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Former Catoma Mart owners open The Tan Shack

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CULLMAN – The Tan Shack is a new business in town. Located at 1618 Second Ave. SW, the business is enjoying its first weeks of business; however, the entrepreneurs behind the success aren't newcomers. Angela Freeman and her husband Danny Freeman owned the Catoma Mart for 15 years, and they made several connections in the community that they call home.

The Catoma Mart is located on the corner of Alabama Highway 157 East and Eva Road. A change in ownership last summer made waves P14



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Leldon Maxcy: Making wood look good since 1997



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For the Southern Makers debut, Leldon Maxcy designed and built a 12-foot-tall replica of the state of Alabama, with each of the 67 counties cut out two times, once on reclaimed wood for the front-facing piece, and again on a matching sheet of reinforcing plywood. Then each one was carefully glued into place, like a giant jigsaw puzzle. LELDON MAXCY

Cullman Area Technology Academy opens doors to public

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CULLMAN – You might not be familiar with the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), but you should be. Perhaps you are more familiar with its earlier name still often used around town: the Cullman Area Career Center. Located at 17640 Highway 31 N, near Vinemont, this Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) facility offers 18 different career training programs in a wide range of fields, developing county and city high school students into effective members of the workforce. Graduates are prepared to go right to work with industry-accepted occupational credentials, or pursue higher education with a major head start. Some students will even graduate high school with an associate degree under their belts and a guaranteed job offer waiting for them.

On Thursday, Feb. 16 from 5-7 p.m., CATA will celebrate Alabama State Career/Technical Education Month by hosting an open house. Area ninth and 10th graders and their families are strongly encouraged to P12

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama to award grants to schools as part of its Be Healthy School Grant Program

Koko Mackin
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM – In our commitment to help prevent childhood obesity, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is proud to continue its Be Healthy School Grant Program. For the 2017 -2018 school year, Blue Cross will make available $250,000 and award grants up to $10,000 to 25 schools across the state that enroll students in grades kindergarten through six. Since 2012, Blue Cross has awarded more than $1 million in 114 Be Healthy School Grants statewide, impacting more than 57,500 students.

"We are seeing the positive results of healthy lifestyle initiatives being implemented in our schools by students and faculty. The ongoing success of our school grant program validates the investment we are making in the long-term health of Alabama's children," says Jeff Adams, community relations manager, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.

The grants are for the implementation of school-based health and wellness programs that emphasize increased exercise, nutrition education and parental involvement during the school year.

Applications can now be completed on our website at AlabamaBlue.com/schoolgrant. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 17, 2017. Each selected school will receive a grant of up to $10,000, and schools will be further recognized with a Blue Cross Be Healthy School banner. In April 2018, students who successfully complete their school's program will be presented with Be Healthy awards by Blue Cross.

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Severe weather tax holiday approaching; new alert system coming to Cullman

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CULLMAN – Alabama will hold its sixth annual severe weather preparedness tax holiday, starting Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. and ending Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 at midnight, giving shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain severe weather preparedness items free of state sales tax. The City of Cullman and Cullman County will also waive taxes for the holiday, meaning consumers can save 10 percent on certain items.

We reached out to Cullman's resident severe weather preparedness expert for spring severe weather tips.

"All the safety tips are the same," said Phyllis Little, director of the Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

"But people should always have more than one way to receive alerts of severe weather."

Shoppers can take advantage of the tax holiday to ensure that they have multiple ways to be alerted in the event of severe weather.

According to the Alabama Retail Association, the tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:

- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include: Coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors. Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax-free. https://alabamaretail.org/news/2017-severe-weather-tax-holiday/

For a full list of tax-free items and participating cities and counties, go to: alabamaretail.org/alabamasalestaxholidays

Little also explained that the Cullman area is getting a new emergency alert system.

"The new fully-automatic alerts will be directly from the National Weather Service," she said. "If a tornado warning is issued, the sirens will be turned on automatically, and will only be sounded in the area that has been issued a tornado warning."

Little said that, under the current system, the sirens must be turned on manually, and ring out all over the county, regardless of where the tornado was spotted.

In the event of severe weather, if you are not in a safe place, get to the nearest severe weather shelter.

For a full list of Cullman County shelters, see: http://www.cullmanema.org/assets/PDFs/CommunityShelterList.pdf

On March 2, the Cullman EMA is teaming up with the National Weather Service, and will host a Storm Spotter Conference at the Colony Educational Complex, which will be free to the public.

Flourish of Cullman hosting a night of food, fun and beer at Goat Island

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CULLMAN – On Feb. 17, starting at 6 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing, Flourish of Cullman will hold its first fundraising event since organizing in October 2016.

The event, called "Flourish of Cullman Seeking Cultivators," will include an Italian dinner, bingo, beer and a silent auction.

The dinner will cost $20 per-plate, and the games of bingo will cost $5 per-play; silent auction winners will be announced at 8:45 p.m.

"We had been kicking around a lot of ideas and ending up pairing up with Goat Island Brewing because Susan Evans, a partner at Flourish of Cullman, has a cousin who co-owns Goat Island Brewing," said Melissa Dew with Flourish of Cullman.

Dew says she would like to see $20,000 raised on the night of the event, and said she has already sold 200 tickets.

Flourish of Cullman is a nonprofit organization providing community-based support for people with developmental disabilities to live, work and play independently and successfully in our community.

"We are really proud to bring this service to the Cullman community," Dew said.

"I worked at Encore in Cullman, and Susan Evans worked with the Cullman County Schools with their special education department. So, we are experienced in this line of work, and we know the need of helping those in our community who are older."

According to Dew, Flourish of Cullman aims to help those who are 16-years-old and older.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact:

- Melissa Dew, 256-338-4249
- Sharon Kane, 256-708-9647
- Susan Evans, 256-962-8049

Find out more about Flourish of Cullman at www.facebook.com/flourishofcullmaninc.

Focus on: Restoring Women Outreach

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CULLMAN – Ever since its beginning in 2011, Restoring Women Outreach has been helping women recover from substance abuse and addiction. The program began when executive director Carol Berry saw a need in Cullman County for a way to help women beat drug and alcohol addiction. Today, RWO's program has helped dozens of women get back on their feet and repay their debts to the City of Cullman and Cullman County.

At RWO, each of the houses is meant to give the ladies a stable, home-like environment while they recover, and program members are given all the tools, resources and support they need on their journeys to sobriety. Women in the program start in the Hope House, where they start the process of restoring their lives, setting goals for themselves and becoming stable. Living in this house includes confirming court dates, attending 12-step program meetings, GED classes, counseling sessions, budget and goal setting workshops, and workout programs.

After eight months, women move on to the Frady House (named after house donor Dorothy Frady), where their programs become more personalized based on the goals the participants set for themselves while in the Hope House. However, some things are mandatory for everyone: obtaining a GED, full-time employment and community service being among them. RWO Director Summer Blalock says that, between their jobs and their community service, the ladies in the program have paid back thousands of dollars to Cullman since 2011. After completing their stay in the program, some women move in to the new Faith House, which houses graduates who need transition living arrangements.

