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# Cullman Lions Club: more than 60 years strong



CULLMAN LIONS CLUB

***The Cullman Lions Club recently named its 2018 Board of Directors for the Cullman County Fair Association. They are: Seated: (L-R) Lion Jerry Bonner, fair co-manager; Lion Rickey Peek, director; Lion Dennis Berse, director; Lion Randy Kraft, director; Lion Steve Singleton, treasurer; Lion Steve Cartee, fair vice-president. Standing: (L-R) Lion Charlie McBrayer, fair co-manager; Lion Doug Spradlin, director; Lion Carey Thompson, secretary; Lion Richard White, director; Lion Charlie Powell, director; Lion Charlie Childers, fair president. Not pictured are Lion Tim Scott, director and Lion Steve Murphree, advisor.***

**Nick Griffin**
Tribune Correspondent

**CULLMAN** – One of Cullman's most active and altruistic civic organizations, the Cullman Lions Club, has been active within the community for more than 60 years. Its membership ranks are filled with men from every part of the county, and include everyday citizens, businessmen, lawmakers and even the county sheriff, all of whom work together for one goal: to serve Cullman County.

Founded in 1954, the Cullman Lions Club has always worked to improve eye health and is responsible for the Cullman County Fair as one of its first fundraising events. The club works with several foundations in the state and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars towards eye care and other charities.

Cullman Lions Club Treasurer Jerry Bonner has been a part of the club for decades and has seen the membership grow from just 55 when he first joined to 115 today. Bonner has seen all kinds of projects that the organization has had a hand in over the years.

"From the standpoint of Lions International, our emphasis has almost always been on sight preservation so that's a big part of what the Cullman club is," Bonner said. "Our first fundraiser that we came up with was the county fair and that has continued to be our biggest fundraiser for all these years. As far as eye care, one of the biggest things that we support is Alabama Lions Sight, which is located in Birmingham, and it allows us to help individuals with eye surgeries, medications and other things they might need. We also work with the Callahan Eye Foundation (UAB) and their doctors."

The Cullman Lions have donated a substantial amount of money over time for the cause.

"Over the years we have probably donated around $20,000 per year for the last 10 years, so if you go back through the whole time we've been established we've given over half a million dollars," shared Bonner. "We also work with eye care locally of course with optometrists here and send patients to them if they need help."

Outside of its contributions to eye care in the state, the Lions Club is also a contributor within the community. It has been involved with charity organizations and use local events to raise money for donations.

"Of course, we also support a lot of local things. We've been working with Cullman Caring for Kids (food bank) for the last several years," Bonner said. "The biggest fundraiser we've been able to create for them is the parking for Rock the South the last few years. All the money we've made for parking the cars for the festival has gone to Cullman Caring for Kids."

The Lions also contribute to local area parks.

"We helped build Heritage Park, and the East Side Park in town is called Lions Club Park because we put money into that to help develop it, so we do a lot with the parks here in town and in the county," stated Bonner. "We also have our fish and ham dinner every spring and that's always a big fundraiser for us."

Bonner considers the responsibilities and the rewards of being a Lion one in the same, and said he enjoys the opportunity to help his community.

"The reward is getting the joy of knowing that you are serving your community and being a part of an organization that helps people who can't help themselves. I've been a member almost 54 years now and I would've never thought I'd be part of an organization like this. I really, really enjoy being part of this group.

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# Cullman area Christmas events



WALLACE STATE

***The Wallace State Singers, backed up by the Wallace State Jazz and Concert bands, perform during the 2016 Christmas program, "In the Mood for Christmas."***

**CULLMAN** – Below is a list of Christmas events happening around the community. For more details, visit www.CullmanTribune.com/calendar.
*(Some text provided by individual event organizers)*

**Fridays and Saturdays, though Dec. 22**
**Santa Claus at Dodge City Park, 6-8 p.m.**
Santa Claus will be at Dodge City Park Friday and Saturday nights through Dec. 22, from 6-8 p.m. Bring the kids by for hot chocolate and cookies with Santa, while enjoying the lights.

**Through Sunday, Dec. 31**
**15th Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display, 5 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park**
The 15th annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park will take place from now through Dec. 31*. The cost is $10 per vehicle. This year's display will have a sleigh ride, train ride, horse and carriage rides, a snow machine, photo booth, and much more. "Come by to see Santa and play in the snow!" (Santa will only be here until the 23rd.) The display will be closed Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12; Wednesday and Thursdays, open from 5-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, open from 5-10 p.m.; Sundays, open from 5-9 p.m. *Schedule (weather-permitting)

**Holly Pond Cards in the Park, daily at Governor's Park**
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

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# The Tribune's Loretta Gillespie wins Print Communications Award for Excellence in Ag Journalism

**Mary Johnson**
Alfa Farmers

**MONTGOMERY** – The Tribune's Loretta Gillespie received the Print Communications Award from the Alabama Farmers Federation during the organization's 96th annual meeting in downtown Montgomery Dec. 3-4. Gillespie's work also appears in The Moulton Advertiser and Southern Family and Alabama Gardener magazines.

