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Barnette, Patterson talk snow days





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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette, left, and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson, right, weigh in on the effects of such a long break in the middle of the school year.

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CULLMAN – With area students already coming off a three-day weekend, then getting Tuesday and Wednesday off due to winter weather, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson weigh in on the effects of such a long break in the middle of the school year.

According to Barnette, though not ideal, there's a bright side as well. "Weather like we are experiencing this week always causes havoc to our normal busy school schedule. One thing for sure, it forces us to focus on what's most important, the safety of our students. Even though it often creates challenges for families when we cancel or delay school, I will never apologize for making decisions that are in the best interest of keeping our students safe," he said.

"A positive that will hopefully come from being out of school right now is that it prevents the flu virus from spreading. We have several students and teachers sick and hopefully this will give them time to recover."

Said Patterson, "These days affect scheduling for students and extracurricular activities. When these events happen, our priority is the safety of students and staff."

So, what about making up the time?

"We have a bad weather make-up day built into our schedule, but we also have many options that will be considered when making up missed instructional time," Barnette said.

"No decisions have been made at this time about making up missed time. We just want our students and their families to be safe and enjoy this time together."

Patterson responded, "Our administrators and teachers do an excellent job of recovering any lost instructional time, we will follow procedures as provided by the state department."

Barnette also reminds students to be ready to go when school resumes.

"As soon as school can resume safely, the students need to be ready to kick their learning in high gear," he said.

"I know the teachers will be eager to get their instruction back on pace. It is also extremely important that all students try to be present as much as possible the remaining of the school year, so they can learn all that is expected. We are blessed to have educators and parents that know how important their children's education is to their success."

As of press time, schools had not been closed on Thursday. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest information.

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Town hall meeting Jan. 22 in Trimble with Harbison, Gentry, Marchman

The community is invited; dinner will be served

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TRIMBLE – A week into the 2018 legislative session in Montgomery, Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope will give local citizens an opportunity to get an update on what's happening in Montgomery, and to let their voices be heard by the area's elected officials. Harbison, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman and others will be at the Trimble Community Center, 7744 County Road 813 at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22 for a town hall meeting. Dinner will be served.

Harbison remarked, "We encour- » PAGE 4

In spite of weather, county teams ready for tournament

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN COUNTY – The winter weather that hit Alabama on Tuesday and Wednesday is affecting just about every organization, business, school and person in Cullman County. High school sports are no exception; several county basketball coaches, and their teams, will have to adjust to the circumstances created by the weather with the County Basketball Tournament fast approaching.

One of those coaches is Holly Pond's Mitch Morris. Morris' varsity boys team earned the first seed in the tournament and will also be the host school for this year's event. The Broncos have been able to play some games and got some practice time in before the cold hit, but will have to adjust on the fly throughout the week.

"We were able to play Monday night which helped as far as getting in the gym," Morris said. "We had some Sunday practice time and we played Monday. Of course, we weren't able to do anything (Tuesday); we're really hoping that we can make it to the gym (Wednesday) afternoon maybe to shoot around some. We do have two games scheduled this week with Fairview on Thursday and Vinemont on Friday if everything holds true with the weather and stuff it should be warm enough for us to be able to handle those. Hopefully today, Tuesday, was the only day that we wouldn't be able to get in the gym."

Morris has dealt with winter weather in years past and has seen the cold affect the teams before and during the County Tournament. Morris hasn't seen it hit directly before the tournament before, but said he is hopeful that the cold will move out before it can negatively impact the games.

"Maybe not right before but several years ago we had some weather similar to this that happened during the county tournament as it was going on," Morris said. "We had to kind of push some later games and we finished up on the following Monday or something like that, so we've had to deal with it from time to time. Hopefully this will be done and gone with by (Wednesday) afternoon or Thursday and we won't have to redo any games."

Holly Pond is the host school for this year's tournament, » PAGE 4



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West Point's Coby Sullins, pictured in a game against Cullman on Jan. 9, 2018. The Warriors are seeded second in this year's Cullman County Tournament.

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Hanceville mayor clarifies City's position on J.B. Pennington fire

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Hanceville Fire Rescue was on scene, with its ladder truck, for three days in March 2017, helping to put out the fire at J.B. Pennington High School in Blount County.

