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CRIME

Man who allegedly shot, killed stepfather awake, under psychiatric care at UAB



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The home where the incident occurred, seen here Monday morning, Nov. 13, 2017, is located in the Carrol Acres subdivision on the southeast side of the city of Cullman.

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CULLMAN – The man who allegedly shot and killed his stepfather before reportedly turning the gun on himself Sunday, Nov. 12, is awake, according to Cullman Police Department Sgt. David Nassetta. William Thomas Maddux, 27, who had been listed in critical condition at UAB Hospital since the incident, is now under psychiatric care at the medical center.

"He is awake," said Nassetta on Monday afternoon.

"From what we've been told he is awake and is talking, but he is still talking about harming himself, so they've got him on the psychiatric floor."

The deadly double shooting occurred at 1829 Cottonwood Dr. SE in the Carrol Acres subdivision in the city of Cullman. Lt. Gene Bates confirmed in the hours following the incident that the two people shot were stepfather and stepson. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the deceased as Perry Shoemake, 56, of Cullman.



NICK LEE

The scene on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017.

Said Nassetta, "We want to talk to him (Maddux). We'll probably get a warrant and he'll be arrested. We just have to wait and see what his status is."

As to what charges Maddux will be facing, Nassetta would not speculate. "That will be up to the D.A. (Wilson Blaylock). He'll look over everything and decide."

Nassetta told The Tribune on Nov. 13, "What we believe is that the suspect, who is also the stepson of the man who is deceased, attempted to come into the house. He was not let in. The suspect ended up coming back and breaking in the back door of the house.

"He came in and there was an exchange of gunfire. The suspect then attempted to commit suicide. He suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head."

As to a possible motive for the shooting, Nassetta said the preliminary investigation has revealed that Maddux was upset because his mother and stepfather would not give him money, but said he thinks there's a lot more to it than that.

"That's a pretty big leap to make," he said, "going from being upset over money to shooting someone and attempting to kill yourself."

Maddux was airlifted to UAB Hospital shortly after the incident occurred.

Bates said no one else was injured, although there was someone else at home when the shooting happened.

HISTORY

Cullman County Museum hosting special WWI centennial poster exhibit



CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

The exhibit of recruiting posters and war bond ads on the museum's upper floor includes a copy of the famous Uncle Sam "I Want You" poster.

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CULLMAN – The United States quietly entered the centennial of its 1917-18 involvement in World War I this year, but the signs of commemoration are around if one knows where to look. Right now, they're hanging on the walls of the Cullman County Museum.

The museum is hosting a new, temporary exhibit, Art of the Great War: World War I Posters from the Alabama Archives.

During World War I, many renowned artists volunteered their skills on the home front, creating compelling and beautiful posters promoting the war effort, said a statement from the museum.

This exhibit features examples of these evocative posters from the Alabama Archives' collections, exploring the symbolic imagery and the artists who created them. These colorful posters provide a striking reminder of the wartime ex- » PAGE 3

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City joining legal action against opioid makers, distributors; doors open for more downtown improvements

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CULLMAN – In a special session called due to scheduling conflicts around the next regularly scheduled meeting time, the Cullman City Council passed two resolutions on Monday:

• To allow City Attorney Roy Williams to retain additional outside legal counsel for the City of Cullman's claim against manufacturers and wholesale distributors of prescription opioid pain medications

• To approve matching funds for an additional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to be submitted by the Cullman County Commission for improvements on First Avenue

Opioid manufacturers and wholesale distributors

Cullman is preparing to join municipalities across the country in taking legal action against the manufacturers and wholesale distributors of prescription opioid pain medications, as drug overdoses have become the leading cause of death for Americans younger than 50. Approximately 60 percent of the country's 55,000 annual drug-related deaths can now be tied specifically to opioid abuse.

