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Happening this weekend

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CULLMAN – The holiday season is ramping up, and that means more weekend events around town. Find full event listings at www.CullmanTribune.com/Calendar. Below are a few annual events to enjoy.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18: Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show

This annual craft show will take place at the Cullman Civic Center on Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Says the show's Facebook page: "Vinemont Band Boosters have sponsored this family oriented craft show for 20+ years. We feel privileged to unite wonderfully talented individuals under one roof to share their ideas and display their many talents to the general public. We take pride in our hospitality and aim to please not only the shoppers and observers but our vendors as well.

Admission is free. The boosters » PAGE 6

Bridging the gap: 4 Lawrence Co. residents in Boston as part of special documentary

The Tribune's Loretta Gillespie is part of Team LC



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Producer/Director Susanne Goldstein, left, facing camera, gives Production Assistant Rachel Trobman instructions for the cast, as Team LC member Kacey Hall, right, looks on.

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MOULTON – The Tribune's Loretta Gillespie is on a special journey this week. She is one of four people from Lawrence County who are in Boston for a project called "Just Smile Boston."

Gillespie, along with Kacey Hall and Proncey and Kristi Robertson make up Team LC; the team's mission is to help bridge the gap between rural and urban communities as a part of a documentary series called "The Exchange." The documentary's website calls it "a series about people who live in different places, face different challenges and experience our country in completely different ways." (See more at http://qrne.ws/theexchange)

ExchangeNation Founder and CEO Susanne Goldstein said on the project's funding website, "As a city-person from Boston, MA, and a citizen who cares deeply about the Divide in our country, I set out earlier this year to shoot the documentary film 'Blue Girl in a Red State' in Lawrence County, Alabama. I wanted to help 'burst the bubble' that many have been living in and share the hopes and dreams of a Southern, rural community with city dwellers around the country. I began to understand why our affiliations, hopes and dreams are so different, and as I did, the project morphed into a documentary TV series we're calling 'The Exchange.'"

Goldstein further explained the project: "Lawrence County, Alabama (LC) is a Red County in the Northwestern part of the state along the Tennessee River. It was decimated in 2013 when the County's main employer, International Paper, closed overnight leaving 30 percent of the working-adults in the county without a way to support their families. Team Boston, a group of talented business people and marketers will come to LC to work on a project called 'Lawrence County is Open for Business' that will focus on teaching the people of LC how to showcase their county to companies looking to bring jobs back to our country.

"Boston, Massachusetts has almost everything going for it, but is also known for being unfriendly and hard to get to know. Team LC, a group of hospitality ambassadors will come to Boston to work on a project called 'Smile Boston' that will focus on helping Bostonian soften their rough exteriors in hopes of becoming a friendlier city."

Goldstein and her crew have been in Lawrence County this year meeting with residents and shooting video as a part of the documentary.

Team LC arrived in Boston on Tuesday.

Gillespie said, "We arrived in Boston just as the sun set over the bay. I was shocked to note that the runway is just a few feet from the shoreline. I could literally have tossed » PAGE 2

Give thanks!

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE – As a part of its 175th anniversary celebration, Hopewell Baptist Church hosted its community Thanksgiving meal Wednesday night. The meal was completely free and everyone in the community was invited to partake.

One of the meal's organizers, Kathy Howard, was excited to be part of the community event. "Our goal is to just let people know that we are here," she said. "We want to be the hands and feet of God and hopefully let the community know that we're here for them."

Look for the full story at www.CullmanTribune.com.



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SIGRID RONG/FRIENDS OF CULLMAN

The Friends of Cullman group

Cullman to host 'Friends of Cullman' from Frankweiler in the spring

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FRANKWEILER, GERMANY – The Friends of Cullman, counterpart to Cullman's Friends of Frankweiler, has announced an upcoming trip for its members from Frankweiler to Cullman next spring.

From the organization's press release (translated from German): "The Friends of Cullman, Alabama met on Nov. 14 in Frankweiler Town Hall. This year's newly elected board set for itself the goal of organizing another visit to Frankweiler's sister city, the beautiful Cullman, Alabama, next year. To get in the mood, a film about Alabama and Cullman was shown this evening, and those present happily remembered the beautiful visits in the past, when they still visited each other with large groups."

The group plans to be in Cullman from April 26 to May 5, 2018, and hopes to stay with host families in the area. Members have been given the option to arrange longer stays on their own, if desired.

Cullman and Frankweiler, Col. John Cullman's birthplace, have had a history of cooperative adult tour and student exchanges since the cities' official partnership was established in 1987. As recently as last year, Cullman has hosted students from its sister city.

For more information on the Friends of Cullman and the local Friends of Frankweiler, visit www.facebook.com/friendsoffrankweilerandcullman or call the Cullman County Museum at 256-739-1258.



