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Cullman area preparing for potential flooding

City of Hanceville declares state of emergency ahead of anticipated event; other municipalities could follow suit



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At a municipal maintenance facility in Hanceville on Monday, Hanceville firefighter Nathan Morgan, along with other workers and volunteers, filled trailer loads of sand bags.

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West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo dies at 61



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo passed away on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 at the age of 61.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Patriot looking for his new headquarters

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Fonzie found a cool friend!

CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay passed along the good news that last week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, Fonzie, has been adopted; today she introduces us to another friend:

Patriot is an approximately 1-year-old Mountain Cur mix. He's an athletic, medium-energy pet with the makings of a good hiking, comfort or therapy dog. Walking on his leash like an old pro, he minds his manners. Patriot wants to stay close to his human, whether walking and playing or just sitting, but he understands personal boundaries and won't be all over you.

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.

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

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

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

Holly Pond native Josh Pinkard 1 of 5 victims in Aurora, Illinois mass shooting

Wendy Sack, WVTM
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – Holly Pond native Josh Pinkard was one of five victims in Friday's workplace shooting at the Henry Pratt Company, located west of Chicago in Aurora, Illinois. Pinkard's death was confirmed by multiple sources Friday night, then by the Aurora Police Department on Saturday. Pinkard, who graduated from Holly Pond High School, transferred to the Aurora plant, where he was the plant manager, from Albertville last year.

Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman said five people died in the shooting. The gunman, an employee of Henry Pratt who was reportedly being fired from his job, was killed by police at the scene. He was identified as Gary Martin, 45.

According to WGN TV in Chicago, six people were wounded, five of them police officers. "It all started about 1:24 p.m. Friday when police received multiple 911 calls from inside the Henry Pratt building, officials said. Four officers arrived on the scene at 1:28 p.m. and were immediately fired upon; two were shot. The additional three officers shot were part of the next wave of first responders."

Pinkard's family remembers him as a loving and kind-hearted father and husband. His uncle David Chambers said Pinkard planned to come back to Alabama.

"Josh was a young man that everybody loved, he had one of those personalities that attracted people," Chambers told The Tribune's Birmingham news partner, WVTM 13. "He was kind-hearted, generous, loving, funny, intelligent, athletic, a great day, husband, son, nephew."



CONTRIBUTED

A family photo of Josh Pinkard, his wife Terra and their three children

Chambers continued, "His mother called me and said, 'Start praying, Josh has been shot. We don't know any details.' Of course, we lean upon the lord and his strength is our strength, but none the less it hurts. We understand there's evil in the world, people ask, 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' Do we like what he did? No. But the scriptures teach us that we're not the judge, we are to love even though we can't stand what maybe somebody has done. Right now, all we can do is trust that God's got this."

Said Chambers, "We know where he's at based upon his relationship with God. And that gives us some comfort. Does it relieve all

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Arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 18

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 14

- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- menacing; CR 1169
- burglary; Hwy. 69 N
- harassment, criminal mischief; Beech Ave. SE
- harassment; CR 493
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; High School Rd.
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1030
- burglary; CR 1225

Feb. 15

- domestic violence, menacing; CR 679
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd St. Garden City
- theft of property; CR 1564
- harassment; Good Hope School Rd.
- theft of property, domestic violence; CR 469
- harassment; CR 8
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 222
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E

Feb. 16

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 N
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 604
- illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 226
- assault; CR 1237

Feb. 17

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1336/CR 1354
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- harassment; CR 401
- harassment; CR 1082

ARRESTS

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 15

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; knife; $128
- third-degree domestic violence; person; 1st St. NW
- identity theft, fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; misc. charges
- identity theft, fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; misc. charges
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc.; $22

Feb. 16

- third-degree domestic violence; person; Hickory Ave. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $47
- first-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; '07 Nissan Sentra; $6,500

Feb. 17

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, third-degree theft of property; person; Campbell Lane SE; wallet and contents

ARRESTS

Beebe, Tyrone D., 21

- second-degree receiving stolen property
- carrying a pistol without a license
- certain person forbidden to possess a pistol
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- second-degree promoting prison contraband

Starnes, Cynthia T., 18

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Sherrell, Cameron D., 21

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- public intoxication

Fuller, Destiny M., 21

- fourth-degree theft of property
- fourth-degree theft of property

Kilpatrick, Justin K., 31

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sterling, James H., 50

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Rouse, Katherine K., 33

- FTA- expired tag

Cofer, Chris L., 40

- FTA- insurance violation

Robinson, Dustin L., 22

- criminal surveillance

Witkowski, Crystal D., 34

- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Smith, Kenneth W. Jr., 42

- interlock ignition violation
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bradford, Patrick W., 48