RWO partners with many organizations to help give its women the help they need and deserve. The Link of Cullman County provide anger management meetings and parenting classes, while Wallace State Community College offers a Ready to Work program. Friends of Recovery offers support services for substance abuse, and women recovering from alcohol addiction are taken to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.



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Director Summer Blalock and program graduate Betty Dunn

RWO is a Christian nonprofit organization. Most funds come from the ladies themselves, who pay a percentage of their outside job earnings toward rent. However, the program does receive contributions from individuals, churches and civic organizations.

For anyone who struggles with addiction, but struggles more with asking for help, Blalock offered this advice, "If you find that your life is becoming, or already is, unmanageable and come to believe that you have a problem, ask for help. In asking for help, you will find that it is not a sign of weakness but a sign of courage!"

More information about the program can be found at www.restoringwomenoutreach.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Restoring-Women-Outreach-Inc-507636689278874/.

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CHS' annual Big Band Dance coming to Civic Center this Friday

Dance to raise funds for new band uniforms

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CULLMAN – This Friday, Feb. 3, Cullman High School (CHS) will host its 21st annual Big Band Dance at Cullman Civic Center from 7-9 p.m. (come 30 minutes early for dance instruction). Live music will be provided by the CHS Jazz Band under CHS Director of Bands Christopher Smith. Admission is $10.

This year's event will help raise funds to help the Cullman Band Boosters (CBB) purchase new uniforms for the CHS marching band.

The final cost of the project is expected to reach $60,000, of which the group has raised approximately $45,000 to date.

In addition to the dance, the boosters have made direct appeals to numerous area businesses for donations and sponsorships to complete the project before the next school year.

CBB President Mary Hovater shared, "We are trying to reach our goal for new uniforms. That's $60,000! It's a lot! The boosters have been saving for 10 years, but uniform costs have gone up so we are giving a final push to get the additional funds we need. Our hope is to finalize a design which the band director, Chris Smith, has been developing, and have them ready for the 2017 marching season, which by the way will be the 100th season of football at Cullman High!"

The purchase of uniforms for the CHS marching band won't just benefit that group, either. CBB supports the music programs at both the middle and high school, all the way down to the sixth-grade beginner band.

The band at Cullman Middle School typically receives whatever items the high school is replacing.

"We have a lot of band students to take care of," said Hovater, "including beginner band in sixth grade, through senior high: around 300 students! Middle school gets the hand down uniforms from the high school.

"The ones they are using now are about 20 years old, and need much work to keep them wearable at this point. They are very excited about getting the ones currently at CHS."

Hovater, a Cullman native, is proud of her schools, of their music programs, and of her fellow band supporters.

She shared, "I was never in the band, but with both my sons going through the Cullman band program, I wish I could have been! But I'll settle for being a band booster.

"And like the band members, the boosters are also a little family. My youngest will graduate next year, and I'm going to miss this special little family I've been grateful of which to be a part.

"And being the booster president has been an honor. I've never been around people so willing to give of themselves like these boosters."

Of the Big Band Dance, parents should know that it is not a chaperoned event. Organizers recommend parental supervision for children younger than 14.

WSCC Adult Education program offers newly-created nontraditional high school diploma

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's Adult Education program has added a new alternative for students who didn't complete their high school education.

The nontraditional high school diploma, which was recently approved by the Alabama Community College System and the Alabama State Department of Education, allows students who either dropped out of high school without earning the essential number of credits to graduate or who failed certain sections of the former Alabama High School Graduation Exam to complete their high school diploma.

Students must be 17 years old to be eligible for the nontraditional diploma and must have attended an Alabama public high school.

"I think we are going to see a lot of positive responses from people, who for whatever reasons decided to drop out of high school and put off getting their GED (General Education Development). They can now see this as an option that will hopefully change their lives," said John Glasscock, Wallace State's Adult Education Coordinator.

"I think this is a great idea and with having been in adult education for several years now, I think the more options you give to a student, the better. It's a perfect opportunity for a student to go back and get the diploma they thought was never possible."

Between the two options, a student either has to have completed all the credits necessary for graduation and received a Certificate of Attendance but failed a portion of the exit exam, or they have to have completed at least 10 credit hours in high school, they can pursue the required 24 credit hours to earn the diploma.

The other option has several paths that would take the place of the Exit Exam.

Students interested in the nontraditional diploma are required to contact the high school they attended, and complete a transcript request for the nontraditional diploma program and notify the school they plan to pursue a nontraditional diploma.

The school will then send an official transcript and transcript audit form directly to Wallace State.

The nontraditional diploma classes are taken on Wallace State's campus.

"We determine the best path for the students once we receive all of the paperwork and once we have an opportunity to speak with them. Once they complete the program, the high schools issue the diplomas just as if they had been completed 10 years ago," Glasscock said. "This should provide students with a lot of motivation."

Alabama Community College System Adult Education Director Dr. David Walters recently said in an AL.com article that more than 500,000 adults in Alabama lack a high school diploma or its equivalent in the GED.

The nontraditional diploma was initiated with hopes of decreasing the number.

"Students who have slipped through the cracks for whatever reason can take advantage of this diploma and ultimately find themselves eligible for jobs with family-sustaining wages," Glasscock said.

For more information about the nontraditional high school diploma and the Wallace State Adult Education program, contact Glasscock at 256-352-8077 or 256-352-8078.

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

Empty Bowls Chili Dinner coming Feb. 20

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Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The 14th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner will be held on Feb. 20 from 4-6:30 p.m. in Hearin Hall at First United Methodist Church Cullman. Along with the food, entertainment will be provided by various local artists performing southern gospel music.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Cullman Caring for Kids food bank.

Tickets can be purchased for $10 at Cullman Caring for Kids and First United Methodist Church Cullman.

Last year's dinner raised $15,368, which brought the total amount of money raised since the first dinner to $131,468.

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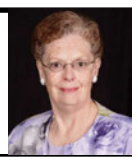
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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Welcome again to winter time. The weather here seems to be the most changeable in the whole wide world. Other than the temperature, you will also know that this is winter time because all the beauty pageants and basketball tournaments are being held. The Cullman County Schools tourney was held this past week at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum. I think that this week is the only time a sporting event is held on a Wednesday evening during the school year.

I would like to spotlight the participates from Bronco Land, who received outstanding awards during last week. Sorry if I omit someone. Here goes: first and foremost, a great big congratulations to the Bronco varsity boys team. They are the Cullman County Tournament winners and county champs.

In the Championship Game, they defeated the Cold Spring Eagles, 86-59. In that game, Drew Jones scored a high of 23 points. Drew is the son of Mitch and Kathy Jones, of Holly Pond. Drew was also winner of the Joe Shultz Award given to a top boys' participant. Making the all-tournament team in this division were Drew Jones, Bailey Smith and Griffin Morris. In addition to these three players, Matt Cahoon joined them on the All-County team. Again, Congratulations Broncos – we are all very proud of you and your hard work and accomplishments.

