have a formidable little team on our hands here."

PREP SOCCER

# Good Hope kicks off first season in 20 years on the road against St. Bernard

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**CULLMAN** – For the first time since 1999, it's soccer season at Good Hope High School.

The Raiders and Lady Raiders traveled to St. Bernard Thursday night for their first games of the new season and split their matchups against the Saints and Lady Saints.

The Raiders were able to hold on to a late lead for a 2-1 victory over St. Bernard and the Lady Saints handled the Lady Raiders 10-0 in the first match of the evening.

**ST. BERNARD 10 – GOOD HOPE 0 (VARSITY GIRLS)**

There wasn't much drama to be found in this opening showdown, but there was history made. Good Hope fielded the first exclusively women's soccer team in school history, and coach Adriana Skutchan was proud of the way her team competed.

The final result wasn't what they wanted, but coach is excited to continue helping her players and watch them develop throughout the season.

"What encouraged me is that they didn't get intimidated going out there," Skutchan said.

"For almost all of the girls, this was their very first soccer match, and they went on the field, took it in stride and gave it 110 percent.

So, that's encouraging for me because I know from this point on all I can do is build off of that and they have that desire, so it'll help us grow from here."

Citlally Ramirez put the Lady Saints up 1-0 with a goal in the fourth minute of the game and Bridget Gallegos was right behind her with a goal of her own in the sixth minute. Piper Watson stretched the lead to 3-0 with a goal in the seventh minute. St. Bernard was able to maintain possession for most of the game and forced Good Hope to spend a lot of time and energy defending its own end of the field.

Watson added another goal in the 19th minute to go up 4-0 and a goal from Amelia Tafazoli made it 5-0 just 10 minutes later.

Rachel Agnello put one in the back of the net off a great pass from Watson and the Lady Saints went into the half with a 6-0 lead.

St. Bernard pulled away to win it 10-0 in the second half with two more goals from Gallegos and Tafazoli and two goals off the foot of Jaya Bahadursingh.

The win moves St. Bernard to 1-1 on the season after the Lady Saints fell at Clements in the season opener, and they'll try to make it two in a row when they travel to Brewer on Tuesday.

The Lady Raiders will look to bounce back and collect their first win of the season on Tuesday when they travel to West Point.

**GOOD HOPE 2 – ST. BERNARD 1 (VARSITY BOYS)**

Neither squad was able to find the back of the net in the first half, but it wasn't for lack of opportunities.

The Raiders were able to create a lot of good looks at the goal early in the game but couldn't capitalize on any of them, and both teams went into the half scoreless.

Good Hope was able to take a lead early in the second half when Andres Aguilar scored in the 44th minute to take a 1-0 lead, and he wasn't done.

The junior striker added another goal just two minutes later to make it a 2-0 game; the pressure shifted to the defense after that.

John Rose was able to break free and score in the 52nd minute for the Saints to cut the lead to 2-1 and St. Bernard had a lot of shot opportunities to tie the game, but the Raiders were able to hold on defensively and secure their first win of the season, 2-1.

After the game, Coach Damian Rodriguez said he was happy with the way the team came out to play and is excited to keep working and improving with this group going forward. "The main thing is we're a new team and we didn't really have anything to lose, you know. We just went out there and played as hard as we could," Rodriguez said.

"All the effort they put into it, they never gave up. They were determined to win this game and didn't let up on defense.

The defense did a great job and I was really proud of them on that. We got good looks and took a good number of shots as well and I'm just really proud of them."

St. Bernard will try to rebound with a win Thursday when it hosts J.B. Pennington, and Good Hope will look to keep things rolling in the right direction when it travels to West Point on Tuesday.

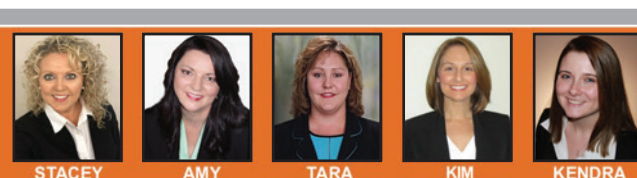
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

# Meet 101-year-old Ruth Duke, part 2

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In 1938, when Ruth Harris married Hanley Duke, the Great Depression was coming to an end as World War II would shortly begin.

Hanley's Grandpa Duke had moved the family from Winston County to Welti.

Ruth recalled Grandpa Duke joking about the move, saying, "Someone said to him, 'Uncle Buck, you move over there and some of your children will marry Germans!' He said, 'I'd about as soon some of them marry Germans than to keep marrying Thrashers!'" He was referring to the fact that three of his children had married Thrashers.

Hanley and Ruth moved a few times before building their own home. They spent three years living with her grandma and three years in Stonebridge. When they moved in with Ruth's grandma, they did not have electricity.

Said Ruth, "I don't think we had electricity anywhere until 1936. I think that's the biggest change that I've ever seen in my lifetime."