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

Haynes, Juanita A., 49

- fourth-degree theft of property

Carlisle, Anna N., 23

- fourth-degree theft of property

Monroe, Ashley C., 33

- FTA- public intoxication

King, Brittany R., 34

- FTA- public intoxication

Curvin, Meshach J., 23

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Phillips, Jonathan L., 26

- first-degree theft of property

Armstrong, Ryan E., 38

- FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)

Brizendine, Christopher N., 44

- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- insurance violation

Burgess, Cody E., 25

- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag

Lindner, Dillon T., 27

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Flooding (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Early Monday afternoon, Hanceville city workers and volunteers filled sandbags bound for a flood-prone east side neighborhood, as Mayor Kenneth Nail pushed to get his city ready for heavy rains expected to fall on the region this week.

Cullman County and the surrounding region have already seen several rain events very recently, saturating the ground and bringing rivers, streams and ponds near their maximum capacities. Days of heavy rain later this week are expected to produce flooding in locations across north Alabama.

Nail told The Tribune, "As everyone knows, for the last several days we've had a lot of rain, and the ground is saturated. Yesterday, Mud Creek was at full table. And we know when we've got a situation like this building up over the next few days--I think the weather's updated a little bit, so it's our understanding we could potentially get up to 12 inches of rain.

"We have one area over here on Edward Street and East Railroad that has flooded several times last several years, and, matter of fact, Christmas before last, Christmas Day, we were sandbagging. What we want to do is get ahead of this thing; we want to get this residence over here sandbagged. And we just hope and pray that, you know, it don't come down in just sheets. If it does, then we may be in trouble."

The area on Hanceville's east side is a low-lying zone that suffers from runoff from higher elevations nearby, and narrow drainage ditches and pipes that are prone to backing up quickly during heavy rain.

Shortly before 11 a.m. Monday, Nail announced that, after consulting with Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Phyllis Little and City Attorney Dan Willingham, he decided to issue a state of emergency for the city of Hanceville.

"We're just trying to get ahead of it," said Nail, "and the main thing is, we don't want our employees and our volunteers, we've got several volunteers out here, we don't want them out here trying to do this while it's pouring down rain. It's a safety issue, also. So, may not need it, hope we don't. But if we do, hopefully we're going to be prepared."

Little said that while weather forecasts from the National Weather Service have lowered expected rainfall totals for the Cullman area from Tuesday through Sunday to 4.5 to 6 inches, instead of earlier predictions of up to 12 inches, it's still a lot of rain, and people should be prepared.

Little said she agrees with Nail's actions.

"By them doing that, it costs the municipality nothing, but it actually gets them on the record in the long run, it helps them to get out ahead of it," she said.

Little said more municipalities could follow suit on Tuesday. She said Cullman County could do so, as well as Vinemont.

"We're working with municipalities," she said. "Anybody who needs sand bags, we'll be getting those out to them. We're trying to keep everything updated on Facebook and Twitter so the general public has as much information as possible.

As of Monday afternoon, projected rainfall totals for the Cullman area were 2 inches from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday morning, 1 to 2 inches from Thursday night to Friday night and another 1 to 2 inches Saturday through Sunday, said Little.

Flash Flood Watch

The U.S. National Weather Service in Huntsville on Monday afternoon issued a Flash Flood Watch for portions of Alabama and southern middle Tennessee, including the following areas, in Alabama, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin AL, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, and Morgan. In southern middle Tennessee, Franklin TN, Lincoln, and Moore from Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6 a.m. until Friday, Feb. 22 at 6 a.m.

"Multiple rounds of heavy rainfall are expected starting Tuesday and continuing through Thursday night. Surface soil conditions are saturated and much of this rainfall will occur as runoff. In addition to the excessive rainfall, releases of water along the Tennessee River are expected to result in flooding for portions of the river. The combination of flooding along the Tennessee River and excessive rainfall are forecast to cause many of the local rivers and streams to become overwhelmed and go into flood."

RESOURCES FOR CITIZENS:

- www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyEMA/
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- www.twitter.com/simpsonwhnt
- www.twitter.com/JerryWVTM13

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Feb. 19 - 24

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

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, featuring Mrs. Earline Johnson. This month also begins our series of educational programs geared toward serving the communities we live in. We will be presenting a program on avoiding financial scams such as calls saying you have won or owe money, recognizing tampered-with gas pumps and what to do if you have been scammed. During this meeting we will also be accepting donations to the Horace Culpepper Memorial. Mr. Culpepper passed away on Jan. 6. Food will be provided by Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth and the Cullman County Democrats For more information, call 256-708-1334.
151 Byars Rd, Hanceville, Alabama 35077 from 10 a.m.-noon.