PWV FRANKWEILER

FRIENDS OF FRANKWEILER

Playground funded in part by Cullman contributions complete in Frankweiler

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FRANKWEILER, GERMANY – The Frankweiler office of the Palatine Forest Association (PWV Frankweiler) in Germany has released new photos of a recently-completed playground funded in part by a contribution made by Cullman's Friends of Frankweiler in honor of longtime member Margot Tanner, who left Cullman in August to be near her children and grandchildren in Mesa, Arizona. See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/08/22/one-last-conversation-living-legend-margot-tanner.

After the photos appeared on the PWV Frankweiler Facebook page, Tanner herself posted a comment: "Sieht gut aus" ("Looking good").

Cullman council approves more annexations; stage set for downtown Christmas celebration

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CULLMAN – At its regular meeting Monday evening, the Cullman City Council continued its recent trend of multiple property annexations.

After annexing more than 60 properties in five sections of the city's outskirts in October, and 12 properties in six sections in September, the council scaled back a bit to annex four properties this month:

• property owned by James and Sarah Seymore located at 213 County Road 483 as R-1 Residential District. This property currently has a Hanceville address.

• property owned by the City of Cullman located on Tanner Drive Northwest (erroneously labeled as Emil Drive in the original request) as R-1 Residential District

• property owned by the City of Cullman located on Mann Drive Southwest as M1-P Manufacturing District

• property owned by the City of Cullman located on Railroad Bed Road as M1-P Manufacturing District

Christmas

The council approved a request from Waid Harbison of Cullman City Parks and Recreation for a special event permit to hold the Christmas in Cullman Parade and Festival on Dec. 1, 2017 from 6 to 9 p.m. on First Avenue and in Depot Park.

Harbison was present at the meeting, and at the request of Councilman Clint Hollingsworth shared, "We've just a lot of stuff coming up. Our Christmas parade will be on Dec. 1 downtown, so that's kind of going to be going in conjunction with what we did this (past) weekend with the Christmas Open House. We've got a lot of floats for that.

"We're also going to be a little bigger than normal, but same route, same kind of setup and everything like that.

"Last year, we were lucky to get most of the merchants to kind of stay open late, and we did a big festival in Depot Park, so we'll do that again. Businesses will be open late that night, probably after the parade.

"And, of course, we do have the Christmas arts and crafts show, the Holly Market, over at the Civic Center that same weekend. It's always the first weekend of December, as well. We'll have about 80 to 90 arts and crafts vendors over there at the Civic Center, as well."

Other council business

The council approved three additional requests:

• from Keith Johnson of Johnson's Pure East located at 1601 Third St. NE for a beer and wine off-premises alcohol license. This request received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Alcohol Review Committee.

• from Sanitation Superintendent Larry Jones to purchase a 2018 Mack front-loading garbage truck on the NJPA bid list from Ingram Equipment Company, LLC in the budgeted amount of $257,000

• to adopt appeal procedures for the municipal interception of tax refunds, allowing citizens whose state income tax refund checks have been redirected to pay outstanding fines and debts to the City a means of appealing what they consider to be improper interceptions

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

AG Marshall joins coalition urging protection of prayer at public meetings

Office of Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall

MONTGOMERY – Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall joined a coalition of 22 states Wednesday in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to protect the practice of lawmaker-led prayer at public meetings.

"Lawmaker-led prayer is woven into the fabric of American society dating back to the founding of our Republic," Marshall. "Public prayer is both constitutional and a common practice throughout our country. Today more than 35 states and countless local governments permit lawmakers to offer prayer. I share Justice Scalia's perspective that "to deprive our society of (this) important unifying mechanism...is as senseless in policy as it is unsupported by law."

The 22-state coalition filed an amicus brief Wednesday calling on the U.S. Supreme Court to hear arguments in the case of Lund vs. Rowan County (North Carolina) and confirm the constitutionality of public prayer led by lawmakers. Such a decision would clear up confusion among the lower federal courts and strike down a recent ruling in the Fourth Circuit that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners' practice of opening its public meetings with a commissioner-led prayer violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

The brief notes that state legislatures, including in Alabama, have opened public sessions with lawmaker-led prayer for much of this country's history.

"Both of Alabama's legislative chambers have allowed members to offer prayers for more than one hundred years. A member of the House of Representatives, for instance, gave the invocation in the state Senate in 1873.And during the 1875 legislative session, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Wilson, members of the House of Representatives, opened House sessions with prayers."

Alabama filed its brief in support of free expression of faith along with West Virginia, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin, along with the governor of Kentucky.

Documentary (from Front)

my gum into the water had the plane had roll-down windows.

"Our drive was harrowing. Boston drivers are worse than Nashville drivers! But the lights and scenery that we saw as we whizzed past were beautiful. We ate a late supper at the Boston Cafeteria and returned to the hotel, tired and anxious about what tomorrow would bring."

Gillespie will be sending updates each day. On Wednesday, she reported, "It's gray and chilly, but the hotel lobby is bustling. Today we visit We Work, which is like a huge business incubator, and some neighborhoods that have undergone urban renewal. This trip is part of an innovative new concept of pairing sister communities, much like sister-cities. It is the brainchild of produce-director Susanne Goldstein, a Bostonian who wants to bridge the gap between rural and urban America, while preserving the culture of each. You can find out more about this project by visiting ExchangeNation on Facebook."