Because of my past, I must mention the Bill Shelton Award given to the outstanding varsity girls player. The winner for this year was Miss Emme Willoughby from Cold Springs High School. On the Broncos junior varsity girls team, Miss Maddie Heatherly made the All-Tournament team. The varsity girls had Ruth Horton and Kolby Holcombe on the All-tournament team. Joining on the All-county team was Ruth Horton.

The Holly Pond Civitan Club held their program meeting Tuesday night, January 24th with Sheriff Matt Gentry presenting a most interesting talk about his office and new initiatives. I also learned that he had attended Hanceville Schools before graduating from Good Hope High School. While at Hanceville, he became acquainted with my sister and her husband, Coach Lane and Doctor Nancy Horton. Of course, he was very complimentary to me about both of them. I cannot begin to mention all the informational and interesting bits he told us about. They would surprise you. He presented a challenge to us to be diligent about notifying his office of any problems he could help with in this area of the county.

Prior to Sheriff Gentry's talk we welcomed a new member to our club, Mrs. Carla Hart. Carla is a member of the Holly Pond Town Council and is now a Civitan. Lynn Jetton, club president, presided. In the absence of our Chaplain, Bart Dye, the devotional was presented by Gladys Wisener. Bill Oliver led in the creed and Sharon Oliver led in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Regular members attending included: Bill and Sharon Oliver, Tammy Baker, Mary Hickey, Carla Hart, Paul Brown, Gladys Wisener, Kay Stewart, Jimmie Dean Carnell and Lynn Jetton. The next meeting will be on February 14th at 6:30 p. m., in the Guy Hunt Conference Room with the board meeting the day before on February 13th. Members were also reminded on the Alabama District North Meeting held on January 28th at the Guntersville Parks and Recreation Center. Holly Pond Civitans that attended the Alabama District North Meeting in Guntersville were Julia Floyd, Lynn Jetton, Sharon and Bill Oliver.

Welcome back from Barrie, Ontario, Canada to my sisters, Julia Floyd and Nancy Horton. They spent last weekend in Barrie attending the Junior Civitan International Sno-Do event and serving as chaperone to Junior Civitans from all over the United States and Canada. It was a great event that raised near $60,000 to support research at the Civitan International Research Center at UAB in Birmingham. Doctor Nancy Horton is the Alabama District North Civitan Co-Chair of Junior Civitans.

Until next week, stay warm, be careful and stay safe.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1957

Hanceville Happenings

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clate Hamrick were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Quinnon Holmes and son and Mrs. Jack Waldrop and children, all of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hamrick and children, of Selma.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Chappell last week were Reverend and Mrs. Robert Webb and Danny, of Chattanooga and Mrs. Gertrude Wheeler, of Nashville.

Mrs. L.M. Bland has as her dinner guests on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. McGlawn, of Birmingham, Reverend and Mrs. William Curl, of Cullman, Mr. and Mrs. Plez Curl, of Blount County and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McGlawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Chappell and boys and Mrs. J. Nesmith were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nesmith and Randy, in Hartselle.

Sergeant and Mrs. Paul Meadows announce the birth of a daughter at the Cullman Hospital, on December 28th, whom they have named Nancy Kay.

Mrs. Pichelmeyer and son, John Pichelmeyer, of Birmingham, were the guests of Mrs. W.H. Clapp, Senior, on Thursday night and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dean and Mr. and Mrs. William Dean, of Birmingham, were the guests on Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Casey.

Mrs. Frank Ballard and Larry and Sergeant and Mrs. Earnest McNabb and Eddie are the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whitfield and family in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Cynthia Cook visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cagle, at Center Hill, on Saturday.

Master Sergeant Clifford Pike, son, of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Pike, of Route Seven, Cullman, was recently featured in an article in Stars and Stripes by Nick Raymond from Maison Fort, France, where the sergeant is stationed.

Mrs. T.S. Morrow, age 48, wife of the director of the Cullman Experiment Station, died at her home on Route Seven, Cullman, on Saturday morning.

A native of Cullman County, Mrs. Morrow, the former Clara Morris, was reared at West Point.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Peggy Morrow, a student at API, Auburn, her mother, Mrs. Lucy Morris, two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Chaney and Mrs. Jewell Bland and two brothers, John and Judge Morris.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, with the Reverend Andrew Coltharp officiating and Moss Service directing interment in City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Doctor W.G. Eaton, Troy Thompson, K.P. Morris, Earl Self, U.G. Haynes and L.T. Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Roberson, of Birmingham announce the birth of a daughter on Monday, January 8th. They have named her Karen Lynne. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Camp and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson, all of Cullman.

M.E. Speegle Dies

Milton E. Speegle, age 76, died at his Route Three, Cullman residence and funeral services were held at Bowman Chapel on January 1st.

Surviving are one son, Carl Speegle, one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Adamson and four grandchildren.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Was it really a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day?

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



One of my favorite books is the children's book, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," written by Judith Viorst. From the moment the boy named Alexander woke up, things went badly for him. He found the chewing gum that had been in his mouth the night before was now in his hair, tripped over his skateboard, dropped his sweater in a sink of water, and found no prize in his cereal.

Last Thursday, I experienced one of those kinds of days. I'm not a morning person. Oh, I get up early, but that's only because I'm old and can't sleep late anymore. Please don't be confused. Simply because I am upright with my eyes open does not mean I am awake. At least two cups of coffee are required to oil my brain and lubricate my vocal cords.

Have you ever noticed how much a carton of Egg-Beaters looks like a carton of Half-and-Half creamer? The moment that first drop of Egg-Beaters hit my coffee I knew what I had done. One might think that after having done this a few times, I would not place them side by side in the frig! And so my day had started.

Our dappled Dachshund affectionately known as Fifteen, was sick. When our dogs, or I either for that matter, go two days without eating, there is definitely a problem. After I returned from a quick work-out and one game of racquetball, which I lost, we decided Fifteen needed to visit the vet. That afternoon, I brought her home with meds, said goodbye to $333.47, but still didn't know exactly what was ailing her.

During lunch, I ran by the alteration shop to pick up my two new suits. They were supposed to be ready two days earlier. One was a red suit, covered with white hearts, for my Billy Bob Bohannon character to perform in. I had a bad feeling when the seamstress asked, "Now what did your suit look like?" How could anyone lose a suit like that?

Since my day had already been wonderful (not), and April 15 approaches, I decided to pull together my receipts for my taxes. Hey, why ruin a "good" day? Do that stuff on a day that is already rotten and save the good one.

When I thought things couldn't get much worse, they did. I had hoped my new book, a novel I had worked on for three years, would be out before Christmas. I said, I "had" hoped.

