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Local government, business and education leaders celebrate Cullman area industry

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday evening the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Cullman County Industrial Development Authority and City of Cullman Industrial Development Board/ Cullman Economic Development Agency, held a special reception at Terri Pines Country Club to celebrate the successes of industry in Cullman County, and to preview approaches to future growth. Major event sponsors included the Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District and Wallace State Community College. Entertainment was provided by the St. Bernard Jazz Band, sponsored by Reliance Worldwide Corporation.

Chamber Chair Sammie Danford gave the opening remarks, recognizing local leaders present, including:

- State Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman and State Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
- Associate County Commissioner Garry Marchman
- Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and members of the Cullman City Council
- Members of the Cullman County Industrial Development Authority
- Members of the City of Cullman Industrial Development Board/Cullman Economic Development Agency
- Steven Birchfield,

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Hanging out at Goat Island Brewery



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Left: Tap Room bartender Hillary Brewer serves up a Thrill Hill Vanilla Porter

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Cullman real estate market sees major sales growth

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CULLMAN – According to the University of Alabama College of Commerce and Center for Real Estate's recent report, the Cullman County real estate sales market ended December up 63 percent from 2015's numbers.

These numbers, which are available at http://acre.culverhouse.ua.edu/markets/cullman-county, show that Cullman is experiencing sales not seen since 2004. The problem that could arise in 2017, is a lack of inventory, as the number of residential real estate properties decreased 13 percent in December, 2016.

Jim Phillips with Coldwell Banker Hill Real Estate in Cullman, agrees that inventory will be the biggest challenge facing the market in Cullman County in 2017.

"The market has been up pretty well recently, and that has been true across the state," Phillips said. "We are very optimistic about 2017, obviously. But the biggest challenge we will have to tackle is inventory. There just are not that many houses to sell in the $100,000-$150,000 range."

Phillips also mentioned that right now is one of the best times to buy a house, a time that might not last much longer.

"Interest rates, which were artificially lowered by the Feds, have risen slightly," he said. "And I think that you will see that continue to gradually rise."

As far as explaining **P14**

AG Strange invites schools to submit applications for Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence

Mike Lewis
Office of Alabama Attorney Gen. Luther Strange

MONTGOMERY – Attorney Gen. Luther Strange is inviting public and private schools throughout the state to submit applications for the 2016 school year Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence.

The program was reinstituted by Strange in 2013 with a new emphasis on encouraging technological advances to deal with the challenges experienced by today's schools and students.

The Attorney General's Office will honor private school winners from north, central and south Alabama, in addition to the winners from each of the state's eight public school board districts.

"These awards have previously provided the opportunity to identify and recognize excellence in school safety. In recent years, the judging criteria has placed special emphasis on the use of technology in the safety plan," said Strange.

"Through the highlighting of outstanding safety standards, schools throughout Alabama have implemented better programs and continue to make strides that will protect our children."

Strange plans to visit winning schools this spring to personally present the award in honor of each school's accomplishment.

Applications are being accepted now through Feb. 24. More information about criteria for the awards may be found at http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-AL-Safe-Schools-Initiative.

The nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges.

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City scales back water restrictions to Phase I; Cullman named 'Tree City USA' for 29th year

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CULLMAN – The City of Cullman is easing up on water restrictions. At Monday night's city council meeting, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs announced that thanks to recent rainfall, Cullman City Water customers are now on Phase I restrictions, two steps back from the Phase III restrictions that were put in place on Jan. 6.

Said Jacobs, "We obviously need more rain... we started the year without a full reservoir and we'll be in trouble if there is another drought." The city's drinking water source, Lake Catoma, rose by 9 feet in recent days; bringing it back up to Phase I range (currently approximately 13 feet below full pool). On Jan. 5, Catoma was 22 feet below full pool; Phase II restrictions were triggered when the lake hit 15 feet below full pool way back in October.

Residents are reminded, however, that the area is still in a drought and are asked to be mindful about water use. The National Drought Mitigation Center will release their updated Drought Monitor report on Thursday morning.

In old business, two recognitions were announced.

Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Edward Reinhardt, Jr. announced the retirement of Capt. Johnny Heinl after 37 years of dedicated service to the city of Cullman.

The city of Cullman has received Tree City USA status for the 29th consecutive year from the Arbor Day Foundation; the city achieved Tree City USA status by, "meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least $2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day," according to www.arborday.org.

In new business, a public hearing was held to decide whether or not to vacate and surplus the Charles Avenue Southwest extension right of way. Although the City of Cullman Planning Commission gave an unfavorable recommendation, a lengthy conversation ensued as property owners weighed in.

Chris and Carmen Edmondson argued in favor of the resolution. Chris Edmondson simply requested that the City clean up the stagnate water. Bobby and Evelyn Eidson argued against the resolution; Bobby Edmondson stated that, "If you vacate, you're land locking my property and making it useless." After a lengthy discussion and a compromise to have various City departments address the water issue, the council decided not to vacate the right of way.

The council approved four requests Monday evening:

Two requests were made from budgeted funds. A request from Police Chief Kenny Culpepper to purchase a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe from Donohoo Chevrolet was approved in the amount of $30,793. A request from the Garage Superintendent, Mason Kugler, to purchase the installation of a bolt-action conversion kit for an alignment rack from Automotive Equipment Warehouse was approved in the amount of $5,786.43.

One request was made from unbudgeted funds. Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Peggy Smith requested $45,000 to compatible bid or purchase a vehicle from the State. The council approved the request with stipulation that it was a bid and not a final purchase.

The council approved a request from Melissa Arron of the East Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) for a special event permit for a 5K Color Run on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The surrounding streets of East Elementary will be used in this event to raise money for new playground equipment.

The council then approved three resolutions:

The City of Cullman will be entering into a contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for testing at the Eva Road Bridge and the Old City Garage site in the budgeted amount of $19,410.

The City will also be improving the annual workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Two bids were received, and the bid was awarded to a local insurer, Smith Grey through Travelers, for $349,938 worth of coverage.

The council thanked Jacobs for additional savings received on this contract after the mayor's efforts to have the bidders compete.

The City will be increasing minimum staffing from nine to 13 personnel per shift, and will eliminate minimum weather staffing for Cullman Fire Rescue. The mayor will have the authority to implement this.

Lastly, the council appointed Zach Wood to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Alabama's December unemployment rate 6.2%; Cullman's 4.9%

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MONTGOMERY – Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington announced today that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted December unemployment rate is 6.2 percent, up from November's revised rate of 5.9 percent, and below December 2015's rate of 6.3 percent. December's rate represents 136,409 unemployed persons, compared to 128,651 in November and 134,403 in December 2015. 2,066,842 people were employed in December, up from 2,066,012 in November and 2,011,475 in December 2015.

Cullman County came in at 4.9 percent, up slightly from November's 4.6 percent.

"Our unemployment rate rose in December because the labor force grew by nearly 9,000 in one month," said Washington. "This represents the largest labor force Alabama has seen in more than five years and indicates confidence in the job market. We also surpassed last month's employment numbers, making December the month to beat. More people were working in December than at any time during 2016! We actually haven't seen this many people working since April 2008."

For December's labor force, a total of 2,203,251 people were counted, up 8,588 from the number recorded in November. The last time the labor force measured 2,203,251 or more was in May 2011, when it measured 2,204,321.

"As far as wage and salary employment goes, we continue to experience record numbers," said Washington. "The economy supported the second highest number of jobs for the entire year, and this December marks our third best December over the past 12 years."

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 18,600, with gains in the manufacturing sector (+8,300), the government sector (+6,600), and the financial activities sector (+4,200), among others. December's wage and salary employment measured 1,983,600, which was lower than only November's count of 1,991,000 for all of 2016.

"Manufacturing is leading our job growth for 2016," continued Washington. "Manufacturing employment is at its highest level since December 2008. With wages averaging around $20 per hour, these are jobs that are certainly bolstering our economy."

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 4.3 percent, Elmore County at 4.8 percent and Cullman County at 4.9 percent. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 15.6 percent, Clarke County at 11.1 percent, and Green and Perry Counties at 10.5 percent.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 3.7 percent, Homewood at 3.8 percent and Hoover at 4.1 percent. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 10.0 percent, Prichard at 9.9 percent and Bessemer at 9.8 percent..

"Seasonal adjustment" refers to BLS's practice of anticipating certain trends in the labor force, such as hiring during the holidays or the surge in the labor force when students graduate in the spring, and removing their effects to the civilian labor force.

The Current Population (CPS), or the household survey, is conducted by the Census Bureau and identifies members of the work force and measures how many people are working or looking for work.

The establishment survey, which is conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), a division of the U.S. Department of Labor, surveys employers to measure how many jobs are in the economy. This is also referred to as wage and salary employment.

City of Cullman seeks input on new website design

Leanne West
Office of Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

CULLMAN – The City of Cullman website, www.cullmanal.gov, will soon undergo a complete redesign. We are excited about this project, and seek your input in order to create a new website that meets the needs of everyone in our community.

Please complete our website survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFD3MMY.

You can also find a link to the survey on our website at www.cullmanal.gov. Thank you!

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Good Hope receives excellent water report

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GOOD HOPE – After the fun and games of the last meeting, which was on the night of the college football national championship, the Good Hope City Council was all business Monday night. After the usual invocation (by Maxie Jones), roll call (everyone present except Susan Eller) and approval of the minutes from the last meeting, each of the council members presented his or her committee reports. Councilman John Harris (Finances) said that there was little to report since the financial statements were read and approved at the last meeting. Councilman Maxie Jones (Roads) reported that the closed bridge on Beech Grove Road could possibly be reopened within two or three weeks, depending on the weather, but the deadline for having it reopened is not until the end of March.

Councilwoman Susan Eller (Sewers) was not present, so Grady Parsons - president of Living Water Services - presented on her behalf.

He told the council about Good Hope's scores based on the report they submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

The report acts as a sort of report card for the previous calendar year, and points are given based on the results of the report.

Like golf, a lower amount of points means a better score, and Good Hope kept up its streak of good scores.

Parsons said that high flows resulted in 115 points, but that number was lower than previous years' due to efforts to fix leaks and reduce flows.

The City also scored extremely well for water quality. Parsons stated, "Good Hope does not have problems. They've had a good track record for years; they know what they're doing."

The committee reports concluded with Councilman Greg Brown (Community Service) reporting on a few donations received and Councilman Taft Dillashaw (Parks) stating that sign-ups for baseball start this Wednesday and that he's also looking into getting a new field-fixing machine.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett asked for the police reports, which recommended putting up stoplights in intersections that were known to be dangerous and also made known some complaints of people standing out on the street and harassing motorists and passersby for money.

Bartlett said that he was aware of a couple who had been aggressively panhandling for three weeks, that he confronted them and told them about the City's ordinance against panhandling, and that he has not seen them since.

After the reports were finished, the council moved on to the resolutions.

The first order of business was the recommended re-zoning of a parcel of land on Mize Road from the B-2 to R-2, which the council approved.

The council then voted to renew the Air Evac contract, which would take money raised by alcohol funds and insure every citizen of Good Hope in the event of a necessary medical airlift.

The final order of business before adjourning was the adopting of the annual ADEM report that was described earlier.

The Good Hope City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

County joins City in scaling back water restrictions; readies for special events

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Water customers are now in the same boat as those who get their water from the City of Cullman. Both systems are now on Phase I water restrictions, scaled back from Phase III, thanks to recent heavy rainfall in the area.

