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Vintage West owner pairs with HGTV

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – In 2012, when Teresa Daniel first had the inspiration to open a home store in Cullman, she had no idea that Vintage West would go on to be affiliated with two of the biggest stars of cable television's HGTV, Chip and Joanna Gaines.

After meeting with the couple in High Point, North Carolina, Daniel's wheels started spinning. Before long an agreement was reached, and now the Magnolia Home line, made famous by the couple's HGTV series, "Fixer Upper," is available in Cullman.

"The Magnolia Home furniture line by Joanna Gaines is a natural fit at Vintage West," said Mary Susan Slaughter, representative for Magnolia Home by Joanna Gaines. "Joanna wants every space she designs to be livable, comfortable and practical, for each piece to tell a story. Teresa and her team accomplish this task

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TERESA DANIEL
Teresa Daniel, Vintage West



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Day Star House gives women back their self-confidence; it gives them time to regroup and make plans for their futures and the welfare of their children.

Day Star House

Combatting homelessness of area women and children

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ALDOT and Cullman Co. coroner asking drivers and passengers to buckle up for holiday travel

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CULLMAN – According to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), fatalities on Alabama highways are up more than 25 percent this year over last year. In Cullman County, that number is closer to 50 percent.

"So far, there have been 23 traffic fatalities

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Harmony School takes class outside for hands-on science

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LOGAN – Lea Scott is the librarian and eighth-grade history teacher at Harmony School (HS) in Logan. Not all her educational endeavors keep her cooped up inside, though. She also manages Harmony's "outdoor classroom."

HS is a member of the Alabama Wildlife Federation's Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program, which is dedicated to creating hands-on learning opportunities for students outside the regular classroom. Utilizing designated sites on school property, the program helps schools create a variety of means to study the natural world: wildlife habitats (turtles, lizards, birds, insects and others; even worms!) and wildlife tracking, a variety of gardens, weather stations and others.

In the case of HS, the outdoor classroom is currently a collection of four raised-bed gardens. The raising of the beds above ground level allows gardeners easier control over the content of their soil, as well as protects the beds from lawn mowers and weed trimmers.

The first was built in 2015 through a Vistacorp grant procured by Rachel Wiser of the North Alabama Agriplex in Cullman; the other three have been recently added.

Scott also notes the assistance of Cullman Master Gardeners in the development of the project at the school, and added, "We have also been blessed to have parents and other community members volunteer and donate money and other items to use in the garden."

Scott explains that this garden's purpose is to "expose children to the benefits of gardening as well as hands-on science activities that correlate to state education standards and curriculum."

The primary focus group for garden activities is currently the second grade, but all students at the combined elementary and middle school have had opportunities to participate.

So far they have used two of the beds as vegetable gardens, and the other two

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Coming to Cullman: Harbor Freight, Ashley Furniture and Milo's Hamburgers

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and Drinkard Development have announced the coming of three new businesses to the city of Cullman: Harbor Freight Tools, Ashley Furniture and Milo's Hamburgers.

CEDA Project Coordinator Susan Eller forwarded to the Tribune a press release from Harbor Freight Marketing Manager Collin Ozar. The California-based discount tool chain will open its Cullman store at 1636 Second Ave. SW, next to the Foundry Thrift Store. The company expects the store to employ 35-40 workers, and to be open for business on Jan. 31, 2017, with an official grand opening on Feb. 15.

Included in the release was a statement from Harbor Freight President Eric Smidt: "We're thrilled to be opening our 18th Harbor Freight Tools store in Alabama and very pleased by the warm welcome we've received in Cullman. At Harbor Freight, we're all about delivering high quality tools at ridiculously low prices. We do it by manufacturing our tools at the same factories as the expensive brands, but we cut out the middle man and pass the savings on to our customers. We've also invested millions of dollars to build and operate our own state-of-the-art quality test labs to ensure that we're constantly driving quality at the lowest possible price. We invite everyone in the Cullman area to visit our upcoming new store at 1636 2nd Ave SW and see why if you buy tools anywhere else, you're throwing your money away."

The other two new businesses are both projects of Drinkard Development (DD). The Tribune spoke with DD Vice President Jason Grimmett about these projects.

Wisconsin-based Ashley Furniture is set to open a Homestore sometime in March 2017 next to Hobby Lobby in the Town Square Shopping Center. The 21,000+ square foot facility is currently undergoing extensive renovation from its previous role as a gym. The store is expected to employ around 25 workers to start.

Grimmett says that DD decided to approach Ashley after observing that, while Cullman has plenty of commercial establishments like restaurants and department stores, it is short on dedicated furniture retailers.DD also recently signed a deal with Milo's Hamburgers to open a store in the south Cullman Cherokee Ave. retail district. The Birmingham-based fast food chain, already well-known in the Cullman area for its sweet tea available through local grocery and convenience stores, will locate its new restaurant off Cherokee Ave., on Patriot Way between Chick-fil-A and Cici's Pizza. DD hopes to start work on the site, according to Grimmett, "in a matter of days," with the goal of opening the restaurant in spring 2017.

Of the developer's new projects, Grimmett said, "We're always looking for new opportunities. At Drinkard, we're excited for Cullman, excited for the future and for any role we can play in it. Shop local! By getting more top quality retailers here, we hope more people will shop locally."

Community Development Commission awards more than $160K in grants

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) met to consider requests for grants, and awarded seven grants totaling more than $160,000 in disbursements. The commission usually retains a $100,000 reserve, but according to Chairman Bill Strandlund extraordinary circumstances called for the commission to bypass that policy. Starting the meeting with a $100,000 reserve and $67,966.89 in available funds, the close of the meeting saw the commission with $4,666.89 in hand. Several community development projects benefited greatly, though.

The meeting opened with a roll call, noting that all commissioners were present: Bradley Williams, Joe Golden, Josh Speakman and Strandlund. Due to recent clerical issues, no minutes were presented.

The floor was then opened to public comments, with five attendees taking the opportunity to express themselves.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry spoke about the purchase and development of property in Crane Hill for a Sheriff's Office substation in western Cullman County.

With the help of a Commission on Aging grant, the department has bought the site of a former senior center, with the intention of rebuilding the structure to house both the substation and a new senior center. He sought a grant from the CCCDC to pay for construction.

Cullman County Commissioner Gary Marchman came to request a grant to help pay for the transportation of hay to local livestock ranchers.

He noted that the drought has forced farmers to purchase much more hay than they normally would, and that the cost of transporting that hay places the cost above what some can afford.

The result is that some Cullman County livestock ranchers are simply closing their farms and getting out of the business.

Hanceville High School Coach Chris Wright came to request a grant to repair and improve the track at the HHS stadium.

He said that the current condition of the track makes it unsafe for runners, and that two more lanes need to be added to bring the track up to competition specifications, so the school can host track events.

Melissa Hudson of The Crossing (a Hanceville organization helping the needy) came to request a grant to purchase hygiene kits to give to the group's clients.

She noted that typical food bank funding does not cover such goods, so the group must find other sources.

Last to speak was Cullman County Economic Development Director Cherrie Haney, who came to request grants for kitchen repairs and improvements at the Cullman and Colony Senior Centers, and for preservation of historic maps at the Probate Office.

Next, the CCCDC's financial report showed that the agency had a current fund balance of $167, 966.89.

There being no old business, the commission moved to the new business of considering grant requests.

The following grants were approved, in order:

No. 436 - $60,000 for improvements to the Cullman County Volunteer Firefighters' Association training facility. The commission noted that the improvements would benefit all county firefighters as well as the Sheriff's Office that also uses the facility, and that all members of the county's state congressional delegation had signed a letter of support.

No. 466 - $50,000 for construction of the multipurpose Sheriff's Office substation/senior center at Crane Hill. This request had also been accompanied by a letter of unanimous support from the county's state congressional delegation.

Nos. 448, 455, 456 and 457 - Amounts ranging from $8,500 to $12,000 for the purchase of Chromebooks and supporting equipment at Good Hope Elementary School, Vinemont High School, Parkside School and Harmony School.

No. 467 - $12,000 to the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District to pay for transportation of hay to local livestock farms.

Funding for CCCDC grants comes from taxes-Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in lieu of taxes and beer taxes. CCCDC board members are appointed by Alabama state legislators.

Board members are:

- Bill Strandlund- appointed by Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman
- Bradley Williams- appointed by Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope
- Joe Golden- appointed by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
- Josh Speakman- appointed by Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle

To learn more or to submit a grant application, visit http://co.cullman.al.us/cccdc/cccdc.html.

The CCCDC has scheduled its next meeting for Monday, Apr. 17 at 6 p.m. at Cullman City Hall.

CP&R's 3rd annual Community Wellness Day set for Jan. 7

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CULLMAN – Cullman City Parks and Recreation's third annual Community Wellness Day will be held at the Wellness and Aquatic Center (CWAC) on Saturday, Jan. 7. Attendees can try classes, peruse the booths at the Community Health Fair and participate in the popular Polar Bear Plunge.

"The center will be open to the public for free swimming, exercise and trying out our featured line-up of fitness classes to get you in shape for the New Year," said a release from CP&R. The annual Polar Bear Plunge will begin at 11 a.m. Those brave enough to take the plunge into the ice-cold water of the outside pool will be entered to win a free one-year family membership to CWAC. There's no admission fee to enter the Polar Bear Plunge, but you must show up early to sign a waiver. All ages are encouraged to attend. Participants will be placed into a drawing to win the free one-year family membership. The Community Health Fair will have information on workout routines, personal training, nutritional supplements and more.

Folks who choose to join CWAC on Community Wellness Day will receive $50 off their membership fees. CWAC is located at 1636 Field of Miracles Drive SW in Cullman. For more information, call 256-775-7946.

Hours:

- Community Wellness Day: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Community Health Fair: 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Polar Bear Plunge: 11 a.m.

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Cullman City Council draws crowd for rezoning vote; reconsiders $2.5 million WWTP bid

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council held its regular meeting Monday evening, with a larger and more vocal than usual crowd in attendance. Several measures were on the table, but most of the audience members were there to show their objections to a proposed rezoning of property on St. Joseph Street from residential to business. The second big topic of the night was the awarding of the $2.5 million bid for tertiary filter installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to J. P. Construction Company, Inc.- a bid that was rescinded from B.H. Craig Construction due to bid calculation errors.

