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‘I can't wait for the whole town, the whole area, to see it!'

Cullman Shooting Sports opens early for founding members; public grand opening set for Dec. 1



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Cullman Shooting Sports is located at the intersection of Alabama Highways 157 and 69.

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CULLMAN – Christmas came early for more than 200 north Alabama shooting sports enthusiasts on Wednesday, when Cullman Shooting Sports hosted a pre-grand opening sneak-peek day for its founding members. Cullman Shooting Sports boasts the nation's longest, above ground, public indoor gun range. It is also the longest indoor gun range in the Southeast.

Facility Manager Doug Long shared, “Soft opening day has been fantastic! A hiccup here and there, but everybody seems to be extremely pleased with the facility. It's absolutely world-class. A lot of people have come in and said, ‘Hey, did you oversell it?' And after shooting on it, ‘No, you did not!' There's really nothing like this outside of a major city anywhere. This is really one of the top ranges in the U.S.”

The pistol and rifle ranges were open and staffed by trained range safety officers, and members tried out the computerized shooting programs in the simulator rooms. Shooters watched range safety videos before heading to the range, and enjoyed free breakfast in the lounge, while a limited merchandise inventory was on display in the showroom for members to browse.

CSS has started with roughly 200 founding memberships, many of which include couples or entire families. Because of that, the exact number of shooters who have taken advantage of Founding Member status is substantially higher. In addition to the sneak peek, founding members



received locked-in lifetime membership renewal rates for their willingness to take a sight-unseen chance on the new business, as well as opportunities to come out this week on Wednesday, and Friday through Sunday.

Said Long, “This is really just kind of a ‘thank you' to the people who believed in us early, and believed before they saw. It's been very well-received, » PAGE 8

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?



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‘The Exchange': participant reflects on Boston experience



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kacey Hall, Loretta Gillespie, Kristi Robertson and Proncey Robertson, make up the team of people who traveled to Boston as part of a cultural exchange experiment.

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

The Tribune's Loretta Gillespie went on a special journey last week. She was one of four people from Lawrence County who were 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.”

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 un- » PAGE 7

Trio teams up to boost Christmas joy at Children's of Alabama

Local author, artist and teen cancer survivor are holding the ‘Serendipitous and Levi Bates Book Drive'

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CULLMAN – When poet and author Elena Caudle commented to the owner of a van with a whimsical paint job at a downtown Cullman business, she had no idea where that exchange would lead her: to two collaborative book projects (with more in the works) and a recurring role bringing Christmas cheer to patients at Children's of Alabama.

Caudle shared, “Our artist and mother of eight, Bethany Kerr, and I have known each other for years, and happy accidents-serendipity-have become the norm with us. We were first introduced when I saw and commented on her crazy little bus that was painted to look like a shark. She needed a bus for all those kids. » PAGE 2



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L-R: Bethany Kerr, Levi Bates and Elena Caudle hope that “Serendipitous Too!” will bring Christmas cheer to even more patients than their successful first effort. On Dec. 20, Bates hopes to carry 525 copies of the book to the children at Children's of Alabama. Photo courtesy of Elena Caudle.

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Trio (from Front)

Coincidentally, the vehicle I was driving was an Xterra that sported a wrap that looked like a giant zipper! Bottom line, we both march to our own beat.

"After that, we soon realized that our personalities, talents and hobbies, while not the same, complemented each other so well, and we became friends and have been blessed in the years since to work together on projects ranging from weddings, to photo shoots and now children's books!

A spur-of-the-moment sketch by Kerr turned into something special.

"Last fall, 2016, in an attempt to fight a bad case of ballgame boredom, Bethany drew a whimsical picture of a rat and a toad riding an old fashioned big wheeled bike," Caudle shared. "I love her work anyway, but for some reason this one especially caught my heart and eye! And with it came an idea for a great gift, so I asked her to draw a picture to go with a poem I'd written years ago for and with my sister. She did a perfect job, but then, she wanted to read my story/poem, and she thought it was the perfect complement to her picture, to which I jokingly responded, 'I tell you what, I'll write a story for every picture you do!' Evidently, it sounded so good to both of us that we decided to see what we could do! Twenty-four critters and their stories later, we've got two books published-self-published-and there's a third one in the works, and we are having a total blast!"

