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PREP BASKETBALL - AHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Lady Eagles knock off Fyffe in 57-53 OT thriller to capture Class 2A title



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs celebrates with its state championship trophy on the court after defeating Fyffe 57-53 in overtime in Friday morning's 2A State Championship Game.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – After a season full of big wins and record-setting performances, Cold Springs capped things off with a state title on Friday morning. The Lady Eagles defeated Fyffe 57-53 in overtime to capture their first Class 2A Girls State Championship since 2009 and their fourth in school history. Cold Springs jumped out to a big lead early in the game, but Fyffe was able to chip away and force an overtime period. Lady Eagles Head Coach Tammy West now has four state titles on her resume.

West touched on the message she had for her players before the start of overtime and said she was happy to see them get off to a fast start.

"We just talked about how it was a new ballgame and we had to go out and be fundamentally sound and take care of the basketball. It was huge for us to get the first points. I wouldn't have felt comfortable if we let them score first, so Neely (Ellison) came in and hit a huge shot," West said. "I'm just glad she took it and then she got a steal and a layup, and we were able to maintain the lead from then on and I'm just very proud of them."

This year's All-Tournament Team MVP, Elizabeth Hill, said the Lady Eagles had several obstacles to get by this season. Hill has done a great job filling her role on the offensive end.

"We definitely had a lot to overcome this season, but we just knew we had to stick together, trust each other and work hard. We all love each other so it was really easy to do that," Hill said. "I just know my team needs me, and if I'm driving that creates shots for everybody else, and I know it's my job to get our offense going."

The new girls' AHSAA state record holder for made 3-pointers in a season, Camryn Crider, not only set the individual mark on Friday, but also helped lead this year's Cold Springs squad to become the most prolific 3-point shooting girls' team in the history of the AHSAA.

Crider touched on her practice routine that's helped her get to this point as well as her mentality when shooting from beyond the arc, saying, "I go to the gym every weekend with my dad and we get on the gun and we just shoot and shoot and shoot," Crider said. "After practices I'll get out the gun and just shoot and shoot, just to build that confidence so that when I play in a big game like this, I can come through for my team."

The Lady Eagles got off to a slow start earlier in the year, compiling a 2-3 record in their first five games, but Crider thinks that was a big part of why the team made it to this stage.

"I think starting the season with a loss was pretty big," Crider said. "That turned our spirits around and we all knew that we had to work super hard, and having so many people get hurt throughout the season has forced everyone to work that much harder. I think that's probably what pulled us together the most this year."

A surprise for Crider and the Lady Eagles was waiting for them when they ran onto the floor Friday morning: a huge, rabid crowd of Cold Springs fans ready to cheer them on.

"We have been begging for a crowd all year and I when I walked out today for warm-ups and saw how many people were here, I don't even know, that was the coolest thing ever," Crider smiled. "I did not think that many people would come. I didn't think that many people were in our town," she joked.

Crider got things started for Cold Springs with back-to-back 3-pointers that put the Lady Eagles in front 8-4 midway through the first, and she added a third basket from beyond the arc later in the period to make it 11-4. Crider's first 3-point basket set a new record for made 3-pointers in a season at 155. The record was previously held by Butler's Nikki Tibbs, who recorded 154 3-pointers during the 1998-99 season. Crider finished the game with a total of 157 on the season.

Fyffe added a pair of free throws late in the first, but Hill knocked down a three from the corner to stretch the lead to 16-6 going into the second quarter. Crider shot f4-of-6 from the field and posted 11 points in the opening period.

Another three and an and-one basket from Hill made it 22-6 at the start of the second, but the Cold Springs offense was held in check for most of the quarter. Fyffe trimmed the lead to 25-13 with just under two minutes to play and began applying more pressure on the defensive end. A steal led to an easy layup for the Lady Red Devils as time expired in the second and cut the lead to 25-16 at the half.

Fyffe scored quickly to make it a 25-21 game at the start of the third and nailed a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 28-26 midway through the period. A bucket from Aubrey Negron extended the lead to 32-26 with just over four minutes to play in the third and Toni West laid one in after her to make it 34-26.

A three from Hill put the Lady Eagles ahead 37-28 late in the quarter, but a three from the Lady Red Devils trimmed the lead to 37-33 with just over a minute remaining in the period. Fyffe cut the lead to just one after knocking down another shot from three-point range, but a pair of free throws from Crider gave Cold Springs a 39-36 advantage going into the final frame. The Lady Eagles were outscored 20-14 in the third quarter.

Hill knocked down a mid-range jumper and a 3-pointer at the top of the key to stretch the lead to 44-36 early in the fourth, but the Lady Red Devils nailed a triple of their own to make it 44-39 with just under three minutes to play. Fyffe added another three from the corner to make it a 44-42 game with two minutes remaining and tied the game at 44 with a floater on its next possession. The Lady Red Devils held on to the ball, looking to take the last shot, but their game-winning three-point attempt bounced off the front of the rim and sent the game into overtime knotted at 44.

Ellison knocked down a triple and laid one in off a steal to give the Lady Eagles an early 49-44 lead and Cold Springs was able to end things from the free-throw line the rest of the way. Hill netted a pair from the charity stripe to go up 52-46 with just under a minute to play, and two more from Crider made it 54-49 with 22 seconds remaining. Fyffe cut the lead to 54-51 with 10 seconds to play,

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CRIME

Cullman Police searching for armed robbery suspect



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A security camera image shows the suspect. » PAGE 4

CRIME

Man awaiting trial in DUI death arrested for drug possession, harassment

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Cullman County's state legislative delegation, left to right: Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle; and Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman

STATE

Cullman's legislative delegation prepares for upcoming session

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – When the Alabama Legislature convenes for its 2019 regular session on March 5, it will have a full slate waiting; 50 bills have already been pre-filed in the House of Representatives, and 35 have been pre-filed in the Senate.

What will our legislators be doing?
Each legislator has been assigned to serve on certain House or Senate committees:

- Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope - Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Constitution Campaigns and Elections, Technology and Research (Vice Chair)
- Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview - Children and Senior Advocacy Committee (Vice Chair); Financial Services Committee; Local Legislation Committee (Vice Chair); Transportation, Utilities, and Infrastructure Committee; Urban and Rural Development Committee (Chair)
- Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle - Local Legislation Committee; Boards, Agencies, and Commissions Committee, State Government Committee
- Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman - Finance and Taxation Education Committee, Governmental Affairs Committee, Agriculture Conservation and Forestry Committee, Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development Committee (Vice Chair), Tourism Committee

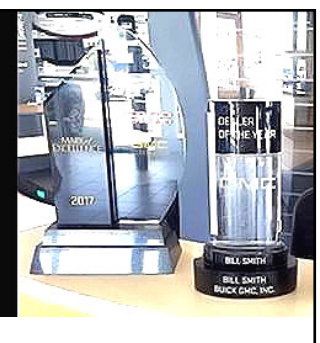
Legislation proposed or supported by members of Cullman County delegation
Cullman County's legislative delegation has had a hand in pre-filing certain pieces of that collection of bills.

HB19 - Introduced by Rep. Kyle South (R, Distr. 16), cosponsored by numerous others including

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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Special Election, to be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in Cullman County, Alabama.

Absentee Box

Susan Richardson	**Inspector**
Lisa Andrews	Chief Clerk
Debbie Nelson	Clerk
Debra Ball	Clerk

Arkadelphia Fire Department **Precinct 7**

Doug Weeks	**Inspector**
Kristina Gable	Chief Clerk
Joan Weeks	Clerk
Deborah Baggett	Clerk

Baileyton Senior Center **Precinct 20 Box 1**

Ruth Rose	**Inspector**
Bobby Martin	Chief Clerk
Myra Martin	Clerk
Rhonda Ryan	Clerk

Baldwin Community Center **Precinct 33**

Bonnie Marty	**Inspector**
Patricia Moore	Chief Clerk
Kim Privett	Clerk
Alva Ray Marty	Clerk

Battleground Fire Department **Precinct 16**

Billy McCravey	**Inspector**
Ryan Woods	Chief Clerk
Rhonda Wynn	Clerk
Randy Wynn	Clerk

Beat 8 Community Center **Precinct 8**

Carolyn Calvert	**Inspector**
Rita Light	Chief Clerk
Frankie Williams	Clerk
Joyce Garrison	Clerk

Berlin Community Center **Precinct 23**

Gail Wood	**Inspector**
Tony Duke	Chief Clerk
Marie Sanford	Clerk
Jim Barnett	Clerk

Bethel Community Center **Precinct 14 Box 2**

Joshua White	**Inspector**
Carolyn White	Chief Clerk
Decca Rusk	Clerk
Warren White	Clerk

Bethsadia Fire Department **Precinct 13**

Hilton Angle	**Inspector**
Glenda Sims	Chief Clerk
Maxie Grant Rhodes	Clerk
Michael Brown	Clerk

Bolte-White Grove Church **Precinct 36**

Dike Lee Moss	**Inspector**
Ben Jester	Chief Clerk
Sheila Jester	Clerk
Peggy Kennemur	Clerk

Bremen Fire Department **Precinct 10**

Donna Calvert	Inspector
Freda Dooley	Chief Clerk
Avery Dooley	Clerk
Jean Shelton	Clerk

