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Bicyclists find sack of kittens abandoned near Good Hope



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Holly Hirsbrunner, Rita Kelley and Dixie Bergquist with the kittens shortly after they were found Saturday morning.

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GOOD HOPE – On Saturday morning, a group of friends bicycling near Good Hope heard a strange sound coming from the creek in the woods alongside the county road. Rita Kelley, Dixie Bergquist and Holly Hirsbrunner stopped to investigate what seemed to be faint meowing; they discovered a plastic grocery bag containing four young kittens.

"It looked like they were trying to throw them in the creek," said Bergquist, "but they missed by about 3 feet."

Kelley's daughter came by car and picked up the kittens. They were transported to Lee's Veterinary Hospital in north Cullman, where The Tribune dropped by on Monday.

Angie Adams, a kennel keeper for Lee's, said, "They've got antibiotics and regular feedings now, and they're purring now. They're nice and warm. We'll be taking care of them for the next few weeks; they're approximately about three weeks old, and we'll be taking care of them for three to five more weeks. We will probably spay or neuter them before they leave, so we won't have any more cases like this."

Stephanie Hill of Dirty Dawg Rescue put Amber Lotero, who fosters cats, in touch with the clinic.

Said Adams, "She's got adopters lined up for three, and they're going to keep one, barring anything wrong with them. Stephanie does a lot of different wildlife and things like that, as well as dogs."

So just how common are cases of abandonment like this?

"Unfortunately," said Adams, "here it's a lot more common than you would think. We had 27 come through here in one eight-week period. It differs. It's getting better with the development of the spay and neuter clinic, where it's more accessible, and the spay and neuter weeks, where they get the discounted prices. It's getting better than it was but, unfortunately, it's still not where it should be."

Abandoned pets coming through the clinic are a mix of throwaways like these, along with kittens picked up after the mother was killed by a wild animal. At the time of The Tribune's visit, Lee's also had two other young kittens, one whose mother had been killed by a coyote, and another that had been tossed from a car in front of a local church.

"Puppies aren't as much on the abandonment," continued Adams. "Could be the fact that there's more rescues for them. Unfortunately, in Cullman we don't have as many cat rescues. That's why you'll see more cats abandoned than puppies.

"Luckily, CAAWA (Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association) takes a lot and re-homes them. They've actually got two sets that were abandoned here."

How citizens can help

Adams shared, "CAAWA is always looking for folks that want to foster, whether it be dogs or cats. CAAWA's always in need of people who will take animals in. And they do adoption groups like twice a month at PetSmart. They do their shows that show the animals, and then they're listed on Petfinder.

"As far as getting into it, it's just contacting one of the more

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Step right up!

Cullman County Fair opens today



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Cullman County Fair will run from Sept. 21-30.

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CULLMAN – The smell of funnel cakes and candy apples will fill the air Thursday night, when the 63rd annual Cullman County Fair opens its gates at 5 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

The fair, put on by the Cullman Lions Club, will run from Sept. 21-30 and include plenty of rides, carnival games and food, livestock shows, arts and crafts exhibits, vendor booths, pageants and music.

MegaPasses, which are $22 and include admission, as well as unlimited rides, are being sold at People's Bank locations through Friday, Sept. 22. Tickets may be purchased at the gate and parking is free.

This year's fair is packed with daily events. For a full rundown, see https://cullmanfair.com/calendar. Below are some of the highlights.

Thursday, Sept. 21

- 5 p.m. Opening Ceremony
- 7 p.m. Tiny Fair Princess and Petite Fair Princess Pageant in the Coca-Cola Theatre

Friday, Sept. 22

- 5 p.m. King/Queen of the Kitchen announced
- 7:30 p.m. WKUL Talent Show in the Coca-Cola Theatre

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Fields for governor, in his own words

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CULLMAN – Former state representative, one-time lieutenant governor candidate, Methodist minister and the first African American to ever be elected to state office from Cullman County, Democrat James C. Fields, Jr. on Tuesday evening, before a fired-up crowd of supporters at Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman, declared his candidacy for governor of Alabama. Fields will seek election in 2018.

In July, when rumors began to swirl that Fields was going to run for office in 2018, Fields told The Tribune, "I'm looking strongly at lieutenant governor, possibly governor, and strongly at District 12 (state representative), very strongly at District 12."

On Wednesday, Fields took a few minutes out of a hectic first day on the campaign trail to speak to The Tribune, and he spoke about what made him choose the governor's race.

"Leadership. Responsive leadership to the people of Alabama," he said. "People are tired of being lied to. For the last three election cycles, (candidates) have said, 'I'm going to go to Montgomery and do this or that, so the people can vote to change things.' How many people have done that? Can you name one person? Not one person has done anything to change things. I feel like Alabama needs to change. We need to move forward from where we are."

Fields outlined several areas on which he intends to focus his attention:

Education

"Our teachers are being lied to. They're taking money away from public schools, and it's being directed to charter schools; that's hurting our educational system. Our system needs to be in the 21st century, not back in the 20th.