That afternoon, I received word from the publisher that they were experiencing a transition period and all authors would be contacted in the next few weeks with options for completing projects. I'm still hoping for release before Christmas – next Christmas.

While I still pondered how I might conclude this story, Sunday's storms blew through and gave me my answer. I had barely gotten settled in at home Sunday afternoon when I got a call that our Baptist Disaster Relief team had been deployed. We only went a few miles to work at a house in Opelika. The homeowners had taken shelter in a closet when the entire roof, including rafters, lifted off their house. Miraculously, they both walked away unhurt and thankful to be alive. As we talked and prayed with the lady, I reflected on my bad day on Thursday. With a totally new perspective, I realized that neither Alexander, nor I, had actually had a bad day. It's all in how you look at things. I hope you have a great day!

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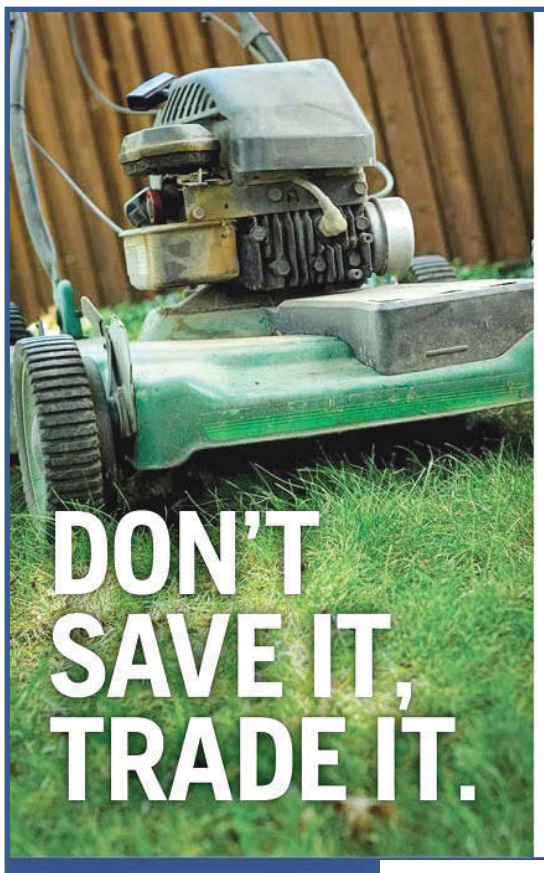
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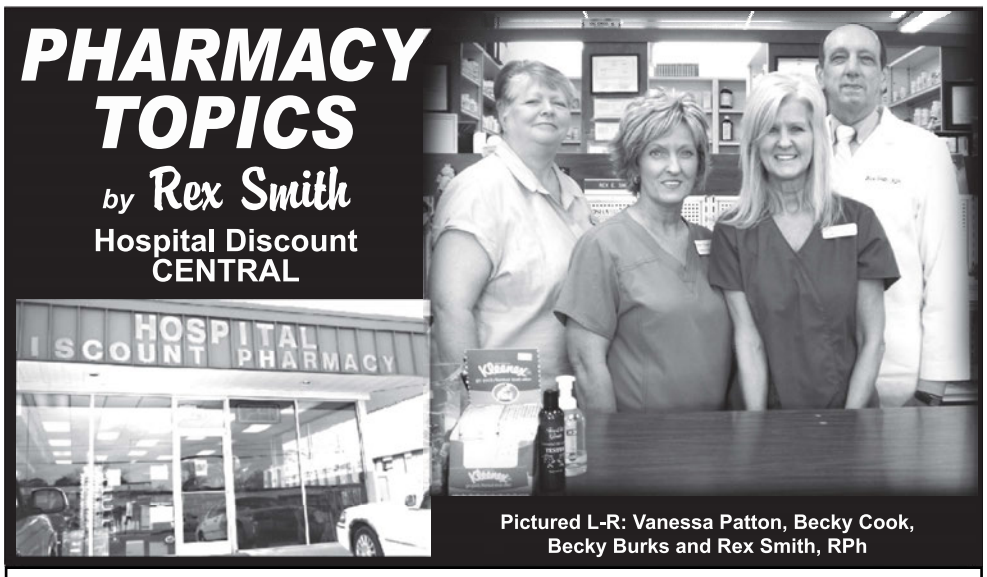
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by Rex Smith
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HANCEVILLE – Cullman County Schools and Wallace State Community College have had a partnership for more than a quarter of a century. In January 1993, the Hanceville-based college reached an agreement with the schools, allowing the county high school basketball tournament to be played at its beautiful new facility, Tom Drake Coliseum.

The athletic arena was just four months old when the county schools took their ever-popular county tournament to a neutral site, ending a long run of rotating it from one school to another each year.

The tournament has experienced 25 years of wonderful moments, with the latest were added from Saturday's championship play in five different divisions.

The finale saw the Holly Pond Broncos, a team that has completely dominated the county this season, execute their game plan once more and prevail over Cold Springs, 86-59.

Currently second in the Class 3A state rankings, the Broncos have gone 13-0 against county opposition, defeating the Eagles three times, once at home, once at Cold Springs and now at a neutral venue.

Many fans have high expectations that the Broncos will return to the Coliseum the week of Feb. 16-22 and participate in the AHSAA Northwest Regional.

The county tournament crown for Mitch Morris's Broncos can be compared to a power like Kentucky winning the SEC title, then going through the NCAA Tournament and on to the national championship.

Step two for the Broncos will be the following week with the 3A, Area 11 Tournament at Holly Pond, then the sub-regional, the regional and the Final Four at Legacy Arena in Birmingham.

Celebration lasted throughout the weekend for the Fairview girls' basketball program. The varsity and junior varsity excelled on the same day with the Lady Aggies being crowned Cullman County varsity champions for the first time since 1982.

Fairview downed defending champion Cold Springs 51-37 in a game the Lady Aggies got control of in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Lady Eagles 21-12 with balanced scoring from five players and a defense that slowed up the potent Cold Springs attack as the contest reached crunch time.

Earlier in the day, the Fairview JV girls defeated West Point 39-29. Combine the two records, with Mary Hartline coaching both, the Lady Aggies have won 40 of 47 games. The varsity is now 22-6, a school record for wins in a single season, with the JV completing the year at 18-1.

Hartline became the second varsity girls' player to win the county tournament as a participant, and later, a coach. She was on Good Hope's championship team in 2004 and the winner of the Bill Shelton Award that season.

The first to do this was Regina Jones at West Point when she played for the Lady Warriors in 1989 and five years later, was in charge of the team on the sidelines. Jones was the first winner of the Shelton Award when it was created in '89.

Holly Pond's varsity is almost perfect; the West Point freshmen displayed perfection. Led by coach Jimmy Harbison, the freshmen scored a 46-35 championship win against Fairview to complete a perfect season at 21-0.

This can indicate the potential of great basketball for the Warriors in the future when these freshmen reach the varsity level.

Another team that will not forget Saturday is Good Hope's junior varsity.

