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Holly Pond- based Jet Pep bought out by Canadian corporation



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HOLLY POND – On Monday, Aug. 7, CrossAmerica Partners LP President and CEO Jeremy Bergeron announced an agreement to acquire substantial assets of Jet Pep, a privately-held fuel distribution/convenience store company based at 9481 Highway 278 E in Holly Pond. Jet Pep employs approximately 75 people, not including dealers who lease retail locations, and their staffs. The company is estimated to generate more than $361 million per year in revenue.

CrossAmerica is based in Allentown, Pennsylvania, but is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alimentation Couche-Tard (also known as just Couche-Tard), whose headquarters is located in Laval, a suburb township of Montreal, Canada. Couche-Tard is the parent corporation of numerous fuel distribution and convenience store companies in the U.S., Canada, and Europe; for Alabamians, Circle K Stores would likely be the best known of those.

In CrossAmerica's press release, the company described itself as "a leading wholesale distributor of motor fuels and owner and lessor of real estate used in the retail distribution of motor fuels. Its general partner, CrossAmerica GP LLC, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.

Formed in 2012, CrossAmerica Partners LP is a distributor of branded and unbranded petroleum for motor vehicles in the United States and distributes fuel to approximately 1,200 locations and owns or leases approximately 900 sites.

With a geographic footprint covering 29 states, the Partnership has well-established relationships with several major oil brands, including ExxonMobil, BP, Shell, Chevron, Sunoco, Valero, Gulf, Citgo, Marathon and Phillips 66. CrossAmerica Partners ranks as one of ExxonMobil's largest distributors by fuel volume in the United States and in the top 10 for additional brands."

The press release described Couche-Tard as "the leader in the Canadian convenience store industry. In the United States, it is the largest independent convenience store operator in terms of the number of company-operated stores (corporate stores). In Europe, Couche-Tard is a leader in convenience store and road transportation fuel retail in the Scandinavian countries (Norway, Sweden and Denmark), in the Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), and in Ireland and also has an important presence in Poland."

CrossAmerica purchased 102 Jet Pep stores that pumped approximately 91 million gallons of fuel in 2016. In cash and stock, the purchase price totals $72 million.

Additionally, fellow Couche-Tard subsidiary Circle K Stores has agreed to purchase 18 additional Jet Pep stores, along with a fuel terminal and trucking equipment. The amount of that purchase has not been disclosed.

Bergeron stated, "We are excited to acquire the assets of one of the largest fuel supply networks in Alabama. This acquisition expands our presence in the South, and demonstrates our ability to execute on strategic M&A (merger and acquisition) opportunities with our new general partner sponsor (Couche-Tard)."

The Tribune reached out to Jet Pep executives, who refused to comment on the sale. A representative said simply that the company would issue no statement. "This is a privately-held company. There will be no statement from here," said the representative, who would not identify himself.

Urgent care facility coming to Baileyton

Andrew Cryer
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BAILEYTON – Last month, the Baileyton Town Council considered the prospect of Dr. Josiah Daily opening a cash-only urgent care facility in the town's medical center. This week, Mayor Johnny Dyar announced that the facility is becoming a reality. Dailey, along with another physician, has paid the six-month rent advance for the space. Said Dyar, "We're tickled to death about this. (Dailey) said that he will be moving in as soon as possible." Dyar estimates that the facility will be operational in a couple of weeks.

Town Clerk Patricia Gilbert said it's been well more than a year since the medical center had someone in place, and the building has been vacant for seven months.

When it was operational before, it was only open one afternoon a week. The upcoming clinic is expected to be an "afternoon-evening clinic," according to Gilbert, operational from afternoon until later in the evening. No set hours have been announced.

In old business, the annual Roger Latham Memorial Walking Horse Show has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, after the two-day July event was canceled due to inclement weather.

In new business, the council voted to purchase a vacuum to be used at the town hall for the estimated cost of $100. In addition to the vacuum, the council voted to replace a malfunctioning Dell computer monitor at town hall for the cost of $130, and noted that $600 was spent on labor costs to replace a slide at the Baileyton Town Park.

The council continued its deliberation over remodeling the town hall, as Councilwoman Myra Martin presented a report on what the design committee wishes to have done to the facility. Dyar noted that the council has approved the remodeling, but hasn't set a price cap on the project.

Councilman Windell Calloway argued that the council should wait on a cost estimate on the design committee's ideas.

The motion to set a price cap was tabled, and Dyar announced that » PAGE 3

EDUCATION

Back to school

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

HOLLY POND – Students headed back to school all across Cullman County Wednesday morning. Most students usually share the same sentiments, unhappy about having to get back to work but also pleased to be spending time with friends again. But what about the teachers? To find out, The Tribune traveled to Holly Pond High School.

While the students mingled among their friends and sorted out their classes, we talked to some of the staff and asked them how they feel about the upcoming year and what they have planned for the kids.

Teresa Thompson, English teacher: "I get to teach regular 12th grade English again, so I'm really looking forward to getting back into 'Beowulf' to begin with, those sort of things. We'll get to do maybe a little project with 'The Canterbury Tales' and some of those things, so that'll be nice."