"In Piedmont, a 3A school, every student has a laptop computer. That's because the people in the community took ownership and did something themselves. People took pride in their school. Graduation rates went up, employment went up in the community. Why doesn't Hanceville have that? Why doesn't Good Hope have that?

"We've got to reinvigorate the citizens of Alabama to take interest in schools, and provide children with the best education (we) possibly can."

Business: job creation and infrastructure improvement

Fields promotes the idea of a high-speed commuter rail system to connect distant points in the state.

He said, "Think about I-65; you know how much traffic there is there. Imagine a commuter rail running all along I-65. If you wanted to go shopping in Mobile, you could be there in two hours."

Fields feels that such a system would give workers more job opportunities further from home, and make getting to work easier.

"It would reduce traffic," said the candidate, "encourage jobs and business. It would create jobs, and show the rest of the country that Alabama is moving forward."

Noting that Cullman County has created a great model for vocational education through, for example, Wallace State Community College and the Cullman Area Technology Academy, Fields is calling for renewed emphasis and support for such programs.

"Cullman does vocational training well; the state needs to improve," he noted.

He is also calling for programs that promote the development of infrastructure and business in communities throughout the state.

"We need to promote all communities," said Fields, "not just one. If you promote only one, Alabama's not moving forward. We're going to look at waterways. We're going to look at our state parks and historic sites. We need to look at our farmland, and we need more business incubators.

"That's the way we reduce the poverty level, and move people to work and off welfare. We've got to move people off welfare, and get people working.

"We need to look at fair wages for workers. We have the highest rate of employment in a long time, but there are still too many people below the poverty line. If James has to work three jobs to provide for his family, he's going to miss time with his kids. He's not going to get to go to games. People miss out on family when they have to work three jobs.

"Everyone's broke, and when that happens, families start to crumble. So many family problems involve money; they're broke, they get frustrated, and they just move on."

Prisons and the correctional system

"We need to look at how we incarcerate people," said Fields. "There's some people in prison who don't need to be in prison. You've got people who stole a pack of gum three times, and they're locked up. Alabama is one of the few states to have the 'three strikes' law, and people are being put away for little things, and they're being put in the general population with hardened criminals.

"Our prisons are at 174 percent capacity. We need to reduce the prison population.

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Fair (from Front)

Monday, Sept. 25

• Noon-5 p.m. Student Day (free admission for all Cullman city and county students)

Tuesday, Sept. 26

• 7 p.m. Miss Cullman County Fair Queen 2017 Pageant in the Coca-Cola Theatre

Wednesday, Sept. 27

• 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Senior Citizens Day (free admission for all Cullman city and county senior citizens)

Thursday, Sept. 28

• 7 p.m. Little, Junior and Teen Princess Pageant in the Coca-Cola Theatre

For details on tickets, rides, exhibits, pageants and more, visit https://cullmanfair.com.

Kittens (from Front)

reputable rescues. Unfortunately, there are a lot that just want to flip for a dollar. I recommend making sure who they look to is a good, honest group. But CAAWA is probably one of the best."

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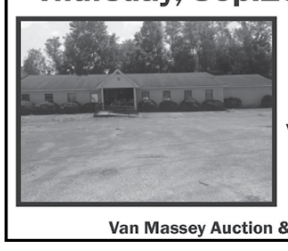
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the portion of Hickory Avenue SW from 6th Street SW to 7th Street SW is hereby declared vacant and the Mayor is hereby authorized to surplus and sell this property for its fair market value.