While living with her grandma, electricity became available in the Welti area. They could tie onto either Alabama Power or the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

Alabama Power offered 10 kilowatts for $1 a month and TVA offered 25 kilowatts for $2. With grandma finally ready to get electricity, they chose Alabama Power.

Ruth said, "People said to us, 'Why didn't you tie on to TVA? You get more than twice as much for your money.' Hanley would say, 'Well, we just got an iron and a radio.'"

Hanley and Ruth agreed to pay 75 cents toward the electric bill with grandma giving the other 25 cents.

Ruth continued, "People would say to us, 'You might want a stove or a refrigerator.' Hanley would say, 'No, I'll never live to see the day that we can afford to have all that.' But we did!"

Hanley was not drafted into World War II as he was a young father at that time and a farmer.

However, Hanley's brother, Wallace, died while fighting in Holland.

Ruth explained, "He died when a plane landed on their plane. He was buried in Holland then moved to another location before being sent home in 1948. He is buried at home in Berlin now."

A monument still exists in Holland honoring the airmen who died protecting a village.

The family receives letters each year from families in Holland in appreciation of the sacrifices made by the airmen to protect them during the war.

Hanley and Ruth built their house in Welti in 1959 and made a living farming. They raised cows and hogs and planted row crops.

Everything was done by hand or by mule for many years.

Ruth said, "My oldest son was nearly grown before we ever had a tractor. We done it the hard way."

As time went on, the Dukes did get that refrigerator and stove. Ruth was especially fond of receiving her first washing machine from Montgomery Ward. She had just brought water in and heated it on the cook stove to wash clothes when the machine arrived.

She said, "When they brought it home, they had to show me how to work it. Before we would have to bring in water to heat or in the summer, we would put it outside to heat up.

"The refrigerator and freezer might be my favorite invention though."

Hanley and Ruth raised four children and worked very hard.

Hanley had a sister who lived in Connecticut so they did travel to see her from time to time. They would drive up the east coast making stops along the way.

They visited Washington D.C. and stopped at the Jersey Shore. When Ruth's sister-in-law died, Ruth flew to Connecticut.

She said, "I hadn't ever been on a jet plane until then, but I enjoyed it." The Dukes also visited Florida, but she said, "I'm just not much of a traveler."

Hanley passed away in February 1997. He and Ruth had been married for almost 60 years. Ruth's mama also passed away in 1997. She was almost 103.

Church was and still is a central part of Ruth's life. She is a member of Mt. Zion Church and has attended there her entire life.

The music and singing have always been her favorite part of church.

She recalled, "When we got together for Christmas or anything, my mama always wanted us to sing 'Blest Be the Tie that Binds' before we would leave. So, when we'd start heading home, we'd sing, 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.'"

Ruth's mom played the pipe organ and piano and offered lessons.

As Ruth's mama got older, she began needing help with her quilting. Ruth began helping her mother and has been quilting ever since.

She started by just quilting during the winter months when there was less work to be done outside.

Now she quilts year-round and it became something she and her sister Millie loved to do together.

Ruth and Millie made 50 quilts in a year once. Millie would come to Ruth's house and sleep over for a couple of days so the two could quilt together. Millie passed away in January 2017 at the age of 97.

Ruth continues to quilt and said, "I meet people and don't even know them, but they'd find out who I was and they'd say 'Oh, you quilted my quilt."

When asked if any of her quilts had been entered into the Cullman County Fair, she quickly said with a laugh, "Not by me! I think someone else I've quilted for might have entered their quilts into the fair."

When Ruth was 100 years old, she was having difficulty breathing. Her doctors determined she would need a surgery to fix her heart valve.




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***Ruth Duke recently celebrated her 101st birthday.***

They worried about the risks at her age, but she went ahead with the surgery. The procedure fixed the leaking valve without open heart surgery. Ruth spent three nights in the hospital in Birmingham.

She said, "I came home and never had a problem. I went straight to my chair and sat down and was fine."

Good health and longevity seem to run in Ruth's family.

Her mom passed away just shy of 103 and several of her siblings lived well into their 90s.

She gives credit to several things: Church, lots of walking, physical work and homegrown food.

Her best advice is, "Be content with what you got-not worry! I think that gives you upset stomach when you worry about things. I've always tried to take things as they come and make the best of it.

"I've never had much, but it didn't worry me. I had plenty to eat and stayed warm. I didn't always stay cool.

"I hadn't been cool until the last few years since I got air conditioning. Just be content. We all have lots to be thankful for."

Ruth is the matriarch of five generations of Dukes. Besides her four children, she has 10 grandchildren, more than 20 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren whom she admits to spoiling. She enjoys quilting and crocheting.

She recently taught herself how to crochet cute stuffed animals for the kids. She enjoys getting up early and watching the morning traffic, but is not a fan of any programs on the television. Her favorite things are the visits from family and Mt. Zion Church.