At Tuesday morning's Cullman County Commission meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to move back to Phase I of the County's Emergency Water Conservation Plan.

According to Cullman County Water Department Manager Randall Waldrep, Lake Catoma, the main water source for all of Cullman County, was up 10 feet Tuesday morning.

Since area ponds have filled back up and the ground is saturated, Catoma is now rising more with each rainfall.

On Monday night, David Freeman, manager of the Cullman City Water Treatment Plant, reported that Catoma was up 9 feet.

This means that Lake Catoma is now approximately 13 feet below full pool, 2 feet above the Phase II restriction threshold.

In new business, four event agreements were given the green light:

1. Event agreement with Loomis Bros. Circus to host a family circus event at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Feb. 3-5

2. Event agreement with Full Throttle Power Sports, Inc. for a Hill Climb and Barbie Jeep Race and Night Ride at Stoney Lonesome OHV Park on Feb. 4- Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker joked, "I told (County Administrator) Gary Teichmiller if he would enter, I'd buy him a Barbie Jeep!"

3. Event Agreement with SSR, LLC for a Southern Rock Racing/Night Ride event March 10-11 at Stony Lonesome- Stony Lonesome Park Manager Tyler Lindsey reported that the event brought in 2,700 people last year.

4. Event Agreement with Midwest Motorsports, LLC for a Str8-Up Hill Climb/ Night Ride event April 22 at Stony Lonesome

Also in new business, three appointments were made: Gordon Sandlin was re-appointed as chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) for FY 2017; Phyllis Little was re-appointed as vice-chairman of the LEPC for FY 2017; and Ginger Hicks was re-appointed to the Regional Housing Authority for a 4-year term to expire in Feb. 2021.

In remaining new business:

• Resolution 2017-15- Renew Participation in Liability Fund for Jan. 1, 2018-Dec. 31, 2020- passed

• Authorize the chairman to sign the participation agreement with the ACCA for the Liability Self-Insurance Fund for Jan. 1, 2018-Dec. 31, 2020- passed

• The commission voted to reject the single bid from B.H. Craig for the Duck River South Pedestrian Bridge, due to being over budget, and authorize St. John & Associates to negotiate for the work through the receipt of informal bids per bid law provisions.

• The commission authorized the chairman to sign a Premises Lease Agreement with the Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District to store hay at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. The hay is a part of the County's hay relief project and is being stored in a building behind the Ag Center.

• The commission authorized Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry to award the bid for the construction of the sheriff's office's storage building facility to Genesis Construction, Inc., to be paid for from the sheriff's discretionary funds.

• The commission authorized the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) director to sign the renewal for the RAVE Alert Notification System for a period of Jan. 27, 2017-Jan. 26, 2018 at a cost of $9,100.

• The commission approved a plat for Shoreline Estates subdivision located in District 2 on County Road 41

• The commission approved a re-survey of plat of lots 8, 9, 21 and 22 of Kelsey Grace subdivision, Phase II, located in District 4 on County Roads 617 and 618.

• The commission granted a one-year extension for surety bond on Hidden Shores subdivision, located in District 2 on County Road 71.

• The commission authorized the chairman to sign a service agreement with Iron Plant for the auction of the vehicles surplussed from the County Road Department.

• The County Sanitation Department will surplus four trucks and one copier.

• The County Road Department will surplus seven trucks.

• The County Road Department will purchase a 500-gallon fuel tank from Acme Tow Dolly Co., LLC for $7,258 plus shipping.

• The commission rejected Bid No. 1254 for one of more full-size SUVs

• The commission rejected Bid No. 1255 for one of more full-size SUVs (no bidders)

The County Road Department will purchase the following from the ACCA bid list:

• One heavy duty lowboy tractor ($114,989)

• Six heavy duty dump truck chassis ($119,310 each)

• Six 16-feet steel dump bodies ($23,464 each)

The Cullman County Commission will meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

A work session will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the meeting to follow at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

The public is welcome to attend.

West Point man arrested with 113 grams of liquid meth

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WEST POINT – A West Point man is behind bars on a $1 million bond after a search warrant executed by agents with the Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) turned up 113 grams of liquid methamphetamine at his residence.

Randall Lee Parris, 42, was arrested last week and charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

vCNET agents executed the search warrant at the suspect's home on County Road 1142 in West Point.

According to a media release from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), CNET agents discovered approximately 113 grams of liquid methamphetamine and seized drug paraphernalia as well.

"Seizing this much meth keeps it off the street and away from our community," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I would like to also thank the CNET agents and deputies for continued hard work."

Parris is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center.

Good Hope woman arrested for trafficking

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CULLMAN – A Good Hope woman was arrested Friday and charged with trafficking in illegal drugs and unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

Donna Marie Barnhill, 55, was taken into custody without incident by Cullman City Police Department (CPD) Investigators Sgt. Chris Thomason and Capt. Becky Boyd. According to a media release form the CPD, investigators previously made a controlled buy from Barnhill in Good Hope where Barnhill sold a substantial amount of methadone pills.

Barnhill was taken to the Cullman County Detention Center and booked on a $1 million bond.

Investigators ask anyone who has any information on illegal drug activity to call the CPD at 256-775-7179.

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Wallace State's Abbi Yeager signs to play golf for Blue Mountain College

Russell Moore
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HANCEVILLE – Less than two years ago, Abbi Yeager made history by becoming one of the first signees for the Wallace State's women's golf program.

Yeager will also be a significant part of Blue Mountain College history. Yeager, a Fairview native, recently signed a letter of intent to play golf next season for the Mississippi-based Toppers.

Blue Mountain is reintroducing its women's golf program, beginning with the 2017-18 season.

"I'm so excited and blessed to play for Wallace State every day and to also know I'll be part of a new era at Blue Mountain. It's an honor to be able to play college golf. I love it," Yeager said.

Longtime Wallace State golf coach Dan York is thrilled Yeager has the chance to continue her golf career at the four-year level.

"Working with these young ladies and seeing them progress on the golf course as they have an opportunity to earn a degree is priceless," said York, who coaches both the Wallace State men's and women's teams.

"Abbi always has a great attitude and works hard. It's special to see her get this opportunity at Blue Mountain."

Blue Mountain, located in Blue Mountain, Mississippi, competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Southern States Conference.

"Abbi should come in and be a strong leader for us. As we're reestablishing this program, we want to sign a few junior college golfers, and I knew Abbi was exactly what we were looking for the first time I met her," said Blue Mountain golf coach Kevin Barefield. "We're excited about Abbi becoming a part of our future."

Yeager, a sophomore, and the Wallace State's women's team wrapped up their inaugural campaign last spring, finishing 12th at the NJCAA Division I National Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The women's team opens the 2017 spring season at the Badger Invitational in Mobile on Feb. 26-28.

"I believe we are going to continue to improve. We have put in a lot of hard work, and this team has a great relationship. We mesh together well," Yeager said. "I'm excited to see what we can do this season."

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu.



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Present at the signing were, front row, from left, Maci Yeager, Abbi Yeager and Amie Yeager, and, back row, Wallace State coach Dan York and Blue Mountain College coach Kevin Barefield.

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Bust out the Barbie Jeeps and head to Stony Lonesome

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BREMEN – Stony Lonesome, Cullman's home for all things muddy and motorized, will play host to yet another creative event: the downhill Barbie Jeep Race.

The event is held by the Bama Offroad Group, and will take place at 1 p.m. on Feb. 4.

All participants must be 18 years old and older, wearing helmets and must provide their own Barbie jeeps.

The Facebook page for the event reads: "Only the Power Wheels and Big Wheels type vehicles will be allowed. No modifications allowed! But you can remove the motor from Power Wheels cars to allow the rear to free wheel. It must have the plastic wheels and original steering, etc. Big Wheels are also allowed. ALL vehicles must have plastic tires and no modifications. Every vehicle will be thoroughly checked."

Registration for the event is included in the price of admission to the park.

Tyler Lindsey, the park manager at Stony Lonesome, loves having new and creative events at the park.

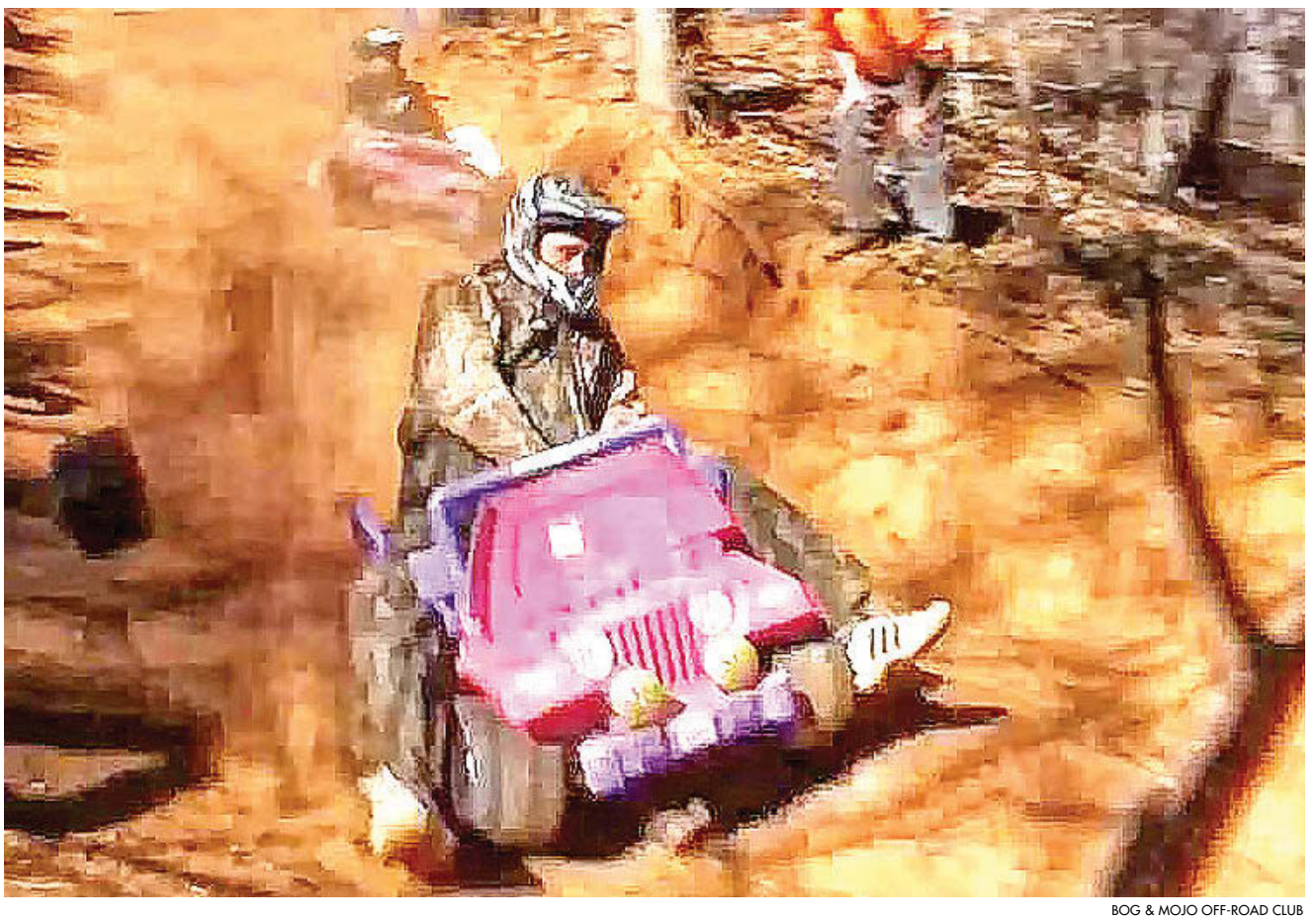
"You know, nobody wants to do the same thing over and over," he said. "We want to give people the opportunity to try new things."

