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LATEST: Steve Griffith's wife, Jackie Griffith, in good condition at Cullman Regional following fatal home invasion

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CULLMAN – The third person involved in Monday night's fatal home invasion was officially identified late Wednesday afternoon as Jackie Griffith, the wife of local attorney Stephen K. Griffith, who tragically lost his life in the attack at the Griffith's home on County Road 1301 in north Cullman County.

Stephen Griffith, 73, of Vinemont, was a prominent Cullman attorney. The assailant has been identified as Patrick O. Walker, 45, of Jones Chapel. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry confirmed Monday night that Stephen Griffith was shot. He did not elaborate on the assailant's manner of death.

The deadly incident occurred sometime after 5 p.m. Monday, July 17, according to Gentry.

Speaking on behalf of Cullman Regional, where Jackie Griffith is being treated for her injuries, and the Griffith family, Cullman Regional's Lindsey Dossey briefly addressed the media.

"First, on behalf of the hospital administration, I want to acknowledge and thank Sheriff (Matt) Gentry and his team for the professional and compassionate job that they have done with this case," began Dossey.

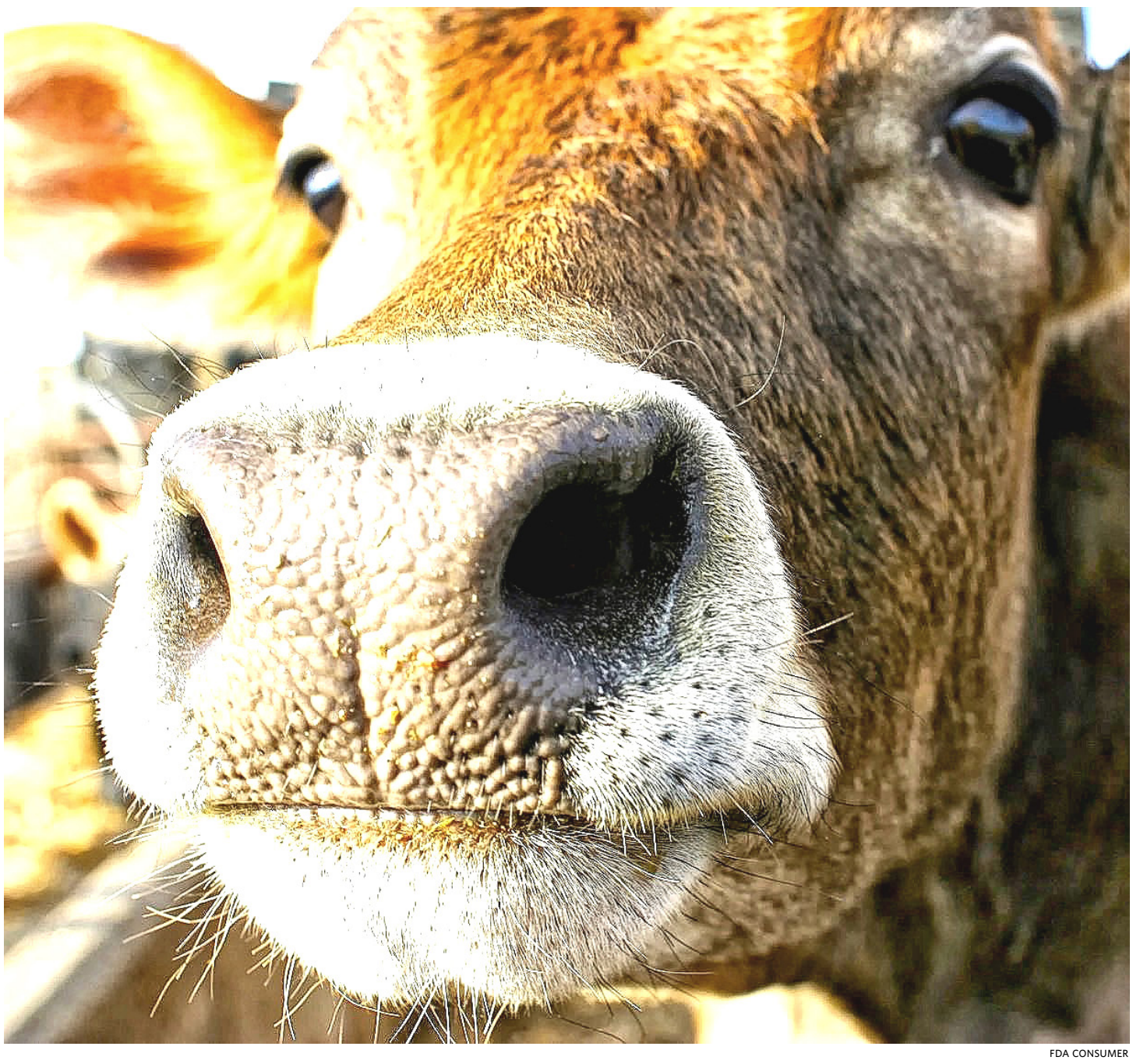
"Also, I just want to remind the media that due to HIPPA rules and regulations, that there is very limited information that we can share from the hospital; however, due to the high-profile coverage and the outpouring of love and compassion by our community, the family has agreed to share some very limited details, and so I'm going to » PAGE 4



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Cullman Regional's Lindsey Dossey briefly addressed the media on Wednesday, July 19.

