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Local BACA members at a community outreach event at the Highway 157 Wal-Mart P5

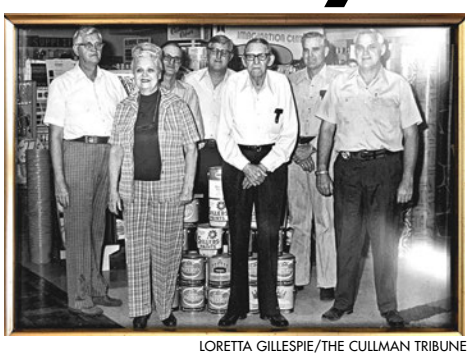
Richter's celebrates 70th anniversary

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – In 1947, the first O.F. Richter and Son's opened for business in Cullman. That location, 219 Second Avenue NE, was home to Richter's until the business moved to its present location, 308 First St. SE, in 1970.

The family-owned and operated business has proudly served Cullman's paint and home décor needs for the past 70 years. Recently, the business shared its anniversary with loyal customers and friends who dropped by to say hello and to congratulate the Richter family on 70 years of successful business.

Maria Richter Schultz is the granddaughter of the original owner. She was practically raised in the family business, went to work there while still in high school, and was employed full-time at the age of 18. She laughs when asked if there is paint running through her veins.



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Old family photos can be found throughout Richter's store.

Her grandfather, O.F. Richter, started the business after being a painter for a number of years.

During WWII, four of his five P2

BUSINESS

Industrial instrument manufacturer Met-South announces relocation to Hanceville, cites WSCC as key factor

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HANCEVILLE – At a special event Tuesday morning, industrial instrument and gauge maker Met-South P13

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Coach Tuberville and CCSO personnel with the 2017 Citizens' Academy class

Tommy Tuberville addresses graduates of Sheriff's Citizens' Academy

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday evening, former Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville came to Cullman to address the new graduating class of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Citizens' Academy. More than 50 graduates were present at the ceremony, and more than 70 completed the course.

According to Sheriff Matt Gentry, the academy "gives them good insight on their deputies and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, from riding with deputies, to the detention center, to investigation; just a good overview of what our deputy sheriffs do out in Cullman County. And it brings the citizens and deputies together, and they get to know each other and become one."

Tuberville said he was happy to be part of the event.

"I've had relatives that were in the police force," he shared, "and sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, so I like doing this stuff."

The coach also addressed talk of his gubernatorial interests, "I've decided not to run. I sat down with my family this week, after three months of investigating, talking to people all over the state, and having a good time. I feel like I could do the job, but when we had a change in governor from Governor Bentley with Kay Ivey moving in, I think she's going to deserve more than a year to get her plan through. She's got a good staff and she's a good person, so that made a lot of difference."

Gentry opened the graduation ceremony, with a few remarks.

"We (the CCSO) are only as strong as our community," he said. "And I will tell you this: from the shootings in Dallas to today, we have the greatest citizens in the state of Alabama. We have citizens that come out and support their law enforcement officers; they love us, they take care of us, they feed us.

"One of the things we're blessed with is that, when we do our community events, we just have an outpouring of support; and I love to see all the support that we have here tonight."

Tuberville delivered the keynote address.

He focused on a list of three things that:

• Once gone, can never come back - time, words, opportunity

• Can never be lost - peace, hope, honesty

• Are must-haves - love, self-confidence, friends

• Are never certain - dreams, success, fortune

• Make a person - hard work, sincerity, commitment

• Destroy a person - alcohol/drugs, pride, anger

• Are always consistent - Father, Son, Holy Spirit

"It all starts with family," Tuberville concluded. "It all starts with encouragement. No matter what religion you're in, you need to be a part of it. You need to be a part of something that makes you grow spiritually inside as a person, as a human being. And if you'll do that, things'll get a lot easier."

Citizens' Academy graduates who received certificates during the ceremony:

David Andrews, Rick Anthony, Melissa Bailey, Debbie Black, Robert Black, Gina Bradley, Ralph Bryson, Darina Butler, Brandi Chaffin, Ashley Chambers, Vicky Fisher, Glenda Gay, Roland Gay, Shelia Gentry, Patricia Gilliland, Sarah Gillis, Edward Hart, Nathan Haynes, Melissa Henderson, Connie Jacobs, Diana Jeffreys, James Jeffreys, Carol Jenkins, Ferrell Jones, Keith Jones, Warren Jones, Kathy Mainer, Brandon Martin, Vickie Martin, Alva Marty, Carol Marty, Latitia McBrayer, David McPherson, Jeanette McPherson, Tristan Miller, Harold Mosteller, Randy Nails, Laura Nichols, Alexander Orono, Tyler Pendergrass, Wendell Peterson, Barbara Phillips, James Phillips, Barry Plunkett, Jonathan Plunkett, Misty Pugh, Barbara Resplika, Pamela Rice, Jerry Roberts, Monica Rodello, Penny Rogers, Charlotte Samples, Linda Schaffer, Shirley Sibley, Kenneth Smith, Austin Tillman, Aaron Walters, Ava Willoughby, Jerry Willoughby

Richter's (from Front)

sons were drafted. When they came home, one of them had to have his knee cap removed, so they bought property and built a building where they sold paint, floor coverings and did custom framing.

The family has always been involved in the community which it serves, having been members of the Lion's Club, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce over the years.

In the 50s, the brothers were joined in business by their sister, Evelyn. "It was really a family affair then," said Shultz.

"We appreciate everyone coming out to help us celebrate our 70th anniversary," she said. "There was a good turn-out, probably around 130 people, and everyone enjoyed the barbecue from Johnny's."

She added, "This community has really been good to use over the years."



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Cullman Council approves $2M contract for wastewater treatment plant repairs; Warehouse District merchants talk street closure

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CULLMAN – At its regular meeting Monday evening, the Cullman City Council awarded a contract to the Creel Company, Inc. to replace the ultraviolet disinfection system at the city wastewater treatment plant. The current system was damaged beyond repair in the Christmas flood of 2015, and the plant has had to use alternate means to disinfect water since that time. The new system is designed to withstand the type of damage that shut down the old equipment. The total amount of the contract is $2,015,545, almost $800,000 below the original replacement estimate. The contract was sent out to bid, and Creel was the lowest responsible bidder.

The council also heard from representatives of the Warehouse District merchants concerning the current trial run of Saturday street closure on First Avenue Northeast.

District merchant Chad Witcher, owner of If the Shoe Fits, spoke on his own behalf and that of two other merchants present, asking for the one-month experiment to be converted to an ongoing plan.

He cited improved business and pedestrian traffic through the area, and pointed out that even businesses outside the district have benefitted from the plan.

Witcher explained, "Our whole focus down there is to try to buy local. We love Cullman, we love Cullman businesses, and we want to promote that. It's good for the city, it's good for us. So we tested it this past weekend with a local merchant. Mitch Smith Chevrolet was kind enough to allow us to borrow four cars we parked in the district. They had their signs on it, and I got a call from the Chevrolet dealership; they received two customers as a result of having the cars parked in the district.

"They've got salespeople selling cars because of what we did.

"We want to turn that into something that, on a regular basis, we can promote local businesses."

Witcher continued, sharing a little of the vision of the pro-closure merchants, "We put bubbles out there, we put sidewalk chalk out there. We're going to put tables and chairs, those kinds of things out there, so if people want to eat their lunch outside; just turn it into a place where people can really just spend time with their families, spend time with other families."

Council President Garlan Gudger brought up a recent letter of complaint the council received concerning a lack of access for elderly people with mobility problems.

In the ensuing discussion, which included merchants, council members, and City Director of Building, Planning, and Zoning Rick Fulmer, proposals were set forth to increase the number of handicapped parking spaces immediately outside the pedestrian zone.

All seemed to agree that the Saturday pedestrian closure appears to be a good idea, but that accessibility for as many people as possible should be a key concern in the planning process.

The merchants' request was not on the agenda, and the council took no action. Gudger did say that the council will take up the matter at its first meeting in May.

In other business, the council approved the following requests and resolutions (from the agenda):

Requests:

1. A request from Joyce Echols of Watchmen over Cullman for a special event permit to hold a gathering on the front steps of city hall on May 4, 2017 (the National Day of Prayer) from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. (Echols and other representatives were present to introduce themselves and their group to the council. This event will be their first official function.)