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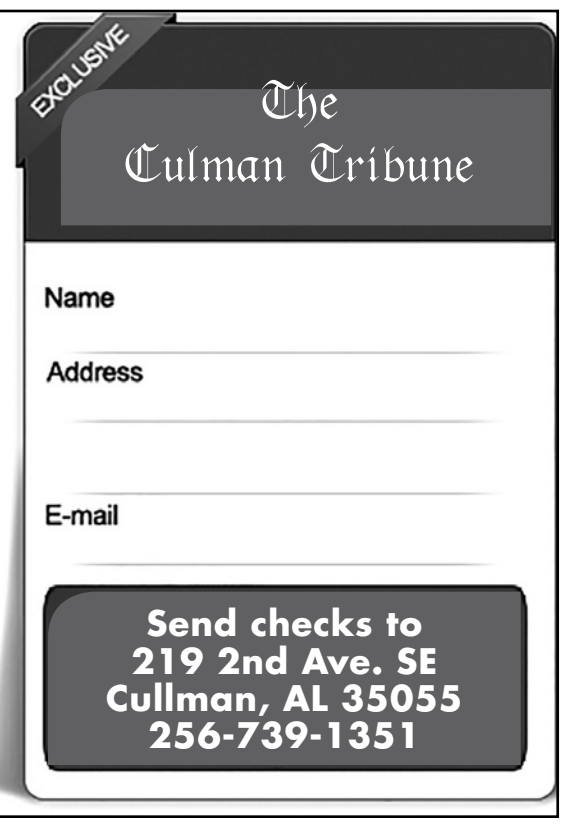
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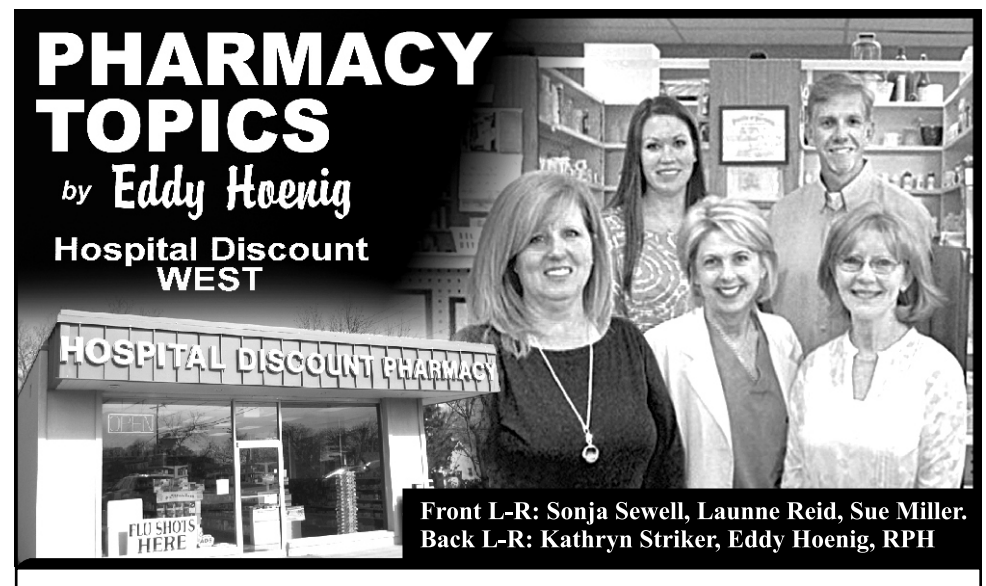
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PHARMACY TOPICS
by Eddy Hoenig



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A study published in *ACS Chemical Neuroscience* has found that the drug lorcaserin, prescribed for weight loss, reduced the use and craving for the opioid oxycodone. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of deaths from prescription opiate overdose in America has quadrupled since 1999. High relapse rates and too few people remaining in treatment programs long enough for them to really benefit them continue to pose major challenges in treatment for the misuse of prescription opiates such as oxycodone and illegal opiates such as heroin.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Ocrevus (ocrelizumab) to treat adult patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) and primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS). This is the first drug approved by the FDA for PPMS. MS is a chronic, inflammatory, autoimmune disease of the central nervous system that disrupts communication between the brain and other parts of the body. It is among the most common causes of neurological disability in young adults and occurs more frequently in women than men. For most people with MS, episodes of worsening function (relapses) are initially followed by recovery periods (remissions). Over time, recovery may be incomplete, leading to progressive decline in function and increased disability. Most people experience their first symptoms of MS between the ages of 20 and 40. PPMS is characterized by steadily worsening function from the onset of symptoms, often without early relapses or remissions. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 15 percent of patients with MS have PPMS.

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Vinemont man arrested for sexual abuse of a minor

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VINEMONT – A Vinemont man has been arrested and charged with first-degree sexual abuse.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), investigators arrested and charged John Paul Adkins, 28, following an investigation in which it was allegedly discovered that Adkins had sexually molested a minor.

The CCSO said the victim is known to the suspect, and that the victim came forward to CCSO investigators after an interview at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC).

"I would like to thank the workers at the Child Advocacy Center for their commitment to keep children safe and to get children out of bad environments," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I would also like to thank our investigators who worked on this case."

Adkins has already made bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Adkins

West Nile Virus case confirmed in Cullman County

Wendy Sack,
Lindsay Dossey

CULLMAN – A person in Cullman has tested positive for the West Nile Virus, according to a statement from Cullman Regional on Tuesday. The hospital said the patient presented with a severe headache and fever. He or she has been treated and since released. The diagnosis was made within the last seven days.

According to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), approximately one in five people who are infected with West Nile Virus will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash.

Fewer than one percent will develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues); however, because the symptoms are more sever, these cases are more likely to be tested and reported.

When a person is infected, early recognition and prompt supportive treatment for these illnesses can substantially lower the risk of developing severe disease. People over 50 years of age and those with certain medical conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease and organ transplants, are at greater risk for serious illness.

WNV is transmitted by mosquitoes after they feed on birds infected with the virus. The same mosquitoes can then infect mammals, particularly humans and horses. Like humans, horses can sometimes become seriously ill from these infections.

Although effective vaccination is available for horses, there are no commercially available medications for treatment or vaccines for prevention for humans. People with milder illnesses typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks. In more severe cases, patients often need to be hospitalized to receive supportive treatment, such as intravenous fluids, pain medication and nursing care. Anyone who has symptoms that cause concern should contact a health care provider.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites by following these recommendations:

• Use EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 when going outdoors.

• Wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk.

• Install or repair screens on windows and doors. Use air conditioning, if available.

• Empty standing water from items outside homes, such as flowerpots, buckets and children's pools.