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

# MOBILE COUNTY

I'm writing this on St. Valentine's Day which is fitting since Mobile is consistently voted one of the most romantic places in North America. Mobile is inarguably Alabama's most popular, garden city and a splendid place to explore horticulture and heritage.

Mobile was established by French explorers in 1702 who crowned it the capital of "New France" (La Louisiane). In less than two years, these seductive Frenchmen enticed a boatload of 23 adventurous Frenchwomen to sail across the ocean and join them. Bliss comes in waves down here. The ladies arrived on a ship named "The Pelican" and were warmly welcomed on shore by eager suitors carrying bouquets of native flowers. "The Pelican Girls," as they were called, which would make a winning name for a Mobile softball team or a rock band, beautifully changed American history forever. Or, as Mobilians say in their molasses-sweetened drawl, "fo-evvvvv-vuh."

Mobile is the largest metropolis on the Gulf Coast between New Orleans, two hours west and St. Petersburg, Florida seven hours, on a good day, east. It's the only saltwater port in Alabama and the 12th largest in the U.S.

As Audrey Hepburn said about Paris, "Mobile is always a good idea." It's a desired location for romantic flings, destination weddings and lots of impromptu joie de vivre. Romance still lingers in the perfumed air. This city on the bay and surrounding Mobile County is a time-weaving treasure with one foot comfortably in an 18th century dancing slipper and the other foot in an aerospace, lunar-landing boot. Mobile has both charm and innovation.

As for PLANTS + PEOPLE in Mobile County, the rich soil and the shirt-stuck-to-your back humidity mean a readymade, 1,400-square-mile greenhouse environment. Local tall tale tellers, and there are many, say you can't leave a baby on a blanket in the yard because the wisteria grows so fast, little ones and lollygaggers are at risk of being pinned down by the pretty, purple-flowered vines.

Mobile County farm markets are bustling and blissful, but nobody here is in a hurry. The growers are just pleased as punch that you are stopping to smell the fresh mint, muskmelons and peppers. You'll find more Alabama-grown cut flowers here than in most markets in the state, tall cylinders of lilies and gallon jugs of bold zinnias. Boxed crates of thriving annuals like clove-scented dianthus and begonias stretch into the distance.

Mobile gastronomy is centuries of French-influenced cuisine married to fresh, local produce. It's delightful. It's delectable. It's often divinely decadent. Mobile Catholics gave America the first Mardi Gras, the annual holiday of indulgence which precedes weeks of slightly more restrained Lent. That said, even the Lenten lunches at the many churches and cathedrals around Mobile County amuse bouche ( "amuse the mouth") as the locals say.

The people part of the PLANTS + PEOPLE combination in Mobile County is one of my favorite pleasures every time I visit. There is relaxed, hospitable diversity in this old, Southern place.

The port was a trading post for French and Native Americans in the gulf region. In 1763, the first permanent Jewish settlers came to Mobile, creating businesses as merchants and in warehousing. Huge cotton and sugar plantation economies in the area relied on enslaved labor. (An 1850s census reports one-fourth of the county's population were slaves, mostly of African origin.) Creole culture thrived. People from all over the world arrived, and many stayed. This blending of cultures is the reason Mobile food is so complex and intriguing: the French sauces, the fried cooking techniques of Africa, the vegetable traditions of Great Britain, the Creole sausage and gumbos, the Spanish and Caribbean spices. This gently-tossed cultural salad also makes for a colorful, delightful, beautifully diverse population.

One of Mobile's most colorful characters, Eugene Ferdinand Walter, Jr., was first cousin of a friend of mine. Eugene Walter wore many hats. He was a movie screenwriter, poet, puppeteer, gourmet chef, cryptographer, translator for Fellini films, costume designer and like every other Mobilian, a great raconteur.

A favorite tidbit I was told about Cousin Eugene is during his years in Europe, he kept a shoebox of Mobile County red soil so he could remain connected to his roots. After a jazz funeral parade, Eugene Walter was laid to rest a few years ago in Mobile's Church Street Graveyard which had been closed since the 1890s. When you visit him under the magnolias dripping with Spanish moss, notice all the marble and granite tombstones carved with rosettes, floral-motifs and sugarcane branches. This is a glorious garden for the afterlife. (Enjoy the documentary film "Eugene Walter: Last of the Bohemians" by Robert Clem.)

About his beloved home county, impish Eugene Walter wrote this as high praise: "Down in Mobile we're all crazy because the Gulf Coast is the land of clowns, ghosts and musicians. Mobile is Sweet Lunacy's county seat."