Evan Curtis, new band director/ACCESS facilitator: "I'm very excited about this. This is my first y e a r » PAGE 3



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Students waiting for the bell

Cullman County Sheriff's Office partners with Crime Stoppers

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama (CSMA). On Tuesday morning, Sheriff Matt Gentry held a press conference to announce the details. CSMA partners with eight counties: Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Walker and now Cullman. Gentry was optimistic about the opportunities provided by the partnership, saying it will provide an avenue for citizens to step in and help keep the county safe.

Crime Stoppers is a partnership between law enforcement agencies, news media and private citizens.

Its goal is to gather information to help law enforcement solve crimes and locate criminals with outstanding felony warrants.

CSMA solicits anonymous tips from the community and forwards those tips to the relevant investigating agency.

Successful tips can result in a cash reward between $300-$5,000, depending on the severity of the crime and the number of crimes solved from the tip. Tipsters remain 100 percent anonymous.

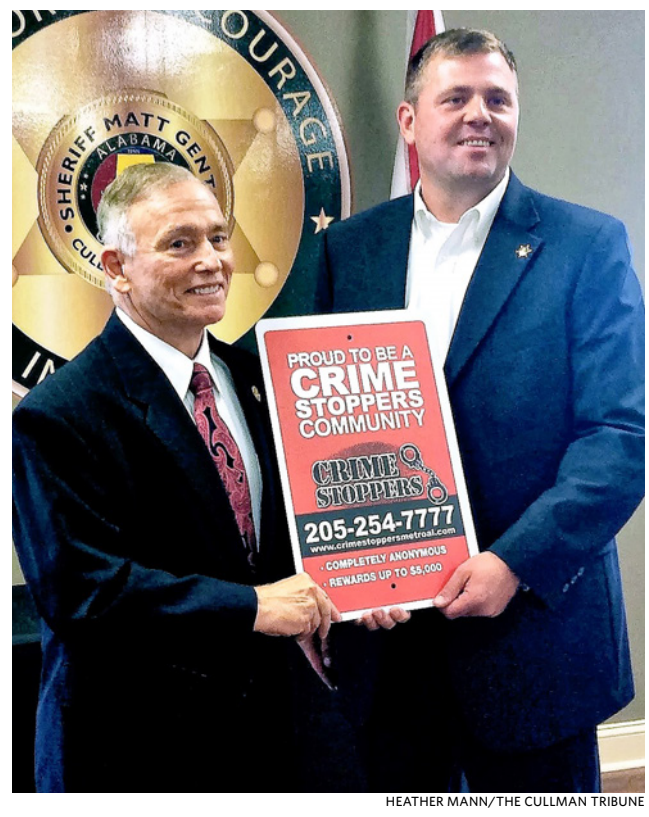
Since its inception in 1981, CSMA has helped local law enforcement make more than 2,400 arrests, clear more than 5,800 cases and approved more than $818,000 in rewards. Numbers of arrests and cleared cases have risen steadily over the years, and CSMA anticipates more than 1,000 arrests and 2,000 cleared cases for 2017.

When asked how the partnership will affect him as sheriff, Gentry replied, "This is an investigative tool that we need to reach other locations besides Cullman County. With us having so many miles of I-65 in the county, we have so many people coming in that aren't from Cullman, and this just gives us a broader band of reach."

He also said that the expanded reach would help identify and catch criminals who may have fled to another county.

Anyone who would like to report a tip can contact Crime Stoppers by calling 205-254-7777, texting 274637 (begin your message with 7777), visiting www.crimestoppersmetroal.com, or messaging CSMA through its Facebook page (Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama). All tips are anonymous, and cash rewards are paid out every Monday.

CSMA program is administered by private citizens through a Board of Directors. Strict adherence to By-Laws and Board approved protocols is maintained to ensure the integrity of the program.



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Crime Stoppers Board Member Frank Barefield, left, and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry at a press conference announcing the partnership between the sheriff's office and Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama Tuesday morning.

The CSMA Executive Director and Law Enforcement Coordinators, sworn law enforcement officers, assigned to the program by the Birmingham Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office administer the day-to-day operation of the program and report monthly to the Board of Directors.

CSMA is not a law enforcement agency but works in partnership with law enforcement agencies, obtaining information on unsolved crimes and wanted criminals to be published to the community through media sources such as TV stations, radio stations and billboards.

Crime Stoppers also distributes information about unsolved crimes and wanted persons through our website at www.crimestoppersmetroal.com, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Cullman Regional hosting Eat Fresh seminar

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – We all know eating fresh fruits and vegetables is essential to a healthy diet. Many people choose locally-grown options for their produce needs. But do you truly understand the benefits of buying locally-grown food over other options?

Join Rachel Dawsey, director of the North Alabama Agriplex, as she discusses growing and preparing fresh foods and provides information on the local farmers' market, as well as the environmental, economic and health benefits of buying locally.