Multiple litigations allege that manufacturers and distributors lobbied doctors and legislators in a marketing scheme similar to those used by tobacco companies, promoting benefits of opioid use without offering fair warnings » PAGE 2



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Holly Pond Christmas Parade Dec. 9; 'Cards in the Park' Dec. 1-31

Robin Winton
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HOLLY POND – In cooperation with the merchants of Holly Pond and the Town of Holly Pond, the Holly Pond Civitans are sponsoring this year's Christmas Cards in the Park. Various merchants, school, church and civic groups, as well as individuals, created giant Christmas greeting "cards," which are being displayed at Governor's Park in Holly Pond from Dec. 1-31.

The annual Holly Pond Christmas Parade is this Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. The parade will end at Governor's Park, where the Holly Pond Chorus will perform a program of Christmas favorites.

There will be refreshments, music and of course, Santa.

In addition, as a part of this event, the walking paths in the park will be lined with luminaries, each with the name of someone remembered or honored by a family or individual.

Luminaries are being sold at various Holly Pond merchants with the proceeds to benefit the Holly Pond Civitan Scholarship fund.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO, 2016

Holly Pond's annual Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9.

City (from Front)

about dangerous effects or addiction, in an effort to increase opioid use.

Then, according to plaintiffs, those companies failed to report to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) suspicious wholesale orders and shipments of drugs.

Cities, counties and even states have begun going after opioid makers and wholesalers, seeking money to: build, maintain and operate addiction treatment facilities; reimburse Medicaid and other governmental expenses related to the treatment of addiction; reimburse local authorities for added law enforcement and medical personnel to respond to the crisis; and reimburse local authorities for the costs of prosecutions and incarcerations.

Said Williams, "It costs money for the police department, for the City, to take care of these people with a problem, to house them--in the jail most of the time, from them committing crimes. Then we have certain programs that we sponsor."

He told the council and audience, "We expect the County and the hospital board to also come in on our side. It'll end up being a multi-district litigation like they did with oil spills and some of the other."

As to a timetable for a settlement, Williams added, "It will be years before we see any results from it, but this is the time to get in it, if we want to."

According to the attorney, joining in this national legal movement will not cost the City any extra funds.

Several pharmaceutical companies have already made settlements with the government, mostly over failure to report suspiciously large opioid shipments, including McKesson, Mallinckrodt, Costco Wholesale, Cardinal Health,and Purdue Pharma.

TAP grant for First Avenue improvements

The council voted unanimously to put up the necessary matching funds to apply for an additional 80/20 grant to make improvements along First Avenue. The City has already applied for such a grant, but will ask the Cullman County Commission to apply for a second grant with the City picking up the bill for matching funds, which both can legally do.

Council President Garlan Gudger explained, "Eighty percent of the money that we receive comes from the federal government; 20 percent comes out of our coffers, and so we try to apply for that.

"If you like what you see on Highway 31, Highway 278 with the brick in the sidewalk, and the trash receptacles and the benches that match, and the light poles, and the decorations all through there, that is where we've gotten all the money to do that over the last 10 years.

"We apply for a TAP grant every year. Most of the time, we have received that grant from the federal government; sometimes we haven't. Our grant administrator said if we apply for the TAP grant this year, and then allow for the County to apply for it also--because they can be a vehicle for this same grant--and if they apply for it, we have a better chance of getting it.

"We called the County Commission this morning and said, 'Are y'all applying for this grant, first of all, because if you are, never mind, because you can't apply for us.' And they said they weren't, so what we're trying to do is double up the size of this grant. They said that they were able to, and so we would be paying their matching part of the 20 percent for them: that's $160,000. They'll be getting $640,000, and what that does is beautify the downtown.

"We're blessed to be able to have a good working relationship with the County, and that they would do that. It goes to their commission meeting next, and they might not do it, but it makes sense for the community, if it doesn't cost them anything, for us to continue what we've been working on, on Highway 31 and Highway. 278."