Gillespie and the rest of Team LC will meet with Team Boston, along with city and business leaders, on Thursday evening. The event, called "Healing the Divide: Rural and Urban Americans Connect and Act," can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/1971649376494239.

Look for more updates at www.CullmanTribune.com, and follow Team LC's journey on www.facebook.com/ExchangeNation and www.facebook.com/JustSmileBoston.

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Cullman Regional Foundation announces new board members

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Cullman Regional Foundation

CULLMAN – The Cullman Regional Foundation is proud to announce two new members of the Foundation Board of Trustees. Champ Crocker, Cullman Regional Foundation president, recently appointed board members Sarah Hicks and Dr. Bill Peinhardt. The new board members will be volunteering to serve a three-year term.

"Sarah Hicks has been a member of the Cullman Regional Auxiliary for 32 years and is excited to continue her service to the medical center," said Crocker.

"Dr. Bill Peinhardt is a lifelong resident of Cullman and has served the community practicing medicine for over 40 years."



CULLMAN REGIONAL FOUNDATION

Pictured L-R: Champ Crocker, Cullman Regional Foundation president, Sarah Hicks and Dr. Bill Peinhardt

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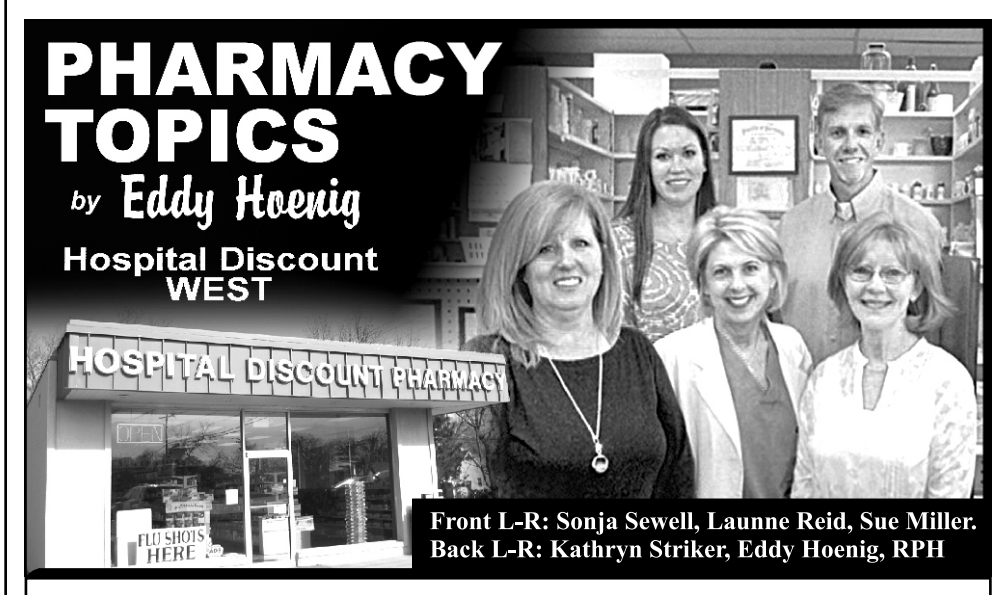


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Cannabinoids contain anti-inflammatory properties that could make them useful in the treatment of a wide-range of skin diseases, according to a new study published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. The study summarizes the current literature on the subject and concludes that pharmaceuticals containing cannabinoids may be effective against eczema, psoriasis, atopic and contact dermatitis. Currently, 28 states allow comprehensive medical cannabis (marijuana) programs with close to one in ten adult cannabis users in the United States utilizing the drug for medical reasons. As researchers examine the drug for use in treating nausea, chronic pain and anorexia, more and more dermatologists are looking into its ability to fight a range of skin disease.

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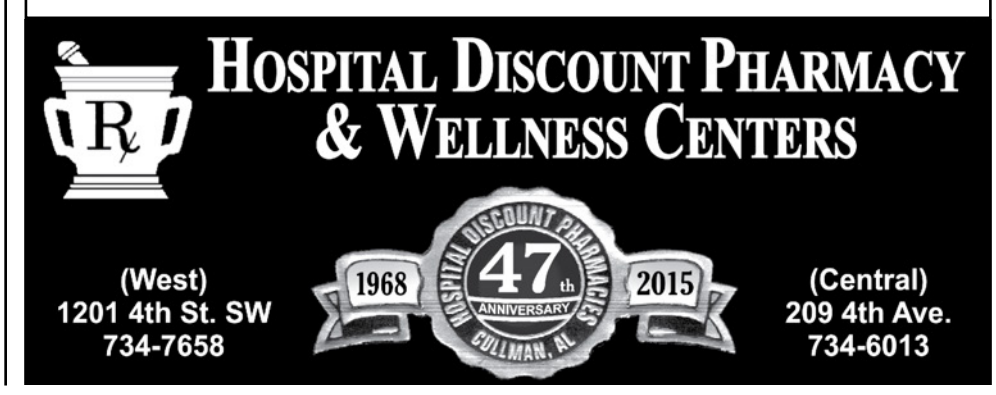
A substantial proportion of patients prescribed high-intensity statins following hospitalization for a heart attack did not continue taking this medication with high adherence at two years after discharge, according to a study published by JAMA Cardiology. High-intensity statins (atorvastatin, 40-80 mg and rosuvastatin, 20-40 mg) are recommended following myocardial infarction (MI; heart attack).