During the event's second general session the morning of Dec. 4, Federation Director of Communications Jeff Helms thanked Gillespie for her excellent coverage of farming and rural news stories.

"With Loretta's work reaching thousands of readers, we are even more appreciative that she uses her writing talents to share the stories of rural Alabama," Helms said.

"Her love for rural Alabama even goes beyond her work as a reporter.

"Her heart for service are on display every year at the Cullman County Farm-City Banquet."

Cullman County Farmers Federation Reporter Lisa Lake nominated Gillespie for the award.

In her nomination, Lake noted Gillespie's knack for putting sources as ease.

"She really gets to know the people in her articles and asks questions in a way that is not intrusive or intimidating," Lake said.

"She has a tireless work ethic. She has a way of wording stories that

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ALFA FARMERS

***Print Communications Award winner Loretta Gillespie, center, with Cullman County Farmers Federation Reporter Lisa Lake, left, and Alabama Farmers Federation Director of Communications Jeff Helms.***

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# High-speed chase ends in wreck on Hwy. 157

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**CULLMAN** – A high-speed chase along Alabama Highway 157 Tuesday morning ended when the vehicle being pursued by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) flipped. The driver, identified by Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry as Dylan Keith Loyd, 26, of Blountsville, was not injured.

"We received a call from a citizen who observed on their farm this morning this individual (Loyd) steal a vehicle," Gentry said.

"Deputies intercepted the vehicle and attempted to stop the individual. The individual ended up wrecking the vehicle. There were no injuries."

According to Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, "We got a call from the sheriff's office that they were involved in a high-speed chase involving a possibly stolen vehicle on Highway 157 westbound. Lt. (Jeff) Warnke was at Eva Road with his blue lights on, waiting."

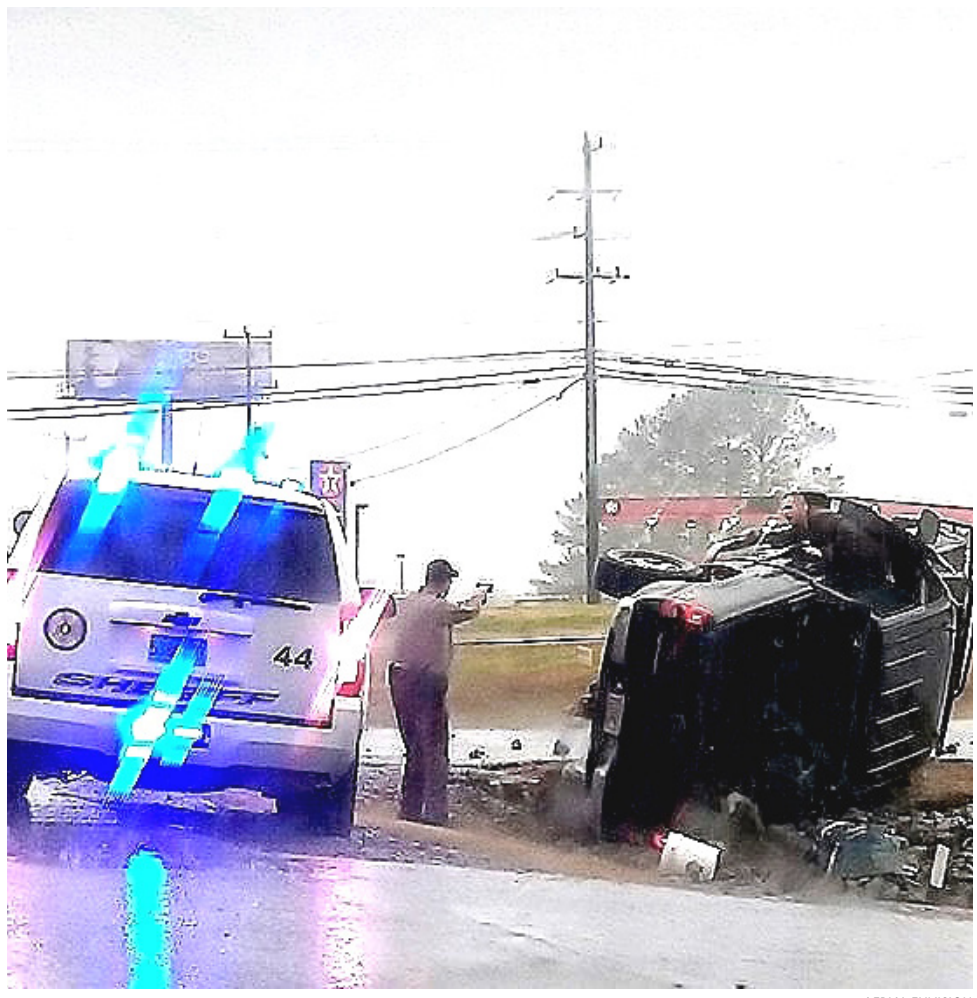
Culpepper said the subject wrecked and flipped the vehicle in front of Jack's.

Loyd was taken into custody by Warnke and a sheriff's deputy.

According to Gentry, Loyd has been charged with two counts of first-degree receiving stolen property, one count of first-degree theft of property, one count of fleeing and eluding police and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

He is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center without bond.