It can go back to the day of the draw when the Raiders, West Point and Holly Pond each had a 5-1 record of beating up on each other.

The process to seed was determined by a coin toss, with Good Hope prevailing, taking the No. 1 seed and having one less game to get to the championship.

Good Hope fought off West Point 37-28 in its first year of Justin Aby leading the Raiders, with assistance on the sideline by new varsity coach Drew Adams.

The Raiders say goodbye to the season at 15-2, defeating a program that has been one of the best in junior varsity for a long time under the direction of Scott Brown.



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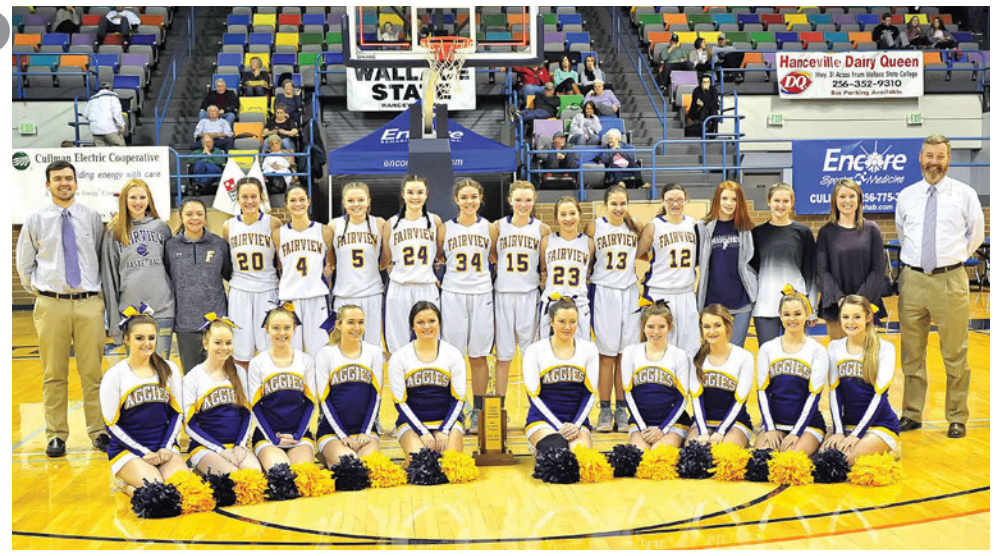
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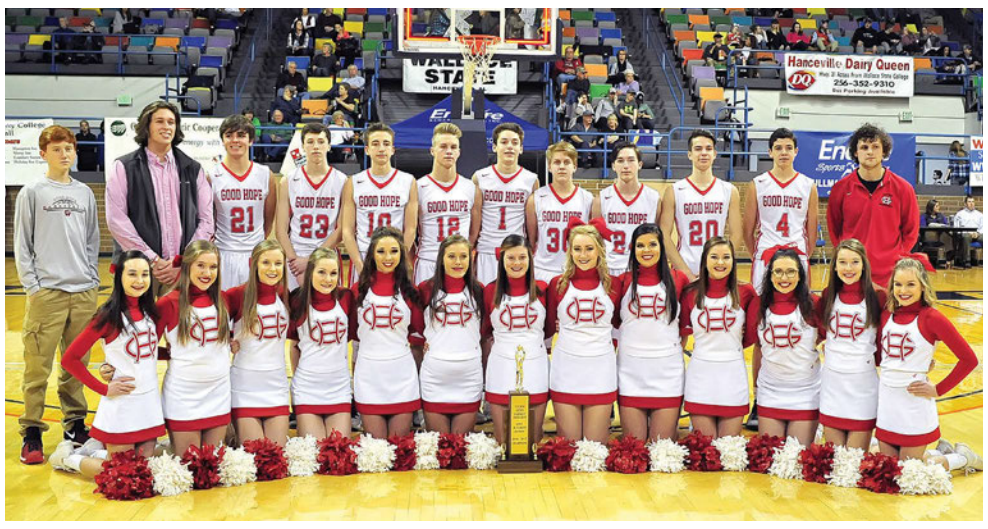
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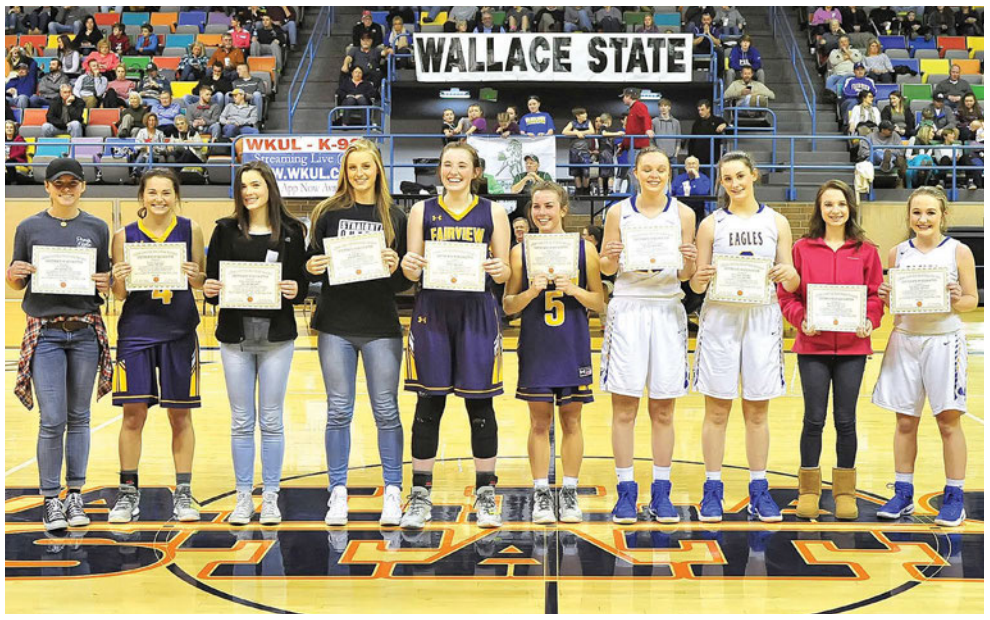
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In the Matter of the Estate of

Floyd L. Arrington, Deceased

Case No. PC-2016-334

Notice to Creditors by Publication

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of January, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Michelle Johnson,
Personal Representative of the Estate of Floyd L. Arrington

JERRY L. KILGO,
Attorney for Personal Representative

CULLMAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	*	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
PLAINTIFF,	*	CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
V.	*	
BARBARA BAILEY, an incapacitated person	*	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) CASE NO.: PC 2017-010
Deceased)

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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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*:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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:
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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.

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Legal Notice

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NOTICE

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

WHEREAS, property owner 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.

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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.

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EvaBank, Mortgagee
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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.
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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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Attorney for the Estate:
Randy A. Hames
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, Judge of Probate

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AUCTIONS

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Maxcy (from Front)

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Leldon Maxcy saw his first scroll saw at Big Lots. He was there with his grandpa, and thinks he was about 11 or 12 years old at the time. He looked at it for a while, then shelled out his savings, $40, for the saw. That's what started it all...