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Rydapt (midostaurin) for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) who have a specific genetic mutation called FLT3, in combination with chemotherapy. AML is a rapidly progressing cancer that forms in the bone marrow and results in an increased number of white bloods cells in the bloodstream. The National Cancer Institute estimated that approximately 19,930 people would be diagnosed with AML in 2016 and 10,430 were projected to die of the disease.

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Lights of Love program Dec. 7

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Regional Foundation will host the annual Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

The special ceremony, which will take place in the Colonel Cullmann Room in Professional Office Building II, is a way to honor and remember local citizens.

The late Claude Alsbrooks, a former Foundation president, will also be honored.

Giving a "gift of love" for $20, $40, $60 or more places a light on the Christmas tree as a tribute to someone special to the giver.

The gifts are tax-deductible and support the Foundation's mission of advancing healthcare services at Cullman Regional.

Those who are honored by, and family members of those remembered by, gifts of love will receive special acknowledgement cards.

The community and contributors are invited to the tree lighting ceremony to view a presentation of the names of those being honored and remembered.

Christmas music will be performed by Cullman High School music and theatre students, Dr. Joe Johnson, and the First Baptist Church Ladies' Ensemble and Children's Choir.

The evening will conclude with the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Light refreshments will be served during and after the ceremony.

According to the Foundation, donations may be contributed throughout the holiday season and gifts received by Monday, Dec. 4 will be included in the special ceremony.

Donations may be made online at www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or by calling the Foundation at 256-737-2565.



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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs takes a pair from Vinemont

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VINEMONT – Tuesday night's match up between the Vinemont Eagles and the Cold Springs Eagles was intense from the opening to the final whistle. The action went back and forth in the first quarter with both teams trading baskets for the opening two minutes. Cold Springs controlled the inside, opening up a six-point lead, 14-8, at the end of one.

Play continued to be tight in the second quarter with Vinemont working the perimeter while Cold Springs continued to bang around Vinemont in the paint.

Cold Springs looked as if it would take a 10-point lead to the half, but a late three by Connor Handley on Vinemont's final possession of the half cut the Cold Springs' lead to single digits, 23-16, heading to the break.

Vinemont spent the entirety of the third quarter whittling away at the Cold Springs' lead, leaning on threes by Katch Johnson and Handley.

Vinemont pulled to within four, but a buzzer-beating three by Micah Calvert put Cold Springs back up by seven heading to the fourth.

Johnson was the first player to score in the fourth, earning a hard basket inside for Vinemont and cutting the deficit to five. However, two missed threes on two trips down the floor coupled with the Cold Springs Eagles being in the double bonus for more than half of the quarter allowed Cold Springs to pull away for the win. Final score: 43-36.

Adam Hill was the leading scorer with 11. Calvert was behind him with 10. Hunter McAnnally had seven, Mason Harris contributed five and Matthew Peed had four.

Vinemont's Johnson led all scorers with 16. Jack Hill had 10, Handley added eight and Clay Shipp added two.

Cold Springs 64, Vinemont 24 (girls)

The Cold Springs Lady Eagles started off hot in the first quarter with a pair of three-point buckets by Lady Eagle leader Camryn Crider and a strong put-back basket by Aubrey Negron. Vinemont answered with a free throw by Bailey Preiss and a lay-up by Madison Harbison to keep the game to within six early in the first frame.

Midway through the quarter Cold Springs turned up the heat thanks to another pair of three-point baskets by Crider, helping the Cold Springs Lady Eagles to a 20-9 advantage after one.



JOSH MCBRAYER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs built on its lead in the second, leaning on three deep balls by Crider. Toni West, Prisca McAnnally, Negron and Hill each added two points to give Cold Springs a comfortable 37-15 lead going to the locker room at the half.

The half did nothing to slow down the momentum of Cold Springs as the team came out of the locker room just as hot as they went in.

Vinemont tried to keep it close, but the Lady Eagles extended the lead to 36-24, ensuring the fourth quarter would be played with a hot clock. Cold Springs went on to outscore Vinemont 8-0 to take the game 64-24.

Crider led Cold Springs, and all scorers, with 25 points including seven three-point baskets. West, Negron and Kylon Hamby each added six. Kinley Campbell and Hill each had five, Neely Ellison added three and McAnnally added a pair.