HANCEVILLE – Last week, The Tribune reported that a controversy existed between Hanceville and the Blount County Board of Education over an unpaid bill from last year's fire at J.B. Pennington High School, which the City hoped to settle in a simple and friendly manner. See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/01/12/hanceville-annexes-hopewell-church-cemetery-fire-department-issues-addressed.

The Tribune story did not arouse any negative feedback, but did get the attention of a Birmingham broadcast news outlet, which dispatched a reporter to Hanceville for a story that ran on Friday's evening news. When another local outlet posted an online story stating, "Blount Schools Stiffing Hanceville," backlash from Blount County residents began almost immediately.

The Tribune spoke with Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail for clarification of Hanceville's position on the matter. The Tribune also reached out to the Blount County Board of Education, but due to the weather-related school system shutdown, school office staff was unavailable. The Tribune will make the BCBOE's response available when it is received.

The J.B. Pennington fire

According to Nail and Hanceville Fire Chief Rodger Green, beginning on March 21, 2017, Hanceville Fire Rescue incurred more than $11,000 in expenses during three days of service to the Town of Blountsville, which requested assistance from Hanceville via the county 911 service, despite not having a mutual aid agreement.

According to Green at last Thursday's Hanceville City Council meeting, "The call came from Blount County 911 to Cullman County 911, and they dispatched us. So they were requested by the Blountsville Fire Department."

At the time responders arrived at Pennington and found the attic of the main building fully involved, they determined that a ladder truck would be required to get firefighters to the roof, but none was available in Blount County. Hanceville Fire Rescue kept its ladder truck and other vehicles, along with crews, on the scene for three days.

Also, according to the Hanceville officials, the Blount County Board of Education superintendent assured them in October that he would work toward getting them paid after they agreed to lower the bill to $10,000. As of the first of 2018, though, no evidence had yet appeared to indicate that Blount County's board or its insurance company were moving toward payment of the bill.

Mayor Nail on Hanceville's position

"Well, I think a little bit of clarification is this: we have a billing company that bills for a lot of fire departments in Alabama, and also bills for the majority of fire departments in Blount County. And what I really want folks to understand: I think a lot of folks misinterpreted, or maybe we didn't put it out there very clear, but what it boils down to is most insurance companies has, in their policies, wrote into the policies where they pay the fire departments for responding.

"Hanceville is a paid/volunteer fire department. We depend, not only on folks paying their fire dues, but also on money that the insurance companies pay. The Blount County Board of Education's insurance has a history, according to our billing company, of paying fire departments in the past. They have paid fire departments the cost.

"So really, what we would like to do is: we think the Blount County Board of Education should put pressure on their insurance company to pay this. I mean, it's like I said: they've got a history of paying in the past, and we just think they should pay us. And I know at least four departments in Blount County that they have not paid, either, and, you know, we're all about our schools, and want to support our schools.

"You know, some lady said on Facebook, 'Oh, we're taking money away from the kids.' Well, that's just silly. No, we're not taking money away from the kids. But I will say this: fire departments struggle. Even the Hanceville Fire Department struggles, because the City has to put funds into the fire account, usually about every couple of months, to keep them floating--to pay their bills. And the volunteers is no different. If you get a bigger city like Cullman or Decatur, or Huntsville, their revenue stream in those cities is so large, that it's not important. But in a smaller town like Hanceville and these volunteer fire departments, it is very important. That's how we pay the bills.

"And, you know, I hate, and it's just a terrible tragedy that their school burnt. We done all we could do. But there's also another thing that a lot of folks don't realize: Hanceville was there three days. And day two and day three--that was on the request of the Blount County School Board and the contractor (who removed the roof). The contractor said, 'We can't do our jobs without a ladder truck here, because they actually had to pull the metal off the building. And when they pulled the metal off the building, it would flare up and start burning again. And our ladder truck was there to put it out immediately. So really, day two and day three, we were really more like contractors than a fire department, because we was assisting the contractor so that they could pull the metal out and actually get the fire out, because we couldn't. There had to be a contractor there to basically disassemble the building to get the fire out.

"So my concern is: the contractor got paid, and we're basically there to assist the contractor upon request of the Blount County School Board, and that's the situation.