Visit http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/mosquito/avoid-the-bite.html for more information on West Nile Virus.

Merrill, county officials visit citizens' academy

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday evening, the Cullman County Sheriff's Citizens' Academy was visited by Alabama Sec. of State John Merrill, Cullman County Circuit Judge Greg Nicholas and Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman.

Marchman spoke briefly about the work of the County Commission and its relationship to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). He noted that the CCSO takes a large chunk of the County's approximately $50 million budget, but explained that expense.

"When you look at our sheriff's department, they run 365 days a year, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. They never stop," said Marchman. "One thing that I have never seen in this county is a sheriff and a department that's more involved with you."

Nicholas made a presentation on how and why people become criminals.

He admitted that there are no easy answers to the question, but pointed to several common issues about people who commit crimes:

• **Age** - most crimes are committed by teens and young adults. Nicholas noted that neuroscientists say that the part of the brain that handles critical thinking, problem solving and impulse control is not fully formed in men until around their 25th year, with women's brains reaching maturity about a year and a half earlier. With reasoning abilities not fully formed and a lack of life experience, younger people are more likely to engage in the kinds of activities that could land them in jail.

• **Drugs** - 85 to 90 percent of all people coming into the justice system demonstrate some type of chemical dependency. People use in response to peer pressure, to feel good or to escape from feeling bad. Nicholas said, "They use drugs because they want to feel good, or sometimes they just want to feel numb. Some of these kids have gone through horrendous things, and they don't want to feel anything."

• **Lack of education** - 80 percent of people in the prison system lack a high school diploma or GED. Without an education, their opportunities to earn a legitimate living are greatly limited.

• **Absent parent** - 70 percent of prisoners came from a home from which one or both parents were absent.

• **Choice of friends** - Nicholas encouraged young people to be kind to everyone, but selective about the kinds of people they invest themselves in deeply.

• **Lack of religious or moral foundation** - Nicholas noted that kids who regularly attend church or participate in religious activities are far less likely to commit crimes.

Switching gears, Merrill spoke to the class about the work of his office, mainly about its oversight of election procedures in the state. He recounted extensive efforts to register voters around the state, by holding photo ID and voter registration events at typically busy places at times when they tend to be the busiest, and by visiting highly-attended special events around the state like Opp's Rattlesnake Rodeo. His office also created iPhone and Android apps that allow voters to register online.

In the two and a half years since he took office, Merrill said he and his staff have registered 777,318 new voters, giving the state 3,286,666 registered voters, more than 70 percent of the state's 4.3 million population. More than 2.1 million Alabama voters took part in the 2016 elections. All three numbers set new all-time records in Alabama history for voter participation.

Merrill was particularly proud of the Electronic Poll Book program, a voter sign-in tool used on a trial basis in several areas of the state to reduce the time required for voting by up to 70 percent.

The secretary stated that he is opposed to electronic balloting, as it left no paper trail, saying the state will not use the procedure for general voting as long as he is secretary of state. Merrill did, however, speak highly of his office's use of electronic balloting for soldiers deployed overseas, touting yet another record: in last year's election, 84 percent of all of Alabama's deployed military personnel voted.

Merrill concluded his remarks by stating, "Number one: we're making it easy to vote, hard to cheat. Number two: we're not operating at the speed of government anymore in our office; we're operating at the speed of business. And number three: I and everybody that works in the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama, we all work for you, and it's the greatest privilege we've ever had to be able to do so."

Fr. Martin declares Bernard Blues and BBQ a success

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – The first ever Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival is now in the books. Saint Bernard Prep School President Father Joel Martin declared the brand-new festival of Sept. 9 and 10 a success, and said the school plans to make the venture a tradition by continuing next September, the weekend after Labor Day.

"Visitors were very complimentary of the weekend and we heard nothing but wonderful reviews on the arts and crafts, entertainment and barbecue," Martin said. Artisans were extremely pleased with what they termed a great first show.

Microwave Dave and the Nukes kicked off the weekend with the blues and immediately after lunch the crowd enjoyed Chimney Branch, a local bluegrass band in Cullman.

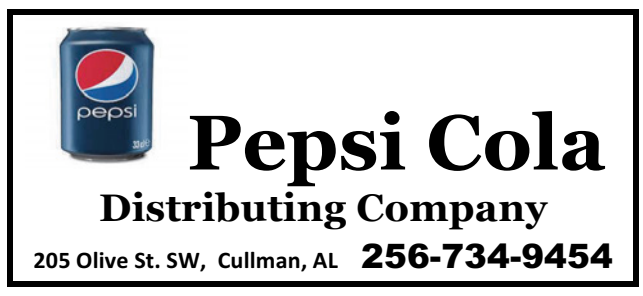
Sweet Licks Dixieland Jazz strolled the grounds on Sunday morning and found themselves entertaining the food tent patrons during their lunch hour.

Returning to her roots in Cullman, Nashville's Coco O'Connor from Nashville graced the same St. Bernard stage she performed on some 30 years ago.

At the conclusion of the weekend on Sunday, a drawing was held for $11,850 in cash prizes.

