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PREP BASKETBALL

AHSAA FINAL 4: Cold Springs advances to Class 2A State Championship Game with 52-36 win over G.W. Long



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Elizabeth Hill (3) led the Lady Eagles with 16 points in their 52-36 win over G.W. Long Monday afternoon.

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Cullman Lions Club gearing up for annual Fish and Ham Dinner March 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. – When 1970-71 Cullman Lions Club President Clomar Pruett proposed the creation of a fundraising dinner, he probably didn't know how far it would go. That first dinner, then featuring oysters and ham, had around 1,300 takers. Now, 48 years and a catfish-flavored tweaking later, the dinner is going strong, and the Lions, Lionesses, and their high school Leos are getting ready for another feast.

The 2019 Cullman Lions Club Fish and Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. For $10 per plate, diners will get their choice of catfish or ham plus baked potato, slaw, hushpuppies, dessert and a drink. Eat in, or take home; drive-through pick up will be available on the north side of the cafeteria.

Lion Jim Howard told The Tribune that approximately 100 Lions and Lionesses, along with 35-40 Leos, will prepare between 1,700 and 1,800 dinners, around 60 percent of them packed to leave through the drive-through. He expects the event to raise $10,000-11,000.

The money raised by Lions Club events like the Cullman County Fair and this dinner will mainly benefit eyesight-related causes like providing eye exams and glasses to needy patients, along with other eye services through the UAB Callahan Eye Hospital and the Alabama Lions Eye Clinic located at that hospital.

The club will also support numerous other local causes, as well.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Lions and Leos fix plates and load to-go boxes during the 2018 Fish and Ham Dinner.

Over just the last few years, Cullman Lions have contributed to:

- Cullman Caring for Kids United Way Food Bank
- Good Samaritan Health Clinic
- Grace Episcopal Church's Grace Place
- Stiefelmeyer Park
- Field of Miracles
- Cullman Regional Foundation and renovations of Cullman Regional waiting rooms
- Hope Horses, Inc.
- Sponsoring diabetic kids to go to Camp Seale Harris
- Sponsoring high school students to go to Troy University's youth leadership conference

The Cullman Lions Club has on mul- » PAGE 2

Josh Pinkard, victim of Aurora shooting, laid to rest

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Josh Pinkard, one of five killed in a mass shooting at the Henry Pratt Company in Aurora, Illinois on Feb. 15, was laid to rest in his hometown of Holly Pond on Sunday.



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Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ralph Laney prepares the flag before it is hoisted over U.S Hwy. 278

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ralph Laney was asked to have his staff stop traffic at the U.S. Highway 278 East/County Road 747 intersection as Pinkard's funeral procession passed through Berlin on its way to Holly Pond from downtown Cullman. The department took the extra step of bringing out its trucks and displaying the American flag to honor the Holly Pond native.

Laney told The Tribune, "We show our respect like anybody else does."

Pinkard was buried in the cemetery of Redan Baptist Church in Holly Pond.

Wallace State coach Dan York passes away at 69

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Longtime Wallace State Golf Coach Dan York passed away Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 at the age of 69.



WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dan York

Wallace State shared the following statement regarding York and his time with the Lions.

"The entire Wallace State family is saddened about the passing of our long-time golf coach Dan York. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Coach York was an outstanding coach and leader for 30+ years at Wallace State, positively impacting the lives of many student-athletes.

"Coach York was a member of the NJCAA, ACCC, and Cullman County Hall of Fames and led the men's and women's programs to a combined 16 conference championships and three national runner-up finishes."

York was inducted into the ACCC Hall of Fame this year, adding to his previous inductions in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Golf Coaches Hall of Fame and the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. Dean Myrick, ACCC Commissioner, presented him with a commemorative ACCC Hall of Fame plaque at the event.

The Wallace State Golf practice facility at the » PAGE 6

Attention Cullman Electric Co-Op Members in Holly Pond

HOLLY POND, Ala. – Cullman Electric Co-op members in Holly Pond will experience a short power outage starting at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 while crews make necessary repairs at the Holly Pond substation. The planned outage will last between 1 to 1.5 hours.



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6 arrested on drug charges in 4 separate incidents in Cullman

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Top row, left to right: Christian Davis Barnett, Lisa Diane Wise and Billy Leon Williams, Jr.; Bottom row, left to right: Ashley Denise Moore, Ben Cody Scruggs and Courtney Lamar Copes

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) on Saturday reported the arrests of six people. The arrests are from three separate incidents.

The CSU arrested Christian Davis Barnett, 22, of Cullman, charging him with four counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine. He was also charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The CPD said Barnett was out on bond for multiple felony charges at the time of his arrest. He was booked into the Cullman County Detention Center where he remains incarcerated.

In a second incident, the CSU arrested Lisa Diane Wise, 47, of Vinemont, charging her with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling methamphetamine. She was also charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Wise has made bond.

In a third incident, the CSU arrested Billy Leon Williams, Jr., 35, of Cullman after executing a search warrant at his residence. Officers allegedly recovered more than a pound of high-grade marijuana, along with drug paraphernalia items. Williams, Jr. was charged with first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The CPD said Williams, Jr. was on probation at the time of his arrest. He was booked into the Cullman County Detention Center where he remains incarcerated.

In a fourth incident, the CSU, along with patrol officers Jake Lambert, Clint Sanford and Bryan Medlock, went to the Days Inn off U.S. Highway 278 West in reference to a civil disturbance call. After gaining consent to search the room, officers allegedly recovered methamphetamine, crack cocaine, marijuana and a stolen handgun.

Ashley Denise Moore, 34, and Ben Cody Scruggs, 31, both of Cullman, were charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and fourth-degree receiving stolen property. The CPD said Moore also had outstanding warrants at the time of the arrest.

Courtney Lamar Copes, 36, of Birmingham was charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and fourth-degree receiving stolen property. The CPD said Copes is on probation in Jefferson County and had outstanding warrants for his arrest.

All three suspects were booked into the Cullman County Detention Center where they remain incarcerated.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Feb. 26 - 28

Cullman County Commission Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 26
The Cullman County Commission meets every second and fourth Tuesday, except in cases where the meeting date falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is moved to the following day. Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse, unless otherwise specified.

Lunch at VFW Post 2214- Tuesday, Feb. 26
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 Drive SW in Cullman

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 26
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

Colony Town Council Meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 26
The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall.

Yoga at the Library- Wednesday, Feb. 27
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 County Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Meeting- Wednesday, Feb. 27
Col. Ray Zimmerman, a lead mentor for the Madison County Veterans Treatment Court, will be at the Cullman VFW on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019 at 6 p.m. to answer questions for local veterans who may be interested in serving as mentors in the newly formed Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court. The VFW is located at 112 Veterans Dr. SW.