**I asked some other pleasure-seeking Mobilians for their suggestions on how to celebrate PLANTS + PEOPLE in their county. Here are their passionate replies and a shared recipe for Mobile County Sunshine Salad:**

• **EAT LUNCH AL FRESCO**—Mobile has more outside dining than any other place in Alabama; time studies indicate Mobilians enjoy a slightly longer, more gracious, "slow food" lunch, and this includes bosses; everybody raves about A Spot Of Tea and my friend, Greg Burden, says this charming eatery has a couple of chairs waiting for you in the park outside.

• **FASHION, ART & FLOWERS**—Julia Greer Fobes and her sister, Betsy, are the "go-to" genies for special event flowers in Mobile; they design all-things-Mardi Gras including the robes for king, queen and court; Julia, a costume and theater set designer at Ole Miss, can magically transform even wallflowers to wonderful. Check out her Facebook page for photos of her swoon-inducing , opulent flower arrangements laden with local botanicals.

• **KAYAK AT 5 RIVERS DELTA RESOURCE CENTER**—Actually, I plan to rent a row boat and a rower and entice gifted, delightful, Mobile artist, Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough to paint the local flowers as Monet did on the Seine while I mix us garden-to-glass coolers and enjoy the natural beauty along the Apalachee, Blakeley, Mobile, Spanish and Tensaw Rivers.

• **THE MILLIE McCONNELL RHODODENDRON GARDEN** - at the superb, Mobile Botanical Garden; also save time for the 30-acre Longleaf Pine Habitat.

• **BELLINGRATH GARDENS**—Sixty-five glorious acres of native and immigrant azaleas and other grand plantings; also, enjoy the decorative arts, many with floral and nature embellishments in the 1930s mansion.

• **FORTY-FIVE PUBLIC PARKS IN MOBILE CITY LIMITS**—There are plants and gardens for every adult and child's particular tastes; some gardens are tranquil and hushed and others are pulsing with cosmopolitan urbanity, all FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

• **BROWN FURNITURE** (That's what Old Mobile locals call fine mahogany and other woods)—Charles Phillips Antiques and Architecturals in Theodore- exquisite finds, some locally-made: www.charlesphillipsantiques.com.

• **BOULANGERIES AND PATISSERIES**—Alabama has many great pie shops and bakeries, but remember Mobile has three centuries of summers where Francophile bakers have triumphed to keep croissants flakey and not "sogged up" in the sub-tropical humidity. I hear raves about the made-from-scratch goodies at Bake My Day; ask them which delicacies are made from Granny Sims' home recipes and sample the classically Southern, Red Velvet Cake and a Mobile classic, Praline Pound Cake.

• **CHILDREN'S GARDEN ENTRANCE**—This unique design at the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital shows how part of the world adds a note of pleasure even during life's most-troubling moments.

• **THE RABBIT HOLE AT WONDERLAND CAFÉ**—This new hidden pleasure-dome has "curious eats and whimsical treats" like bubble tea, all inspired by the Lewis Carroll garden of "Alice In Wonderland" (Piccadilly Square/Mobile); it's delightfully garden-y for children of all ages.

• **AZALEA TRAIL**—It's a classic, springtime drive through 35 miles of staggeringly gorgeous floral grandiosity.

• **AZALEA TRAIL MAIDS**—Mobile County's official ambassadors are meant to be the embodiment of ideals; only 50 are chosen each year from the county high schools; their extravagant and radiantly colored, Antebellum-inspired gowns are designed to transform them into sweetly swaying flower blossoms.

• **AVENUE OF OAKS (SPRINGHILL COLLEGE)**—Regardless of your school allegiance, this grande allee will make you cheer for the landscape visionaries who created a wondrous promenade for your pleasure- great biking- also, while you're in the vicinity, saunter with the local flâneurs to Carpe Diem, the regional favorite coffee and baked goods shop.

• **LOCAVORES' FAVORITE RESTAURANT**—Many Mobile-area chefs are the first to greet their favorite Mobile County farmers at the markets; one much-lauded locavore magnet is The Noble South where community-minded Chef Chris Rainasek is putting Mobile County produce on a high-profile pedestal.

• **MOBILE COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS**—Citronelle Farmers' Market (May-August), Dauphin Island Farmers' Market (April-July), Market in the Park (Cathedral Square/Lavretta Park), Prichard Farmers' Market (year round, first and third Saturdays), Trifit Farmers' Market (Providence Hospital/Mobile)

• **MOBILE COUNTY U-PICK PLANT FARMS**—Betty's Berry Farm, Blue Moon Farm, Chickasabogue Vineyard (Chunchula, for scuppernongs and muscadines), Ken Buck Farm (Irvington), Powell Blueberry Farm (Citronelle), Sunnyland Satsuma Farm (Mobile for satsumas, lemons)

• **BEST GARDEN-TO-GLASS CRAFT COCKTAILS**—The Haberdasher (those in the know call it "The Hab") has an inventive mixologist who lives to muddle and tease locally-sourced herbs and spices into award-winning, cooling concoctions; try the Kentiki (Kentucky Bourbon storms the Tiki hut).