After they got their first book, titled "Serendipitous," to press, Caudle and Kerr decided to use it to make a difference in someone else's life, a lot of someone else's, in fact. Their plan was to donate 50 copies to patients at Children's of Alabama hospital in Birmingham, and donate some of the proceeds from book sales to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. (See http://qrne.ws/serendipitous.)

Then came Levi Bates, a 13-year-old cancer survivor and veteran of years of treatment at Children's.

Caudle explained, "Because we were having so much fun, the books were so well-received and we both have a need to give back, we decided then to have our first book drive for Children's Hospital. Here's where Levi came in. I met Levi a couple years ago, and from the moment I met him, I knew that he was special, not just because of the amazing strength and courage he's had to develop and display while fighting cancer and the challenges of a bone marrow transplant, but because he's just an all-around sweet, big-smiling, kind-hearted, generous young man from the get-go.

"Levi asked to be a part of the book drive last year and immediately upped our initial goal from 50 to 250. And with his call to arms and the generosity of this amazing community in which we live, we wound up donating 350-plus books to the kids who spent Christmas in the hospital in 2016!"

This year Caudle and Kerr collaborated again to produce "Serendipitous Too!" to answer such questions as:

- How do you help a mongoose get over his fear of dentists?
- What's it like to be a hippo in space?
- Why would a porcupine sell balloons?

The now 14-year-old Bates turned the duo into a trio once again for the second annual "Serendipitous and Levi Bates Book Drive" for Children's Hospital. The team will accept monetary donations to distribute copies of the book at Children's and UAB Hospital.

Bates has really stepped things up with an ambitious goal of 525 books, to make sure enough copies are donated for:

- every child who has to spend Christmas at Children's Hospital this year
- children who move in and out of the cancer and blood marrow transplant units on a daily basis
- mothers in the UAB Hospital High Risk Maternity and Neonatal ICU units

For each $10 donation, one book (cover price is $15) will be donated to the book drive. Anyone who donates $100 will have 10 books donated and will receive a free book, which can either be kept by the donor or given to the book drive. There will be donation stickers in each book with the donor's name so, according to Caudle, "each recipient will know that someone real was thinking of them."

Caudle, Kerr and Bates plan to deliver the books to both Children's and the UAB High Risk Maternity Ward on Dec. 20. They will accept late donations, but they hope to have as many donations made by Dec. 16 as possible.

Kerr herself is no stranger to Children's of Alabama. She stated that she is excited to reprise the project "because I have such an appreciation for Children's Hospital, especially since this year I've had my children there twice and they were so well taken care of!"

Bates wanted to be part of the donation project and to make it bigger, "because I know personally how much even the smallest thing can mean when you're in a place like Children's and facing pain, and you don't know what might happen next. So I want to take as many smiles to as many kids as we can! They need as many smiles as they can get!"

"And as far as we're concerned," added Caudle, "it would be hard to find any better reason than that, to do something as easy as this!"

For more information, or to donate to the Serendipitous and Levi Bates Book Drive for Children's Hospital, visit joyfulaccidents.com/bookdrive.html, or on Facebook at facebook.com/Serendipitousness. Phone B.E. Blessed Publications at 256-338-0223 or email Joyfulaccidents@gmail.com.

Prep Football Playoffs: Addison eyes Tuscaloosa

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ADDISON – If you live in the state of Alabama and play football, chances are you have dreamed of playing in Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn or Bryant-Denny in Tuscaloosa. The latter is a real possibility for the Addison Bulldogs as they are just two games away from the AHSAA 1A state championship game on the campus of the University of Alabama. First, though, the Bulldogs must get past the South Lamar Stallions Friday night.

The Bulldogs, 10-2 and second in 1A Region 7, have racked up 468 points this season, while only allowing 166.

- Points per game average: 39
- Average margin of victory: 27
- Points allowed per game average: 14

2017 playoffs

- 11-9 vs. Hubbertville, 45-13
- 11-17 @ Hackleburg, 41-16

The Stallions, 9-3 and second in 1A Region 5, have amassed 399 points, while only allowing 230.

- Points per game average: 33
- Average margin of victory: 25
- Points allowed per game average: 27

2017 playoffs

- 11-10 vs. Decatur Heritage, 40-39
- 11-17 @ Cedar Bluff, 21-14

THE GAME:
When: Fri., Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.
Where: South Lamar High School in Millport (JC McAdams Field)
This will be a tough test for the Addison Bulldogs. They have only faced the Stallions once, in 2000, where they fell 39-0. Addison will be looking to flip the script Friday night and take another step toward the championship.