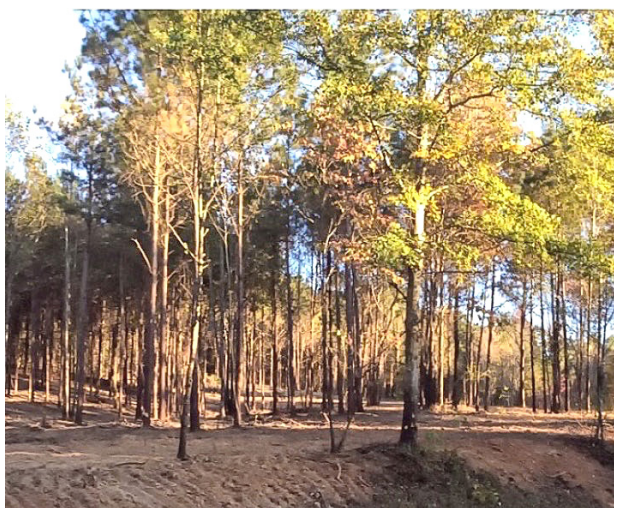
The main focus of both TAP grants, if they are received, will be beautification, but Gudger added, "If we can, at times, we'll put a new sewer line or water line in there for infrastructure if it's needed when we take the sidewalks up. There's no other time better than while a sidewalk's already torn up to fix the infrastructure. On some of it we don't have to, but if there is something, we try to replace it at that time."

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Annual Good Hope Christmas Parade, Christmas in the Park Dec. 9

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The annual Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park will be held this Saturday, Dec. 9.

GOOD HOPE – The annual Good Hope Christmas Parade will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. The parade, which will start at the high school and end at the municipal park, will be followed by Christmas in the Park, where visitors can enjoy the kid zone with train rides, hayrides, bouncy houses, the cookie house and Santa Claus. Free food will be provided by the City of Good Hope.

"Well this year we are going to make our cookie house bigger because we haven't been able to contain everybody and get kids in fast enough," City Clerk Christie Chamblee said.

"We're going to have s'mores that'll be ready for everybody and we'll have some professional face painters come in this year as well.

"The biggest deal is that our cookie house is going to be much bigger, I also think our parade is going to be bigger; we've had a lot more people sign up for the parade this year."

Mayor Jerry Bartlett is also excited about some of the new features that will be on display at this year's Christmas celebration as well as some adjustments to their traditional features.

"We used to have two little out-buildings down there for the cookie houses and this year we're going to have one and we're going to completely wrap our pavilion with plastic and make a little house and heat it so that we'll have more room," Bartlett said.

"We've got our train back this year that we had last year. We'll have the hayride back from last year, too.

"The cookie houses have really gone over well; everybody always wants to do it, even the adults, but we didn't have any room.

"Now by putting it up under the pavilion we're going to be able to get a lot of people in there to decorate their cookies.

"We throw candy out during the parade and there are just tons of people up and down the road when we come through there and the young kids seem to love those parts better because of Santa and the cookies and the train ride," continued Bartlett.

"The younger kids love the parade and they love to come eat, but they love all the other activities like the hayride, too. It's always been a very successful event and we've seen it steadily grow over the years."

For more information, call Good Hope City Hall at 256-739-3757.

Cullman has great showing in AHSAA State Swim Meet

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AUBURN – The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state swim meet took place at the James E. Martin Aquatics Center on the campus of Auburn University Dec. 1-2.

The Cullman High School team had several athletes competing, and both the boys and girls placed in the top 20 in Class 6A-7A.

"CHS was strongly represented at the AHSAA state swim and dive competition this weekend. Competing in the tough 6A-7A division," said head coach Cory Goble.

"Both teams were able to bring home a top 20 overall team finish among nearly 300 total participants from across the state; the guys finished 15th overall (fourth among 6A schools) and the girls were 17th (fifth among 6A schools)."

In diving, Reese McNeel placed eighth, followed by Kelly Warren in 10th and Reagan Martin in 13th.

In preliminaries on Friday, strong relay swims from eight qualifying swimmers earned them spots in the finals Saturday.

In addition, Colby Hutson and Cabri Adams progressed to finals individually, said Goble.

In the finals, the Lady Bearcats' 200-medley relay team of Adams (freshman), Claire Ogstad (freshman), McNeel (freshman) and Warren (sophomore) finished 11th overall.