4th Annual Cullman EMS 911 Chili Cook-Off-Saturday, Feb. 23
Cullman Regional's Cullman EMS is hosting its fourth annual 911 Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with all proceeds benefiting The Link of Cullman County. The registration fee for entering a team is $20 and is open to all law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel and dispatchers. Tasting is open to the public for a $1 donation per sample. Community members are encouraged to attend and vote for their favorite chili. First, second and third place will be awarded by popular vote from the community, as well as the award for Hottest Chili. Attendees will also have a chance to win door prizes and enter a raffle for Rock the South tickets. The 911 Chili Cook-Off will take place at Desperation Church (202 Elizabeth Street NE, Cullman, AL 35055). For more information or to register your team, contact James Curtis at (205) 903-4486 or email at james.curtis@cullmanregional.com.

Holly Pond Lions Club Beans 'n Greens Supper- Saturday, Feb. 23
The Holly Pond Lions Club will host a Beans 'n Greens Supper at its clubhouse on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. Pintos, great (white) northerns, greens and all the trimmings for a suggested donation of $5. Contributions will help fund club projects associated with eye sight preservation, juvenile diabetes education and other core programs. The facility is located in the Holly Pond Lions Park, 221 Lions Park Road. For more information, contact Dewitt Sanford at 256-531-2167.

Cullman Historic Society Meeting- Sunday, Feb. 24
The Cullman Historic Society will meet on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum for "History of Cullman Blacksmithing" and "Iron Works" with Allan Kress.

Singing at Cross Baptist Church- Sunday, Feb. 24
Singing at Cross Baptist Church with Unity 4 from Iuka, Mississippi and Trusting Grace from Birmingham. Singing starts at 5 p.m. and love offering will be taken. Cross Baptist Church is located on Lacon Mountain in Cullman County. For more info, call 205-541-2504.

LOOKING AHEAD

Cullman Lions Club Fish and Ham Dinner- Saturday, March 9
March 9 is the day for the Cullman Lions Club annual Fish and Ham Dinner. Fish/ham with all the trimmings, including homemade desert and drink all for a donation of $10. Cullman Middle School cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.. Dine in with your friends, carry out or drive through. The donations will be used for community and eyesight projects.

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Pinkard (from Front)

our pain, no it doesn't, but it does give us comfort in knowing that when he took his last breath upon this earth, he got to see Jesus. He got to see Jesus, face to face, and God said, 'Welcome in, my son.'"

Pinkard's wife, Terra, said her husband texted her after he was shot. She posted to social the following to social media:

"You guys. I can't even begin to start saying thank you for the love that has been poured out on us. Friday afternoon, the day after Valentine's Day, was a literal nightmare. I received a text at 1:24 from my precious husband that said I love you, I've been shot at work. It took me several times reading it for it to hit me that it was for real. I called his phone several times, text, FaceTime, nothing. I called his plant and a lady answered and said she was barricaded in her room and police were everywhere.

"Of course, my heart dropped. I grabbed my children and drove to his plant where I met a cop blocking off the roads. She couldn't tell me anything. I drove to the nearest hospital. He wasn't there. I drove to the second nearest hospital. Not there.

"While waiting there on news, chaplains, my pastor, neighbors, his coworkers came to sit with me and hold my hand. I waited for hours. I finally got in touch with the Aurora PD, who told me of a staging area for victims' families.

"I don't know how my body drove itself there but it did. The police told us there were fatalities. He read my husband's name. I immediately left and went to get my kids.

"With my pastor's help, since family was still on planes to get to us, I told my children their dad did not make it and is in heaven with Jesus. I've never had to do something that hard. Yesterday was filled with police conferences and visiting a coroner.

"Every thought in my mind and everything I see reminds me of a precious memory of my husband. I've been asked so many times by the media to talk about him.

"I literally can't talk out loud about this lovely man without breaking down in sobs. I'm crying now as I write this. I want to shout from the rooftops about how amazing Josh was! He was brilliant! The smartest person I've ever met! My best friend! The man I would have leaned on during devastation like this who would tell me it's ok Terra, it is all going to be fine. The man who was dying and found the clarity of mind for just a second to send me one last text to let me know he would always love me. This unbelievable person was robbed from us.

"The next few days are going to be filled with decisions to make on how to say my final goodbyes to a man I always said I couldn't live without. But you guys have poured out your love on me. You have covered me, my children, our families with so much love and prayer. It is the only way we are doing it guys. Please continue to pray for my mother in law. This is her second child she will bury. Please pray for my sister in law. Josh was her twin brother. Please pray for my children. They are struggling because they miss a daddy who loved them so much. Please pray that somehow I can put that one foot in front of the other. And again thank you for all the kindness you have shown to us."