Alabama cow tests positive for mad cow disease



FDA CONSUMER

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Ala. Dept. of Agriculture and Industries

MONTGOMERY – The commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, John McMillan, confirmed this week that the department is working with USDA officials to address a positive test for atypical bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), commonly known as mad cow disease, in an 11-year-old Alabama beef cow.

No risk to public health

This was an atypical BSE case, meaning it is a rare and spontaneous incident. The animal was discovered during routine surveillance at an Alabama livestock market.

This animal never entered slaughter channels and at no time presented a risk to food supply or to human health.

Following delivery to the livestock market the cow later died at that location. Routine tissue samples were taken and sent to diagnostic laboratories in Colorado and Iowa for testing and confirmation.

The results were confirmed for atypical BSE at the USDA laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

Unlike previous cases of classical BSE, this case is not the result of ruminant by-products being fed to ruminants.

The United States banned the use of such protein supplements in cattle in 1997.

In 2009, the USDA implemented the enhanced surveillance testing programs to protect animal and human health.

Included in the regulation was the removal of specified risk materials - or the parts of an animal that would contain BSE - from all animals presented for slaughter.

Another important component of the system - which led to this detection - is the ongoing BSE surveillance program that allows the USDA to detect the disease in the U.S. cattle population.

"The Alabama beef industry is vital to our state's agriculture economy," said McMillan.

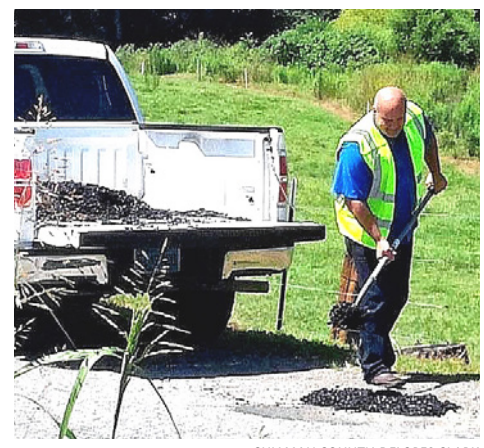
"The response to this case by USDA officials and our department's professionals led by State Veterinarian Dr. Tony Frazier has been exemplary. This instance proves to us that our ongoing surveillance program is working effectively."

Frazier added, "The ADAI conducts routine surveillance that includes collecting samples by trained field staff and veterinarians and has a response plan in place."

For more information and questions about BSE visit www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa_by_date/sa-2017/sa-07/bse-alabama, email Info.StateVet@agi.alabama.gov or call 334-240-7274.

WALKING THE TALK

Commissioner Garry Marchman takes road repair into his own hands



CULLMAN COUNTY, DELORES CLARK

Commissioner Garry Marchman shovels a tar/gravel mix into a pothole on one of Cullman County's roads earlier this month.

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CULLMAN COUNTY – The Cullman County Commission (CCC) spends a lot of its time dealing with the county's road system. It requires attention, personnel, planning and money . . . lots of money. But for Commissioner Garry Marchman, sometimes all it takes is a shovel.

A photo began circulating on social media recently, showing Marchman shoveling a tar/gravel mix into a pothole on one of Cullman County's roads. Some think it was a staged photo op or a symbolic gesture, but it turned out to be the real deal. This was not the first time Marchman has patched a pothole, nor, apparently, will it be the last. The Tribune sat down with the commissioner to find out just what he's doing, and to get a brief update on county road projects.

"About once a week I'll go to the road department and get a little bit of what they call 'cold mix,' and I'll put it on the back of my truck," said Marchman. "I keep a shovel on there; you can go look at my truck right now--there's a shovel there now, and you'll see where cold mix has been. When I'm out, and there's maybe one pothole on a road that's a pretty good road, and I can throw a little cold mix in it, and I can pull over to a safe spot--I don't do it in a curve or anything like that, because I'm by myself--I can repair it myself, and I » PAGE 2



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Members of Cullman Regional's Wound Care Team pose for a picture at a recent employee celebration held for receiving the Center of Distinction Award. Pictured from left to right are: Jill Keeton, RN; Dana Daniel, Wound Care director; Kayla Goodwin, RN; Allie Barnett, front office coordinator; and Matt Davis, RN.

Cullman Regional Center for Wound Healing wins national award

Lindsey Dossey
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – The Cullman Regional Center for Wound Healing has been recognized with a national award for clinical excellence.

Leaders, physicians and clinicians from Cullman Regional gathered to celebrate the Center of Distinction award, which was given to the Cullman Regional Center for Wound Healing by Healogics, the nation's leading and largest wound care management company.

The Cullman Regional Center for Wound Healing achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction higher than 92 percent, and a wound healing rate of at least 91 percent in less than 31 median days. Out of 630 Centers eligible for the Center of Distinction award, 334 achieved this honor in 2017.

"We are honored to receive this award," said Dana Daniel, Wound Care Center director. "I am proud of the wound care team for continually striving to provide the best in specialized wound care for our community."

The Cullman Regional Center for Wound Healing is a member of the Healogics network of nearly 800 centers, with access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds.