Brooklyn Community Center **Precinct 20 Box 2**

Bobbie Guthrie	**Inspector**
Sara Gilbreath	Chief Clerk
Jearldean Randolph	Clerk
Gary McGriff	Clerk

Brushy Pond Community Center **Precinct 26**

Hilda Garrett	**Inspector**
Edward C. Graves	Chief Clerk
Ellis Garrett	Clerk
June Campbell	Clerk

Center Hill Community Center **Precinct 31**

Keith Burns	**Inspector**
Reba Whitaker	Chief Clerk
Sherry (Polly)Bradford	Clerk
Donald Law	Clerk

Cold Springs Community Center **Precinct 9**

Ann Freeman	**Inspector**
James Stricklin	Chief Clerk
Janice Crook	Clerk
Debra Graves	Clerk

Colony Town Hall **Precinct 6 Box 2**

Gwendolyn Purifoy	**Inspector**
Earlene Johnson	Chief Clerk
Evelyn Timmons	Clerk
Mary A. Hall	Clerk

Courthouse Conference Room **Precinct 1 Box 6**

Patricia Owens	**Inspector**
Sondra Nassetta	Chief Clerk
Rebecca Lynn	Clerk
Carolyn Branch	Clerk

Crane Hill Fire Department **Precinct 12**

Linda Anderson	**Inspector**
Betty Goddard	Chief Clerk
Sarah Abbott	Clerk
Betty Davis	Clerk

Cullman City Hall **Precinct 1 Box 5**

Nancy Harrison	**Inspector**
Kitty Warren	Chief Clerk
Catherine Haggard	Clerk
Ray Demonia	Clerk

Cullman Civic Center **Precinct 1 Box 1 (A-G)**

Linda Romine	**Inspector**
Rebecca Parker	Chief Clerk
Becky Kirk	Clerk
Barbara Harris	Clerk

Cullman Civic Center **Precinct 1 Box 2 (H-M)**

Donnie Moyer	**Inspector**
Dorothy Fowler	Chief Clerk
Alpharetta Tucker	Clerk
Brenda Howell	Clerk

Cullman Civic Center **Precinct 1 Box 3 (N-Z)**

Peggy Harris	**Inspector**
Wynona Moon	Chief Clerk
Susan Jones	Clerk
Dorothy Waldrop	Clerk

Cullman County Health Department **Precinct 34**

Dale Moody	**Inspector**
Denise Schuman	Chief Clerk
James Laminack	Clerk
Clara Laminack	Clerk

Cullman Office Bld. Basement **Precinct 1 Box 4**

Joy Flynn	**Inspector**
Patricia Walker	Chief Clerk
Judyth Brand	Clerk
Sammie Danford	Clerk

Dodge City Town Hall **Precinct 2 Box 2**

Monica Wesson	**Inspector**
Vicki Ogletree	Chief Clerk
Judy Ponder	Clerk
Toni Hale	Clerk

East Point Community Center **Precinct 35**

Leslie Calloway	**Inspector**
James Parker	Chief Clerk
Flora Dean Gregory	Clerk
Virginia Pattillo	Clerk

Fairview Fire Department (A-K) **Precinct 28 Box 1**

Darrell Bailey	**Inspector**
Jimmie Grimes	Chief Clerk
Sherry Bailey	Clerk
Harold Grimes	Clerk

Fairview Town Hall (L-Z) **Precinct 28 Box 2**

Gene Pinkard	**Inspector**
Carol Pearson	Chief Clerk
Doris Pinkard	Clerk
Wallace Pearson	Clerk

Friendship Methodist Church **Precinct 17 Box 2**

Helen Basinger	**Inspector**
Mary Jones	Chief Clerk
Albert Jones	Clerk
Judy Echols	Clerk

Garden City Town Hall **Precinct 4**

Sheila Kretzschmar	**Inspector**
Mary Swann	Chief Clerk
Gail Thomas	Clerk
Cherrie Haney	Clerk

Gold Ridge Community Center **Precinct 19**

Cody Smith	**Inspector**
Karon Graham	Chief Clerk
Anthony Graham	Clerk
Wilma Smith	Clerk

Good Hope City Hall **Precinct 2 Box 1**

Roger Gentry	**Inspector**
Zana Free	Chief Clerk
Wendy Waldrep	Clerk
Willard Waldrep Jr	Clerk

Grandview Community Center **Precinct 29**

Linda Pace	**Inspector**
Melinda Camper	Chief Clerk
Barry Camper	Clerk
Helen Dunn	Clerk

Hanceville City Hall **Precinct 3 Box 1**

Richard Evers	**Inspector**
Susan Quick	Chief Clerk
Diann White	Clerk
Dianne Johnson	Clerk

Hanceville Civic Center **Precinct 3 Box 2**

Kevin Larue	**Inspector**
Brenda Carter	Chief Clerk
Doc Nichols	Clerk
Sharon Nichols	Clerk

Holly Pond Fire Department **Precinct 22**

Danny Alldredge	**Inspector**
Carolyn Bryan	Chief Clerk
Tanya Hays	Clerk
Judy Jones	Clerk

Jones Chapel Fire Department **Precinct 15**

Kay Pigg	**Inspector**
Ellen Pigg	Chief Clerk
Carol McKoy	Clerk
Karen Hale	Clerk

Joppa Fire Department **Precinct 21 Box 1**

Joan Creel Harper	**Inspector**
Diann Plunkett	Chief Clerk
Floyell Harris	Clerk
Brenda Creel	Clerk

Kelley Community Center **Precinct 30**

Gary Mitchell	**Inspector**
Dennis Swafford	Chief Clerk
James Scott Sarich	Clerk
William (Ellis) Folsom	Clerk

Logan Fire Department **Precinct 14 Box 1**

Elaine Johnson	**Inspector**
Terry Michael	Chief Clerk
Jeanett Duke	Clerk
Charlotte Brock	Clerk

Moody Town / Union Hill Church **Precinct 6 Box 1**

Sue Evans	Inspector
Faith Hammock	Chief Clerk
Christy Gamble	Clerk
Daniel Evans	Clerk

New Canaan Senior Center **Precinct 21 Box 2**

Angel Martin Casey	**Inspector**
Mary Martin	Chief Clerk
John Casey	Clerk
Ronnie Stewart	Clerk

Providence Fire Department **Precinct 18 Box 2**

Andrew Keith Dyer	**Inspector**
Rodger Walling	Chief Clerk
Edward Green	Clerk
Judy Cobbs	Clerk

Simcoe Community Center **Precinct 32**

E.J. Carter	**Inspector**
Edwin Dixon	Chief Clerk
Brenda Maynard	Clerk
Sherry England	Clerk

Stouts Mountain Church **Precinct 5**

Brenda Wilkinson	**Inspector**
Shirley Fowler	Chief Clerk
Randall Waldrep	Clerk
Hollis Baggett	Clerk

Trimble Fire Department **Precinct 11 Box 1**

Bruce Whitlock	**Inspector**
Kenneth Neal	Chief Clerk
Beatrice Whitlock	Clerk
Patricia Collins	Clerk

Valley Grove Community Center **Precinct 11 Box 2**

Connie Baker	**Inspector**
Gaylon Johnson	Chief Clerk
Cindy Knight	Clerk
James White	Clerk

Vinemont Community Center **Precinct 18 Box 1**

Kathy Waddell	**Inspector**
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Sonya Mabrey	Clerk

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Phillip Hicks	**Inspector**
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Welti/Mt. Zion Church **Precinct 25**

Zeb Reid	**Inspector**
Doris Patterson	Chief Clerk
Wynona Gambrill	Clerk
Joyce Allen	Clerk

West Point Community Center **Precinct 17 Box 1**

Derinda Jones	**Inspector**
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White City Community Center **Precinct 27**

Candy Reeves	**Inspector**
Beverly Wright	Clerk
Jane Atkins	Clerk
Courtney Duke	Clerk

Done this 27th day of February, 2019.

Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

Lisa Andrews, For Circuit Clerk

Matt Gentry, Sheriff

Signatures on file in Probate Office

NOTICE OF SCHOOL OF ELECTION
Special Election
MARCH 19, 2019

There will be a School of Election held for all election workers March 12, 2019, Tuesday, pursuant to Code 17-8-9 (a). The times to attend will be either at 9:00 A.M. or 5:00 P.M. at the Cullman City Hall Auditorium, 204 2nd Ave. N.E., Cullman, AL 35055. All workers selected by the Appointing Board are required to attend one of these schools.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SHIRELL CLYDE HYATT * CASE NO PC 2018-340
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **SHIRLEY JEAN ROBERTS,** as Executrix of the Estate of SHIRELL CLYDE HYATT, deceased, on the 22nd day of February, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shirley Jean Roberts
Executrix

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ALMA JEAN HYATT * CASE NO PC 2018-339
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **SHIRLEY JEAN ROBERTS,** as Executrix of the Estate of ALMA JEAN HYATT, deceased, on the 22nd day of February, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

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

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

Done this the 13th day of February, 2019.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

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Logan Volunteer Fire Department

4225 County Road 818
Logan, Alabama 35098

Date: February 19,2019

INVITATION TO BID
COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Sealed Bids shall be received for one (1) Community Safe Room by the Logan Volunteer Fire Department, until noon on local time by March 22, 2019 at 325 2nd Street SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. The bids will be opened on March 25, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development office, located at 325 2nd Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. At this time bids .will be opened and publicly read for an above-ground, pre-engineered, pre-manufactured, 1/4" steel plate safe room, with two (2) standard bathrooms, and an 8 KW generator and generator cover that complies with FEMA 361 (2015) and ICC 500 Community Shelter Design Criteria. The contract, if a bid is chosen, will be awarded at the regular Logan Volunteer Fire Department meeting after the March 25, 2019 opening.