Lindsey said he and his staff are always receiving positive feedback for providing a place to have competitions and have fun. He has decided to include a separate competition in the park on the same day as the Barbie Jeep race.

"We will be having a side-by-side wall climb earlier," he said. "The idea is to take all the events we had last year and just make them bigger and better."

In regards to where at the park the Barbie Jeep race will be held, Lindsey explained that the downhill competition will on a hill called "Baldy."

He laughed, adding, "No, it is not named after me."



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Find out more about the event at http://qrne.ws/barbierace.

Stony Lonesome is located at 10075 Alabama Highway 69 S, Bremen, Alabama 35033. Find them online at http://www.stonylonesomeohv.us/.

Wallace State shows consistent growth in enrollment

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Among the state of Alabama's top five largest community colleges based on enrollment, Wallace State Community College, with locations in Hanceville and Oneonta, is the only one with consistent growth over a three-year period.

Top Rank Alabama 2017, published by Business Alabama, ranked Alabama's two-year colleges based on enrollment for Fall 2015. Wallace State Community College ranked third on the list with a 2015 enrollment of 5,420.

Calhoun Community College, Jefferson State Community College, Gadsden State Community College and Shelton State Community College completed the top five, but only Wallace State-Hanceville showed a consistent increase in enrollment from Fall 2013 to Fall 2015.

While the majority of the state's community colleges experienced decreases in enrollment from 2013 through 2015 (some by 10 percent or more), Wallace State was among only a handful of colleges that increased enrollment each year. From 2013 to 2015, the college's enrollment increased by almost 3 percent.

While 3 percent may not seem to be a significant amount, the growth is substantial considering the nationwide trend of declining enrollment at community colleges.

In an October 2016 report by Inside Higher Ed, enrollment at community colleges fell by 6.6 percent in the same time frame of Fall 2012 to Fall 2015, with the highest drop in Fall 2014 by 4.4 percent.

A survey of admissions directors by Inside Higher Ed found that 88 percent of community college experienced a decrease enrollment compared to two years ago.

Community college enrollments often go down as the economy improves and unemployment rates go down.

Wallace State also reported a fall-to-fall enrollment increase in 2016.

"I attribute Wallace State's growth to programming that addresses job market demand and ensures transferability of credit to the baccalaureate degree, as well as our reputation for excellence and an untiring commitment to student success," said Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State.

Wallace State Community College offers day, evening, weekend, hybrid, and online classes through its campuses at Hanceville, Oneonta, and off-site locations at Brewer High School, Hayden High School and J.B. Pennington High School.

Academic, Health Science, and Applied Technologies programs offer a wide variety of certificate, degree and transfer opportunities.

Dual enrollment options are available for area high school students wishing to simultaneously earn high school and college credit as a way to advance their education.

Fast Track programs are available for high school students to earn up to two years of college coursework – and possibly an associate's degree – before high school graduation.

For more information about Wallace State visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000 or toll free at 866-350-9722.

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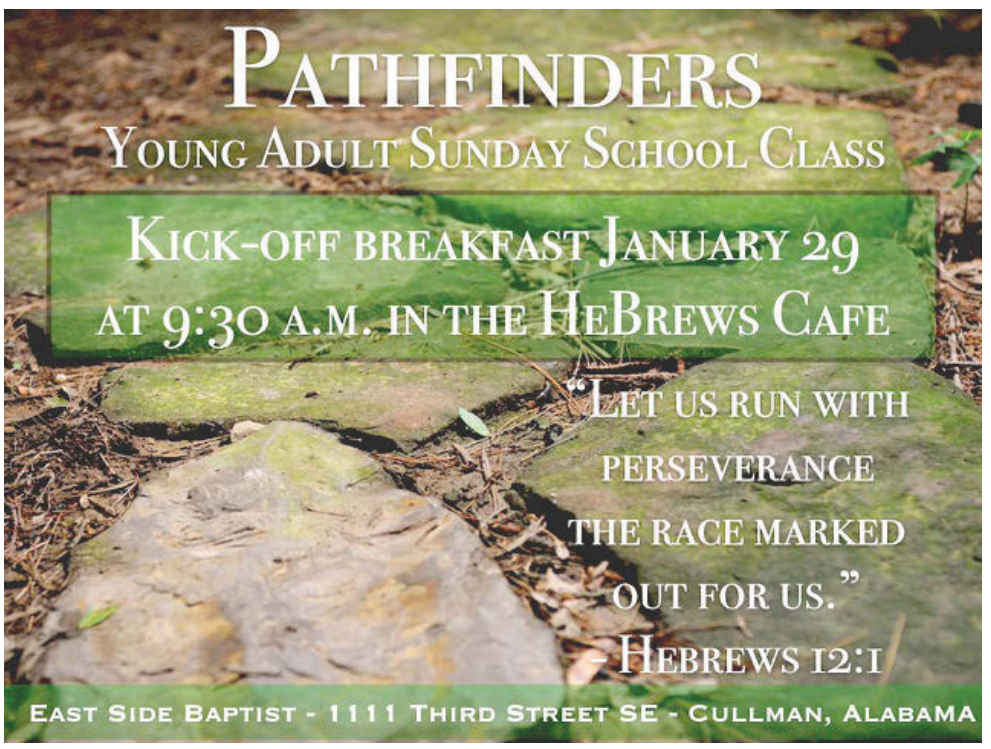
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

My retirement could come earlier than I expected

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I had planned to work for at least a few more years. The Social Security administration has told me that I cannot draw my full benefit until I am sixty-six and two months. I'm not quite there yet, but I received some unbelievable news this week that could change everything. Unbelievably, it seems that I am about to come into several, unexpected, great sums of wealth! No, my rich uncle didn't die and leave everything to me. Unfortunately, I don't have any uncles left and to my knowledge never had one that was rich.

I'm still reeling, but in one week, I was informed by three different people that I had won three different amounts, each in the millions, in sweepstakes by Coca- Cola. It seems that my email address has, and I quote, "Been selected as the lucky winner of New Year Promo 2017." All I have to do is forward them my name, address, and mobile number for my claim and more information.

The very same week two different ladies, who evidently are married to the same wealthy man from Burkina Faso, are about to go on to glory and have named me as the beneficiary of their wealth! Good thing I checked my spam email or I might have missed all these life changing messages. I'm sure these were accidently flagged as junk. The really strange thing is that I didn't know either one of these dear ladies. In fact, until I received their emails, I had never heard of either one. Both are from countries that I have never even visited.

Due to lack of space, I won't share both letters. The letters had differences, but shared many of the same details. Both were addressed to "Dearest Beloved." One of the ladies lives in Mongolia and the other in Burkina Faso. Neither had passed yet, but doctors had told both they had three months left and they were rapidly declining. How sad that two wives, of the same man, are dying at the same time. Both came across my email contact during their personal searches. What a strange coincidence.

Both ladies instructed their doctor to help them contact me. One of them wrote that she "Believes me to be honest to fulfill her wish before she dies." She must be a little clairvoyant, since she could determine that from my email address. Both ladies were married to a Doctor Altangerel Bedger, until he died in 2004. He was an exporter of gold and diamonds. One of his wives shared, and I quote, "He died after a cardiac arties operation that lasted only for four days." My first thought was, "Bless his heart, what an awfully long time for a surgery to last." She decided not to remarry, but deposited his $10.5 million in a bank in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Now, she wants to send me all 10.5 million, but I "Must assure her that I will take half of my inheritance to the orphanage's home in my country, in order for her heart to rest." All I have to do is send her my name and bank account information in order for the deposit to be made. She signed her letter as "Your Sick Sister in Christ, Katerina Altangerel."

Honestly, I'm not expecting to receive any winnings, or my inheritance from either of the dear ladies. I am, however, full of faith that I will receive another inheritance that is waiting for me. It is "Incorruptible and undefiled and does not fade away, reserved in heaven."

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune
Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers.

Hope everybody is enjoying the rain. Christian sympathy is extended to the families of Howard Denney and Mary Feemster, whose funerals were held this past week.

Good luck to all the Cullman County basketball teams in the upcoming county tournament. We wish you all good luck.

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to Lane Horton, on January 20th and to his Aunt Dot Wood, who will be 95 this week.

Until next week, keep warm, stay dry and be safe.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1957

Mrs. James Cole, J.C. Dye and Harvin McKinney were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Keller.

Ronnie and Eddie Drake, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Drake spent last week with the Marvin Barrontons.

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Johnson, of Huntsville, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cole and Mrs. Lillie South visited the Ova Odens, near Addison, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barronton and Betty visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barronton, at Harpersville, last Saturday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Harbison and Grandma Parker, during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Parker and Larry, of Gadsden, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clay, of North Carolina, Reverend and Mrs. Bill Hart and Mrs. Loye Cook and children, of Tennessee.

Isaac Drake Passes

Isaac Drake, age 87, passed away on Friday, December 28th, at the residence of Homer Blandenship, of Route Two, Vinemont.

Funeral services were conducted at Flint Creek Church on Saturday, December 29th, with Robert Presnell officiating and Moss Service in charge of interment.

Survivors are four nephews and two nieces.

Pallbearers were: Martin, Boyd, Atla, Talmadge, Verlon and Claude Drake.

Welcome News

Reverend E.A. Carver filled his regular appointment here Sunday. It was the first time since he had his operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Bailey and Darrell, Mr. and Mrs. Britten Bailey and Donnie Defra and Mrs. Bessie Bailey and Felston Bailey, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bailey, in Childersburg. Henry Miller has had pneumonia this past week.

Mrs. Audy Maddox and Roger Dale Rigsby have been on the sick list.

Gold Ridge News

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Johns and Larry were Sunday night guests of Mrs. Colon Johns, Dock and Olean.

Mrs. Martha Thompson visited her sister, Mrs. Abbie Johns, last week.

Alvin Byrd was the Sunday dinner guest of Dock Johns.

Little Byron Whitten is improving, after being sick with a throat ailment last week. Funeral services for George Cleveland Childers, age 65, Eva Route One, were held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. at Union Hill Church, with interment in the adjoining cemetery, directed by Moss Service Funeral Home.

Mr. Childers died on Saturday at 10 a.m., at Cullman Hospital.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. George Childers; two sons, Cleveland and G.C., Junior; eight daughters, Mrs. Evilee Fortenberry, Mrs. Averine Holmes, Mrs. Demaris Fortenberry, Mrs. Mildred white, Mrs. Annie Ruth Boyd, Mrs. Barbara Jane Frost, Miss Jeannie Lou Childers, Miss Gail Childers; one brother; two sisters and twelve grandchildren.

Doctor L.H. Clemmons, of Cullman, was last week appointed to the State Planning and Industrial Development Board to succeed William J. Nesmith, who resigned. The appointment was made by Governor James E. Folsom.