"You know, I guess the school's money is tight, but a fire department's money is tight, too. The basic fire truck costs half a million dollars.

"A ladder truck or an aerial device will cost you a million dollars. So it's not like we ran over there in a two or three thousand-dollar truck and started trying to assist to put a fire out. So these large pieces of equipment cost a lot of money. They cost a lot of money to operate.

"And as we had a crew at Blountsville, Hanceville was probably the busiest fire department in Cullman County. The three days that we were at Blountsville, just guessing, but we probably ran six or seven calls in those three days we were at Blountsville. So what does that mean? We had to call in people to man our fire station. Well, that costs money. We couldn't leave our home territory unprotected. We always want to help and be a good neighbor, but the thing is: our first responsibility is to the citizens of Hanceville. That's our first responsibility, and the people in the Hanceville fire coverage area.

"Now, we always want to be helpful but, you know, it puts us in a terrible situation if, let's say that we've been at Blountsville and on day two or day three, and Wallace State had caught on fire. It would have put us in just a terrible situation. Now, we do have a mutual aid agreement signed with the City of Cullman, and they would've came, but still, that's kind of where we are on that."

As the conversation drew to a close, Nail wanted to be sure that one point was clear:

"I think the City is more upset at Blount County School Board's insurance than we are at Blount County School Board; because Ralph Mitchell, who is the biller--he probably has several hundred fire departments he bills for . . . he says that Blount County School Board's insurance company has a history of paying claims to fire departments. Now, that's why we're upset, because why won't they pay this claim? You know, that's really what it boils down to."

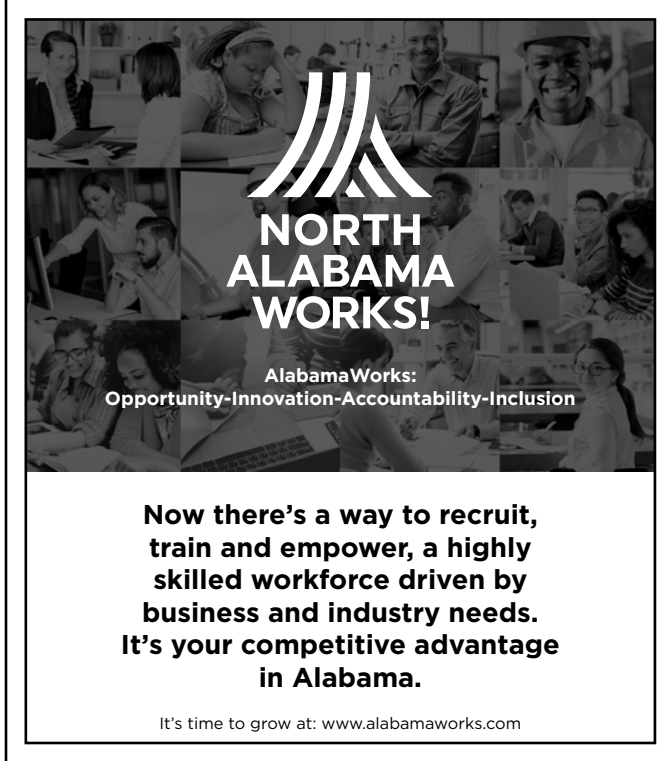
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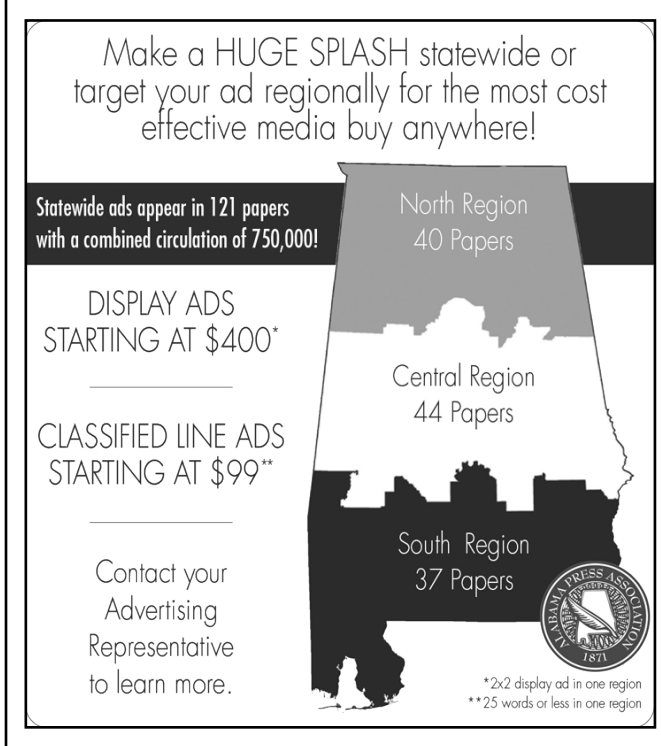
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Hartselle police chief to run for Morgan County sheriff