The Community Safe Room shall meet the specifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Publication 361 and be able to house 86 people during inclement weather. Each bid must certify that the bid meets or exceeds FEMA 361 specifications. The successful bidder will also be required to provide a notarized Contractor/Installer form certifying this upon completion of the job, as well as an engineering peer review.

The Logan Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in awarding this bid to the best responsive bidder. The bid award will not be based solely on price. Quality, conformity with the specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, and past service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the best responsive bidder. Other factors such as compliance with Qualifications for Safe Room Design Acceptance, value, conditions and past performance will be considered in determining the best bid. Bidders must show proof of a minimum of five (5) years' experience in successfully completing community safe room projects of this size and type. Provide at least three (3) references from previous community safe room projects, with photos.

Bids submitted are firm and no claims for errors will be considered after bids are opened and subsequent thereof.

The bidder shall use domestic products and labor and if domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor/installer.

All bidders **must** use the attached form for submitting their bid. All bids must be sealed and marked - in the lower left-hand envelope **"BID #0319- Community Safe Room", with opening date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. All Bids must be submitted to Logan Volunteer Fire Department at 325 2nd Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The proposal package includes specifications, a copy which is available for examination from, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:30pm at the Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For questions regarding this invitation to bid, please email, Ashley Graves, Project Coordinator at ashley@cullmanecondev.org or call at 256-775-6258 or contact Chief Toby Bates at logan01toby@gmail.com**

STATE OF ALABAMA,

CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

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Lady Eagles (from Front)

but two more free throws from Hill put the game out of reach and the Lady Eagles held on to win it 57-53.

Hill led the way for Cold Springs with 30 points, 10 rebounds, four blocks and four steals in the win. Crider finished behind her with 16 points, followed by Ellison with five. Negron finished with four points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

When asked how this team was able to come together throughout the season and pull off such an unbelievable run, Coach West had a very simple answer that she hopes the next generation of Lady Eagles hears as well: "Hard work and believing in their coaches and the practices that we had and just sticking together," West said. "They're just great. Every team that we've brought down here has been full of outstanding kids. They're great student-athletes, they're role models for our school and hopefully the younger girls were watching today."

LEGAL

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 08
TO APPROVE THE REHIRING OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, Act No. 2017-346 of the Alabama Legislature provides that a municipality may rehire a retired law enforcement officer or a retired firefighter formerly employed by the municipality to provide public safety services if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) A local law is enacted authorizing the rehire of retired law enforcement officers or firefighters formerly employed by the municipality. (2) The municipality rehiring a retiree provides a copy of the local law referenced in subdivision (1) to the Director of the Ethics Commission. (3) Upon a determination to rehire a retired law enforcement officer or firefighter, the municipality immediately provides notice to the Director of the Ethics Commission that the former employee is being rehired; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman finds it in the public interest to rehire retired law enforcement officers or retired firefighters from time to time on a part-time basis to provide public safety services.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Cullman, as follows:

Section 1: That the City of Cullman hereby authorizes the rehire of retired law enforcement officers and retired firefighters formerly employed by the City of Cullman, that a copy of this ordinance will be provided to the Director of the Alabama Ethics Commission, and that notice of the rehiring of any retired law enforcement officer or retired firefighter will immediately be provided to the Director of the Alabama Ethics Commission.

Section 2: The terms of employment of any retired law enforcement officer or retired firefighter will be subject to the conditions of Section 36-27-8.2 of the Code of Alabama, 1975.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 25th day of February, 2019. /s/ Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council

ATTEST: Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 25th day of February, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor



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Scholarship available from Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District

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

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

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

Hanceville bids farewell to councilman Justin Pruett; City's Jeff Gregory passes away

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council on Thursday night said goodbye to Councilman Justin Pruett, who has resigned his seat on the council due to travel requirements for his full-time job.

Mayor Kenneth Nail presented Pruett with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the City of Hanceville since 2016, saying, "He wasn't afraid to throw his opinion out there and I appreciate that."

Pruett addressed those at the meeting, sharing, "It's been an honor and a privilege to work with all of you. I've really enjoyed it. Also, police and fire, you all do an outstanding job."

Pruett will be moving from Hanceville, but he is staying in Cullman County.

He said, "With my job, I'm going to be doing a lot of traveling. I can't make the commitment that I'd be here when they needed."

Pruett is a member of his employer R.E. Garrison Trucking's organization, Garrison Gives Hope, which raises money for the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund.

The fund, established in memory of Cullman attorney and community leader Stephen K. Griffith through the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation, supports the increased availability of mental health services in Cullman County.

Explained Pruett, "We are busy raising money and planning fundraisers. We have a 5K coming up and a gun giveaway. All the money we raise benefits mental health locally."

City employee passes away

Nail asked those in Hanceville to keep the family of the Hanceville Water and Sewer Board's Jeff Gregory in their prayers. Gregory passed away unexpectedly Wednesday night.

Councilman Charles Wilson said of the sudden loss, "He worked for water and sewer and was just 20 days from his retirement. He had been with the City since '98 or '99, longer than anyone else. He was a good employee. A GOOD employee. He was our encyclopedia is what he was."

Funeral services for Gregory, 62, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday March 3 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Gregory will be laid to rest at the Bethlehem East Cemetery.

In other business

The council voted to terminate the local emergency order put in place prior to last week's rain and storms. The council thanked everyone who came out to help fill sandbags and perform other tasks ahead of the storms.

The FY 2019 budget was amended due to the repairs of the pavilion at Veterans Park. Repairs to the pavilion are near completion. The pavilion collapsed when its brackets failed during a thunderstorm in 2018. The pavilion was rebuilt without the use of brackets.

The council held first readings for several ordinances. Two ordinances regarding rezoning will be voted on following public hearings scheduled for March 28 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The first ordinance (623) will set zoning for newly annexed property.

Ordinance 624 would rezone property on Boyd and Hopewell Roads. The rezoning would be to R4 to allow garden homes.

Ordinance 625 addresses salaries for the mayor and council.

Nail explained, "The state requires this council set the salaries for the next mayor and council during this term."

The Hanceville mayor and council have seen no pay increase in at least 12 years.

Pruett recommended the pay be increased to $400 per month for council members, $500 per month for the mayor pro tem and $47,000 per year for the mayor.

Pruett said, "In my opinion, the next mayor's pay should be comparable to police chief and fire chief's pay. There's a big gap there now- a really big gap. You can't have a full-time job and make a living making $31,000 a year."

Wilson asked for time to research pay of other area mayors and councils of cities comparable in size. The council will vote on the ordinance at the scheduled meeting on March 14, 2019.

Robbery (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – An armed robbery took place after 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Woodforest National Bank inside Wal-Mart on Olive Street in Cullman.

The Cullman Police Department is searching for the suspect, described as a white male with dark hair, wearing a red Alabama T-shirt and ball cap and carrying a black backpack. The suspect is possibly armed with a gun.

Police said the suspect demanded money, but did not show a weapon.

They said he fled through the garden center. He got away in a gray/silver sedan.

This story was developing as of press time.

Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest.

Trial (from Front)

Wendy Sack, W.C. Mann
Tribune Staff

CULLMAN, Ala. – Bradford Neal Meeks, 28, of Bremen, the man awaiting trial for reckless murder in the death of Cullman High School student and athlete Curtis James Wilson, 15, on Sunday, May 7, 2017, has been arrested again by Cullman County authorities. Meeks was taken into custody Thursday for bail jumping, new charges of third-degree domestic violence- harassing communications and harassment, as well as unlawful possession of a controlled substance, according to a spokesman for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, who said Meeks was found with methamphetamine when warrants were served. He is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $25,000 cash bond.

Meeks was indicted by a Cullman County grand jury for reckless murder on Oct. 10, 2017, in connection with the fatal car crash that killed Wilson. Toxicology reports from UAB Hospital revealed that Meeks, the driver of the truck that hit Wilson and his mother, Ashley Wilson, then 43, had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .256, approximately three times the legal limit, at the time of the wreck.

Following Meeks' arrest on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, his father, Billy Meeks, filed a motion to withdraw as the surety for his son's bond in the reckless murder case. Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas approved the motion, pending the court being officially notified that Meeks is back in custody.

Meeks is also facing charges in Madison County for unrelated crimes.

Session (from Front)

Rep. Randall Shedd, Rep. Corey Harbison, and Rep. Scott Stadthagen. The bill would require the State Board of Education to review and approve any rules relating to student participation eligibility before adoption by any high school athletic organization, and would require 25 percent of the membership of the governing body of that organization to consist of individuals appointed by the State Superintendent of Education or the State Board of Education.