"He (Loyd) is also the subject of another vehicle theft investigation," said Gentry.



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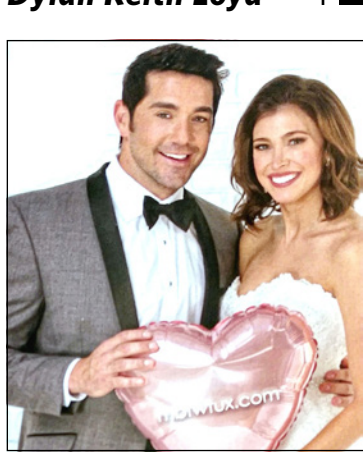
***A sheriff's deputy confronts the driver of the vehicle that flipped following a chase on Alabama Highway 157 Tuesday morning.***



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Letters of Administration having been granted to **BRENDA BAKER,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **JEFFERY WAYNE BAKER,** deceased, on the 4th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 4th day of December, 2017.

BRENDA BAKER
Personal Representative

**Sara Baker**
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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Billy J Barnes Husband And Glenda M Barnes Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Firstbank ISAOA/ATIMA, its successors and assigns dated October 23, 2014; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1746, Page 905, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 323, Page 762 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 5th day of January, 2018 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the NW corner of Sec. 10, T10S, R2W; thence South along the Section line a distance of 559.0 feet; thence left 89 degrees 27' left a distance of 290 feet to the P.O.B. of the land herein conveyed; thence continue along the same bearing a distance of 100.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 10' right a distance of 150.0 feet; thence 89 50' right a distance of 100.0 feet; thence 90 degrees 10' right a distance of 150.0 feet to P.O.B. The above described property lies in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 10, T10S, R2W in Cullman County, AL. (c:\mI7\12933.lgl)

Said property is commonly known as 58 County Road 1619, Cullman, AL 35058.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

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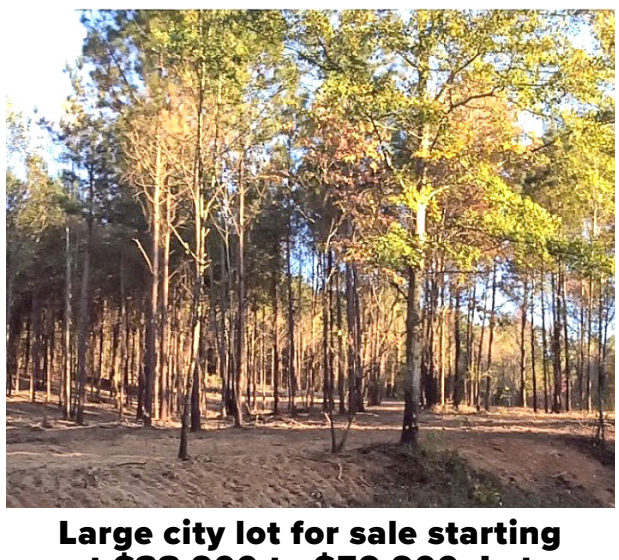








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# Award (from Front)

makes you feel like you're right in the middle of it ... and captures the hard work and trials of being any type of farmer."

Upon receiving the award, Gillespie said sharing the stories of rural Alabama simply comes naturally.

"Looking around (at the folks attending this event), I've seen a lot of broad shoulders, and that's good because it rests on your shoulders to feed 9.1 billion people in the year 2050," she said.

"Farmers are the most tenacious people I've ever known.

"Thank you to all of you for this award, and I hope I can live up to the words Lisa said."

Further, Gillespie said, "I'm humbled to receive this award, but I'm just the teller of their stories; the farmers are the ones who are out there before the sun comes up every day, and even working by the light of the moon when necessary. Farmers are the salt of the earth and their wives are the hardest working women I know.

"I want to thank Lisa Lake for nominating me for this award, and Alfa and the Farmer's Federation for choosing me...but I want the focus to be on these people who do so much now, but will be expected to feed more people, on less land, with fewer hands in the coming years.

"We all need to give them as much support as we possibly can by buying locally grown meats, dairy and produce."