Hanceville City Council Meeting- Thursday, Feb. 28
The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

West Point Band Boosters 36th Annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo- Friday and Saturday, March 1-2
A Double Creek Rodeo Production featuring some of the best Cowboys and Cowgirls in the Southeastern Professional Rodeo Association. Pre-sale tickets available at any Premier Bank location and Jack's Western Wear. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, 17645 U.S. Highway 31 N.

Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser- Thursday, March 7
There will be a fundraiser at Chick-fil-A for the Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC) on Thursday, March 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Please mention CCC when placing an order.

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.

St. Bernard Open House- Sunday, March 10
St. Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman is hosting Spring Open House - Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. Families are invited to tour the school and find out more information about St. Bernard Prep. St. Bernard Prep is operated by the monks of St. Bernard Abbey. Alabama's only Catholic boarding school, St. Bernard offers a quality education to students in grades 7-12. For more information visit www.stbernardprep.com or call the admissions office to schedule an appointment at 256-739-6682.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Jacobs proclaims March 1 'Go Blue for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day' in Cullman

Leanne West
City of Cullman



CITY OF CULLMAN

Pictured, left to right, are Amanda Hanners, Kris Thompson, Helen Allen, Mayor Woody Jacobs, Emily Corbett and Gary Cornelius.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs has officially proclaimed March 1, 2019 "Go Blue for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day" in Cullman. On hand to accept the proclamation on behalf of the American Cancer Society (ACS) were Amanda Hanners (ACS community development manager), Gary Cornelius (member of the ACS Area Board of Directors), Emily Corbett (ACS ACT team leader), Helen Allen (Relay For Life event chair) and Kris Thompson (ACS director of human resources).

The ACS is encouraging the Cullman community to "go blue" by wearing blue on Friday, March 1 in recognition of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. when men and women are combined, but it doesn't have to be.

"When adults get screened for colorectal cancer, it can be detected early when treatment is most likely to be successful," said Hanners. "In most cases, it can be prevented altogether."

About 1 in 3 adults between 50 and 75 years old – about 23 million people – are not getting tested as recommended.

Deaths from colorectal cancer have dropped by more than 30 percent in the U.S. among adults 55 and older in the last 15 years, in large part due to screening.

Further, people need to know that symptoms such as weight loss and blood in the stool – regardless of age – are a cause for concern and should be reported to a doctor; tell your doctor if you have a family history of the disease.

The Go Blue Day efforts are in collaboration with the ACS' involvement with the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's (NCCRT) 80 % in Every Community Initiative, which continues the progress and commitment from 80 percent by 2018. The mission is to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community.

"Since the launch of the 80% by 2018 campaign, screening rates nationwide have gone up," said Hanners. "Additionally, because of the upward trend of colorectal cancer diagnoses among young adults, the American Cancer Society updated its screening guidelines saying colorectal cancer screening should begin at age 45 for people at average risk."

In addition to wearing blue on Friday, March 1, the ACS is asking everyone to share their photos and stories of inspiration on social media.

"Screening can save lives, but only if people get tested, early detection is key," said Hanners.

"We want everyone to join in this movement because despite our progress, work remains."

Dinner (from Front)

tiple occasions been named the top local chapter in the state, even more often named the top club in the northern district, and is the largest local chapter in Alabama. It is also the state's largest supporter of the Alabama Lions Sight project at UAB.

For Howard, being a member means "to participate in the community, what needs to be done, or what we can do for the community, and be active in the community, too, and the friendship that you develop both in the club and outside the club."

At a glance
2019 Cullman Lions Club Fish and Ham Dinner

- Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Cullman Middle School cafeteria
- $10 per plate

Tickets are available from any Cullman Lions or Lioness Club member, The Brandin' Iron Restaurant in West Point, Business Solutions of Cullman, Cullman Veterinary Hospital, Doug Doggett Jewelers, East Side Barber Shop, Ed White Jewelers, Mary Carter Store, Peek Auto Parts, Ponder Wrecker Service or Rennards Gallery.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event.

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.

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POLITICS

Colony hosts Cullman County Democrats, sees big turnout

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COLONY, Ala. – On Saturday morning, the Town of Colony hosted a breakfast meeting of the Cullman County Democratic Party, with several members remarking about the turnout being the largest in a long time and commending the idea of getting out to community centers for party functions.

After older members told leaders that the morning meetings are easier for those who have trouble driving at night, the group passed a motion to hold morning meetings in local community centers, at least until daylight extends longer into the evenings.

State Democratic Party reelections

County party chairman Nick Shabel, who also represents Cullman County in the Alabama Democratic Party, addressed the Democratic National Committee's recent order for new elections for the chair and vice-chair of the Alabama Democratic Party within the next three months, and the DNC's review of Alabama's bylaws.

He said of the situation in the state party, "It is divisive, it is ugly, and I look to you for comment and direction, because I will be going down there to vote on these issues when that meeting is called."

The national committee found what Shabel called "voting irregularities" in its last election in August.

Said Shabel, "As the national party holds that to be true, that will be my position."

Addressing difficulties in communication within the county party, Shabel said that he will use Facebook and email to get information out and that members who do not regularly access Facebook or local newspapers should contact Josh Freeman and let him know the best ways to contact them.

Protecting against scams

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Investigator Trevor Clemmons addressed the group about certain scams growing in frequency in Cullman County, and offered advice on dealing with them:

• Phone scams - offer false promises of prizes or money, and often target the elderly. Clemmons advised:

• Sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry at usa.gov or 1-888-382-1222.
• Beware of offers of free money or gifts.
• Hang up on suspicious callers.
• Research business opportunity offers and charities before giving money.
• Don't take immediate action if the caller demands it.
• Don't give out personal information.
• Don't send money.

• Grandparent scams - a caller pretending to be an elderly person's grandchild says that he or she is in trouble (wreck, arrest, etc.) and needs money immediately; or a caller pretending to be a law enforcement officer says that the grandchild is in trouble and needs money sent immediately. Clemmons advised:

• Hang up and call family members yourself using a trustworthy phone number.

• Gas pump scams - scammers use electronic devices mounted on or inside gas pump and ATM card readers and keypads to gain access to credit and debit card information. Clemmons advised:

• Check tape seals on pumps and don't use if broken.
• Use pumps that station clerks can most clearly see.
• Use bank-owned ATMs, not independently owned machines that are not checked as often.
• Use credit cards instead of debit cards.
• Get receipts.
• Wiggle the card reader; if it feels loose, don't use it.
• Check for hidden Bluetooth devices in a pump by attempting a Bluetooth connection with your smart phone.
• Pay for your gas inside the station.