HB22 - Introduced by Rep. Chris Blackshear (R, Distr. 80), co-sponsored by Rep. Corey Harbison and Rep. Scott Stadthagen. The bill would allow a person who is a resident of a state bordering on the State of Alabama who carries on a business, profession, or who is regularly employed in the State of Alabama to be commissioned as a notary public by the judge of probate of the county in which the person carries on his or her profession, business, or employment. Currently, any Notary Public in Alabama must be a resident of the state.

HB37 - Introduced by Rep. Scott Stadthagen and co-sponsored by others including Rep. Randall Shedd, the bill would encourage state agencies to save money by allowing them to keep ten percent of any unspent money from their budget in a given year and convert that money into employee bonuses. The other 90 percent of unspent funds would revert to the state's General Fund, so that it could be rerouted to other places where extra funds might be needed.

Proposed amendment could make Curtis Wilson-Stephanie Harmon Interlock Act permanent

In 2018, the state enacted a law (SB1, Act 2018-517) named in part after Cullman teen Curtis Wilson, who was killed by a drunk driver (A reckless murder case against the driver is still pending), requiring persons charged with DUI and enrolled in pretrial diversion programs to have ignition interlock devices installed in their cars.

The devices would require the driver to pass a breathalyzer test before the car will crank. See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/04/25/new-law-targeting-drunk-drivers-named-after-cullman-dui-victim-curtis-wilson.

The law as enacted last year was what is called a "sunset act," a law which only remains in effect for a specific time. Act 2018-517 is currently set to expire in July 2023.

The amendment, proposed by Sen. Jim McClendon, R-Springville, who sponsored SB1 in 2018, would remove the sunset clause and make the interlock act permanent.

The fuel tax

Gov. Kay Ivey on Wednesday announced her Rebuild Alabama Infrastructure Plan, which proposes a 10-cent increase in Alabama's fuel tax with an index designed to coincide with the rising costs of building roads. Alabama currently imposes a flat excise tax of 18 cents-per-gallon on gas and 19 cents-per-gallon on diesel, without adjusting for inflation and other construction and maintenance costs. The governor's office said this combined fuel tax revenue generates 80 percent of Alabama's transportation funding.

The plan's 10-cent increase, which is being hotly debated, would be phased in over the next three years.

Ivey said new revenue generated by the increase would be dispersed between state, county and municipal governments in Alabama, with these funds to be used for transportation infrastructure improvement, preservation and maintenance projects. A separate portion of the revenues would go to pay a bond to be issued to finance improvements to the ship channel providing access to the facilities of the Alabama State Docks.

Contact your legislators

During the session, you can contact your legislators in their Montgomery offices at the following phone numbers and email addresses. Rep. Stadthagen does not currently have a House email address; the address came from his personal legislative website.

- Rep. Corey Harbison - 334-261-0578, corey.harbison@alhouse.gov
- Rep. Randall Shedd - 334-261-0530, randall.shedd@alhouse.gov
- Rep. Scott Stadthagen - 334-261-0436, g.s.stadthagen@gmail.com
- Sen. Garlan Gudger - 334-261-0855, garlan.gudger@alsenate.gov







CULLMAN COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

'Sextortion' affecting thousands of U.S. children

Kathy Wilson, W.C. Mann

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force Chairperson Kathy Wilson shared with The Tribune about "sextortion," the use of privately-made, sexually-explicit photos or videos to coerce victims into compliance.

Sextortion can be tied to human trafficking because the definition of sextortion is when an individual coerces victims into providing sexually-explicit images or videos of themselves, then threatens to release or distribute the images or videos unless the victims comply with demands.

In many cases, the demands include more photos or performing sex acts with the individual making the demands.

Sextortion can be facilitated in many ways by those seeking to exploit vulnerable individuals sexually or for financial gain.

Sextortion affects children across all demographics. Victims often withdraw from family and friends and can exhibit signs of anxiety, physical and emotional trauma, and bullying; they are at a higher risk of dropping out of school and of developing suicidal thoughts.

How can you protect your kids?

Supervise your children's computer, mobile device or tablet. Devices like smartphones are more difficult to manage due to their mobility and technical capabilities.

As teenagers' brains are not fully developed, they often struggle with impulse control and anticipating consequences. It's very important to discuss with your children appropriate uses for these devices when they are given access to them.

This includes communicating with others online and sending photos. Parents should maintain their child's online account access information and be able to log in at any time.

Communicate with your children. Have discussions with your child about the dangers associated with communicating with unknown people online, sending photos or engaging in other risky behavior online.

To help protect your children from online predators, it's important to educate your children about sextortion and the motivation of those who extort children.

Let your children know they can come to you without fear should they ever be faced with this type activity.

Sextortion is a crime. The coercion of a child by an adult to produce child pornography is a Class A misdemeanor that carries heavy penalties; just having sexually explicit images of a minor on your phone or tablet is considered possession of child pornography and is a Class C felony.

If human trafficking is involved, those penalties can be up to life in prison. Remember: the definition of human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of commercial sex act.

Alabama law

In 2017 Gov. Kay Ivey signed into law the Sex Offender Reporting Bill, which includes sections to update Alabama's Criminal Code on sex crimes involving the use of technology:

"A person commits the crime of distributing a private image if he or she knowingly posts, emails, texts, transmits, or otherwise distributes a private image with the intent to harass, threaten, coerce, or intimidate the person depicted when the depicted person has not consented to the transmission and the depicted person had a reasonable expectation of privacy against transmission of the private image."

A first offense is a Class A misdemeanor; subsequent violations are Class C felonies.

"A person commits the crime of sexual extortion if he or she knowingly causes another person to engage in sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, sexual contact, or in a sexual act or to produce any photograph, digital image, video, film, or other recording of any person, whether recognizable or not, engaged in any act of sadomasochistic abuse, sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, sexual excitement, masturbation, breast nudity, genital nudity, or other sexual conduct by transmitting any communication containing any threat to injure the body, property, or reputation of any person."

Offenses of this type are Class B felonies.

Speak up

If you suspect someone is involved, or know someone who is a victim of sextortion, contact:

- Cullman County Sheriff's Office - 256-734-0342
- Cullman Police Department - 256-734-1434
- FBI - 1-800-225-5324
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 1-800-THE LOST (1-800-843-5678)

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MEET DANIEL COOMBS
USED CAR MANAGER



Daniel Coombs served as the New Car Manager at Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman before being named Used Car Manager of the Used Car Supercenter lot this past February. Daniel says this Used Car Supercenter is something that is new to Cullman and that he is glad that Tony Serra Nissan is able to help customers find the perfect car, whether new or used.

"In the past we have carried an inventory of 40 to 50 pre-owned cars on the lot. We have spent the past year moving earth and paving a new parking lot just south of our main store. The new lot is located at 301 Broadway Drive SW.

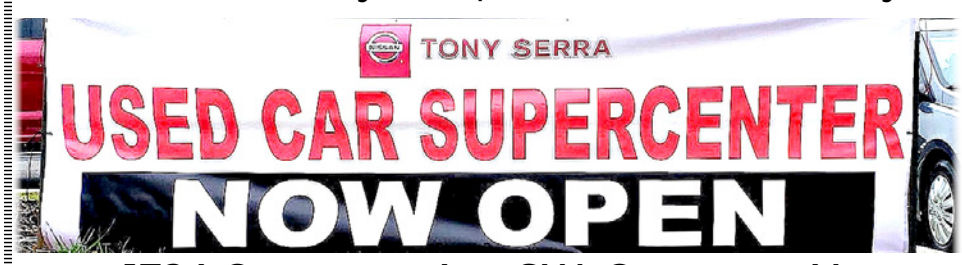
This lot will allow us to stock over 100 pre-owned vehicles in addition to the 300 new vehicles we keep in stock.

We will have a bigger selection of trucks, SUV's and cars."

Daniel said they do their research to ensure they are giving their customers the best deals possible

"We try to set a fair price and eliminate the need for customers to feel like they have to be a good negotiator to get a good deal."

Come meet Daniel Coombs at the Used Car Supercenter, located at 301 Broadway ST. SW, and see what he can do for you!



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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the theater. Imagine a play with the working title: "THRIVE: Alabama Women Growing Alabama." Although I've created works with female characters, this all-female production should be written by a woman, a fellow Alabamian. I'm only presenting the idea, and we'll see how some nurturing, visionary female transplants it to the stage.

The setting is the side porch of the Alabama Governor's Mansion looking out at the lush lawn and gardens. Six women who have lived in or currently live in Montgomery County have gathered for a lively garden party. The table is decorated with camellias, our Alabama state flower. The women share laughter, memories, ideas and hopes for Alabama's future. As we Southerners do, they reveal their character through storytelling.

Early in this century, when I served the Alabama Governor's Mansion, we created a garden for prayer and meditation in a serene, wooded area of the grounds. That could be a good setting for a second act. Alabama's post-Bicentennial act.

Let me introduce these women and mention how they are rooted to Montgomery County, its PLANTS and PEOPLE.

VARINA DAVIS - She trailed her politician husband Jefferson Davis to Montgomery when the bustling Alabama river city became the first capital of the Confederacy. Mrs. Davis was raised in agrarian Mississippi, educated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and longed for the days her husband was in agriculture, not politics. Varina Davis was inquisitive, intelligent and a lively conversationalist. In her later years, she lived in New York City, wrote a regular column for "New York World," and worked to bring a divided nation together.