• **JAIL WARDEN/SCULPTOR**—Trey Oliver, a talented driftwood artisan and jailer deserves his own reality television show.

• **THE LOST GARDEN**—Plant explorers head to this "secret site" on the south side of Dauphin Street between Jackson and Joachim.

• **FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**—Held at Providence Hospital; it's an 8-acre, annual flower extravaganza and plant sale which is one of "THE TOP 20 EVENTS" in the region according to the Southern Tourism Council; this year's salute is the glory of "Dutch Gardens" on March 21-24; think of the beauty and creativity of the Royal Chelsea Flower Show (London), with better food.

• **BEST PLACE TO TAKE A BOTANICAL PHOTOGRAPHER/ARTIST**—Let them capture the glistening resurrection ferns on the live oaks along Government Street after a gentle rain.

• **RED BEANS AND RICE**—Even with all the 21st century beaneries in Mobile, I'd still go to Wintzell's; they've had a pot of red beans and rice simmering since Hank Aaron was in Little League and may have welcomed "The Pelican Girls" with a warm bowl.

• **HAMMERIN' HANK AARON**—"The Home Run Champion of all Time" grew up in Toulminville (Mobile County) and preferred the Louisville Slugger (A99) wooden bat. One of the nicest and most genuine celebrities I've ever interviewed, Hank Aaron credits his Mobile roots for his "awe, shucks" modesty and world-class charm.

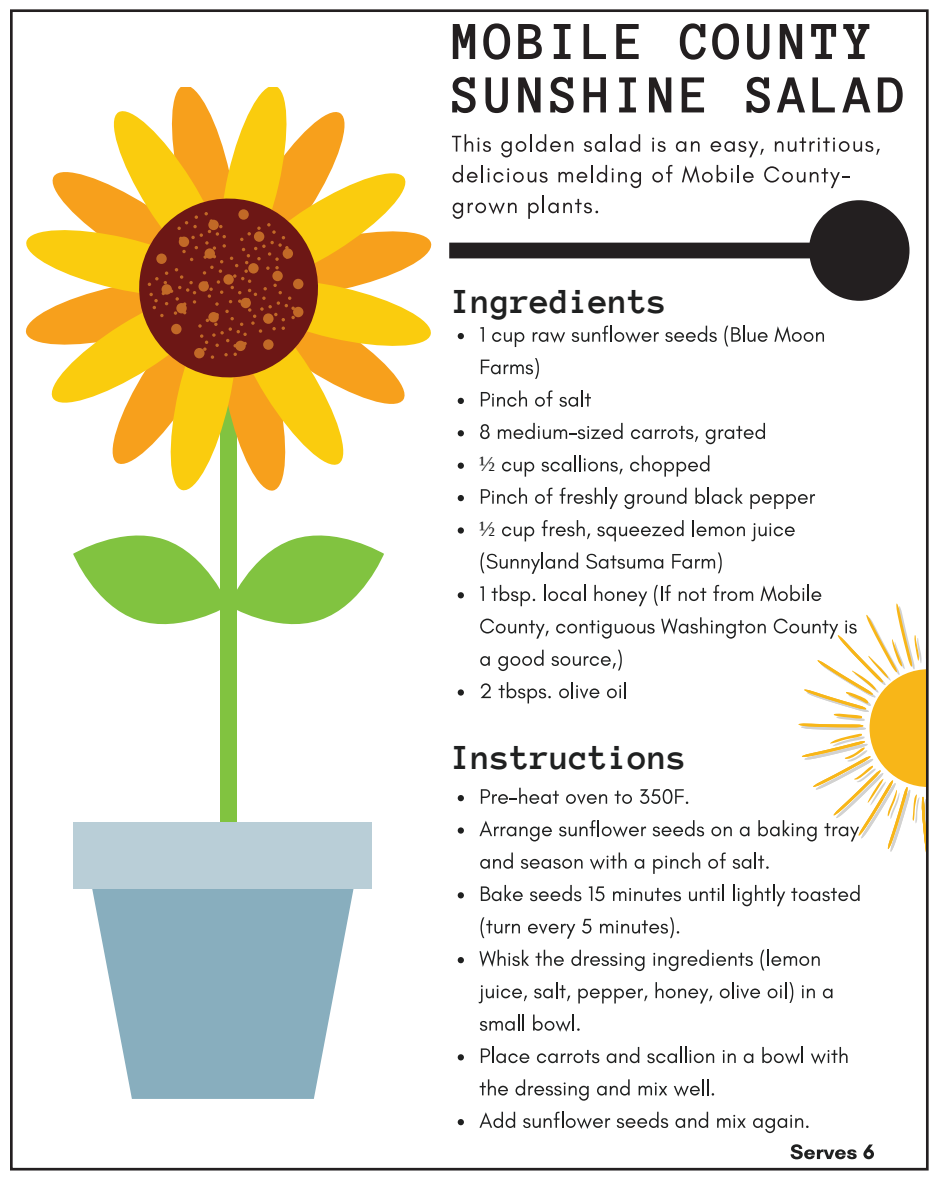
• **PLANTING AN IDEA**—Mobile County is the perfect location to create an Alabama Garden of Romance. This could be inspired by the rose garden of French Empress Josephine at Malmaison, which she immortalized by recruiting renowned, botanical artist, Pierre-Joseph Redoute' to paint each treasured flower specimen. Empress Josephine was born on the Caribbean island of Martinique, so she knew which roses could thrive in Mobile's moist climate; garden historians note Mobile's 19th century commercial nurseries sold expensive, treasured, rose bushes which touted Malmaison provenance. I'm imagining large, public paintings of the Redoute' roses and recreating the Empress Josephine's "X" garden design similar to the Alabama state flag. Maybe add hurricane lamps, romantic lighting, seats and swings for two, and strolling violinists or easy-listening jazz (Mobile has music everywhere).