Mayor Woody Jacobs and all council members except Andy Page were present at the roll call. After the invocation by Cullman Fire Chief Edward Reinhardt, the previous meeting's minutes were approved without reading.

Jacobs brought no report, but did take a moment to thank all city departments for their participation in decorating and preparing for the upcoming Christmas holiday.

As the council moved to public hearings, the part of the meeting in which audience members could address the council, President Garlan Gudger stepped in to explain the rules to the somewhat anxious crowd, noting that this portion was for comment only, and not council votes.

Following are the hearings from the official agenda, with notes added in (parentheses):

1. To hold a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2017 - 05 to vacate and surplus a right-of-way adjacent to 1299 10th Street SE, which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

(No comments)

2. To hold a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2017 - 06 to vacate and surplus an undeveloped portion of Short Street SW west of Broadway Ave. SW, which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

(Brad Wilson and Kevin Campbell, representing those developing a nearby property, spoke in favor. None spoke against.)

3. To hold a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2017 - 07 to rezone 5.3 acres of property beside Spirit Life Church of God from R-1 residential district and B-2 business district, which received an unfavorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

(No one spoke in favor of rezoning. Ann Gibson and Don Davis, residents in a nearby neighborhood, spoke against the proposal. Many others were there to show opposition as well. Though most did not speak, Gudger asked how many were present to oppose the measure. At least 15 people raised their hands.)

4. To set a public hearing on Jan. 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2017 - 08 to vacate and surplus the Charles Avenue SW extension right-of-way, which received an unfavorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

(No comments; this measure was simply to set a date for the hearing.)

As the council moved into the next segment, a single request was brought and approved (from the agenda):

1. A request from Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper to purchase on the state bid list a 2017 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck from Donohoo Chevrolet in the budgeted amount of $31,753.

Then the council moved to resolutions and ordinances, the portion for which the audience had been waiting. The first resolution passed with no issues:

(Note: all numbered resolutions and ordinances below were taken from the council agenda)

1. Resolution No. 2017 - 31 – To change the date of a Cullman City Council Meeting from Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. to Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 at 7 p.m.

The second resolution required explanation:

2. Resolution No. 2017 - 32 – To rescind Resolution No. 2017-26 in its entirety and award the bid for tertiary filter installation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to J. P. Construction Company, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the budgeted amount of $2,495,000.

A Wastewater Department representative explained that the original low bidder, B.H. Craig Construction, had an error in its figures that ultimately showed its bid to be incorrect.

Review of the bids indicated the correct low bidder to be J.P Construction. This resolution was approved.

The third resolution was approved with no issues:

3. Resolution No. 2017 - 33 – To reject all bids received and rebid one or more half-ton pickup trucks for the City of Cullman due to no bidder meet all of the requested specifications.

The next two ordinances were receiving their first readings, which would normally mean that they could not be voted on at this meeting; the council decided to suspend the rules and vote. Both ordinances were approved.

4. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017 - 05 to vacate and surplus a right-of-way adjacent to 1299 10th Street SE, which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

5. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017 - 06 to vacate and surplus an undeveloped portion of Short Street SW west of Broadway Avenue SW, which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

Then came the moment (and ordinance) all were awaiting:

6. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017 - 07 to rezone 5.3 acres of property beside Spirit Life Church of God from R-1 residential district and B-2 business district, which received an unfavorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

As numerous residents opposed the ordinance, and as the Planning Commission had declined to recommend it, the council voted unanimously to deny the ordinance. This means that the property will remain zoned as residential.

The seventh resolution opened the floor for council members to make board appointments. Only one was offered: Councilwoman Folsom moved to re-appoint Judy Williamson to the Cullman Downtown Redevelopment Authority. The motion was approved.

The eighth resolution passed without issue:

8. Resolution No. 2017 - 34 – To authorize the mayor and City of Cullman Parks and Recreation Board to review and if necessary amend the agreement with Rock the South, LLC.

The evening's last resolution received explanation:

9. Resolution No. 2017 - 35 – To amend position control policy of the City of Cullman, Alabama.

The specific purpose of this resolution was to allow the Cullman Police Department to change two patrol officer positions to sergeant positions. This will help the CPD modify its work shift schedule to place more officers on duty during the hours when the highest number of police calls come in. The resolution was approved.

The Cullman City Council normally meets the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month, but has moved its Jan. 9 meeting to Monday Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Cullman Lions present check for almost $19K to Cullman Caring for Kids

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Lions Club presented Cullman Caring for Kids a very special gift Monday evening: a check for almost $19,000.

The club's meeting, held at the All Steak Restaurant, started with a quick game of Christmas trivia and a few updates on the health of fellow members, followed by President Barry Willingham announcing upcoming birthdays and events.

When all announcements were finished, a check of $18,860 was presented to Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) from the Cullman Lions Club and friends.

More than half of the donation - $10,000 - was provided by the Lions Club.

The rest of the money came from projects such as paid parking for Rock the South (which raised $6,558) and community donations.

"It's fantastic, it's incredible, it's needed. The Lions Club always comes through," Javon Daniel, executive director of CCK, said about the generous gift.

"Cullman Caring for Kids can't say enough good about them."

CCK is able to provide roughly seven pounds of food for every dollar donated, so the check provided will help the nonprofit procure approximately 132,000 pounds of food.

Even more great news, the Lions Club announced that they will match any funds donated to Cullman Caring for Kids through the Cullman Lions charity after the new year.



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Monday night, the Cullman Lions Club presented a check for almost $19K to Cullman Caring for Kids.

The night concluded on a merry note with Lion Jim Walker leading the members in a series of Christmas carols such as "Joy to the World" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" before singing one last solo of "Sweet Little Jesus Boy."

President Barry Willingham reminded the group that the next meeting would not be until Jan. 9.

The Cullman Caring for Kids United Way Food Bank is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon for eligible families.

To find out more, visit http://www.cullmancaringforkids.com/united-way-food-bank.html or visit their office at 402 Arnold St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders win at the buzzer; Lady Eagles still perfect

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Tribune Correspondent

GOOD HOPE – It has been almost two years since the Good Hope Raiders last won over Cold Springs, which happened to be on a game-winning shot by Alex Cofer. Tonight, same story for Good Hope. In what was a close game throughout the night, Isaac McDonald was the hero as he drilled a three at the buzzer to give the Raiders a 42-39 win.

From the opening tip, Cold Springs seemed to be a step quicker on both sides than Good Hope as they jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead behind four points from Hunter McClendon and three from Blake Wood. The Raiders finally got on the scoreboard on a Kallen Sharpton put back basket with a little more than half the quarter done.

But McClendon and Wood helped keep the lead for the Eagles as they scored all 10 of their points in the quarter and they held onto a 10-6 lead after one.

The second quarter started out great for the Raiders as Matt Cofer scored his first points of the game to cut the lead to two, then McDonald hit a three to give them an 11-10 lead.

They stretched the lead to 18-12 before Cold Springs finished the quarter on a 9-0 run to take a 21-18 lead at the half.

Blake Wood pushed their lead to 24-20 after completing a three-point play. Layups by Jesse Lee and McClendon increased their lead to 28-20.

Big offensive rebounds by Matt Dixon and Cohen White helped cut into the lead and Cofer cut into the deficit even more as they trailed by just three, 28-25, after three.

Blake Lyle tied the game at 28 on a huge three off a Cofer assist. There were several more ties in the final quarter as each team looked for that game-changing play to get momentum. After Cofer tied the game on a reverse layup off a Lyle missed free throw, he threw a nice pass to Mason Moniz, who laid it in to give the Raiders a 37-35 lead with 3:18 remaining in the game. After Lee tied the game, Lyle hit a floater from the left side to give his team the lead once again.

Wood and McClendon each split their free throws to tie the game at 39, setting the stage for McDonald's heroics.

With 10.1 seconds left in the game, Lyle got the ball, then he drove and stopped, and found Cofer at the top of the key.

He found McDonald to his right, and he hit the biggest shot of the game to give the Raiders a huge win.

"Matt just threw me a dime and I shot it and it went in." McDonald said. "I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates. They kept finding me all night."

McDonald knew this team had not beaten Cold Springs in a while, so this win was huge for him and the team.

"This win was huge for us, not only record-wise, but in the county seeding."

McDonald finished with 14 on the night for Good Hope. Cofer ended up with 13 points, five rebounds and four assists. Lyle finished with eight points and two steals. They improve to 11-4 on the season.

"This was a huge win for these guys to help build their confidence," Good Hope coach Drew Adams said. "We have to enjoy our holiday break, but we have to be careful not to be complacent and to stay hungry."

McClendon led Cold Springs with 15 points. Wood ended up with 10 and Lee finished with nine. Cold Springs falls to 7-7 on the season. They will be a part of the West Point Christmas Tournament the day after Christmas.

Cold Springs 67, Good Hope 36 (Girls)

No. 4 Cold Springs pulled away after a close first quarter against Good Hope to stay undefeated on the season at 13-0.

After leading 13-8 after one, the Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Raiders, 23-7, in the second quarter to take a 36-15 lead at the half and they led 57-28 after three en route to another easy win.

Camryn Crider lit up the scoreboard for a game-high 27 points to lead Cold Springs. Elizabeth Lee finished with 17 and Emme Willoughby had eight. They will play in the West Morgan Christmas Classic on Dec. 28.

Kate Kent led Good Hope with 11 points. Sadie Abbott finished with eight. Leyton Seal and Erika Woodall each had seven. They fall to 6-8 on the season. They will play in the Hayden Christmas Classic on the day after Christmas against Mortimer Jordan at 5:30 p.m.

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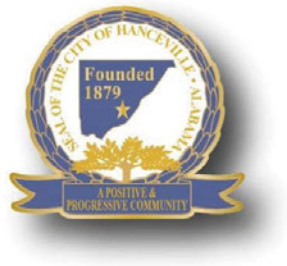
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Jimmie Dean Carnell
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Good Morning Tribune readers and families. This is the last week in 2016 that we can say Merry Christmas! We can now also say we have had winter weather and it truly feels like Christmas. When you mix rain and cold together, it sure makes one think like winter. The first day of winter was December 21st, so we are just barely there.