Several years ago, I arranged for the renowned garden designer, James Cothran, author of "Gardens and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South," to meet me at the Davis house museum in Montgomery and asked him to suggest some changes to the plantings. From Varina Davis' letters we learned of her fondness for the peaceful fragrance of violets and Mr. Cothran's garden design highlighted "Viola alba" along the front walk. Upstairs in the museum, ask a docent to show you the elegant perfume case Varina Davis carried when she traveled. Her preferred scents were hand-blended essences of violets and roses.

ZELDA SAYRE FITZGERALD - A native of Montgomery, Zelda was a talented writer, as was her husband, F. Scott. She was also a gifted botanical artist. The Fitzgeralds' only child, Scottie, loved Montgomery and lived there much of her life. I had a home-cooked dinner with her once, and Scottie recalled her mother blissfully arranging cut flowers from the yard and then capturing the blossoms in watercolor paintings as the plants transitioned day after day, fresh-from-the-garden to death. Zelda's nature lesson was there is no such thing as a still life.

The Montgomery house where Zelda and Scott lived is now the vibrant F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum. It is where Mrs. Fitzgerald wrote the novel, "Save me the Waltz" and Mr. Fitzgerald penned "Tender is the Night." You can arrange to stay overnight in two of the former bedrooms, now Airbnb suites. When you do that, help us reimagine the gardens with the cutting flowers Zelda loved.

Here are swoon-inducing, plant-oriented quotes from this romantic, Montgomery couple perfect for our play or any garden party: (Zelda to Scott) "Don't you think I was made for you?...like a watch-charm or a buttonhole bouquet." And, "In his blue gardens men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars." (F. Scott Fitzgerald, "The Great Gatsby")

KAY IVEY - This tough-as-hickory, charming as magnolias, Wilcox County farm girl is Alabama's second, female governor. The setting for our play is Kay Ivey's side porch at the Governor's Mansion. Governor Ivey is "the farmers' friend" and a staunch supporter of ending child hunger in our state with local, agricultural initiatives. In fact, this series of PLANTS + PEOPLE stories, "THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY," will end on Christmas Sunday, a day Governor Ivey regularly proclaims as a focus on child hunger needs.

ROSA PARKS - I can't imagine a time-weaving gathering of thinking, acting, contributing, Montgomery women without Mrs. Parks. She helped grow a national garden of change. The determined, dignified Rosa Parks nurtured millions and encouraged us all to thrive. She treasured flowers, gardens and tending her houseplants. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was a seamstress who loved floral fabrics. She was even named for a flower. (Rosa is the Latin name for the Rose genus.)

JAY LAMAR - Alabama is celebrating its Bicentennial this year and leading the statewide salute is Jay Lamar. Ms. Lamar knows 200 years of stories that could entertain 200 garden parties, but I imagined her at this gathering because part of her vision is about growing the future and helping Alabama thrive. Here's a quote from Jay Lamar: "The Bicentennial is important because it is also setting the stage for Alabama's third century. We are very much looking to the future as well." (www.Alabama200.org)

OCTAVIA SPENCER - Recognized by the Alabama Legislature as a state treasure, this Oscar-winning actress is a self-described "Montgomery high school theater kid" and an Auburn University grad. In an interview about one of her period films, she said, "The beautiful thing about looking back at history is contemplating how we can influence the future."

There is our cast of characters. The dialog begins with talk of how the Governor's Mansion grounds could reflect all of Alabama, transcend politics and serve as a metaphor for us thriving together over the next 200 years. Let this Alabama Garden Party begin.

As you imagine your own Alabama Garden Party wherever you are, here are pleasurable and positive ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together in Montgomery County:

• **SWEETCREEK FARM MARKET** - Working with other Alabama-grown producers, SweetCreek could cater this imagined Governor's Mansion garden party. SweetCreek was created by Alabama legislator/entrepreneur, Reed Ingram, and his charming wife, Karen. Our garden party menu includes Alabama chicken salad, SweetCreek Honey Vinaigrette Dressing (made in house with honey from their own bee hives and bottled for sale in the shop) on Alabama strawberries, pecans and Montgomery County salad greens. For dessert, there's a dish of naturally delicious, SweetCreek Swamp Cookies and Sweet Home Alabama Popcorn Balls, made especially for popcorn-loving Octavia Spencer, to share. (see recipe) Iced tea is hometown-brewed by The Alabama Sweet Tea Company.

• **MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS:** Eastchase Farmers' Market (7274 Eastchase Parkway), Fairview Farmers' Market (60 West Fairview Avenue), Montgomery Curb Market (1004 Madison Avenue; This is the place to see and be seen on Saturday mornings in the Capital City. It's behind the state capitol building near Cramton Bowl and has been, as my Montgomery friend, Bil Hitchcock says, "Since God was a little boy."); Nick Handey Farmstand (Handey Farm Road), State Farmers Market (1655 Federal Drive)

• **MONTGOMERY COUNTY U-PICK GROWERS** - Southern Growers Nursery and Greenhouse (blueberries, blackberries), St. Nicholas Farms (collards, turnips)

• **MONTGOMERY COUNTY GARDEN SHOPS** - Southern Homes and Gardens (plan for a good, long visit; this is a big and bodacious adventureland for gardening enthusiasts), Little Mountain Nursery, Green Thumb Nursery, Hickory Grove Nursery, Handey's Greenhouse, Jackson's Greenhouse, Blessed Pine (a top supplier of high-quality, pine straw mulch in Alabama)

• **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUSIC ON "THE ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY" SOUNDTRACK** - "Ramblin' Rose" by Nat King Cole, "Come in from the Rain," by The Captain & Tennille, "Hey Good Lookin" and "Settin' the Woods on Fire," by Hank Williams

• **RIVERFRONT PARK** - Located on the banks of the Alabama River, this sprawling, rambling, inviting place has lots of natural, Montgomery beauty to explore; bring your camera and wear comfortable shoes; consider some leisurely time-travel on the riverboat, Harriet II.

• **ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM** - There's an "Extension" office in each of Alabama's 67 counties, and Montgomery has a good one; this is a great place for free gardening advice; Jimmy Smitherman, county coordinator, values "plant tourism" and connected me to SweetCreek Farm Market; ACES is how I'm exploring a "Governor's Mansion Camellia Garden" with Auburn University; also the Montgomery Master Gardeners are a great resource sponsored by ACES www.aces.edu/counties/montgomery.

• **MONTGOMERY COUNTY GARDENS** - The Alabama Nature Center, Blount Cultural Park, EAT South's Downtown Farm, Lagoon Park Trail, Shakespeare Garden and Amphitheatre (Voted "One of the Top 10 Shakespeare experiences in the U.S."); Montgomery Botanical Garden at Oak Park

• **BEST PLACES FOR A LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER/ARTIST** - Looking down leafy, green Dexter Avenue from the Alabama Capitol Dome; high atop the RSA Building, Montgomery's tallest, toward the great sweep of the Alabama River

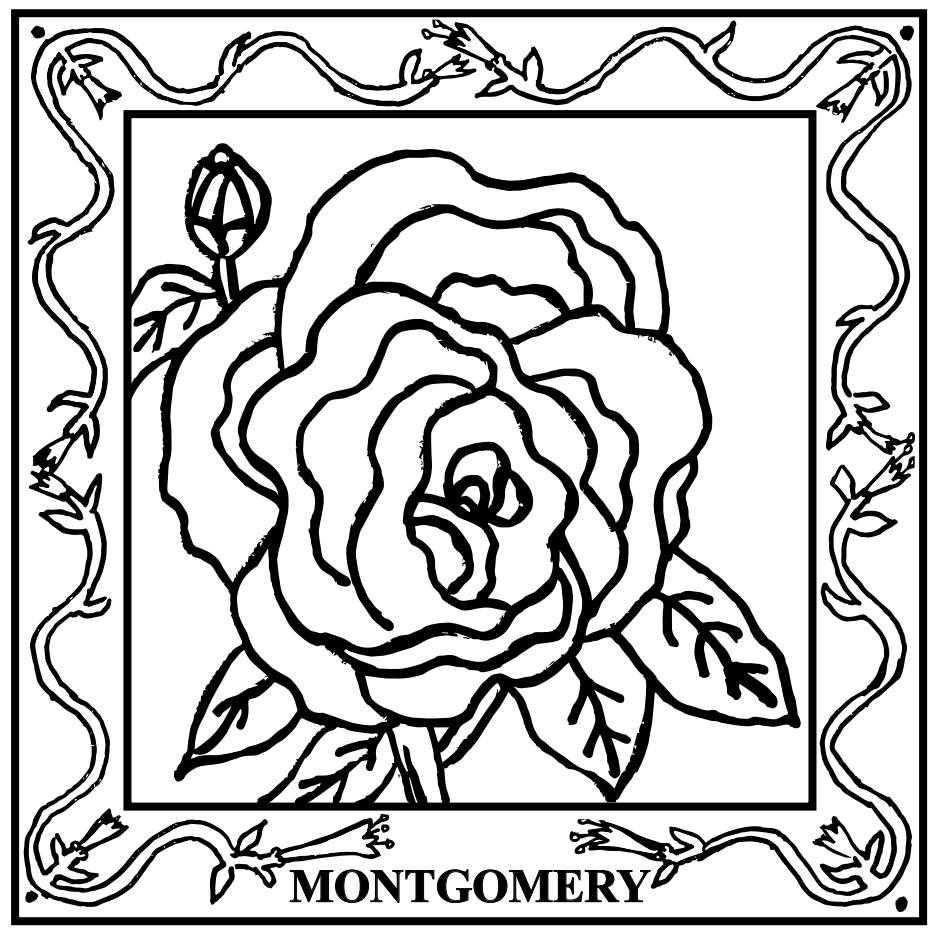
• **BEST ALABAMA CAMELLIA PINK PAINT COLOR** - Benjamin Moore "Gypsy Rose" #1327 selected by Bil Hitchcock, designer, Robert F. Henry Tile Company (Montgomery-based with six locations)

• **PLANTING AN IDEA** - To salute each of the 67 counties of Alabama we could plant a grove of 67 lovely and unique camellias, Alabama's state flower family, on the Governor's Mansion grounds. I explored this idea with an Auburn University camellia expert who said he would volunteer to identify 67 varieties that would thrive in Montgomery County. This could create a beautiful and bountiful bouquet for our Alabama Bicentennial.