2. A request from Ryan Pierce and Larissa Mueller for a special event permit and a noise permit to hold a wedding with reception to follow in the alley behind Southern Accents and Fairview Florist on May 20, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. (The groom is related to Council President Gudger, so he abstained from the vote.)

Resolutions and Ordinances:

• Resolution No. 2017 - 71 – To approve change order no. 1 for Carcel & G Construction, LLC for the Downtown Streetscape Phase IV project to increase the contract amount by $6,975.73 to a total of $425,533.73 and extend the completion date by five days to August 24, 2017.

• Resolution No. 2017 - 73 – To award the bid for tree services at 1725 Highland Drive NW to the lowest responsible bidder, Reeve's and Son, LLC, in the budgeted amount of $2,450.

• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017 - 13 - To amend the City of Cullman Alcohol Ordinance.

• First Reading of Ordinance No. 2017 – 14 – To participate in the 2017 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday beginning on Friday, July 21, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. and ending on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at Midnight. (The council voted to suspend the rules and allow a vote on this ordinance, which passed unanimously.)

• Resolution No. 2017 - 62 - To enter into a contract for services with Camp Meadowbrook to provide facilities and meeting space for public and community meetings which will serve a public purpose. (This contract is not to exceed expenditures of $12,000 per month, and is effective for one year.)

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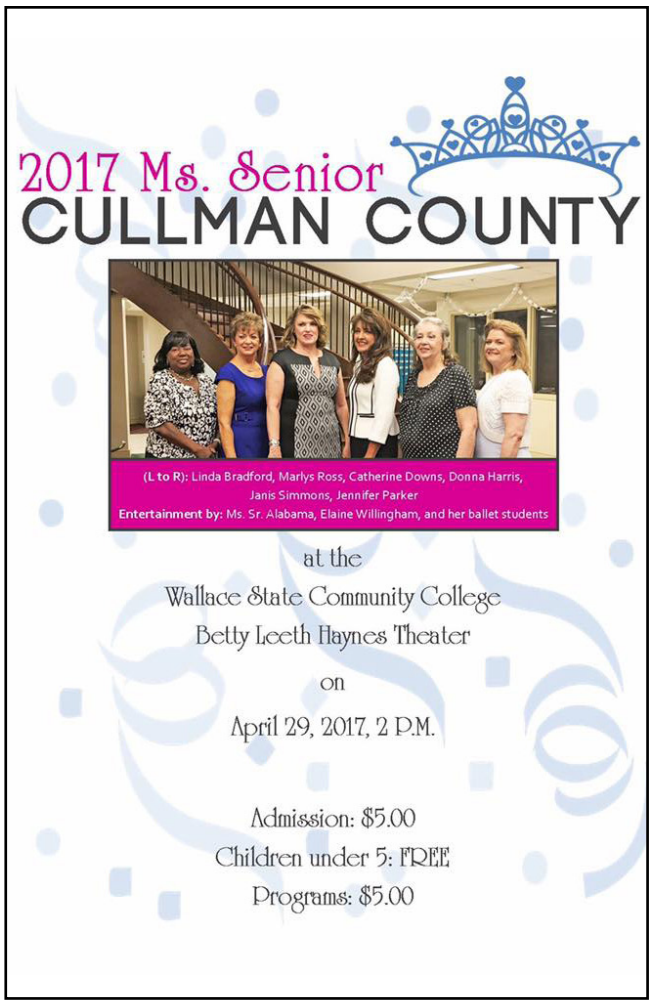
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David Ronald Headley, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Felicia Renae Headley's Complaint for Divorce by June 19, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900054.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of April, 2017.

Lisa McSwain (AD)
Lisa McSwain,
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PREP SOFTBALL

Arab spoils West Point's bid for victory on senior night

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WEST POINT – Arab prevented West Point from celebrating senior night by claiming a 5-3 victory Tuesday in a battle of Class 5A softball programs.

West Point started the game well with a two-run homer in the first by shortstop Olivia Ball, scoring Lillie Burdette ahead of her. Burdette drew a walk that set up Ball's blast over the left-field fence against Arab starter Meagan Busby.

Arab coach Casey Clark went to the bullpen after the Ball homer and brought in left-hander Meagan Tidmore.

Tidmore did her job of retiring 13 consecutive West Point batters before she allowed a run to reach base.

Catcher Hope Shedd drew a walk with two out in the fifth to snap the string, but West Point could not manage a run as Ava Jo Rushing was called out on strikes to end the inning.

Arab capitalized on three of four West Point errors. Two came on one play in the second when Lauren Barnett's single to center field was mishandled. Barnett went to second and headed to third when a relay throw to the bag sailed into the third base dugout, allowing Barnett to cross home and cut the margin to 2-1.

Josey Gammon was sharp for West Point with six consecutive outs following the Arab run.

But in the fourth, Gammon gave up a home run to left field by Lakelyn Wilson and the game was even at 2-2.

Lindsey Wilson was safe on a throwing error and moments later, came in on a two-out single by Elli Derrick, that sailed over Ball's glove at shortstop by mere inches. Arab went into the bottom of the fourth on top 3-2.

Arab's lead increased in the fifth when Kelsey Pope opened the inning with a single, was sacrificed to second, moved to third on a fly out and came home when Wilson's grounder deflected off the glove of Molly Pendley at third and deep to Ball at short. Ball could not get Wilson out with Pope scoring and the lead going to 4-2.

Barnett followed with a run-scoring single that got Wilson home and the Lady Knights led 5-2.

Tidmore had not allowed West Point a hit through her relief work that came with one out in the first.

But in the seventh, Pendley opened the inning by a double to left and came home on a single from Makayla Brown, narrowing the deficit to 5-3.

Avery McClure singled with Brown heading to third.

During the play, McClure tried to advance to second, but was cut down when Tidmore cut off the relay and threw to the bag to get the first out.

Shedd and Rushing could not extend the inning as the game ended at 6:01 p.m. The time of the game was an hour and 36 minutes.

This was the final home game for Jordyn Kimbrell and Burdette, seniors for coach Eric Pendley's ball club.

West Point is 18-12-3 as they head to the Cullman Pre-State this weekend at Heritage Park. Arab will be participating in the annual event as well.

The schedule will be announced later.

Students get hands on with science, building outdoor classroom at Welti Elem.

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WELTI – This week, kids got to take a little break from class, as they went out in shifts to participate in a workday for the construction of Welti Elementary School's new outdoor classroom. With the help of North Alabama Agriplex staff and volunteers, students and faculty worked on a songbird sanctuary, pollinator and butterfly gardens, a sensory garden, a weather station, a berry patch and other learning stations.

The outdoor classroom, as stated in a press release provided by Welti School, will provide learning stations "where students can observe, document, and experiment as they study the micro-ecosystems they've created. Students can observe the diversity of selected native plants and the ecological relationship between plants and animals."

Project consultant Emily Clem talked about Welti's plans.

"This has been a year-long process. We were going to do it back in the fall, but, because of the drought, we knew it was not a good time. We delayed it until spring, then we had to move it. We've got raised beds, and those will be planted with vegetables, possibly some flowers. Then we're going to have a sensory garden with things to touch, feel and smell. Then we're going to have pollinator and butterfly gardens: three of those, with plants that host the butterfly larvae, and with flowers that the butterflies like for nectaring. Almost all of them are native plants, because that's what the native insects and pollinators like."

Clem pointed out some of the plants that had been brought in for the gardens, including goldenrod, black-eyed Susan, Virginia sweetspire, Carolina Jasmine, pink muhly grass, yaupon holly, beauty berry, blackberries, blueberries, yarrow, passionflower vines, bee balm and coneflower.

Welti Principal Gina Webb spoke about the large number of resources that have come to the school to make the project a reality. In addition to numerous private donations and grants, the list includes the North Alabama Agriplex, the Alabama Wildlife Federation, Whole Foods Market, Greg Nuss Contracting, Louisiana Pacific, Walker Brothers, Alabama Brick and Cullman Savings Bank.



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Students construct a gravel pathway through Welti Elementary School's outdoor classroom

"Everybody's just been super generous," Webb remarked, "and we're really excited."