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PUCKETT CAMPAIGN

Hartselle Police Chief Ron Puckett, center, has declared his candidacy for Morgan County Sheriff.

HARTSELLE – Hartselle Police Chief Ron Puckett, a career law enforcement officer, announced Wednesday morning his candidacy for Morgan County Sheriff. Puckett will run on the Republican ticket. Puckett has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement.

"As a public servant, the office of sheriff belongs to the people of Morgan County and the hard work of all involved should be a point of pride for our community," Puckett said in a statement to media.

"As sheriff, I (will be) committed to creating an environment where the sheriff's department contributes to the success and positive reputation of Morgan County."

Puckett said he's running for sheriff because, "I believe it is time to move beyond distraction and uncertainty to a time of dedicated service.

"Law enforcement is not a job and is not about titles, it is a calling. A calling to serve.

"I will continue my life's service by serving the people of this county with transparency and integrity."

Puckett has served as chief of the Hartselle Police Department for 12 years.

In his career, he has also served as a juvenile probation officer, patrolman and investigator.

"This diverse background in law enforcement will be invaluable in executing the duties of sheriff," he said.

Puckett is a graduate of Athens State University and holds an advanced degree in justice and public safety from Auburn University at Montgomery.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is a certified chief of police and law enforcement executive.

Puckett and wife Sharon Phillips Puckett have been married for 28 years. They have three children: daughter Elizabeth Puckett Chambers (husband Corey) and sons Bobby and Caleb.

The Pucketts are active members of Life Church in Hartselle.

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PETITION FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, ALABAMA

Petition for the Incorporation of the Town of Berlin, Alabama, filed and made Court record the 21st day of August, 2017, by Patrick Bates, by and through Attorney, Heath E. Meherg.

Notice of Compliance published for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. All interested parties were provided 30 days from the date of last publication within which to file a written objection to the application with the Judge of Probate. No objections were filed with the Judge of Probate and the Notice of Compliance was granted September 22, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, desiring that the unincorporated community become organized as a municipal corporation.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the territory which is proposed to be incorporated is within said County and State and has met the requirements by *Alabama Code* §11-41-1. Order of Election was granted the 21st day of December, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and therefore Notice of Election was granted the same, it is therefore ORDERED as follows:

ELECTION for INCORPORATION of the TOWN OF BERLIN, ALABAMA, SHALL BE HELD:
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Questions regarding the Berlin Incorporation Election Process contact the Cullman County Probate Office: 256-775-4811

Questions regarding Voter Status contact the Board of Registrars: 256-775-4750

Issues or problems that disrupt the Election Process contact the Sheriff's Office: 256-734-0342