The award presentation was part of the Federation's two-day annual meeting, which included elections, an annual report, the Young Farmers Discussion Meet, a keynote from Gov. Kay Ivey and other special recognitions.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by John Lewis Merriweather II, a married man, and wife Jennifer A. Merriweather on November 22, 2013, said mortgage being recorded on November 27, 2013 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 1724, Page 154 and being modified on September 3, 2015, and Traditions Bank as Mortgagee, by reason of such default, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, on January 4, 2018, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract of land within the incorporated limits of Colony, Alabama, being in the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 3 West, East and West of a branch flowing South, East of a road described in Deed Book 500 Page 156, comprised of 2.2 acres and specifically described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 6, North 1435912.30 East 2149852.74 (FD 3 inch capped pipe); thence proceed Easterly along the State plane grid and the North section line 2648.48 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter; thence turn right 89 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds for 1328.09 feet, said corner is pinion gear shaft located at State plane coordinate North 1,434,495.15 East 2,152,555.39, Alabama West Zone, 1983 NAD and ascertained from NGS Harn Monuments 22- 37 & 22-38; thence proceed South along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 295.16 feet to a capped rebar; thence turn 89 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds left and proceed parallel with the North line of said forty 212.66 feet to the Northeast corner of tract described in Deed Book 425, Page 105; thence continue along previous course 261.86 feet to the West easement line of an existing road; thence continue 21.42 feet to the East line thereof; thence continuing parallel to the North line of said forty 140.06 feet to a capped rebar (CRB) and the point of beginning; thence turn right 69 degrees 31 minutes 57 seconds and proceed Southeasterly 170.01 feet to a CRB; thence turn 101 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds right for 105.80 feet and a CRB; thence turn 28 degrees 27 minutes 19 seconds left for 85.20 feet and a CRB; thence turn 32 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds right for 119.20 feet and a CRB at North 1434002.68 East 2152881.18; thence turn 90 degrees left for 29.10 feet; thence turn 89 degrees 34 minutes 16 seconds left for 127.94 feet and a found capped rebar (FCRB); thence turn 33 degrees 01 minutes 59 seconds left for 86.55 feet and a FCRB; thence turn 28 degrees 26 minutes 48 seconds right for 133.68 feet and a FCRB; thence turn 64 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds right for 228.88 feet and a found ½ inch pipe; thence turn the supplement of 86 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds left for 193.60 feet to a CRB; thence turn the supplement of 114 degrees 26 minutes 26 seconds left for 260.86 feet; thence turn the supplement of 102 degrees 44 minutes 34 seconds for 208.55 feet 33 minutes 55 seconds for 112.21 feet to the point of beginning.

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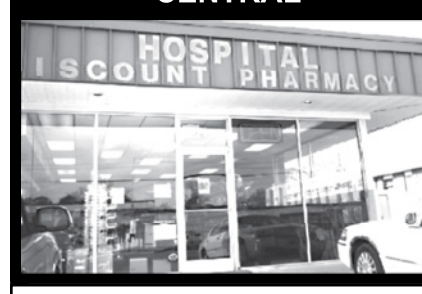
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New research being presented at the 2017 Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting found infants prescribed antacids to manage acid reflux, or spitting up, under age one had more bone fractures later in childhood. Acid reflux, also known as gastro-esophageal reflux (GER), is frequently treated with drugs such as proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and histamine H2-receptor antagonists (H2-blockers) that decrease production of stomach acids. These types of medications have been linked with increased bone fractures in adults, but there has been a lack of research into whether they might have the same effect in children.

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# New life: commission considers plans for redevelopment of several city properties

## *Commission also hears plans for apartments, more annexations*

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**CULLMAN** – On Monday afternoon, all the signs of local growth were on display as the City of Cullman Planning Commission reviewed preliminary plans that could lead to the redevelopment of two currently vacant sites, and the expansion of one operating business along Second Avenue Southwest/U.S. Highway 31. Additionally, the commission considered plans for new housing, as well as more of the annexations that have been such a common part of city business recently.

**Site plans**

The commission approved a proposed site plan for a new 14,000-square-foot facility for the existing Boozer Eyecare between First Avenue Southwest and Second Avenue Southwest. Jock Leonard of Leonard Designs agreed to minor modifications to the design to meet codes and provide better sanitation access, as well as the addition of a sidewalk along Second Avenue.

The commission then considered a preliminary site plan for the "Cullman Shops" from St. John and Associates, Inc. for redevelopment of the former site of the Cullman Dodge dealership on the east side of Second Avenue Southwest, and across the street at the property which has most recently been home to Sticks N Stuff and Trader Bob's Flea Mall.

Dale Bright, speaking on behalf of the property, was not specific about what might come in, described the development as "commercial and a retail office."

This plan was preliminary only, and received approval for site preparation to begin while the developer finalizes a formal site plan, contingent on the willingness of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to make modifications at that location. Bright said that he would return in January with a final site plan.

The commission then looked at a second preliminary site plan from Brett Basquin of the Forsyth Group for the Cullman Shopping Center at the site of a former gas station at the intersection of Second Avenue Northwest/U.S. Highway 31 and Loring Street. Commissioners gave preliminary approval, allowing site preparation to begin while the Forsyth Group finalizes the formal site plan.

**Annexations**

The commission considered three annexation requests from the City of Cullman Utilities Board for properties they own, but that have never been officially annexed: on Swafford Drive Southwest, Eva Road Northeast and County Road 1305. Commissioners voted to recommend annexation to the Cullman City Council for the first two with no problems, but chose to advise against annexation of the County Road 1305 property, since a survey found that it did not connect with any existing portion of the city, and so did not qualify for annexation except by act of the State Legislature.

**Conditional use requests for apartment complex development**

The commission voted to recommend a conditional use request for development of multi-family housing on County Road 1402 Northeast between Eva Road and Lake Catoma, made by Christina Knight of Rich Smith Holdings.

The commission also voted to recommend a conditional use request for apartments on Alabama Highway 157 Northwest near Merchants Bank and the new fire station, brought by Bradley Carroll of Vantage Development.

The number of apartments was not specified in either case, and both developers still have to submit site plans.