Christopher Rosko of Hoover claimed the top prize of $10,000; Saint Bernard alumnus Rafael San Juan, of Chicago, claimed the second prize of $1,000; George Pigan, of Maylene, Alabama won $500; while Betty Barrett, of Nashville, and James Lutz, of San Antonio, Texas won $250 and $100 respectively.

Martin said, "Our Bloomin' Festival history, which began in 1985 under the direction of Joyce Nix, made the new venture a natural for us, and its success goes a long way toward assisting the good work of St. Bernard Prep School for the benefit of our students."





For a good cause

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CULLMAN – The Good Samaritan Clinic held its third annual Caring for Cullman Concert this week at Cullman High School, featuring two gospel acts with local connections. As crowds filled the venue, the event was expected to raise more than $25,000 for the clinic, which offers medical services to the uninsured of Cullman County.

Bama Blu-Grace opened the show. Two Cullman area couples, Ron and Christie Burrow and Ron and Jennifer Hale, formed the band 17 years ago. For this concert, the band was joined by the Burrows' daughter Abby, who added mandolin to the lineup of guitar, banjo, fiddle and bass.

Triumphant Quartet then took the stage. Eric Bennett, David Sutton, Clayton Inman and Scotty Inman performed as part of the regular cast at the Louise Mandrell Theater in Pigeon Forge from 2003 to 2008, then began touring all over the country. Bennett, the band's bass singer, is a Cullman County native and graduate of West Point High School.

The Caring for Cullman Concert was the brainchild of Good Samaritan's Jolanda Hutson, who explained, "I came up with the idea for the Caring for Cullman Concert for couple of reasons. First of all, at the Good Samaritan Clinic we provide medical care to the Cullman community, and I wanted to have a concert and reach out to performers who have gone on to make it big in the entertainment industry, to come back to their hometown, to give back to their community."

According to Hutson, the event averages approximately $28,000 per year. With each uninsured patient costing the clinic an average of $500 per year to serve, if Monday's concert followed the norm, it will provide services to 56 patients in the next year.

Dr. Jeremy Stidham of Cullman Internal Medicine and Good Samaritan's medical director, talked about what the clinic means for Cullman County.

"It's a good bunch of folks that work at the clinic, and they do a good job for the patients," he said. "And in turn, that does a lot for our community, keeping these folks healthy who otherwise wouldn't get any medical care at all. That's not only good for them, it's good for all of us. When patients are healthy to begin with, it makes them a lot easier to care for when they do get ill.

"That's probably my favorite thing about the clinic, actually, is that we are able to keep folks who would otherwise have no care at all healthy enough to do well when they get sick.

"In the past two years, the clinic has opened its doors a little wider to patients who need help. In years past, it's been a little bit of a closed community, where we accepted fewer patients than we should have. In recent years, we've been able to open those doors up to folks who may otherwise in the past not have been able to get into the clinic and that's something we're very proud of.



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Triumphant Quartet

"On another front, we monitor our patient data, and we've done that electronically the past few years, which is a big step forward for the clinic, and we have proven that we're not only taking care of people, but we're doing a very good job of taking care of people.

"We're meeting markers that show excellent quality in health care. And I'm going to credit that to Randa Duke, our nurse practitioner, who's doing the real hard work at the clinic. She's a fantastic practitioner."

"I would like to thank all the people who helped put on the event," said Hutson. "We could not put on an event of this magnitude without the support of the community, so we're very grateful to all of our sponsors, our community partners, Chick-fil-A, as well as a lot of students from Cullman High School and Cullman County who are helping here tonight, our board, some of our staff who are here. And we're just grateful also for a lot of churches, civic organizations and businesses that helped us promote our event. It's a ton of people that came together to help us have a successful evening, and we're very grateful for that."

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Cullman falls to Danville and Austin

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DECATUR – Although the score was not in their favor, the Cullman Lady Bearcats played their hearts out Tuesday afternoon when they fell to Danville (25-19, 25-16) and Austin (25-16, 25-23) in tri-match action.

"We played the best two games we have probably played all season," said head coach Meagan Cagle. "The score didn't show the game the girls played. Danville and Austin both have amazing teams, and to play them competitively shows how much the girls are growing and improving."

Returning to the court after battling an ankle injury was Gracie Apel and she immediately made an impact. Paden Adams and Ashlen Heatherly were great as well, leading the team in digs. Aubree Skipper led in kills and Kada Milne in blocks.

Lauren Grace Evans lead in assists and impressed her coach with her willingness to move positions.

"Lauren Grace Evans has been playing out of position and has found a new home at right side and excelling at that role," said Cagle.

"The team is starting to really gel together and that was evident in the last set against Austin," the black and gold coach said of her squad. Cullman will look to improve as they get back to action Thursday when they travel to Brewer to take on the Lady Patriots.

In other county action, Good Hope and West Point both swept Curry in straight sets. Good Hope bested West Point in the tie-breaker set, 15-13, to take the inner-county match.

PREP FOOTBALL

High school football preview: week 5

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Heading into the fifth week of the 2017 high school football season, things are beginning to heat up as the play-off picture begins to emerge. There are eight games on the docket for this week.