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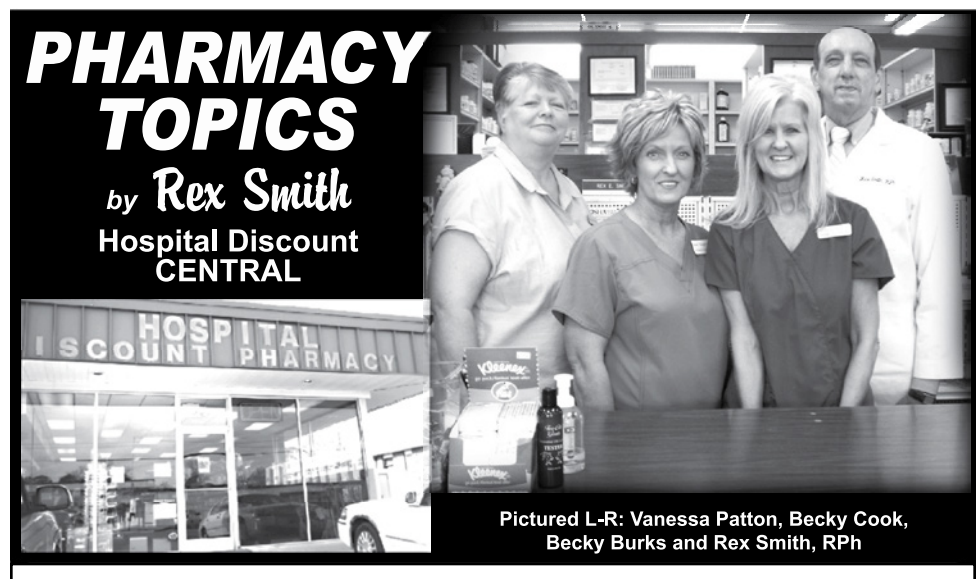
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PHARMACY TOPICS

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Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

Researchers are discovering that post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a significant risk factor in developing dementia. A new study, published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, discovered that taking certain antidepressants, tranquilizers, sedatives or antipsychotic medications significantly increased veterans' risks for developing dementia compared to the risks for veterans who didn't take such medications. Dementia is a memory problem that affects a person's ability to carry out usual tasks. Dementia is a leading cause of serious illness, disability and death. It often requires care in a nursing home or other long-term care facility for people aged 65 and older. Medicines that significantly increased dementia risk included selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). What's more, veterans who used serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) or benzodiazepines were also more likely to be diagnosed with dementia whether or not they had PTSD.

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Millions of times a year, Americans get prescriptions for a week's worth of steroid pills such as prednisone, hoping to ease a backache or quell a nagging cough or allergy symptoms. But a new study suggests that they and their doctors might want to pay a bit more attention to the potential side effects of this medication. People taking the pills were more likely to break a bone, develop a potentially dangerous blood clot or suffer a life-threatening bout of sepsis in the months after their treatment compared with similar adults who didn't use corticosteroids, researchers report in a new paper in *BMJ* (formerly The *British Medical Journal*). Though only a small percentage of both groups went to the hospital for these serious health threats, the higher rates seen among people who took steroids for even a few days are cause for caution and even concern, the researchers say.

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Tournament (from Front)

but Coach Morris doesn't expect that to be a burden for Bronco parents and volunteers, thanks to how the tournament rotates workers every night.

"We've got all our teachers and all our different volunteers that will help us but the way our county has done it for years is that all the schools will rotate a night," Morris said.

"So, it's not like all the Holly Pond people have to be there every single night. Every school will have a night so its kind of spread out, which we're in charge of the program; we have a lady that's doing that, we have to make sure the basketballs are there and all that good stuff, but yeah, being there every night would be a real headache if we had to do that, but we get to share that around. Other than that, being the host is not too bad."

Just down the road at Fairview High School, Coach Branch Whitlock and his team are gearing up for the County Tournament as well. Whitlock is keeping his team focused on playing one game at a time and sticking to its style of play despite some distractions from the weather and the upcoming tournament.

"You know for my team I don't think (the winter weather), you know, affects us a whole lot," Whitlock said.

"We get Hanceville first round and we've already played them, have seen them play multiple times, so we pretty much know what we've got with them.

"The thing that affects my team, in my mind, is we try to play up-tempo, we try to be the team that's in the best shape on the floor, rotate multiple guys and obviously based on our team that we have this year we depend a lot on our shooting.

"So, where it affects us the most is not being able to get in the gym and run up and down the floor and stay conditioned. Not being able to get in the gym and just get shots in, I think that's really what affects us because it doesn't really matter who we play, we're just going to try to do what we do and try to make people match up with us."

Whitlock isn't worried about the shake-up in the practice and game schedule affecting his team on the floor, but it will limit the Aggies' practice time leading up to their first-round game against the Hanceville Bulldogs on Jan.22.

"Whether it's weather or just having a week off due to scheduling, you know you just kind of deal with it as you go.

"It's just something that you kind of deal with," Whitlock said.

"We had expected to play Holly Pond on Tuesday and have multiple days off going into the County Tournament so as far as that goes it's not going to affect us a whole lot going into the tournament.