**Other commission business**

The commission received a request to vacate a 50-foot right of way at 1816 Teakwood Drive SE, between two pieces of property owned by the same resident, listed in the request as Herman Ruehl. After another resident, Scotty Brock, who owns property behind Ruehl's, informed the commission that the right of way would be the means of access to his property for future development, commissioners voted to recommend against vacating the right of way to the Cullman City Council.

Lastly, the commission approved recommendation of the 2015 International Building Code, to bring Cullman (which currently uses the 2006 code) in line with numerous state agencies. According to Building and Planning Director Rick Fulmer, implementation will probably take place in March or April 2018.

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

# Baileyton council returns from Montgomery, preparing for sheriff's rodeo

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**BAILEYTON** – On Monday evening, the Baileyton Town Council took time from a light meeting agenda for members to recount the Baileyton Seniors' day trip to Montgomery, and to get ready for this week's Sheriff's Rodeo special needs mini rodeo on Thursday.

Mayor Johnny Dyar and others accompanied travelers from the Baileyton Senior Center to Montgomery Monday morning, visiting the Capitol building, governor's mansion and Hank Williams' gravesite, and dining at the RSA Tower. Their team of capital city guides included none other than State Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairiview. Group members even got to vote in the House chamber on a mock bill.

Several council members will be volunteering at the mini rodeo for special needs kids on Thursday before the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo this Friday and Saturday.

Dyar and his wife distributed T-shirts to members, to be worn at the event.

Dyar said of the special needs event, "If you go down there and you don't have tears in your eyes when you leave, there's something wrong. You better go and get somewhere by yourself, because it will honest to God make you cry. Those kids enjoy that; they enjoy that beyond and beyond."

**Council business**

The mayor reported that lights for the town's walking trail will cost $7,500, and that the request had been submitted to the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC). Councilmen Greg Griffin and Wendell Peterson had previously determined that the trail would require 50 lights, spaced 50 feet apart.

Dyar also reported that, according to Windell Calloway, a 10-acre parcel of land the Town is hoping to purchase for its new town hall should be available for sale in about two weeks. The FY 2018 Town budget includes $90,000 for the purchase of land and $262,112 for the construction of a new town hall.

Dyar also thanked Bobby Martin for his assistance in putting up the town's Christmas lights, noting that, "We (did) it in about three hours. It normally takes us about three days!"

The council passed a motion to pay for the CDL physical of Jeff Creel, who drove the senior center bus to Montgomery. The clinic in Baileyton was unable to perform his physical, and he had to go to Cullman to have it done.

Dyar mentioned that rentals of town hall have led to parking problems for the adjoining medical clinic, which shares the same parking lot.

From this time forward, Town Clerk Patricia Gilbert will give renters written notice of their responsibility to control parking.

Gilbert added that the Community Action Heating Assistance meeting will be held at town hall on Dec. 18.

The Baileyton Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

# Holly Pond talks dangerous intersection, crime; welcomes Deputy Lucas Sheppard

**Nick Griffin**
Tribune Correspondent

**HOLLY POND** – The Holly Pond Town Council gathered for its monthly meeting Monday night, where Mayor Bill Oliver introduced the town's new deputy, Lucas Sheppard.

"It's great to be here," Sheppard said of his assignment so far. "Ever since I've been out here I've felt welcomed by the community and I'm just happy to be with you guys. If anyone needs anything I'm happy to help, just let me know."

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the intersection of Brooklyn and Buckner Roads, near Holly Pond High School.

Oliver called the intersection "dangerous" and said he is looking into having rumble strips placed in the intersection in an effort to slow down drivers.

Sheppard echoed the mayor's concern, saying that writing tickets near the intersection has not been effective in slowing down the traffic.

Oliver said that the young age of the drivers who use the intersection a majority of the time may be a factor in the danger of that section of road.

Other than rumble strips, Oliver said he is also considering more street signs including one with a radar installed to make drivers aware of their speed.

Several solutions are still being considered and the issue will continue to be addressed in later meetings.

In old business, the council discussed a donation to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic in Cullman.

The council didn't come to a decision at its November meeting but approved a $1,000 donation to the clinic Monday night.

Oliver said he believes the clinic is a great organization and was excited to be able contribute something to its cause. The nonprofit clinic serves citizens without health insurance from all over the county.

Lastly, the council spent some time talking about the recent up-tick in break-ins and thefts in the Holly Pond area.

Many within the community have voiced their concerns with some council members and Oliver and Sheppard both agreed that the holiday season is likely a factor in the increase in crime.

Oliver urged people in the community to take extra steps to remain safe, saying, "I would ask that the community help out by reporting anything they see that might seem unusual. More of our businesses and homes are adding or upgrading security and we need to take care of our neighbors."

Sheppard said that a lot of the incidents could be coming from people outside of the area and that the best way to handle any suspicious situation is to report it to law enforcement.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Guy Hunt Library. The public is welcome to attend.








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# CHS Theatre wins Best in Show at state Trumbauer Festival

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**CULLMAN** – Cullman High School's theater department won the highest honor at this year's state Walter Trumbauer Festival, taking home the Best in Show title for its performance of "Scrooge: The Musical."