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

*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.*




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



## MOBILE COUNTY SUNSHINE SALAD

This golden salad is an easy, nutritious, delicious melding of Mobile County-grown plants.

### Ingredients

- 1 cup raw sunflower seeds (Blue Moon Farms)
- Pinch of salt
- 8 medium-sized carrots, grated
- ½ cup scallions, chopped
- Pinch of freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup fresh, squeezed lemon juice (Sunnyland Satsuma Farm)
- 1 tbsp. local honey (If not from Mobile County, contiguous Washington County is a good source,)
- 2 tbsps. olive oil

### Instructions

- Pre-heat oven to 350F.
- Arrange sunflower seeds on a baking tray and season with a pinch of salt.
- Bake seeds 15 minutes until lightly toasted (turn every 5 minutes).
- Whisk the dressing ingredients (lemon juice, salt, pepper, honey, olive oil) in a small bowl.
- Place carrots and scallion in a bowl with the dressing and mix well.
- Add sunflower seeds and mix again.

**Serves 6**

## FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

# Getting rid of caterpillars in the pecan tree

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



Several years ago, one Sunday afternoon, we were at Mother and Dad's house looking at trees as they were putting on new leaves.

Upon a close look at one of the pecan trees, we noticed a large web with several caterpillar worms in it.

We talked about the best way to get rid of the caterpillars so they would not spread all over the tree.

Having decided that the best thing to do was to burn the web.

We cut the branch off and laid it on the ground.

We could not do any good by sticking a match to the web, so we decided to pour some gasoline on it.

Daddy had some lawnmower gas, so we got the can out, poured gas on the web, put the can up so as to not have a big fire or explosion, and made plans to really get rid of those little boogers.

My brother, Dale, squatted down on the ground to light the gas-doused web.

Now you don't light gas fumes the way you light a piece of paper or a piece of wood by holding a match to it, as Dale soon found out...

Having just struck the match, Dale lit up a 6-foot wide circle of flames right under himself.

My brother Dale is the only person I know who can jump 6 feet in the air from a squatting position.

## BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# The end of the road is not always the end of the road

**Bill King**
Tribune Contributor



Ever said, "I would walk to the end of the earth for you?" Really? There are a few slight problems with that statement. Where is the end of the earth? Unless I am mistaken, the earth is round; therefore, it has no ends, unless you count space. That being the case, it is impossible to walk to the end of the earth. I know, I know, there is a small group of people known as "Flat-Earthers" who still believe the world is flat. Some of these same people also believe we didn't fly to the moon and that the pictures of round earth taken from space are fakes. To the Flat Earthers I would ask, "Have you seen the edge of the earth?"

While it may impossible to walk to the end of the earth, I do know for a fact that it is very possible to walk to the end of the road. I'll explain shortly.

I've owned a few cars in my life that I wish I had kept. They call them vintage now. When I owned them they just called them old. They might also have called them worn out. The fact that I owned them means that they weren't expensive then. The passing of time can sure do strange things.

I traded a worn out, cut down Volkswagen Beetle once for a worn out beat up 57 Chevy. I didn't have much money to restore that old car, but fortunately I did work in my brother's paint and body shop.

We didn't restore my car to its original state but we turned it into a hotrod. We put in bucket seats and carpet. We added a Hurst shifter and a console from a 65 Mustang. We added white lettered tires and chrome wheels. I even ordered a barred grill from the J.C. Whitney Company, in Chicago. The final touch was to give my car a royal blue, metal-flake paint job. I loved that sparkly shine.

I washed and waxed that car so many times I'm surprised I didn't wear the paint right off! These days I wash my car about twice a year. I washed that 57 about twice a week!

It was while I owned that car that I began dated a pretty young lady who would become my wife. This was in the old days when boys went to the girl's house to pick her up for a date. The only problem was that Jean lived about two miles down an unpaved dirt road.