Said Chambers, "He didn't expect to leave this earth so soon. His plans were to come back to Alabama with the company here, this was just a temporary assignment. He had plans for the future, as most people do, but we're never promised another breath, so I just encourage people to be ready at any time."

As of press time, service arrangements for Josh Pinkard have not been published.

Kilgo (from Front)

Christy Perry,
Wendy Sack

WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo has died at age 61. The announcement of Kilgo's passing was made early Monday morning on a Facebook page, Warriors for Kenneth, set up by his family.

"We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, well wishes and messages of support. Yesterday Kenneth went into kidney failure and due to him having sepsis we decided to get him started on dialysis hoping this would help. Libby and I (Shawn) visited with him for a while yesterday afternoon and evening. At 1:15 this morning we got a call from the hospital asking us to come back. Unfortunately at around 1:30 this morning Kenneth passed away. We ask for continued prayers for our family during this time and also for Kenneth's daughter Nicolette who is currently in England and will be flying back to the U.S. Tuesday. Arrangements will be made once Nicolette arrives and we will post them as soon as they are made. And again our family wants to thank everyone for their support. We love all of y'all."

The exact cause of the mayor's death has not been released, but he had been hospitalized since falling at his home in December 2018.

Kilgo was born and raised in West Point and the love he had for his hometown, county and country was undeniable. The 1974 graduate of West Point High School went on to serve his country for more than 20 years in the U.S. Army. After he retired from the military as a sergeant major, Kilgo returned home to West Point, dedicated to his town.

"He served his country honorably and was just a great guy," said friend and fellow veteran, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Ken Brown.

The Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp 1442 Sons of the Confederate Veterans, of which Kilgo was an active member, also shared the news Monday morning.

Member Steve Bryan shared, "I ask you all to be much in prayer for all the friends and family of our Brother Kenneth Kilgo. And let's pray for each other. Brother Kenneth went to sleep in the arms of our Lord and Savior early this morning. Don't have the words to express the separation from my friend and brother. We are all blessed who could call him friend."

Thomas Jefferson Denney Camp 1442 Commander Wayne Willingham said Kilgo served as first lieutenant commander and was part of the camp for around 12 years.

"We will have a color guard standing post at his visitation," Willingham said, "if the family's agreeable to it."

Kilgo, who previously served on the West Point City Council, was first appointed as mayor of West Point in 2006. He was then elected to the position in 2008, 2012 and 2016 becoming the longest serving mayor in West Point.

He is credited with being the driving force behind the many improvements to the town's park, paying off and improving the sewer system and the building of the new fire station.

Kilgo was proud of the community shelters, improvements to and support of the schools and attracting new business and industry to the West Point area.

On Nov. 30, 2018, Kilgo and the Town of West Point celebrated the official ribbon cutting and grand opening for Dale's Market, along with the long-awaited completion and opening of the new turn lane at the Alabama Highway 157 intersection with County Road 1242.

At the ribbon cutting, Kilgo's primary focus was how much safer the people in the community are with the intersection improvements; a happy Kilgo smiled, "We've spent three years working on getting this turn lane. With all the trees there before, you couldn't see to make turns. Now, it's much safer.

"A lot of people go through that intersection-lots of school buses, lots of teen drivers and so many others. This is so much safer and better."

Kilgo worked to advocate for both his hometown and Cullman County, serving as executive director of Cullman County Red Cross from 2007-2009 and head of the Cullman County Mayors and Commissioners Association from 2009-2010, later serving as the CCMCA's treasurer.

He also served as part of the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG).

An emotional Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar spoke about his friend, "He had the town of West Point on his mind and in his heart in everything he did. He was that way about the whole county, West Point should be proud that he was their mayor.

"When I first became mayor in Baileyton, I turned to Kenneth for advice. He gave me good advice-smart advice. He's one of the smartest mayors I know. He helped me so much and I don't know if I could have made it without him. He's what I can call a good friend and I enjoyed being with him. I'm going to miss him."

Shared Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett, "He's a good friend. I've gotten to know him since I've become mayor and he's always been helpful."

Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope added, "My dad and Kenneth were friends growing up. I knew him because of my dad and not really because of politics. He's just a good guy."

Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman said, "Kenneth never was real political about the things he did but if you look at what he's done since he's been at West Point: Jack's has come in, that turn lane he worked on for four years to get. We've had numerous improvements in business and in the schools. He's worked, worried me I guess you could say, about paving the roads. He's got a good infrastructure, worked on the sewer and so much behind the scenes he has done as mayor that are a benefit and a long-lasting benefit. I don't know how to put into words how much he loved his community."