Wallace State PTA program hosting color run in memory of Connor Strickland

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Jill Strickland says her son Connor would find it amusing that a 5K and 1-mile fun run is being held in his memory. Connor loved the outdoors and guns, but running wasn't one of his passions.

But on May 6, running – or walking for those who aren't too passionate about that particular form of exercise, either – will hopefully be what a lot people will be doing in Connor's memory and as a way to fund a scholarship fund established in his name.

Connor passed away on Oct. 9, 2016, just a few days before of his 22nd birthday. He was coming home to Cullman to celebrate his birthday. He was traveling from Huntsville where he was a junior at UAH studying to be a mechanical engineer when he was involved in a wreck on the Tennessee River bridge.

His mother works at Wallace State as a success coach. Before that she was instructor in the college's Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program, and still teaches as an adjunct. When news of Connor's death spread around campus, her students in the PTA program immediately thought about doing something in Connor's memory.

"Literally, that day or the next day we were in class someone brought it up and we said why don't we do something for him because Jill's been a big part of our lives," said Riley Huey, one of the PTA students organizing the event.

Fellow PTA student and event organizer Jamie Flynn said they wanted to do the run around Thanksgiving and then Christmas, but the plans didn't come together as quickly as that and it was finally decided to do it in May.

Huey said they chose to add the color element to the run to make it more fun and hopefully attract more participants.

"I said I want to do something that will draw people to it, not just because it's a run," she said. "I've never done a 5K, but I want to do a color run."

Volunteers from the PTA program will be set up at different stations on the route around campus to toss colored powder in the air as the runners pass by.

Along with the run, there will be a bake sale, and chair massages will be offered by students in the Therapeutic Massage program. A balloon release will also be held that day. The balloons will be green, because that was Connor's favorite color.

Participants will receive a white shirt to wear during the event. Separate green T-shirts will be offered for sale as an additional way to donate to the cause.

Registration is underway for the race, with a $30 fee for the 5K, $20 for the mile or $25 for the green T-shirt alone. The race will start at 8:30, with registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., at the Wallace State tennis courts. Registration can be completed online at www.wsccalumni.org/connor17 and on-site the morning of the race.

Each T-shirt will include the hashtag #AHugAndILoveYou, which came about after his death.

"When family and friends started gathering, afterwards...that was just one common element that kept coming up as everybody was talking about him, was that he never ever left, whether it was family or friends, even if it was his guy friends, he always gave them a hug and said I love you," Strickland said. "And that just kind of came up and my sister started doing that hashtag with it, and now that's what we use all the time. We even have it on his tombstone."

The students have a goal of making $1,200 to $1,500 for the scholarship fund. The John Connor Strickland Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set up as an endowed scholarship, which needs to reach $25,000 to become active and to begin issuing scholarships. They are more than a third of the way to that goal.

Strickland said she and her husband John discussed the possibility of setting up the fund to help specific students in the PTA program or engineering, since that was Connor's major. "But then, I think in my role as a success coach I meet so many students who struggle, that I just want it to go to somebody who needs it most," she said.

For more information about the event, call 256-352-7808 or visit www.wsccalumni.org/connor17.

Good Hope City Council talks finances

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

GOOD HOPE – With a quorum just barely met, Good Hope's City Council kept its meeting quick and efficient Monday evening. The minutes from the last meeting were approved, and the absence of both Maxie Jones and Greg Brown shortened the segment for council member reports. John Harris chose to save his report for later, as it involved new business for the annual budget. Susan Eller reported nothing new and everything was working well, although an update on the water plant said that the new control panel will be installed as soon as a few new parts come in. Mayor Jerry Bartlett congratulated Taft Dillashaw on the high park turn out, which Dillashaw reported was up 20 percent from last year.

The main item on tonight's agenda involved amending the 2016-2017 budget to reflect some losses and the reallocation of funds.

Under revenue, the town's excise tax was down approximately $12,000 due to construction on diesel pumps lowering business, which was not anticipated when the budget was drafted.

The council's auditor recommended immediately amending the budget to reflect that loss, which was made into a motion and passed. Under expenses, City Clerk Christie Chamblee pointed out some overspending on maintenance work on the municipal building.

City hall replaced rotting ceiling tiles, put in new blinds and was re-painted, and a large gas heater was purchased for the maintenance shop.

This left the budget line for municipal building maintenance and supplies over the allowed budget, so Chamblee looked for places to reallocate some funds. She found that last September, due to rumors of health insurance prices skyrocketing, she added an extra $5,100 to the employee health insurance line. That money was not as necessary as anticipated, so the council passed a motion to move the extra $5,100 to maintenance on municipal buildings.

The only other thing under new business was a notice that the Good Hope High School physics class will be hosting a community night this Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to celebrate their accomplishments. The class is involved in a project with the University of Alabama at Huntsville and NASA, and they will help design a payload to go to Neptune and one of its moons, Triton.

After the announcement, the council adjourned.

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.

Commission recognizes Broncos, Lady Aggies basketball teams; Stony Lonesome plans memorial

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission met amid a packed-out conference room this week, as they welcomed basketball players from Holly Pond and Fairview High Schools. The varsity Broncos, as well as the varsity and junior varsity Lady Aggies were presented with official proclamations recognizing their winning 2016-2017 seasons.

Chairman Kenneth Walker welcomed the boys, praising their hard work.

"I appreciate y'all coming," he said to the sea of green and white.

"I know it took a lot of hard work, dedication. A lot of your friends out swimming and having a good time and y'all was bustin it in the gym. I know Coach Morris, and Coach Jones also have got great feelings for the team. Much less having young men of their own on the basketball team.

"I know it takes a lot of hard work to get where y'all went, and I just wanted to recognize y'all for the successful year that y'all had. I'm glad that y'all came."

Turning his attention to the girls, Walker said, "Like I told the guys, I know y'all were very dedicated to have the season y'all had this year.

"For your practice and your hard work and your dedication. that's why you're here today, because you're champions of Cullman County and we appreciate your hard work."

County Clerk Charlotte Slatton read all three proclamations to the assembled crowd.

Also at the meeting, West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo spoke on behalf of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, a historical preservation society.

"What we've done here locally, is we give presentations to schools about true southern history. We've adopted Cullman Caring for Kids as our charity.

"We meet the last Tuesday night of every month at 7 p.m. at the VFW. Our meetings are open to everybody. We are non-racial, non-political. We are strictly a historical preservation society. We'd love to have you join us."

Nonprofit group Karma in Cullman requested and was given permission for a children's fishing event from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on June 24 at Sportsman Lake Park.

Speaking on behalf of Stony Lonesome OHV Park, Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport requested permission for an event that will take place at the park after normal closing time on Friday night, June 9, when there will be a memorial for the two spectators who were killed at the park on April 22, as well as for the families and the two people who were injured.

Davenport says there will be a candlelight vigil and then riders who would like to can ride their ATVs back to the hill where the accident happened to pray and pay their respects.

The following day, on June 10, will be a free day, with any donations gathered given to the victims' families.

"I ask that everybody continue to pray for the victims, those who lost loved ones, those still in the hospital in Birmingham and for the park staff," said a solemn Davenport.

Bikers (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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HOLLY POND – When children are the victims of abuse, even the arrest or removal of the abuser may not make everything right. They often continue to live in fear of the abuser's return. In too many cases, that fear is well-founded; abusers often disregard restraining orders to intimidate their victims into silence and, in some cases, even attempt to continue the abuse. That's where the bikers from Holly Pond step in, literally.

The east Cullman County town is home to Alabama's only chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), a child advocacy organization that comes at the task from a decidedly different direction.

Its members are, obviously, bikers: patches and vests, noisy chrome-trimmed Harleys, the works. When they walk into the room, they get everyone's attention in a no-nonsense, purposefully intimidating way. And they take pride in making abusers think twice about messing with kids.

BACA, according to its mission statement, "exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse."

The Hurricane Creek Chapter has been around for eight years, but has been on a recent push to introduce itself and get the word out about its work.

They've been attending local community festivals and town council meetings around the county. The Tribune caught up with the bikers at an outreach day at the Highway 157 Wal-Mart in Cullman and spoke with chapter President Keith "Blind Dog" Williams.