Even though I may have just washed my car, by the time I arrived at Jean's house it was dirty again.

I may have, quite possibly, complained about the dirt. One Friday night, as I approached the spot where I was to turn off the paved road, guess who was standing there.

She had walked all the way to the end of the dirt road, so I would not get my car dirty!

Now that's what you call going the extra mile.

That young lady has gone the extra mile for me many times and many ways since then, more times than I can count. After all these years she is more precious to me than ever.

We might not be able to go to the end of the earth for those we love, but we can go to the end of the road. Love does amazing things.

Do you know that God loves you? He didn't go to the end of the earth to show it, He created it, and then sent His Son to live and die on it.

That is indeed going the extra mile. I hope your Valentine Day either was, or will be, a good one.

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# Tribune Files from Yesteryear

**From the Files of 1900**

The following students entered the Polytechnic College this week: Misses Della and Dialphia Stewart, Lizzie Kleibacker, Lillian Fowler and Amelia Sutterer and Messers J.H. Downing, Asa B. Murphree, Carl Goff and Phillip Hartung.

Miss Louise Young, formerly of this place, but who has made her home in New York for some time, has returned to Alabama and accepted a position with W.R. Smith in New Decatur.

Miss Floyd Fuller has accepted a position at The Racket Store.

Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Bogue and children are visiting relatives in Sonora, Kentucky.

To the delight of her many friends, Mrs. Adam Dreherr, Junior returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Richard returned this week after a trip to Germany.

J.L. Edge killed a rattlesnake, which measured four feet in length and ten inches in circumference. He lives 4 1/2 miles south of town.

Harry Martin was home from Birmingham, during the first of the week.

Marriage licenses have recently been issued to Charles G. Garrett and Miss Nellie Chandler; B.L. Cook and Miss Mintie Burks; A.P. King and Miss Adella Adams; Joe W. Morris and Miss Lula Hanners; O.W. Day and Miss Zuma D. Smith; James W. Bryant and Miss Annie Braswell and Thomas E. Collen and Miss Ida Johnson.

Miss Emma Holder's school, at Joppa, closed last Friday.

John Kilgo has sold his place at Blue Ridge and has gone to Arkansas.

Mrs. Christ Scheuing and Miss Gena Ragsdale visited Mrs. J.K. Ragsdale, at Glade, this week.

**From The Files Of 1950**

**Meek P.T.A. Meeting**

The Meek P.T.A. held its first meeting of the year on Monday night, September 18th.

The seventy members, who were present, met in the lunchroom at Meek School.

W.B. Mauldin opened the meeting with a very inspiring devotional.

The guest speaker was Sergeant Bowles, of the State Highway Patrol, in Decatur. His subject was "Facing the Facts of Accidents."

There was a short business session before the close of the meeting. It was decided that the Meek P.T.A. would meet monthly on the first Monday night after every third Sunday.

The dues were set at thirty cents. Several committees were appointed and Mauldin was re-elected as chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Lee Dickerson, president of the P.T.A.

There is another meeting of the Meek P.T.A. being held this afternoon, September 28th, at 2 o'clock.

**Cullman Downs Arab, 14-6 For First Win**

***By: Johnny Edwards***

With "Kitty" Owen leading the attack, Coach Tilrow Morrison's Cullman Bearcats capped their first victory of the season over an undefeated Arab eleven on Friday night.

Both Owen and McSwain, big two of the "Black and Gold" running attack, started moving from their own 33, early in the fourth quarter.

Ripping off big gains, they moved to the Arab one, where McSwain scored.

Owen converted and Cullman had a comfortable eight point lead, which they still possessed at the final whistle.

Darrell Tubbs, halfback, along with Asa Blalock were the Bearcat defensive standouts, while Thomas and Taylor looked good for the Knights.

# Partnership (from Front)

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**CULLMAN** – On Thursday of this week, United Way agency Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) and The Cullman Tribune entered into a partnership to expand the CCK's reach to the community and further its mission of preventing child abuse.

CCK Director Javon Daniel said, "I think the important thing is to get the word out about who we are and what we do, and our mission. Our mission has been, since the very founding of Cullman Caring for Kids in 1988, has been child abuse prevention and awareness. And that still is our major mission. Now, we do it through different areas, but that's still our mission, and that's to prevent child abuse.

"We can keep kids from going to bed hungry. We can advocate through our CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program for kids who are in the court system for abuse and neglect. And through our radio program every week, we are able to reach more people to talk about things that are children and family issues.

"By partnering with The Tribune, we hope to increase this awareness to a point that it's never, never been."

**More than a food bank**

When people think of CCK, the term "food bank" often comes to mind, and with good reason: the organization distributes 8 to 10 tons of food per month to families in need. But how does a child advocacy group get into the grocery business?