Leading the Vinemont Lady Eagles was Madysen Hacker with 11. Sadie Stanly had six on a pair of threes, Valarie Stacks has a three of her own while Kanasta Daniel and Harbison added two apiece.

PREP BASKETBALL

Preview: 61st annual Holly Pond Thanksgiving Invitational

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HOLLY POND – Thanksgiving is right around the corner and that can only mean one thing: holiday hoops. In a few short days, it will be Thanksgiving, but before (and after!) all the turkey has been carved, all the stuffing has been devoured and the pumpkin pie has disappeared, catch some round ball action at Holly Pond High School.

For the 61st time, Holly Pond will extend an invitation to a few select schools to compete in the Holly Pond Thanksgiving Invitational. Six schools, including the host Broncos, will suit up for the tournament, with the action set to tip Wednesday at 4 p.m. Here is a look at the complete bracket.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Junior Varsity Boys
- Game 1: Good Hope vs. Cullman 4 p.m.
- Game 2: Holly Pond vs. J.B. Pennington 5:15 p.m.

Varsity Boys
- Game 1: Good Hope vs Cullman 6:30 p.m.
- Game 2: Holly Pond vs. J.B. Pennington 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 23

Varsity Boys
- Game 3: J.B. Pennington vs. Good Hope 6 p.m.
- Game 4: Holly Pond vs. Cullman 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 24

Junior Varsity Boys
- 3rd Place Game: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser 4 p.m.
- Championship Game: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner 5:15 p.m.

Varsity Boys
- Game 5: Cullman vs. J.B. Pennington 6: 30 p.m.
- Game 6: Holly Pond vs. Good Hope 7:45 p.m.



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More than 1,000 attend sheriff's church safety class

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Chief Deputy Brett Holmes, left, speaks to an attendee after Tuesday night's Cullman County Sheriff's Office church safety class at Temple Baptist Church.

CULLMAN – In light of the recent Texas church shooting and other violent tragedies, Sheriff Matt Gentry decided that Cullman County's churches should be ready to deal with emergencies. Local churches seem to think so, too. On Tuesday evening, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) planned for 600 participants to attend its church safety class at Temple Baptist, but empty seats were in the minority in the church's large auditorium as more than 1,000 citizens from both Cullman and surrounding counties came to learn how to make their congregations safer. Investigator Trevor Clemmons and School Resource Officer, Deputy Chad Whaley led the class on establishing security teams and procedures in local church settings.

"Ideally, you'd like to have someone who is in charge of security that takes it very seriously and he's the guy that needs to be bugging people about security measures. You also need the tools for the church's safety," Clemmons said. "We need to have surveillance cameras set up if possible; cameras are important. I know finances can be a problem and that everybody can't afford thousands of dollars for cameras, but any type of camera you can set up would be great."

"With church," said Whaley, "it's different from a school setting, it's different from a business setting, because churches are designed to bring people in. We want people to come to know Christ, we want people to get closer to God. So we've got to be very careful in how we set up these safety teams and how we do these things, because we don't want to push people away.

"We've got to keep that in mind whenever we look at these things."

The instructors and instructional materials distributed to early arrivers recommended the development of a church safety plan including (from the handout):

- A site survey to find out how secure church property can be that includes lighting, door locks, door barricades, fire/smoke alarm systems, availability of safety exits, video security cameras, public address systems or alarm buzzers/bells, and auto-text messaging to smart phones to post alerts for emergency instructions.
- A medical alert team that is made up of members with medical training (medical doctors, RNs, EMTs, or others who can respond to medical emergencies.
- A security response team. These members must be trained and have the physical ability to safely remove a person who is disorderly, possibly mentally disturbed, or aggressive that has come to disrupt services or attack a member.
- A system of layered security made up of greeters, ushers or monitors that meets and subtly screens worshipers for persons who might pose a threat to others. The monitors would also protect parking lots, entrances and exits, and would watch over the facility while worship services or events are taking place.

Clemmons' presentation touched on the use of weapons, noting that many implements may be used for defense. He focused on firearms, expressing confidence that his Cullman County audience had no shortage of such tools.

Clemmons laid out "four cardinal rules of firearms safety" for handling firearms and using them defensively:

1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
3. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are on target and have decided to fire.
4. Be sure of your target, what's around it, and what is beyond it.

According to Clemmons, "If you are engaging in a lot of firearms-type stuff, or you're tasked with teaching other people, or showing your children, or whatever the case is, if you have them memorize those four cardinal safety rules, they'll probably come back to be very helpful to you in the long run."

Clemmons also stressed situational awareness.

"You should always be looking for indicators of unusual emotion, unusual behavior as well as unusual clothing," he said. "Anyone standing near or sitting in a vehicle, someone walking to the door frantically looking around, running to the door, two people entering the building and then heading in different directions. These are all indicators that can be caught early."

A.L.I.C.E.