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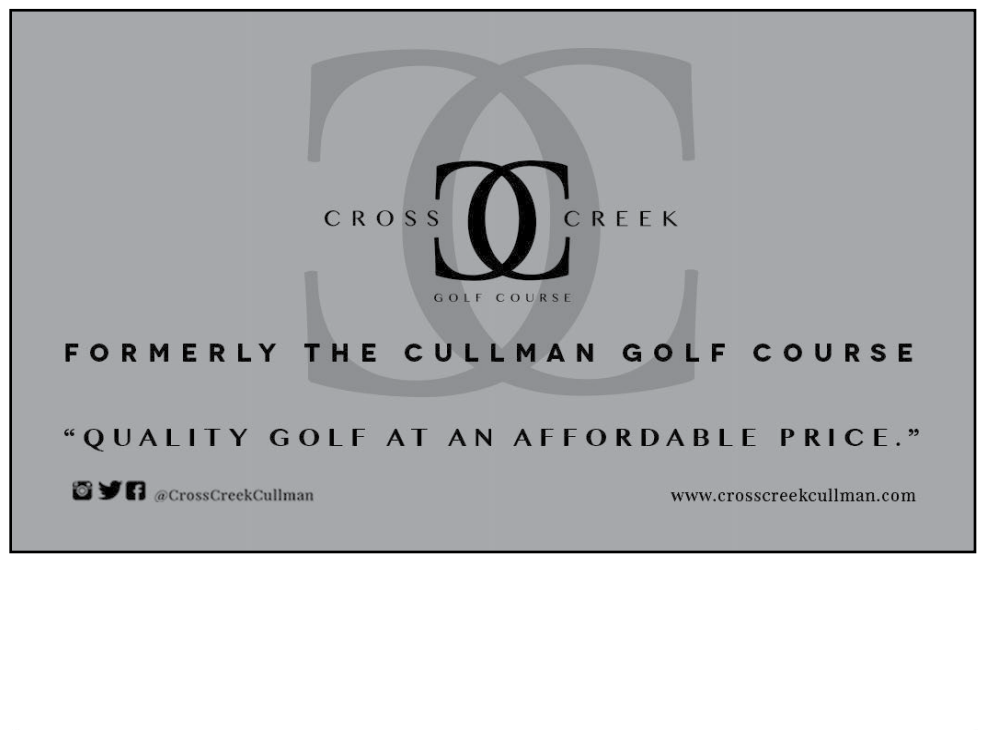
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PHARMACY TOPICS

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Mothers who purchased antidepressants at least twice during pregnancy had a 37 percent increased risk of speech and/or language disorders among their offspring compared to mothers with depression and other psychiatric disorders who were not treated with antidepressants, according to new research published in *JAMA Psychiatry*. The speech/language disorders included expressive and receptive language disorders and those involving articulation of sounds. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) such as fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine, sertraline, fluvoxamine and escitalopram cross the placenta and enter the fetal circulation. They are also increasingly used during pregnancy.

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Approximately 1.9 billion adults are overweight and 600 million are obese worldwide. Identifying effective long-term treatment strategies for overweight and obesity is of paramount importance. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved five weight loss drugs (orlistat, lorcaserin, naltrexone-bupropion, phentermine-topiramate and liraglutide) for long-term use in obese (body mass index (BMI) > 30) or overweight (BMI > 27) individuals with at least one weight-associated condition (type 2 diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia). The researchers found that a median 23 percent of placebo participants had at least five percent weight loss versus 75 percent of participants taking phentermine-topiramate, 63 percent of participants taking liraglutide, 55 percent taking naltrexone-bupropion, 49 percent taking lorcaserin and 44 percent taking orlistat. All active agents were associated with significant excess weight loss compared with placebo at one year: phentermine-topiramate, 19.4 pounds, liraglutide, 11.7 pounds, naltrexone-buproprion, 11 pounds, lorcaserin, 7.1 pounds and orlistat, 5.7 pounds. Compared with placebo, liraglutide and naltrexone-bupropion were associated with the highest odds of adverse event-related treatment discontinuation.

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Locals line up for Golden Corral

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Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – After the sudden March 2016 closing of Ryan's Buffet, some in Cullman have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new buffet: Golden Corral. After six months of renovations to the old Ryan's building, Golden Corral opened its doors at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning, and the tables filled up quickly.