The Wound Care Center offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Some of the leading-edge treatments offered at the Wound Care Center include negative pressure wound therapy, debridement, application of cellular-based tissue or skin substitutes to the wound, offloading or total contact casts and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

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Repair (from Front)

don't have to send a crew of four or five people around to fix that hole.

"Or if I've got people out patching in another part of the county, and there's a bad hole that somebody identifies, then I try to go out and throw a little cold mix in it. When I get calls in that area that people want to talk to me or see me, when I'm out, I try to just be efficient and do a little bit. It's not a whole lot, you know, but I try to do a little bit.

"I've been doing that pretty much since I've been in office," recalled the commissioner. "I guess I just hadn't publicized it or anything. I don't make a big deal of it; it's really not a big deal. You'll drive down these roads, and you'll have one pothole right where you drive; and everybody hits it. That's the pothole I try to fix. Make a small difference is all I want to do."

At the time of the meeting, Marchman was not sure of the location where the photo was taken, but thought it was around the Logan community.

He shared, "I didn't even know the photograph was taken until it hit the Facebook page."

Organizing road projects

The commissioner knows that an occasional shovel load of cold mix isn't going to fix the county's road problems. For this reason, he is helping set up a program to organize road information and identify priority needs.

"I told people when I first came into office," said Marchman, "that one of my projects was going to be to establish a plan. No matter what we do, we are a lot of times fighting fires, and we're not being proactive about what we do, and we're not planning. You end up falling into the system where you're answering calls and you're putting out fires. That's not the way we need to operate."

Noting that the county lacks an organized file containing numbers of gravel, paved and chip sealed roads, and that no program exists to identify those roads most dangerously close to failure, the commissioner explained the commission's new County Information Management System (CIMS).

The new program will help him and the road department identify and prioritize needs, in order to get on top of existing road problems and become proactive in preventing future issues.

Marchman concluded, "One of the things I think is important is that we've got to focus on our major roads, getting them to where they need to be.

"That's one thing I've worked on. And we've also got to focus on good management."

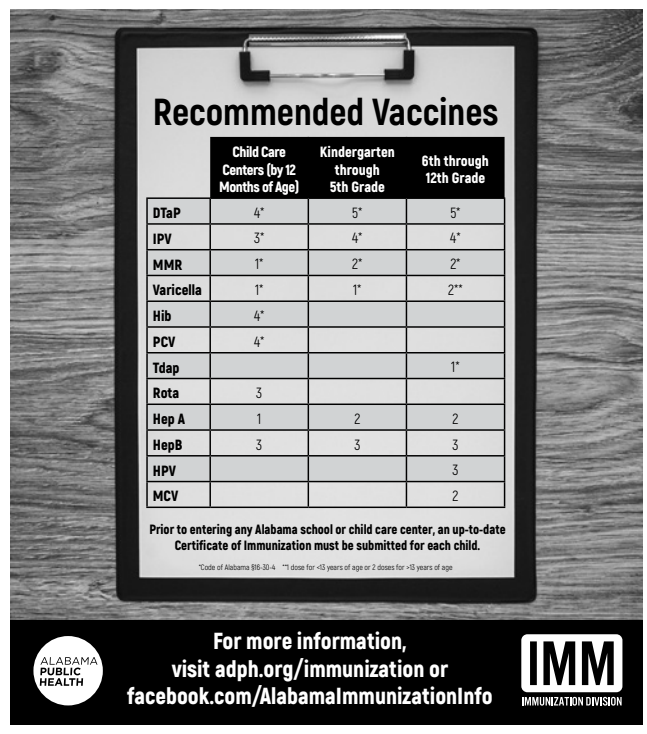
Update on county roadwork

Marchman shared a list of county roads that have been targeted for resurfacing projects in 2017

Road number	District	Length in miles
48	2	1.1
105	2	0.5
109	2	4.7
222	2	4.9(federally funded)
393	2	0.2
394	2	.25
453	2	0.9
709	4	0.7
715	4	1.0
726	4	0.5
946	1	2.7
1107	1	1.4
1189	1	0.3
1332	3	1.0
1339	3	3.6 (federally funded)
1354	3	2.5
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1524	3	1.4
1541	3	1.3
1542	3	1.0
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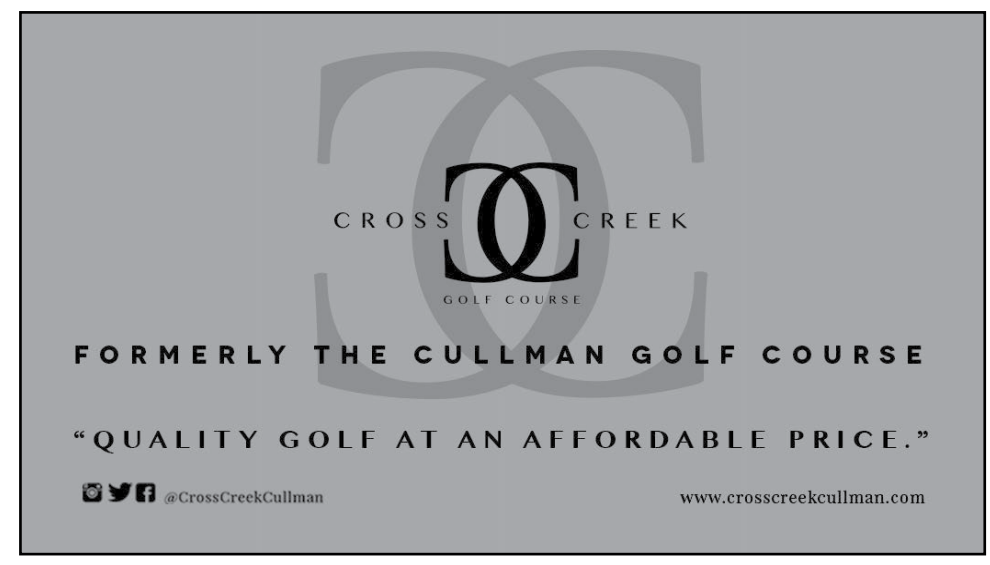
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In a population-based study published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, use of commonly prescribed acid suppression medications such as proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) was linked with an increased risk of intestinal infections with C. difficile and Campylobacter bacteria, which can cause considerable illness. Users of these medications should be particularly vigilant about food hygiene as the removal of stomach acid makes them more easily infected with agents such as Campylobacter, which is commonly found on poultry.