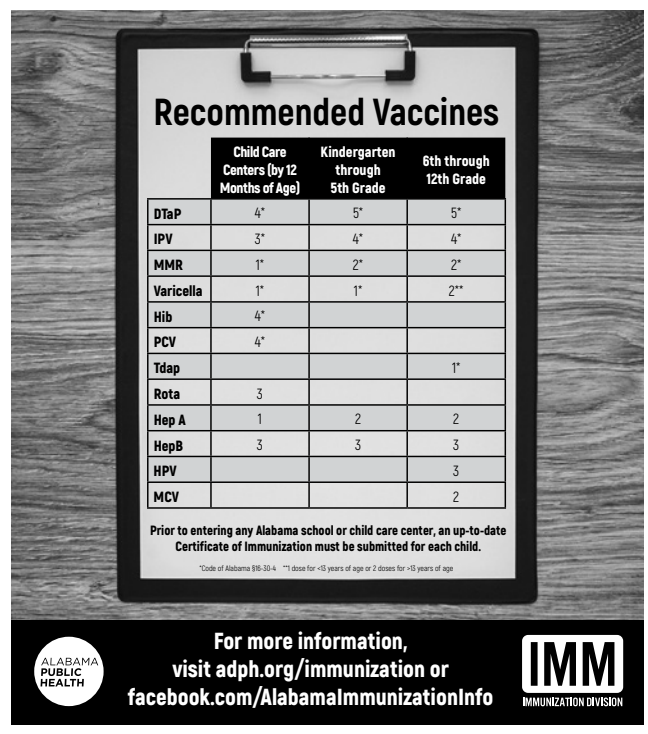
The Eat Fresh Seminar will be Thursday, Aug. 17 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cullman Regional, in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2. Cullman Regional is located at 1912 Alabama Highway 157E.

Cost of the Eat Fresh lunch-and-learn is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others.

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School (from Front)

teaching, so I'm really excited to get to work with all the kids. Everybody's been very nice so far, and all the kids are great, so I'm excited to get to work with them. The band's been going great, too. We've learned the music to three of our songs and the drill to about one and a half already."

Amelia Burke, career prep/fashion/FACS teacher: "Just back to the grindstone, nothing much. I am going to try this thing I found on Pinterest where you make a dress out of newspaper because it's basically like a free supply, you don't have to buy fabric. We're also going to work on some recycling projects to give new purpose to things like plastic bottles and other stuff people usually throw out."

Chelsie Alldredge, new environmental science/chemistry/physics teacher: "I feel excited. Anxious. We're doing a lot more mentoring with our students this year, and I'm really looking forward to being able to connect with the students and just make learning fun. I actually graduated from Holly Pond."

On how she felt about the school year as a parent rather than a teacher, "I have a kindergartener and a first-grader, and I'm very excited, very optimistic. I'm looking forward to a good year."

Kim Butler, principal: "I'm excited about this year. It will be a little different - we lost some great kids all the way around, athletics and academics, lots of scholarships - so this junior class is gonna have a challenge to live up to those scholarships, and we're gonna push them. It's gonna be a great year and I'm excited. Gonna be starting year number 30 for me."

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a special meeting of the council will be held as soon as an estimate is received.

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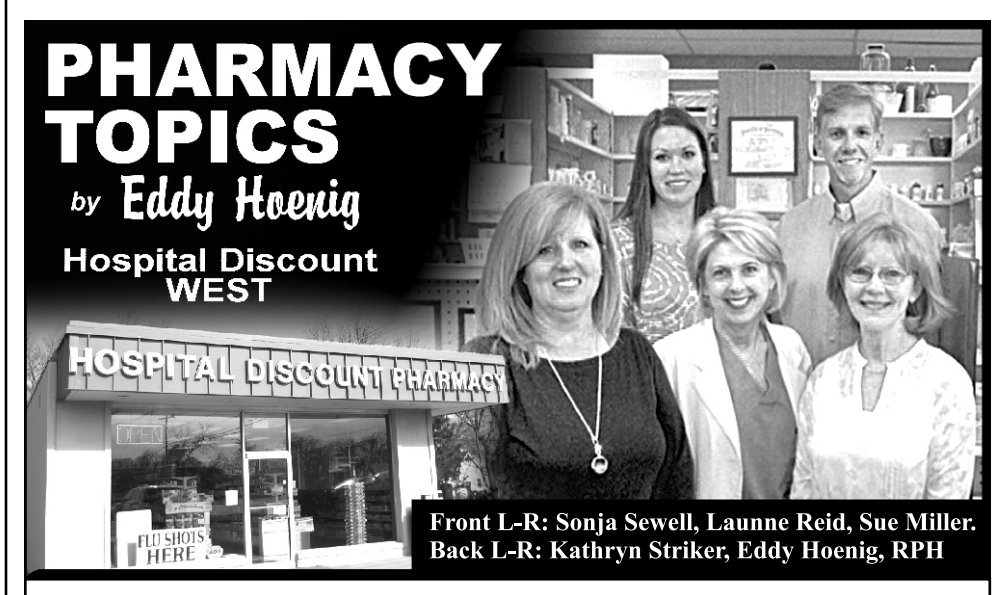
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PHARMACY TOPICS
by Eddy Hoenig



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Over the past two decades there has been a sharp rise in the number and severity of infections caused by the bacteria Clostridium difficile – often shortened to C. diff, now the most common hospital-acquired infection in the United States. But a new study suggests that the most routinely prescribed antibiotic is not the best treatment for severe cases. According to the study, published on the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) Internal Medicine website, patients with a severe C. diff infection (CDI) were less likely to die when treated with the antibiotic vancomycin compared to the standard treatment of metronidazole.