Walter News

Mrs. H.H. Segler and Mrs. W.R. Gable, of Cullman, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutton and Rex.

Reverend A.F. Holden visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gable, on Sunday afternoon. Private Uless Stewart, who was in Texas, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Stewart. He left on Sunday for Washington.

Earnestine Gable, of Siluria, spent the holidays here with his family.

Jim Burrow is very sick.

Gum Pond News

Mr. and Mrs. Carness Bradford and Bennie Bradford, of Michigan, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bolding and children, of Moulton, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Holcomb. Grandma Nunnelley was the guest of

Mr. and Mrs. Blash Ozbolt had all their children home for the recent holidays.

Billy Lyne Thompson, of Birmingham, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Ryan and children.

Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Cobb's children were home during the recent holidays.

Willis Hill, of Akron, Ohio, M.D. Hill, of Holly Pond and Grady Duskin, of Decatur, visited the Will Smiths, Winona and Larry during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Holcomb and Mary Ellen, Winona and Larry Hill spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Morgan and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Woody and Mrs. Hazel Smith and Doan, of Cullman, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. O.S. Graham.



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ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 09
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the Industrial Development Board of the City of Cullman has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

TRACT 1 - A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 81.79 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (CONN-17831) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1505635.11'E.216168903' AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, GRID), A DISTANCE OF 431.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2,001.05 FEET; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 862 30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 556.08 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 69 AND BEING IN A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 07 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 1122484 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 27 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST AND CHORD LENGTH OF 134.23 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 134.23 FEET TO A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (LS-19901) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRADITIONS BANK TRACT; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, DEPARTING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 721 79 FEET TO A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (LS-19901) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRADITIONS BANK TRACT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 432 20 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRADITIONS BANK TRACT, SAME BEING ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20; MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 2,742 84 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 664.68 FEET TO A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (CONN- 17831); THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 263 30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 589.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

TRACT 2 - A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 9.79 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (CONN-17831) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1505635.11 E. 216168903' AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, GRID), A DISTANCE OF 431 40 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 200105 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 590.76 FEET TO A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (HARRIS-5742) MARKING THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 69; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST AND RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 140.90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST AND RUN ALONG A TRANSITION IN SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST AND CONTINUE ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 226 99 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 35 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 1122484 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 29 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST AND CHORD LENGTH OF 426.33 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 426 36 FEET; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST (DEPARTING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE) A DISTANCE OF 556.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 862.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described property:

Tract 1 as M-1P Manufacturing District and Tract 2 as B-2 Business District.

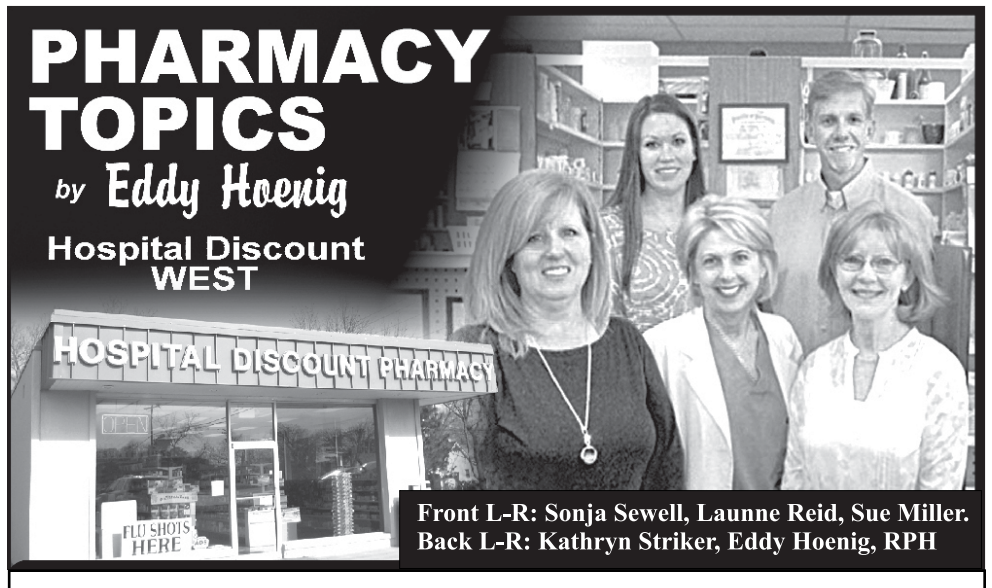
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 16th day of January, 2017. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council

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

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 16th day of January, 2017. /s/Woody Jacobs - Mayor



Front L-R: Sonja Sewell, Launne Reid, Sue Miller.
Back L-R: Kathryn Striker, Eddy Hoenig, RPH

A study published in *JAMA Cardiology* estimates that almost 28,500 deaths could be prevented each year in the United States through use of a new FDA-approved class of cardiovascular medication that helps reduce mortality in patients diagnosed with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction, the percentage of blood pumped from the heart with each contraction. Previous studies have demonstrated that 'angiotensin receptor neprilysis inhibitor' (ARNI) therapy using a new class of medication (generic name: sacubitril and valsartan) reduces mortality in patients with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction. The therapy works by enhancing the body's protective hormonal systems while simultaneously inhibiting the overactive hormones that harm the heart. More than 2.7 million patients in the United States have been diagnosed with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction. Of these patients, 84 percent (almost 2.3 million) are potential candidates for ARNI therapy. This study showed that, if ARNI therapy were comprehensively applied to eligible patients, it could potentially prevent 28,484 deaths each year.

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According to new research published in the scientific journal *Hepatology*, cromolyn sodium, a drug commonly used for the prevention of allergies and asthma, successfully blocked a series of cells that trigger liver scarring (known as fibrosis), which in advanced cases can lead to cirrhosis. The finding could most impact patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), a chronic disease that damages bile ducts and causes serious liver damage. The disease has no effective treatments and leaves patients with few options beyond a liver transplant.

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Local champs prepare for Cullman County Spelling Bee

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) has announced the 90th annual Cullman County Spelling Bee, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 at Temple Baptist Church in Cullman (30 County Road 1184). Though hosted by CCBOE, the competition also includes city and private elementary and middle schools.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee program is open to contestants in grades 3 through 8, who must win local school spelling bees before going to county competitions. Winners at the county level will advance to the state spelling bee on Mar. 11 in Alabaster, for a chance to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in National Harbor, Maryland May 28-June 3. The overall winner of the national competition will receive a $40,000 cash prize plus a savings bond, reference works from Merriam-Webster and Encyclopedia Britannica, and a trip to New York to appear on television.

Cullman area schools have already held their competitions. County Coordinator and CCBOE Elementary Curriculum Administrative Assistant Leah Sapp provided a list of the winners who will compete at the county bee next month.

For more information, contact Leah Sapp at the CCBOE office at 256-736-2483 or LSapp@ccboe.org.

At a glance:

•Cullman Co. Spelling Bee
Monday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman



AUDREY PARKER/WEST POINT ELEMENTARY

West Point Elementary winner Hunter Graves and runner-up Charlie Ashley. Hunter will represent West Point Elementary at the Cullman County Spelling Bee on Feb. 27.

County Spelling Bee Competitors

Cold Springs Elementary	Ella Stephenson, grade 7
Cullman Christian	Nic Ruse, grade 6
Cullman Middle	Jadon Li, grade 7
East Elementary	Jessie Godbee, grade 6
Fairview Elementary	Laci Segrest, grade 5
Fairview Middle	Cade Hardin, grade 8
Good Hope Elementary	Jordan Edwards, grade 5
Good Hope Middle	Adam McCluskey, grade 7
Hanceville Elementary	Brady Cleek, grade 5
Hanceville Middle	Airiyanna Eakin, grade 6
Harmony School	Amelia Ward, grade 3
Holly Pond Elementary	Ellie Burks, grade 5
Holly Pond Middle	Abigail Kusz, grade 7
Parkside School	Kaley Wilson, grade 6
Sacred Heart School	Chloe Lambert, grade 6
St. Bernard Middle	Christopher Posey, grade 8
St. Paul's School	Carter Daily, grade 4
Vinemont Elementary	Grayson Anderson, grade 4
Vinemont Middle	Ava Lewis, grade 7
Welti Elementary	Dawson Simmons, grade 5
West Elementary	Alex Jiang, grade 3
West Point Elementary	Hunter Graves, grade 3
West Point Intermediate	Gabriel Hasting, grade 5
West Point Middle	Nolan Kelley, grade 6

Industry (from Front)

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Danford also recognized event sponsors and the band, before introducing Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Leah Bolin.

Bolin shared the Chamber's five-year plan, focusing on four areas: community development, existing business growth, entrepreneurship and education, and community advocacy.

"As we thank each of you for your investment in our community," said Bolin, "we also hope to inspire you to join with us as we take Cullman further than maybe it's ever been before. Just as we've asked many of you for your input in identifying areas in need of improvement within our community, in the coming months we will also be asking for your participation, knowledge and resources to help us achieve these goals."

She went on to talk about the chamber's efforts in industrial and employee recruitment through family tours of the community that focus on parks, healthcare, shopping and dining, and schools.

She reminded those business leaders present that this service is available to them when they are recruiting employees from outside the Cullman area.

Bolin also presented information on last year's eighth-grade career fair, noting that Cullman County averages around 1,000 eighth graders. Around 100 volunteers took part, along with representatives of 78 agencies.

"It's a really great way," she related, "to give our students an opportunity to experience, hands on, the things that you have in your industry every day. Events like this spark our students' imagination, and they allow them to be planning for an industrial career that requires course electives beginning in the ninth grade.

"Cullman is blessed with a very proactive educational system that realizes the needs of you as employers, and aggressively makes sure that they're prepared."

Bolin praised the Cullman County Board of Education's "Fast Track for Industry" program and the work of Wallace State in industrial career training.

She also took time to introduce the "Young Entrepreneurs' Academy" program set to start later this year at Cullman High School and Holly Pond High School.

This program will help students learn how to generate a business idea, file for a tax ID number and open a business bank account.

Bolin concluded by encouraging leaders to sign up for the chamber's email list to stay up-to-date on chamber events and news. She then introduced Wallace State's Dean of Applied Technologies Jimmy Hodges.

Hodges spoke about industrial education initiatives, beginning by assuring local industrial leaders, "We at Wallace State are here to serve your training needs."

He encouraged them to contact Wallace about training programs, noting existing programs and offering to create custom-tailored programs to meet the needs of particular industries that might not be well-addressed by current curricula.

Hodges listed the 12 current business/industrial training programs offered at Wallace: Agriculture/ Horticulture, Automotive Service, Collision Repair, Culinary Arts, Diesel Technology/CDL, Electronics, Engineering Technology, Flight, HVAC, Machine Tool and Die, Salon and Spa Management, and Welding.

He also explained the school's state-of-the-art training facilities.

Hodges expressed pride in several educational initiatives in place at Wallace State:

• Stackable short-term credentials that can be applied toward an associate degree

• "Fast Track for Industry" partnership with CCBOE, allowing students to complete an associate degree in a business/ industrial field at the same time they graduate from high school. Currently, 145 students are enrolled.

• An experimental Pell Grant program for dual-enrolled County Schools students

• Apprenticeships and internships with most of the larger area companies, assisted by state tax deductions

Hodges then introduced Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Director Peggy Smith, who gave industry and workforce updates.