In the ninth grade, Maxcy took a shop class, which was sort of pointless by that time because he had already taught himself the art of working with a delicate hand on many projects. He used a lot of scraps to practice on, and many a sheet of cheap plywood bit the dust under his ever more skillful hands.

By 1997, Maxcy had grown into a skilled craftsman. In time, he grew so proficient with the saw that he graduated from making cutouts of simple wildlife, to making intricate designs on Christmas ornaments.

In 2000, he entered his first craft show. Before that, he did woodwork as a hobby in his basement in Vinemont, but after 14 years of working at a local movie theater, he took the plunge and went out on his own, doing what he loved, woodworking, full-time.

Maxcy says that about 99 percent of his work consists of custom orders, and the other one percent is made up of cutting boards or chopping boards. His specialties include Christmas ornaments, wall art and miscellaneous items.

One of the largest miscellaneous items Maxcy has made is a huge, many segmented, 12-foot-tall image of the state of Alabama with each county painstakingly cut out twice, once on the front facing wooden piece, and again on a piece of matching reinforcing plywood. Then the whole thing is glued together to make what is one of the most striking images of our state that you'll ever see.

That prototype, the 12-foot-tall replica of the state, was made for a Southern Makers stage prop. "It's made from various types of reclaimed wood from Southern Accents," he explained. "Some pieces are in their natural state, others had been painted and were chipping, giving it a rustic look; if there was paint on it, I left it like it was, if it hadn't been painted, I coated with a clear coat that allowed the wood grain show through."

The use of various types of reclaimed painted wood, plus the ones showing the grain of the wood, give the pieces a quilt-like appearance, which is very interesting. The details are very tedious and Maxcy does a fabulous job of making each one fit together like a jigsaw puzzle.

Maxcy laughingly refers to that first one as "Big Bama" and to the replicas which are about 6-and-a-half and 4-and-a-half-feet tall, as Baby Bamas. You can view and purchase Maxcy's work at Southern Accents in Cullman.

Currently, he is hard at work on various designs that will fill his booth at the upcoming Bloomin' Festival. "The majority of the items I'll have there will be in the neighborhood of $50 or less, with a few more expensive, more detailed items," he said.

People often ask him if he uses a laser or a CNC machine to do such intricate work. Nope.

"I'm the computer," he laughed.

"This is what I've always wanted to do," he said. "I've taken the road less traveled, and it also gives me more time with my family."

Find out more at www.leldonsscrollsawing.com.

Academy (from Front)

attend, but it's not just for them. Anyone in Cullman County who is interested in seeing what the CCBOE is doing there is invited to drop by. Refreshments will be served, and staff will be on hand to talk with visitors about the array of programs and opportunities CATA offers.

CATA Principal Billy Troutman said, "We hope to have a big turnout, and the whole purpose is just to highlight the programs that we have here on campus."

He shared in some detail the kinds of things he hopes to show students, parents and the community about CATA, focusing on three points: career and technical programs, the Fast Track to Industry program and virtual school.

Career and technical programs

CATA offers 18 career/technical programs, including:

- Agriscience
- Automotive Service
- Building Construction
- Business/Marketing
- Collision Repair
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Drafting
- Electrical Technology
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Science
- Health Science
- Horticulture/Landscape Design
- HVAC Repair
- JROTC
- Mechatronics (including robotics)
- Precision Machining
- Welding

"The great thing about it," Troutman explained, "is that the potential is there for employment. All of our students are going to have the opportunity to earn a credential. I'm not talking about good grades on a report card; if you're in the HVAC program, you're going to leave here with a refrigerant license. The welding kids have a chance to leave here with AWS certification. The culinary arts kids can leave here with ServeSafe certification. The health science kids can actually leave here with a CNA license, and so on. They're leaving here with industry-recognized credentials."

Most CATA programs have counterparts at Wallace State.

If a student chooses to apply his or her CATA credentials toward advanced studies, the college will give them credit for the courses they have already taken; meaning that they will start college with credit hours already on their records, allowing them to skip certain classes and graduate sooner.

Fast Track to Industry

"We'll talk about not only our career/tech programs," said Troutman, "but also the Fast Track to Industry program that's going on down at Wallace. There are some great opportunities for kids to finish up their career/tech programs in high school, but also the opportunity to get that associate degree, if they choose to do so. In the Fast Track to Industry, students also have the opportunity to apprentice out with some of the industry. We have apprentices at REHAU, Topre and some of the big corporations, and students are actually getting paid to go to work. The apprenticeships are kind of neat, because there will be a job offer upon completion of school."

For more on the Fast Track program and the working relationship between CCBOE and Wallace State, see our article at http://cullmansense.com/articles/2016/11/17/cullman-county-schoolswallace-state-dual-enrollment-program-showcased-national.

Virtual school

Troutman also spoke about a relatively new program offered through CCBOE: the virtual school. The program is state-mandated, and will allow certain students to do most of their day-to-day classes from home.

"We do have a virtual school offering in place here. It is certainly non-traditional as school goes, about as non-traditional as it gets. School is different for everybody, and some folks would rather not come to school. Virtual school allows them to take their academic classes, even electives, through ACCESS ("Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators and Students Statewide," an online educational program of the Alabama State Board of Education). It doesn't cost the kids anything. They log onto the curriculum, they do the work, they progress through the activities; and the only time they have to come to a campus is if they take a test."

Virtual school and ACCESS are not for lazy students who don't want to get up and come to school. Those who wish to participate must undergo an application and review procedure that will look at their GPA, as well as disciplinary and attendance history in the system.

"It's not about intelligence," Troutman explained, "it's about self-motivation, being self-directed, and work ethic. If a student does not have those things, they will not be successful. If you're in school six hours a day, you're going to be in front of the computer six hours a day."

The final word on CATA

Troutman is proud of his school, and excited about what CATA has to offer.

In concluding the interview, he stated, "I think the biggest thing we offer right here is tools for life, and I really mean that. No matter what happens, everybody goes to work. Some people are going to quit school and enter the workforce.

"Some are going to enter the workforce with a high school diploma. Some are going to get college degrees, master's degrees. Some are going to be nuclear physicists with education that's unfathomable. But sooner or later, they're going to go to work. If you come here, we're giving you tools. No matter where you want to take it, this is a great place to start."

At a glance:

What: Cullman Area Technology Academy Open House

When: Thursday, Feb 16, from 5-7 p.m.

Where: At the CATA facility/Career Center, 17640 Highway 31 N, Cullman (near Vinemont)

For more information, call 256-734-7740 or 256-734-7741, or visit http://cacc.ccboe.org.