This is the week we celebrate the birth of the newborn baby, Jesus Christ our Savior. This has really been evident in the past week, what with various celebrations, programs and activities going full blast.

Take for instance, the Prime Time Singers held their party on last Monday in the Moody Center in Hanceville. We had a good meal, served to us by the Hanceville Lions Club. We then played "Dirty Santa" and exchanged gifts. Our director, Brenda Scott and I received special gifts. To all of the thoughtful people around us, this is a great big thank you for our special ones.

While there we were keeping tabs on one of our former members, Mrs. Evelyn Sapp, who suffered a fall on that morning and was taken to a hospital. Hope that she is improving. We sure did miss her at our party.

On the local front, a member of the Holly Pond Civitans and my Sunday School Class at FBCHP, Mrs. Lyndell House, has also been in Cullman Regional Medical Center. Hope that she is also improving.

The next party locally was the Holly Pond Homemakers Club. Mrs. Carolyn Bryan, president, presided. A special devotional poem celebrating the spirit of Christmas was read by Mrs. Maggie Smith. The lovely poem was written several years ago by her mother-in-law.

Then we ate a great array of finger foods and then also played our game. We were asked to bring a "White Elephant" gift that was something that we had no use for or that we no longer wanted and we passed these around. On our prayer list were Lyndell House and Linda Reid. Linda Reid suffered a fall on her job. Hope that she is also improving.

Minutes of the last meeting were presented and approved. We send Christmas gifts to Mike Wisener, Dan Scott, and the Talley family who assist us in the upkeep of our cemetery. A thank you was also extended to Brenda Wisener who was responsible for the club's beautiful Christmas card in the park. The next Holly Pond Homemakers meeting will be January 10th, 2017 and will consist of the planning session for the up- coming year. We will begin at 11:30 a. m., with soup and sandwiches served.

Members attending this meeting were: Carolyn Bryan, Jimmie Carnell, Julia Floyd, Nell Harbison, Joyce Gail Hatley, Muriel Helton, Judy Jones, Janice Murphree, Peggy Ray, Lee Reid, Brenda Scott, Tavia Smith, Eloise Stevens, Deanie Walker, Amelia Wisener, Brenda Wisener, Gladys Wisener and Annette Yates.

The sweet Children's Choir of our church was featured with Christmas songs in the morning worship service last Sunday. Robin Brannan does a great job with this group. The adult choir of Holly Pond First Baptist Church presented their beautiful and inspirational Christmas program on Sunday night, December 18th. Melissa Roberts is director of this group.

Again, I wish MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and to all A GOOD NIGHT.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1940

ROTC Unit Receives High Rating For 22 Years

Three Auburn students, from Cullman County, are serving this year as officers in the ROTC Unit.

Their recent appointment by Colonel John J. Waterman, commandant, has been approved by President L.N. Duncan.

M.W. Camp, of Vinemont, is colonel of Second Field Artillery Regiment; W.W. Newman, of Cullman, is First Lieutenant Company "F," Second Battalion; M.H. Perry, of Cullman, is First Lieutenant of Company "F," Second Battalion.

The Auburn ROTC Unit has received the War Department's highest rating for the past 22 years.

From The Files Of 1957

Holly Pond News

Ill in the Veteran's Hospital, in Birmingham, was Albert Chambers.

Mrs. Lucille Reid Burns, of East Birmingham, was buried here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.Y. Shaw and grandson, Mike, of Athens, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Whatley, of Coaling, were the Sunday dinner guests of Reverend and Mrs. Lester R. Stokes.

A shower, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Simon Thomas, (Ann Dodson) was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

M.W. Hammock on Saturday night by the following: Mesdames Dorothy Neal, Penny Ellard, Alta Grimes and Jane, Ernestine Mabrey and Karen, Lester Stokes, Quenton Whatley, Robert Lewis, Hester Shoemaker, Martha Glasscock, Annie Bell Whatley, J.O. Carnell, Beulah Stisher and Misses Willie Dodson, Lela Bailey, Ann Shelton and Jimmie Dean Carnell.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilley, on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Morgan and children, Shirley, Charles and Janice, from Leighton and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tucker and children, Cindy, Stanley and Susan, from Cullman.

Flying from Birmingham to Atlanta for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Reid and Walter.

Garden City News

Miss Barbara Tidwell is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Tidwell, in Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Gamble and Debbie, of Birmingham, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. McAnnally.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dillard, of Birmingham, were weekend guests of the Bill Shavers.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Eula Kinser and mother, Lesley, were Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lesley, of Sylacauga.

F.W. Shaver arrived home on Friday from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he has completed his army training.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chappell and David were weekend house guests of Doctor and Mrs. Harry Hillhouse, in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tidwell were: Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Tidwell, Diane and Robert, of Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tidwell, of Gadsden, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greer, of Gardendale and W.E. Bannister and son, of Steppville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Williams and Mrs. Nancy Bonner, of Birmingham, were Sunday guests of Mrs. W.D. Abercrombie.

Earl Edwards is recovering from an appendectomy at the Cullman Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Huie, of Hartselle, visited friends here on Thursday afternoon.

Garden City regrets the loss of two of its best citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Huie. They moved here 21 years ago, when Mr. Huie became railway agent. He retired from this position in 1954.

They have always been active in civic affairs and church work. Mrs. Huie was councilwoman and local Red Cross chairman. Mr. Huie aided many citizens in the position of Justice of Peace. They moved to their new home on Thursday, in Hartselle.

Mrs. J.A. Kelton was honored on her 80th birthday, with a celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.A Kelton on Sunday. Forty-two members of the family and friends were dinner guests and many additional friends called in the afternoon. Among those present were her four children, Mrs. R.O. McAnnally, Mrs. Odie Gamble, Horace Kelton and J.A. Kelton; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Eleven grandchildren and great - grandchildren were absent.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Booger Ray was allergic to mistletoe

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Billy Bob's double first cousin, Booger Ray Latimer, was allergic to mistletoe – or so he said. Booger Ray was as backward as the third locomotive on a train. To say that he grew up in the sticks would be dressing it up. To say that he didn't get out much would be a gross understatement. He didn't get out any! Until ole B.R. went off to serve his country, he had never ventured outside of his home county. He was thirty years old and had never even been on a date. It wasn't that B.R. didn't like girls. He simply lacked to confidence to ask one out on a date. Other than his own mother's peck on his cheek, he had never been kissed by anyone.

One night, shortly before Christmas, Billy Bob talked Booger Ray into going to a party with him.

B.R. asked, "Who's gonna be there?" Billy Bob grinned as he elbowed B.R. and said, "Nettie Sue Hathwood said she might come." The mere mention of her name caused ole B.R. to turn red. He blushed as he said, "She sure is pretty, ain't she?" Billy Bob replied, "She sure is. You know, I think she kind of likes you too." Booger Ray smacked his cousin on the shoulder with his fist and said, "Go on. She doesn't even know my name."

Billy Bob and his wife, Thelma Lou Jean, picked up Booger Ray that night. As soon as they entered the house he scanned the room to see if Nettie Sue was there.

His disappointment at not spotting her turned to elation when the door suddenly opened and she walked in.

When she looked at him, he sheepishly looked away to avoid making eye contact with her. Booger Ray stood in the wide opening between the living room and the dining room.

As he stared at all the food in the other room, he didn't realize that Hattie Sue had strolled on over and was standing directly in front of him.

He also had not noticed the huge cluster of mistletoe that hung directly over his head. Hattie Sue was about to give ole B.R. a big kiss on the side of his jaw, when he realized someone was there and turned around.

Right there in front of everybody she kissed him right on the lips! His eyes widened when he realized who had kissed him. All the color drained from his face to his feet and he turned as white as a sheet. He began to shake like Barney Fife.

Beads of cold sweat popped out on his forehead. His eyes rolled back in his head and he hit the floor. Somebody threw a glass of cold water in his face and when the ole boy came to all he saw was that big cluster of mistletoe hanging above his face.

Billy Bob stopped laughing long enough to ask his cousin what was wrong.

B.R. was so embarrassed. He didn't want to admit why he had fainted so he pointed up and said, "I guess I must be allergic to mistletoe."

Ole Billy Bob grabbed up his guitar and broke out into an impromptu song.

He sang, "He must be allergic to mistletoe – because just getting near it gives him vertigo – he gets all jumpy and his face turns red – his temperature rises and he breaks out in sweat – turns as green as a pistachio – well, he must be allergic to mistletoe."