Smith said, "Working together is really what creates the momentum for us to locate industry and to retain the industry that we have, and the local governments that we have in place right now, with our city and county industrial boards and city and county governments, they all have a common goal, and that goal is to see Cullman succeed. They want to see our community succeed, and that's why it's so important that together we do this in a community effort; and our success is a direct result of the partnerships that we have in this community."

Smith recognized the contributions of the Alabama State Department of Commerce, TVA, Cullman Chamber, local utilities, the educational system and Wallace State, Cullman Regional and the local healthcare system.

Smith then focused on what CEDA and County Economic Development do, noting first the county office's writing of grants that brought more than $18 million into the Cullman area.

She introduced staffers and shared the following statistics about Cullman area industry:

• In 2015 (most recent available reports) Cullman was the no. 1 ranked community in the state of Alabama for new and expanding industry.

• In 2015 Cullman was the no. 2 ranked "micropolitan" (defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget as a county with a core population above 10,000 and less than 50,000, and a high degree of economic integration) in the United States, ranked by business investments, jobs and other economic criteria.

• In the recent past, businesses and industries have created 40 new development projects, invested more than $66 million and created more than 500 jobs in the Cullman area.

• The City of Cullman and its industrial board have recently purchased 80 acres near the Wal-Mart Distribution Center to create a new industrial park.

Smith introduced Sequence Health, a medical contact service that is one of the area's newest industries. Sequence Health is currently operating a call center on campus at Wallace State, while an industrial park site is being prepared.

She also mentioned AGCOR Steel, currently located in Vinemont, that is building a multi-million dollar expanded facility in Berlin.

Additionally, she recognized Jerry Fan for his relocation of Hessaire to its new facility in Holly Pond, along with Royal Technologies' new Plant Manager Barry Carson, and Ken Sanchez of Reliance Worldwide.

She concluded by introducing the staff of the regional workforce development agency for North Alabama.

Bolin bookended the evening's activities by presenting commemorative plaques to the heads of four area industries that opened their doors in the last year for chamber-sponsored public tours: REHAU Automotive, Goat Island Brewing, Topre America Corporation and Hessaire Products.



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PROFILES IN FAITH

Temple Baptist Church- new Fairview campus

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

FAIRVIEW – Temple Baptist Church in Cullman has expanded their ministry to a new campus in Fairview, and the Tribune sat down with Campus Administrative Pastor Buchanan Jackson to see what this new branch has in store.

Buchanan says that one big thing the community can look forward to is Temple's recovery ministry. The church intends to help people in the community who need any kind of recovery aid, though the Fairview campus is still working on getting their ministry up and running.

Buchanan also told the Tribune that, in the future, the church is looking at a lot of different options to help the community further, such as food drives or clothing donations.

For now, though, the campus is still concentrating on their Sunday and Wednesday services and inspiring their congregation to go out into the community and help people on an individual basis.

The church also has plans for some big celebrations around the holidays, especially Easter and Christmas since "those are our best opportunities for people to come to church."

The staff doesn't know what exactly they'll do just yet, but they know they'll have plenty of sermons, services and other opportunities to help people get to know Christ.

It is unknown whether the church, which was purchased in October of last year and hosted its first service Sunday, Jan. 15, will be followed by more branches throughout the county.

Buchanan says that, while there were currently no plans to continue expanding, they would gladly take any opportunity they're given.

When asked for a final comment, Buchanan stated simply, "We're just excited to be here. We noticed that people don't travel (or) drive very far to church, ten or fifteen minutes max, so (this) was a part of the community that we weren't reaching. We just wanted people to know that Temple Baptist Church is here if anyone needs any kind of help."

The new Fairview campus is located at 8701 Alabama Highway 69 N. Find them online at www.facebook.com/templefairview or http://www.templebaptistcullman.com/temple-baptist-church-fairview-campus.html.

Service Times

Sunday

- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Activities

- 6:30 - 8 p.m. – Exploration – life groups for kids 2 years old – 5th grade
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. – Temple Student Ministries – life groups for 6th – 12th grade
- 7- 8 p.m. – Bible Study in the main auditorium, childcare provided.

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1997 Mercury Sable, Vin. #1MELM53S3VA618148.

The following vehicle will be sold on March 3, 2017 for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Phone number: 256-775-3754.

Legal Notice

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1995 Cadillac Eldorado, VIN# 1G6ET1291SU612298.

1999 Ford Mustang, VIN# 1FAFP4043XF194696.

1998 Jeep Cherokee, VIN# 1J4FJ68S5W6191416.

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Restorations and Rods, LLC, 18615 US Highway 31, Cullman, Alabama 35058, on February 20th, 2017.

CULLMAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, PLAINTIFF, V. BARBARA BAILEY, an incapacitated person * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA * CASE NO. CV 2014-900436

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTING

This day comes Steven C. Smith, Conservator of the estate of said ward, and files his account, vouchers, evidence, and statement for partial settlement of his administration.

By Order of Circuit Judge Gregory A. Nicholas, the 7th day of March, 2017, at 9:00 a. m. is appointed as a day and time on which to make such accounting at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said accounting if they think proper.

STEVEN C. SMITH
Conservator for Barbara Bailey

To: *The Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ESTATE OF
NINA L. WILLIAMS
Deceased
CASE NO.: PC 2017-010

NOTICE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of January, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Roy W. Williams, Jr.
JACKSON & WILLIAMS
416 First Avenue, S.E.
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 739-5400

To: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James G. Dupree, Jr., deceased
CASE NO.: PC2013-302

NOTICE OF PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY AND FINAL DISCHARGE TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to CODE OF ALABAMA § 43-2-704 (1975), Notice is hereby given that a Petition of Personal Representative for a Declaration of Insolvency and Final Discharge has been filed in the Estate of James G. Dupree, Jr.. A hearing shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of March, 2017, to consider said petition. Any objections must be filed within the time allowed by law or be forever barred.

TO: The 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 the Personal Representative
P. O. Box 398
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Legal Ad

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicant listed below:

412 Public House LLC - 412 Second Avenue SE - Restaurant Alcohol License

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
CAPPI ANN MARDIS,
DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC2017-009

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CAPPI ANN MARDIS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Jodi Lee Sumner on the 19th day of January, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jodi Lee Sumner, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Michele E. Pate, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

Michele E. Pate
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Jasper, AL 35502
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e-mail: mpatelaw@gmail.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
CASE NO: AD 2016-069

VIOLET SADDIE LEE
A Minor child

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: COLLEEN CHRISTINE REYNOLDS, Natural mother address unknown

You must answer The Petition for Adoption filed be Haynes and Chelsia Riddle, 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.

DONE THIS 5th DAY OF January, 2017

Attorney for Petitioners:
Gregory Johnson
427 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone (256)739-0006

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2015-183

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NELLEAN ROBERTSON, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND KNOWN HEIRS OF NELLEAN ROBERTSON, INCLUDING

The heirs of Floyd Earon Parson to include Elaine Perkins, the heirs of Pallie Parson to include the heirs of Pallie Parson's daughter, Vivian, James E. Parson, the heirs of Alvin Parson, the heirs of Floyd Earon Parson's daughter Joyce; the heirs of Vella Rae Parson Greer; the heirs of Clara Mae Duck including the heirs of Clara Mae Duck's children Brenda, Doug and Tybert; the heirs of Nell Parson Reynolds, including her children Kay, Rita and Cindy; and the heirs of Paul Wayne Parson, including his daughter Tammy and other unknown children.

A Motion to Determine Heirship and a Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge filed by Steven C. Smith, Personal Representative of the Estate, has been set for hearing on the 3rd day of April, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Steven C. Smith
Personal Representative
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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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 vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

2003 Yamaha TTR125, VIN # JYACE07YX3A059433.

1998 Acura 3.2TL, VIN # JH4UA3640WC000077.

2003 Mercury Sable, VIN # 1MEFM55S53A619812.

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 March 3, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, property owner Mallard Pointe Development, LLC, 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, Mallard Pointe Development, LLC, is requesting vacation of a portion of an unnamed and unimproved County Road described as follows, to-wit:

A strip of land being in a part of the NE Quarter of the SW Quarter, in Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, as shown on the recorded map of Simpson Creek Circle View Subdivision, 2nd Addition, recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama at Map Book 7, Page 83, lying west of Lots 7 & 8 and bounded on the north and south by Cullman County Road #225, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the northeast corner of Lot 11 of said Simpson Creek Circle View Subdivision, 2nd Addition, said point being an open pipe(2"), and run N 89°09'03" W, along the north line of said Lot 11, a distance of 306.54', to a square tube(1"), the northwest corner of said Lot 11 and a point on the southeasterly right-of-way of Cullman County Road #225; thence S 19°51'57" W, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 47.45', to a square tube(1"); thence S 15°46'17" W, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 227.53', to a capped rebar(Smith); thence S 80°09'32" W, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 11.05', to the POINT OF BEGINNING of said right-of-way to be described and a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the left, with an arc length of 98.32', leaving said southeasterly right-of-way of County Road #225, with a radius of 153.19', with a chord bearing of S 12°33'59" E, with a chord length of 96.65'; thence S 30°57'13" E, a distance of 81.09', to a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the right, with an arc length of 93.60', with a radius of 182.20', with a chord bearing of S 12°09'46" E, with a chord length of 92.57'; thence S 02°33'13" W, a distance of 28.46', to an open pipe(2"), the northwestern most corner of said Lot 7 and a point on the northeasterly right-of-way of said County Road #225; thence N 39°29'41" W, along said northeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 62.64', to a capped rebar(Smith); thence S 84°12'47" W, along the northwesterly right-of-way of said County Road #225, a distance of 10.14'; thence N 05°38'00" W, leaving said right-of-way of said County Road #225, a distance of 16.94', to a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the left, with an arc length of 35.59', with a radius of 68.72', with a chord bearing of N 20°28'21" W, with a chord length of 35.20'; thence N 30°27'34" W, a distance of 92.59', to a point of curve; thence with a curve turning to the right, with an arc length of 99.94', with a radius of 249.14', with a chord bearing of N 12°18'09" W, with a chord length of 99.27', to a point on the southeasterly right-of-way of said County Road #225; thence N 80°09'32" E, along said southeasterly right-of-way, a distance of 51.78', to the point of beginning.

SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS 0.31 ACRE OR 13394 SQ. FT. MORE OR LESS.

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 11th day of January, 2017.

BY: /s/ J. Chad Floyd
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W., Room 110
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 775-4893

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 16, 2011 by Jason A. Wallace, and wife, Kristina L. Wallace, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1646, Page 954 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 February 9, 2017:

See Exhibit A attached hereto for legal description.

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-January 19, 26, February 2, 2017

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on January 6, 2004 by Michael Wayne Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1364, Page 431 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 February 9, 2017:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County. Alabama; thence along the twenty line North a distance of 528 feet to the point of beginning. thence North 792 feet to a point; thence West 330 feet to a point; thence South 792 feet to a point; thence East 330 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.0 acres more or less, lying and being in Cullman County. Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: An easement for ingress and egress purposes being approximately twenty (20) feet evenly off the East margin of the aforementioned property.