Continued Marchman, "He retired from the Army. He's a veteran and strong advocate for the Sons of the Confederacy.

"He served in artillery most of his military career and was a drill instructor for quite a while. He was a good instructor and has a lot of recognition for his military service.

"He was good friends with a lot of the mayors. He really supported the municipalities and what they were fighting for. He was a great community guy and will be missed."

The Tribune will publish service details when they become available. Check www.CullmanTribune.com/Obituaries.

LEGALS

Notice Of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th St., Cullman, AL 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupants who are in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 2/26/2019 at 10:00 a.m. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Kim Tae D. (Mimi) D. Lee, unit #58, 1724 2nd Avenue Southwest, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Wayne C. Nixon/Yellowhammer Roofing, unit #618, 1241 Forrest Brook Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35226.

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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2019027

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:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday March 4, 2019 Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short-form subdivision on Orchard Drive NE (Old Larkwood Club) – divide one lot into six lots

2. Rezoning request on Main Ave. SW & Morningside Drive SW R-2 to R-4

For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Seniors from Baileyton and Hanceville pose for a photo outside 50 Taters in Scottsboro Monday.

Road tripping with Baileyton, Hanceville seniors

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. - Seniors from Baileyton and the "Rowdy Bunch" from the Hanceville Senior Center joined together for a day trip on the Baileyton Senior Center bus Monday, when the group headed to Scottsboro for a visit to the Unclaimed Baggage Center and had lunch afterward at 50 Taters.

"We try to plan a fun day trip once a month," said Pat Goens, president of the Baileyton seniors.

Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar also accompanied the group.

The drive to Scottsboro was lively with an intense game of "Counting Cows." Despite the fierce competitiveness, an official winner was not declared. Lake Guntersville was on the way and it was teeming with water fowl. The boats and fisherman out enjoying the holiday sparked wonderful memories and stories from those on the bus of days spent fishing "back in the day."

The group shopped at Unclaimed Baggage for almost two hours, and while most everyone found a bargain in the book section, almost all agreed that while the selection was great, pricing was higher than thrift stores. Everyone had a good time, regardless.

The group enjoyed lunch at 50 Taters in Scottsboro, a country-style restaurant filled with vintage antiques. Everyone stopped for pictures and selfies with Elvis, the pink flamingos and classic Ford pickup before loading up for the ride home.

Jo Ballard, member of the Hanceville Rowdy Bunch, began participating with the senior center about three years ago.

She recalled, "I was so depressed and had gained a lot of weight. I couldn't drive or work anymore. My husband died 19 years ago and my kids are grown. I was in a bad depression. My doctor scared me and told me I had to get out."

Ballard sat and swapped stories with senior center newcomer Sue Macklin, who said she was encouraged by her neighbors to become active with the center. Sue and Jo have become good friends.

"I love it!" That was Macklin's response to being asked about joining the other seniors.

Dyar is proud of Baileyton's senior center saying, "I do everything I can to help our seniors and our children. We have a great group of seniors."

Goens added, "We try to take a trip at least once a month except for November and December."

Next month, the Baileyton seniors plan to go to Stone Bridge Farms, then to the Outlet Shops of Grand River before Easter.

Evon Fowler, manager of the Hanceville Senior Center, reminds those older than 60 that the Hanceville Senior Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. It serves hot, nutritious meals each day at 11. Daily activities including singing, Bingo, penny auction, games and crafts.

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PREP BASKETBALL - NORTHWEST REGIONAL

Lady Broncos fall to Lauderdale County, 47-32

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A strong 2018-19 season came to an end for the Holly Pond Lady Broncos Saturday night after they fell to Lauderdale County 47-32 in the opening round of the Northwest Regional. This was Holly Pond's first appearance in the Sweet 16 since 2014 and the Lady Broncos found themselves leading the Lady Tigers early in the second quarter, but they couldn't score consistently enough on the offensive end.

Both teams got off to a slow start on offense, and the game was tied at six late in the first quarter.

The Lady Tigers' full court pressure led to some turnovers from the Lady Broncos, allowing Lauderdale County to take an 11-6 lead by the start of the second quarter.

Kirsten Campbell shifted the momentum as soon as the second period started by scoring seven straight and putting Holly Pond ahead 13-11.

Lauderdale County was able to retake the lead 16-13 midway through the quarter, but Sarah Finley scored while being fouled to cut the lead to 20-19 with less than a minute to play in the half.

The Lady Tigers finished the quarter strong once again and held a 25-20 advantage at the halftime break.

Lauderdale County created some separation in the third quarter, stretching its lead to 33-22 early in the period.