Former Mayor Earlene Johnson

Former Colony Mayor Earlene Johnson, whom current Mayor Donnis Leeth described as "an icon of the Colony," gave a woman's perspective on Black History Month by sharing the story of Sojourner Truth and her famous speech "Ain't I a Woman."

She then talked about why she is a member of the Democratic Party, including family tradition and the party's "best fit for my social, economic and religious profile of what America is supposed to be."

She pointed to what she said is the Democrats' concern for the welfare of the poor, children, and the elderly, public education, access to health care, peace over violence and equality between sexes and races, and opportunities for women

According to a motion passed at the meeting, the Cullman County Democrats will meet next at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday in March, at the Cold Springs Community Center.

This meeting will take the place of the regular second Thursday evening meeting.

Arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 25

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 25, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 21

• unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
• theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
• illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109/CR 127

Feb. 22

• theft of property; CR 1282
• unauthorized use of a vehicle, domestic violence; CR 1422
• illegal possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, giving false name to law enforcement officer; Hwy. 157
• permitting dogs to run at large; Dove Rd.
• trespassing; CR 1025

Feb. 23

• domestic violence; CR 703
• domestic violence, menacing; Turkey Hop Road
• domestic violence; CR 565
• trespassing, criminal mischief; CR 649
• illegal possession of prescription drugs; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence; CR 385
• harassment; Hwy. 278 W
• criminal mischief; CR 835
• domestic violence; CR 1354
• trespassing; CR 202

Feb. 24

• possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1728
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence; CR 1197

ARRESTS

Feb. 21

Aaron, Matthew Eli, 36
• third-degree criminal mischief

Bellenfant, Carol Leah, 38
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Berry, Donald Dale Dewayne, 53
• harassing communications

Garrett, Michael Ruth, 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Moody, Susan Baker, 65
• court appearance

Moore, David Lee, 55
• failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Pettus, Rebecca Susanne, 45
• contributing to truancy

Robinson, Sarah Aspen, 34
• FTA-comply/pay

Todd, Darla Faye, 58
• contributing to truancy

Williams Colby Alan, 20
• FTA- third-degree burglary
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Williams, Summer Paige, 25
• third-degree burglary

Feb. 22-24

Aaron, Matthew Eli, 36
• judge's order- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Adams, Jessica Amanda, 27
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Box, Michael Wade, 20
• driving while suspended
• expired tag
• giving false name to law enforcement
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Burgess, Elizabeth Gail, 40
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Chapman, Timothy Allen, 34
• FTA- driving while revoked

Creel, Jenette Freeman, 58
• third-degree burglary

Criscoe, Katrina Mary Fay, 33
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cunningham, Patrick Joseph Jr., 39
• second-degree bail jumping- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Dean, Joshua Allen, 33
• first-degree criminal mischief

Eaton, Zackary Sherman, 24
• DUI- influence of alcohol
• driving while suspended
• reckless/careless operation of a vehicle

Freeman, Tabatha Ann, 38
• third-degree burglary

Griffith, Jonathan Adam, 35
• FTA- improper lane usage

Hook, Samuel Joseph, 29
• aggravated child abuse
• writ of arrest- child support

Humber, Valerie Joanna, 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Key, Scotty Greg 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lee, Salina Evon, 53
• contributing to truancy

Mewbourn, Ricky Charles, 53
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore, Ashley Denise, 34
• nonsupport

Nickens, Manuel Darwin, 50
• court appearance

Posey, Angela Whitehead, 42
• public intoxication

Price, Tiffany Nicole, 35
• third-degree domestic violence- menacing

Pugh, Jacob Todd, 37
• GJ- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Smith, Justin William, 30
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Totman, Michael Lynn, 35
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• third-degree promoting prison contraband

Whitehead, Larry Winston II, 43
• first-degree attempted theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 22

• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; cash

Feb. 23

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $30

Feb. 24

• third-degree domestic violence; person; Dialsdale Dr. SW
• third-degree burglary; Zaxby's; Tanner Dr. NW; pressure washer; $1,000
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; tag; $25

ARRESTS

Chambers, Sophia M., 37
• fourth-degree theft of property

Mitchell, Kage A., 20
• FTA- running a red light
• FTA- improper muffler
• FTA- failure to signal

Nguyen, Anh N., 43
• harassment

Williams, Billy L. Jr., 35
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Speegle, Samantha G., 19
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Naler, Mason T., 18
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Scruggs, Ben C., 31
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Copes, Courtney L., 36
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Moore, Ashley D., 34
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Knight, Missy L., 28
• fourth-degree theft of property

Collins, Cameron R., 19
• FTA- failure to register vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LEGALS

Legal Notice

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

2004 Ford Taurus VIN # 1FAFP55U44A181138
2002 Dodge Stratus VIN # 1B3EL46R12N202959

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Johnson's Auto Tire and Tow, LLC, 178 County Road 1332, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

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2002 Ford Ranger, Silver, Vin. #1FTZR45E22TA60047
2006 Chevrolet HHR, White, Vin. #3GNDA23P56S622220
2006 Mercedes-Benz ML, Silver, Vin. #4JGBB6E16A003525
1998 Mitsubishi Montero, Vin. #JA4LS31P4WP022517
2004 Nissan Sentra, Silver, Vin. #3N1CB51DX4L884997

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

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2002 Suzuki, Model GSXX600FK2 Katana 600,
Vin. #1HGCG1658WA034872

2012 Toyota Camry, Vin. #4T1BF1FK0CU074887
2005 Toyota Corolla, Vin. #2T1BR32E55C470269
1997 Saturn S-Series, Vin. #1G8ZH5286VZ367241
2006 Pontiac Grand Prix, Vin. #2G2WP552061272398
1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue, Vin. #1G3WH52K3WF311166
2011 Nissan Rogue, Vin. #JN8AS5MT5BW188406
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West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo laid to rest

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WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo was laid to rest on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery. Kilgo passed away on Monday, Feb. 18 at the age of 61. Many Cullman County mayors attended the service, as did Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill.

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, was a 1974 graduate of West Point High School and 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.

"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 served as first lieutenant commander, had a color guard standing post at Kilgo's service at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

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 of 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).



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A Confederate Color Guard honored Kenneth Kilgo at his funeral service Sunday.

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."

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."

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GENERAL SALES MANAGER



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Warrant Officer Skip Griffin, left, with World War II veteran Henry Hardie Cornett, right, show the four medals Cornett was given Saturday night in West Point.