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-January 19, 26, February 2, 2017

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 10, 2008 by Chris Yeager, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1578, Page 977 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 February 9, 2017:

Part of the South ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron and cap in the road at the Northwest corner of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama; thence run along the section line South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West (Alabama West Zone Grid Bearing) for a distance of 659.71 feet to an iron and cap in the center of County Road 1583; thence continue South 00 degrees 27 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 295.18 feet to an iron and cap in the center of County Road 1583 for the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 295.06 feet to an iron and cap found; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 295.18 feet to an iron and cap found; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 316.22 feet to an iron and cap found;
thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds East for a distance of 710.62 feet to an iron rebar found; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 576.07 feet to an iron and cap found on the North right-of-way of Alabama Highway 69; thence along said right of way North 89 degrees 45 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 1319.43 feet to a point on said County Road 1583, thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 271.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Subject to prescriptive right of way for County Road 1583.
Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 579, Page 959.

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-January 19, 26, February 2, 2017

Legal Notice

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1 Earl's Body Shop will offer for sale at public auction the following vehicles on March 9th, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.
2001 Mazda B2300, Vin. #4FAYR12D81TM25004
2001 Chevrolet Cavalier, Vin. #1G1JC124217167012
1997 Chevrolet Cavalier, Vin. #1G1JC1244V7184321
2004 Ford Taurus, Vin. #1FAFP53U94A141088
2007 Nissan Altima, Vin. #1N4AL21E27C164382
2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse, Vin. #4A3AE45G01E214670
2000 Ford Explorer, Vin. #1FMZU62X8YUB80630

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

KAREN ROGERS,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-900220.00**

BILLY H. ROGERS,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Billy H. Rogers, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Karen Rogers' Complaint for Divorce by March 13, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2016-900220.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 10th day of January, 2017.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
THOMAS E. DRAKE II
419 2nd AV SW
SUITE B
CULLMAN, AL 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA	)	IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY	)	CASE NO: PC2016-281
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF	)	
MARY MADELIN ROTHERMEL,	)	
DECEASED.	)	

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to DANIEL ROBERT ROTHERMEL, Personal Representative on the 18th day of January, 2017, 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.

DANIEL ROBERT ROTHERMEL, Personal Representative
The Estate of **MARY MADELIN ROTHERMEL,**
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.

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

Attorney for the Estate:
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HAMES LAW FIRM, LLC.
427 2ND AVE S.W.
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 739-7191 Phone

STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY	*	CASE NO. PC 2014-88

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONALD LEE GANT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: DONALD LEE GANT JR. (A/K/A TOBY DAVIS), HUNTER GANT, LUCAS GANT, SHANNA GANT AND NICK GANT.

A Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge filed by Jennifer Smith Gant, Personal Representative of the Estate, has been set for hearing on the 3rd day of April, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

The above-named individuals 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

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Weekly online news recap, Jan. 19-25

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Here's a recap of our online news you may have missed since last Thursday.

AG Strange leads coalition calling on Trump to repeal broad expansion of definition of critical habitat for endangered species

MONTGOMERY – Attorney Gen. Luther Strange led a coalition of 14 states calling on the incoming Trump administration to immediately repeal two new rules pushed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to broadly expand the definition of critical habitat for endangered species.

Local youth perform to raise money for Cullman Regional nursery and pediatric care

HANCEVILLE – Since the For Kids' Sake Variety Show debuted in 1993, the show has helped raise more than $100,000 for Cullman Regional's nursery and pediatric care. The show gives children all throughout Cullman County the chance to showcase their talents while helping other children in need of medical care. Every year, a wide variety of children and teens perform in this fundraiser, sponsored by the Cullman Regional Foundation, for a chance to win an equally wide variety of prizes, and this year was no exception. The show went on Sunday afternoon at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State.

U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt visits Cullman, shares what's ahead in Washington

CULLMAN – Last Wednesday morning, political and business leaders from all over Cullman County met at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce to hear U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama (Alabama's 4th District) speak about what citizens can expect to see in Washington as President-Elect Donald Trump takes office Friday and his administration gets underway.

State of the State: taxes, prisons and budget reform top topics

CULLMAN – Cullman County's legislative delegation spoke to a packed house Friday at the State of the State luncheon, hosted by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. The All Steak restaurant's meeting room was filled with area leaders, business people and others who were interested in hearing about what Montgomery has in store for the coming year. Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview spoke eloquently about 10 things that are top priority for him. "The most important thing we can do right now is to regain the public's trust in our government," he said.

WSCC 2017 Homecoming: Brooke Edwards crowned queen, basketball teams sweep Southern Union

HANCEVILLE – Brooke Edwards is Wallace State Community College's 2017 Homecoming Queen. She was crowned during halftime of the men's basketball game Sunday afternoon versus Southern Union.

Megan Walker

Megan Walker of Cullman, has been named to the list of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 2016- 2017. Walker is a senior majoring in journalism and mass communication at Samford University. Students earn the honor based on their scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the university and potential for future achievement.

Northbrook Baptist Church

Northbrook Baptist Church presents The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip, May 1-5, 2017. $499 per person/ based on double occupancy. $200 deposit due at sign up and balance is due by Feb. 26. For more information, call Sheila Phillips or Wade Maynard at 256-734-6401.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Young performers hit the stage in "Treasure Island"

CULLMAN – On Saturday afternoon, selected children and teens from the Cullman area put on the first of two performances of "Treasure Island," a production created and directed by the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) of Missoula, Montana. The theatrical company has come to Cullman annually for more than 20 years in partnership with Cullman City Parks and Recreation (CP&R).

Jacksonville State Announces Fall 2016 Graduates

Caroline Arnold, of Cullman, BSE in Collaborative Education K-6, 6-12, Lauren Blackmon, of Cullman, MS in Emergency Management, Amanda Bullard, of Baileyton, MSN in Community Health Nursing, Andrea Jarrett, of Vinemont, BSN in Nursing and Sharon Peek, of Cullman, BSN in Nursing.

Jacksonville State University Announces Fall 2016 Honors List

Micheal Myrick, of Bremen, President's List, John Sterling, of Cullman, Dean's List, Aaron Peeples, of Hanceville, Dean's List, Andrea Jarrett, of Vinemont, President's List, Tyler Glenn, of Cullman, Dean's List, Katelyn Downs, of Cullman, Dean's List, Aspyn Seely, of Cullman, President's List, Katie Peyton, of Cullman, President's List, Justin Turner, of Cullman, Dean's List, Sadie Gregory, of Cullman, President's List, Jacob Bentley, of Cullman, Dean's List, Ashley Nall, of Hanceville, Dean's List, Jessica Lowe, of Holly Pond, President's List, James Glasscock, of Holly Pond, Dean's List and Debrina Hamilton, of Arley, Dean's List.

University Of West Alabama Dean's List For Fall 2016

Kylee Banister, of Baileyton, Megan Clark and Benjamin Walker, both of Cullman and Natalie Moon, of Joppa.

Welti Honor Roll

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All A's

First Grade: Weston Barnett, Dracen Bates, Kassidy Hooper, Lillian Horton, Mya Houston, Henry Jennings, Ally Johnson, Hunter Linton, Leighton McGriff, Marlee Phares, Aeron Pierce, Keegan Stricklin, Pyper Turner and Taryn White.
Second Grade: Cainen Bennett, Kaylee Burgess, Riggs Fulmer, Mattie Keith, Lilly Lindsey, Katelyn O'Rear, Addison Phillips and Jordan Pierce.
Third Grade: Morgan Bartlett, Alexia Harris, Madeline Hooper, Athena Lindsey, Dane Mauldin and Silas Reynolds.
Fourth Grade: Olivia Stallings, Haley Tyree and Noah Jennings.
Fifth Grade: Kalah Guthrie, Savannah Phillips and Dawson Simmons.

All A's And B's

First Grade: Amber Calvert, Jaycee Cofield, Weston Cook, Mason Fulmer, Colton James, Dakota Kee, Anna Olinger, Ben Rouse, Aubrey Taylor and McKinlee Thompson.
Second Grade: Abigail Brady, Foster Hendrix, Magda Hughes, Myles Johnson, Braxton Jones, Brooklyn Merriman, Klifford Minor, Katie Parrish, Brian Shaw and Samantha Simmons.
Third Grade: Kady Batemon, Nicholas Chambers, Isabella Lindsey, Levi Shaw, Tinsley Walker and Devin White.
Fourth Grade: Jacob Keith and Maribel Saldana.
Fifth Grade: Aliyah Guthrie, Macy Law, Atticus Lindsey, Brynlee Merriman, Brayden Rouse, Elena Saldana, Keiton Weaver and Brenna White.

Second Nine Weeks

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All A's And B's

First Grade: Jaycee Cofield, Preston Cook, Liza Hall, Colton James, Dakota Kee, Anna Olinger, Emma Roberts, Ben Rouse, Aubrey Taylor, McKinlee Thompson and Tristen Williams.
Second Grade: Magda Hughes, Myles Johnson, Braxton Jones, Brooklyn Merriman and Madalynn Mickle.
Third Grade: Kady Batemon, Nicholas Chambers, Shelby Hogan, Athena Lindsey, Cassidy Mickle, Levi Shaw and Devin White.
Fourth Grade: Maribel Saldana, Noah Jennings and Tristan Robertson.
Fifth Grade: Kylie Batemon, Jack Doss, Aliyah Guthrie, Katura Marino, Brayden Rouse, Carmen Trejo, Tyler Tyree, Keiton Weaver and Brenna White.



OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS: JAN. 18 - 24

Earl Tinnerman Curtis, 62, passed away January 20, 2017. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Ocia Marie Banister,78 of Cullman, held January 20 at Cullman Heritage Chapel with John McCoy and Tony Blackwood officiating; interment in Crossroads Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Banister passed away on Tuesday, January 17 at Woodland Village Healthcare. She was born February 21, 1938 in Cullman.

Donald Wayne Graves, 56, passed away January 20. Arrangements are incomplete at this time but are under the direction of Moss Service Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Kevin Dewayne Miller, age 37 of Eva, held January 20 at Cornerstone Revival Center with Greg Wilbanks officiating; interment in Etha Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mr. Miller passed away January 18 at his home. He was born July 5, 1979 in Decatur.

Memorial service for Kevin Lynn Pace, age 45 of Vinemont, held January 21 at J & S Karaoke, 10303 South Highway 31, Hanceville, AL. with Jeff Herndon officiated. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pace passed away on Thursday, January 19 in Cullman. He was born November 17, 1971 in Florida to the late Tracy and Linda Loggins Pace. He was a construction worker.

Services for Mancel Eugene Jacobs, 66 of Hanceville, held January 22 at Hanceville Funeral Home; Samuel Tucker officiating; with burial in Bethsadia Cemetery. Mr. Jacobs died on January 19. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Vera Amick Mosteller Folds passed away Jan. 18, 2017, at Cullman Healthcare. She was born Dec. 8, 1923, to Albert Tilman and Cora Johnson Amick. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Dean Wood Mashburn and Lillie Hansenbein; husbands, Clyde Mosteller and Ray Folds. She is survived by her son, Darrell (Martha) Mosteller; daughter, Becky Mosteller (Jim) Loyd; grandchildren, Jennifer (Shane) Brown, Stephanie Mosteller and Erin Loyd; and three great-grandchildren. Funerals service held January 22 at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial in Hopewell Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Dana Wayne Blackwelder, 68, of Haleyville, entered into rest on Friday, January 20, 2017 at his home. Mr. Blackwelder was born on July 5, 1948, in Atlanta, Georgia. Dana served in the United States Army National Guard. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Haleyville. Dana was a 1966 graduate of Haleyville High School and a 1971 graduate of University of North Alabama. He worked as an adjustor for Missouri Pacific Railroad for years before purchasing NAPA Auto Parts from his father. Then later worked for O'Reilly Auto Parts. He was a member of the Lion's Club and a Mason. Dana enjoyed fishing, reading, model airplanes, and shooting guns. He has received numerous shooting and fishing awards. Funeral service held at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville on January 23; Dr. T.B. Stringfellow Jr. and David Hulsey officiated. Burial in Winston Memorial Cemetery.