The state Trumbauer Festival, which took place Dec. 1-2 at the University of North Alabama, is the premier high school theater festival in the state of Alabama, with 81 schools and more than 1,500 students participating. Cullman High School Theatre competed in the state one-act competition after competing on the district level. CHS was one of only 17 schools that made it to the state-level competition.

According to Wayne Cook, Cullman Theatre director, performing in the state contest is a tremendous honor. "This festival contains the highest level of high school theatre in our state. To win at Trumbauer is like receiving a state championship in theatre. Cullman received the highest score of any 6A school in the state and was honored with other 7A schools including Hoover, James Clemens, Bob Jones and Spain Park," Cook said.

Cullman Theatre student Justin Weygand was named Best Actor in all the competition one acts for his portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge in the production. He also won first place in Male Comedic Musical Theatre. Rutland Turner and Jady Pipes were honored and named to the All State, All Star cast for 2017.

**Other awards at Trumbauer for Cullman students**

Superior medals: Rutland Turner (2), Laci New (2), Olivia Noblett, Justin Weygand, Mary Claire Page, Kayla Watts, Alyssa Sandlin, Tiffany Dotson, Graffin Shaddrix, Abby West

Shaddrix also placed second in Male Dramatic




Monologue, a "huge honor for Cullman Theatre," said Cook.

CHS Theatre will perform "Scrooge: The Musical" this weekend for the public. Shows are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9 at 7 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and will be available at the door.

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# Events (from Front)

Pond from Dec. 1-31.

**Thursday, Dec. 7**

**Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m. at Cullman Regional**

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.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 theater 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.

**Holly Pond High School Band and Choir Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m. at Holly Pond High School**

The Holly Pond High School Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The band and the choir will perform. The event will take place in the school's gymnasium.

**Wallace State Christmas Spectacular, 7 p.m. at Wallace State Community College**

Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts will present its annual Christmas Spectacular at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is free. Four ensembles within the Fine and Performing Arts program will entertain with a selection of holiday tunes. The Wallace State Jazz Band, under the direction of program chair Ricky Burks; the Wallace State Concert Band, under the direction of Jacob Keisler; and the Wallace State Singers and Wallace State Choir, under the direction of Tiffany Richter, will all perform. The 7 p.m. show will include a special segment featuring SingKids!

**Friday, Dec. 8**

**Santa Stops at Good Hope Pharmacy, 3-6 p.m.**

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**Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9**

**Cullman High School Performing Arts Presents: "Scrooge: The Musical" 7 p.m. at Cullman High School**

Cullman High School Performing Arts Presents: "Scrooge: The Musical" on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Voted Best in Show at 2017 State Trumbauer! Tickets are $10 adults and $5 children and may be purchased at the door of the CHS auditorium.

**Saturday, Dec. 9**

**Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park, 2 p.m. beginning at Good Hope High School**

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.

**Holly Pond Christmas Parade and Cards in the Park, 3:30 p.m. in Holly Pond**

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.

**Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10**

**West Point Arts Department 2nd Annual Christmas Spectacular, West Point High School**

The West Point wind ensemble, Warriorettes, color guard, majorettes, dance studio, percussion ensemble and singers will be performing some of your favorite Christmas tunes!

**Saturday, Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.**

Location for all shows: West Point High School auditorium Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door or from any West Point band student. *If you are able, please bring a small gift (toys or clothing) for the West Point Christmas Love program! Also, the West Point Christmas Dance Recital will take place Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 10**

**Christmas Carnival at Garden City First Baptist Church, 2-4 p.m.**

Free for the whole family! Carnival games, prizes, inflatable, food, pictures with Santa, cake walk and so much more! Don't miss out on this fun family event! The church is located at 407 Third St. W, Garden City, AL 35070.

# *Obituary Announcements: Dec. 7 - 9*

**Funeral services for Carl Grund, Jr.,** 71, of Hanceville are Thursday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church; with interment in Fairview West Cemetery. Visitation on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Mr. Grund died on December 4, 2017. Hanceville Funeral Home directing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Grund, Sr. and Evelyn Harris Grund and brothers, Donald Grund and Robert Grund, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Colleen Grund; sister, Maxine (Dean) Minter; brothers, David (Sandra) Grund and Tim (Tammy) Grund and a host of nieces and nephews.

**The family of Quinton Maddox** will celebrate his life with a graveside service on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Phillip Dewayne Lake**, 52 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at CRMC. Phillip was born on March 10, 1965 in Cullman. He loved to fish and hunt and was an avid Alabama fan. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held at 1pm. Burial will be in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Kenny Sudduth, Jerry Lake and Michael Turner will officiate. Phillip is survived by his daughter, Kali Lake; mother, Delores Lake; fiancée, Lanette Edmondson; stepson, Abe Rooks and his wife Jennifer; brother, Jason Lake and his wife Katrina; sister, Vickie Smith and her husband Darrell; he was grandpa to 2 grandchildren, Bentley and Cooper Rooks; and niece, Macy Lake. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Lake; sister, Kimberly Lake; grandparents, William and Aree Key, and J.V. and Elease Elam.