The Bearcats' team of CJ Arnold (eighth grade), Colby Hutson (senior), Jonah Hilb (freshman) and Adam Cooner (freshman) finished 12th in their 200-medley relay.

In the 200-free relay, the CHS girls finished 15th, and the guys finished 16th in their division.

Individually, Hutson took fifth place in the men's 100-meter butterfly and a 13th-place overall finish in the 100-breaststroke, in which he set a personal record of 1:04.64.

Adams took the 14th-place finish in the girls' 100-meter backstroke.

"Participation in this meet represented the hard work these athletes have put into this season," said Goble.

"We had a great time and a great experience for such a young team."



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Cabri Adams, left, and Colby Hutson, right, qualified individually for the state swim finals. Hutson took fifth place in the men's 100-meter butterfly and a 13th-place overall finish in the 100-meter breaststroke, in which he set a personal record of 1:04.64. Adams took the 14th-place finish in the girls' 100-meter backstroke.

Exhibit (from Front)

periences of Alabamians on the home front.

The exhibit is located on the second floor of the Cullman County Museum, and is free to the public.

For more information, contact Drew Green at 256-739-1258.

The museum is located at 211 Second Ave. NE and is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays 1:30-4:30 p.m. (closed on Saturdays).

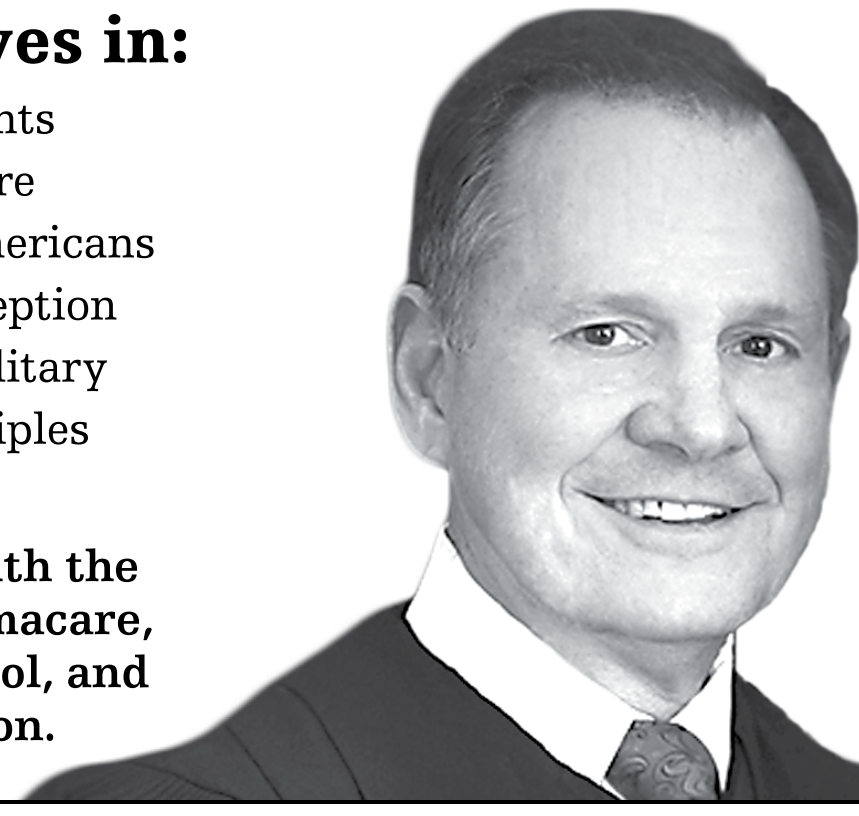
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BUSINESS

Be Blessed Boutique opens new location in Warehouse District

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CULLMAN – Amongst the boisterous revelry of the Christmas in Cullman celebration downtown Friday evening, the Warehouse District quietly welcomed another business to its fold. Shortly before the Christmas parade began, Rhonda and Jessica Hagemore officially opened a second location of their Dodge City-based Be Blessed Boutique inside Bella Faire Day Spa and Salon at the location of the old Cullman Banana Supply warehouse, 104 First Ave. SE.