Y'ALL COME to Montgomery County on your Alabama Garden Party tour. This is an important and delightful place to celebrate the positive and pleasurable ways PLANTS + PEOPLE come together and THRIVE. Right, ladies?

Many thanks to Alaina Deton (The Fitzgerald Museum), Karen and Reed Ingram (SweetCreek Farm Market), Jimmy Smitherman (Montgomery County coordinator, Alabama Cooperative Extension System) and Montgomery hospitality ambassador, Bil Hitchcock (Robert F. Henry Tile Company).

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



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



SWEET HOME ALABAMA POPCORN BALLS

This fun, easy, two-ingredient sweet treat was created especially for Alabama's popcorn-loving, Oscar-winning sweetheart, Octavia Spencer.

Ingredients

- ¼ cup SweetCreek Farm Market Honey
- 6 cups popped popcorn (Alabama-grown, Heart Of Dixie)

Instructions

1. Place popped popcorn in a large mixing bowl and set aside.

2. Heat honey in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until it reaches a simmer, stirring occasionally.

3. Let the honey simmer for 1 minute without stirring, then remove from the heat and drizzle over the bowl of popped popcorn.

4. Toss to combine until the popcorn is evenly coated.

5. Transfer to the freezer and let chill about 10 minutes until the honey is cool to the touch; remove from freezer.

6. Grease your hands with cooking spray and shape the coated popcorn into balls about the size of tennis balls; stick each ball with a wooden skewer or toothpick and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet.

7. Let cool to room temperature, serve and enjoy.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

‘Will, do you see Granny yet?’

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



I thought before winter is completely gone I would write one snow story that our youngest grandson, Will, was involved in. At that time, he was about 3 years old.

In Cullman, when the weatherman says there is the possibility of snow the whole town goes completely wild.

All the women that have a car and are not at work make a mad dash to the grocery store.

They buy up all the bread on the shelves. They buy up all the milk and everything else they think the family will need for two weeks. Our usual snow, if we get one, usually stays on the ground for two or three days at the most. It usually takes the grocery store two or three days to get back to normal.

Will was staying overnight with us and we were watching the news and weather. When the weatherman mentioned snow, Rudene got excited and said that we need to go to the grocery store. So the three of us loaded up and went to the south shopping center. Rudene went in to help buy out all the store’s goods. Will and I waited in the car. Will was seated next to the passenger door.

After a while I asked Will, ”Do you see Granny yet?” Will looked and turned to me and said, “No, but she needs to get her tail out here!” It was a shock to me to hear his answer. I don’t know where he had heard that. May have been from his older brother or his mother or daddy. I had to laugh inside and not out loud.

We sat there a little longer and then I asked Will again, “Do you see Granny yet?”

Will looked again and said, “No, but she needs to get her tail out here!”

After a while, we went through the same question and answer. It was still funny to hear his answer. Granny finally got back and we made it home before the snow.

BILLY BOB’S STORIES AND STUFF

Cocoa the camouflage canine

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



If you are a regular reader of mine, you know about our dogs Cocoa and Ginger. They are also known as Sixty-Five and Fifteen. I nicknamed them according to their weight. Neither of them seems to mind these nicknames, but as I think about it, I sure hope nobody decides that’s a good idea and does the same to me.

My nickname would be, well, never mind, but it would be a great deal higher than either of my dogs’ – or even both combined.

I may have to change their nicknames because their weights have changed. Ginger is the sweetest old girl you’ve ever met. She is an eleven year old yellow lab mix. In her older years, she has lost weight and is down to sixty pounds.

Cocoa is an adopted miniature dachshund, whom we believe to be about seven years old.

We weren’t sure how old she was when she came to live with us, but she has been with us for five years. She has not lost weight and she is not so much a “mini” these days. I may have to change her nickname to Twenty. We’ve restricted Cocoa’s diet, and mine too, to help with our nicknames. If she keeps gaining and Ginger keeps losing, it may become hard to tell them apart. I’m teasing. Honestly, they look absolutely nothing alike. Ginger is still much larger and solid blonde, with beautiful black eyes. She looks like she’s wearing eyeliner.

I’ve accused her of slipping into Jean’s makeup. She has never denied my accusations! Cocoa has almost every color under the sun in her coat, but no eye makeup. Both breeds were bred to be hunting dogs.

Labs are usually bird dogs, especially used for hunting ducks, or retrieving them. Dachshunds were intended to hunt burrowing animals. Standard size dachshunds were developed to chase down and flush out badgers and larger burrowing animals. Miniatures hunted smaller prey such as rabbits and mice.

Both Ginger and Cocoa are skilled at digging out burrowed biscuits that Ginger has buried. That’s about the extent of their hunting, but with Cocoa’s coloring, she could hunt without being seen by her prey.

This often causes me a problem when I am hunting; not with her, but for her. I’m not really sure what color Cocoa is. Most dachshunds are either black and tan, or red, but Cocoa has all those colors and more. She has black, brown, rust, tan, gray, and white all mixed and mingled together. She is what’s known as a dappled dachshund. When she goes outside, especially in fall and winter, sometimes I can’t find her. Her coloring,
blends in with the leaves on the ground. Combine this with her small size, and my poor eyesight, and she disappears while in plain sight. Sometimes she literally disappears by slipping under the fence to visit our neighbors, but usually, she is right there in front of me, but I can’t see her. She is camouflaged. Did I also mention that when I call her, she likes to pretend she’s a cat and ignore me?
This problem could, possibly, be a male thing. Often, when Jean asks me to find something in the refrigerator, closet, or pantry, and I can’t. I think the peanut butter hides from me, or maybe it comes in camouflage too!

It is also possible to go through life and never find exactly what we need, even when it is right in front of us. God is not camouflage; He is invisible, yet if we bother to look, we can find Him. God said we shall seek Him, and find Him, when we search with our whole heart. (Jeremiah 29:13).

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1950

Fairview Organizes P.T.A.
Parents and teachers of the Fairview School area have had two meetings, recently. The outgrowth of these meetings is an organized P.T.A. Officers elected for the school year 1950-1951 are: Mrs. Gus Buttram, president; Mrs. Ray Campbell, first vice- president; Robert Stewart, second vice- president; Mrs. June Moses, secretary; Mrs. Van Moore, treasurer; Mrs. Willie Spencer, historian and Fay Dilbeck, reporter.

Holly Pond News
Driving to Auburn on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Buckner, with their daughter, Carolyn, who enrolled in A.P.I. on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crutchfield, of Birmingham, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ellard. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilley visited I.M. Shaddrix, who is ill, in Blountsville, on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nuss and son, Billy and Mrs. W.E. Tanner drove to Decatur to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Tanner.Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Cornell and children and Mrs. Robert Gilley went shopping in Birmingham on Saturday. Rose Ollie Woods returned to Birmingham Southern College on Sunday. She went with Mrs. Fagan Thompson and daughter, Jean, from Cullman. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hammock, of Birmingham, formerly of Holly Pond, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at the Cullman Hospital last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Alba Ellard, of Tuscumbia, attended church here on Sunday. Alice Sue Shaw celebrated her tenth birthday at her home on Sunday, with a dinner. Friends who attended were: Dell Duke, Ann Franklin, Judy Gilley, Rosellen Ellard, Peggy Harris, Mary Dunlap and Butch Ellard. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Keaton visited Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Keaton and family, at Jasper, on Sunday.

Welcome News
Mrs. Sindy Miller is ill. Those visiting her on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Miller, of Hulaco, Tom and Henry Miller, Mrs. Robert Creel, Mr. and Mrs. Almar Akins, Mrs. Tessie Bailey, Mrs. Audy Maddox and Tom Knops. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hare spent Sunday with the Gerald Moores. Mrs. L.B. Willingham spent Saturday with Mrs. Junior Knop. Reverend and Mrs. Williams, of Pell City, called on the C.L. Hares on Saturday afternoon. The Junior Class, of the Training Union, enjoyed a party at the C.M. Nunnellys on Saturday night. Mrs. Irene Thomas’ Sunday School class enjoyed their trip to the Ave Maria Grotto on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Hesterley visited the J.C. Baileys on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Waldrop have a new baby daughter, whom they have named Judy Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Smith, of Cullman, spent Sunday with the Noah Bryants. Little Don Ray spent Tuesday night with Sherrill Brindley.