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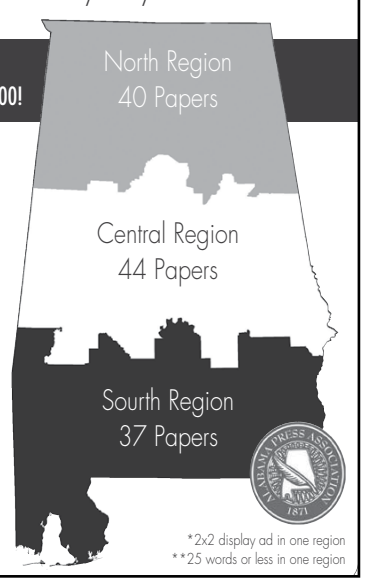

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Contents of storage unit **D-9**, rented to **Joseph Childers** on **April 24, 2015,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 9, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: two couches and three wooden bookcases.

Contents of storage unit **B-10**, rented to **Angella Dover,** on **February 24, 2017,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 9, 2017,** at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: bed and frame, two wooden bookcases and television.

Contents of storage unit **C-18**, rented to **Jamie Erwin**, on **March 10, 2017,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 9, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: washing machine and dryer.

Contents of storage unit **A-12,** rented to **Randy Kraft**, on **January 15, 1990,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 9, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: tricycle and assorted household goods.

Contents of storage unit **A-19**, rented to **Julie Wallace**, on **October 5, 2016,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 9, 2017**, at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: couch, wooden table and chairs, golf clubs and bag, washing machine, television and baby toys.

Contents of storage unit **A-18,** rented to **Kimberly Watts,** on **February 11, 2010,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **December 9, 2017,** at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: wooden table, wooden bookcase, washing machine, lamps and microwave.

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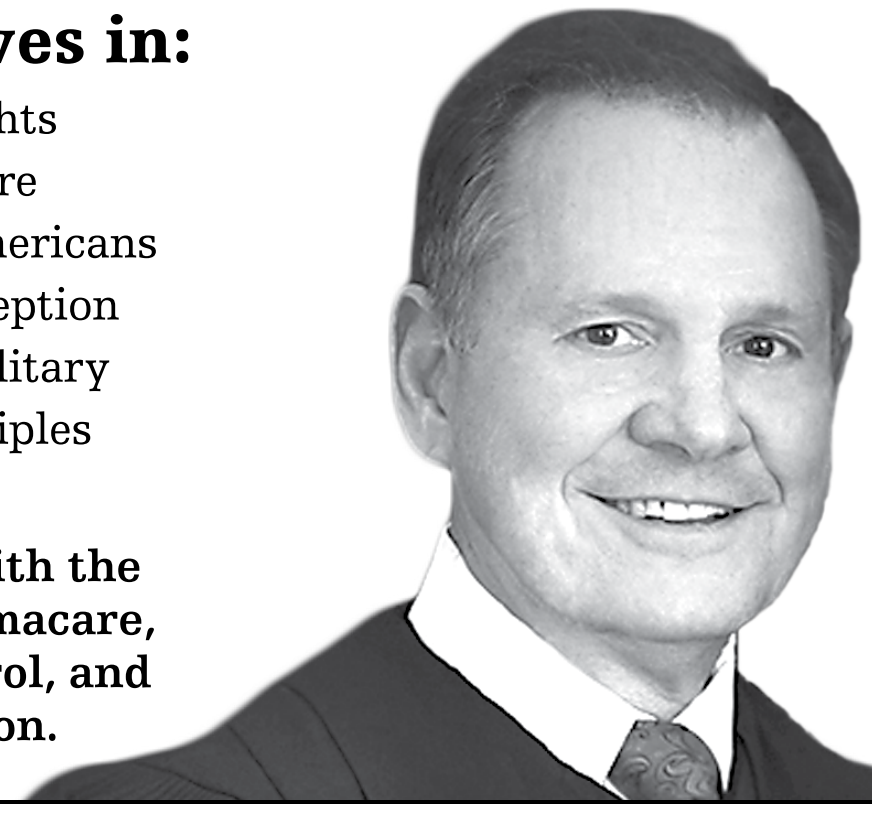
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**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IRA JERREL WILLIAMSON, DECEASED.**

**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 R. Turner III
Special Judge of Probate

Hon. Steven C. Smith
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Attorneys for Brenda H. Williamson
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

ESTATE OF )
DOROTHY S. PITTMAN ) CASE NO.: PC 2017-338
Deceased )

**NOTICE**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

VICKIE HALE

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To: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Hon. Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by Danny R. Harris, a single man, on July 29, 2006 and being recorded on August 4, 2006 in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama at Mtg. Book 1483, Page 115, Traditions Bank as Mortgagee, by reason of such default, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on January 4, 2018 during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; thence go East 37.75 feet to the East right-of-way line of County Road No. 747; thence go North along said right-of-way of County Road No. 747 350 feet to a point and the point of beginning; thence go South 89 degrees 59 minutes 51 seconds East 280 feet to a point; thence go North 290 feet, more or less, to the South right-of-way line of a 20 foot road easement; thence Westerly along said right-of-way line of said easement 290 feet, more or less, to the East right-of-way line of County Road No. 747; thence go South along said right-of-way line 250 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

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Subject to Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease to Shenandoah Oil Corporation recorded in Deed Book 285, Page 883.