Based on this reporter's experience, customers can expect to be greeted by friendly staff, the delicious smell of a fired-up grill and the sight of the famous chocolate fountain.

The Tribune got to sit down and sample some of the foods offered, and it was just as good as expected. The rolls were light, fluffy and buttery, the macaroni and cheese was wonderfully creamy and the barbecue was tender and deliciously smoked (and the three different barbecue sauces added more variety for flavor). Many people agreed, saying, "Everything just tastes fresh" and "It kinda tastes like a homemade meal."

The restaurant's hospitality manager opened up about one of the most important things about the new buffet: What distinguishes it from the old buffet? What makes Golden Corral different from Ryan's? Her response: the variety. "We have a lot bigger selection, lot more desserts, just a bigger selection I think.

"Also the way we run this business in particular," she said.

Golden Corral will also be starting a catering service early next year.

According to a media release from Golden Corral, "The restaurant features endless home-style buffet favorites such as pot roast, fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and steamed vegetables, plus a variety of international tastes and flavors including Italian and Mexican and signature seafood dishes. Guests will be able to enjoy premium meats slow smoked in-house over aged mesquite wood at our Smokehouse station. Sirloin steak is grilled to order, carved, and served daily at dinner.

"As a complement to the hot buffet items, the restaurant features a market-fresh salad bar, where guests may build their own salads from dozens of ingredients.

"Rounding out the buffet offering, a variety of cakes, pies, and homemade breads—including warm, melt-in-your-mouth yeast rolls—are served on the Bakery buffet. The new Cullman Golden Corral also showcases their legendary Chocolate Wonderfall – an ever-flowing chocolate fountain for dipping your favorite fruits and dessert treats."

The Cullman location's hours of operation are: Monday- Thursday from 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays from 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; and Sundays from 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. There will also be a Sunrise Breakfast Buffet every Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning until 11 a.m.

"Golden Corral Corporation is enthusiastic about locating to the Cullman market – a community that they feel is a perfect fit for their brand and a great location to become an active part of Cullman's business community," said the chain in a statement to the media.

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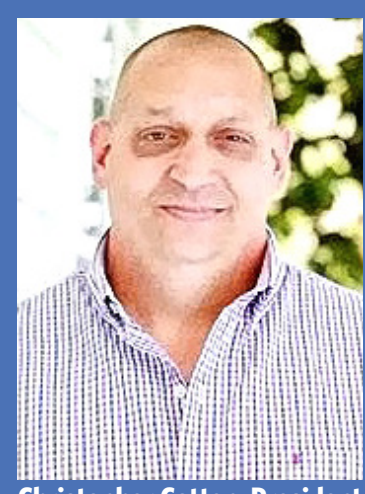
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Thankful (from Front)

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It's Thanksgiving. A time for family, friends, food and reflecting on our blessings. The Tribune reached out to its readers, as well as community leaders, and posed the question, "What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?" Shared here are the responses.

Jeremy L. Kilpatrick, Cullman County coroner
"I am thankful for my wife and kids, family, friends and health. I am also thankful for God and my church. Being able to serve the citizens of Cullman County is also something for which I am thankful."

Kerry Watson, Cullman County Commission, Place 1
"I am thankful for my Lord and His many blessings that fill my life. I am also thankful for my family, friends, freedom and to live in the greatest country known to man."

Shane Barnette, Cullman County Schools superintendent
"I am so thankful for a loving Savior that gave the ultimate sacrifice, a loving family that always supports me, a country that was founded on Godly principles, in which everyone has the freedom and opportunity to achieve anything they can imagine, and I am also thankful for the privilege to work in a school system that believes in young people and what they can accomplish."

Brandi Kelley Foster, Tribune reader
I'm thankful the Lord allowed me 29 amazing years with my precious Daddy; he left us this past October. I'm also thankful for my Mama who is the strongest person I know; I've never seen her be as strong as she has been in the past month; it amazes me. And my amazing, hardworking husband, who never thought twice about saying yes when I asked if Mama could come live with us now. Happy Thanksgiving everyone, from Brandi and Steven Foster and Natasha Kelley.

Susan Patterson, Cullman City Schools superintendent
"I am thankful for the grace of God, my family and our community that so amazingly supports our students and schools."

Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
"I am thankful for my faith, family, freedom, friends, good health, memories and good neighbors. I am thankful for the honor and responsibility to serve in an elected position. I am thankful for retirement and Social Security. I am thankful for the little things in life -- watching the train go by with our 2-year-old granddaughter, picking up our grandson at school, morning coffee, good music, flowers, peanuts in my Dr. Pepper, finding something I thought was lost forever. I am thankful for my raising. I am very thankful for 38 years with my wife!"

Talmadge BO Garrison, Tribune reader
"The love of God and the blessings from Him"

Garry Marchman, Cullman County Commission, Place 2
"As a child we would sing a song in church that many of you may remember, 'Count Your Blessings.' There are so many things that I can be thankful for.

"Thank you, Cullman, for allowing me to serve.

"Every day before I begin my day, I thank my God for His gift of life. I ask God for strength and guidance; I ask Him to take care of my family, friends and those that I love.

"I thank Him for giving me the ability to serve others in my job and in my walk with Him. In many circumstances I am not kind; in some cases, I am not sympathetic. I have made good and bad choices. I have cried with those who have cried and cursed with those that have cursed. I do not serve myself, yet my faults are many, but one thing has always been constant in my life: I am blessed and thankful that there have been so many answered prayers."

Max Townson, former Cullman mayor
"I'm so thankful for all of the individuals that keep us safe and out of harm's way: the military, police officers, firemen, EMTs. I'm thankful for all of the citizens that continue to help make Cullman and Cullman County the best place to live, work, play and worship. HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA."

Teresa White, Tribune reader
"It's very easy to focus on what we don't have rather than to reflect upon what we have. I am blessed in so many ways, too many to list... outweighs all the bad for sure."

Cherrie Haney, Cullman County Economic Development director
"I am thankful for my Lord and Savior for saving me and always walking with me through life's many challenges. I am thankful for my family, who has always been there to support me in all my endeavors. I am thankful for growing up in Cullman County where people are truly concerned about each other and willing to help when people are in need. Everywhere you go people talk about how the people here are so helpful and caring. God has really blessed us all with many things to be thankful for; this time of the year we really get to reflect on how many blessing we have received."

Leah Bolin, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO
"I have so many blessings in my life: loving family and friends, a job I have passion for in a community that I love.....my dogs!

"In the family I grew up in, I was taught to: Work hard. Don't quit. Be thankful. I have taken these words to heart and I am so thankful for the opportunities God has given me."

Becky Boyd, Cullman Police Department captain of investigation
"I am first and foremost thankful for my relationship with Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I am thankful to still have my mom, and she is such a be part of my life. My pride and joy are my nieces and nephews. They are all healthy and mean the world to me. Last but definitely not least, my dog Sambo. He is the sweetest thing in the world. Nothing like sitting in the recliner at night with him in my lap after a frustrating day at work."

Lindsey P. Dossey, executive director, marketing and public relations, Cullman Regional
"Personally, I'm thankful for many things. I'm thankful to God for His many blessings. I'm thankful for my church that continues to help me grow in my relationship with God and teaches me how to minister to others in need. I'm thankful for my job at Cullman Regional and the wonderful co-workers I get to work with each day. Mostly, I'm thankful for my family and friends who keep me grounded – my kids who remind me to play and laugh often, my husband who reminds me to relax and is truly my partner in navigating our crazy and often overly busy lives, my mom for always being there whenever I need her, my in-laws for accepting me as part of their family and for always lending a helping hand as needed, and my friends for making me take adult timeouts from the everyday stressors life often brings.

"Professionally, I'm thankful for the community in which we live and that it continues to support the hospital and its physicians. Without community support for local physicians and hospital services, Cullman's healthcare system wouldn't be able to grow in order to meet the needs of our developing community."

Doug Davenport, director of Cullman County Parks and Recreation
"I'm thankful for my family, their support in all life's adventures that we have taken. This year, not having either of my parents any longer, family matters more, so (I'm) most thankful of them. And for the awesome team of employees I work with daily, who work weekends, holidays, sometimes starting work at 2 a.m. and other times working til 11 p.m. to get the job done. Yes, I'm blessed."

Leneta Pender, Tribune reader
"...s-i-g-h..."...hope..."... because as Charles Spurgeon says:

"Faith goes up the stairs that love has built and looks out the window which hope has opened."

Drew Green, Cullman County Museum
"This Thanksgiving I am thankful to live in Cullman and have all of my family close by."

Nathan Anderson, director of Cullman Parks and Recreation
"I'm thankful for —

"...my loving and supportive wife of 11 years, Anna, and my two sons, Graham and Rhett

"...for faith, family and friends

"...the opportunity to work daily with the best team in parks and recreation

"...for our exceptional community

"...Alabama football, Roll Tide!"