Jerold Dee Byram, 82, passed away January 24. Arrangements are incomplete at this time but are under the direction of Moss Service Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Brenda Lee Haynes Sizemore, age 55 of Holly Pond, held January 25 at Holly Pond Funeral Home, interment following in New Hope #2 Cemetery. Mrs. Sizemore passed away on January 22, 2017 at her residence. She was born on April 28, 1961 in Cullman County to Leonard Melvin and Erlene Shannon Haynes. Mrs. Sizemore truly enjoyed working with the nursery at her church, Temple Baptist Church.

H. D. (Pete) Harris born 1/2/1935 and passed away 1/23/2017 was preceded in death by parents: George and Betty Harris; infant sister: Barbara Ann Harris; wife: Glenda Waters Harris; and grandson: Jacob Ross Harris. Survived by son and daughter-in-law: Doug and Becky Harris. He was co-owner of Cullman Surveying Company, but his love was music. He was a recorded musician and songwriter and played with the Southmen and Statesmen Gospel Quartets. He was a longtime member of Northside Baptist Church and active member of the community serving on the Cullman Housing Authority board and Cullman Park and Recreation board. He was an avid supporter of Wallace State softball, helping to design and layout the softball field and spent many days of his retirement helping maintain the field. He was honored in 2013 by having the field named Pete Harris Softball Field. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Comfort Care Home Health and Comfort Care Hospice caregivers for the compassionate and wonderful care provided during his illness. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to Wallace State Community College (WSCC) Future Foundation: Jacob Ross Harris Fund, PO Box 568, Hanceville, AL 35077 or the charity of your choice. Funeral service for Mr. Harris held January 25 at Cullman City Cemetery; Rev. Don Froehlich officiated.

Funeral services for

Nathaniel "Nate" Spicer, age 17 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Wesley Alldredge officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing. Nate passed away Monday, January 23 at UAB. He was born September 8, 1999 in Cullman. He was a junior at Fairview High School. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Michael Scavarda and also his Granny Willie Spicer. Survivors include his parents, Daniel and Catherine Scavarda Spicer; brother, Noah Spicer; grandparents, Jimmy Spicer, Mary Reed and Dianne Scavarda; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family and friends. Visitation will be Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial services for Warner Harrison Jones, Sr., age 84 of Cullman, will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 in the Chapel of Cullman Funeral Home, with Bro. Jim Payton officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Jones was born on September 27, 1932 to the late Morris R. & Louise Jones Sr.; and passed away at Tutt Fann State Veterans Home on January 17, 2017. Warner was an Army veteran of the Korean War, he moved to Alabama in 1966 to be plant manager of Daubert Chemical Company; upon retirement, in 1984 he opened Rainbow Paper and Packaging and kept it until 2006. One of his greatest joys was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Morris R. Jones, Jr. Robert E. Jones & Dr. Lawrence Jones. Survivors include a Daughter – Claudia (J.D.) Landers; 3 – Sons – Matthew C. Jones, Warner H. Jones, Jr. and Richard Pearce; Sister – Carol Field; 3 – Grandsons – Steve (Crystal) Landers, Paul Collins & David Landers; 5 – Great-Granddaughters; one Great-Grandson; one Great-Great-Granddaughter; and a Host of Nieces, Nephews & Other Family. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

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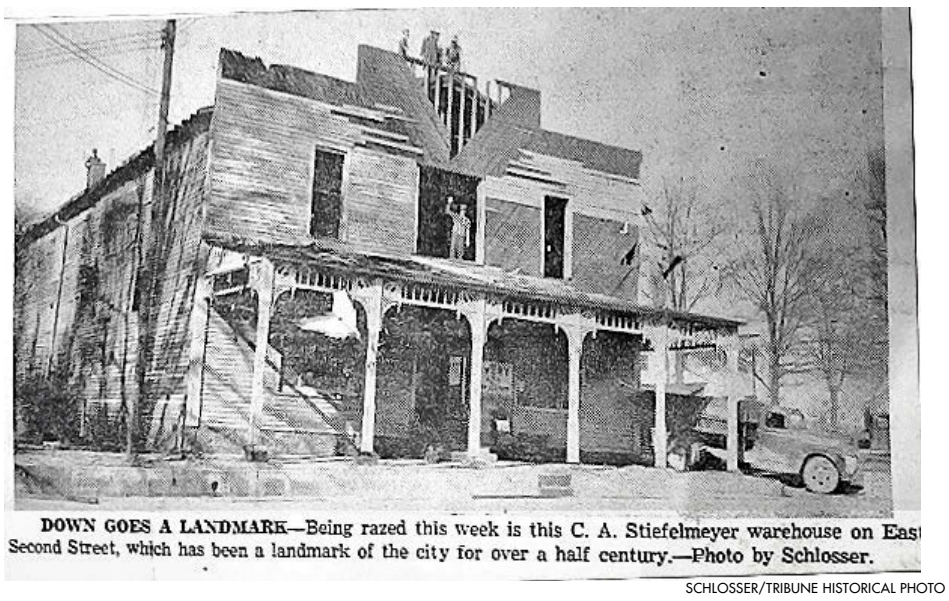
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This week in Cullman history

This week in 1951, the historic Stiefelmeyer warehouse on East Second Street was razed. The warehouse had been a city landmark for more than half a century.

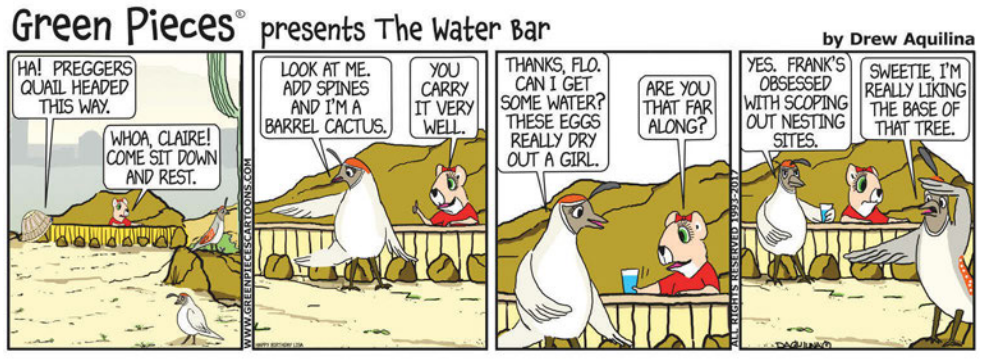
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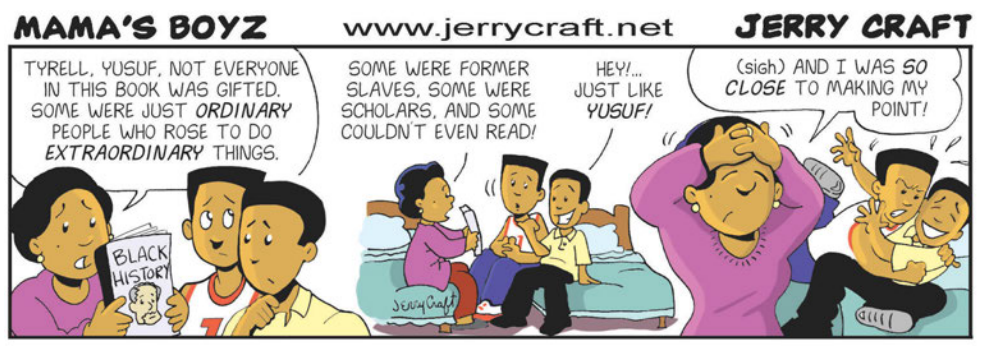


DOWN GOES A LANDMARK—Being razed this week is this C. A. Stiefelmeyer warehouse on East Second Street, which has been a landmark of the city for over a half century.—Photo by Schlosser.

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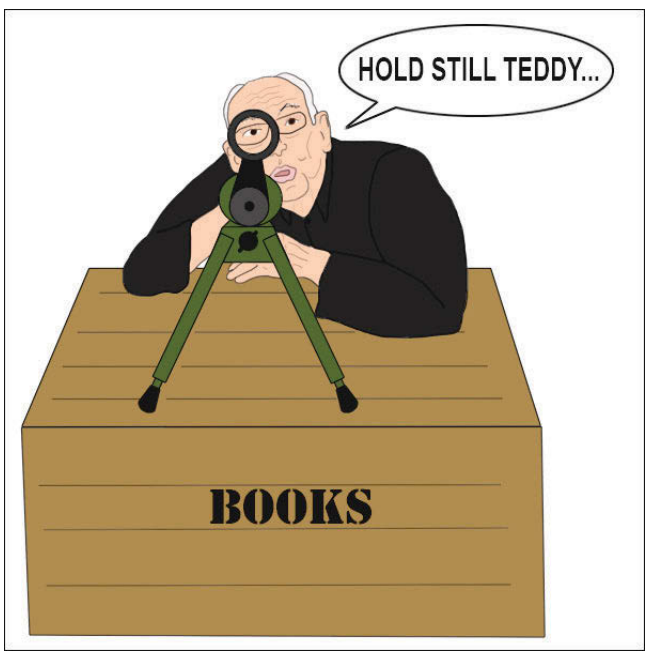
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Poet's Corner

MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

I'll never forget the smiling face that Sarah kept.
Who told me to do something weekly for my health.
Who fought breast cancer so brave
until the end of things.
There was Peri who I shared
an office with and friendship came. Who
laughed and laughed about everything.
Her brother told me she died with a smile upon
her face. Betty made everyone happy and
none of us could conceive her leaving us.
But she did and somehow our church goes on without
her and other precious rubies who are gone.
What about the grandmother's that each
had their distinct touch and smell.
Where are the mothers who's love
seem to heal our scraped knees?
Their smiles and laughter linger. Their
living smudges imprinting our souls.

By: Randy C. Hale

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10

In memory of: Sarah Campbell, Peri Castillo and Betty Cox and many other precious rubies in my life who are gone.

OPINION

Why I'm pro-life

U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt
R-Alabama

Our beliefs, our ideals and our very way of being are almost entirely rooted in the way we were raised. The values that are instilled in us by our parents as children, are in most cases the values we carry forth with us in our lives as adults. So, if someone asks me why I'm pro-life, you can look squarely to those lessons I learned early in life.

It was at an early age that I learned about the sanctity of life. From the Sunday School songs that echoed themes like, "We are all precious in his sight," or "Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong." Life was the original gift given to all of us by our creator. And it was only God who could take it away.

Let me say that I am not naïve enough to believe that everyone holds my same strong connection between religious belief and the sanctity of life.

Yet, no matter what someone believes or doesn't believe, everyone understands that life is precious and it is a gift.