Both squads had trouble finding the scoreboard for the rest of the period and the Lady Tigers maintained a 36-24 lead at the start of the fourth.

Lauderdale County made it a 42-25 game, but Maddie Heatherly scored to trim the lead to 42-29 midway through the final period.

A three from Tess Duke made it a 44-32 game with just over two minutes to play, but the Lady Broncos couldn't completely chip away the lead and Lauderdale County held on to win it 47-32.

Campbell led Holly Pond with seven points, followed by Finley and Elizabeth Miller with six and Heatherly with four.

The loss ends the Lady Broncos' postseason run and brings their final record to 18-14.

Several impact players for Holly Pond will be moving on after graduation this May so there will be plenty of spots for new faces to step up, fill those roles and make another run next season.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kirsten Campbell (20) attacks the basket during Holly Pond's 47-32 loss to Lauderdale County Saturday night.

PREP BASKETBALL - NORTHWEST REGIONAL

Holly Pond falls to Westminster Christian, 70-44

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Holly Pond faced the second-ranked ranked Westminster Christian Academy Wildcats in the Sweet 16 round of the Northwest Regional Saturday night and the Broncos found themselves in a deep hole early.

The Wildcats jumped out to a double-digit lead almost immediately and never looked back, defeating Holly Pond 70-44.

Westminster got off to a 7-0 start in the first quarter, but Isaac Ludwig trimmed it to 9-3 with a shot from behind the arc midway through the period.

A smothering defense and an explosive transition offense helped the Wildcats stretch the lead to 20-7 by the start of the second quarter and they continued to add to their lead in the first half. Kyler Chaney converted an and-one play at the free-throw line to make it 24-10 early in the second, but that's when the 3-pointers began to fall for Westminster. The Wildcats took a 33-10 lead with a 3-pointer midway through the second and continued adding to their lead, making it a 40-12 game at the half.

The lead continued to grow for Westminster in the second half, but a 3-pointer from Jordan Allbright stopped the run and made it a 53-18 game midway through the third. Devyn Tankersley converted an and-one play at the free-throw line with less than a minute to play in the quarter to cut the lead to 59-22, but the Broncos still trailed 61-22 at the start of the fourth.

The Wildcats knocked down another 3-pointer to stretch the lead to 64-22, but Holly Pond was able to put together a scoring run in the final period.

Chaney scored to trim the lead to 64-30 midway through the fourth and a layup from Tankersley made it a 68-40 game with less than two minutes to play, but the deficit was too much for the Broncos to overcome and they ended up falling 70-44.

Ludwig led Holly Pond with 14 points in the loss, followed by Chaney with 12 and Allbright with six.

The Broncos will lose several seniors to graduation in May, but they will also have a lot of familiar faces returning to the court next season and they'll be hungry to put together another postseason run.

EDUCATION / ARTS

Dance Alabama! coming to Welti Elementary

Gina Webb, W.C. Mann
Contributors

WELTI, Ala. – The University of Alabama's Dance Alabama! troupe will perform for students at Welti Elementary School on Friday, February 22 at 11 a.m. The performance is funded by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Welti is one of 18 schools in 12 counties benefiting from the council's statewide Alabama Touring Artist Program.

Dance Alabama! presents concerts that highlight work from University of Alabama student and faculty choreographers.

In each performance, there is a mixture of group works, solos, duets and trios that engage students with fantastic partnering as well as a range of movement styles.

Performances show a diverse repertoire of dance works, including classical ballet, contemporary modern dance and hip-hop mixed with traditional jazz.

Dance Alabama! performances occur throughout the academic year and are choreographed and designed by students and faculty.

Following the performances, dancers engage the student audience through dialog and questions, other times through call and response exercises, or through leading a brief warm-up and creating a short dance with the students.

"Alabama is indeed fortunate to have an abundance of outstanding performing artists," said Joel Daves IV, council chairman.

"Providing opportunities for students to enjoy and learn through the arts is a top priority for the council."

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state arts agency of Alabama.

The staff of the council, directed by Elliot Knight, administers the grants programs and provides financial assistance in arts education and programming.

The council receives its support through an annual appropriation from the Alabama Legislature and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



DANCE ALABAMA!

Dance Alabama!
According to the organization's website:
Dance Alabama! is an organization on the campus of The University of Alabama dedicated to bringing students together who share a love of dance. Under the guidance of the UA Department of Theatre & Dance Faculty, Dance Alabama! is an outlet for students to socialize, participate in various community outreach and service events, make connections, and both present and learn serious choreography through our performance opportunity every semester.