Chief Kenny Culpepper, Cullman Police Department
"I am thankful for the people in my life. My wife and kids. My mother and father, brothers and sister. All of Diane's and my extended families. Our friends. Coworkers and community. It's all about people and I have been blessed."

Ben Johnson (South), local author and artist
"At the risk of sounding bafflingly oxymoronic, I am a gregarious hermit. I am thankful living in Cullman allows me solitude to think, dream, create, write, yet when I need some fun and diversion with others, there is always something delightful to do and some delightful folks with which to do stuff."

Kerri A. Brown Gamble, Tribune reader
"I am thankful for the opportunity to be a mother of two AMAZING children. We have struggled for many years, but we always seem to make ends meet. In 2010, when my daughter was 7 years old, I got a phone call that is every mother's nightmare.... My 7-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a very rare type of cancer called Epithelioid Sarcoma. We spent the next four solid months at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. After many surgeries, radiation rounds, scans and tests, we went home. With regular testing and scheduled appointments, we returned to St. Jude time after time, and EACH time she remained cancer-free. I am thankful for being blessed with not only with her remaining cancer-free, but also for the love and support of family and friends."

Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope
"I have a lot to be thankful for. l am thankful that God has blessed me with the gift of having a wonderful life. I am thankful for my great family. They have always been loving and supportive of me. They have stuck with me during both good and bad times. l know l would not be where l am today without their support.

"I'm also thankful to live in such a nice community. l feel safe here. l believe we have a good quality of life. The people here are great. l am proud to call Cullman home, and l appreciate everyone here being supportive of me and trusting me to serve as your representative.

"Happy Thanksgiving to all."

Geneva Moore, Tribune reader
"(I'm) thankful for the love of my family, and most of all for my God who has given us life, the good food, health, and blessings from Him daily. Everybody have the best Thanksgiving and give the glory to God."

Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman County Sheriff's Office
"I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, my wife and children, my family, friends, the men and women of the Sheriff's Office, living in the greatest county in the state of Alabama, our citizens, and the freedoms that we have because of the sacrifice made by so many of our veterans.

"These are a few, but there are so many blessings that I have a hard time listing them all. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!"

Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State Community College
"I am thankful for my wonderful husband, Dr. Vincent Karolewics, and our children. I am thankful for Madison Grace Smith, my 16-month-old granddaughter, and the opportunity to watch my daughter become a mother who now understands what I meant when I told her she did not come with instructions. I am thankful for my faith and for my Bible, because always between the first and the last pages I can find comfort, guidance, strength and reassurance. I am thankful for music and words, because beauty and meaning can always be found in both. I am thankful for Wallace State Community College, the students we serve, and the community that embraces us."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs
"(I'm) thankful for God's blessings and living in Cullman."

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 23-26

It is with great sadness that the family of Allen Lee Marty "Alpo" announces his sudden passing from a heart attack on Sunday, November 19th, 2017, at the age of 61 years. Allen will be lovingly remembered by his mother JoAnne Hinkle (David); brother Jimmy Marty (Diane); sister Debbie Sapp (Bobby); and his pride & joy (daughter, 26) Hannah Folsom Marty (Will); Also by a host of nieces and nephews & two women whom he loved almost his entire life, Layla & Shawn. Allen was predeceased by his father, Carl Marty. A native of Cullman, Allen will be remembered with his sweet smile, and kind heart as a loving father, caring son and uncle; and loyal friend and companion to many. Funeral service will be held Friday, November 24, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 513 4th Ave SE, Cullman, with Reverend John Bussman presiding. In Allen's name, we ask any donations be made to the church Of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the American Childhood Cancer organization.