"This weather probably affects me more playing on Thursday than it does going into the tournament. We'll still have days to prepare; the problem that I run into is where I was going to have Holly Pond and five or six days to prepare for Hanceville and now I've got Holly Pond and three of four days to prepare for Hanceville.

"You know you try to prioritize which one is more important but at the same time you want to try to win every game, so I think going into this tournament that's kind of the deal as far as that goes this year."

Lady Aggies Head Coach Mary Hartline is dealing with the same issues and has a plan to keep her team focused and get the players prepared for the County Tournament.

Hartline's team secured the first seed in its bracket, so the Lady Aggies will have a little more prep time than most, but conditioning and rhythm is always a concern when weather delays happen.

"Well it's always difficult to have these off days and you know conditioning is important at this point in the season and it's a balance," Hartline said.

"At this point the girls are pretty much in shape but too many days off can get rid of that very, very quickly and plus just being out of school.

"The girls aren't on a stable schedule and that can be distracting for sure. This is the same for everybody but the more days we get off the more days we want off," Hartline joked.

"Of course, it definitely creates some problems, but I think the girls are focused, I'm focused, and we'll get in something at some point over this week and then hopefully it doesn't affect the County Tournament."

This is Hartline's fifth year coaching the Lady Aggies, so this isn't the first time that brutally cold weather has forced her to adjust the practice and game schedule.

She is hopeful that this year's tournament won't be impacted like it has been in years past.

"You know two years ago, I guess it was '15-'16, weather affected the County Tournament to where they actually had to carry it over into the next week," she said.

"That year we only had one or two games the week before area, which is so important to try and get over that County Tournament lull.

"There's an emotional high or low afterwards and we had to cancel those because the County Tournament carried over into the next week and that was my biggest concern is the week after the tournament. It definitely creates some problems, but all we can do is work the time we can work and be focused and do our absolute best because everyone is in the same boat."

Regardless of who you are pulling for to win the upcoming County Tournament, the team that makes the best adjustments to the weather may have an edge on the competition starting Jan. 20.

2018 Cullman County Basketball Tournament schedule
Jan. 20-27
Tom Drake Coliseum

Saturday, Jan. 20

1:00 - Ninth Grade Boys Game 1 - Holly Pond(4) v. Good Hope(5)

2:15 - JV Boys Game 1 - Hanceville(4) v. Vinemont(5)

3:30 - JV Girls Game 1 - Hanceville(4) v. Good Hope(5)

4:45 - JV Boys Game 2 - Fairview(3) v. Good Hope(6)

6:00 - JV Girls Game 2 - West Point(3) v. Holly Pond(6)

7:15 - JV Boys Game 3 - West Point(2) v. Cold Springs(7)

Monday, Jan. 22

5:00 - JV Boys Game 4 - Holly Pond(1) v. Hanceville(4) or Vinemont(5)

6:15 - Varsity Girls Game 1 - West Point(2) v. Vinemont(7)

7:30 - Varsity Boys Game 1 - Fairview(4) v. Hanceville(5)

Tuesday, Jan. 23

5:00 - JV Boys Game 5 - Winner of Game 2 v. Winner of Game 3

6:15 - Varsity Girls Game 2 - Cold Springs(3) v. Holly Pond(6)

7:30 - Varsity Boys Game 2 - Good Hope(3) v. Cold Springs(6)

Wednesday, Jan. 24

4:00 - Ninth Grade Boys Game 2 - Fairview(1) v. winner of Game 1

5:00 - Ninth Grade Boys Game 3 - Vinemont(3) v. West Point(2)

6:15 - Varsity Girls Game 3 - Hanceville(4) v. Good Hope(5)

7:30 - Varsity Boys Game 3 - West Point(2) v. Vinemont(7)