Good Hope vs. Cordova
Good Hope has won three of its first four games of the 2017 season. The Raiders look to make it four out of five when they welcome the Cordova Blue Devils, who sport a 1-3 record, to town.

West Point vs. Corner
The Warriors look to ride the momentum from their 49-7 victory over Springville last Friday into this week as they face the Corner Yellow Jackets at home.

Vinemont vs. Fultondale
Vinemont is 2-2 under first-year head coach Stephen Robinson. The Eagles are coming off a thrilling 21-20 victory over county rival Hanceville.

They will be looking to knock Fultondale from the ranks of the unbeaten at Mark Smothers Field Friday night.

Hanceville at JB Pennington
Since starting the season 1 - 0 with a decisive 36-20 victory over Cold Springs, the Hanceville Bulldogs have dropped their last three games. They look to get back on track with a win at JB Pennington who comes in with a 3-1 record on the year.

Cold Springs at Falkville
It has been a tough start to the season for Rod Elliott and his Cold Springs Eagles. They are hoping to right the ship Friday as they head to Falkville to take on the Blue Devils, who come in at 1-3 on the season.

Cullman vs. Fort Payne
Cullman comes into week number five at 2-2. The Bearcats will welcome Fort Payne as they try to derail the Wildcats' momentum. The Wildcats started the season 3-0.

Fairview at Mortimer Jordan
Fairview is on the road this week and that could benefit the Aggies, as they have started this season 0-2 at home at Dafford Smith Stadium. They will roll into Kimberly to face Mortimer Jordan, 3-1.

Addison at Lynn
Addison has simply dominated every opponent so far this year on its way to a 4-0 record. The Bulldogs will strive to stay unbeaten this Friday as they travel to take on Lynn High School.

Meet at Gaylesville
After starting the season 2-0, the Meek Tigers have dropped their last two games. They will look to buck this trend as they travel to Gaylesville, now 0-5 on the year.

13 Cullman-area students receive degrees from the University of Alabama

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TUSCALOOSA – The University of Alabama awarded approximately 1,300 degrees during summer commencement August 5.

Among those, according to a media release from the university, were 13 Cullman-area students.

- **William E. Alexander**, of Arley, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- **Jade A. Bradford**, of Cullman, Bachelor of Arts in Communication
- **Michael Sterling Harbison**, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Human Environ Science
- **Cody S. Hayes**, of Bremen, Bachelor of Science Commerce Business Administration
- **Kaylen Michelle Kennedy**, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science in Human Environ Science
- **Olivia S. Lindsey**, of Joppa, Bachelor of Science in Human Environ Science
- **Karrie F. Martin**, of Cullman, Master of Social Work
- **Lydia Margaret Overman**, of Cullman, Master of Arts
- **Samantha N. Riddle**, of Vinemont, Master of Arts
- **Timon D. Skees**, of Altoona, Bachelor of Science in Commerce Business Administration
- **Brent J. Spradling**, of Cleveland, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- **Ashley M. Uhrig**, of Crane Hill, Master of Arts
- **Leah N. Vaughn**, of Crane Hill, Bachelor of Science in Commerce Business Administration

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Smooth operators: CPD explains new 'no-beard' policy

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CULLMAN – Back in August, a Cullman Police officer posted a survey on social media, with the permission of the department, asking how folks felt about the idea of police officers wearing beards. The general response was positive toward the idea, as long as facial hair was kept short and neatly trimmed. Those who opposed the idea preferred officers with a military appearance, or expressed concern about suspects getting hold of an officer's beard during a fight. See http://qrne.ws/beards.

Polls may be informative and a little fun, but of course the Cullman Police Department can always claim the last word; and they did. Chief Kenny Culpepper told The Tribune that CPD officers will have their faces clean shaven.

The reason does has to do with officer safety, but not so much about fights. The CPD is about to equip all of its officers with gas masks, which require a snug seal on the user's face that Culpepper says beards simply will not allow.

Culpepper explained why the department is issuing the new equipment. "It's kind of a running joke between us and the fire department that they call us blue canaries. There's a bad accident with something leaking, and when they pull up on the scene, they look to see if the police officers who got there first are on their feet or not. "Besides the levity of that, what if you're directing traffic at a bad accident scene some distance away, and the wind shifts, and you don't have any sort of PPE (personal protective equipment)? And then also, we've had incidents where we've had like a barricaded gunman, where we had to deploy tear gas. The tactical officers have their gas masks, but a lot of the patrol officers who form our outer perimeter have been exposed to tear gas before, when it drifted in their direction, because they didn't have that issued as part of their normal duty gear.

"Then also, some things like having to go into a building to help extract a body that's been there for an extended period of time, things like that, that people may not think about. It doesn't happen that often, but when it does it would be nice to have that PPE."

A timetable for the issuance of the new equipment has not been released.

Fields (from Front)

Now, there are some people who just need to be locked up, but we can reduce the population."