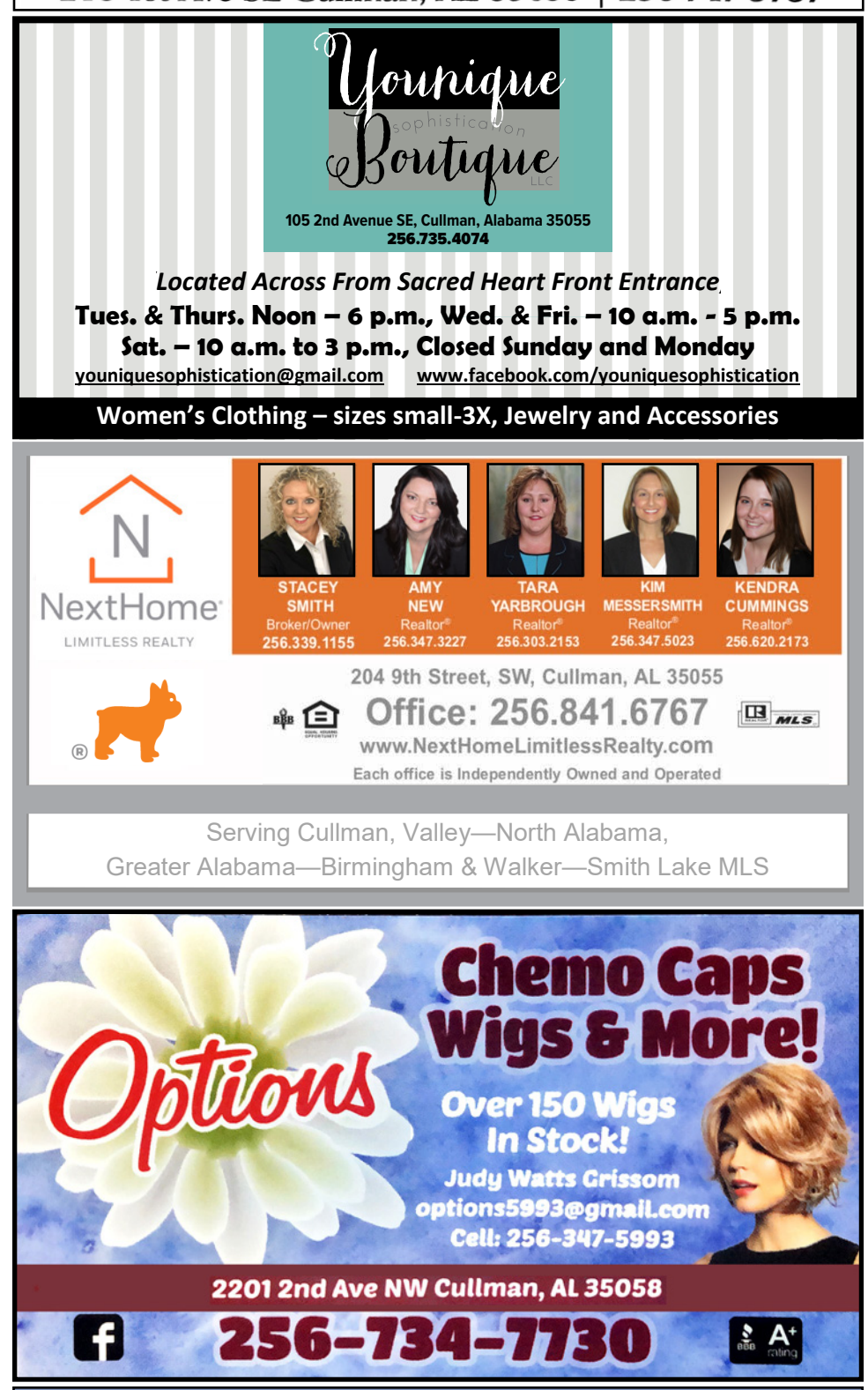
WWII veteran surprised with 4 medals in West Point

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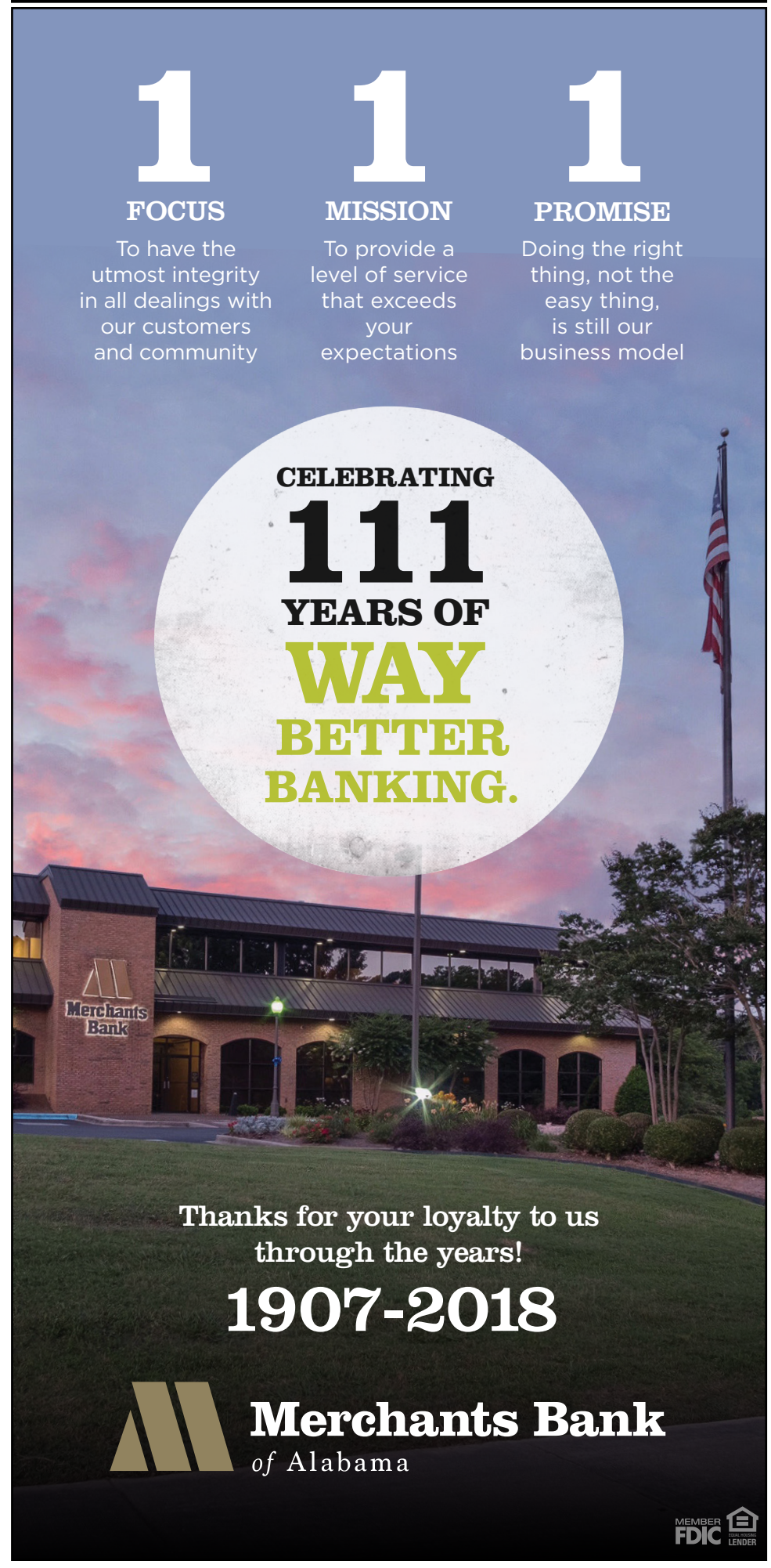
WEST POINT, Ala. - Henry Hardie Cornett was surprised by family and friends Saturday evening when he was presented with four military medals 73 years after completing his service with the U.S. Army Air Corp in World War II. Cornett served as a tail gunner on a B-24 in several battles and campaigns in the Pacific. He was given the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and WWII Victory Medal Thursday night at the Brandin Iron in West Point. Cornett's squadron, the 42nd Bomb SQ 11th Bomb Group, is credited with inflicting a direct hit that was significant in the sinking of the powerful Japanese battleship, The Yamato.