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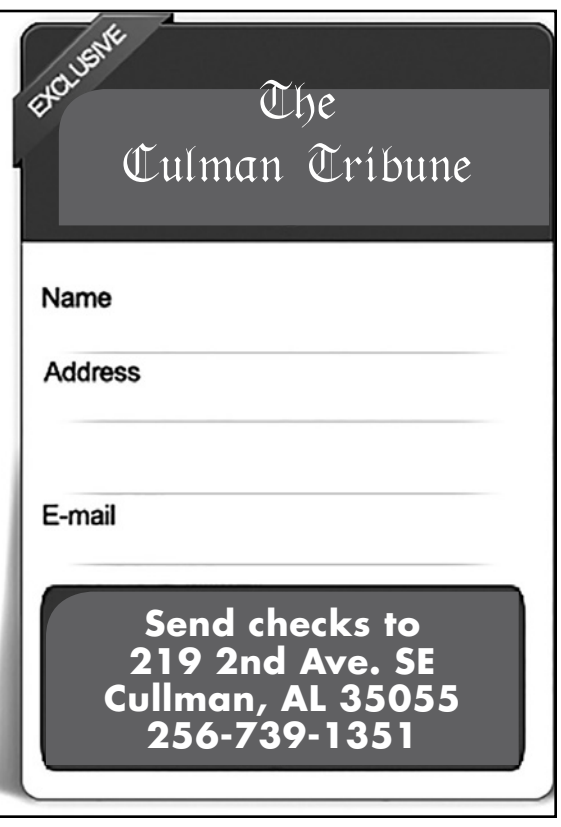
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Emflaza (deflazacort) tablets and oral suspension to treat patients age five years and older with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), a rare genetic disorder that causes progressive muscle deterioration and weakness. Emflaza is a corticosteroid that works by decreasing inflammation and reducing the activity of the immune system. Corticosteroids are commonly used to treat DMD across the world. This is the first FDA approval of any corticosteroid to treat DMD. DMD is the most common type of muscular dystrophy. DMD is caused by an absence of dystrophin, a protein that helps keep muscle cells intact. The first symptoms are usually seen between three and five years of age and worsen over time. The disease often occurs in people without a known family history of the condition and primarily affects boys, but in rare cases it can affect girls. DMD occurs in about one of every 3,600 male infants worldwide. People with DMD progressively lose the ability to perform activities independently and often require use of a wheelchair by their early teens. As the disease progresses, life-threatening heart and respiratory conditions can occur. Patients typically succumb to the disease in their 20s or 30s; however, disease severity and life expectancy vary.

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Mayor Bill Oliver reads a proclamation presented to members of the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department.

Holly Pond council honors fire department for 50 years of service

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HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond Town Council took the opportunity at this week's meeting to recognize the town's volunteer fire department for its 50th anniversary. Before the meeting began, a reception was held for the firefighters. Councilman Paul Brown presented the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department with a plaque commemorating 50 years of service, and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary gave out small goodie bags to all the volunteers who attended.

Mayor Bill Oliver read a proclamation declaring August 7, 2017 to be Holly Pond Volunteer Firefighter Day, with the proclamation officially passed later in the meeting.

The proclamation reads:
Whereas, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, excessive training, courage, and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, in addition to their daily duties, firefighters routinely put themselves in harm's way to serve our community; and

Whereas, our firefighters serve as community volunteers with no anticipation of pay for their services above the gratitude of our community; and

Whereas, the Town of Holly Pond owes a tremendous debt to those who, on a continuing basis, protect the citizens and property of this town.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Holly Pond, Alabama that today, August 7, 2017, is HOLLY POND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DAY and commend all who serve.

In meeting business, the council:
• Listed lights in town that needed repairs and considered additional lighting for certain roads in the future.
• Expressed concern over vandals stealing road signs and the possible havoc those actions could wreak on emergency responders who don't know the area well.
• Considered a piece of property adjacent to the school that could be used for development of a storm shelter or senior center if the school does not buy it.
• Approved the local 4-H archery team to use the park's tennis court for practice.
• Introduced Allan Turner as the primary operator at the water plant, listened to problems caused by last month's heavy rainfall and considered solutions for the future.
• Authorized Oliver to sign all necessary paperwork regarding the storm shelter project.
• Discussed hiring someone to help fill out address reports for the upcoming census.
• Called a special meeting for Monday, Aug. 21 to work on creating the FY 2018 budget; considered holding special meetings every two weeks until budget is finalized.
• Set the date for the Christmas parade and Cards in the Park as Sat. Dec. 9.

Vinemont mulls recycling

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VINEMONT – Vinemont Mayor Radginal Dodson, at this week's council meeting, shared a request he received from a resident about establishing recycling services in Vinemont. Dodson said he has reached out to recycling companies in Cullman, but has yet to hear back on information regarding pickup procedures should the council decide to bring the service to the town.

Dodson said he is unsure if there is enough interest in the town to justify the cost of the program, saying, "We have five, six, 700 people in the town.

"If there was more interest in it, then I'm willing to spend the $600."

In new business, the council agreed to purchase two iPads and one Square Stand to be used for concession sales at the sports complex.

Dodson noted that the Square Stand not only acts as a calculator for totals and change, but also keeps a record of inventory and items sold.

Cameras previously purchased will be installed at the Vinemont Town Hall in the near future, with no definite date set.

The council said it rushed the installment of cameras at the Vinemont Community Center (the Scout House) to deter unapproved activity which, according to Dodson, was a more important endeavor.

Lastly, the council voted to amend the employee handbook for town employees to include a social media regulation section.