Hagemore told The Tribune Friday afternoon, "We're really excited to open our shop tonight at 5 p.m., and bring our clothing to the Warehouse District. We've got some great clothing at great prices for everybody.



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Rhonda Hagemore, Joyce Brockman, Jessica Hagemore and Brooke Windeknecht

So what brought the duo to the Warehouse District?

"My friend Tracy Smith owns Bella Faire, and I told her about a year ago that I'd like to have this spot, if it ever came available.

"She called me last week and told me that it's coming available, so I've had one week to get this together.

"It was just an opportunity we couldn't pass up."

Hagemore plans to keep both locations of Be Blessed Boutique in operation.

"We have Umgee, Easel, Jodifl, all the good lines of women's clothing, small to 3X, and prices that can't be beat," said Hagemore.

"So, I brought my good prices into the Warehouse District, and women are going to be really surprised."

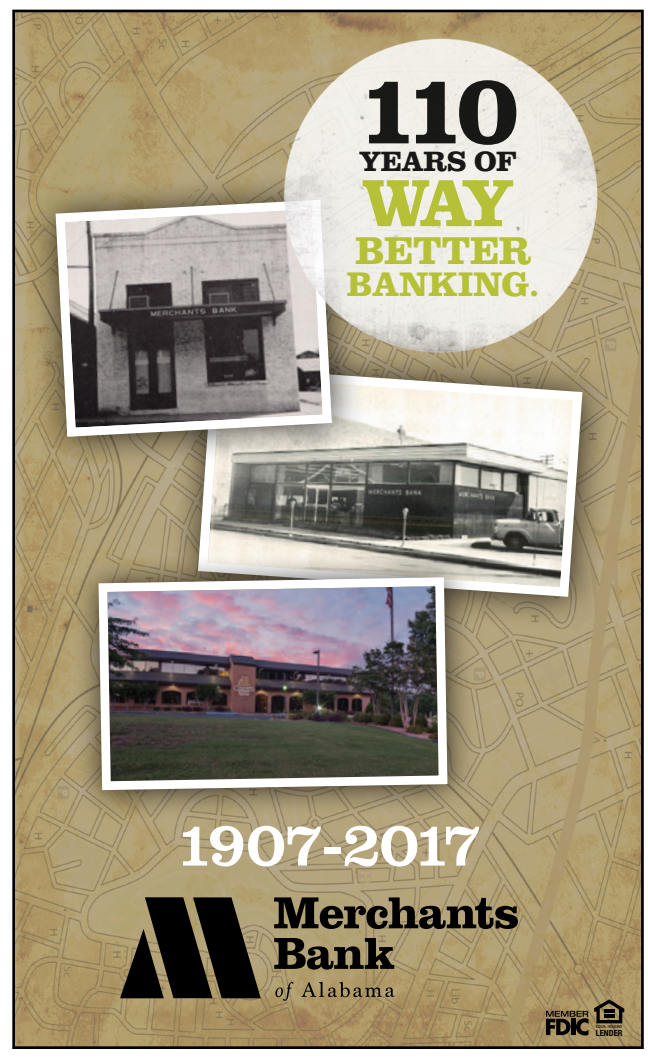


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Cullman Co. Christmas Parade rolls through Hanceville

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The 28th annual Cullman County Christmas Parade rolled through Hanceville on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017.

HANCEVILLE – On Saturday afternoon, the city of Hanceville all but closed down for just a little while, as the annual Cullman County Christmas Parade rolled through town. There were more than 150 entries, including local officials and candidates, churches, businesses and civic groups, along with high school marching bands from Hanceville, Good Hope and Vinemont.

This year's parade was held in memory of Joann Hartley Walls, beloved former Hanceville city councilwoman and Hanceville Civitan Club member. Walls passed away on July 14, 2017.

Saturday's parade was the first to honor a specific person. Ginger Grantham, the first president of the Hanceville Civitan Club, was the grand marshal.