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Despite recommendations, less than 45 percent of adults younger than 40 years with an elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) level of 190 mg/dL or greater receive a prescription for a statin, according to a study published online by *JAMA Cardiology*. Cardiovascular disease affects one in three patients and remains the leading cause of death in the United States. Severe elevation of LDL-C levels is a modifiable risk factor for developing premature cardiovascular disease. Treatment with statins is recommended for all adults 21 years or older with an LDL-C of 190 mg/dL or greater, with treatment appearing to reduce the risk of death and result in cost savings for health systems.

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CRIME

Hanceville woman arrested for selling methamphetamine

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CULLMAN – A Hanceville woman last week was arrested for selling methamphetamine, following a traffic stop.

Felisha Nichole Hudson, 30, was in a vehicle pulled over on Alabama Highway 157 on July 13 by Cullman Police Department Officers Cole Kelley and Trey Higginbotham. At that time, Hudson allegedly told officers she was in possession of a syringe and marijuana. Officers confirmed Hudson was in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and arrested her.

During the traffic stop, it was also determined that Hudson was wanted on felony warrants of arrest, according to the CPD. Narcotics Investigators Justin Craft and Scott Sanford arrived and executed a warrant of arrest for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance on Hudson. The warrant was a result of an undercover operation conducted by the CPD in which Hudson allegedly sold methamphetamine.

Bond for Hudson was set at $15,000 property at the time of her arrest.

Anyone with information on illegal drug activity is asked to contact the CPD at 256-775-7179 or 256-775-7183.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Felisha Nichole Hudson

Griffith (from Front)

be reading a prepared statement. If there's a couple of questions afterwards, you can ask; I cannot make any promises that I'll be able to answer those.

"The patient, Jackie Griffith, is being treated by our medical team and remains in good condition. She and the family want to thank the community for their prayers, but they also ask that everyone respect their privacy as they continue to heal and mourn through this process."

Dossey confirmed that Jackie Griffith is Steve Griffith's wife and that she is in good condition.

"I would say our community is a very loving, compassionate community. In times of need, we come together. And so, I think that the family understands and appreciates the fact that our community just wants to love them and pray for them during this time.

"I think, we have seen that a lot, over the last few days, and I anticipate that they will continue to see that. Because that's what our community is really good at. We're good at loving each other."

Gentry, still visibly affected by the ordeal, held a press conference Tuesday afternoon about the incident. He spoke candidly, and with passion, about what he feels is the state's failure to properly care for its mentally ill citizens.

"A little bit after 5 p.m. yesterday, a little bit kind of close to 6, an individual that we've identified as Patrick Walker went to Mr. Steve Griffith's residence with the intention of killing him," said Gentry. "He went inside the residence and shot Mr. Griffith. At this time, there was another occupant (now identified as Jackie Griffith) in the residence, who then ensued in a struggle with Mr. Walker, and after a long struggle, killed Mr. Walker."

He continued, "This is a subject that we've talked about many times. It's a subject that makes me angry to talk about, and that's mental illness. Through the investigation, our investigators have worked throughout the night, and are continuing to work. What we have identified (is) that in 1997, there was a case involving Mr. Walker, and for the last decade he believed that the victim had a part to play in a case that he was involved in. We've identified that Mr. Walker had mental issues. Mr. Walker became infatuated with Mr. Griffith, even though they had no connection. There was no connection between the two. And yesterday, that mental illness led Mr. Walker to Mr. Griffith's residence, in which he took his life."

Said Gentry, "In Mr. Walker's mental state, he believed there was a connection. There was not."

Since early Monday evening, there have been rumors swirling around town and on social media about the details of the incident. Gentry addressed those directly.

"One of the things I want to do is clear up a lot of rumors. This was not a murder for hire," he said. "This was a product of the failure of our society. This was a product of someone with mental illness not getting treated. This is (an) issue that we've talked about many times. It's an issue that makes me angry. It's an issue that law enforcement and the victims, our citizens, deal with every day. And it's an issue that we need to stand up as a community and fix. We've talked about it numerous times. We've all been here together. How many times have talked about law enforcement being in standoffs, law enforcement being in shootouts with mentally ill. Our citizens getting hurt. This is another prime example where we, as a whole, failed the system. The system is failing our citizens."