"Our job is to empower children to not be afraid," said Williams.

"We go to court with them, to all their court proceedings, if we're invited in. It's just to empower them and show them that they're just as strong as anybody, as long as they've got somebody to stand up with them."

Bikers invited into court? Yes! BACA is not a vigilante group.

Williams explained, "I've had women call and say, 'Will y'all take my husband out and . . .' No, we don't do that. We do everything the legal way. Everybody has to be NCIC (criminal background check) cleared through the FBI. We have strict training for at least a year, and a minimum of 15 months riding before they become a patched member."

While the stereotypical biker image serves them well, BACA does not advocate the use of force.

Williams said, "We don't believe in violence, because the children have seen enough violence. But we will be an obstacle between the perpetrator and that child. We'll do whatever it takes to keep them away from the child."

Despite their intimidating appearance, BACA members have a good relationship with law enforcement agencies and court officials.

The national organization's founder, John Paul Lilly, is a licensed clinical social worker and registered play therapist. He says his own experience with abused kids showed that victims who feel safe and protected are more likely to testify against their abusers and go through the legal process.

BACA members meet with client children and take them through an "adoption" ceremony. Once "in the family," members can provide security at the children's homes, visit them at school and accompany them to court. While most members are not trained therapists or counselors, BACA maintains a therapy fund for kids who need that kind of help.

BACA is active in 49 states and 13 countries, but Hurricane Creek is currently the only chapter in Alabama. That keeps these folks busy.

"At this time, we have nine active cases," Williams shared. "Right now, we're the only chartered chapter in Alabama. We have one that's fixing to charter in Wedowee, and we have a chapter just across the border in Florida that helps us out in south Alabama. Other than that, we practically cover the whole state."

The Hurricane Creek chapter currently has 14 active members with another 18 in training.

"I love children," said Williams. "I've always loved working with children. We have members who've been through abuse when they were growing up. There's several different reasons people join. Everybody volunteers their time to do this. Nobody in this organization ever gets paid. It's all voluntary, just a bunch of big-hearted bikers."

BACA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information on the national organization, visit www.bacaworld.org. Contact the Hurricane Creek chapter at 256-636-2453 or email baca4hcc@hotmail.com.

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



Good morning Tribune readers and families. Hope that you have had an enjoyable week. We have surely had a good taste of warm weather. When temperatures are in the eighties for most of the week, you can say that spring has almost turned to summer. We did have a little reminder over the weekend that it is not summer quite yet.

However, the green trees and warm weather makes it feel like the end of the school year is nearer.

Also, an event held only in the Deep South, known as Decoration Days is now upon us.

The Holly Pond Homemakers Club have planned a cleanup day in the Holly Pond Cemetery Chapel on Thursday, prior to the first Sunday in May which is our Decoration Day.

Any club member can help in this project. The club also had a very successful pre-Easter bake sale on last Saturday, April 15th.

All proceeds go for the upkeep of the cemetery. I'm sure you'll agree that we have one of the most beautiful, well maintained cemeteries in the area, thanks to the diligent oversight of the Homemakers Club.

A reminder of up-coming events for the Holly Pond Civitans will include preparing the Relay for Life Survivor's Breakfast held in the Fellowship Hall of the Cullman Church of Christ on Wednesday, May 3rd.

The actual event for the Relay is held at Cullman County Fairgrounds on May 5th.

I would like to extend congratulations to Miss Haley Mabry, who is getting married soon.

Haley is the great-granddaughter of my former best friend, Mrs. Doris E. Hendrix and the daughter of Mike and Marcia Mabry. Haley was honored with a bridal shower on last Sunday, April 23rd at the Holly Pond United Methodist Church.

The three Civitan Clubs in this area are holding a joint get together at the Cullman County Museum on Saturday, April 29th. Clubs participating include Holly Pond, Hanceville and Cullman Clubs.

This will be a covered dish luncheon. Members can invite guests, including those who might want to join one of these clubs. This should be an enjoyable event.

The Class of 1963 of Holly Pond High School is also having a reunion on Saturday, April 29th.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Betty Adams and her family, in the recent death of her sister. The funeral was held last Thursday in Birmingham.

Until next week, enjoy this mixed weather, Blackberry Winter, and be safe.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1938

Winfred Walker, 16-year-old son of O.I. Walker, of the Berlin community, was seriously injured when his motorcycle collided with a truck driven by M.C. Lovvorn, well-known Cullman man, on a downtown street, on Monday afternoon.

Young Walker was carried to the City Infirmary in Drinkard's ambulance, where his condition was considered serious, but not critical.

He received a broken right arm, a fractured leg and severe cuts about the face.

No arrests were made by investigating officers.

Marriage Licenses

April 20th

Grady Livingston, 24, to Tommie Lee Reagan, 19 and Troy Hudson, 20, to Mary Rodgers, 21.

April 21st

Linard B. Taylor, 27, to Ina Lee Couch, 22.

April 22nd

Hubert F. Burgess, 24, to Alline Gober, 22 and William V. Wilson, 34, to Margie J. Armstrong, 21.

April 23rd

Joe Parr, 35, to Edith Hogans, 18, Claud Thomas Peek, 24, to Pauline Alvis, 24, Finis Pruett, 22, to Ruth N. Brown, 20 and Clyde Williams, 21, to Gladys Wood, 20.

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Hodges were hosts, honoring the members of the West Point faculty and a few friends at their home on Wednesday evening. The event was in the form of a buffet supper.

Early spring flowers were arranged in the living room where the guests were received. A delicious plate was served to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jordan, Mrs. Ted Boho, Mrs. Emmett Bradford, Mrs. Amon Courington, Mrs. Thomas Hendrix, Misses Nell Teem, Lida Mae Wilkinson, Lula Mae Taylor, Mary Keaton, Marion Speegle, Challie Hughes and Lois King.

FFA new officers for the Hanceville Chapter were elected at the last meeting. They included: President, Ralph Bland, Vice-President, J.C. Grimmett, Secretary, Harold Jackson, Treasurer, Ray Dunlap and Reporter, Billy Rau.

From The Files Of 1918

Mrs. John Lewis and children, of Birmingham, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Linton.

Colonel and Mrs. A.A. Griffith and son, Kenneth, have returned home from a two- week visit to Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Young returned from Grayville, Illinois, on Friday, where they have spent several weeks at their old home.

Mrs. William Richard and daughters, Misses Anna, Mary and Wilhelmina, have returned home after spending a most delightful visit to Magnolia Beach on Mobile Bay.

Mr. Buford Thompson will arrive Sunday from Camp Wheeler, to spend several days with home folks.

Mrs. Al Richter and little daughters have returned home from a visit to relatives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Doctor C.H. Herrin spent the first of the week in Town Creek with his daughter, who is suffering from an attack of influenza.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Catfish, Chicken-Liver And One-Sixty

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Drew Man was out of school and came to spend the day with us. The boy loves to fish more than he loves bubble-gum flavored ice-cream with sprinkles on top. He and I had not been fishing this spring, so we agreed that it was time to go. We loaded up the rods and reels, tackle, water, sun screen, bug spray and folding chairs. Drew's legs are still young so he likes to sit down to fish. Of course, my legs are fully developed, good and strong and I could stand for, well, never mind how long I could stand, but I always sit too – just so Drew doesn't feel bad, of course.

We wanted to make a good haul, so we went to one of those "pay by pound catfish ponds." Yes, I know, but you are almost always assured a stringer full. I mean, if you can't catch more fish at those places than you can afford, well, you need to take up another sport. You pay to get in and you pay for what you've caught to get out. It's 2.60 per pound. If you have them cleaned, you have to pay for that too.

As I paid the admission fee and for a tub of chicken livers, Smokey, the biggest black lab I have ever seen in my life, rubbed against my leg. Did you ask, "How big was he?" Well, you know I've nicknamed my dogs according to their weight. I call Ginger "sixty-five" and Cocoa "fifteen."