Poet’s Corner

March First

By: Randy C. Hale

Well, come in like
the KING of the forest

roaring thunder
blowing wind
pelleting rain

So you remember the winter
and will greet the spring

Why make a fuss
so full of pomp and priss

You’ll fade out in time

We all do

on our fleece beds.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 23 - March 2

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Mrs. Audrey Polk, passed from her earthly home on Feb. 23, 2019. She was born on Oct. 30, 1927 in Perry County, MS to Thomas Richmond and Julie Meadows. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ed Polk and her husband, A.B. Miles; daughter, Tina Stallings; grandson, Stormy Stallings; parents, Thomas and Julie Meadows; 8 siblings; and son-in-law, Len Truett. She is survived by her children, Lora (Jerry) Raley, Sheila Truett, Allah Riley, Greg Stallings, Brenda (Harry) Odom; brother, Frank (Linda) Meadows; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Kenneth James Kretzschmar, 84, of Blountsville are 10 a.m. Friday, March 1, 2019 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Pastor John Bussman and Associate Pastor Christopher Clark officiating, with interment with military honors in Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation on Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Kretzschmar passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Gustavas and Laura Irene Thompson Kretzschmar; brothers, Carl and Norris Ray Kretzschmar and sisters, Marguare Kretzschmar, Helen Chamblee and Edith Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Kretzschmar; son, James Matthew (Donna) Kretzschmar; daughter, Laura Elizabeth (Dan) Brown; sisters, Elnora Moore, Doris Evers and Lea Cordes; grandchildren, Brian (Emily) Hayes, Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Lamar, Emily (Eric) Trahan, Erin (Shawn) Smith and Laura (Seth) Martin and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Lorene Nichols, 84, of Hanceville will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home with Reverend Dean Burtram officiating. Burial will follow at Laodicea Cemetery. The daughter of James and Georgia Crawford of Harville is survived by sons Greg (Donna) Nichols of White City and Danny Nichols of Hanceville. Also, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, she was preceded in death by a son, Billy Wayne Nichols and a daughter, Audrey McClendon.

Margaret Carol Riddle, 64, of Holly Pond, passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. She was born February 1, 1955, to Cotton and Edna Mason. Ms. Riddle was a restaurant owner before retirement. She loved her family and her faithful companion, her beloved dog Charlie. Margaret is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Bobby Andrew Riddle. She is survived by her niece, Lisa Plunkett; in-laws, Carolyn and Ricky Dunn, Martha and Max Pesnall, Diane and James Williams; special friends, Eddie Bowlin and Pat Marx; a host of nieces and nephews; and her ever faithful companion, her dog, Charlie. Memorial services for Ms. Riddle will be announced at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Riddle family.

Daryl Duane Whitman, 41, of Double Springs, entered into rest on February 27, 2019 at his home. Mr. Whitman was born on September 23, 1977, at Blytheville Air Force Base in Arkansas. Daryl graduated from Winston County High School in 1997. He was known as ″Dee″ by his family. Daryl was a truck driver and enjoyed reading and traveling in his free time. He was an avid Florida State Football fan. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 12pm-2pm at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held at 2pm. Brother Bill Frank Wilson will officiate. Burial will follow in Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery in Double Springs. Daryl is survived by his son, James Austin Whitman; daughter, Halie Marie Whitman; parents, James and Sandra Whitman; brother, James Nathan Whitman and his wife Holly; grandmother, Marie Whitman; nephew, Grant Whitman; and niece, Natalie Whitman. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ardus and Halie Waid; and grandfather, Cranford Whitman.

Robert Cook, 77, of Baileyton, passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. He was born March 19, 1941, to Robert and Marlene Bertbigler Cook. Mr. Cook was a millwright by trade. He also served his country in the armed forces. For his service we are grateful. Robert was a member of Pan Creek Church and a frequent patron of Parkside Café. Robert is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Richard Cook; and sister, Karen Worth. Survivors include his daughters, Lisa (Alan) Joyce, Diana Dean, Angel Herriman; sister, Betty Vieau; ten grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial services for Mr. Cook will be held in Northern Michigan at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cook family.

Funeral Service for Jimmy Edward Haynes, 58, of Cullman, will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Randy Sellers officiating; interment in Holly Pond Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Haynes passed away on February 27, 2019, at his residence. He was born January 6, 1961, to Roy and Ruby Haynes. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jerry Haynes. Survivors include his wife, Janice Peak Haynes; sons, Zach (Melody) Haynes, Levi Haynes, Jeff Sandlin, and David (Stephine) Sandlin; daughter, Teri (Jon) Moffet; twelve grandchildren; brother, Terry (Mary) Hurst; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Michelle Wade Smeltzer, 52 of Jasper passed away on February 28, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family. Michelle was born on September 19, 1966 in Haleyville. She was a member of Meek Baptist Church for 28 years. Michelle graduated from Winston County High School in 1984 and went on to graduate from Athens State University with a Bachelor’s Degree and the University of West Alabama with her Master’s Degree. She taught school for over 20 years at Meek Elementary School and Meek High School, and also served as the Librarian. Michelle sponsored the Scholars Bowl and was part of many school activities including Book Club, Color Guard, and the Veterans Program. She was a lifelong bookworm who enjoyed traveling and shopping. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 12:30 – 3:00pm at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison where services will be held at 3:00pm. Brother Steve Thomas will officiate. Burial will be at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery in Double Springs. She is survived by her husband, James P. Smeltzer; mother, Jane Nellene Wolfe Wade; sons, Joshua Don Price and his wife Alivia and Jacob Wade Price; brothers, Dale Wade and Michael Wade and his wife Kelly; sisters, Jayne Hunter and her husband Terry and Gloria Nielson and her husband Aron. She was preceded in death by her father, Edsel Ford Wade.

Mary Cato Hollis, age 79, passed away February 28, 2019, at Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehab. Visitation will be Saturday, March 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Cullman. Memorial service will be 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3 at East Side Baptist Church, Cullman with Pastor Matt Smith and Rev. Sam Hollis officiating. Visitation before the funeral will start at 2:00 p.m. Mary is survived by her husband of 55 years, Sam; her son Paul Hollis (Jill); granddaughter, Elianna Hollis; brother, John Cato (Brenda); sister, Karen McDonough (Johnny); brother-in-law, Jack Berry; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Grady and Sarah Louise Cato; and sister, Carolyn Berry. Mary was a faithful Christian serving alongside her husband in fifty-five years pastoral ministry. She excelled in ministry to children: directing children’s choirs, teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school. She was gifted musically: playing the piano, singing solos, singing in ladies ensembles and church choirs. She was a loving caring mother and grandmother. She loved her extended family lavishing her brother and sisters, nieces and nephews with her generosity. She was a friend to all who would allow her to be. She will be missed but our loss is Heaven’s gain. Mary’s family expresses their appreciation for the loving, compassionate, professional care she received through Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehab, North Alabama Hospice, Kindred Home Health Care, Dr. James Hoover and Nurse Practioneer Marsha Tillman. In lieu of flowers the family prefers that donations be made to The Gideons International or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Online condolences and special memories can be left for the family at mossservice.com

Memorial services for Mr. Billy Joe Kilgore, 90, of Cullman are Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Wade Maynard officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Kilgore passed away on Thursday, February 28, 2019. He was born and raised in Alabama. After a stint in the Air Force, Billy started a career in North Alabama supporting NASA programs including the Voyager probe to Mars and the Space Shuttle program. He retired in 1994 from Rockwell International. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Glover Kilgore; sons, Brent Kilgore and Clark (Sherry) Kilgore; grandchildren, Brig Kilgore, Faith Kilgore, Tanner Cooper and Dillon Cooper; brother, Andy Kilgore and sister-in-law, Helen Kilgore. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Burdette Kilgore and Mary Sims Kilgore; sister, Tommie Naramore and brother, Truman Kilgore.

Funeral service for Jeraldene Lee Vaughn Eddy will be Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Jackie Camp is officiating. Mrs. Eddy passed away Friday, March 1, at her residence. She was born March 28, 1936, to James Albert and Mary Lillie Vaughn. She was a bookkeeper at West Point School for 30 years, a member of Eastern Star Vinemont Chapter 534, and a past Grand Chaplain for the State of Alabama Grand Chapter. She was also a member of Liberty FCM Church where she had been a Sunday School teacher and children’s choir director, and was actively serving as the church choir director. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bradley Lee Eddy; and two sisters, Joie and Joyce Vaughn. Survivors include a daughter Lynn (Billy) Byrd; son Chuck (Lisa) Eddy; grandchildren, Jerri Ann Williams, Ben Satur, Charles Eddy, Rei Sterling, and Nathan Eddy; five great-grandchildren; a brother, James Euclid Vaughn; Special Friends, Larry and Debbie Penn, Joel and Brenda Holiday, Tabitha Brown, and all of SouthernCare; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association or SouthernCare.