On the current state of mental healthcare, Gentry said, "Today, outpatient is the best scenario you can give someone. Well, outpatient doesn't work. You can't trust that person to take care of themselves. You can't trust that that person will take their medication. You need long-term treatment for these individuals."

Gentry confirmed that Walker had been treated in the past, "in the last 20 years."

According to the sheriff, Walker walked into Griffith's home Monday night with his own weapon, a pistol, which he was legally allowed to own.

But, even if he weren't allowed, Gentry said, "If a bad guy wants a gun, a bad guy's going to get a gun. If I'm a bad guy, I can go on the street and get one."

The sheriff's office is not releasing any details about how Walker was killed, with Gentry saying only, "He was not shot."

He shared, "Cullman County is a great community. We're a very tight-knit community. I have people come to my house every day. I know some. Some I don't.

"We live in a community where we help each other. It's not uncommon for citizens in Cullman County to know that maybe somebody's an attorney, someone's in law enforcement. Hey, they come to your house to ask for help. That's not an uncommon practice in our community. We live in a great community, where our main focus is to help each other."

The incident took place on County Road 1301 in north Cullman County.

Asked to speak about his relationship with the victim, Gentry, obviously emotional, said, "I'm going on my 18th year in law enforcement; I have many friends. Steve Griffith was my friend."

Griffith was a longtime attorney in Cullman, and was most recently a partner in the law firm of Griffith, Lowry & Meherg. He also served as a member on the Cullman County 911 Board. According to his firm's website, Griffith had practiced law for 49 years.

The firm released the following statement: "Our hearts are broken. We have lost our senior partner, our mentor, our friend. No one will ever be able to replace Steve Griffith. He was larger than life. We will miss him more than words can express. Our hearts and prayers go out to Steve's family."

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Council unanimously approves expansion of downtown special events district

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City Council on Monday night voted unanimously to expand the downtown special events district, an area where the open consumption of alcohol is permitted during certain city events. The district, which until now included the Cullman Festhalle, Depot Park and an area behind the Cullman County Museum, has expanded to include the seven blocks between the Busy Bee Café and the Cullman Police Department.

More specifically, the new boundaries are as follows:

- **SOUTH** - north side of Fifth Street Southeast
- **WEST** - east property line of the CSX railroad, from Fifth Street Southeast to parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department
- **EAST** - west side of Second Avenue, from Fifth Street Southeast to parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department
- **NORTH** - the Cullman Police Dept. and its parking lot, located on Second Avenue Northeast

Before consideration of any matters, the council opened the floor to local residents who wished to speak.

Joe Wilhite, who recently expressed his displeasure to the City Planning Commission about the proposed expansion of the special events district, took the opportunity to inform the council of his opposition to expanded opportunities for alcohol sales.

When the public hearing into the district expansion began, though, Wilhite remained silent while Cullman Parks and Recreation's Waid Harbison and Ron Pierce of the Downtown Merchants' Association both came forward to voice support for the expansion. In the end, the council, having received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission, voted unanimously to expand the district as noted above.

The council also approved a request from Shane Quick for a Class 3 Restaurant (multi-vendor) alcohol license for Mae's Food Hall.



Local resident Joe Wilhite voiced his displeasure over alcohol sales in downtown Cullman.



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Waid Harbison defended the special events district expansion, and saw two special event requests approved.

Special Events

The council approved five special event requests, including two in the downtown special events district:

- A request from Waid Harbison from Cullman City Parks and Recreation for a special event permit to hold the ASA National Archery Tournament at St. Bernard Abbey starting Aug. 3, 2017 at 6 a.m. and ending Aug. 6, 2017 at 6 p.m.
- A request from Chris Van Dyke from Mental Healthcare of Cullman for a special event permit to hold the 11th Annual Oktoberfest 5K and 10K runs starting at 8 a.m. on October 7, 2017.
- A request from Waid Harbison from Cullman City Parks and Recreation for a special event permit to hold the annual EvaBank Midnight Run 5K starting at Midnight on Aug. 4, 2017.
- A request from Justin Gilley from Moe's Original BBQ for a special event permit to hold the annual Car and Bike Show on the First Avenue Southeast on Aug. 12, 2017 from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. to benefit "Shop with a Cop."
- A request from Ron Pierce from Cullman Downtown Merchants Association for a special event permit to hold Celebrate Cullman on Aug. 4, 2017 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the special events district. This event will coincide with the second day of the ASA archery tournament, in order to draw tournament competitors and attendants into the downtown area.

The Cullman City Council typically meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Garden City council honors the late Gene Norman

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

GARDEN CITY – After the tragic loss of one of their own last month, the Garden City Town Council's meeting room was packed with people who came to honor the memory of Gene Norman. Miles Eugene "Gene" Norman passed away on June 12 from a sudden heart attack. The council found three ways to honor him and his wife, Karen Norman.

Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope presented Karen Norman with a certificate in Gene's memory for his service to the community. Next, Garden City Fire Chief Steve Ohls, along with several of the volunteers, stood and presented Karen with Gene's firefighter helmet, saying that his number was retired in honor of his passing. Finally, the council passed Resolution No. 2017-375, and mayor Tim Eskew presented Karen with a framed copy of the resolution.