Vinemont voters should be aware that the Aug. 15 primary election will be held at the Vinemont Community Center, rather than the fire department.

Vinemont will hold its next council meeting on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

If you are unable to attend, but would like the council to hear your concerns, the town clerk can be reached at 256-737-5411 from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon on Fridays.

Planning commission green lights building projects, business expansion

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CULLMAN – The City of Cullman Planning Commission on Monday evening paved the way for several area construction projects by approving subdivision requests and site plans.

First on the agenda was a subdivision of a large lot at Ninth Avenue Southeast and Fourth Street Southeast, requested by Edgar Veigl.

"This is in the historic district that was destroyed by the tornado in 2011, so these are all vacant lots that used to be houses," said Veigl. "Here, what we want to do is take this big lot, make two lots out of it, and put two nice houses back on it. We want to put something back in there that the city and community can be proud of. There's a shortage of houses right now in Cullman, anyway, and another way of looking at it is us going back into the area that's still affected by the tornado, and this is a little more recovery."

Roger Turner received approval for a request to combine two lots on Fourth Street Southeast in the Central Business District, in order to construct a two-story building that will house a beauty shop downstairs with living space above.

Next, a lot subdivision at 1725 Childhaven Road NE will allow the sale of part of the lot for a property expansion at Cullman Cabinet.

Clifford Harris requested approval to proceed with phase two construction at The Flatts at Fischer Farms. The subdivision of the property will allow the construction of 16 houses at the site. the request was hindered by a lack of inspectors' reports. Harris assured the commission that inspections had been done, but was informed that documentation was required.

On the advice of Building Department Director Rick Fulmer, the commission approved the request contingent on the filing of the missing reports.

A request for approval of a building addition for Inland Buildings at 2141 Second Ave. SW. was made by John Hyde. An initial concern about the new building sitting atop a gas line was resolved; Hyde met with the gas company to make arrangements for relocation of the line.

Another concern that took more time was the location of part of the building on an area currently covered in grass. Properties around the site have a history of flooding, and the commission wanted assurances that the new construction would not contribute to local drainage problems. Hyde pointed out a gravel parking area on the site, and offered to deepen and modify it as a water detention area. The commission then approved the site plan, contingent upon Hyde's following through with the parking lot modification.

The City of Cullman Planning Commission meets on the first Monday night of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Cullman City Hall Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

County commission OKs Smith Lake Park boat ramp expansion, turn lane on AL 69

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Jolanda Hutson of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic led off this week's meeting of the Cullman County Commission, which saw a packed house and agenda.

Hutson addressed the commission, expressing her grave concerns over a grant shortfall at the clinic. Hutson has been making the rounds, speaking to all municipal councils to request funding for the clinic, which serves low-income, uninsured residents of Cullman County.

Said Hutson, "You all have funded us in the past, and we're very grateful for that. I know the deadline is approaching for this year's request. I'd be very grateful if you could increase the amount allotted to the Good Samaritan Clinic."

Switching to commission business, Chairman Kenneth Walker was authorized to sign an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the construction of a left turn lane on Alabama Highway 69 at the intersection with County Road 1545.

The commission authorized the signing of a lease, construction and maintenance agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a project which will see the conversion of the two-lane boat ramp at Smith Lake Park to a six-lane boat ramp. The construction is slated to take place over two fiscal years.

Four items on the agenda involved the Cullman Regional Airport. Two of the items concern the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Walker and the County Attorney Chad Floyd were authorized to sign a grant agreement with the FAA for reconstruction of the north parallel taxiway at the airport, and a resolution was approved to enter the agreement. A bid was awarded on the project to Wiregrass Construction for $512,685.41.

Lastly, a resolution was passed to apply for state and federal matching funds on the project. The project will receive 90 percent of the needed funds from the federal government, five percent from the state and five percent locally, divided evenly between the city and the county.

The commission also:

• Approved the request for the Tubbs Family Cemetery to be placed at 214 County Road 478. The commission received the request in July; however, commissioners decided to propone the vote until a tax issue was settled and a sanitation evaluation was completed.

• Approved a request from Kathy Wilson of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force for use of the courthouse steps and parking lot for the Freedom Walk for Human Trafficking on Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. The public is encouraged to take part in the event.

• Voted to renew its ACCA (Association of County Commissions of Alabama) dues and an annual contract for the Cullman County Sherriff's Office. Dues were renewed for the cost of $8,407, noting that they have not increased from last year's fee.

• Entered a one-year agreement with Johnson Technical for battery backup services.

• In preparation for the 2020 census, authorized the Revenue Commissioner to negotiate a contract with Keet Consulting Services, LLC for GIS maintenance and support services for the Voter Address Management software. The total cost is estimated to be $23,000, but the commissioners believe it is a sound investment as the commission hopes to maximize census accuracy in the county.

• To preserve Cullman's history, voted to enter a scanning service agreement with DocuStor for scanning and archiving of records to not exceed $4,000 a year. The project will take place over several years, but the commission will give the funds as needed annually.

• Approved the plat of four subdivisions located throughout the county. In district three, Haley's Cove Subdivision, located on County Roads 1408 and 1409, will develop seven lots. In district one, Harvell's Addition Subdivision, on County Road 1224, will develop three lots. Two subdivisions were approved in district two. Moss Point Subdivision, on County Road 51, will develop 10 lots and will construct a private road. Also in district two, The Summit Subdivision, located on County Road 215, will develop 14 lots and will construct a private road.