Look for a full-length feature on Cornett this week.











PREP SPORTS

AHSAA ALL-STARS: Addison, Cold Springs, Cullman, St. Bernard athletes make North rosters

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – North-South all-star squads for the upcoming 60th AHSAA (Alabama High School Athletic Association) North-South All-Star Football Game were announced this week by the AHSAA, The two 37-member teams, comprised of 2019 graduating seniors, were announced by Jamie Lee, director of the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA). The annual North-South All-Star Football Game is set for July 18 at 7 p.m. at Montgomery's Cramton Bowl. A local football coach, Cullman's Oscar Glasscock, also earned a spot as an assistant coach on the North All-Star team's staff.

The AHSADCA, which operates under the auspices of the AHSAA will also host all-star games in baseball, softball, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball, and boys' and girls' cross country during All-Star Week July 16-20, 2019.

Six local athletes were selected to rosters in their respective varsity sports.

ADDISON

Savannah Manley and Hayden Ray were named to this year's North All-Star Volleyball and Football teams, respectively, after they each put together stellar performances in 2018.

Manley, a junior mid hitter, helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to their sixth-straight state championship in November and was named MVP of the Class 2A State Volleyball Tournament.

Ray was selected to the North All-Star Football Team at center after earning First-Team All-State honors and helping lead Addison to the quarterfinals of the AHSAA State Football Playoffs.

The North-South All-Star Football Game is scheduled for July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Cramton Bowl, but a date and time for the North-South All-Star Volleyball Game being held at Auburn University at Montgomery have not been determined.

COLD SPRINGS

Eagles Cross-Country runner Cole Akridge earned a spot on this year's North All-Star Cross-Country Team after not only a great individual season, but a great season for Cold Springs as well.

The junior helped lead the Eagles to a runner-up finish at last year's AHSAA State Cross-Country Meet and earned All-State recognition as well. A date and time for the North-South All-Star Race being held at Auburn University at Montgomery have not been determined.

CULLMAN

Two more local cross-country runners were selected to North All-Star teams, Cullman's Will Thompson and Della Kelly. Thompson helped the Bearcats finish as runners-up at last year's AHSAA State Cross-Country Meet and Kelly was critical to the Lady Bearcats' sixth-place finish at the state meet.

Both Thompson and Kelly earned All-State honors as well. A date and time for the North-South All-Star Races being held at Auburn University at Montgomery have not been determined.

ST. BERNARD

Caleb Guthery, a junior from St. Bernard, earned a spot on this year's North All-Star Cross-Country team after a big 2018 season. Guthery was selected to last year's All-State Cross-Country Team and helped the Saints post a third-place finish at the AHSAA State Cross-Country Meet.

A date and time for the North-South All-Star Race being held at Auburn University at Montgomery have not been determined.

Community with Carol: Ross Harrison of Sacred Heart School, Part 2

Carol Berry
Tribune Columnist

This week on Community with Carol, I continued my interview with Ross Harrison, the PTO president at Sacred Heart School. The history that Sacred Heart has in our community was too much for one interview.

Harrison is a third-generation alumnus of Sacred Heart School.

His mother Nancy Basch Harrison and his grandmother Irene Basch also graduated from the school. Now his daughter, Anna Clair, is a second grader at the school- the fourth generation. Her little brother Collin is 4 and will be attending next year. The history of the school is important to Ross and many other alumni.

The "new" stone school replaced a two-story wooden building in 1950. Each stone was hand-hewn to match the stone on the church.

Sacred Heart School was the first church-affiliated school in Alabama. It was also the second private elementary school in the state. This definitely says a lot about the type of community that was established in Cullman.

Education was a top priority for our founding fathers and is still important to our local leaders.

In 1977, on the 100th anniversary of the school's establishment, a committee was formed to try a new fundraiser.

They decided on a German festival theme that paid homage to the roots of the community and the school. Two years later the City of Cullman asked Sacred Heart to join together and move the event to October. I think we all know how that worked out. Today Cullman is known for its Oktoberfest.

The last thing Ross and I spoke about are the volunteers at Sacred Heart School. Alumni like Ross serve on boards, hold PTO positions and volunteer during fundraising.

That is a testimony to Sacred Heart School's ability to not only educate children but instill Christian values that will last a lifetime.

OPINION

Always Reforming: How to listen to a sermon

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

This article begins a series of 10 articles on How To Listen to a Sermon. Reformation and Renewal in the church will be driven by the uncompromised declaration of the Word of God with passion and precision. The listener must understand and apply to life what he or she hears. The design of these articles is the equipping of a listener to realize maximum benefit from the message. Changed lives are a result of the application of Truth by the Holy Spirit.

Apply these principles and grow in Grace (2 Peter 3:16)! Preach the word! That is the command that the Apostle Paul issued to his young disciple Timothy:

2 Timothy 4:2-4 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

We are now living in a culture and time that is characterized by what Paul predicted.

But, in spite of the dramatic changes in the American church, the evangelical church still has as a key focus of ministry the preaching of the word of God.

Consider this quote from a very effective pastor: *Going to church is more than a rote task for the religious; it is the rhythm of life for those whose allegiance is found in King Jesus.*

The purpose of Always Reforming is the Reformation and Renewal of the church in Cullman County and north Alabama.