Daniel responded, "If you have a hungry 2- or 3-year-old child, there's no food in the house, and you have no idea where that food to feed that child is going to come from, that child is crying, and they're grumpy, and they're fussy. And if we can prevent one parent from being angry enough to strike that child, then the food bank has accomplished what we set out to do.

"It's a preventative, it's a proactive, stance. And this happens a lot. Children are abused, especially younger children, when they're not happy, and the parents have gone to their wits' end and they just have to do something. We offer the alternative that, hey, you can come in here and we can give you enough food to last you for several days, to help you past that point.

"That one child may later wind up in the court system or in the DHR system. And if we can prevent that, that's what we're here for."

**CCK's other programs include:**

**CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Trained volunteers are assigned to specific cases by courts and conduct independent investigations into cases of abuse, to do whatever is in a child's best interest.

Daniel described CASA volunteers as "the eyes and ears for the judge, because the judge cannot get out and do that in every case. But, more importantly, I think, is that they become the voice for the child, because children have very little to say about custody cases and abuse cases. It's just important that they know that they have somebody who, their only purpose is to be there for that child. We don't work for DHR; we don't work for the attorneys. We are there as volunteers to help that child to get into a safe, permanent home as soon as possible."

**"Kids Matter"**

Radio shows on Fridays (WKUL 92.1, 9:30 a.m.), Saturdays (WKUL's Praise Radio 97.9, 8:30 a.m.) and Sundays (WRJL 99.9, 3 p.m.) address child abuse prevention to a regional market of more than one million potential listeners. Some topics might be uncomfortable to talk about, but Daniel insists that no worthwhile subject is off the table if its discussion can help stop or prevent abuse.

Said Daniel, "Kids do matter, and what they think, and what they're experiencing, and what they're going through does matter. What we try to do is we try to talk about children and family issues every week that will help those listeners to get as good information as we can possibly give them about a given situation or subject. I wouldn't say it's my favorite part, but it's way up on the list, because I like to talk! But it's very important."



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**Scholarship available from Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District**

The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior, and live in the state of Alabama.

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.

## Poet's Corner

### *My Spirit*

**By: Tyler Adams**

*From his book, "Soul and Spirit." Gardendale, Alabama*

The spirit of man is strength from God built by His love,

For when we obey Our Father, blessings will reign from above.

We must put our lives in God's hands and believe with our might,

For we must follow Christ and walk by faith, not by sight.

For God will carry us when we cannot walk on our darkest days,

He will hold our spirit in His hands while molding us as clay.

He gives our spirit the courage to fight the temptations of this life,

He gives our spirit the power to face adversity and strife.

Lord, take my spirit and guide me through all of my days,

Until one day my spirit

# Trafficking (from Front)

• During a disaster, disaster survivors may engage in survival strategies that make them vulnerable to being taken advantage of. Children may be separated, sometimes permanently, from their parents.

• In the aftermath of a disaster, rebuilding and cleanup create new markets for cheap or free labor, and disaster survivors may lose their main source of income and look for new types of work, including labor and commercial sex.

Labor trafficking victims perform work duties in exchange for basic necessities (food, water, housing) rather than money, are unable to freely choose where they live, and often have their identification documents held by their employers.

Sex trafficking victims often have to provide sex in exchange for basic necessities (food, water, housing) and may exhibit unexplainable injuries. In public, they are often closely accompanied by a handler and may not even be allowed to speak to strangers or go to a restroom by themselves. Any commercial sex trade involving persons under 18 is considered trafficking.

If you have seen warning signs of human trafficking or think someone is trying to recruit you or someone you know, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or visit www.HumanTraffickingHotline.org to get help, report tips, find services and learn about your options.

# Publix (from Front)

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**CULLMAN** – Publix representatives visited Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) Friday afternoon to deliver a donation of almost $9,000 to the food bank. The $8,970.16 from the grocery chain's annual Food for All Campaign was delivered by Publix District Manager Vince Mingione and Cullman Publix Store Manager Brad Boshell to CCK Director Javon Daniel and Assistant Director Nancy Bryant.

CCK will be able to use the money to add supplies to the food bank from both local sources and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

"The money that we get from Publix all goes back into the food bank. It's used either to buy food at the food bank in Huntsville or if we buy local," Daniel said. "Sometimes we buy from Publix and we also buy from a couple of other stores, but this money will all go back into the food bank operation and be used to give out food."

CCK has worked with Publix ever since it arrived in Cullman and Daniel is thankful for the significant contributions it has made to the organization.

"They do this once a year, the Food for All Campaign, and this gives their partner agencies help to do what they're there to do and that's to help people that are in need. We've been partnering with Publix since they moved to Cullman in 2015, and we pick up five days a week from them," Daniel said. "We pick up produce, meat, baked goods, breads and different things, and they are such a tremendous asset. We love them to death because we couldn't do near as much, we couldn't give out near as much food to the people that come in, if it weren't for Publix and Wal-Mart."