The resolution, which was announced at the previous meeting, reads as follows:

REMEMBERING COUNCILMEMBER MILES EUGENE "GENE" NORMAN

WHEREAS, it is a great sadness to the town of Garden City, Alabama to lose one of its important and distinguished citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gene Norman was a faithful Councilmember of Garden City's Town Council from 2012 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gene Norman was a faithful member of Garden City's Planning Commission from 2002 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gene Norman served selflessly as a volunteer firefighter for Garden City's Volunteer Fire Department for several years; and

WHEREAS, Gene Norman was greatly loved and respected among those who knew him, both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Garden City extends its most sincere condolences to Gene's family and friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Garden City fondly remembers our friend and fellow Councilmember who will be tremendously missed.

Other meeting business:

- Amended a resolution about fire dues to adjust billing toward residents and businesses
- Motioned to transfer funds from the water department to the water deposit account
- Nominated and appointed Doug Pender to fill Council Place #2
- Reported that donations for the cemetery were up due to decoration; also mentioned troublemakers stealing flowers from graves
- Motioned to repair a retaining wall on Highway 31
- Discussed whether or not to close off a section of the park's walking trail for safety concerns
- Motioned to approve giving retirees a one-time bonus ranging from $300-$600 for the 2017 year
- Discussed a town ordinance violation by Deb's Tires and decided to keep an eye on the situation



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Garden City Mayor Tim Eskew presents Karen Norman with a framed copy of Gene Norman's memorial resolution.

The Garden City Town Council normally meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall.

The public is welcome to attend.

West Point to host special economic development meeting July 31

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

WEST POINT – West Point Mayor Kenneth Kilgo has called a special meeting for Monday, July 31, 2017, the subject of which will be an economic development update as the Town is adding a right turn lane from Alabama Highway 157 onto County Road 1242.

The entire project is expected to cost $200,000, with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) committing $100,000 and other sources committing $60,000. All other costs are the responsibility of the developer. The Town of West Point will have to cover engineering and permit costs associated with the project, which is currently estimated to be $20,000.

In old business, the town council is considering a potential expansion of the town's sewer system, as economic activity is expected to boom with the additional turn lane. The town currently sits at 35 percent capacity, and Kilgo says he is working on a general cost estimate to present to the council in the coming months; Kilgo will meet with a representative of Living Water Services in the next month as a part of this effort.

Kilgo says he hopes the new economic activity will help the town reach a job quota set by the Appalachian Regional Commission which can be a funding stream for the sewer expansion. Said Kilgo, "if we can meet their quota on job creation, they will fund up to 50 percent."

The town is also hoping to attract an urgent care facility in the near future. Says Town Attorney Dan Willingham, "There's a nurse practitioner from this area that wants to open a clinic in West Point, and specifically West Point. We're currently looking for property (near County Road 1242)."

In new business, the West Point will host the bi-monthly mayor and commissioners luncheon on Wednesday, August 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new fire station on Highway 157. Commented Kilgo on the facility, "The opening was fabulous... it's a state-of-the-art facility."

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Obituary Announcements: July 20-22

Memorial service details for Virginia Ann Denby, 67 of Double Springs, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Ms. Denby passed away July 18th, 2017. She was born December 6, 1949 to Robert Cecil Payne, Sr and Eva Tymusczuk Payne. She was preceded in death by her father; husband, James E. Denby; great-grandson, William M. Caruthers. Survivors include her mother; sons, Christopher M. Payne, Matthew L. Goutremont, Sr; daughter, Michelle L. Caruthers; brother, Robert C. Payne, Jr.; sisters, Mary L. (Frank) Giuliani, Martha R. (John) Gierchak, Patricia S. (Dana) Allen; grandchildren, Dylan A. Caruthers, Robert L. Caruthers, Bailey S. Caruthers, R.J. H. Caruthers, Angelues S. Caruthers, Matthew L. Goutremont, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A memorial service for Terrell H. Barkley, 49 of Hanceville, will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel; Don Maddox officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 5 p.m. Mr. Barkley passed away on Sunday July 16, 2017 at his residence. He was born on March 27, 1968 in Shelby County to Houston T. & Sandra Joan Whitaker Barkley and is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Sally Barkley; five children: Morgan, Zach and Courtney Barkley and Brett and Jessie Henderson; his mother, Sandra Barkley; a brother, Thomas (Raylene) Barkley; three nephews: Leif Barkley, Ethan Pettersen and Christian Bryan; extended family, Matt Burns; and a host of other family and friends.

Mrs. Mary Lee "Christine" Wood Hopper of Cullman passed away on July 16, 2017 at the age of 86. She was born in Cullman on January 3, 1931 to W.A. and Ada Skinner Wood. She and her late husband James Ray Hopper lived in Michigan where Ray worked in the auto industry and Christine was a homemaker. She loved to bowl at Cullman Bowling Lanes where her league's team name was "Christine's Angels". She also loved to quilt, sew and bake. She is preceded in death by: Parents, Husband, Son: Mark E. Hopper, Daughter-In-Law: Edie Hopper, Sisters: Eulene Morgan and Faye Wagner. Funeral services will be on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Vance Cemetery. Survivors are: Daughter: Linda Joyce (Bill) Cook, Sons: Charlie Hopper, David A. (Paula) Hopper, Sisters: Erlene Rodgers, June See, Joyce Abbott, Daughter-In-Law: Lynn Hopper, 9 Grandchildren, 6 Great Grandchildren.