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DEFENSE: DL Seth Edgeworth - Cold Springs, DL Kaine Yates - Hanceville, DL Austin Smith - West Point, DL Ivan Medina - Fairview, DL Kaleb Faulkner - West Point, LB - Justin Jones - Cold Springs, LB Trey Hill - Holly Pond, LB Austin Dubberly - West Point, LB Owen Harper - Hanceville, LB Fisher Willoughby - Cold Springs, DB Dalton Freeman - West Point, DB Romey Suryono - Holly Pond, DB Brendan Flanigan - Hanceville, DB Ethan Holland - Fairview, DB Scoot Bennett - Fairview, K Jaxxon Swann - Fairview, P Noah Allison - West Point
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Alex Hernandez presented with the Eli Thomas Award from CCBOE Superintendent Shane Barnett



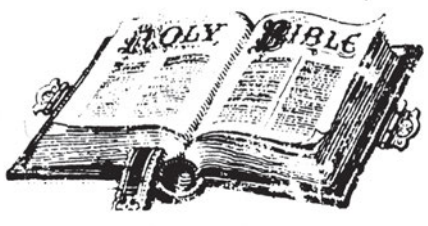
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- Martha Karen Johnson
- Robert Franklin
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February is the month to love your library

CCPLS
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Public Library System will be granting amnesty during "Love My Library Month," beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1 and ending Tuesday, Feb. 28.

During the month of February, all branches of the CCPLS will issue replacement library cards for free and will forgive all overdue fines on patrons' records.

Only overdue fines will be waived, not fees for lost or damaged items.

Take advantage of Love My Library Month and visit a library branch near you:

• Cullman County Public Library Main Branch, 200 Clark Street NE, Cullman

• Garden City Public Library, 501 First Avenue S, Garden City

• Guy Hunt Library, 60 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond

• Hanceville Public Library, 201 Commercial Street, Hanceville

• Tom Bevill Library, 151 Byars Road, Hanceville

For more information, visit www.ccpls.com.

Tan (from Front)

on social media, with many of the Freeman's loyal customers voicing their displeasure.

The Tan Shack has been open since Jan 10, and hasn't seen a dull moment.

Business has been booming, and the personal connections formed over the years have led to many reoccurring customers, according to Angela Freeman. The family-owned business has just two employees, Angela and Danny.

The Tan Shack is equipped with 15 rooms, 11 regular beds, two super bronzing beds, one stand-up bed, and one leg tanner.

Of the difference between a regular and a bronzing bed, Angela Freeman said, "The bronzing bed has stronger bulbs, and you don't get as red; you get a bronze color."

Prices are listed as follows:
Single visits:

- $5 for regular beds
- $7 for super bronzing beds

Monthly packages:

- Regular beds-$36.95, taxes included ($2.20 upgrade fee for use of bronzing bed each visit)
- Super bronzing bed-$49.95, taxes included

Visit packages:

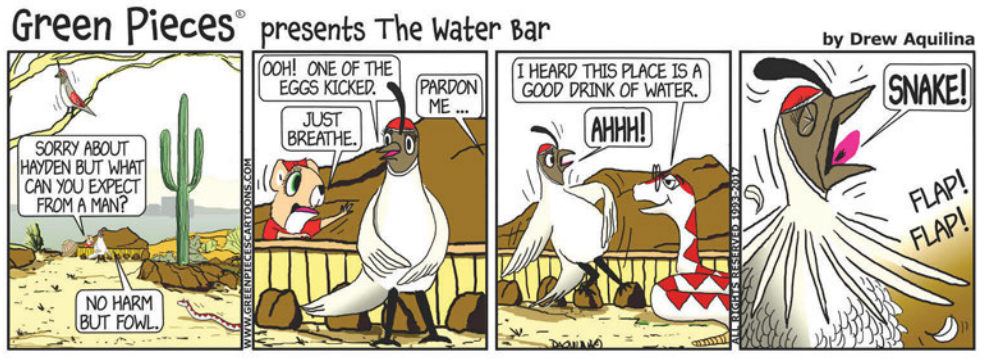
- 5- $17.50
- 10- $30
- 15- 37.50
- 20- $40

The Tan Shack sells lots more items as well: body washes, exfoliating scrubs, moisturizing lotions (including hemp moisturizers), shave lotions with shave minimizers, tattoo sticks, lip balms and tanning lotions of all variety.

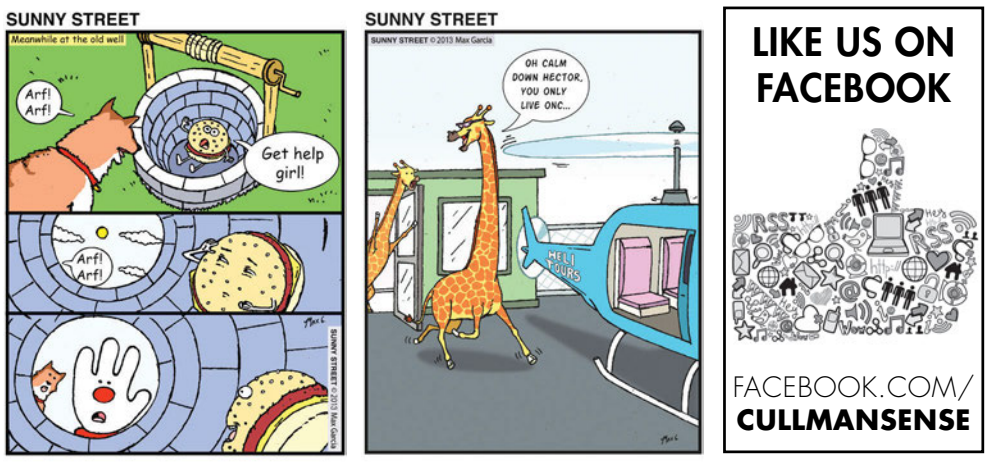
The business is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheTanShack1.

Comics







This week in Cullman history

On Feb. 2-3, 1996, Cullman County experienced a large ice storm. Rain began falling on the night of Feb. 2, freezing almost immediately, and was followed by more frozen rain on Feb. 3. Many people lost electricity, water, phone service and heat- some for several days- and numerous trees and power lines collapsed.

Compiled by Samantha Vest



DAN FULENWIDER/TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **B-26,** rented to **Coty Butler,** on **January 19, 2015,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: wooden bed, wooden chairs, children's bike, toys and clothing.

Contents of storage unit **A-5**, rented to **Rebecca Brasher,** on **September 2, 2016,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: assorted household goods.

Contents of storage unit **D-9**, rented to **Joseph Childers,** on **April 24, 2015,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017,** at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: two wooden bookcases, television, microwave, two wooden chest of drawers and couch.

Contents of storage unit **D-16**, rented to **Chip Earnest**, on **May 19, 2001**, will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: grill, golf clubs, wooden bookcase, exercise equipment, child's bike and toys.

Contents of storage unit **A-20,** rented to **Miriam Mitchell**, on **July 17, 2012,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: wooden table, wooden chairs, bed and frame and wooden desk.