Current Civitan President Ricky Cason, who oversaw the parade, spoke with The Tribune afterward about the event, which just seemed to keep growing. Entries were accepted all the way up to starting time, and they kept coming as the parade was lining up.

Cason said, "That was a parade, was it not? That was a big 'un. We started counting (entries); we lost count, I'm going to say, probably somewhere around 150. "It was bigger than last year, I know that. We had a lot of new floats, a lot of folks, great county participation. We had them from Dodge City, Colony, Good Hope, Vinemont, West Point; I think just about every little city in the county was represented well.

"Three marching bands, probably 20 floats; we had a really big crowd.

"I think Miss Joann Walls would have been proud. That parade was in her memory, and I think she's looking down and she'd be proud of everything we did. It went smooth, just a really nice parade."

One vehicle reportedly ran out of gas, while a horse-drawn wagon suffered a flat tire. Both issues were handled without delays in the parade.

Cason extended thanks to his Civitan members, saying "They all did a good job. I think we had a hundred percent participation from our Civitan Club.

"This is the 28th year we've done this, and it seems to get bigger every year, and I believe it gets better every year. There's a ton of people who put in hours upon hours upon hours to make sure that this works."

Cason and Civitan Vice President Brenda Carter also expressed gratitude to Hanceville Fire and Police Department and Chiefs Rodger Green and Bob Long, Mayor Kenneth Nail and his city hall staff, and Hanceville's Public Works staff.

"For a town the size of Hanceville," said Cason, "I think it was great participation, and it's a chance for us to show off and brag a little bit. We're proud of our town. We're proud of what downtown is doing.

"We had the tree lighting a couple of weeks ago, and it was a success. The parade is a success, so I want to just give all the credit to the members of Civitan, because they really did a super, super job."

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POLITICS

Scott Dawson and a blunt Janet Porter headline county GOP meeting

Nick Griffin
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Janet Porter, founder and president of Faith2Action, referred to Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Doug Jones as "Abortion Jones" in her remarks at the Cullman County Republican Party meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017.

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Republican Party hosted its monthly breakfast and meeting Saturday morning at the Cullman Elks Lodge and dozens came out to see this month's special guest speaker, gubernatorial candidate Scott Dawson, a preacher, author and a frequent guest on "The Rick and Bubba Show." A second guest, attending on behalf of Judge Roy Moore, was Janet Porter, founder and president of Faith2Action, a self-proclaimed "Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Pro-ACTIVE" advocacy group. While Dawson spoke of his reasons for running and his platform, Porter took a more aggressive tone.

Dawson, who has been involved in the ministry for 30 years and founded the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association in 1987, first touched on the inspiration for him to go into politics after spending most of his life in the church.

"This idea came from a broken heart. It was not a sinister plan that we developed over 30 years to build a ministry so that we could get into politics," Dawson said. "I was in my lane and then last year my heart was broken over some of the things going on in our state. I decided something has to happen and I wanted to find someone who wouldn't surprise us. I got tired of us just allowing people to check a box and then people getting down there (to Montgomery) and doing things that we didn't approve of. In my surprise everybody kind of turned to me and said I was the one that needed to take this on."

Dawson went on to talk about some of the issues that he was anxious to address, ones he said are the same issues Alabama has always faced.

"When I got into this I looked back at who the last person elected in the state was that had no prior political experience; it was Fob James in 1978," he said. "I wanted to find out everything about him, and when he was elected there were three big issues that had to be addressed in the state of Alabama: roads, education and prison over-crowding.

"Does that sound familiar to you guys? Ladies and gentlemen, we've kicked the can so far down the road that we're running out of road. It's time for us to really start addressing these issues."

Dawson finished by making a plea to the crowd to demand better leadership and change the culture of Alabama politics.

"If I could submit to you, I want to see the mindset of Alabama change. We deserve better than what we've been getting ladies and gentlemen, but if elected I'm going to make some mistakes. I know that seems risky, but I'm going to make some mistakes. So, if you're thinking I'm infallible, that's not the case, but mistakes won't be made because I'm selling you out, it's because I'm human."