Thursday, Jan. 25

5:00 - JV Girls Game 3 - Cold Springs(1) v. Winner of Game 1

6:15 - Varsity Girls Game 4 - Fairview(1) v. Winner of Game 3

7:30 - Varsity Girls Game 5 - Winner of Game 1 v. Winner of Game 2

Friday, Jan. 26

5:00 - JV Girls Game 4 - Fairview(2) v. Winner of Game 3

6:15 - Varsity Boys Game 4 - Holly Pond(1) v. Winner of Game 1

7:30 - Varsity Boys Game 5 - Winner of Game 2 v. Winner of Game 3

Saturday, Jan. 27

1:00 - Ninth Grade Boys Championship Game - Winner of Game 2 v. Winner of Game 3

2:30 - JV Girls Championship Game - Winner Game 3 v. Winner of Game 4

4:00 - JV Boys Championship Game - Winner of Game 4 v. Winner of Game 5

5:30 - Varsity Girls Championship Game - Winner of Game 4 v. Winner of Game 5

7:00 - Varsity Boys Championship Game - Winner of Game 4 v. Winner of Game 5

Meeting (from Front)

age everyone to come out and be involved and learn about what's vgoing on in the community."

He shared a little with The Tribune about what is going on in the current legislative session:

"It's going okay. It's still kind of slow right now, but I would imagine after this week it'll really, really kick off.

"I think to see the federal government, what they have to do with the CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program, administered in Alabama as ALL Kids) program is going to make a big impact on what we do.

"You know, we're kind of at a wait-and-see point, and if they fully fund it, then we're going to be in good shape, but if not, you know, of course, we're going to have to take some steps to see what we can do to help protect the insurance for these children.

"So that's going to be one of the biggest things, in my opinion.

"And, again, we'll be looking at prison issues and the infrastructure, same thing as always.

"But right now, I would say one of the most important things will be what happens with that CHIP program."

Have you heard from Alabama's legislative delegation in Washington about CHIP?

"You know, from conversations I've had with other members, they feel like that it's going to be funded; so, you know, I don't know."

Alabama's legislative session began Jan. 9. For a list of some of the more prominent bills scheduled to come before the legislature early in the session, see: http://www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/01/02/upcoming-legislative-session-highlights.

At a glance
Community meeting with Rep. Corey Harbison, Sheriff Matt Gentry, Commissioner Garry Marchman and others.
Trimble Community Center, 7744 County Road 813
Monday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.
Dinner will be served.

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Local businesses undeterred by winter storm; Planet Fitness enjoys successful opening day

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Despite the storm and numerous closings, Planet Fitness Manager Corey Lee, pictured here on Wednesday, still saw a successful opening day on Tuesday.

CULLMAN – This week's winter storm has certainly had an effect on the Cullman area, but a ride around town on Wednesday showed that a surprising number of local business owners were unphased by all the hubbub.

Down in the Warehouse District and along First Avenue, some shops were closed, but the number of cars and OPEN signs attested to a "business as usual" attitude among owners and shoppers alike.

At Berkeley Bob's, which opened late in the morning, Andrea Allison told The Tribune, "Berkeley Bob's is doing great! We're just a little bit disappointed this morning, expecting a huge snowstorm that never came. And we were just looking at all the different stuff on Facebook, and thought nobody was in town; so we just wished we would've opened a little bit earlier. But we're glad we made it in, and we're glad Cullman seems to be hopping.

"It was just a little bit frustrating, as a business owner, to decide: do I open, do I not? Do I promote people on the road? But we're glad we're open now."

At the other end of the First Avenue retail district, Rumors and Karma's Coffee House were doing a brisk business. Rumors owner Annette Harris shared, "It's been good . . . I got Katie (Fine, owner of Karma's) on the phone, and she was going to come in. We kind of work together, and what I'm going to do--we try to do the same things. So I called Katie and said, 'Let's do it!' And I'm glad we did; she was steady this morning, and we've been steady so far. So I just want everybody to know that we're here and we're open. Yeah, it's really cold outside, but once you get where you're going, it's not bad. The roads are good.

"You know, we've got lots of soup! I made extra today: I made four kinds. So yeah, it's good, and we're good to go the rest of the week.

Both Rumors and Berkeley Bob's will observe normal hours from Thursday on.

Driving down U.S. Highway 31 through town, one saw many businesses open and showing little effect from the weather, though parking lots were generally not as crowded with cars.

Toward the south end of town, Planet Fitness was enjoying a busy second day after its official opening on Tuesday. Clients whose businesses or schools were shut down for the day came out to help break in the new health and fitness facility, which features cardio training equipment, strength training, two training circuits, tanning and hydro massage beds, massage chairs, locker rooms and showers.