I hope, during the Christmas season, you are blessed enough to spend time with the special people in your life.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office) or 334-728-5514 (cell).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on January 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-08 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 08

TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

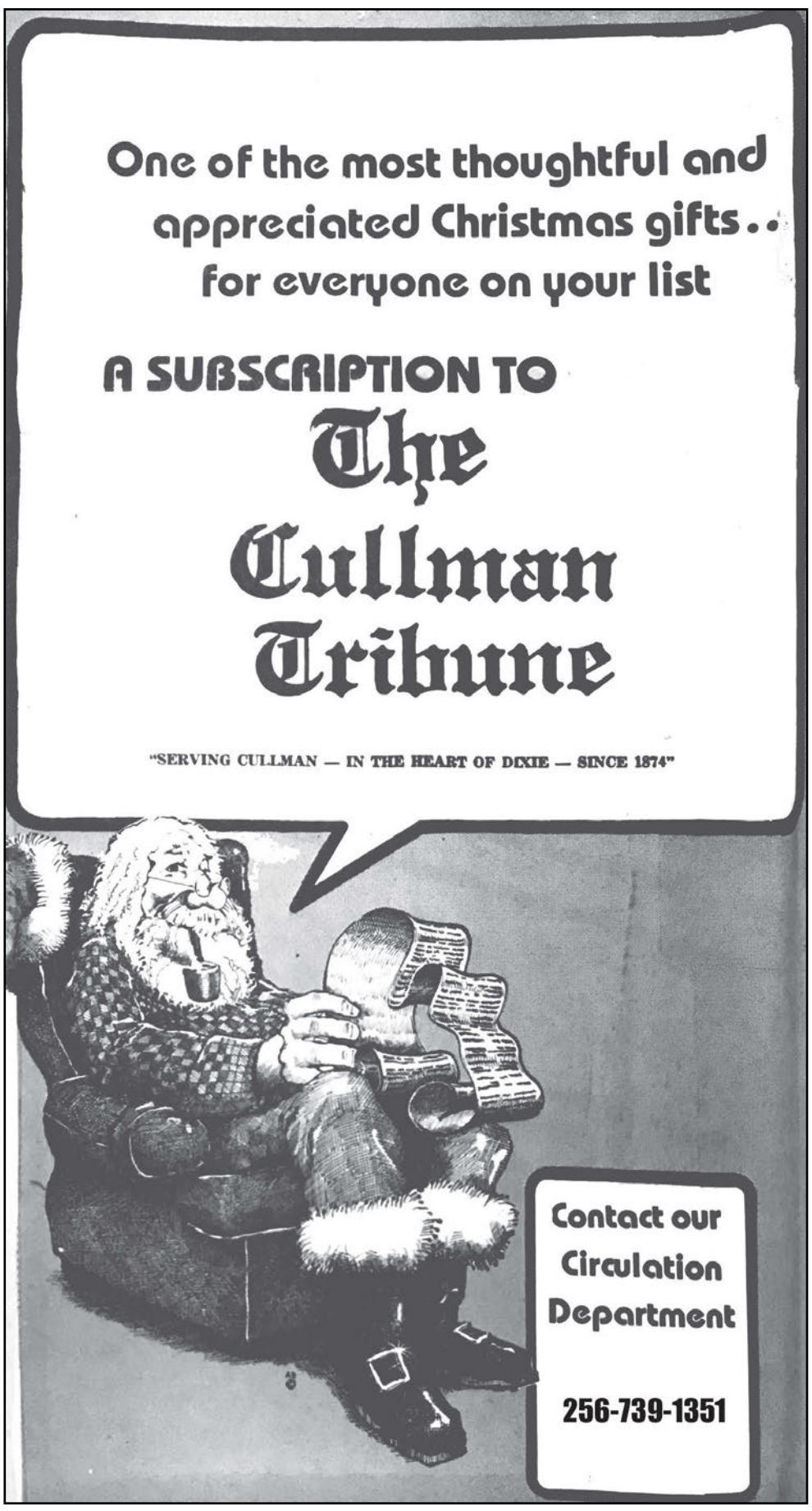
SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit: "A parcel of land, otherwise known as an undeveloped portion of Charles Avenue SW, which is fifty feet by seven hundred and twenty-eight feet, more or less, located directly west of Charles Avenue SW."

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Cullman, Alabama, a warranty deed, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City of Cullman, Alabama, does convey the premises described Section 1 hereof to the adjoining property owners for its fair market value.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Wesley M. Moore – Cullman City Clerk

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PHARMACY TOPICS *by Rex Smith*

Hospital Discount Central



Left to right: Becky Cook, Marie Wright, Regenia Geisen, Rex Smith, Rph. And Vanessa Patton

A new study, published in the *International Journal of Epidemiology,* has found that prenatal exposure to selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) has a significant association with lower birth weight and gestational length. This was found to be in cases where mothers had taken the drug for two or more trimesters.

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An estimated one in 25,000 people are born with neurofibromatosis (NF2), a hereditary tumor syndrome in which virtually everyone progresses to deafness because of vestibular schwannomas-tumors growing in the nerves responsible for hearing. The tumors arise from the Schwann cells that support and insulate nerves. These tumors also cause balance problems and brain stem compression. Bevacizumab is a drug mostly used to treat colorectal and lung cancers, as well as certain eye diseases, like age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. In a small clinical study with this anticancer drug, which halts blood vessel growth, 14 patients – four males and ten females – ages 14 to 79 with NF2 and progressive hearing loss. Each had restoration of hearing.

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Researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC) College of Medicine have found that adding increasing doses of an approved Type 2 diabetes drug, metformin, to a chemotherapy and radiation treatment regimen in head and neck cancer patients is not well-tolerated if escalated too quickly, but allowing slower escalation could be beneficial. These findings were presented at the 2016 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting.

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DIANNE MCREA

EVA – Dianne McRea is on a mission. With the help of family, she operates Great & Small Rescue, a nonprofit animal welfare organization whose stated purpose is "To provide a safe and healthy 'NO KILL' shelter for domestic pets; to provide whatever care and training is necessary to get them ready for adoption; and to eventually place each one in a loving, secure, and forever home."

McRea started the organization a year and a half ago in her own backyard, and hopes to expand the service into a permanent freestanding facility in the future. To that end she applied for and received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, so supporters can make tax-deductible donations to help her out.

At present, Great & Small is largely a family operation. McRea receives regular help from her sister, Capt. Becky Boyd of the Cullman City Police Department, as well as her son and daughter; occasional volunteers walk and feed dogs, and watch over things when McRea has to be away.

Since incorporation, Great & Small has taken in 33 dogs, and has found homes for 23. The organization's very first client was Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, who left with two big puppies. Recently, McRea began taking in cats, and has three at present, in addition to the 10 currently available dogs.

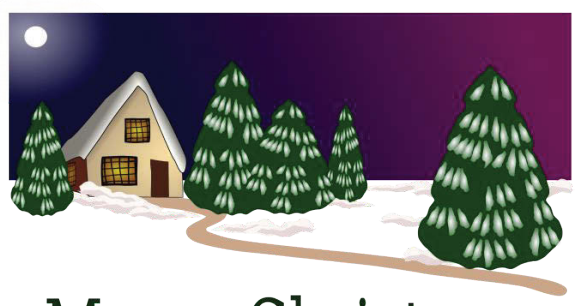
All animals will be current on their shots before they are adopted; and with the exception of the shelter's newest resident, a 6-week old kitten now called Noel, all available animals have been spayed or neutered. All may be found by searching for Eva on www.petfinder.com.

McRea charges $125 for adoptions, but expenses regularly exceed that amount, so she depends on donations to keep the service going. Those interested in helping through donations of money or time should check the website www.greatandsmallrescue.org, the organization's Facebook page "Great & Small Rescue" or email greatandsmall15@yahoo.com.

Northside Veterinary Hospital in Cullman, located at 1933 St. Joseph Dr. NW (near the new Highway 157 Wal-Mart) is helping out with a pet angel tree, where people may find specific ways to contribute to Great & Small's cause.

McRea said, "We need all the help we can get to stay active and find homes for these precious creatures."

The service is offering special adoption rates through Christmas: adoptions are $100, second adoptions are $85. Noel the kitten, still waiting to be spayed, can be adopted for only $50.



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Best Wishes For a Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas from the Cullman Tribune!

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 19, 2005 by Tabitha A. Bonner, a single woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1424, Page 163 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 5, 2017:

Thirty-three (33) acres, more or less, in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twelve (12), Range Four (4) West Viz Beginning at a sweet gum near a branch at a corner of lot sold to J.W. Johnson 270 feet E of the SW corner of said lot; thence due E to the Cullman and Bremen Highway; thence along W boundary of said highway to an intersection with a line parallel to and ten feet south of a store building; thence on said parallel line 152 feet to an intersection with a line parallel with and ten feet W of the small dwelling house; thence with last named parallel line 83 feet to the Brushy Pond Highway; thence along the S side of said highway to the N line of said forty acre lot; thence due W to the NW corner of said lot; thence S 880 feet to the NW corner of said J.W. Johnson lot; thence with the boundaries of the said J.W. Johnson lot to the place of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12, Range 4 West and go E 640 feet to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road, then go in a Southerly direction along the center of said road 923 feet to the point of beginning, then go back along center of said road in a Northerly direction 260 feet, then go in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to said road 170 feet, then in a Southeasterly direction to the point of beginning, this land being one-half acre, more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12, Range 4 West and go E 640 feet to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road, then go in a Southerly direction along center of said road 663 feet and then go in a Westerly direction and perpendicular to said road 170 feet to a point of beginning, continue along said perpendicular 84 feet to NW corner, then Southeasterly along a meandering Branch 167 feet to SW corner; thence in Easterly direction 294 feet to Southeast corner; thence 20 feet along abandon Brushy Pond Road; thence back to point of beginning..

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: From the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence W along the S boundary of said forty to the intersection with the W R.O.W. of old Hwy. # 69; thence S21°00'W along said R.O.W. a distance of 31.2 feet to the point of beginning; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 340.6 feet to a point; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 192 feet to a point; thence an interior angle of 90°00' a distance of 340.6 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of old Hwy. #69; thence an interior angle of 90 degrees 00' a distance of 192 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the NW ¼ of SW ¼, and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: From the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, go W along the S boundary of said forty to a point on the W right-of-way of Old Hwy. #69; thence continue along same said line a distance of 77 feet to the point of beginning; thence N66°45'W a distance of 267.5 feet to a point; thence S88°00'W a distance of 114.6 feet to a point; thence S7°00'E a distance of 73.8 feet to a point on the S boundary of said forty; thence E along said boundary a distance of 354 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing three tenths of an acre, more or less. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at the NW corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Sec. 16, T12S, R4W and go E 640 feet more or less to the center of the old abandoned Brushy Pond Road; then go in a Southerly direction along center of said road 663 feet more or less to a point; then go in a Westerly direction 254 feet more or less to the center of a meandering branch; then go in a Northwesterly direction 1200 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

All of the above described property situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to restriction on construction or placement of any structure in front of the residence located on 28250 County Road 222, Cullman, Alabama, that would obstruct the view of said residence from County Road 222 and Old Highway 69 as set forth in instrument dated March 15, 2000, and filed March 22, 2000, in Deed Book 489, Page 624 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-December 15, 22, 29, 2016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 26, 2002 by Shelia Kilgore a married woman and husband James Kilgore, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1254, Page 352 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 5, 2017:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 10, Range 1 West.