In both Fall and Spring semesters, Dance Alabama! holds open auditions for the Dance Alabama! performances. These performances are organized, choreographed, and designed entirely by students and include all genres of dance! Students who want to choreograph select the dancers they'd like to work with at auditions, hold rehearsals, and present their works for adjudication by the UA Dance Faculty.

ENTERTAINMENT - MOVIE REVIEW

'The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part' brings the fun; 8/10

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, writers and directors of "The Lego Movie," are back for the sequel and they're bringing audiences back into the LEGO world for another adventure. "The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part" also returns the core of the original cast including Chris Pratt as Emmet, Elizabeth Banks as Wyldstyle and Will Arnett as Batman. Tiffany Haddish and Stephanie Beatriz have joined the cast for the sequel as new characters, and there are multiple celebrity cameos.

The first LEGO movie took a lot of audiences by surprise with its fast-paced humor and clever animation style, and Lord and Miller have brought both of those things back for Part 2.

The story resumes directly from where the first film ended, introducing the new obstacle for our characters to overcome before jumping forward in time a few years to show how the LEGO world has changed.

Some characters are able to adjust to the new world, but Emmet struggles; the main arc of the film follows Emmet's efforts to adjust.

Just like the original and 2017's "The LEGO Batman Movie," this film is full of pop culture references, meta humor and fun characters.

There was a surprisingly effective message in the first film, and this one does something similar so the two form a solid arc for most of our main characters.

Because of those things, the only real negative to be found is that Part 2 repeats some of the same beats from the first movie, but it's such a light-hearted and fun ride that you don't really mind it.

You're just happy to be back in the LEGO world for 90 more minutes.

The music was a big part of the original LEGO movie, but it may be an even bigger element this time around. Several characters perform songs throughout the film, some used to advance the plot. There are probably too many cuts over to the real world across the runtime compared to the original, detracting from the impact of those moments in some ways, but that's a minor gripe.

Overall, "The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part" is another fun detour into the LEGO world that can be slightly repetitive but is still definitely worth checking out.

Griffin's Score: 8/10



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Community with Carol: Ross Harrison of Sacred Heart School

Carol Berry
Tribune Columnist

For this week's Community with Carol, It was my pleasure to sit down with Ross Harrison to talk about a nonprofit that is near and dear to my heart: Sacred Heart School. Ross is the new PTO president.

He is excited about upcoming events and new projects he and other officers Brian Arndt and Beth Kibler are working hard to achieve. Harrison also was extremely impressive with his knowledge of the history of the school and how it has been an instrumental part of our community.

Sacred Heart School has been a part of the Cullman community since Dec. 14, 1878. The Notre Dame Sisters from Milwaukee arrived in the small years-old German town of Cullman, Alabama. Two days later, they opened the school for Catholics and non-Catholics. By January 1879, attendance numbered 100, and one year later, the number enrolled was 150. The Notre Dame Sisters staffed Sacred Heart School, then known as Mary Help School, for 20 years, from 1878 – 1898. The Sisters were then asked to return home because the school was considered small and very far from home.

Immediately, Abbot Benedict and the monks at St. Bernard Monastery began to look for a community to take over the school. In September 1898, a group of five Benedictine Sisters from San Antonio, Florida, arrived in Cullman. These five sisters staffed the school from September 1898 to June 1899.

As soon as it was known that Mary Help Community was established as an independent Mother House, requests for admission were received. The community of sisters began to grow.

Thus, the Mary Help Community held charge of the parochial school in Cullman until the summer of 1902, when eight Benedictine Sisters from St. Walburga Convent, Covington, Kentucky, joined the Mother Mary Help group in Cullman. At this time, June 1902, the name of Mary Help School was changed to Sacred Heart School.

Over the years, the original wooden frame church and the first two-story wooden school building were replaced by the present beautiful, stone structures.

Sacred Heart School received state accreditation on Jan. 22, 1973. It was the first church school in Alabama to be accredited.

Two years later, accreditation was received from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Over the 140-year-plus history of the school, there have been many changes. However, the primary purpose of the school continues to be one of providing an instructional program within a Catholic Christian atmosphere of love and guidance.

Sacred Heart's parish, school and families continue to work together to form a cornerstone of excellence in education for Cullman, Alabama.

Ten years ago, Ernest Hauk, Bonita Hutchinson and the Late Mary Adams started a new tradition to benefit students at Sacred Heart School: The Legacy Gala. Ross and many other others are working hard to prepare for the 10th annual Gala, set for March 2, 2019.

The committee has decided to change the venue to Loft 212. The evening will begin with a silent auction at 5:30, dinner at 6 and then wonderful music and dancing at 8. Loft 212 is located at 212 Fourth St. SW in Cullman. The cost per person is $65. or $125 per couple. If you would like to be an eight- person table sponsor, the fee is $600. I know the PTO Gala committee chairs, Erin Shirley and Elicia Fallin, have been working endlessly to make this a memorable experience for all.