Accordingly, we nicknamed ole Smokey "one-sixty!" He was almost as wide as he was long. As the man handed me our livers, he said, "You need to watch ole Smokey there." As Smokey soaked up our petting faster than we could stroke him, I wondered why. Curiously, I asked, "He doesn't bite, does he?" The man replied, "Oh no, but he does steal." When Drew's mother was about his age, she caught a catfish that a big tomcat tried to take away from her, so I asked, "Does he steal the fish?" The man chuckled and said, "No, he'll steal your chicken livers." Foolishly, I asked, "Why?" He answered, "He eats them." I guess that explains why he is one-sixty! You remember what I said about catching more than you could afford? Well, forget I said that. Drew and I really are great fishermen; but we've decided to go play putt-putt next time. There was one good thing about our catch; we easily afforded our exit fee of $3.00, including cleaning! We had enough money left for ice cream – with sprinkles! I once knew an old man who liked to tell everybody there was one good thing about catfishing. He said, "If you don't catch enough for your supper, you can fry your leftover chicken-liver to go with your fish!" Yuck! After I've gone catfishing, I don't want any fried livers for a long time. After seeing what they have done to ole Smokey, I may never eat livers again! Drew wanted to take Smokey home with us, but I was afraid they might charge us for him by the pound too!

At least four of the disciples of Jesus were fishermen. I felt better when I remembered the time when they fished all night and didn't catch a thing, and they were professionals. The next morning, Jesus told them to cast their nets on the other side. When they did, they caught so many fish they couldn't pull in their net. I'm reminded to listen to Jesus, because he knows about everything; even fishing.

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PHARMACY TOPICS

by Rex Smith

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Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

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Four commonly prescribed blood pressure medications may impact mood disorders such as depression or bipolar disorder, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal *Hypertension*. Patients on beta-blockers and calcium antagonists were at two-fold increased risk of hospital admission for mood disorder, compared to patients on angiotensin antagonists (angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin-receptor blockers). Patients on angiotensin antagonists had the lowest risk for hospitalization with mood disorders compared to patients on other blood pressure meds and patients on no antihypertensive therapy. Patients taking thiazide diuretics showed the same risk for mood disorders compared to patients taking no antihypertensive meds.

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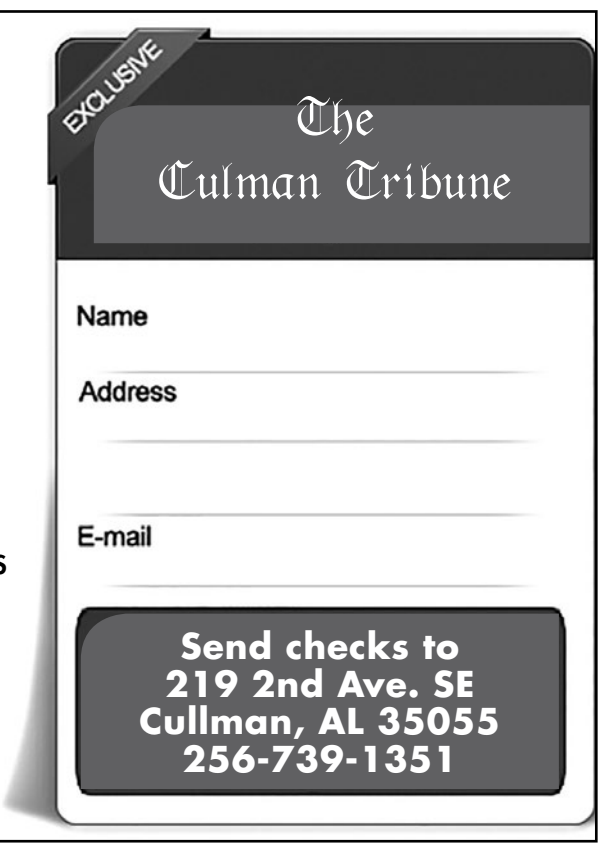
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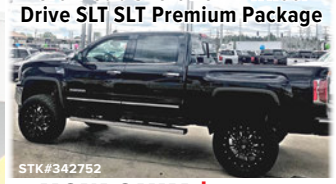
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ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 12

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-27, (SE-1 SPECIAL EVENTS DISTRICT)

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

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2004-03, as Amended by Ordinance No. 2013-27, is hereby amended by deleting Section 3. D. 3.a. *Festhalle/Depot Park District.* in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 3. D. 3.a. *Festhalle/Depot Park District:* The following boundaries or any portion thereof may be approved for use under the SE-1 District rules. The District shall be bounded on the South by the North side of 5th Street SE; bounded on the West by the East property line of the CSX Railroad from 5th Street SE to the parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department; and on the East by the West side of 2nd Avenue NE from 5th Street SE to the parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department.

All other sections of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on August 29, 2007 by Monique Kunze, an unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1535, Page 453 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 May 5, 2017:

Lot 17 of Scenic Valley Subdivision as shown on the plat as shown in Slide B184B in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-April 13, 20, 27, 2017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MELISSA CARRIE LEE,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2017-900066.00**

GLEN DALE LEE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Glen Dale Lee, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Carrie Melissa Lee's Complaint for Divorce by May 22, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900066.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of March, 2017.

Lisa McSwain (as)
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA RICHTER
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LEE CARRIE MELISSA, Plaintiff,
V. Case No.: DR-2017-900066.00
LEE GLEN DALE, Defendant.

ORDER

MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION filed by LEE CARRIE MELISSA is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 20th day of March, 2017.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2017-022**

IN THE MATTER OF:
SAVANNAH BROOKE FREEMAN,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JOHN CODY FREEMAN WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY, JASON RYAN COLLINS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF March, 2017.

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

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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 Proof of Publication to the Probate Judge of Cullman County.

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 May 18, 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
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The Cullman Tribune-April 27, May 4, 11, 2017

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

Utilities Board of the City of Cullman
(PLAINTIFF)
VS CASE NO: SM-2017-900116
James Kadale Scott
(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT, James Kadale Scott, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Utilities Board of the City of Cullman, for $5836.23 plus court cost, cause of action being: On or about October 21, 2016, Defendant negligently or wantonly caused damage to property of the Plaintiff resulting in the claimed damages.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 18th day of April, 2017, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 10th DAY OF April, 2017.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven C. Smith
P.O. Box 398
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Phone: 256-734-4721

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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
EVA MARIE CLARK,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-073
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to **REGINA ADAMS,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **EVA MARIE CLARK,** deceased, on the 7th day of April, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 7th day of April, 2017.

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
) NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, May 1, 2017 at 11 :00 a.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: Premier Bank of the South
vs.
Victoria Chambers
757 County Road 1135
Vinemont, Alabama 35179

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Victoria Chambers, property, described as follows:

The East ½ of the North ½ of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, containing 5 acres more or less.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Victoria Chambers, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 27th day of March, 2017.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

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 May 11, 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-April 20, 27, May 4, 2017

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
WESLEY SEBASTIAN BRYAN,) CASE NO: JU 2013-22.03
a minor child: DOB 06/02/2011)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Mariano Barrientos or other possible father of Wesley Sebastian Bryan, the child born 06/03/2011, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 11th day of May, 2017, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner, Michael Haynes, 412 1st Ave SE, Suite 100, Cullman, Alabama 35056, (256) 737-5068 or Clerk of Court Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Avenue Southwest, Room 303, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this the 21st day of MARCH, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of March, 20 17.
Lisa McSwain (JW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

FILED IN OFFICE
MAR 21 2017
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD 1615.