Property Address: 126 County Road 1646, Cullman, AL

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
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2131 Third Avenue North
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NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNIMPROVED COUNTY ROAD.

WHEREAS, property owner John Bryant, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, shall occur once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, John Bryant is requesting vacation of a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road described as follows, to-wit:

A R.O.W. along an Unimproved County Road described as follows: Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, thence N 88°53'55" W 441.11 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the East R.O.W. of said road and the point of beginning, thence S 6°15'00"W 64.40 feet to a point on said East R.O.W., thence S 4°48'42" E 99.87 feet to a point on said East R.O.W., thence S 6°45'49" E 114.07 feet to a point on said East R.O.W., thence S 2°58'30" E 207.40 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the North R.O.W. of County Road 1082, thence S 73°17'55" W 31.07 feet along the North R.O.W. of County Road 1082 to an existing iron on the West R.O.W. of said Unimproved County Road, thence N 2°58'30" W 214.73 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of said road, thence N 6°47'50" W 112.08 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of said road, thence N 4°49'18" W 100.90 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of said road, thence N 26°12'55" W 75.73 feet to an existing iron on said West R.O.W., thence S 88°53'55" E 70.55 feet back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is posted a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of the Resolution vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 13th day of December, 2016.

BY: /s/ J. Chad Floyd_____
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W., Room 110
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To The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish for once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks: December 22, and December 29, 2016; and January 5, and January 12, 2017.

Legal Notice

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on January 27, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
MATTIE RUTH KENNER,) Case No. CV 2015-900422.00
)
Deceased)

NOTICE OF ORDER SETTING HEARING

TO: Eleanor Clopton, Byron Wendell Kenner, the unknown heirs of Mattie Ruth Kenner, deceased, the unknown heirs of Tom Kenner, and following real property located in Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: A tract or parcel of land being a part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 13, Range 3 West. Located where the North right-of-way of Highway 91 crosses the SE line of the above described property continue West along said right of way a distance of 160 yards to a point of beginning; thence North 201 feet, thence West 210 feet, thence South 201 Feet, thence East 210 feet more or less back to the point of beginning.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 26th day of January, 2017 at 9:00am in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama before the Honorable Judge Gregory Nicholas, in regards to the Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment Quieting Title to Real Property and Order To Sell Real Property To Pay Administrative Expenses and Distribution to Next of Kin filed by Bettye Scruggs and Eleanor Turner as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Mattie Ruth Kenner, deceased.

DATED this the 17 day of Nov., 2016.

GREGORY A. NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

BEVERLY PASCHAL POSTON
Attorney for Petitioner
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER) CASE NO. PC-2016-155
DECEASED)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: MABLE PICHELMAYER, Sister, Deceased
LILLIE MAY WOLFE Sister, Deceased
DAWN WOLFE Niece, Deceased

AND: ANY AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE DECEASED.

On the 7th day of September, 2016, a certain paper in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Freddie Donald Smith, and his petition for the probate thereof as such will. Freddie Donald Smith was appointed Personal Representative on December 12, 2016, and as the same day set for hearing. Heirs having objections or claims must file and contest the same, if it be deemed proper.

Given under my hand and seal of Court this the 12th day of December, 2016.

To the Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE:

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Of Counsel:
Michael D. Haynes
Attorney for Petitioner
412 Fist Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 737-5068

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: AD2016-074

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF THERESA MADDOX

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SONIA LYNN BROCK, Natural mother address unknown

The Petition for Adoption which is attached to this Notice is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Petition to the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and you must file the original of your answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or P.O. Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE AND PETITION AS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN AND, RECEIPT IF YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION.

DONE THIS 29th DAY OF November 2016.

Alex J. Chaney, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Legal Notice

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

1988 Isuzu Conventional, Vin. #JAACL11E6J7208436.
1994 Honda Accord, Vin. #JHMCD5550RC014140.

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Johnson's Auto Tire and Tow, LLC, 178 County Road 1332, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Alabama, Cullman County Default having been made pursuant to the terms of that certain mortgage executed by Sarah B. Love, an unmarried person to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for M&T Bank, its successors and assigns, dated 03/22/07, said mortgage being recorded in Book 1513, Page 203, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, AL said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"). Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or certified/bank check only. The conducting of the sale will be handled by Auction.com. More information concerning their policies and procedures on bidding at the foreclosure sale can be found on their website Auction.com. The certified/bank check should be made payable to or endorsed to RCO Legal, P.C. The sale will take place at 11:00 AM, on 01/26/17 at the Backside of Courthouse of the Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055the following real estate, situated in Cullman County, AL, to-wit: TRACT 1: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST AND RUN THENCE NORTH 667.86 FEET TO A CEDAR POST: THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST, 137.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, 67.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING TO TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 91.96 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, 309.71 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 1082; THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 23 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 28.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 71.84 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 272.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT LYING IN AND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. TRACT 2: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF ABOVE DESCRIBED 40 ACRES; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 0'00" EAST 667.86' TO FENCE CORNER; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 20'28" WEST 137.13' TO FENCE CORNER; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREE 21'03" EAST 159.22' TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 21'03" EAST 130.00'; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01'55" EAST 373.68' TO THE BLAIR ROAD R/O/W; THENCE ALONG R/O/W SOUTH 27 DEGREES 14'39" WEST 106.14'; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 46'16" WEST 40.12'; THENCE LEAVING R/O/W SOUTH 89 DEGREES 01' 55" WEST 309.71' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Said property is commonly known as 7101 COUNTY ROAD 1082, VINEMONT, AL 35179. The indebtedness has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of said Mortgage and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Mortgage and Note. In accordance with Ala. Code §6-5-248(h) notice is given that 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 part of the foreclosure process. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Sarah B. Love or tenant(s). RCO Legal, P.C. 2970 Clairmont Road NE, Suite 780 Atlanta, Georgia 30329 (770) 234-9181 (770) 234-9192 Cullman Tribune 7345.29459 12/22/16, 12/29/16, 01/05/17 TS#: 7345.29459 FEI # 2013.04659 12/22/2016, 12/29/2016, 01/05/2017

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: **AD2016-069**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

VIOLET SADDIE LEE,

A MINOR CHILD. DOB: **08/03/2008**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO BE PUBLISHED

TO: COLLEEN CHRISTINE REYNOLDS, NATURAL MOTHER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

YOU MUST ANSWER THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION FILED BY KENNETH WILLARD JACKSON WHICH WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016, AND THAT SHOULD YOU CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION HEREIN WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE SAID PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

DONE THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2016.

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

Attorney for Petitioners:
GREGORY A. JOHNSON
427 Second Avenue S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone (256)739-0006

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
JOSEPH ALLEN FERRELL and)
DEBORAH KAYE FERRELL,)
FOR THE ADOPTION OF A MINOR.)

Case no: AD 2016-073

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **JASON PAUL CARSON, THE NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO ALYSIA KAYE FERRELL ON MAY 19, 2003, address unknown**

The Petition for Adoption which is attached to this Notice is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Petition to the Attorney for the Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and you must file the original of your answer with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Cullman County, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or P.O. Box 970, Cullman, Alabama, 35056. THIS ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE AND PETITION AS EVIDENCED BY THE RETURN AND RECEIPT IF YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION.

DONE THIS 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

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

Joseph W. Propst, II, Attorney
810 Sixth Avenue, SE
Decatur, AL 35601

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC-2016-298

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT LEE HAGA, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ROBIN NADINE HAGA AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Probate of Will has been filed in the Estate of Robert Lee Haga by Robert Carson Haga, Petitioner. A hearing shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th day of February, 2017, to consider said petition.

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

TO: PUBLISHER OF *CULLMAN TRIBUNE:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721 telephone

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC2015-307

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **RICHARD JEROME BURKETT,** DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL CLAIMS AND SETTLEMENT

TO: NANCY LOGAN BURKETT, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

This day comes C. Michael Burkett, Personal Representative of the said estate, and filed a Petition for Hearing of Final Claims and Settlement. It is ordered that the 10th day of March, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. be appointed a day for hearing and determining the same, at which time all persons in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

C. MICHAEL BURKETT, Personal Representative
The Estate of **RICHARD JEROME BURKETT,** Deceased

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for three successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 05
TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit: "A parcel of land, otherwise known as an undeveloped alleyway, which is twenty feet by two hundred and twenty-one feet, more or less, located directly east of 1299 10th Street SE."

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Cullman, Alabama, a warranty deed, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City of Cullman, Alabama, does convey the premises described Section 1 hereof to the adjoining property owners for its fair market value.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 19th day of December, 2016.

/s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

ATTEST:
/s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 19th day of December, 2016.

/s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 06
TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES BY THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit: "A parcel of land, otherwise known as an undeveloped portion of Short Street, which is fifty feet by two hundred and eighty feet, more or less, located directly west of Broadway Avenue SW."

SECTION 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Cullman, Alabama, a warranty deed, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, whereby the City of Cullman, Alabama, does convey the premises described Section 1 hereof to the adjoining property owners for its fair market value.

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/s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor



IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER, DECEASED.) CASE NO. PC2016-155

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to FREDDIE DONALD SMITH, Personal Representative on the estate of WILLIAM CLAUDE PICHELMAYER on the 12th day of December, 2016 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 the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Michael D. Haynes
MICHAEL D. HAYNES
Attorney for Estate
412 First Avenue, SE
Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 737-5068

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

Auction Notices

Contents of **Unit 470,** Leigh Ann Henderson, 206 Kentucky Avenue Southeast, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. To be sold at auction on January 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at 6790 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama. Partial list of contents: furniture.

Contents of **Unit 214,** Kristy Marie Harris, 3602 County Road 1212, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, to be sold at auction on January 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at 6790 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman Alabama. Partial list of contents: furniture.

Contents of **Unit 310,** Edna Woodall, 31 Woodall Loop Eva, Alabama 35621. To be sold at auction on January 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at 6790 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama. Partial list of contents: furniture.

Contents of **Unit E4,** Kevin Dewayne Hollis, 2154 US Highway 278 West, Cullman, Alabama 35057, to be sold at auction on January 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at 6790 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama. Partial list of contents: furniture and tools.