Fields offered the idea of building self-sustaining prisons, where supervised prisoners carry out the day-to-day activities of the facility with minimal need for outside resources. At such prisons, inmates could work gardens, manage livestock and learn business and industrial skills they can carry out of the prison when they leave. "We need to prepare these prisoners to re-enter society," stated the candidate.

Fields told The Tribune that his campaign should have a plan together in the next few days that voters will be able to review online or receive in hard copy form.

"We want people to follow our campaign," said Fields. "Don't judge us until you hear us. Don't judge us until you know what we're about.

"This campaign is not about abortion or same-sex marriage; those issues were settled over 2,000 years ago. It's about educating our children and putting food on our tables and bringing families back together.

"Give us a chance. You've seen what's going on in Montgomery and Washington. If you're tired of it, take one more chance; support James Fields for governor of Alabama."

Fields, a native of Colony, will face a crowded field of Democrats. Other declared candidates are Chris Countryman, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama Sue Bell Cobb, Minister Anthony White and former pastor Jason Childs.

Republican candidates include Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan, pastor Scott Dawson, former Morgan County Commissioner Stacy George, businessman Josh Jones, State Sen. Bill Hightower and Gov. Kay Ivey.

Independent candidates include Chig Martin and Michael Johnston.

Alabama's primary will be June 5, 2018, with a run-off primary election on July 17, if needed. The general election will be on Nov. 6, 2018.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 19-21

Danny "Dan" Leroy Harlan, 73, of Haleyville, entered into rest on September 16, 2017 at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mr. Harlan was born on December 7, 1943, in Arkansas. Funeral services held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in Haleyville. Brother Jerry Albright officiated. Dan is survived by his wife, Patsy Harlan; sons, Gene Campbell, Danny Harlan, Kerry (Peggy) Harlan, and Patrick (Wendy) Harlan; sisters, Nancey Mareyhew and Janice Jennings. He was "Paw Paw Dan" to 6 grandchildren, Cory, Tiffany, Jill, Clara, Samantha and Owen.

Funeral service for Vera B. Thornton, 90 of Cullman, held Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Truman Gable officiated; burial at Emeus. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thornton passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at her residence. She was born, June 21, 1927 to Marvin and Bessie Wren Ragsdale. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Welcome Thornton, daughter, Alma Jane Thornton, son, Carl Wade Thornton, brothers, Hershel Ragsdale, Rev. W.G. Ragsdale, and Roy Ragsdale, sister, Vola Graves. Survivors include her, daughter, Ruby (Truman) Gable, grandchildren, Jeffrey Daniel (Pam) Gable, Lisa Michelle Gable (Brian) Barker, Valerie Beth Gable (Glenn) Goble, Stacie Thornton, Charity (Darrel) Wiggins, and Stephen Thornton, 7 great grandchildren, sisters, Vonnie Grayson and Vaudie Horr, brother, Dwight Ragsdale, and daughter-in-law, Deborah Thornton.

Howard C. Stults, 95, of Haleyville, entered into rest on September 18, 2017 at Helen Keller Hospital. Mr. Stults was born on April 30, 1922, in Marion County. Howard was a member of Cherry Hill Church of God and enjoyed preaching the gospel. He was a salvage dealer for over 25 years. Howard enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and boating. He was given the nickname "Bull". Funeral service be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Nichols Funeral Home. Brother Royce Brimer and Brother Ricky White will officiate. Burial will follow in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. Howard is survived by his son, Harold Stults and wife Jolene; daughters, Annelle Anderson, Carolyn Daniel and husband Truman; sisters, Lena Cook, Betty Bailey and husband Winford. He was "Paw Paw" to 6 grandchildren, Brian Crowe, Tim (Robin) McCarley, Jonathan Cochran, Amy (Jeff) Williams, Amanda (Michael) Keller, Ty Daniel; and 3 great grandchildren, Chelsea (Levi) Setliff, Ciana McCarley, Anna McCarley; and 2 great-great grandchildren, Hadlee Setliff and Hayes Setliff. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nola Burleson Stults; son, Ronnie Stults; parents, Thomas and Belle Stults; brother, Henry Stults, sisters, Malene Stults, Joyce Kelly, and Francis Lacey.

Funeral service for James Dewayne Rodgers, 68, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, burial in Crossroads Cemetery. He died September 17, 2017.

Hazel Batey, 99, of Haleyville, entered into rest September 19, 2017 at Hendrix Health Care. Complete arrangements and obituary will be announced at a later date by Nichols Funeral Home.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO.: AD2017-059

IN THE MATTER OF:
Z.W.E.,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JONATHAN SCOTT MORENO, JR., THE FATHER OF Z.W.E., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO JORDAN RENA ELLIS, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

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

DONE THIS 15th DAY OF September, 2017.