Contents of storage unit **D-8,** rented to **Steven Morrow**, on **December 14, 2013,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: assorted household goods.

Contents of storage unit **C-18,** rented to **Shane Pearce**, on **May 28, 2016**, will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: wooden table, metal toolbox, two televisions, stereo and wooden chest of drawers.

Contents of storage **unit A-1** and **A-32,** rented to **Rioh Pheigh**, on **April 4, 2014** and **December 5, 2014**, will be sold for auction for past due rent on **February 11, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: tools, computer, couch, wooden table, wooden bed and frame and television.

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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.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
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POET'S CORNER

THE COUNTRY STORE

Windows are boarded shut. You can't get
through the door. The register no longer rings,
In this little country store. The red Coke sign
on the wall Is being overrun by rust.
The shelves and counters inside Are laden
heavily with dust. Where have the customers
gone-- Family, friends and neighbors?
Now they must go somewhere else, To
spend the fruit of their labors.

By: Cleveland Brown Enterprise, Alabama • Submitted by: Randy C. Hale

THERE BUT FOR FORTUNE: PART 1

A mother's story

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

This is the true story of heartache, physical, sexual and alcohol abuse, love, hate, financial burdens and finally, finding joy, happiness and hope.

We trust that you will understand why the names and some of the circumstances had to be changed to protect the privacy and safety of some of the people in this story. It contains information that is true, but the situations have been framed in slightly different circumstances, or alternative locations to protect the source of the story. In some cases, several people have been combined into one person or events gathered into one time frame for the same reason, to protect the source of the story, who still lives in Cullman County.

This could very well be happening right there in your neighborhood. It could be happening to one of your classmates, your co-workers or your neighbors. It could happen to you, as the song says, "There but for fortune, go you, or I."

Keri was born in 1982. She was not born to rich parents, or to people who could afford to dress her in designer clothes. She was fed and cared for, and her life started out much the same as any other little baby's does; she slept, ate and cried some.

As she grew, she became a dark-haired, dark-eyed beauty with rosy cheeks and an infectious laugh. But her family was falling apart, even though she was too young to realize what was going on around her.

At some point, her mother just dropped out of the picture altogether. Her dad had problems with meth, cocaine, acid and marijuana, according to what she has learned since.

When the day came for her to go to school, she was excited; she couldn't wait to learn to read so that she could teach her younger brother.

She had to walk to school. They didn't have a car, but one day, she was surprised to see her daddy on the road and he gave them a ride to school.

"That was the first time I can remember ever spending much time with him," she recalled.

School was her refuge. She was smart. She picked things up quickly. Her teacher, Miss Gina, could see the potential in Keri right away.

She encouraged her, and Keri blossomed under her direction. She was one of the brightest students in the class. But sometime about the end of her kindergarten year, something happened to Keri. She wasn't the same child. Her teacher noticed that she wasn't interested or engaged in her work, nor did she laugh very much. She sometimes fell asleep in class, and she had dark circles under her eyes.

"Miss Gina kept telling me to sit down, but I couldn't because it hurt too much," Keri recalled. "One day she came over to me to see what was wrong and I told her that it hurt, that I couldn't sit down. She asked what was wrong but I told her nothing, and tried to hide the bruises, but the one on my arm was too big; I couldn't hide it."

Keri had been bitten on that little arm...so hard that it left teeth marks. She was taken to the office, where they called someone, but she doesn't know who.

She rode the bus home that day and hid behind the couch. When her daddy showed up later, the officers and a woman in a business suit were standing out by the bus stop.

"I had the impression that she might be a babysitter, but I'm not sure," said Keri. "I just remember being scared, and trying to stay behind the couch, but they took me with them."

Her brother had marks around his neck and was bruised in some of the same places as Keri. "We were taken to a big building with a big table and lots of chairs," she remembered.

After they were taken away from their father and put into a foster care home, her grandparents and dad would come for supervised visits, bringing the children things they needed.

"I remember living in foster care. I don't remember all of the places we were, but I distinctly remember my brother and I running away. We ran to a horse barn and tried to hide because they were so mean to us, whipping our hands with rulers until they were bruised."

Fortunately, the children weren't there long before their grandparents were able to get custody of them.

Keri's grandparents became her guardians when she was about 8 years old. They took Keri and her brother, and raised them as their own. The older couple never talked to the children very much about the circumstances that brought them there.

Her grandparents worked for a commercial chicken farmer who often shared chickens with them.

Keri remembers chickens running loose in the garden. Although they were what was considered poor at the time, they were never hungry or cold in the winter, and they always knew that their grandparents loved them.

Later on her grandmother did odd jobs to keep the family going, and her grandfather took a job in a mill, but was badly injured. Keri remembers the family rushing to Huntsville Hospital where she vividly recalls seeing her grandfather laying in a pool of blood, his leg almost severed from getting caught in a mill press.

He would be in a wheelchair for months, and later, wear a brace for most of his life, sort of like Forrest Gump, Keri said.

"But he was always happy, no matter what he was doing. He would whistle and laugh and cut up with us no matter how bad he felt; he always tried to see the bright side of things, the good in everyone."

She continued, "Mawmaw was the same way. Always hugging us, and calling us 'baby' even when we were grown, and she still does to this day."

Keri recalls going to flea markets and getting things there, or auctions and always getting grab bags filled with lots of fun things, like toys and candy. "It didn't matter if what was inside only cost a dollar; it was like a million dollars to us."

She recalled the birthday cake that her Aunt Faye made with the yellow flowers that made her feel like a queen, "I still have pictures of that cake, with me holding it and smiling with my little snaggle tooth hanging out. It was the best birthday party that I ever could have asked for."

For the first time in a long while, Keri and her brother felt safe.

They have another brother that they've never seen, and a step-sister that they occasionally talk to, but had no contact with the other side of the family until Keri was about 17 and old enough to drive.

She went alone, but says that by then, it was much too late...

Years later, Keri asked Miss Gina about what happened to her. The teacher teared up when she told her that it was one of the worst cases of child abuse she had ever seen...

Part 2 of "There but for fortune: a mother's story" will be published next week, in the Feb. 9 edition of The Tribune.

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BLOUNT

IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:
AELAND CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN HULL — CASE NO. 2016-288
A minor. DOB: JULY 8, 2015

AND

AURIANNA GRACE HULL — CASE NO. 2016-289
A minor DOB: MARCH 6, 2013

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ANY PERSON CLAIMING TO BE THE NATURAL PARENTS OF SAID MINOR CHILDREN; BORN TO BRITTANY DIANNE KILLOUGH & JUSTIN SETH HULL, whereabouts unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in Probate Court of Blount County Alabama by the Petitioners, PETE WHATELEY & WILMA WHATELEY, on the 20th day of December, 2016. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of being served this notice herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Blount County, Alabama, 220 Second Avenue East, Oneonta, Alabama 35121.

DONE this 24 day of January, 2017.

Chris Green
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Blount County Judge of Probate

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