Contents of **Unit A3,** Jeffrey Brian Thomson, 3359 Neil Road Ludington, Michigan 49431, to be sold at auction on January 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at 8390 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama. Partial list of contents: furniture.

Contents of **Unit E20,** James Newton, 720 County Road 1240, Vinemont, Alabama 35179, to be sold at auction on January 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at 8390 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman Alabama. Partial list of contents: clothes.

STATE OF ALABAMA)
CULLMAN COUNTY)
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
HELEN KILGO,)
DECEASED.)

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO: PC2016-322

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to RONALD KILGO, Personal Representative on the 8th day of December, 2016, by the Hon. TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

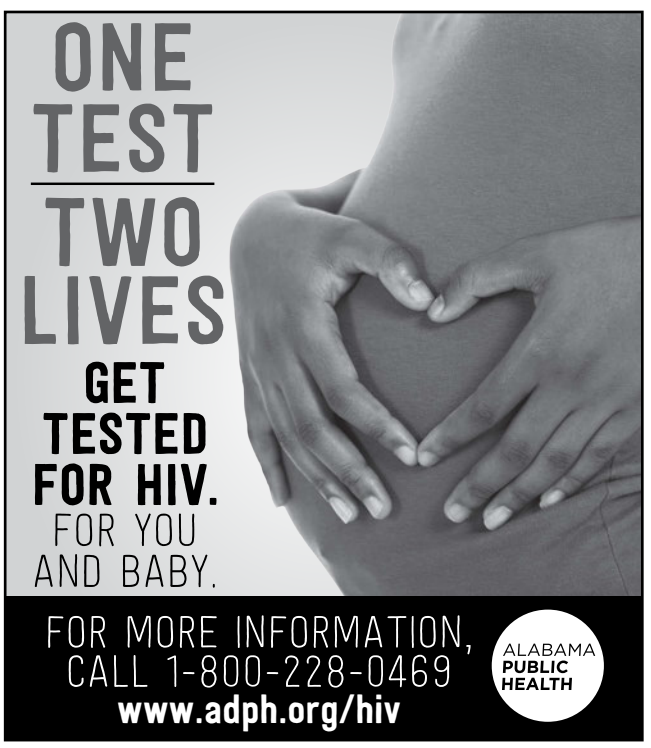
RONALD KILGO, Personal Representative
The Estate of **HELEN KILGO,** Deceased.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Attorney for the Estate:
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Letters to Santa

Here are just a few of the many Letters to Santa that The Tribune received this year.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Cooper Loftin. I'm 10 years old. I'm in the 4th grade in Mrs. Lainack's class at EES. I like to drive vehicels. For Cristmas, I want a dirt bike, hover bord, and hover helment. Blue toot VR, NBA 17, WWE 11, arcery target and bernokulers.

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a i pad minnie (apple), A elf pet, The Decendents School of Secrets book, kids who don't have a home to get one, snow, A mermaid tale blanket, A mermaid tale swim suite, A coloring book gronw up one, A pinky dyed pony purple hair and a Birbe pop up camper, all the dolls that come with a set of disney Princess dolls and every one to be happy.
Love,
Allie Bailey 2016 merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
My name is Kallie Easterwood. I am 10 years old, and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. Some things I would like for Christmas this year are, a blue or purple hoverboard with lights, a monogramed cup, a monogrammed bathing suit, a real basketball goal, and pink & purple tennis shoes. Please don't forget to get my brother a few presents. I think he might like a cool new phone case, and stuff for his truck. I wanted to ask you what kind of cookies you like for me to leave out for you? I would also like some monogramed sandels or boots. One more thing I would like for Christmas is L.E.D. light up shoes, (doesn't matter what color). I would also like a drone.
Love Your's truly,
Kallie Easterwood

Dear Santa,
My name is Shana Guest. I am 11 years old, and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. I would like an ipad for Christmas. What I want from my relatives is an alarm clock, twin baby dolls that look real, and a wubble bubble. My little 4 year old cousin Libby wants a my life doctor doll with all the doctor supplies. We have been good this year at least I think so. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Shana Guest

Dear Santa,
My name is Kase Nixon and I am 11 years old. I am in the 5 grade and go to East Elementary School in Cullman. I really want a phone. I would also like a remot control car. I also want WWE 2K 17. I really really want a ticket to a Warriors game with Jackson B. Dear Santa My sister can't talk but she really likes Paw patrol sticker and a bunch of Paw patrol DVD's to watch.
PS: Lakynn has been really good at not crying. I also want an Airsoft gun!
Your Friend Kase

Dear, Santa
My name is Abby Southcord. I am 10 years old and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. To be honest I really don't know what I want for Christmas, but since Jesus only got 3 presents, it is only for us to get 3 presents, so here are mine: north face jacket (green-blue), basketball hoop, and ....I really had to think about this one....led light up shoes (black). Also my 4 year old nephew, Carter Southcord, would LOVE if he got ghostbuster cars. Have a very Merry Christmas!
Abby

Dear Santa,
My name is Nevaeh Isbell and I'm in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman AL, and this year for Christmas I want a PS4, Call of duty ghosts, Call of duty black ops, Iphone 6s gold, a 50 dollar Itunes gift card, A huge teddy bear (The one bigger than a door). Minecraft stuff, Also a paw patrol shirt and toys for my baby cousin Jayce.
love
nevaeh
P.S. I need a llama bad. I'll name him Jerry and treat him nice give him million dollars and live till 3604.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lana Gibson. I'm 10 years old, and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. I would love some stuff for my cat, Skittles, and dogs, Bear & Plug. I would also like a stuffed Panda, Robo cat, Bootsie, little live Pet turtle, with a tank. Thank you!
Lana

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelli. I am 11 years old and I'm in the 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. This year I would like a Fitbit Alta an IPhone 6 or better, a new DSI for my sister, a Pokemon Go Plus a new scarf, a Wii U, a $100 Itunes gift card, a shaved ice machine, a popcorn machine, and a bookshelf.
Sincerely,
Kelli

Dear Santa,
My name is Trenton Clemmons. I am 11 years old and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. I would like a white hoverboard, iphone 6S, new dirt bike outfit, 2K17 basketball game for xbox 1, and my dirt bike to get serviced. Keep in mind my friend Alex Chambers and he would love Star wars for Christmas.
Your friend,
Trenton Clemmons

Dear Santa,
My name is Lanie Cornelius. I am 10 years old , and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. I would really love a hoverboard, gopro, and binnie boos. I don't want alot this year, but my 6 year old brother Paxton wants a drone for Christmas. These shoes that are Led light up shoes (black) look awesome. I want those to. Merry Christmas.
Love- Lanie Cornelius

Dear Santa,
My name is Reagan Ogstad. I am 11 years old, and I am in the 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. For Christmas I want a new fishing pole and wireless head phones. In my stocking but I think you already know that because I always get football cards. Do you know my elf spike? He is naughty. Yesterday he spiled moms sprinkles on the tables.

Dear Santa,
My name is Adyson Wallace. I am 11 years old, and in 5th grade at East Elementary School in Cullman. What I would really like for Christmas is a blue hoverboard, clothes, clothes and shoes for my American girl dolls, and a silicone doll and stuff for it. I would also like a monogramed Iphone 6s case and a monogramed cup. And that is what I want for Christmas this year.
from Adyson Wallace

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is AliceAnn Kontogeorge. I am in the 4th grade at East Elementary, and I am 10 year old for Christmas I would like...
- Legos
- American doll cloths
- Trampoline

, and what I want others to get is I want the homeless to have good food on Christmas, and I want my sister to get a Starbucks gift card because thats the only food she eats at college.
Merry Christmas
AliceAnn
East Elementary
4th Grade
Mrs. NUNN

Dear Santa,
My name is Lillyann Powell I am 10 years old I am in 4th grade in Mrs. Nunn's class at East Elementary. What I want for Christmas is a puppy, phone, orbes massage. I want to give Mandolyn twenty one poilets tickets and melody a elsa castle.
Sincerely,
Lillyann Powell

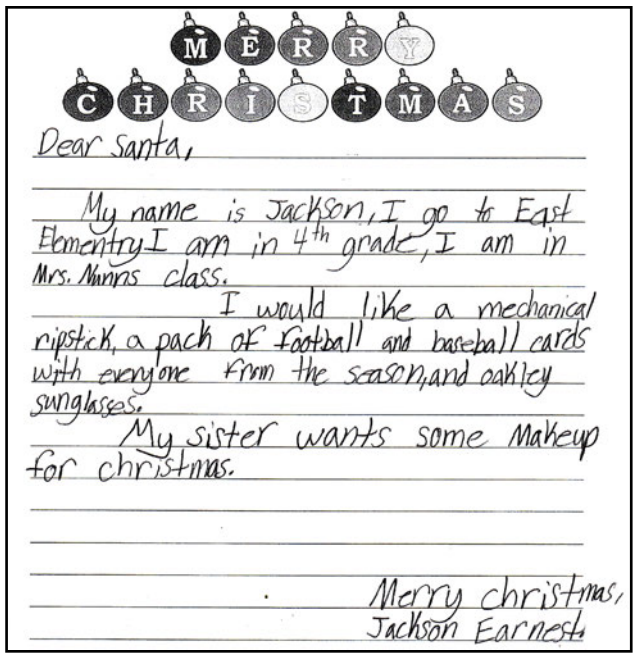
Dear Santa,
My name is Ben Conway. These are a few things I want a xboxone, ipad six, little football guys, fox sport robot. I kinda want a ps4. For the family. One thing that my grandmother needs is zuko tolit paper. for my mom I want to get her a massage for a long day at work.
Merry Cristmas
love Ben
East Elementary
4th grad
Mrs. Nunn