Funeral service for Howard Milton Barnette, 77 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Friday, November 24, 2017 at The Refuge Church, located at the intersection and corner of 157 and 278 E in Cullman, Alabama, Pastors Wayne Barnette, Zachary Speegle, G.J. Chandler, Eddie Chandler officiating with interment in Berlin Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Barnette passed away November 20, 2017. He was born October 18, 1940 to John James & Clara Lois Gerstman Barnette. Howard was a very loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. He was employed at Mutual Savings Life Insurance, Bendix-Westinghouse, and owner of Barnette's Building Supply. He is a member of The Bread of Life Church of God. He served as a Church of God treasurer over forty-four years. He was a faithful Christian man who served the Lord for 55 years. He loved his family and everyone he came in contact with. He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Edward & Bertha Chandler; six brothers, seven sisters. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Eloise Chandler Barnette; son, Wayne (Brenda) Barnette; daughters, Rena (Matt) Howell, Bridgett (Zachary) Speegle; brothers, James (Jackie) Barnette, Bill (I.V.) Barnette, Cecil (Jean) Dyer, Olen Barnette, L.T. Barnette; sisters, Ann (Terry) Smith, Faye Montgomery, Myra Jean Drake, Joyce Brown, Betty Nix; Grandchildren, Candase (Justin) Wilkins, Dustin (Tiffany) Barnette, Matthew (B.J.) Howell, Zachary (Tiffany) Howell, Blake (Taylor) Howell, Kaitlyn Speegle, Landon Speegle, Alexis Speegle, Aleczander Speegle; great-grandchildren, Emmalyn & Finlee Wilkins, Jorryn, Tylyn, Carolynn Barnette, Ashlyn Aldridge, Alexa Buckelew, Ever Jane & Georgiabelle Howell, Rutledge Howell; a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Friday at The Refuge Church from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

Funeral services for Wesley Arthur Barnett, 78, of Hanceville are Saturday, November 25 at noon at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Mt. Grove Congregational Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Mr. Barnett passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Arthur Barnett and O'neil Thompson Barnett and brothers, Don Barnett and Ralph Barnett. He is survived by his wife, Ann Barnett; daughter, Dana Barnett; brother, Howard "Butch" (Becky) Barnett; sister, Rebecca "Becky" (Mark) Hounschell and sister-in-law, Sheila Barnett.

Thomas "Tommy" Maurice Brown, 78 of State Center, IA, passed away on Friday, November 17, 2017 at State Center Specialty Care. Graveside service for Mr. Brown will be held Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Falkville City Cemetery. Following the service, a gathering for family and friends will be held at the Cullman Commission on Aging Senior Center at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman, AL. Tommy Brown was born on September 16, 1939, in Falkville, AL to Walter M. and Ruby L. Blackwood Brown. Mr. Brown served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. On November 30, 2002, Brown was united in marriage to Beth Henze at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center. He retired from truck driving after fifty-six years and had also been a member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed Alabama football "Roll Tide", camping, and was an avid NASCAR fan. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of almost fifteen years, Beth; children: Terry (Dean) Maddox of Falkville, AL and Perry Brown of Cullman, AL; grandchildren: Christopher (Ashley) Dover of Logan, AL, Tabatha (Justin) Veal of Falkville, AL, and Jake (Nissa) Dover of Falkville, AL, as well as six great grandchildren.

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Boston (from Front)

derstand 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.'"

Here, Gillespie reflects on her experience.

When this journey started it was a surprise that there was such a great divide between the cultures in our country, and not about hot topics like religion, race or football team preference. The division seems to come about between urban and rural cultures.

We all know in the South the first questions our parents and grandparents ask a stranger are, "Who is your family?" and "Where do you attend church?"

In Boston, you are apt to be asked first, "What do you do?" followed by, "Where did you go to school?"

Education is paramount, evidenced by so many colleges and universities in Boston and neighboring Cambridge, home to Harvard and MIT. More than 100, seems to be the general figure.

With all of those graduates coming out and looking for jobs, it stands to reason that a person would be interested in where someone attended.

The Boston culture welcomes those graduates, and is doing a great job of providing a place for them to enter into the fast-paced world of high tech business.

They make available something as simple (to us) as shared working and co-working space, which can be as simple as a desk space, rented by the month.

As a person's business grows, they move on to a cubicle, then an office in a building filled with similar such offices, rented for as long as one needs the space. Later, as expansion occurs, larger spaces can accommodate a small staff.

Conference rooms and snack bars are provided for networking with other start-up companies, possibly in the same building, or meetings with experts in desired fields who might send a speaker to discuss merging into a larger firm, or perhaps just outlining business opportunities in general.

But it's not all just high tech. There is Commonwealth Kitchen, which provides health department-approved rental space for people who want to start food service type businesses.

One young lady has a degree in advanced data analysis, but she wants to work for herself eventually, so she paid to take a course in food safety, which is required, and now she rents a space to make baked goods at four times the speed that she was formerly doing at home.