Whaley told the crowd bluntly, "We, as law enforcement, have failed you over the years, because we have taught you over and over again: wait on us. Hide and wait on the police, we're coming to help you, because we are.

"But the problem is, if you hide and wait, you're not going to have time to survive.

"The two things that the killers are looking for, that they must have in order to be successful as bad guys-they've got to have time to pull that trigger, and they've got to have something to point it at. If you aren't there, he can't kill you. If he has time to pull the trigger, he's going to be successful.

Whaley's presentation centered on the A.L.I.C.E. program used for school security all over the country, including Cullman County's schools, saying that it "takes one or both of those elements (mentioned in the previous paragraph) away from the bad guy."

The program, designed as a response to active shooter emergencies, emphasizes five points:

- **A - ALERT** - An alert, alarm, public address, text or call must be made to let members know an emergency is happening. 911 should be called as soon as possible for immediate response, and the church should have medical supplies available to give first aid until help arrives.
- **L - LOCKDOWN** - All persons should immediately secure and lock entrances, classrooms, nurseries, offices and hallways to prevent intruders from gaining access.
- **I - INFORM** - Notify everyone that a threat exists, and give a specific location if possible.
- **C - COUNTER** - Try to stop the threat, disrupt and distract the attacker's attention and thought processes (throwing things, making noise, etc.), attack the attacker, disarm them, disable them or physically restrain them till help arrives.
- **E - EVACUATE** - Get everyone out of the endangered area safely. Make plans for the elderly, disabled, small children or babies in nurseries so that they may be escorted. Make sure people know about a predetermined reunification area where family members can meet them after an evacuation, whether it is in another building or alternate location.

Both Clemmons and Whaley called for situational awareness, for people to be aware of their surroundings, to know how many ways there are into and out of their building and auditorium/sanctuary, to decide how many entrances are needed and how many could safely be closed off at certain times.

Clemmons pointed out the particular problem of how few people are actually facing a church's main entrances during worship services.

Whaley called for church members to pay attention to what kinds of vehicles are in their parking lots, and how they secure their nurseries.

In his closing remarks, Whaley cited Teddy Roosevelt: "In the moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The second-best thing you can do is the wrong thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."

Whaley concluded, "If you take nothing else away from what I have told you tonight, if your option is to hide and hope, or do something; please do something. Please do something."

After the meeting, the Tribune asked Whaley if he had any final advice for church leaders. His answer was simple and to the point: "Be proactive, and be prepared."

Gentry said that his office can visit local congregations to help create individualized safety and security plans. If your church is interested in having the CCSO assist you in developing a plan, contact Capt. Mark Persall at mpersall@cullmansheriff.org, or call 256-734-0342.





THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Wallace State's Talent Search program teams up with UAH's SMAP during recent Parent Information Seminar

Russell Moore
WSCC



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Wallace State's Talent Search group teamed up with Systems Management and Production Center (SMAP) at its recent parent meeting.

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College's Talent Search (TRIO) program recently held its annual informational seminar for parents of the program.

Talent Search participants are students in 6th-12th grades from Wallace State's service area high schools in Blount, Cullman, Marshall and Morgan Counties.

These students, many of whom are first generation potential college attenders, voluntarily participate in Talent Search in their home schools to be mentored in a wide variety of college readiness activities.

Parent Information Seminars allow parents to be involved in the Talent Search process, making them aware of information and opportunities their students are receiving at school.

During the recent Parent Seminar, Talent Search was excited to welcome Systems Management and Production Center (SMAP), an organization at the University of Alabama at Huntsville that conducts research in support of the U.S. Army at Redstone Arsenal.

Though many full-time engineers, computer scientists, and other specialists work at SMAP, the organization also invites undergraduate students at UAH and other colleges to assist in research projects such as drone development and 3D visualization/animation. SMAP is passionate about student involvement, and it sends teams to middle schools and high schools throughout the state to demonstrate projects they are working on, making students aware of opportunities for study and work through SMAP.

Therefore, the SMAP team, made up of UAH students, set up tables and presentations at the recent Parent Seminar at Wallace State, demonstrating their projects with drones, 3D imaging machines and weather balloons.

UAH Research Scientist and SMAP mentor Norven Goddard addressed the parents in attendance, informing them of SMAP's desire to offer students from every community in the state the opportunity to work and learn at SMAP. Goddard's presentation, bolstered by the exciting demonstrations in the lobby, gave the parents a first-hand look at SMAP's benefits of academic rigor and the pursuit of college training.

Wallace State's Talent Search and SMAP will continue to collaborate in the coming months to facilitate student exploration of academic majors and careers included in SMAP projects.

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

Weekend (from Front)

will be serving lunch, including hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, nachos and more.

There will also be entertainment and door prizes.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18: Good Ole Gamefest '17
This annual gamer event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 17 from 2 p.m.-midnight and Saturday, Nov. 18 from noon-10 p.m. at the VFW, located at 112 Veterans Drive in Cullman.