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Jolanda Hutson, of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, addresses the Cullman County Commission on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

• Purchased paint from Ennis, Inc. through the State Bid List for striping 58 miles of road for $19,696.

Lastly, Commissioner Garry Marchman appointed Mary Dean Lamar to the Cullman 310 Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Pat Thompson; the term will expire on April 1, 2023.

The next Cullman County Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room located at the Cullman County Courthouse.

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 10-13

Funeral service for Kerry James Duke, 55, of Welti are Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; with interment in Welti Cemetery. Visitation on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. Kerry was born on July 20, 1962 to James and Elna Von Kilgo Duke. He was co-owner of Affordable Automotive. He was a life-long resident of Welti and member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He passed away at his residence on August 5, 2017 surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents, Handley Duke, E.E. and Reba Kilgo. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Merry Quick Duke; two daughters, Sara and Pruett Allen and Hayley and Jeremiah Duke; grandson, Henry James Allen; father, James and Joyce Duke; brothers, Jon and Lisa Duke and Kelly and Randa Duke; sisters-in-law, Sherry and Kent England, Debra and Rick Freeman, Margaret and Larry Creel and Joyce Burks; grandmother, Ruth Duke and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Pallbearers are Jon Duke, Kelly Duke, Tanner Duke, Russ Davis, Blake Drinkard and Eric Maynor. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Margaret Jean Jones Center, 1807 Beech Avenue SE; Cullman, AL 35055.

Timothy Paul Rutherford, 60 of Danville, passed away on August 8, 2017 in Cullman. Tim was born on October 4, 1956 in Moulton, Alabama. He attended Hatton School and attended Mt. Vernon FCM Church. Tim installed Blue Dolphin Pools for 38 years and was a machinist for 6 years. He enjoyed drag racing, auto body, mechanics and especially playing with his grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon FCM Church. Brother Glenn McCain will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Karen Vaughn Rutherford; sons, Christopher (Sonya) Rutherford, Patrick (Donna) Rutherford, Brian (Amanda) Willingham, Bruce (Leslie) Willingham and Barry (Dana) Willingham; sister, Ada Jo Harris; and he was Paw Paw to 7 grandchildren, Braden Willingham, Taylor Willingham, Garrett Willingham, A.J. Willingham, Jace Willingham, Katelyn Makemson and Jessica Rutherford. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ulyess and Gladys Dotson Rutherford; grandsons, Holden Rutherford and Zachery Rutherford; brothers, Kenneth, Mack, Buddy, Harold, Randy and Ricky; and sisters, Diane Sayre, Rachel Wilbanks and Rebecca Waldrep. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Mt. Vernon FCM Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Amanda Gilbreath, 3554 County Road 80, Addison, AL 35540.

Tom Jeff Frazier, 81 of Double Springs, passed away at his home surrounded by his family. Mr. Frazier was born on August 29, 1935 in Winston County, Alabama. He was a long time member of Double Springs First Baptist Church where he helped organize the Brotherhood Breakfast. He graduated Winston County High School in 1954 and owned the Tom Frazier and Sons service station in Double Springs for 40 years. Tom enjoyed raising cattle, gardening and especially talking with friends at the service station. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Brother Bill Frank Wilson and Brother J.D. Snoddy will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Double Springs. He is survived by his sons, Mike Frazier and Greg (Karen) Frazier; brother, Jerry (Sheilah) Frazier; sister, Sherry (Dickie) Powell; he was Paw Paw to 6 grandchildren, Joshua (Andrea) Frazier, Kristie Preston, Tiffany Frazier, Matthew Frazier, Gregory Frazier and James Frazier; 4 great grandchildren, Mia, Kira, Raylon and Reagan; and special friends, Beverly Cater and Greg with New Beacon Hospice. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Joyce Frazier; parents, Curtis and Myrtle Frazier; brother, Ted Frazier; and sister, Judy Frazier Doss.

Funeral services for Anita Ann Hart Steele, 55, of Falkville, will be Friday, August 11, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with interment in Bell Springs Cemetery, Pastor Barbara Trussell officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Steele passed away Monday, August 7 at her residence. She was born July 17, 1962 to parents Bobby Hart and Jeanette Byars. Survivors include her mother; her husband, Wendell Steele; two daughters, Kelly Steele and Karen Dollar; three grandchildren, Caiden Barfield, Caleb Barfield, and Preston Spano; two brothers, Michael Hart and Jimmy Hart; and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

Memorial services for Daisy Elaine Rainwater will be Friday, August 11, 2017 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, Rev. Steve Bryan officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Rainwater passed away Tuesday, August 8 at Falkville Health Care Center. She was born May 11, 1943 to parents Fred and Daisy Cates Quick. She is preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Louise Lee, Geneva Hood, Bernice White, and Hazel Caldwell; and one brother, Rayburn Quick. Survivors include two sons, Jeff (Sondra) Rainwater and Keith Rainwater; five grandchildren, Gracie, Jeb, Amy, and Sasha Rainwater, Megan (Adam) Seckfort, Emily and Bailey Sims; one great-grandchild, Raelyn Seckfort; two brothers, Dee and Wilford Quick; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and special friends.