Funeral service for Donald Wayne Tucker, 66, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 20th, 2017 at Antioch Baptist Church, Rev. Daryl Holt officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Tucker passed away Monday, July 17th, 2017 at his residence. He was born July 17, 1951 to James Calvin & Juanita Augusta Hall Tucker. He owned his own business in Iuka, Mississippi for 18 years and has resided in Cullman, Alabama for the past four years. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Thomas Tucker, Jerry Tucker, Randy Tucker; sister, Linda Jones. Survivors include his daughter, Marjorie (Zakary) Pelaccio; brother, Carl (Rena) Tucker; Sisters, Brenda (Tom) Shubin, June (Fred) Gilchrist, Sandra (Ray) Tawbush, Kathy (Danny) Davis; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday at the church from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

Dora Mae Stewart Brindley, 89, went home peacefully July 10, 2017 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease at Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Petersburg, FL. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 22 at Nichols Funeral Home, Addison, AL from 10 a.m. until noon, where services will be at 12 p.m. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Robert Howell, Kenneth City, FL; son and daughter-in-law, David and Debi Brindley, Plantation, FL; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers, and two sisters. Dora was preceded in death by her loving husband of 54 years, Owen; younger daughter, Debbie; parents, Milous and Georgia Stewart; brothers, Wallace and Willis Stewart; and sister, Margaret Chambers.

Joann Walls, 84, of Hanceville passed away on Friday, July 14, 2017. She was born on September 25, 1932 in Gadsden to Harry Joseph Hartley and Evelyn Louise Moore Hartley. She is survived by her sister, Rose Marie Brittain and a niece, Lisa Ann (Wayne) Wilson. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday July 22, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville First United Methodist Church.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Diane B. Morgan and Charles Morgan on October 2, 1998, originally in favor of Oldstone Mortgage Company, LLC which was recorded on October 14, 1998 in Mortgage Book 1082, Page 250 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to Union Planters Bank, N.A., by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 23, 2016 in Misc. Book 316, Page 852 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to Travelers Bank and Trust, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on July 1, 2016 in Misc. Book 317, Page 800 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to CitiMortgage, Inc., by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 30, 2017 in Misc. Book 323, Page 146 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 30, 2017 in Misc. Book 323, Page 147 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that, under and by virtue of the power of sale and terms contained in said mortgage, Shelton, Harrison and Pinson, LLC, as counsel for Mortgagee/Transferee, will on July 26, 2017 sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of Cullman County, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36, DESCRIBED ABOVE, GO SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 199.5 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 225.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 0' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1333.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 9' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 202.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. For informational purposes only, the street address of the Property to be sold is 948 County Road 607, Hanceville, AL 35077. The successful bidder at the sale will be required to provide the full amount bid in certified funds at the time of the sale. ANY PROPERTY ADDRESS PROVIDED IS NOT PART OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SOLD HEREIN AND IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISCREPANCY, THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION REFERENCED HEREIN SHALL CONTROL. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS". SAID PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT WARRANT OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE, OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) Section 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in the property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Nicholas P. Edwards Shelton, Harrison and Pinson, LLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 701 Highlander Blvd., Suite 270 Arlington, TX 76015 817.522.7550 NEdwards@shp-law.com A-4625332 07/06/2017, 07/13/2017, 07/20/2017

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
COREEN UPTON
DECEASED.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
CASE NO.: PC2017-161

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of June 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Danny Ellard Laney
Danny Ellard Laney, Personal Representative of the Estate of COREEN UPTON

To: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Prepared by:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
FRANCES MARIE MANLEY,
DECEASED.

CASE NUMBER: PC2017-178

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of June, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Betty Joyce Manley Parker
BETTY JOYCE MANLEY PARKER

Annette Irons-Parker
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
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To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TRACIE DANIEL WOOTEN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2017-000144.00

GARY LANE WOOTEN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Gary Lane Wooten, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Tracie Daniel Wooten's Complaint for Divorce by August 28, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-000144.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 27th day of June, 2017.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
RANDY A. HAMES
427 SECOND AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
DEARL GENE PHILLIPS,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-037
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Jonathan Scott Speegle and Kelly Williams Carlsen,** as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of **DEARL GENE PHILLIPS,** deceased, on the 6th day of July, 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 6th day of July, 2017.