Good Ole Gamefest is "Cullman's own small annual gaming convention, celebrating gaming's rich history with open play consoles, tournaments and more!"

Admission: Single-Day Adult: $10; Single-Day Child: $5; Two-Day Adult: $15; Two-Day Child: $7

Purchase passes at www.eventbrite.com/e/good-ole-gamefest-17-tickets-37431432422

Saturday, Nov. 18: 3rd Annual Meek High School Holiday Marketplace and Vendor Fair
The Meek High School PTO is proud to present the third Annual Meek Holiday Marketplace and Vendor Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Meek High School gymnasium.

There will be more than 30 vendors featuring food and gift items.

Santa Claus will be present from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for pictures.

Refreshments and baked goods will also be available.

All proceeds go to the Meek High School PTO.

Meek High School is located at 6615 County Road 41, Arley, Alabama 35541

Saturday, Nov. 18: Cullman First United Methodist Church's Second Annual GIFTS: Missions Market
Just in time for the holidays! Come shop Cullman First UMC's 2nd Annual GIFTS: Missions Market.

Proceeds from the sale benefit multiple church missions including: Loads of Love, Jamaica Missions and Knapsacks for Kids.

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The sale will be from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A spaghetti with meat sauce lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The market location is on the corner of Highway 278 and Third Avenue Southeast, inside Hearin Hall of the church.

Get more information at www.cullmanfumc.com/missionsmarket.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 16-18

Funeral services for Charles Ray Sansing, 69, of Hanceville are Thursday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; Oney Cooper officiating; with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. Mr. Sansing passed away on Monday, November 13, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie J.B. Sansing and Beulah Elizabeth Crane Sansing; brothers, Buddy Sansing and James Sansing and sisters, Joan Dunnaway and Kathryn Crowe. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Barbara Sansing; children, Teresa (Chris) Boyles, Cindy (Sohn) Barnett and Todd (Melissa) Sansing; grandsons, J.R. Eskew, Nathan Eskew and Austin Barnett; granddaughter, Brooke Barnett and great granddaughters, Ava and Adley Eskew. Pallbearers are Keith Hayes, Moochie Barnett, Les Wright, Nathan Eskew, J.R. Eskew and Austin Barnett. The family would like to give a special thank you to Comfort Care Hospice, MD Anderson, Dr. Kurie, Dr. Beck and the wonderful friends and family that have been with us on this journey.

Funeral Mass for Marianne Veronica Holup, age 90 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, November 17, 2017 at Christ The King Abbey, Cullman, AL, with burial at the adjoining cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Holup passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Stephen F. Holup; two brothers and three sisters. Survivors include her daughters; Mary (Frank) Tavaris and Rebecca (Phillip) Owensby, sons; Gerard (Joan) Holup and Stephen Holup, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Betsy Manous of Eva Alabama passed away on November 13, 2017 at the age of 54. She was born in Decatur on April 20, 1963 to L.D. and Nancy Ricks Hardin. She is preceded in death by her parents and her son Jason Wilson. Funeral services will be Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Etha Cemetery. Survivors are: husband Doug Manous, daughter Wendy Hensley, step-daughter Jessica Crawford, sister Sue Eckles, brother Larry Dale Hardin, grandchildren Taylor (Price) Coe, Blake Green, Susan Hill, Kobe Crawford, Cheyenne Crawford, Justin Crawford, Koda Crawford, great grandchildren Ava Grace Coe, Olivia Mae Coe and a host of other family. Visitation is Friday from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 07
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the property owners, James David Seymore and Sarah C. Seymore, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman: PPIN: 042263. PARCEL: 22-01-02-0-000-006.003. ADDRESS: 213 County Road 483, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said forty; thence South 88 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 920 feet to the true point of beginning: Thence from said true point of beginning, go South 1 degree 51 minutes West a distance of 801.75 feet to the North right-of-way of Botcher Road; thence along said right-of-way by the following bearings and distances South 80 degrees 33 minutes East 124 feet; thence South 7 degrees 48 minutes East 84 feet; thence South 63 degrees 2 minutes East 76 feet; thence South 60 degrees 25 minutes East 55.55 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes East 965.4 feet; thence North 88 degrees 00 minutes West 422.74 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 8.4 acres, more or less.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 08
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the City of Cullman has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman: PPIN: 055597. PARCEL: 17-03-05-0-000-006.001. ADDRESS: Emil Drive NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 10, Range 3 West and more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 5, Township 10, Range 3 West being the point of beginning, thence West along the forty line 1000 feet, thence due North 100 feet, thence due East 200 feet, thence due South 75 feet, thence due East and parallel to the forty line 800 feet to the East forty line, thence South along the forty line 25 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 09
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the City of Cullman has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman: PPIN: 033653. PARCEL: 17-08-28-0-001-013.001. ADDRESS: Mann Drive SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 10, Range 3 West, being the point of beginning, thence North along the forty line 397.32 feet, thence Southeast to a point along the forty line 431.30 feet East of the point of beginning a distance of 589.92 feet, thence West along the forty line 431.30 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as M1-P Manufacturing District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 10
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the City of Cullman has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman: PPIN: 033211. PARCEL: 17-08-27-0-001-037.001. ADDRESS: Railroad Bed Road SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: To reach the point of beginning, start at the center of Section 27 in Township 10 South Range 3 West thence run S 00° 24' 45" East along the West line of the East half of said Section 27, a distance of 50.0 feet; thence from the point of beginning continue S 00° 24' 45" East along the West line of the East half of said Section 27, a distance of 350.0 feet; thence run N 51° 35' 24" East, a distance of 571.04 feet to a point on the South line of a 50 foot railroad right-of-way; thence run S 89° 23' 27" West along said south line of a 50 foot railroad right-of-way, a distance of 450.0 feet to the point of beginning. The said described property lying and being situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27 in Township 10 South in Range 3 West in Cullman County, Alabama and containing 1.807 acres, more or less.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as M1-P Manufacturing District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 13th day of November, 2017. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