Subject to easement as set forth in deed recorded in Deed Book 391, Page 95.

Subject to right-of-way easement as recorded in Deed Book 445, Page 338.

Subject to existing rights-of-way for public roads, utility lines, easements, and restrictions of record, if any.

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The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.
This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 5 West; thence West to a ditch; thence South and up said ditch to South line; thence East to Range line; thence North along range line to point of beginning.

This property is more particularly described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:
Begin at a found capped rebar marking the Northeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter and run North 88 degrees 06 minutes 19 seconds West and run along the North line a distance of 153.06 feet to a point in the center of a ditch; thence South 03 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds West, and run along the center of a ditch, a distance of 169.74 feet to a point; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes 19 seconds East, a distance of 160.19 feet to a found capped rebar marking the East line of said Section; thence North 01 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 169.68 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights-of-way and/or easements of record.

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
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The Cullman Tribune-October 21, 28, November 4, 2017

**NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT**

The public sale provided for hereinabove was postponed on November 13, 2017, by public announcement being made during the legal hours of sale before the Courthouse door, City of Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama. The foreclosure sale described hereinabove shall be held on December 14, 2017, during the legal hours of sale in front of the Courthouse door, Cullman County, Alabama.

Cullman Tribune – December 7, 2017

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by Susan Walker, a single woman, on January 11, 2010 and being recorded on January 15, 2010 in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama at Mtg. Book 1617, Page 702, Traditions Bank as Mortgagee, by reason of such default, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on January 4, 2018 during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract or parcel of land containing 0.90 acre of land, more or less, and being a part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found "T" post marking the southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said Section 23 and run N00°12'15" W and run along the east line of said quarter-quarter a distance of 346.14 feet to a set rebar marking the north right-of-way line of County Road No. 504, and being in a curve to the right having a central angle of 24°47'19" a radius of 367.35 feet and a chord bearing of N57°09'14"W; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 158.93 feet to the point of tangency; thence N44°45'35"W a distance of 133.07 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left having a central angle of 28°24'57" a radius of 465.00 feet and a chord bearing of N58°58'03"W; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 230.62 feet to a set rebar in a ditch, and being in a curve to the left having a central angle of 07°31'35" a radius of 465.00 feet and a chord bearing of N76°56'19"W; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 61.08 feet to the point of tangency; thence N80°42'06"W and continue along said right-of-way line a distance of 131.73 feet to a set rebar; thence N02°11'45"E departing said right-of-way line a distance of 237.36 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence N11°35'24"E a distance of 51.56 feet to a set rebar; thence N00°55'36"W a distance of 159.75 feet to a set rebar; thence N89°44'26"E a distance of 184.68 feet to a set rebar; thence S01°40'54"E a distance of 211.16 feet to a set rebar; thence N90°00'00"W a distance of 198.65 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a permanent, non-exclusive easement twenty feet in width for unlimited and full access, ingress and egress. Said easement runs along an existing gravel road running from the above described tract of real estate south to County Road 504.

Address of Property: 100 County Road 5000, Hanceville, AL 35077.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.
This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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# Lions (from Front)

It's a great group of people and they are committed to serving others."

Another longtime member, David Bussman, talked about some of the other things that the Lions Club does within the community and around the world.

"The largest thing we do is Lions Sight; we give a lot of money to Lions Sight. We also collect any kind of old glasses and what they'll do is refurbish them and (they) get sent to people in foreign countries who need glasses.," Bussman said. "Cullman Caring for Kids is always something we help with and then there are a lot of little things in the community that we do. Sometimes we sponsor dogs that detect blood sugar levels for people with diabetes, we refurbished the park over on the east side of town and we gave some money to Stiefelmeyer Park. We've done a couple of rooms at the hospital when they did their campaign. We get most of our money from the county fair and some from our ham and fish dinner that we do every year. That's pretty much it as far as raising money."

Bussman is proud to be a part of a club that he believes is made up of good people who are willing to put in the work necessary to be successful in both raising money and giving back.

"The club is a bunch of good men," he said. "The man hours it takes to run the fair is unbelievable. I do the concession stand at the fair and the hours for our people is a lot. People don't realize that when its here for 10 days. I'll get there at 10 in the morning and probably won't leave until 10 at night for each day. All the men are doing the same thing; everybody is doing something, and if there is a need somewhere, somebody will fill that need." Bussman thinks it's important to stay mindful of causes the Lions can get behind in the community year-round and was happy to say the club almost always finds a way to contribute. "The stuff in town that we do just depends on the need. A lot of people bring needs to the club, and they look at those every month, and if we think it's doable and will make a difference, most of them get funded. We do a lot of little things that really help people," he shared.

Find out more about the Cullman Lions Club at www.cullmanlions.com.

This year, the Cullman Lioness Club celebrated 40 years of service to the community. Find out more about the Lionesses at www.cullmanlions.com/page4.html.

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