That's why it's hard for me to understand how someone could think that abortion is simply a choice or a matter of privacy. You could argue dozens of points about why abortion should be legal, but they are trumped by one simple, indisputable fact: abortion stops an innocent human heart beat.

It's estimated that since the Roe vs. Wade decision that approximately 55 million babies have been aborted in the United States. That's 55,000,000!

It's an astonishing figure that some in our country actually celebrate.

How do you celebrate the loss of life, the loss of possibilities, the loss of so much innocence?

Many of us on the pro-life side of this issue are painted as backwards, uninformed or sexist for not supporting a woman's right to choose.

But of those 55 million aborted babies, half, 27 million, were girls. Abortion is not an issue that is pro-woman.

Being pro-life also comes with responsibilities. It's not enough to say that you are pro-life and then walk away.

Women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy need support. They need assistance. And sometimes a loving shoulder to cry on.

This is why I'm a great supporter of centers that are there to help women find alternatives to abortion. An example in my district is First Source for Women in Cullman, Alabama.

They provide prenatal care, counseling, baby supplies and even a father mentoring program for those dads who want to be involved in their child's life. There are many other similar centers across the 4th District. For those women who don't feel they can keep their child, there is always adoption.

I have been and continue to be a supporter of foster care programs and programs that seek to find forever families for children.

Last year, I nominated the Kids to Love foundation in Huntsville, Alabama for the national Angels in Adoption award.

They have provided care for thousands of foster children in my district and helped them find loving, caring families.

We are a country that has won two world wars. We have put 12 men on the surface of the moon. We have advanced and improved life for others unlike any other country in the world. How can such a civilized, advanced society support policies that kill the innocent?

I have said a lot to sum up something that is actually very simply. Why am I pro-life? I am pro-life because it is the right thing to do.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2010 by William Bryan Jones, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1690, Page 782 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 February 23, 2017:

All that tract or parcel of land tying and being Lot 5 of the Redivision of Lot 18 of Saddlebrook Estates and unrecorded redivision, more particularly described as follows Commencing at an iron pin found at point purported to be the southeast corner of Lot 18 of Saddlebrook Estates as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 151 :& 152 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama. Being more particularly described as follows: thence North.89 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West 31.44 feet to a point on the West margin of Neptune Drive; thence along the West margin of said drive North 3 degrees 57 minutes 24 seconds West 308.71 feet to a point on the South margin of Mercury Drive; thence along the South margin of said drive as follows: thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes 31 seconds west 279.02 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds West 15.09 feet to a point, the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence leaving the. south margin of said drive South 4 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 147 68 feet to point thence South 68 degrees 30 minutes 26 seconds West 104.28 feet to a point; thence North 4 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 188.02 feet to a point on the South margin of said drive; thence along the South margin of said drive as follows: thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East 70.51 feet to a point; thence South 87 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds East 29.49 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.38 acres more or less. Including a 2002 Southridge manufactured home, Vin No. 1SRP17181AAL and 1SRP17181BAL located thereon.

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

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HANCEVILLE DRUG COMPANY

Customer Appreciation and Retirement Celebration
February 4, 2017



Hanceville Drug Company, the oldest drugstore in Cullman County was purchased by Carlie Burkart in 1926. After 50 years of service he sold out to his son Eddie Burkart in 1976. Eddie owned and operated the pharmacy for 41 years until January of this year when he retired and sold the business to his son, Benjamin Burkart, who operates it now. Ethelene Cone, who worked with all three generations of Burkarts during the past 65 years, retired with Eddie in January.

We will celebrate Eddie and Ethelene's retirement with a Customer Appreciation Day and a time for reminiscing on Saturday, the 4th of February. Three generations and 91 years brings with it much history and many memories. Our past and present patients, customers, employees, sales representatives, business and community friends are all a part of that history. We appreciate you like family and invite you to stop by the Soda Fountain at Hanceville Drug Company for a complimentary ice cream cone and cookies. Eddie and Ethelene will be there from 10 am until 2 pm to share memories and well wishes. If you have an interesting story or historical information about the drugstore write it down and bring it with you along with any pictures you might have. Come reminisce about the past, make new memories for the future, and enjoy an ice cream cone from the old-fashioned soda fountain.

UAB offering two Presidential Scholarships to WSCC grads

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The University of Alabama at Birmingham will offer two outstanding Wallace State Community College students a UAB Presidential Scholarship, which will cover the cost of tuition and academic-related fees for four semesters beginning the 2017 Fall semester.

The application packet should be turned in to Wallace State's Financial Aid office by Feb. 17.

Visit the Other Scholarship Opportunities (www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid/other-scholarship-opportunities) section of the Wallace State Financial Aid page for more information and to download the application.

In order to qualify the nominee must meet the following criteria:

1. The student must apply and be admitted to UAB by March 1.

2. The student must have earned as associate degree at the end of the spring semester before the fall semester in which they enroll. (An official transcript must be provided, indicating graduation date.)

3. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 (non-transferrable coursework will not be calculated in the GPA).

4. The student cannot have any 4-year institution credit (exception: courses taken while enrolled in high school).

5. The student cannot be a former degree-seeking student from UAB.

6. The student must be an Alabama resident.

7. The student must be willing to assist with transfer recruitment events and efforts as a transfer ambassador for UAB (estimate: 2-3 hours a week; event examples: tours, Community College visits, Transfer UAB Day).

For more information about this and other scholarship opportunities at Wallace State, contact your student advisor or Financial Aid at 256-352-8182 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.

Brewery (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN – Having been raised Southern Baptist in the buckle of the Bible Belt, I'm no expert on beer . . . or dancing (That's a story for another day). But I'm a tinkerer, and I'm into all those TV shows that show you how stuff is done and things are made. So, when I was invited to visit Goat Island Brewery, I was on it.

I arrived at the brewery at 1646-A John H. Cooper Dr. in Cullman a little before they got cranked up for the after-work crowd. I walked into an intriguing place: a large warehouse divided into inviting social spaces with tables, chairs and an old-fashioned bar- and cool industrial work spaces full of towering stainless steel contraptions. One part "Cheers" and one part "Battlestar Galactica," and I liked them both.

I stopped first in the Tap Room (family-friendlier version of a bar), partly because it was interesting, partly because that's where I was meeting my guide for the visit, and partly because "Don't You (Forget About Me)" came on the stereo and I didn't want to miss it. (I was a teenager in the 80s, Simple Minds was the greatest pop band to ever come out of the Scottish Highlands, and "The Breakfast Club" was an awesome movie. Don't judge me.)

There I met bartender Hillary Brewer and my host Mike Mullaney, one of the four owners of Goat Island. Mullaney and partners Brad Glenn (Tap Room manager), John Dean (marketing) and Gary Teichmiller (brewmaster) created the company after success with a one-barrel home brewery as the Blue Moose Brew Crew at the former Blue Moose Cafe and Brew Pub in 2013.

"We shared the kitchen with that little system, but we had a good time," Mullaney related. "We learned a lot, and we proved that people love our beer. And so, as that was kind of fading away, we said, 'You know what? We need to start a real brewery.'"

They spent 2014 making plans, and 2015 setting up the current building, doing most of the work themselves after hours from their day jobs. They got some investors on board, and turned an empty warehouse building into Goat Island Brewing; installing offices, storage rooms, bathrooms, the bar, giant refrigerated cooling room and of course all the shiny steel things that make the beer. In April 2016, they opened the doors.

Goat Island offers seven styles of craft beer, each one named for some Cullman County entity:

1. Richter's Pils - The flagship flavor, made from an original 19th century recipe found among the effects of William Frederick Richter, owner of the early Cullman hot spot Richter's Saloon. You can see a photo of the recipe hanging on the wall. A bronze medal winner at the 2016 Alabama Craft Beer Championship.

2. Colonel's Fest Bier - In honor of city founder Col. John Cullman.

3. Sipsey River Red - Seems obvious. If not, it's named for the river. A gold medal winner at the 2016 Alabama Craft Beer Championship.

4. Thrill Hill Vanilla Porter - Named for a bygone Cullman attraction: a hill with a road on a steep downhill grade that could, it is claimed by some, force your stomach down into your drawers upon bottoming out at its base.

5. Big Bridge Indian Pale Ale - Named for a bridge at Smith Lake, and based on a recipe popular in India during its days as a British colony.

6. Son of a Bridge Jumper - The second generation of early Goat Island recipe Bridge Jumper, named for a popular pastime on the aforementioned Big Bridge.

7. One beer is undergoing naming via a contest. The current frontrunners are Mulberry Fork, Flying 50, Phelan Good and Twister Trails.

For you "how's it done" folks:

Mullaney took me on a tour of the brewing operation, walking me step-by-step through the process. He explained how the barley (the main ingredient aside from water) is prepared, and how different types are used. He then took me to the Cracking Room, where the barley is coarse ground in preparation for making "mash." In the mash tank, the starches in the barley are broken down into the sugars that will ferment into alcohol. At its next stop, the boiler kettle, the mash is boiled and hops (the bitter stuff) are added. Through a cooling device, the liquid drops from more than 200 to 65 degrees, on its way from the boiler to a fermenter, where yeast is added and the forming beer will spend from three to six weeks. The last stop is called a bright tank, a pressurized container that carbonates the beer and gives it that sudsy foam. Most of this equipment sits in plain view of the Tap Room bar and tables, and they seem to like showing it off.

After it's finished, the beer is kegged and put in cold storage until it is shipped out or pulled for Goat Island's own Tap Room. During a single brewing cycle, the brewery can produce 900 gallons of beer.

After the tour, Glenn joined us in the Tap Room. We sat and talked about current business and the future of Goat Island.

Mullaney shared about business, "It's been really, really good. If you go in just about any restaurant in Cullman that has a tap, they have our beer; at least one tap, and a lot of times it's three or four. We're in Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile; we're all over the state now. Business is quite good, and we've only been in business for nine months now!"

Goat Island's plans for the future require new containers and bigger maps. Mullaney talked about an upcoming trial with canning, as well as potential marketing forays into Georgia and north Florida.

Glenn spoke about an upcoming special event at the Tap Room:

"On Feb. 11, we're having an event for Valentine's Day. We're going to have a meal catered; people need to RSVP to get one of the 75 seats for a $25 per plate Filet Mignon or chicken, the best garlic mashed potatoes you'll ever taste and a salad bar. We'll be eating at about 6 p.m. on that Saturday before Valentine's Day. Gary Evans, a local musician, will be playing and singing. You only have to RSVP for the meal, and there's no cover charge. Anybody who wants to come can come, but if they want to participate in the meal, they'll need to email or contact Hillary here." (See email below.)

Given the opportunity for a final word, Mullaney stated, "People need to know that we're open every day but Sunday. You can get a growler, a half-gallon bottle of beer, and take it home with you. We're open for business starting at 2 p.m. every day." (The growlers, by the way, are refillable.)

Glenn added, "A lot of people don't realize that we're family-friendly. It's a wholesome environment; we don't allow bad behavior. We work hard to keep this family-friendly. Also, you are welcome to bring food here any time. You're welcome to bring your kids; we've got corn hole and Giant Jenga. It's also pet-friendly; you're welcome to bring your leashed dog. It's a relaxing, laid-back atmosphere."

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Those interested in attending the Valentine's dinner on Feb. 11 should RSVP by email to hillary.brewer@goatislandbrewing.com.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mike Mullaney and Brad Glenn at the mash tank in the brew area