JONATHAN SCOTT SPEEGLE
KELLY WILLIAMS CARLSEN
Co-Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Estate of
Dearl Gene Phillips, Deceased
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: **THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE ESTATE OF)
JERRY ANTHONY HARPER) CASE NO.: PC2017-152
Deceased)

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of July, 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 RE: The Estate of)
Carl Willard Thomas, Deceased) Case No. 7815

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Gaylia Murphree, as Administratrix Cum Testamento Annexo, having filed a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Carl Willard Thomas, deceased and it appearing to the Court that said petition is in proper form, it is,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court as follows:

1. That the Cullman Tribune publish this notice to John D. Thomas, Bobby Joe Thomas, Gaylia Murphree, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Hazel Gober, Clifton Thomas, Bonnie F. Davis, David Thomas, Randy Thomas, Andena Frank, Darlene Thomas, Mary H. Thomas, Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry C. Thomas, Martha Jane Thomas McNabb, Susan Thomas, Ricky Thomas, Gene Mayfield, Jeffery Mayfield, Marcina Guffy, Danny Helms, Dwayne Helms, Margie Spitalsky, Evelyn Adkin, Diane Hoops once a week for three consecutive weeks, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

2. That said petition is hereby set for hearing on the 11th day of September, 2017 at 10 o'clock A m.

3. That any person having any objection to the Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Carl Willard Thomas, deceased should makes the same known in writing filed with this court on or before the day and time of said hearing.

DONE this 7th day of July, 2017.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate
200 First Avenue SE
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(256) 739-3970

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
JANET D. BROADBROOKS,) Case No. PC: 2011-186
Deceased)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR INSOLVENCY AND CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE

To: DEAN D. BROADBROOKS AND ANY AND ALL NEXT OF KIN OF JANET D. BROADBROOKS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Please take notice the Petition for Insolvency and Conveyance of Real Estate of the Estate of Janet D. Broadbrooks, deceased, filed by petitioner, Phylena A. Broadbrooks Babbitt, by and through her attorney of record, Beverly Paschal Poston, has been set for hearing on the 17th day of August, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. before Probate Judge Tammy Brown, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama.

Dated this the 12th day of July, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HOWARD T. GARDNER, deceased CASE NO.: PC2017-169

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF HOWARD T. GARDNER, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Maylon L. Butler on the 5th day of July, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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.

Maylon L. Butler, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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2017 AHSAA ALL-STAR SPORTS WEEK

ALL-STAR BASEBALL: *North sweeps South*

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MONTGOMERY – Cullman's Will Morrison worked one inning in the nightcap of the AHSAA's Alabama High School All-Star baseball series Tuesday night for the North vs. the South series at Riverwalk Stadium.

Morrison got support from his defense, turning an unusual double play to keep the South from scoring. That enabled the North to complete a sweep, taking the nightcap 3-2 after they rolled in the opener by the score of 9-3.

Morrison pitched the fourth for the North, with his all-star team down 2-0 at that point. The Bearcat right-hander walked Chance Warren of Enterprise to lead off the inning. Warren stole second and moved to the third on a single by Tyler Robertson of St. James.

With runners on the corners and no outs, Morrison got Slade Gorman of Central-Phenix City to fly to Brody Syer, playing right field. Syer, from Oxford High School, threw a strike to Mountain Brook catcher Clay Stearns to get Warren out at the plate.

Morrison then got out of the inning by getting Robertson in a run down, picking him off at second base. The inning ended with the South ahead 2-0, not able to extend the lead. That turned out to be huge later in the game.

The North opened the seventh with David Rutledge of Etowah and Carson Skipper of Hewitt-Trussville getting on base. Brody Moore laid down a perfect bunt single to load the bases with no outs.

Andalusia pitcher Ethan Wilson was called for a balk on the first pitch he threw to Garrett Bodine of Sparkman. That allowed Rutledge to come in with the tying run, making it 2-2.

Bodine lifted a fly to center, deep enough to bring in Skipper, and the North moved ahead 3-2.

In the South's seventh, Huntsville lefty Christian MacLeod retired the side in order, capping off the comeback victory.

The North pitchers gave up three hits in the nightcap, holding the South scoreless for the final six innings, and struck out eight. McCloud earned the victory in relief. Morrison was one of five North pitchers in the series to keep the South off the scoreboard. The North pitching allowed eight hits, walked four and fanned 19 batters.

North romps in game 1 by score of 9-3:

After the opener was tied at 2-2 through two innings, the North got control of the game by a three-run third.

An unusual play happened that extended the inning for the North. With the bases loaded, a grounder up the middle by Lundray Reeves of Hueytown was knocked down, forcing a runner out at second. The runner headed to third, stepped back to the second base bag, removing the force.

The runner was not tagged when he made it to third, allowing the run to score and the North went ahead to stay at 3-2. A two-run single from Oneonta's Brody Moore followed to send them to the fourth inning with a 5-2 cushion.

Calera's Jacob Smith, Colbert County's Hogan Isbell and Hartselle's Garrett Wade combined to throw four scoreless innings and allow the South five hits.

A key for the North was good defense, turning three inning-ending double plays. The North retired six batters in a row between the third and fifth and controlled the South batters with 10 strikeouts.

Wade threw the last two innings, giving up a run with two outs on a single to center from Cory Peterson of Goshen.

Wade came back and ended the two-hour, seven-minute contest with a strikeout of Brayden Baggett of Marbury. Wade fanned three in his two innings of work.

Smith was credited with the victory, scattering two runs on two hits in three innings, and finished with six strikeouts.

Moore was 2-for-3 to lead the North with a single, double, two runs batted in and a run scored.

Seven local high school athletes are participating in the 21st annual Alabama High School All-Star Sports Week this week.



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North All-Star coaches David Deerman of Jacksonville (left) and head coach Brandon Moore of Oneonta in the dugout of AHSAA baseball all-star series Tuesday in Montgomery.

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