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

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
LINDA DANIEL SMITH,) Case No. PC2017-262
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to RICHARD D. SMITH, on the 13th day of September, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

RICHARD D. SMITH, Personal Representative
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate
412 1st Ave. SE, Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE ESTATE OF:)
MAURINE E. DRAKE,) PC-2017-222
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to DARRELL DRAKE, Personal Representative, on the 29th day of August, 2017, by the HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DARRELL DRAKE, Personal Representative
The Estate of MAURINE E. DRAKE, Deceased.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for three successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 2, 2006 by Jeffry L. Davis, unmarried, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MRG 1476, Page 572 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 October 5, 2017:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 4 West, and thence N 89 degrees 30'00"W 161.78 feet to a point on the West R.O.W. of Highway 31, thence N 3 degrees 22'14"W 420.00 feet to an existing ½" capped rebar on said R.O.W., the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence N 3 degrees 21'14"W 210.51 feet; thence N 89 degrees 30'41"W 421.99 feet, thence S 85 degrees 52'04"E 210.00 feet; thence S 00 degrees 29'19"E 419.24 feet to the point of beginning. Situated, lying and being 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-September 14, 21, 28, 2017

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF JARRETT WADE BOWERS FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO: AD2017-054

C. A. M. E., MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TERRY SHAWN EDWARDS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.A.M.E., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO JESSICA HOPE KIMBRELL BOWERS

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Jarrett Wade Bowers. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, Post Office Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

DONE THIS 29th DAY OF August, 2017.

Jarrett Wade Bowers
Petitioner

Sara Baker
Attorney at Law
100 Fifth Street SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-737-7181

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
EDNA MORGAN,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-248
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **RICKY BRYON MORGAN**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **EDNA MORGAN**, deceased, on the 29th day of August, 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 29th day of August, 2017.

Ricky Bryon Morgan
401 County Road 1652
Cullman, Alabama 35058
Pro Se

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

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHARLES DEAN
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2017-900231.00**

TONIA TIDWELL GOODWIN DEAN
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Tonia Tidwell Goodwin Dean, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Charles Dean's Complaint for Divorce by October 16, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900231.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 25th day of August, 2017.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of) Case No. 7815
Carl Willard Thomas, Deceased)

ORDER SETTING HEARING FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

Upon consideration of the verified Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of filed by Gaylia Murphree, Administratrix Cum Testamento Annexo of the Estate of Carl Willard Thomas, Deceased, accompanied by the vouchers for final settlement of said Estate, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED by the Court as follows:

That a hearing on said Petition be held on the 7th day of November 2017 at 10 o'clock, AM before the undersigned judge.

That notice of said Petition and the hearing thereon be given 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 and all interested parties by publication in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation for three ~~consecutive~~ successive weeks.

Done this the 11th day of September, 2017.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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 Bryan O'neil A/K/A Bryan N. Oneil Husband And Ashlee Smith O'neil A/K/A Ashlee Smith Oneil Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as a nominee for Superior Bank, its successors and assigns dated December 22, 2010; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1642, Page 848, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION by assignment recorded in Deed Book 313, Page 742 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 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 20th day of October, 2017 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot #7 of Chapaquaw Bay Subdivision recorded in Plat B166-B and also re-recorded in B169-B, Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 440 County Road 295, Cullman, AL 35057.
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 Bryan O'Neil a/k/a Bryan N. Oneil and Ashlee Smith O'Neil a/k/a Ashlee Smith Oneil 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ESTATE OF
ODELL LAVADA BICE,
Deceased,

CASE NO. PC 2017-234

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Gary Lee Hardin, Personal Representative of the Estate of Odell Lavada Bice, deceased, on the 11th day of September 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that a; persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time by law; or the same will be barred.

Done this the 11th day of September, 2017.

GARY LEE HARDIN
Personal Representative

Swore and subscribe before me this the 11th of September, 2017.

Andria Richter
Attorney for Petitioner
300 First Avenue, SE
Cullman, AL 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF : THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice three(3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2010 by William Bryan Jones, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1690, Page 782 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 12, 2017:

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

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-September 21, 28, October 5, 2017

BUSINESS

Merchants Bank's Kimberly Dockery promoted

Merchants Bank
Contributor

CULLMAN – The Board of Directors of Merchants Bank of Alabama recently promoted Kimberly Dockery to senior vice president and Silver Spirit director.

Dockery joined Merchants Bank of Alabama in 2000 and worked in the customer service area of the bank assisting customers in many different transactions and banking services. Dockery assisted with the bank's Silver Spirit program and was named director of the program in 2003.

Under Dockery's leadership, the bank's Silver Spirit program has grown to more than 2,000 members.

In leading this program, Dockery organizes and leads seminars and educational events for the members as well as the travel portion of the program.

She organizes and leads single-day and overnight trips in the Southeast and multi-day trips in the lower 48 states, along with trips in the past to Alaska and Hawaii.

Dockery's commitment and dedication to not only the program, but also the bank's customers and Silver Spirit members has earned her high accolades from the Silver Spirit family.

The board of directors and management are very supportive of Dockery's Silver Spirit program.

Steve Glasscock, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Merchants Bank said, "The outstanding success of the Silver Spirit program and the loyalty of Silver Spirit members and Merchants Bank customers to Kim is an acknowledgement by those individuals of Kim's sincere dedication and commitment to



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individuals and their banking services. Kim exceeds their expectations on a continuous basis and always looks out for their best interest(s)."

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