WHEREAS, property owner AGCOR Steel, 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, May 23, 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, AGCOR Steel, LLC, is requesting vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road 1615, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, thence S 1°36'10" E 1338.25 feet to an existing iron, thence S 88°48'46" W 467 feet to an existing iron, thence N 1°37'11" W 101.08 feet to an existing iron, thence N 1°24'08" W 198.07 feet to an existing iron on the South R.O.W. of Co. Rd. 1615 and the point of beginning, thence N 2°52'23" W 40.38 feet to an existing iron on the North R.O.W. of Co. Rd. 1615, thence along said R.O.W. the following bearings and distances, thence N 83°56'30" W 88.50 feet, thence N 82°28'50" W 111.88 feet, thence N 78°12'40" W 93.15 feet, thence N 71°25'59" W 79.54 feet, thence N 63°47'45" W 61.88 feet, thence N 54°42'55" W 60.21 feet, thence N 48°04'49" W 85.38 feet, thence N 45°14'25" W 92.68 feet, thence N 43°28'14" W 155.44 feet, thence N 42°59'57" W 152.44 feet, thence N 40°39'28" W 82.63 feet to an existing iron on said R.O.W., thence S 6°27'44" E 81.56 feet to an existing iron on the South R.O.W. of Co. Rd. 1615, thence along said R.O.W. the following bearings and distances, thence S 76°13'13" E 9.97 feet, thence S 43°04'55" E 161.12 feet, thence S 43°28'54" E 156.72 feet, thence S 45°14'48" E 93.82 feet, thence S 48°09'24" E 88.75 feet, thence S 54°48'20" E 65.53 feet, thence S 63°17'25' E 67.65 feet, thence S 71°23'54" E 84.68 feet, thence S 78°09'50" E 96.97 feet, thence S 82°27'17" E 114.04 feet, thence S 84°00'26" E 95.10 feet back to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 1615.

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 Cullman County Road 1615, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 23, 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 28th day of March, 2017.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
WESLEY SEBASTIAN BRYAN,) CASE NO: JU 2013-22.03
a minor child: DOB 06/02/2011)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for service by Publication in the above styled action, stating that the Father of the above described Minor is unknown it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Mariano Barrientos or other possible father of the child born 06/03/2011 to Stephanie Bryan, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 11 day of May, 2017, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in the favor of the Petitioner.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of March, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
YESICA KAY BRYAN,) CASE NO: JU 2013-23.03
a minor child: DOB 11/29/2008)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Mariano Barrientos or other possible father of Yesica Kay Bryan, the child born 11/29/2008, respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the 11th day of May, 2017, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner, Michael Haynes, 412 1st Ave SE, Suite 100, Cullman, Alabama 35056, (256) 737-5068 or Clerk of Court Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Avenue Southwest, Room 303, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this the 21st day of MARCH, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of March, 20 17.
Lisa McSwain (JW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

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CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2017- 030

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF KOLTON GAGE BARAGLIA.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF KOLTON GAGE BARAGLIA, WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of Kolton Gage Baraglia, a minor child born on April 14, 2016, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Lacy Brook Baraglia, was filed on April 11, 2017, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, alleging that the identity of the natural father of the child is unknown or has not been disclosed to the Court. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 18th day of April, 2017.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Cullman County Judge of Probate

SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioners
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
YESICA KAY BRYAN,) CASE NO: JU 2013-23.03
a minor child: DOB 11/29/2008)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of March, 2017.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

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CLASSIFIEDS

AUCTIONS

REAL ESTATE Auction - Demopolis, Alabama May 6th, Saturday 11:00 am. Lake Demopolis, Cypress Point Estates, 10 Parcels - 1 acre to 23 acres, 3 water front parcels, 4 parcels will sell "ABSOLUTE" regardless of price. For brochure and more information contact Redmont Auction & Land Co., Inc 1-205-822-4229 Eddie Propst #1161.

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Weekly online news recap, April 20 - 26

The Cullman Tribune's weekly print edition is packed full of important community news and current events. Did you know that you can also access our content for free online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Find us three ways: on our website at CullmanSense.com, on social media at facebook.com/CullmanSense and twitter.com/CullmanSense or through our free mobile app, "CullmanSense NOW," available from the App Store or the Google Play Store. Also online is our calendar, so you never miss an important community event. Find it at CullmanSense.com/calendar.

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

2 killed at Stony Lonesome

BREMEN – The two people killed Saturday as a result of an ATV crash at Stony Lonesome OHV Park have been identified by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick as Lawrence Richey, 34, of Smiths Grove, Kentucky and Erin Duncan, 22, of Elkins, Arkansas. Richey was pronounced dead at the scene. Duncan was pronounced dead at Walker Baptist Medical Center. The ATV crash occurred at Stony Lonesome Saturday at approximately 4 p.m., causing multiple injuries. Neither the names of others who were injured, nor the extent of their injuries, have been released at this time. Stony Lonesome is now closed until Thursday, April 27. The original call from Cullman County Dispatch reported an ATV wreck with multiple injuries and a possible fatality. Two people were reportedly unresponsive. Bremen and Dodge City Volunteer Fire Departments and Cullman Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were the first to be dispatched. Cullman Fire Rescue and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office assisted. Multiple calls and text messages to Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport have not been returned.

West Point woman arrested for distribution

WEST POINT – A West Point woman was arrested Wednesday and charged with two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. Dang Saw Watson, 42, also known as "Dee Dee," was arrested by Cullman City Police Department (CPD) Investigators Justin Craft and Scott Sanford following an undercover operation conducted by Craft, with help from Sanford and Investigator Gene Bates. Watson was held on two $30,000 property bonds at the time of her arrest.

Wallace State Community College athletics to reintroduce cross country programs beginning in August 2017

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College is reintroducing its men's and women's cross country programs beginning with the 2017 fall season, Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics has announced. Before being discontinued in June 2008, Wallace State previously fielded cross country teams and won a men's Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) title during its final cross country season in the fall of 2007. Beginning in August, the teams will once again compete during the fall season.

Good food, worthy cause at Colton's Cookout for a Cure

CULLMAN – Outside Werner's on Saturday morning, the scent of barbecue hung in the air. There were pork sandwiches and hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and drinks. Sauce flowed, as did a few tears, as family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of Colton Evans and raise funds to support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Colton's mom Beth Evans explained, "This is our 12th year for Colton's Cookout. Colton was diagnosed in 2004 with a brain tumor, and we started relaying then, and being a part of the American Cancer Society. He had surgery and did his radiation, and was cancer-free for five years. His cancer came back, and he passed away in January of 2012. We've continued to have the cookout to remember him, and also to continue to be part of the American Cancer Society, and help research. It's such a great cause. My family and friends do it every year. They're very dedicated people that come out to help work and to donate."

3 Cullman area students honored at Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy pinning ceremony

BIRMINGHAM – Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy honored 111 third-year students at the recent professional pinning ceremony, including the following from the Cullman area: Michelle Burleson, of Cullman, Allyson Cagle, of Falkville and Kaeleigh Nuss, of Vinemont. The annual event recognizes students as they make the transition from a predominately classroom environment to advanced pharmacy practice experience.

Saint Bernard Prep welcomes monk as assistant headmaster

CULLMAN – The president of Saint Bernard Preparatory School, Father Joel Martin, O.S.B., has announced the appointment of Brother Linus Klucsarits, O.S.B. as assistant headmaster of the School. Under the immediate direction of School Headmaster Daniel Baillargeon, Br. Linus will maintain an office in the middle school, where he will serve as its administrator. Other responsibilities will be the discipline program of the school, grades 7-12, and the English Language Learner program for many international students who attend Saint Bernard.

Remembering Grant Brown: 5K raises money for memorial scholarship

HANCEVILLE – A group of 30 dedicated runners gathered Saturday morning at Wallace State Community College to participate in the third annual Grant Brown Memorial Scholarship 5K. The run is held each year in honor of Grant Brown, who passed away shortly after graduating from Hanceville High School in 2013. The run funds a scholarship for one year's tuition at Wallace State for a graduating HHS senior.

Bloomin' Festival defies weather for successful weekend

CULLMAN – Despite threatening weather and competition from other events, St. Bernard Prep School's primary annual fundraiser came off successfully. More than 300 volunteers and 140 juried craft exhibitors welcomed thousands of visitors to the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey for the 33rd annual Bloomin' Festival. Ave Maria Grotto Director Bill Ellis noted that attendance seemed slightly down from last year, but numbers were still quite strong. Most visitors came just for the arts and crafts, but the Grotto still saw approximately 1,150 visitors.

Crowds come out for crawfish

CULLMAN – It was all-you-can-eat crawfish at Goat Island Brewing over the weekend, when the United Way of Cullman County's Young Professionals Board held the first of what it hopes will be an annual crawfish boil. About 1,000 pounds of the critters were served, with live entrainment provided by Avenue G and the Overtones.

Johnny's Bar-B-Q says farewell to longtime co-owner Ronald Dunn

CULLMAN – In 1983, Gary Wiggins needed a partner to help him run his family's business in Cullman. He reached out to his cousin Ron, and thus began a new chapter in the story of local institution Johnny's Bar-B-Q. On Saturday afternoon, the page turned again.Ronald Dunn, who has been co-owner of Johnny's for 34 years, recently announced his retirement; Saturday, Apr. 22 was his last day.