That church stands in desperate need of Reformation.

At this juncture we have considered several articles focused on Assessment.

We concluded that until a local church knows the true condition and effectiveness of ministry, it will not thrive.

As you read this series of articles focus on the nature of our God.

He is holy and worthy of our praise, adoration and obedience. He delights in his people when they embrace and embody his Truth.

The most noble endeavor of mortal man is to know God, love him, and serve him all our days.

People who know God have GREAT BOLDNESS for God.

If Reformation is going to be accomplished there must be a growing assembly of people who exhibit great boldness for God.

Biblical literacy in America is a virtual CRISIS issue. What you do not know you cannot honor and obey.

The preaching of the word of God is still a primary means of equipping God's people.

Keep in mind that 94 percent of churches are declining.

Tragically, nearly all pastors and church "leaders" resist reality regarding this decline. They reject any and all offers of outside counsel.

This series will equip you to listen to sermons with skill and competence.

You will benefit from what you hear.

You will be enabled to encourage and challenge those who preach. Listen carefully and faithfully apply what you hear.

York (from Front)

college's Wellness Center will be named in York's honor upon approval by the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees later this year.

On Feb. 18, 2019, just one week before York died, Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics read aloud a resolution in honor of York and the naming of the facility and presented him with a copy of the sign that will be installed at the venue.

As York was battling cancer, the presentations were made at his home, with family, colleagues and friends present.

"You and your teams have been outstanding representatives of Wallace State. We are so proud of you and so very pleased to be able to recognize you in this way," Karolewics said then.

"It has been my honor to have been part of the Wallace State family and this sport, and to have coached so many outstanding young men and women," York said last Monday, acknowledging with gratitude the outpouring of support he received.

Under York's leadership, the Wallace State men's golf team have won 13 Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC)/National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 22 Championships and made 23 appearances at the NJCAA National Championships.

His teams finished runner-up national champions on three occasions – in 1993, 1996, and 2014. Two of his players – Aksel Olsen in 2013 and Cooper Brown in 2014 - were individual national champions, winning the Arnold Palmer Low Medalist Award.

Coach York began Wallace State's women's golf program in 2015, earning three additional ACCC Championships and National Tournament appearances in the first three years of that program.

During his 32-year tenure, York coached 21 NJCAA Division I All-Americans, more than 40 NJCAA Academic All-Americans, three NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year, and numerous professional players.

Former Ryder Cup and PGA player Brett Wetterich, current PGA player Fredrik Jacobson, and country music star Kip Moore are among his former players.

A 1968 graduate of Cullman High School, York always had a passion for golf, exceling as a player and coach, competing widely himself, and winning numerous local tournaments. After high school, he served in the United States Air Force.

Later, he played collegiately at St. Bernard College, lettering for four seasons, and earning a degree in physical education in 1974.

Prior to joining Wallace State, he coached at Fairview High School.

Services

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Feb.26, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. The celebration of York's life will be Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019 at noon at First Baptist Church of Cullman. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wallace State Foundation, PO Box 568, Hanceville, AL 35077. Visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/danyork. To leave condolences for the family, visit www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Cold Springs (from Front)

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Cold Springs made its way to Birmingham's Legacy Arena at the BJCC Monday afternoon for a final four showdown with G.W. Long, and the Lady Eagles punched their ticket to this year's Class 2A Girls' state title game with a 52-36 win over the Lady Rebels.

G.W. Long has been a stout defensive unit all season, and Cold Springs Head Coach Tammy West knew that her team would have to really play well if the Lady Eagles wanted to score some points against the Lady Rebels.

"I knew that they've only been giving up an average of 31 points per game and I told the girls 'Look, we average 65 points per game and we're going to have to score,'" West said. "I knew it would be a stingier defense than we were used to playing against and we'd have to find ways to score, so I was proud of the girls that stepped up and hit some shots tonight. We were able to open some things up for some other people."

West plans on watching Monday night's game between Fyffe and R.C. Hatch to go ahead and start preparing for Friday's championship game and she's excited about the way her team is playing together right now.

"I just think other people are really stepping up," West said. "Everybody is playing hard, everybody is playing well, and it's not just two or three kids playing well now. We have several that are playing well."

Elizabeth Hill scored the first basket of the game to give the Lady Eagles an early lead, and Camryn Crider converted an and-one play at the free-throw line to put Cold Springs up 7-4 midway through the first.

Lina Lieckfeld knocked down a jumper with just over 10 seconds to play in the period to give the Lady Eagles an 11-4 lead going into the second quarter.

G.W. Long trimmed the lead to 13-10 early in the second, but a Neely Ellison nailed a 3-pointer midway through the period to stretch the lead to 18-12.

A 3-pointer from Kinley Campbell made it a 21-12 game with two minutes remaining in the half and she added another two points in the final seconds of the quarter to give Cold Springs a 25-13 advantage at the break.

The Lady Eagles collected seven steals in the first half.

Crider knocked down a three to extend the lead to 28-13 early in the third quarter and Ellison added three more midway through the period to make it a 31-13 game.

Campbell laid one in to give the Lady Eagles a 36-18 lead late in the third and we went into the final period with Cold Springs on top 37-21.

Hill knocked down a pair of free throws to stretch the lead to 39-21 early in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Rebels were able to cut the lead to 43-32 by the midway point of the period. Crider nailed a pair of free throws with just under two minutes to play to make it a 46-33 game and the Lady Eagles pulled away to win it 52-36, securing a spot in Friday morning's state championship game.

Hill led the way for the Lady Eagles with 16 points, followed by Campbell and Crider with 11 and Ellison with six. Cold Springs racked up 12 steals in the win.

Cold Springs will be back at Legacy Arena Friday morning at 9 a.m. to face either Fyffe or R.C. Hatch for the Class 2A Girls State Championship. (Results of the Fyffe/R.C. Hatch game were not available as of press time.)

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Mrs. Joyce McAnnally Casey passed on February 19, 2019 in Decatur. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.
She was preceded in death by her husband Kennith and a daughter Kathy Lynn Casey. She and her husband founded WKAC Radio in Athens 1964 and it is still family owned today.
Survivors include a son, Keith Casey; daughters, Kimberly Casey Davis and Karen Casey McTaggart all of Decatur. Also are grandchildren; Kristopher Casey, Ella Davis, John Davis IV, Anna McTaggart and Adam McTaggart.