A Memorial Service for James "Sweet Cecil" Cecil Douglas, age 89 of Cullman, will be held at 3p.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Douglas passed away Sunday, August 6, 2017, at North Mississippi Medical Center. He was born February 12, 1928 to the late Reason Monroe Douglas and Joan Thompson Douglas. James retired with 41 years of service IMC, Tampa, FL; was a veteran, having serving in the U.S. Marines Corps. He is preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, Mildred Robinson, Eloise Gay & Jean Conigilio; one brother, Bill Douglas. Survivors include his wife of 55 years – Edith Morrison Douglas; one Daughter – Lisa (Dennis) Bushey; 3 – Grandsons – Christopher (Mandy) Bushey, Aaron (Wendy) Bushey & Dustin (Lydia) Bushey; one Great-Grandson – Mason Bushey; 2 – Sisters – Martha Freeman & Shirley (Ralph) Meeks; Special Sister & Brother – Faye & Chuck Pantaleo; and numerous Nieces & Nephews also survive. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until service time at 3 p.m.

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HPMS student Rylan Griffin 1 of 26 to attend special STEM institute this summer

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OAK RIDGE, Tenn. – Rylan Griffin, son of Kalina Black and Scott Griffin of Holly Pond, was one of 26 exceptional middle school students attending the 28th annual Middle School Summer and Math-Science-Technology Institute in Oak Ridge, Tennessee this summer. Gov. Kay Ivey nominated Griffin, a student at Holly Pond Middle School, to attend this accelerated learning program.

Griffin was selected based on his potential to excel in math and science and to continue in higher learning.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and ORAU hosted the 28th annual High School and Middle School Summer Math-Science-Technology Institutes, during which the students and teachers worked on cutting-edge science projects with mentors at ORNL.



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Earl F. Gohl, federal co-chair, Appalachian Regional Commission; Kelly Chasteen, ARC program manager for Alabama; Rylan Griffin; Dr. William J. (Jim) Vosburg, director, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education; David Keim, communications director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory



Legal Notice

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

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

Auction Notice

Contents of storage unit **D-5,** rented to **Wayne Wilson, Junior,** on **July 31, 2012,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: metal toolbox, tools, wooden dresser, wooden bed and frame, hand truck and computer.

Contents of storage unit **A-18**, rented to **Kimberly Watts,** on **August 27, 2010,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: washing machine, wooden bookcase, wooden table, wooden chairs and clothing..

Contents of storage unit **D-28**, rented to **Tyler Walker,** on **August 30, 2016,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017,** at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: television, wooden television cabinet, metal rack, wooden table and wooden bench.

Contents of storage unit **C-7**, rented to **Kara Ratliff**, on **March 13, 2017,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: children's clothing.

Contents of storage unit **B-17**, rented to **Jennifer Mathis**, on **March 5, 2016,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: television, metal bed and frame, kids toys and clothing.

Contents of storage unit **D-9**, rented to **Joseph Childers**, on **April 24, 2015,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: microwave, couch, cabinets, wood heater, wooden chest and children's items.

Contents of storage unit **C-15**, rented to **Sarah Bryant**, on **February 2, 2017**, will be sold for auction for past due rent on **August 19, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: television, luggage, microwave, wooden table, wooden dresser and lamps.

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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 September 5, 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-August 10, 17, 24, 2017

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF

Mary Emma Hollis, deceased CASE NO. PC 2017-184

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHEDBY PERSONAL REPRSENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MARY EMMA HOLLIS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Harold Wayne Hollis on The 27th 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.

Harold Wayne Hollis, Personal Representative (Administrator)
6905 County Rd 310
Crane Hill, AL 35053

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 14, 2007 by John T. Sumner, unmarried, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1521, Page 576 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 August 17, 2017:

A parcel of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 11 South, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence West 210 feet; thence South 420 feet; thence East 210 feet to the East forty line; thence North 420 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in 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-July 27, August 3, 10, 2017

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Joe K Mcclain Husband And Pam Mcclain Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated June 24, 2004; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1389, Page 774, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Hilldale Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 319, Page 996 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Hilldale Trust, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 18th day of August, 2017 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 00' East 330.64 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 9 degrees 15' 51" East 539.86 feet to an iron pin, thence South 79 degrees 21' 50" East 216.72 feet to an iron pin, thence North 1 degree 50' 01" West 568.2 feet to an iron pin, thence North 89 degrees 00' West 281.78 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.0 acres, more or less. Also a the centerline of a 20 foot R.O.W. more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 00' East 330.64 feet to a point, thence South 9 degrees 15' 51" East to a point, thence North 2 degrees 44' 06" West 134.32 feet to a point, thence North 2 degrees 43' 04" East 678.86 feet to a point on the South R.O.W. of County Road Number 1387. Said land lying in the Northwest quarter of the Northeast Quarter and Southwest quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 688 County Road 1387, Vinemont, AL 35179.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Joe K McClain and Pam McClain or tenant(s).
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 a part of the foreclosure process.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 6, 2007 by Natalie F. Bonner, a/k/a Natalie Bonner, a single woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1528, Page 538 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 September 5, 2017:

A parcel of land located in a part of the NW ¼ -NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the SW corner of said NW ¼ -NW ¼, said point being a 1 ½" open pipe, and run N00°40'38"W, along the west boundary line of said ¼ - ¼, a distance of 621.46', to a point; thence N89°12'10"E, leaving said ¼ - ¼ line a distance of 135.61' to a capped rebar; thence S05°41'04"E, a distance of 43.94', to a capped rebar; thence S06°22'08"W, a distance of 48.48', to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence S22°39'39"W, a distance of 29.45', to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence S17°48'45"E, a distance of 40.10', to a capped rebar; thence S67°23'22"E, a distance of 54.53' to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence N13°07'09"E, a distance of 23.14', to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence N48°21'04"E, a distance of 31.90', to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence N18°39'41"E, a distance of 53.61', to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence N46°26'03"E, a distance of 68.45' to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence N54°39'26"E, a distance of 68.36' to a capped rebar (Rollins); thence N89°11'11"E, a distance of 23.84', to a point on the southwesterly right-of-way of Brushy Pond Road and a point of curve; said curve being non-tangent, to the left, having a radius of 1003.36' a delta angle of 11°30'07", and an arc length of 203.75'; thence S30°05'19"E, along the chord of said curve a chord distance of 203.40'; thence S35°54'22"E, along said southwesterly right-of-way of Brushy Pond Road, a distance of 574.29', to a capped rebar and a point on the south boundary of the NW ¼ - NW ¼; thence N88°57'10"W, along the south boundary of said NW ¼ - NW ¼, a distance of793.02' to the point of beginning.
Said parcel of land contains 7.75 acres more or less.

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-August 10, 17, 24, 2017

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2017-218

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NEIL ED RAINWATER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Neil Ed Rainwater, II, and William Clark Rainwater on the 2nd day of August, 2017, by the Hon. 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.

Neil Ed Rainwater, II, and William Clark Rainwater
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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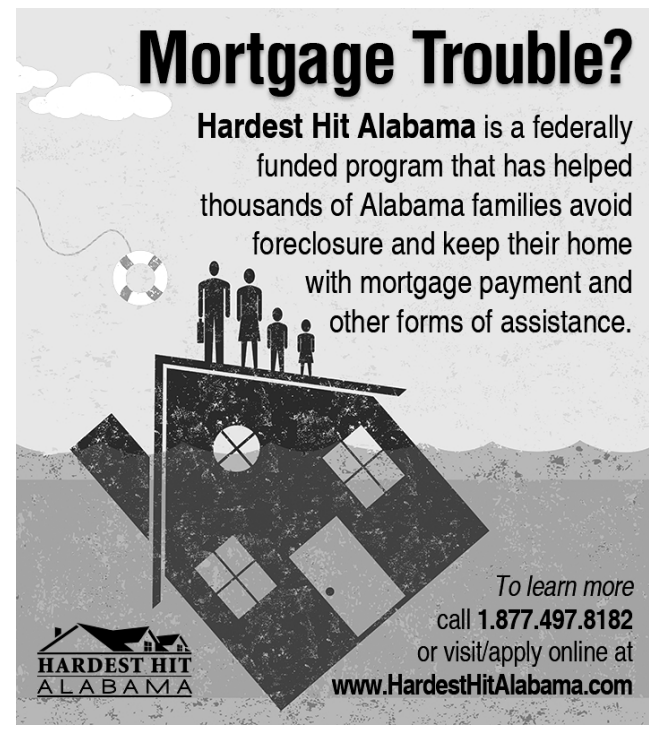
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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 29, 2008 by Roy A. Fowler, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1557, Page 169 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default 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 August 25, 2017:

Commence at the southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 3 West; thence N 88°52'37" E 53.59 feet to an existing capped iron on the west R.O.W. of Eva Road; thence N 37°44'21" E 856.99 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on said R.O.W. and the point of beginning; thence N 37°30'00" E 105 feet to an existing iron on said R.O.W.; thence S89°30'00" W 209.72 feet to an existing iron; thence S 37°41'46" W 105 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set; thence N 89°33'38" E 210.00 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 0.4 acres, more or less. Said land lying in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama. Description according to survey of James W. Baldy, AL PLS Lic. No. 11845 dated February 20, 2008.

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
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United Way Depot Day slated for Aug. 19

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CULLMAN – It's that time of year. Schools are back in session, football is on the horizon and United Way Depot Day will soon pop up at Depot Park, on Saturday, Aug.19 to be exact.

The event, in its third year, began as an effort to announce to the community that the United Way does indeed have a presence in Cullman, and to inform citizens about the United Way of Cullman County's partner agencies.

"The first year we had about 500 people," said UWCC Executive Director Sammie Danford. "Last year, unfortunately, we got rained out about an hour into the event."

This year, Danford and her team have taken precautions against the weather.

"We will be having the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. because we noticed that most of the storms happen later in the afternoon," Danford explained.

"Also, we've rented the city's big white tent, which should supply shelter from the sun, or rain showers."

The event will feature live music, a car show, food trucks and vendors, along with bounce houses and other games for kids.

"Each one of the 16 agencies that will be in attendance will have a game of some sort for kids," Danford said.

When arriving, guests will be asked to pick up a punch-card, which they can have filled out by visiting each agency's booth.

Then, at the end, they can put their cards in a drawing for prizes.

There will also be a "Dunk Your Principal" area, featuring administration from both county and city schools.

"This is our biggest event of the year," said Danford.

"We're very excited to have everyone come out and learn something about the services in the community and have fun doing it."



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