Porter came to the podium to talk about what she said is one of the most important senatorial elections in the country in recent memory.

"I came to Alabama from Ohio because this is ground zero in the cultural war for where we're going to go in the United States of America," Porter said.

"I want to tell you that this race, this senate race, is winner take all, including the United States Supreme Court. You realize, last February, you want to know the vote, I'll tell you the vote.

"We saw it last February when Donald Trump, when President Trump, submitted Betsy Devos as his secretary of education, and he had to call in the vice president to break the tie because she was a well-known pro-life conservative."

Porter continued, "So, the RINOs, (Lisa Ann) Murkowski and Susan Collins in the Senate, they voted with the abortion activists and it had to take the vice president to break the tie, and if Judge Roy Moore does not win God forbid there will be no tie to break.

"So we may have had a promise from President Trump that we're going to get pro-life justices on the Supreme Court, but that promise isn't going to mean very much when you can't confirm those judges because 'Abortion Jones' will be the deciding vote to block every single one of them. The winner of this race will decide the Supreme Court for the next 30 or 40 years. That's why I came to Alabama."

(Hear Porter's remarks in full at www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/12/03/scott-dawson-and-blunt-janet-porter-headline-county-gop-meeting)

The Cullman County Republicans will not be meeting in January and will hold their next gathering in February.

Legal Notice

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

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Restorations and Rods, LLC, 18615 US Highway 31, Cullman, Alabama 35058, on January 15, 2018.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 3-6

Funeral Service for W C Reeves, age 90 of Cullman, were held Monday, December 04, 2017 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Allan Kuykendall and Bro. Dennis Reeves, officiating; burial at Union Hill cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Reeves passed away on Friday, December 01, 2017 at his residence. He was born, November 01, 1927 to Luke and Melissa Wilson Reeves. He is preceded in death by his, parents, son, Roger Reeves, great grandson, Hunter Holcomb, wife, Sue Reeves and son-in-law, Roger Guthery. Survivors include his wife, Nell Reeves, son, Ralph (Larue) Reeves, daughter, Rhonda Guthery, granddaughters, Melissa (Colton) Hunter, Monica Reeves and Shanda (Jarrett) Brown, great grandchildren, Harley Holcomb, Gavin Brown and Rylyn Hunter, great-great-grandchild, Ember Rayne Holcomb, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family.

Funeral service for Thelma Dean Cook, 77, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Nesmith Cemetery, Shirley Witcher officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Cook passed away Saturday, December 2, 2017. She was born September 24, 1940 to Clarence & Willie Lawrence Barbee. She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters. one brother. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Jim Cook; son, James Dean Cook; daughters, Deana (Kip) Holloway, Regenia Cook, Rena (Dean) Johnson, Chrissie Barnes; three brothers, three sisters, eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Monday evening at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Gregory Jackson, 52, of Holly Pond, passed away Sunday, December 03, 2017, in Marshall Co., AL surrounded by family and friends. Mr. Jackson was born in Okaloosa, FL. to James Jackson and Mary Lynn Chatham. He was a long haul truck driver with Arab Cartage in Arab, AL. He enjoyed hunting, but truly loved fishing. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Michelle Vaughn; sons, Daniel and Colton; daughters, Sydney, Haley and Ava. Memorial services for Mr. Jackson will be Tuesday, December 05, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Holly Pond United Methodist Church in Holly Pond. Melissa Holmes officiating.

Funeral service for Freeman Louallen, 74, of Hanceville will be Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel; Bobby Joe Calvert officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mr. Louallen passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at his residence. He was born on January 12, 1943 in Lawrence County to Leaman & Savannah Louise Hood Louallen and is preceded in death by his parents and a stepson, David Moser. He is survived by his wife, Wedia Louallen; daughter, Savannah Louallen; grandson, Tim Louallen; five step-children: Joe (Diane) Moser, Robert Moser, Tameki (Heath) Hall, Nicole Ray and Bryan Ray; four step- grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; four sisters: Milaquay Craig, Brenda Terry, Linda Gayle Sawyer and Freda Louallen; and two brothers, Frankie and Freddie Louallen.