Outdoor Expo

The Outdoor Expo, for the Outdoor Ability Foundation (Shawn and Grayson Phillips) will be at Van's Sporting Goods (2045 County Road 222), on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Live entertainment includes Brig Kilgore. Drawings, food and drinks will be available. Many outdoor booths and products will be featured including Alabama Whitetails (Chuck Richard – owner), 10 Point Company Parker Bows, Magic Moment Outfitters (Chris Brooks – owner), and Hilltop Taxidermy (Jason Williams – owner). Special guests will include: Nicky Whitney from Tennessee and Bianca Jane (also known in hunting industry as Hurricane Jane). For more information contact Chuck Richards at 256-595-3773.

Hanceville High School Class of 1965 52nd Reunion/Dinner

The Hanceville High School Class of 1965 is holding a dinner on Saturday, April 29 from 5-30-7:30 p.m. The dinner will take place in the banquet room at the Dodge City Petro/Iron Skillet. The only cost to attend is for your meal and tip/gratuity. Each person can order from the menu or the buffet. Organizers: Joyce Giles Gunter & Leneta Hopper Pender

Second Century League presents donations to DHR and The Link

Submitted by Georgia Jones

The Second Century League recently presented donations from their annual Mardi Gras party to Dawn Owens with The Link of Cullman County and Amy Smith from the Cullman County Department of Human Resources. The Second Century League is a group of women who come together to raise money for organizations that support local children in need. They support Brookes' Place, DHR and now The Link to help bridge gaps in the foster system. They appreciate all those who donate and attend their annual fundraiser. The Mardi Gras party isn't just about the fun time but is a great cause that helps our local community. We are so blessed to have Brookes' Place, DHR and The Link serving our community.



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Torch run, field day focus on Cullman's special needs community

CULLMAN – On Friday, the special needs community of Cullman County came together at Oliver Woodard Stadium at Cullman High School for the 2017 Cullman Area Special Needs Field Day. The day began at the Cullman County Courthouse, where Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and officers with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Cullman City Police Department (CPD), lit a torch for the games in a ceremony that featured athlete Alivia Bencze leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

THIS WEEK IN CULLMAN HISTORY

Tornado outbreak of April 27, 2011

Samantha Vest
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At least four tornadoes struck Cullman County on April 27, 2011. The tornadoes were part of the 2011 Super Outbreak, a generational tornado outbreak that affected large portions of the U.S. and Canada from April 25-28. The outbreak caused over 300 fatalities- over 230 in Alabama alone- and is considered one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history, as well as one of the deadliest tornado outbreaks. Over a billion dollars' worth of damage was caused total. The Alabama tornadoes included the EF5 tornado that struck Phil Campbell and Hackleburg, the EF 4 that struck Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, and the four tornadoes that hit Cullman County. In all, 62 tornadoes touched down in Alabama on April 27.

The first tornado to affect Cullman occurred on the morning of April 27. While the tornadoes that formed on the afternoon of April 27 were the deadliest, there was also a morning round of severe weather that included tornadoes. One of these tornadoes was an EF 2 that moved through southern Cullman County in the early morning hours of April 27, tracking from near Cold Springs through Hanceville to Holly Pond.

Numerous trees and power lines were downed, and several chicken houses and outbuildings were damaged, but some of the most serious damage occurred in Hanceville. Wallace State College sustained roof, window, and structural damage to several buildings, along with damaged power poles, and the roof of Hanceville High School's gym was partly blown off.

Numerous trees were toppled onto houses. Damage was also reported in Holly Pond. In addition to tornado damage, many structures suffered damage from straight-line wind gusts. Many power outages were reported, and at least one fatality occurred in Cullman County as a result of this storm.

The second tornado to affect Cullman on April 27 was the destructive multi-vortex EF 4 that moved through downtown Cullman on the afternoon of April 27. The tornado touched down near Smith Lake around 2:40 p.m., a touchdown that was witnessed live on ABC 33/40's skycam, and caused damage near Grandview and Crane Hill before tracking towards the city of Cullman.

The tornado reached the city of Cullman around 3 p.m., first destroying a city fire station and damaging the Cullman emergency ambulance service building, the Shell Station on Main Ave., and roof of the courthouse before reaching the downtown business district.

A large number of buildings in downtown Cullman- particularly around 4th and 5th streets- were damaged, with many being completely destroyed. The Busy Bee Café, Cullman Florist, Little Bit of Everything and Doyle Real Estate were leveled, and Fairview Florist, Vincent's Furniture, and Pam's Bookshelf (where the Red Door Café is located now) sustained heavy damage.

Cullman's NOAA Weather Radio transmitter and WKUL Radio Tower were both downed, as were numerous trees and power lines. First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church were both damaged and Christ Lutheran Church was leveled. Many residences in and around downtown Cullman received damage or were destroyed. After leaving the city, the tornado tracked towards Fairview and Simcoe, where it continued to cause damage. Many trees were downed or debarked, and many homes were destroyed or damaged in this area.

The tornado remained on the ground into Marshall County, where it caused intense damage as well as fatalities before finally lifting. In addition to damage, widespread power outages were reported in Cullman County as a result of this storm, with some people being without a power for a week or longer. At least one fatality occurred in Cullman, and many injuries were reported.

The third tornado to affect Cullman County on April 27 was the EF 4 that tracked from Pickens County through Walker and Blount before ending in Marshall County, and that caused significant damage in Cordova.

While this tornado was primarily outside of Cullman County, it briefly passed through extreme southern Cullman County near Arkadelphia. Numerous trees were downed, damaged or debarked, and many homes (including at least one mobile home) were either damaged or completely destroyed.

The fourth and final tornado to hit Cullman County on April 27 was a brief EF 0 tornado that formed near West Point on the night of April 27. The tornado caused mostly tree damage along with some light structural damage before lifting.



BILL PIPER

Tornado as it passed near Hwy 157 after leaving city of Cullman.

Manufacturer (from Front)

announced that it will relocate its manufacturing operations to a new facility to be built in Hanceville. Company President Don Jesse made the announcement in front of an auditorium packed with Cullman County and Hanceville City officials, as well as state legislators and representatives of other county municipalities. Jesse cited Wallace State Community College (WSCC) and its Machine Tool Technology program as one of the primary reasons he and his wife Cathy Jesse chose to relocate here, along with the area's ready access to Birmingham and Huntsville business markets.

Met-South was located in Maplesville and Clanton, before moving to its current facility in Birmingham.

"With every move, we continued to struggle to find qualified people," said Don Jesse.

Cathy Jesse added, "We finally hit gold by finding Wallace State."

The "Met" in Met-South is metrology, the study of measurements. The company produces precision measuring tools and gauges for automotive parts manufacturers and others. WSCC Applied Technologies Director Jimmy Hodges explained a little about what Met-South hopes to get from the school:

"They are a company that makes gauges and fixtures for the automotive supplier industry; and so our machine shop produces machinists, CNC programmers and tool and die technicians. All of those trades are used in their business. Our students are useful in all of those areas that they have. We also helped them get an apprenticeship. They have a registered Department of Labor apprenticeship going on in their business; and that's just an added benefit for our students."

Machine Tool Department Director Gary McMinn added, "The main thing they're looking for is CNC operators and programmers. The last two semesters (applied technology) students are at WSCC, they do CNC programming, setup and operations. We have a wide variety of machines in our department, and we give them a basis of mathematics: geometry, trigonometry; and also give them blueprint reading and general machine shop projects."

Met-South supplies automotive parts manufacturers, and already has business relationships with REHAU, Topre and Yutaka, as well as companies in Tuscaloosa, Opelika, Birmingham, Huntsville and Pulaski, Tennessee. It currently employs seven workers, including three WSCC graduates, and sees an expansion in business coming with growth in its available workforce.

Don Jesse observed, "With our trade, it's all the amount of work that you can get in; and the biggest problem we have is getting skilled people. Now we have that variable taken care of, so now it's just pushing for the work. We'll be getting a salesman, and it's going to be pushing us even more."