Donna Trichler Meihls, 72 of Fairhope, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2019. Donna loved music and she was an avid reader; she loved biographies by well-known historians. In High School, she excelled in Speech tournaments specializing in debate for the team, she played field hockey and was a flag bearer with the Centerville High School Marching Band in Dayton, Ohio. Donna attended Bowling Green University. She loved listening to talk radio and watching Fox News. She was an avid sports fan, especially football and basketball; and prided herself on her knowledge of the games. She was very involved in her Catholic church and spent many hours making crocheted and quilted items, and homemade jellies and jams for the Church Christmas Bizarre. Donna is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Charles E. Meihls. She is survived by daughter, Kimberly (Jimmy) Sims; sons, Thomas Meihls, John C. Meihls, Lee Meihls; step-daughter, Debra Meihls McKee; sisters, Gretchen Massey, Peggy Harding; 5 grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren and 8 step great-grandchildren. Her funeral service will be held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, in Fairhope, AL. on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Charles Henry Knighten, 79, of Gardendale, passed on February 21, 2019. Mr. Knighten was a 1958 graduate of Hanceville High School, had served in the National Guard for several years and worked for Winn Dixie for 42 years. He is survived by his wife Burma N. Knighten of Gardendale, son Charles "Chip" (Maria) Knighten, Jr. of Manasass, Va., a daughter, Amanda "Manny" (John) Moody of Cullman, and a step daughter, Barbara Wengel of Shelby County, Alabama. Brothers include Joseph "Mike"(Sherry) Knighten and Paul "Tony" (Cissy) Knighten both of Gurly, Alabama. Surviving sisters are Betty (Robert, Jr.) Bradford of Oneonta and Carol (Philip) Vaughn of Blountsville, Alabama. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren.

Funeral Service for Hilda O Carr, 77, will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Mrs. Carr entered into eternity on February 21, 2019. She was born March 6, 1941, to the late Huell Frank and Louiza Freeman. She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Guy Carr and Billy McSwain; son, Don McSwain; daughter; Joy Baker; grandchild, Hannah Bates; and six brothers and sisters. Her spirit lives on in her surviving children, son, Steve (Lisa) McSwain,; daughters, Deborah Smith, Penny (Earl) Aldridge and Sonya Bates; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Katherine Louise Hibbs was born May 30, 1928 to J.H. 'Hobb' and Eula Mae Adams ain Portersville, AL.
She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Gail Jolly; siblings, Gene Adams, Fred Adams, Barbara Huffstutler and Lucille Westmoreland.
She is survived by her children; Peggy (Mike) Callan, of Vinemont, Jackie (Danny) Stidham, of Falkville, Rick (Tammy) Hibbs, of Addison, and Barbara Lois Lay of Cullman, 14 grandchildren; Kindall (Jennifer) Jolly, LuAnn (Phillp) Snyder, Denise Mapes, all of Chatanooga, TN, Mindi (James) Bellamy, Summer (Matt) Cantley, Dustin Hibbs, Skye Hall, Corey (Lauren) Hibbs, Lance (Jill) Stidham, Curt (Summer) Stidham, Clint Stidham, Zackary (Rachel) Lay, Jon (Jessica) Lay and Barbara Ann Lay; and a sister Eloise Cunningham.

Jeweldean Parris, 88, of the Helicon community, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 22, 2019. She was born on March 14, 1930 in Helicon. Mrs. Parris was a lifetime member of Liberty Baptist Church. She is survived by her daughters, Becky (Larry) Cleghorn and Shelia (Jimmy) Garmon; she was Mama to three grandchildren, Shannon Cleghorn, Chad Phillips and Lance Phillips; and Mama Parris to two great grandchildren, Magan Cleghorn and Jake Cleghorn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin "Fat" Parris; father, Alex Stephenson; mother, Lizzie Stephenson; sisters, Rachel Tyree, Pauline Tyree and Hazel Denson; and brothers, T.D. "Tab" Stephenson and T.O. "Bill" Stephenson.

Rudolph Scott Barton, 46, of Haleyville, entered into rest on Feb. 22, 2019 at North Alabama Medical Center surrounded by loving family. Mr. Barton was born on July 9, 1972, in Haleyville. Scott was a member of Heritage Missionary Baptist Church for 5 years. He was a 1990 graduate of Lynn High School and worked for Birmingham Coal and Coke for 10 years. Scott enjoyed fishing and hunting. Scott is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Kelly Barton; son, Blake Barton; daughters, Paige Barton, Nikki Gardner and her husband John, and Chelsey Barton; father, Rudolph Barton and his wife Pat; mother, Carol Barton; brothers, John Barton and his wife Donna, Allen Barton and his wife Angela; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Elefair Barton, and Alonzo and O'dine Cheney.

Billie R. Lee, 86, of Addison passed away on Feb. 23, 2019 at her home. She was born on May 24, 1932 in Dandridge, TN. Ms. Lee spent 25 years teaching home economics at Addison High School. She loved teaching, cooking, sewing, painting, ceramics, traveling, art and crafts. She is survived by her son, Darrell Lee and his wife Linda; she was Nana to five grandchildren, Justin (Leah) Lee, Jake (Holly) Lee, Selena (Tommy) Wilkins, Jeanna (Patrick) Heard and Jesse (Meagan) Oliver; and eight great grandchildren, Maddie Oliver, Oakley Heard, Kaden Lee, Kylie Lee, Morgan Lee, Mack Lee, Sofi Wilkins and Kenner Oliver; special friend and love, Richard "Dick" Gritz and son-in-law, Bobby Oliver. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Lee; daughter, Krista Oliver; and grandson, Matthew Oliver.

Funeral services for Hugh Max Graves, 83, of Hanceville will be held at 2p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the Hanceville Funeral Home chapel. Reverends Randall Waldrep and John McCoy officiating, burial with military honors will follow at the Garden City Cemetery. The son of the late Doc and Ada Brooks Graves died Saturday, February 23rd at UAB hospital after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Nell, daughters; Faye (Dewayne) Morris, Maxine (Jack) Clay, Youvon Sharp and Becky (Kenny) White. Adopted daughters in love are Becky (Doug) Dutton Bowers and Delilah (Steve) Sontag. Grandchildren are; Maxwell Shawn (Tracy) Burgess, Austin (Cheyenne) White, Houston (CarrieAnn) White and Jazzlyn (Justin) Sharp.