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.

2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee, VIN # 1J4GX48S51C603642

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, December 29, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Holly Pond will hold a public meeting on Monday, December 04, 2017, at 6:45 P.M. to discuss the PY 2016 State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, HMGP DR (4251-0007). The meeting will be held at the Guy Hunt Library and Museum, 60 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond, AL 35083. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the PY 2016 State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program HMGP DR (4251-0007) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant award for a Community Safe Room to be located at 60 Finely Circle, Holly Pond, AL 35083. Any citizen who would like to attend the public hearing, but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Tanya Sears by calling 256-736-2434 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Bill Oliver, Mayor

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201 SECOND AVENUE, NORTHEAST
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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, November 20, 2017 at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 1302 3rd Ave. SE – variance request on rear setback

For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: *
B.F. T., *
a minor, DOB: 11-10-2015 *
CASE NO: JU-2017-398.01

NOTICE TO: CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON

NOTICE OF PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

Christopher Thompson, the Father of the above reference minor child, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights, filed by the Mother, Jennifer Hastings, by **the 8th day of January, 2018** or, thereafter, a Judgement by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number JU-2017-398.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 7th day of November, 2017.

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA RICHTER
300 1ST AVE SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 10, 2011 by Roberta Johnston Lillich, unmarried, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MRG 1647, Page 863 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 December 8, 2017:

A tract of land being in the N ½ of the N ½ of Sec. 1, T9S, R1W, Cullman County, Alabama, described as beginning at the intersection of the center of a section line road with the center of Apple Grove Road; thence Southeasterly along the center of Apple Grove 542.8 feet; thence N38°00'E 153 feet; thence N62°00'W 548 feet to the P.O.B. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama, less and except road rights of way.

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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AUCTIONS

ABSOLUTE AUCTION-Real Estate and Personal Property- The Estate of Anna Rae Manscill 627 South Military Street, Hamilton, Alabama 35570. November 18, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.. Home: 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths on 2 Lots- Personal property, household furnishings, Antiques with some additions. For brochure and more information 1-205-822-4229, Redmont Auction & Land Co. Eddie Propst #1161 Randy Rye Auctions Randy Rye #628.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEPHEN HARRIS
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2010-000662.04**

LACEY HARRIS
Defendant

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ACTION

Stephen Harris, plaintiff, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Lacey Harris' Complaint for Modification by January 2, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2010-000662.04 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2017.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANETTE IRONS-PARKER
215 MAIN AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Naked Emperor and church in Cullman County

Tom Fillinger
Contributor

The Protestant Church is in greater need of reformation today than the Roman Catholic Church was in the 16th century. Absolutely true!

"The Emperor's New Clothes" is a Danish fairy tale written by Hans Christian Andersen and first published in 1837. The phrase "the emperor has no clothes" is often used in political and social contexts for any obvious truth denied by the vast majority of observers. This lethal posture is adopted despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. This level of denial is the prevailing reality regarding the churches of Cullman County.

Denominations are losing vast numbers of their membership each year. That rate of loss is accelerating rapidly. Yet, there is nearly unanimous DENIAL of this fact.

So-called "leaders" and people in the pew prefer their current church culture and comfort zone to facing brutal reality. They will not take the necessary action steps to correct the dysfunctions causing this ravaging decline.

The "naked truth" is - 30-50 percent of the churches in Cullman County will close their doors in the next 6-10 years. It is past time that the Christian culture in Cullman County listens to that little boy at the parade courageously declaring for all to hear, "The emperor is naked!"

Over the past decade, pollsters charted something remarkable: Americans—long known for their piety—were fleeing organized religion (www.pewforum.org/2012/10/09/nones-on-the-rise). The vast majority still believed in God. But the share that rejected any religious affiliation was growing fast, rising from six percent in 1992 to 22 percent in 2014. Among Millennials, the figure was 35 percent.

The following link takes the reader to the article from which this data is drawn. (www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2017/04/breaking-faith/517785/)

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