Funeral services for Jeffrey Dale Gregory, 62, of Hanceville will be held at 2 P.M. Sunday March 3, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Gregory’s family will receive friends at the Hanceville Funeral Home, Sunday March 3, 2019 beginning at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Gregory will be laid to rest at the Bethlehem East Cemetery. Mr. Gregory had worked at the Hanceville Water Department. Mr. Gregory is predeceased by his father Jackie Lee Gregory and a son Justin Jerome Gregory. He is survived by his mother Glenda Hataway of Ashford, daughter, Emily Ferrell of Off, Alabama. He has left a sister Teresa Gregory of Orlando, Florida and a brother David Gregory of Valley Head, Alabama. Other survivors include four grandchildren; Hank, Amos, Porter Ferrell and Margaret Hannah.

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Arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 28-March 1

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Feb. 28-March 1, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON FEB. 28
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Feb. 25
- domestic violence; CR 590
- harassment; CR 1344
- domestic violence; CR 1615
- domestic violence; CR 704
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 264
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 1355
- harassment; CR 1194
- theft of property; CR 405
- domestic violence; CR 1225
- theft of property; CR 747

Feb. 26
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1492
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 623
- theft of property; CR 222
- trespassing; St. Joseph St.
- theft of property; CR 1859
- theft of property, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest; CR 201
- burglary; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 9
- theft of property; CR 1716
- burglary; CR 820
- possession of drug paraphernalia, domestic violence; CR 1615

Feb. 27
- domestic violence; CR 573
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 108/CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 438
- burglary; Trimble Dr.
- theft of property; 2nd Ave. SW
- harassment, violation of a protection order; CR 421

ARRESTS
Feb. 25
Bennefield, Matthew Earl, 34
- driving on sidewalk prohibited

Church, Ashley Michelle, 29
- FTA- liability insurance required

Fiero, Mary Ann, 72
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hyde, Ashley Brooke, 41
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hyde, Donny, 44
- writ of arrest- child support

Lanier, Mikeal Steavin, 24
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Raphael, Lorena Lynn, 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sanford, Michael Brian, 41
- FTA- DUI- any substance

Simpson, Christy Louise, 39
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Feb. 26
Alvarado, David Figuerga, 33
- FTA- driving without a license

Baker, Bethany Paige, 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Bowman, Karessa Lynne, 52
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Davis, Jessie Brian, 51
- FTA- first-degree attempted theft

Dollar, Melinda Dawn, 44
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hogan, Randall Dewayne, 63
- contempt of court- contempt of court

Jackson, Amanda Lynn, 33
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Myers, Wendell Dean, Sr., 50
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Parker, Krystal Ann Slate Edg, 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Perkins, George Michale III, 36
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- disorderly conduct

Quinn, Rodney Wayne, 61
- attempting to elude
- driving while suspended
- expired tag
- reckless driving
- speeding- reasonable and prudent

Rouss, Jack Peter III, 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- fourth-degree theft of property

Schorsch, Cletus Leo, 47
- GJ- failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Serpa, Kevin Shane, 35
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Sterling, Christopher Wayne, 41
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Wasp, Jacob Martin, 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Whitaker, Brian Keith, 37
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Wilhoite, Casey Suzanne, 33
- judge's order- third-degree burglary

Feb. 27
Bagwell, Alton Wade, 45
- fourth-degree theft of property

Brown, Alexandria Rae, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Curtis, Grace Elizabeth, 23
- torture, willful abuse of a child under 18

Edmondson, Daniel Logan, 24
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment (2 counts)

Henry, Jerry Lewis, 32
- first-degree attempted theft

Thomas, Terry Glenn, 52
- FTA- speeding

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Feb. 26
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $122

Feb. 27
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS
Overton, Brandon G., 28
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Garrett, Michael R., 22
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Elliott, Jessie L., 30
- public intoxication

Collins, Ivan R., 38
- reckless endangerment

Fuqua, Tommy D., 55
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- driving without a license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED ON MARCH 1
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
Feb. 28
Cheatwood, Ronda L. 56
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

Taylor, Joshua L. 40
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- no tag

Cook, Ryan A., 36
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Rowland, Kayla K., 29
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Johnson, Jordan R., 23
- FTA- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
March 2 - 4

West Point Band Boosters 36th Annual Stars and Stripes Rodeo- Saturday, March 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.

Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting- Saturday, March 2
The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge, 1609 Brantley Ave NW, Cullman.
• 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($10)
• 8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)
Alabama Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth will be this month's special guest speaker.

Senior Outreach Organization Dinner and Entertainment- Saturday, March 2
The Senior Outreach Organization meets on the first, second and third Saturday of each month at The Link of Cullman County. (It is not affiliated with The Link of Cullman County, it is only renting the building.) 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman The meal begins at 5 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.

Build-A-Bride Runway Show- Saturday, March 2
Southern Makers presents a Build-A-Bride by Heidi Elnora RUNWAY SHOW in collaboration with Southern Accents Architectural Antiques
• Saturday, March 2
• Southern Accents Architectural Antiques
• 308 Second Ave. SE, Cullman
• Doors: 6:30 p.m. - Show: 7 p.m.
• Tickets on sale at www.buildabride.com

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

New Cancer Support Group-Victory Support Group- Monday, March 4
Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II. MARCH MEETING: Delbert Freeman, Cullman Regional chaplain, will open the meeting. The speaker will be Kim Weissend, LPTA,CLT, certified lymphedema therapist. She will bring us insight into the latest services available for lymphedema patients. We thank Cullman Regional for providing refreshments. We invite all cancer survivors and co-survivors to attend. Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional. Victory Support Group recognizes that each survivor has a personal journey of recovery, and that survivors feel more comfortable consulting other survivors for information and resources. Survivor: Any man or woman who has been diagnosed with cancer. Co-Survivor: Anyone who walks alongside a survivor on his or her journey. This person may be an adult or child, caregiver, family member or a beloved friend. For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

Baileyton Town Council Meeting- Monday, March 4
The Baileyton Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall.

Fairview Town Council Meeting- Monday, March 4
The Fairview Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall.

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting- Monday, March 4
The Holly Pond Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library.

Cullman City Council Meeting- Monday, March 4
The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall Auditorium.

LOOKING AHEAD...
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.

CRIME

Vinemont man confesses to calling in false bomb threats

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Vinemont man who claimed to have been a victim of several false bomb threat calls in the Cullman area on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019 confessed to the Cullman Police Department (CPD) that he made the calls himself. James "Jimmy" Reeves, 52, confessed to calling in possible bomb threats to Cullman 911 on five separate occasions. He also confessed to one call made in Morgan County. All the calls came from a private number. Sgt. Adam Clark was able to trace the calls with help from AT&T. He said each call came from a phone registered to Reeves.

On Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 Reeves, who has a left ventricular assist device (LVAD), and his family said Reeves was struggling due to strangers and their lack of awareness of the life-saving equipment.

The external components of the LVAD are kept in a vest that Reeves must wear at all times. Reeves said Monday that in the last two months, he has been approached or surrounded by police three times due to others mistakenly believing the vest is possibly holding a bomb.

The last two incidents happened last Saturday at the Five Below store and Wednesday night at Ninja Steakhouse.

During his confession it was revealed that Reeves was calling 911 to report a man in a suspicious vest possibly having a bomb.

He admitted to calling 911 from Publix, Wal-Mart, Harbor Freight, Five Below, and most recently, Ninja.

Police said they have no evidence to suggest that Reeves' family and friends were aware that Reeves was the person making the calls.

His daughter, Shyanne Sparks, recently asked The Tribune and other media to help bring awareness to her father's condition.

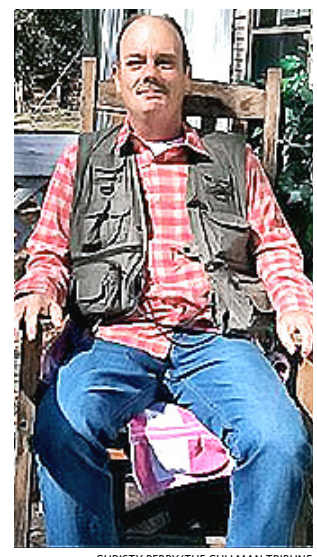
She hoped that by doing so the calls would stop. Upon her father's confession, Sparks was visibly upset and declined to answer questions.

Reeves recently did several media interviews.After AT&T determined the calls were coming from Reeves' phone, Clark said, "It's obvious when you hear the interviews and the 911 calls that it was him (Reeves)."

The Tribune spoke to Reeves after his confession, and he said, "I wanted to feel like somebody again. I used to have friends.

"They used to talk to me and come see me. Nothing I can say- there's no excuse for what I've done."

Reeves has also called in bomb scares in Morgan County and could face possible charges in Morgan County, but he denies having any lawsuits pending against them.



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Jimmy Reeves has a left ventricular assist device (LVAD). The external components of the LVAD are kept in a vest that Reeves must wear at all times.

Reeves addressed Chief Kenny Culpepper after his confession, saying, "I am sorry Mr. Culpepper. I'm sorry to the public. I didn't mean to hurt you, the public, or your officers or the EMS. I've screwed my life up again. I just wanted to be somebody."

As of press time, no charges have been filed.