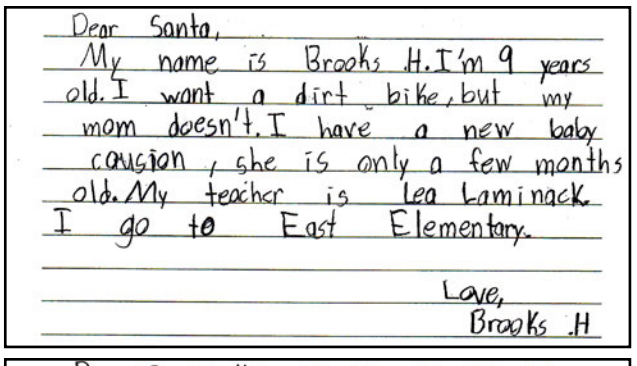
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have two choices. Choice one is a hoverboard with an obstical course all my other presents can be suprises for both choices. choice two is a live bird! Me and my Dad want an owl, but it can be anything. Even a crow!
East Elementary school
Mrs. Laminack
4th grade
John Henry

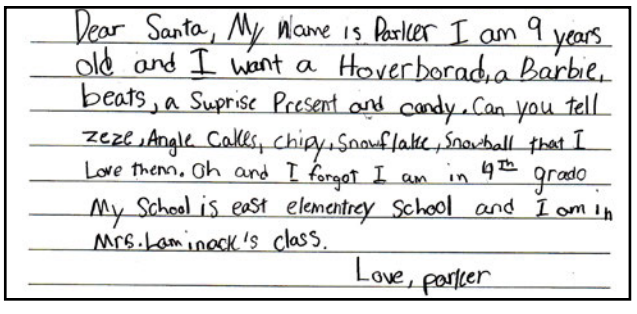
Dear Santa,
My name is Emerson. I am 10 years old. I pretty sure I've been a pretty good boy this year. I try so hard not to yell and talk very loudly cause you know I'm pretty loud. That's how I got my nickname Loudmouth. Also I am trying to not be mean and grumpy.

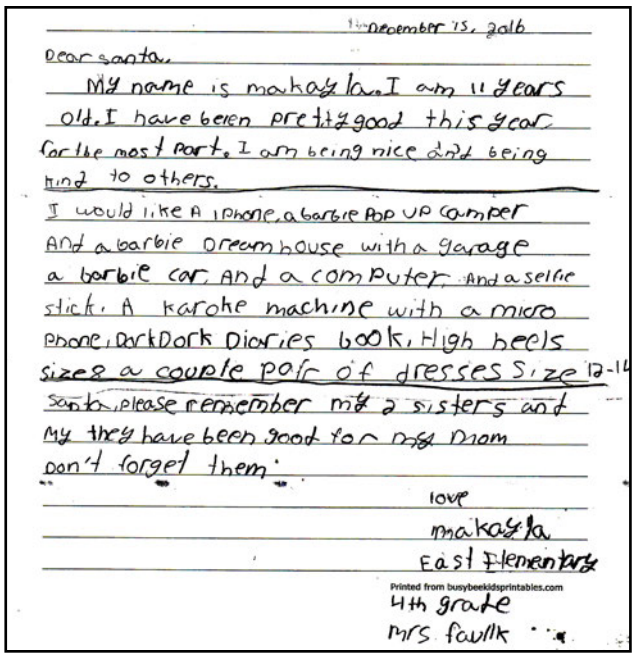
I would like a 15$ gift card for I-tunes. I would like a nerf N-force claw hatchet. Also a few Under armor jackets and shirts and pants. Also a NFL Jaguars fathead.

Santa, please remember my brother and cousins presents, and don't forget to fill their stockings. They have been good this year to, but I think you know the truth if they have been good.
Love,
Emerson
East Elementary School
4th grade
Mrs. Faulk




Dear Santa,
My name is Brooks .H. I'm 9 years old. I want a dirt bike, but my mom doesn't. I have a new baby cousion, she is only a few months old. My teacher is Lea Laminack. I go to East Elementary.
Love,
Brooks .H


Dear Santa, My Name is Parker I am 9 years old and I want a Hoverborad, a Barbie, beats, a Suprise Present and candy. Can you tell zeze, Angle Calles, chipy, Snowflake, Snowball that I Love them. Oh and I forgot I am in 4th grade My School is east elementrey School and I am in Mrs. Laminack's class.
Love, parker


December 15, 2016
Dear santa,
My name is makayla. I am 11 years old. I have been pretty good this year for the most part. I am being nice and being kind to others.
I would like A iPhone, a barbie POP UP camper And a barbie Dream house with a garage a barbie car And a computer And a selfie stick. A karoke machine with a micro phone, DorkDork Diaries book, High heels sizes a couple pair of dresses Size 12-14
Santa, please remember my 2 sisters and My they have been good for my Mom don't forget them.
love
makayla
East Elementary
Printed from busybeekidsprintables.com
4th grade
mrs faulk

Travel (from Front)

in Cullman County this year," said Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick. "I only had a dozen traffic fatalities last year."

For the safety of all who are traveling this holiday season, ALDOT, and Kilpatrick, are asking that drivers and their passengers wear seat belts.

"Almost 60 percent of the 646 people who have died in vehicle crashes on Alabama roads so far this year were not wearing a seat belt," said Allison Green, Drive Safe Alabama coordinator with ALDOT.

"State law is to buckle up," agreed Kilpatrick. "Your chances of survival are greater if you are restrained."

Here's how Cullman County's 2016 traffic fatalities break down:

• 10 died as a result of head-on collisions (both restrained and unrestrained)

• 5 died as a result of being unrestrained in a collision (22 percent)

• 2 died as a result of being struck while crossing roadways

• 2 died as a result of rear-end collisions

• 4 died as a result of motorcycle collisions

"All five of those who died as a result of being unrestrained in a collision I believe would still be here today if they had been wearing their seat belts," said Kilpatrick.

Kilpatrick also shared that drugs or alcohol played a part in six of Cullman County's 2016 23 fatalities.

Of the few remaining days this year, when holiday travel will be at its peak, Kilpatrick is realistic when asked if he thinks Cullman County will have more than 23 traffic fatalities before 2017.

"Unfortunately, yes, I do."

"One of the best gifts you can give yourself and your loved ones this year is to buckle up every time you get into a vehicle," said Green. "Get started on your New Year's resolutions early and make wearing a seat belt a daily habit before 2017 arrives."

ALDOT road advisories

To better handle increased traffic and for the safety of travelers, construction industry workers and maintenance crews, ALDOT will have no temporary lane closures on Alabama interstates after noon, Friday, Dec. 23, through midnight, Monday, Dec. 26, and after noon, Friday, Dec. 30, through midnight, Monday, Jan. 2, 2017.

For safe driving tips and an overview of Alabama motor vehicle laws, go to www.DriveSafeAlabama.org.

Science (from Front)

were planted with plants to attract butterflies. The raising of the beds above ground level allows gardeners easier control over the content of their soil

The drought this year took a toll on the garden, but Scott isn't deterred. With additional grants, she is planning an expansion of the project. Starting with a community workday this coming spring, she first plans to construct a pollinator garden that will be filled with flowers to provide nectar for creatures that help pollinate plants: bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. A strawberry tower (vertical garden) is also in the works.

Down the road, the project gets really ambitious.

Scott predicts, "We have plans for a songbird sanctuary; a sensory garden, which will include plants which the students can touch and smell; a log decomposition station that will provide habitat for insects; a weather station; a worm bin; and a turtle habitat."

She is excited about what the garden means for HS students. She said, "A lot of kids now are not doing a lot of things outdoors. This gives them an opportunity to get out and do something, and opportunity to see where their food comes from, and an opportunity for some hands-on science."

For more information about the Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program, including contact information to get in touch with Harmony School, visit the website https://www.alabamawildlife.org/outdoor-classroom-program/.

This week in Cullman history

On Dec. 25, 1932, a Christmas dinner and dance was held at The Old Dutch Mill north of the city of Cullman.

Music was provided by a Birmingham orchestra

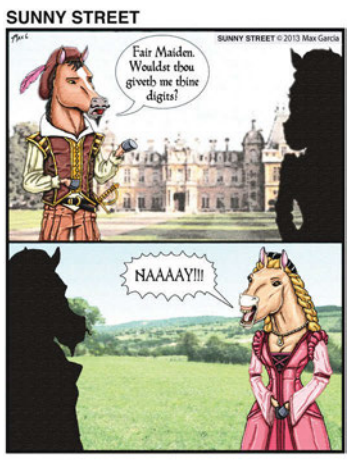
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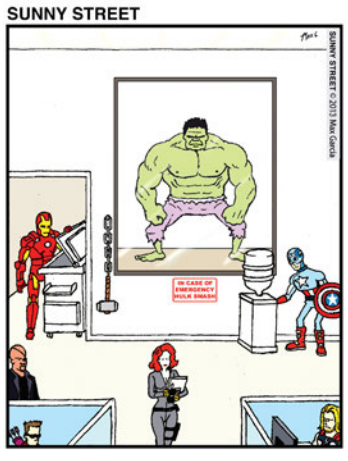


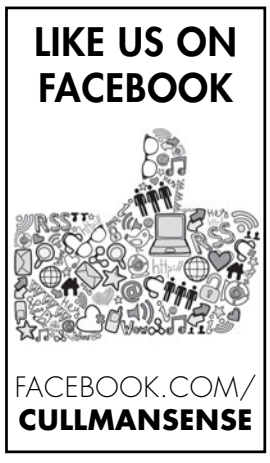
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Drew Green named chairman of Cullman's Ala. Bicentennial Committee

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Contributor

CULLMAN – Cullman's newly-formed Alabama Bicentennial Community Celebration Committee met recently, where participants were briefed on the upcoming bicentennial which recognizes Alabama's 200th birthday as a state. The committee is chaired by local resident Drew Green.

The multi-year program kicks off in March 2017, ending on the bicentennial in 2019.

Green was appointed by former mayor Max A. Townson and the city council to put together a committee to help organize events and promote the bicentennial. The committee consists of local leaders from the Daughter's of the American Revolution, Master Gardeners, Scouts, area schools and the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, along with various members of local governments and other concerned parties.

After careful consideration, Green included people who are involved in more than one area of interest.

"We need to get the message out to as many people as possible," he explained. "We want to involve as many groups and people that are interested in participating as we can."

Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur is the state chairman of the Bicentennial Commission.

Executive Director of ALABAMA 200 (the state's official bicentennial commemoration) Jay Lamar came to the Cullman committee's first meeting and was very enthusiastic in sharing with them her thoughts and ideas.

"She presented us with a newly published book by Edwin C. Bridges, 'Alabama: The Making of an American State.' The plans are to build up to the December 2019 bicentennial. We will incorporate annual events like the April walking tour, Oktoberfest and other events throughout the year," said Green. "The Master Gardeners are discussing creating a garden with plants that would have been around 200 years ago," he said. "The state committee has an excellent group of educators who are putting together ideas to include the bicentennial into the school curriculum."

Other ideas under discussion are a bicentennial run, a special art project such as a bicentennial sculpture and a book to be used as a "common read."

Each year will focus on a different theme: 2017- Exploring Our Places, 2018- Honoring Our People and 2019- Sharing Our Stories.

According to Green, there will be a traveling bicentennial exhibit that is supposed to be in each county sometime during the celebration.

"Also, the Alabama Family History and Heritage Project will be focusing on collecting, digitizing and preserving genealogical sources," he continued.

"Each community will be celebrating in ways unique to that community.

"As the committee chair and especially with the help of the other committee members we are trying to facilitate involvement, initiate and complete the projects to celebrate the bicentennial," he explained.

"This may take the form of contacting groups or people to participate, coordinating the schedule so the events/projects are spaced out and not in conflict, getting funding for projects through grants and local business and community support.

"The ALABAMA 200 mantel covers so much of the state and its history," he said.

"After our first informal meeting with Ms. Lamar it is my hope that seeds were planted and our next meeting in mid-January will have its fruition in ideas for Cullman's participation in the bicentennial."

Green recommends that anyone wanting to know more about the events surrounding the bicentennial visit the state tourism website, which provides a wealth of general information about the overall project: www.alabama200.gov

You can find Drew Green at the Cullman County Museum at 211 Second Ave. NE or contact him at 256-739-1258 or dgreen@cullmanal.gov. Watch for further information about ALABAMA 200 on the Cullman County Museum's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/cullmancomuseum.

HGTV (from Front)

every day with their clients. We are thankful to be part of the Vintage West family."

The Magnolia Home line features furniture, rugs, pillows, throws, accessories and paint.

"It has been well received here," Daniel remarked. "All of this is a unique concept to the industry in that it features different styles that will be sure to please anyone's taste in home décor," she explained. "Everyone stops in to see what Joanna has created. She is coming out with some fabulous new pieces in the spring, many of which will be featured on 'Fixer Upper' in season four."

Originally, Daniel found her unique niche in Cullman's retail marketing family when she brought the world-famous, Oxford, England-based Annie Sloan Chalk Paint to town. Daniel was determined to share her find with the community. She began by offering classes in the Annie Sloan technique, reviving vintage furniture with paint. These classes continue to be much in-demand, and are available several times each year.

"Vintage West was founded to sell chalk paint and has since expanded to supply the needs of our customers in the home goods, interior design industry, window treatment, fashion and jewelry categories," she said. "We have recently added a design team that will be able to help customers in every area of work needed in their home and landscaping," she continued.

"We take a lot of pride in exceeding the expectations of our customers through personalized customer service, educational classes and top-quality products."

With those criteria always uppermost in mind, Daniel has researched and tested the leading name brands in home accessories, gift lines and high-end linens.

With the addition of Magnolia Home, Vintage West has become one of the destination spots in Cullman for shoppers who want a distinctive look for their homes.

They can certainly find it there. Not willing to settle for just "pretty," Joanna Gaines designed each piece in her line to integrate aesthetics with practicality and comfort.

Two of Joanna's favorite elements in which to showcase her unique perspectives in designing livable rooms are antique and vintage furniture. Her goal and her passion are to design pieces that will fit into almost any décor. According to Gaines, her idea is to create inspiring pieces that families can afford.

The association has been a good one for Vintage West, offering shoppers high-end items that can't be found at discount stores. Many of the furnishings are original designs; the vignettes set up around the store are an outpouring of Daniel's creative genius.

From lacy bed linens to fine china and one-of-a-kind heirloom furniture, some of it painted in today's trending colors, the collection at Vintage West welcomes customers to a world of home décor that harkens to a day when quality was a given, when things were made to last with integrity and function built in.

The store recently changed locations, from its former 2,000-square-foot location in the Warehouse District, to an 8,000-square-foot showroom at 216 Second Ave. SW, facing U.S. Highway 31/ Second Avenue in Cullman.

It is no surprise that the store has done so well. When you walk in, you are immediately aware that you are not in a discount store or a chain department store. There are lovely things there that remind people of their grandmothers' houses, lacy doilies and tea towels, fabric with a feel that they remember from their own childhoods, soft and comforting, and a plethora of other accessories that turn a house from ho-hum to haute couture with the addition of a few select items as focal points.

Cullman has always had shops of distinction, now, with Vintage West, it has another reason for shoppers to spend time here.

Even if you aren't shopping for furniture, there are many last-minute Christmas gift ideas at Vintage West, including frames, table linens and items that collectors will be sure to appreciate.

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The Department of the Army issued orders today to COL S. Claus, recalling him to active duty, with a report date of 24 Dec 16.

A reservist, with 1,742 years of service, this airborne soldier specializes in vertical delivery of high-value items. He is airborne and air assault qualified. He is also a 46Q, Public Affairs Specialist.

Also recalled were LTC Dasher, 1SG Dancer, MSG Prancer, MAJ Vixen, MAJ Comet, Chaplain (LTC) Cupid, SGT Donner, and PO1 Blitzen, an Individual Augmentee from the Naval Reserve, assigned to the Army. 2LT Rudolph is also authorized to report for duty; however, he must first successfully complete Land Nav training, which he has failed three times.

Although the above troops are on orders for only 24 hours, it is anticipated that they will submit a travel claim for 24,901 miles at .56/mile, using a POV. Suitable government transportation is not available.

As a special operations unit, each member is granted a high level of uniform flexibility, as well as relaxed grooming standards. Per diem has been modified to include large quantities of hot cocoa and cookies.

Mega Hooah!
...and Mega Merry Christmas!

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P.S. - Let's ALL remember the men and women of our Armed Forces, as they serve in faraway lands during this Christmas season.

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Homelessness (from Front)

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Worldwide, it is estimated that there are more than 100 million homeless people. An estimated 800,000 of them live in the United States, and 200,000 of them are children.

Think there are no homeless people in Cullman County just because you don't see them sleeping on the street? Think again...

Day Star House provides services for approximately 1,500 Cullman County residents. These services may include counseling on how to prevent homelessness.

"One of our goals is to prevent this happening to people, when possible," said Brenda Thomas, who, along with Mary Leone, directs the nonprofit agency, which assists single women and women with children who are in crisis.

"I've worked with Day Star House for 26 years; I can go almost anywhere and spot a homeless person because I know what to look for," said Thomas.

Contrary to what you might think, not only drug addicts or runaways find themselves on the streets. Homelessness happens to good people from all walks of life. It is caused by loss of jobs, mental and physical limitations, poverty and lack of affordable housing.

"The youngest client we have ever had was 3 days old, the oldest was 83," said Thomas.

"When we really have a need, we pray, and ask people in the community for help, and this community has been fantastic to give us assistance."

From its humble beginnings in a one-bedroom apartment in 1989, Day Star House has grown, with the help of Habitat for Humanity and other community agencies and individuals, to its current capacity of 11 people, having relocated into a five-bedroom house in 1994.

"We have had to house as many as 19," said Thomas.

The program offers women a chance to regroup after leaving their homes, often times with nothing but the clothes on their backs and their frightened children.

"One lady whose husband just decided he didn't want to be married anymore came to us with a little Wal-Mart shopping bag and two small children, ages 2 and 5," Thomas recalled.

"He left her with $10 to pay her rent, buy groceries, everything. The kids were sharing a toothbrush and a pair of socks."

Day Star House gave her a safe place to stay where she could care for her children and know that they would be fed.

Eventually, she was able to find work, and within two weeks she was able to move into public housing.

"She found out that she was pregnant with twins while she was here," said Thomas. "We found her a four-bedroom house, which we helped her furnish, and she was able to take care of her family."

Older people suffer from homelessness, too. After her husband literally died on the street of a heart attack, one of Day Star's clients found herself homeless after her house burned only two weeks later. Day Star House was her refuge for a couple of weeks until she was placed in senior housing.

These stories are only two of many. Circumstances can literally change overnight for some people, through no fault of their own. These situations often grow out of deaths, fires and natural disasters, among many other scenarios.

People who never thought it would happen to them have found themselves on Day Star House's doorstep, where they were taken in and treated with dignity and compassion.

"Today, I can walk in different industries and stores in town and see women who came through our program that are now productive members of society, making their own way," said Thomas proudly.

Day Star House, which was originally begun by Sister Mary Hughes, is not affiliated with any one church, although they work with all churches.

"Our goal is to enable homeless women to return to the mainstream of society," Thomas explained.

"We afford them the opportunity to work and save their money until they are able to move out on their own."

Giving women the resources to help them overcome their situations is a powerful tool on many different levels, but ultimately, it helps them provide, it gives them the confidence to stand on their own two feet and keep their families together, rather than having children go into foster care or living in poverty.

Because of Day Star House and places like it, women and children have a safe harbor where they can weather the storms of life.

What can you do to help? Why not volunteer a few hours a month or week at your local homeless shelter? You might help to move furniture or do lawn work, or volunteer with clients. You can also donate money and supplies to homeless shelters and rescue missions.

Volunteers need to call 256-734-4942, to be interviewed and for more information.

The location of Day Star House is kept private for the safety of their clients.

If you would like to make a financial donation, you may do so by sending a check to Day Star House, P.O. Box 1897, Cullman, AL 35056.

If you would like to donate food, cleaning supplies, paper items or clothing, you may drop these items off at the United Way of Cullman County office.

If you would like to donate furniture, please contact the United Way to make arrangements.

The United Way is located at 304 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL 35055. Their number is 256-739-2948.