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JOYCE NIX

New Honor Society inductees: Front Row, (left to right): Fulton Gil, Gin Zheng, Elliot Deep, Adrian Smith, Abigail Curtis, Alison Gongre, Emma Pierce, Lauren Agnello and Mya Agnello. Second row, (left to right): David Kim, Leo Hsieh, Jacinta Tona, Gracie Loyd, Crystal Shi, Yessenia Pascual- Contreras, Carly Tombo, Claire Sanders and Gabrielle Bennett. Third row, (left to right): Carson Holmes, Jenna Pechon, Lillian Nassetta, Macy Whaley, Emma Tafazoli, Daniela Hernandez, Aria McMillan, Ella Buckingham and Mai Thy Nguyen. Last row, (left to right): Victor Fentanes, Alden Olyniec, Gavin Whaley, Richard Gann, Zachary McClain, Joseph McCarthy, William Tang, Caleb Guthery, John Christian Rose and Mr. Joseph Bond

EDUCATION

Saint Bernard Prep inducts 36 into National Honor Society

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN – Saint Bernard Preparatory School recently inducted 36 new members to the Saint Bernard Chapter of National Honor Society following school Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Following the welcome, Thao Nguyen opened the ceremony with a prayer before turning the program over to Honor Society President, Avy Whaley.

Whaley explained the criteria to being inducted into National Honor Society: "To become a member of Honor Society one must have completed one semester as a junior or senior at Saint Bernard Prep, must maintain a grade average of 90 or higher in math, science and foreign language, exhibit leadership, service and character and participate in meeting and chapter projects.

Students recognized the four qualities exemplified in NHS – Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.

Thao Nguyen spoke on scholarship – the commitment to learning; Leahrose Mami spoke on leadership – having the initiative to train and aid others; Eva Barck spoke on service – establishing a routine to work for those in need and Olivia Tafazoli spoke on character – distinguishing individuality with respect for others.

Each student pledged to maintain high scholastic standing, to hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give of themselves freely in service to others.

Following the pledge each student was presented with a membership certificate from sponsor, Joseph Bond.

In closing, Assistant Headmaster Father Linus Kluscarits congratulated all new members by saying, "Well done."

He encouraged them to reflect on what they have achieved. "This is not to be the end but the beginning of a call to show and share the gifts of scholarship, leadership, service and character to others. Put on the virtue and gift of generosity.

"By doing this you will be glorifying God."

Following the ceremony, families, along with honor society members and new inductees, were invited to a reception in the Brahma Room.











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Farmers Federation endorses Rep. Randall Shedd for House District 11

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Alfa Farmers

MONTGOMERY – FarmPAC, the political action committee of the Alabama Farmers Federation, has announced its endorsement of Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, for State House of Representatives, District 11, which covers the eastern half of Cullman County. Shedd is up for reelection in 2018.

"Rep. Shedd has worked hard representing us in Montgomery, and we know he will continue to do so for the next four years," said Cullman County Farmers Federation President Steve Lake. "He has dedicated his life to public service. He knows the people of this district and will continue to see to it that we are well represented in the Legislature."

Shedd received his associate degree from Wallace State Community College. He served as mayor of Fairview from 1996-2012 and as director of Cullman County Commission on Aging from 2003-2014. He serves as chairman of the Urban and Rural Development Committee, is an officer of the Rural Caucus and sits on the House Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure Committee.

"It is a true honor to receive the Alabama Farmers Federations endorsement," Shedd said. "I look forward to working with them as I represent the conservative values of all the people of District 11 in Montgomery."

Shedd and his wife, Debbie, have two children and two grandchildren. They reside in Fairview and attend Welcome Baptist Church.

The Alabama Farmers Federation is the state's largest farm organization with more than 365,000 members. It uses a true grassroots approach to select candidates, relying on FarmPAC recommendations from county Federation boards for local elections.







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