For $35 per hour, she has the use of a commercial kitchen space, which includes commercial mixers, refrigerators, ovens, freezers and other amenities. Commonwealth Kitchen provides its clients with services like developing food ingredient labels, packaging and marketing information.

"I've always wanted to do something like this, but I could never have accomplished it without the use of these commercial ovens and other tools, and I can do it in less than half the time that it would take me at home," pointed out one tenant.

Caterers, food truck owners and aspiring restaurant owners also take advantage of the space. Many of the tenants are single moms who can rent the space after normal working hours to earn extra money by selling baked goods.

One of the largest gatherings that the group from Alabama attended was a question and answer session at a venue called MassChallenge, which offers people a chance to attend meetings geared toward social issues, business ventures and cultural affairs.

Conference rooms can be rented, day or night. The whole building, which is located in a converted warehouse, is divided into sections, which can be rented by teams, businesses and pretty much professionals of all kinds.

Some of it was described as being a "think tank." There was even a sleep box, designed for those sometimes-necessary power naps.

At the MassChallenge event, which showcased ExchangeNation, the cultural exchange between Bostonians and four Alabama natives from different walks of life, locals had the opportunity to ask questions about our culture. It was a surprise to them to learn that many of our citizens enjoy life into their 80s and 90s, having eaten all of the fried foods we are known to consume, and the sweet tea we are famous for drinking.

Bostonians asked questions about our churches, race relations and recipes for Thanksgiving. It seemed odd to them that we smile at strangers and that we often throw up a hand to a passing car without knowing the occupant.

Some of them were quite surprised to learn that Boston had the dubious honor of being named the fifth most unfriendly city in the United States. "We're learning a lot about the things that make us similar," said Goldstein, "and perhaps more importantly, we're learning about our differences."

While there, the team from Alabama was on a mission to make busy Bostonians smile. The time chosen for the experiment was a blustery, gray day.

The scene was the morning commute, as Bostonians were disembarking the train and coming out the turnstile onto the city street, at one of the busiest corners of the city.

Had the sun been shining it would almost have been blocked out by the tall buildings which surround everything downtown.

As workers exited the train stop, they were met by a most unusual sight...smiling faces bearing greetings of, "Hi, good morning! How are you? Would you like a freshly baked biscuit?" by four strangers wearing "JustSmile.Boston!" sweatshirts and the ugliest knit caps known to man.

The experiment was more than just to determine who would smile back or take a biscuit from the basket; it was about showing Bostonians a warmer, more open and friendlier atmosphere. One man barked back to Kacey Hall, "There ain't nothing to smile about!" as he kept walking. Others simply avoided eye contact in spite of various greetings.

However, the 30 or so commuters who did stop were very nice and willing to smile for the camera, take a biscuit and often question what was going on. It must have seemed safe to them because of the television cameras.

"I haven't had a biscuit in 20 years," said one lady who asked for an extra biscuit to take to her coworker who was coming to Alabama for the Thanksgiving holidays. There were tears in the lady's eyes as she thanked the team for coming out on such a cold day to spread cheer in an otherwise unlikely place.

Several smiled, but refused the offered biscuit, but by and large, they kept walking and looked worried, ear buds firmly in place, cell phones held up to their chins and coat collars gathered about their faces.

Maybe they are so unfriendly because it's so blasted cold there, but for whatever reason, the team did manage to give away about 35 out of 40 biscuits.

"Our urban/rural bridgebuilding program is about sharing skills, culture and economic development with the hope that we can work together to improve our circumstances and heal the divide in our country," said Goldstein.

"This first Exchange was a huge success because of the openness and willingness of the team members from Alabama."

Alabama has the space, trained workforce and determination. Boston has the venture capital and the willingness to tackle start-up businesses in several areas.

Goldstein plans to sell the series as a network or HBO pilot.

Learn more at www.facebook.com/ExchangeNation and www.facebook.com/JustSmileBoston or http://exchangenation.tv.

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.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2017-291

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IRA JERREL WILLIAMSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF IRA JERRELL WILLIAMSON

TO: BOBBY WILLIAMSON, MICHAEL WILLIAMSON, TAMMY COOK AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of Brenda H. Williamson to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Ira Jerrell Williamson, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 9th day of January, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *Cullman Tribune:*

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

Wells H. Turner III
Special Judge of Probate

Hon. Steven C. Smith
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Brenda H. Williamson
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
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The Cullman Tribune-November 16, 23, 30, 2017

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
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