He continued, "We have a great talent pool. At WSCC currently, they train them manually, then they go into the CNC projects. Hats off to that, because in our trade, yes, you can push a button and make things work, if everything goes good; but a lot of the things you have to learn manually. When they come from a talent pool like that, to do the manual pins and manual lathes, and building the small tools, they already have that knowledge when they go into the CNCs. It makes it so much easier, because they already know what they're building. They have a great program, and we're really happy. We found where we were, what we were missing was not being close to Wallace State."

The construction schedule is still in the works, but the Jesses hope to break ground as soon as possible, and Met-South's Hanceville facility could be open in as little as four months.

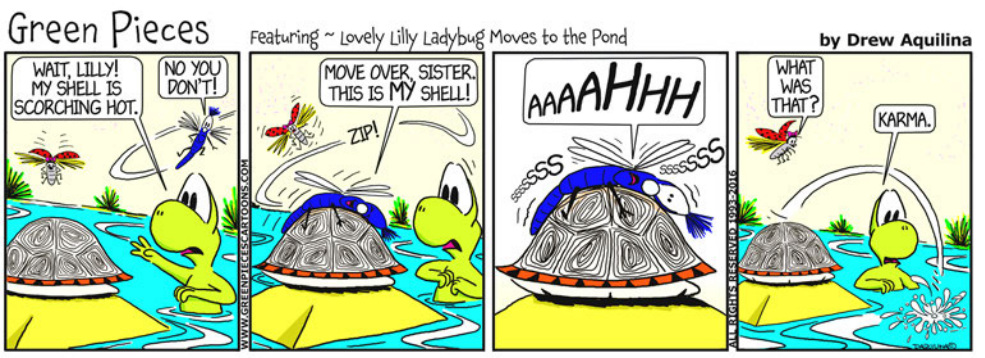
OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mildred Joyce Ellenburg, 87, of Utica, New York, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 30, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Hartford, New York. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Earl Ellenburg, of Cullman, Alabama. She is survived by daughter, Pamela J. O'Connor (Tom) of Utica, New York, and son Wesley H. Ellenburg, of Odenton, Maryland, six grandchildren, Kristy Casto, Bryan Jones (Loren), Alyssa Tefft (Jason), Will Ellenburg, Abby Ellenburg, Eileen O'Connor, Cory 'Connor (Amber) and Shawn O'Connor, and eight great grandchildren.

Known to her friends as Millie, she was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Cullman, Alabama, as an infant. She graduated from Cullman High School in 1947 and married Earl, Dec. 3, 1952. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother and "held down the fort" many times when Earl was away during his Air Force career. Millie was a southern lady through and through, teaching her children by example to be loving and kind, and to always mind their manners. She set the bar very high for all mothers. One of her passions was bowling, participating in leagues from the early years of her marriage until she was 83. She loved her bowling friends and the tournaments that often took her to new and exciting places and on adventures with "the girls." Millie always had a beautiful yard, and those who knew her would say she could make a dead stick bloom. She was especially proud of a grapefruit tree she grew from seeds in her back yard in Crestview. She also loved animals, particularly her cat Rose, who helped fill the void after Earl passed away in 2010. In 2013, after 40 years in Okaloosa County, she moved to upstate New York to live with her daughter, Pam, and son-in-law, Tom. Despite the harsh winters, she adapted and stayed cozy and warm with Rose in her suite addition. She loved watching nature through the big bay window overlooking the woods and loved the New England fall colors. Another one of Millie's passions was Alabama football. Every game day she wore one of her "lucky" Alabama shirts and yelled "Roll Tide!!" on every exciting play. She enjoyed staying in touch with her friends and always looked forward to her regular Saturday phone call with Dottie in Texas. She loved watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow and took great joy in their accomplishments.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 5, at Brackney Funeral Service in Crestview. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alley Cat Allies (www.alleycat.org), Best Friends Animal Society (bestfriends.org) or ASPCA (secure.aspca.org) to remember her love for animals. Another one of her favorite organizations to donate to was Veteran's Administration at www.vfw.org/.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please don't approve Warehouse District street closure

Dear Mayor and Council of Cullman,

I am writing, on behalf of myself and my elderly mother, concerning the proposed street closure on the weekends, in the Warehouse District, of your city. We were told of this possibility while we were shopping in the area, this past weekend, April 1, 2017. The street was closed during our visit.

We were told that this closure was being considered for every weekend. I respectfully request that this closure not be approved. My mother is unable to walk to and from the shops, when we must park in the handicap parking, or the other parking in the lots that are placed at the ends of these blocks. For her safety and ease, it is much easier for us to be able to park near the shop entrances and move down the block to each store, we wish to visit.

We shop in Cullman, usually three out of the four weekends a month. We eat lunch in the Warehouse District, parking near the deli. Then drive back around the block to the shops, on the street that is being blocked off, shopping in at least 2-4 of the shops. We enjoy our day-trips to Cullman. We travel approximately an hour one way, to reach your city. We would miss getting to eat and shop in Cullman, unfortunately, we are afraid that is a choice we will be forced to make, should this closure take place.

While loss of our spending would probably not have a great negative effect on the shops or the city tax revenue, our estimated spending in this area of Cullman would be an approximate combined amount of $6,000 -7,000 annually, it would be a loss for the shop owners and the city. I don't believe that we are the only two shoppers that would be affected negatively by the street closure, therefore, the loss of revenue could become considerable.

I know that economic growth is the ultimate goal of this proposal, but please consider the losses that may occur. What may be gained by the one-time shopper, making an impulse purchase, would be a minimal plus, considering the loss of revenue, when the frequent, loyal supporters of this area are no longer able to access the shops, in a safe, convenient manner, during the blockage of the street.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts and concerns of this proposal. Please know that your decision on this matter will directly influence the choice of my 80-year-old mother and myself, to where we will choose to shop and spend our money.

I will be sharing this letter with the local newspaper as well, so that others of similar thinking may realize the need to share their opinions as well.

Respectfully,
Lisa Lee
Guntersville, AL
Lisaplee125@yahoo.com



Poet's Corner

Nesting

In the depth of my mother's womb
I nested snug and safe from harm
As a child on my father's lap
for a horsey ride down to the farm

Playing school in my room
My students are nested in nice rows side-by-side Moving into my first home away
I nested my things and started life

Meeting my soon-to-be Mr.
under his arm as we went for a
ride Becoming a new mommy
I nested a crib so my wee one
could sleep through the night

As my littles grew bigger
I nested new furnishings for what was
outgrown One by one they've all left me
I'm nesting again, where has the time gone?

Sunlight through curtains
Silver strands of hair nested in a bun
Birdsong and ticking clock as companions
pillows nested around my frail bones

My days have stretched long,
my years have been many
in a very short while
I'll be nesting to a heavenly song

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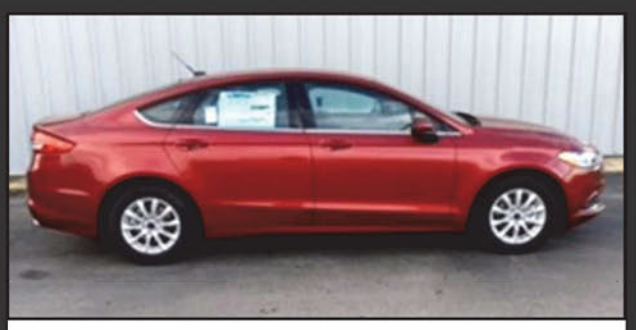
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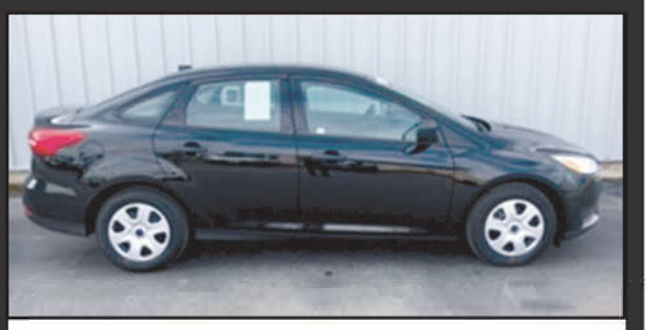
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