The Legacy Gala is an event that my husband and I have attended every year and is always a wonderful time. Many children are given the opportunity for an excellent education at Sacred Heart School. This fundraiser not only helps to offset cost, but also provides 22 percent of the students with financial assistance for tuition and expenses.

The mission statement for the school reads, "Sacred Heart School fosters the religious, academic, and social development of every child, recognizing that knowledge enlightened by faith and realized through service is at the heart of Catholic education." This school has been producing Cullman residents with these Christian values for 141 years. The Legacy Gala is truly a community event, providing children with great roots.

The new school principal, Mrs. Shawna Norman, chose the theme "Roots and Wings" for the 2019 Legacy Gala saying, " There are two lasting bequests we can give our children, one is roots and the other is wings". I believe that is exactly what Sacred Heart School does in our community.

See my interview with Ross at www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune.



BRITTANY HOWELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Ross Harrison, left, with Carol Berry, right

OPINION

Always Reforming: Tenacity

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

This is the fifth in a series of five. Our focus today is tenacity. Caleb has long been one of my favorite biblical personages. I marvel at his TENACITY. He made the right decisions. He trusted God. He obeyed. He also endured 40 years in the wilderness as a consequence of the disobedience of other so-called leaders.

Caleb stayed focused. He knew that his God was going to give him that portion of the Promised Land allocated for him.

I suspect he dreamed often and longingly about that land. Rightly so. What amazes me about Caleb is his dignity.

It is not recorded that he bad mouthed those 10 so-called leaders who were responsible for putting him in the wilderness for 40 years. That is godly tenacity. Model this!

Joshua 14:6-15 (KJV) 6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

Jer. 35: 7-10 (KJV) 7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

Acts 20:27-29 (KJV) 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

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Obituary Announcements: Feb. 19 – 22

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Funeral services for Mr. Lenzell "Sonny" Williams, age 73, of Cordova, formerly of Trimble; will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the Chapel of Cullman Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Sardis Cemetery in Trimble. He was born on October 16, 1945 and passed away at Walker Baptist Medical Center on February 16, 2019. Sonny is preceded in death by his parents, Lois G. Williams & Minnie Lee McLeroy Williams; two sisters, Maedean Peel and Vonzell Clark; two brothers, James "Buck" Williams and Ray Williams. Survivors include; brother, Levon (Bonnie) Williams; brother-in-law, Jack Clark; nieces and nephews; Misty (John) Ward, Julie (Will) Calloway, Shanda (Curt) Morales, Tammy Peel, Lois Peel, Bonnie Baker, Brenda (Robert) Shouse, Billy (Kat) Tolliver, Jeff (Lisa) Tolliver, Georgia Jones, Michelle (Michael) Nix, Gary (JeAnn) Williams, Kevin (Tina) Williams, Pee Wee (Sue) Williams, Debra Hudson, Barry (Kelly) Williams, Rita Williams, Johnny Williams, Michelle Buford and Corbin Williams; and a host of cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mrs. Eunice Dessie Shelton, age 83 of Hanceville, AL., passed away Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her children – Lyndon Oneal Shelton (Jackie), Cheryl Dyer (John), and Lewis Dean Shelton, her sister – Mary McSwain, 10 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Shelton is preceded in death by her husband, Oneal Shelton, her parents – George Allen and Mamie Maria (Brandon) Welch, her siblings – Gilbert Welch, Ed Welch, Tracy Welch, Clifford Welch, Woodrow Welch, and Kathryn Welch.

Mrs. Laura Jean Allen passed away on February 17, 2019, at UAB Hospital. She was born April 30, 1966, to Herman and Shirley Shaw. She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Shaw. Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Jimmy Allen; daughter, Stephanie Allen; two sons, Jason Allen and Josh Allen; three grandchildren, Isaiah Barnett, Lillian Barnett, and Starr Pace; mother, Shirley Shaw; three brothers, Jim Shaw, Herman Shaw, Jr., and Freddy Shaw; one sister, Connie Ankrom; a host of nieces and nephews; and many adopted sons and daughters. Visitation will be from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral Service for Laura Jean Allen, age 52, of Cullman, will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Jaye Byran Brock passed away Saturday, February 16, 2019, at Highlands Medical Center in Scottsboro. He was born April 2, 1959, to parents Roy Adrian and Cordie Christine Daniel Brock. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Carl Brock. Survivors include his siblings, Sherman (Elizabeth) Brock, Bruce (Cindy) Brock, Sandra Brock, Peggy (Glen) Burden; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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