Keith Lamar Moore, passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the age of 81. Mr. Moore was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved spending quality time with his family. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cullman and served as a Deacon and Trustee there. He loved Alabama Football and enjoyed hunting. He is preceded in death by his parents: P.G. and Fronia Self Moore. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 63 years, Louise Hendrix Moore; daughter, Melanie Moore (Randy) Abston; sons: Brian L. (Melinda) Moore and Stuart (Johnann) Moore; grandchildren: Brian Moore, Jr., Christopher Moore, Ryan (Katie) Abston, Laura Abston (David) Meyers, Sarah Abston, Stuart L. Moore, Jr. Benjamin Moore and Morgan Nicole Moore; great grandson, Jacob Meyers; sister Janis Moore Sparkman; brother, Kyle Joseph (Maria) Moore and niece, Alexandra (Diederik) Hoebee'. His family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The Celebration of Life for Mr. Keith Lamar Moore will be at the First Baptist Church of Cullman on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. He will Lie-in-State at the church from 11:00 until time of service. Burial will immediately follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. Serving as pallbearers will be Kyle Joseph Moore, Brian L. Moore, Jr., Christopher Brock Moore, Stuart Lynn Moore, Jr., Benjamin Cole More and Ryan Abston. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cullman First Baptist Church Missions Program or The Big Oak Ranch.

Emily Bonita Rodgers of Cullman passed away February 24, 2019 at the age of 44. She was born in Cullman June 6, 1974 to Doyle Lee and Doris Ann Sterling Rodgers. She is preceded in death by her father and a daughter Kazia Young. Funeral services are Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Chris McDonald officiating. Interment will follow services at New Ground Cemetery at Springhill. Survivors are: daughters Keiara Rodgers and her Fiance' Tyler Coggins, Kami Young, mother Doris Holmes, step-father Reames "Slim" Holmes, sisters Cherri (Delton) Gregory, Tiffany (Jody) Wilson, Marcia Day (Shawn Cornelius), step-brother Richard Day and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home from 6 PM until 9 PM.

Nellie C. Whitman Garrison, 96, of Haleyville, entered into rest on February 24, 2019 at Haleyville Health and Care Center with her loved ones at her side. Mrs. Garrison was born on October 28, 1922, in Lincoln, Alabama. She was a member of Frost Chapel Baptist Church and enjoyed flower gardening and doing puzzle books.
Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville is hosting services, which will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 2:00pm. Brother Rayburn Whitman and Tommy Hamby will officiate. Burial will be in Liberty Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Nellie is survived by her daughter, Luneida Hamby; adopted son, James Roland Whitman; brothers, Harold Dover and Buster (Lucille) Dover; sisters, Annie Maude Thornton and Mildred Thornton and a host of other family and friends.
She was "Nanny Nell" "Grandma" or "Mama" to 4 grandchildren, Frances Cornelius, Alan Hamby, Tommy Hamby and O'Neal Hamby; and 7 great grandchildren, Brooke Cruce, Amanda Shaver, Bradly Hamby, Heath Hamby, Lori Ann Brimer, Brandon Hamby and Emily Green. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Emric Whitman; and husband of 13 years, Cook Garrison; grandsons, Marty Hamby and Jeremy Hamby; and granddaughter, Connie Turner; parents, John Santford and Annie Williams Dover; brother, Jones Dover; sisters, Josie Mae Bean, Irma Bean and Lorene Carey.

Mr. Dan Burnham York of Cullman, Alabama passed away February 25, 2019 at his residence. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe York, and his grandson, John Clinton Hollingsworth. He was born on March 14, 1950. He is survived by his mother, Mary Jo Burnham York, and his two children, Natalie York Tielking and her husband, Jason, Leslie York Hollingsworth and her husband, Clint. He is also survived by six loving grandchildren: Loren and Wyatt Tielking, and Caroline, Eliza, Clementine, and Nelson Hollingsworth, and a host of family and friends. He was a 1968 graduate of Cullman High School. He always had a passion for golf, excelling as a player and coach. He played collegiately at St. Bernard College, lettering for four seasons, and earning a degree in physical education in 1974. During his 32-year tenure at Wallace State, the men's golf team won 13 Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC)/National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 22 Championships and made 23 appearances at the NJCAA National Championships where his teams finished runner-up national champions on three occasions. He also began Wallace State's women's golf program in 2015, earning three additional ACCC Championships and National Tournament appearances in the first three years of that program. In recognition of these accomplishments, the golf practice facility at Wallace State Wellness Center was named in his honor. His outstanding success in athletics led to his induction into the NJCAA Golf Coaches Hall of Fame, the ACCC Hall of Fame, and the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. He was a devoted son to his parents; and a loving father and grandfather to his daughters, and grandchildren. He has been a positive influence on the lives of scores of Wallace State student athletes. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The celebration of Dan's life will be Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 12:00 noon at the First Baptist Church of Cullman. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Wallace State Foundation PO Box 568, Hanceville, AL. 35077. Visit online at http://www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/danyork. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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EDUCATION

CDC students selling hand-crafted art at Ashley Mercantile

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CULLMAN, Ala. –Juniors and seniors at the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) have been busy with a unique project to help raise money for their prom and graduation funds. The students from the Students Achieving Vocational Excellence (S.A.V.E.) program, who learn ways to help build independence and develop job skills, have put their talent into creating beautiful artwork.

The idea came to S.A.VE. teacher Stacey Ziegenbein during a stop while visiting the beach. She saw artwork blocks for sale in a shop and decided to incorporate something similar into nice keepsake gifts for the parents of her school kids.

Ziegenbein explained, "We took a picture of each kid by the Christmas tree and used decoupage to put it on the painted blocks."

Shirley Gardner, who has been a substitute for many years at the CDC, asked the class if it could make a couple of blocks for her to give as Christmas gifts.

Gardner then showed the blocks to her grandson Ryne Ashley, who, along with his wife Heather, owns Ashley Mercantile. The Ashleys felt the blocks would be popular with their customers.

For a $10 donation to the CDC S.A.V.E. program, customers receive a block hand-crafted by one of the talented students. The back of each block has the name of the student who created it.

Ryne Ashley's mother, Sherrie Ashley, explained, "We have a notebook that you can browse through with all the old photographs available to put on your block.

"All the money goes back to the kids. We don't even put the money in our register."

A couple recently had a block made with an old photo of The Globe Drive-In where they met years ago.

The money raised for the students' prom and graduation fund will go toward caps and gowns, engraved diploma covers, prom T-shirts and a prom complete with a fun DJ for the students.

"We try to give them a prom and graduation just as they would have at any other school.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Front, center: Hunter Cason; front, left to right: Trey Herschehahn, Kayla Harbison and Cameron White; back, left to right: Alex McCracken, Dawson Oden, Sebastian Simpson and Nicholas Ard. Not pictured are teacher Stacey Ziegenbein and Aide Cathy Screws.

"We have seven to eight graduating this year. That's a big class for us. It's financially difficult for many families, so we make sure everyone gets what they need," Ziegenbein shared.

The students are excited about their upcoming prom and graduation. Several will likely be looking for a job when school ends. The S.A.V.E. program has successfully helped many of its students obtain paying jobs in a variety of vocations.

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