Manager Corey Lee shared, "It was great! The city's been great; the community was very welcoming. Everybody's loving it; nothing but smiles!"

A note on Rumors

Harris reported that some people are under the impression that Rumors has moved. That change of venue will not take place until mid to late February. The restaurant is still operating in its original location until then.

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Community Notes

Bonsai for the Beginner, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m.
What: Bonsai for the Beginner with Dr. Bob Wendorf
When: Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Where: Cullman County Extension Office, 402 Arnold St. NE (basement)

This is a regular Master Gardener meeting, but the public is encouraged to come to attend this free event.For directions or for more information, call 256-737-9386 or visit www.aces.edu/counties/Cullman.

Cullman Regional hosting 'New Year, New You' seminar, Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Chances are at some time in your life you've made a New Year's resolution – and then broken it. This year, stop the cycle of resolving to make a change and then not following through.

Join Bridgett McKoy, fitness manager, and Leeann Plank, therapy services manager, as they share information about getting fit in the New Year.

They will discuss general fitness, the importance of keeping in motion, normal activity levels and the best places for fitness.

They will also talk about therapy services offered here at Cullman Regional to keep you at your best.

The New Year, New You seminar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 Alabama Highway 157). Cost of this lunch and learn program is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others.

To reserve your spot, register online at www.cullmanregional.com or call 256-735-5600.

Submitted by Mary Beth Sellers

Backyard Dairy Cow-Heritage Skills, Jan. 18, 6 p.m.
Learn from local backyard dairy farmers Devon and Corrinna Erret on how to raise and care for a dairy cow. Sponsored by Alabama Bicentennial Community grant and Cullman Farm-City. $5 per person. Register at www.agriplex.org. 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman
Submitted by Rachel Dawsey

Mae's Comedy Night - Dusty Slay, Jan. 18, 7-11 p.m.
Hit up the inaugural "Mae's Comedy Night" with comedian Dusty Slay and special guest Hannah Hogan. Straight off his appearance on Jimmy Kimmel (check it out here http://bit.ly/2lX9YnN), Dusty Slay is hitting the road to Mae's Food Hall Jan. 18 @ 7 p.m. Mature content - 18+ up suggested.
Invite your friends to this event page for a chance at a pair of VIP seats and free drink tickets!

Mae's Food Hall, 110 First Ave. NE

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Annual State of the State Community Luncheon, Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's annual State of the State Community Luncheon is set for Friday, Jan. 19 at the All Steak Restaurant. The event will be in the banquet room from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The luncheon will feature updates from Montgomery from Cullman's state legislative delegation:
• Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman
• Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
• Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope
• Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle

Tickets for the luncheon, which is presented by Shirley Quattlebaum – State Farm Insurance and sponsored by Weichert Realtors – Carter & Company, are $15 for Chamber members and $20 for future members.

Contact the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org to reserve your seat.

All Steak Restaurant, 323 Third Ave. SE

Peinhardt Homesteaders: Tapping for Syrup, Jan. 21, 2-4 p.m.
Our first meeting of the year! Come by and reconnect with friends and neighbors and learn (or be reminded) about tapping for maple syrup!

The topic is back by popular demand, and we have a pro this year all the way from Old Maple Farms~Kentucky! www.facebook.com/OldMapleFarms/ (Father of our new members Dale and Mindy Nickel)

Come learn about tapping trees for syrup..for fun and profit!

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church singing, Jan. 21, 6 p.m.
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will be having its regular third Sunday night singing on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. with "One Accord." The church is located by U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles East of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-4468.

History of Cotton in Alabama, Jan. 28, 2 p.m.
History of Cotton in Alabama with Chris Craft, Alabama Boll Weevil Eradication Project: Sponsored by the Cullman Historical Society and the North Alabama Agriplex. Free program, no registration. 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman
Submitted by Rachel Dawsey

Peinhardt Living History Farm, 1704 Tally Ho St. NW
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Chamber's January Morning Blend, Jan. 31, 8-9 a.m.
Come join the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 31 for delicious coffee and great discussion at our Morning Blend, held every third Wednesday of each month from 8-9 a.m. at Rumors Deli in the Warehouse District.

The Chamber staff welcomes members and visitors to attend this free event.

Cullman Regional Wellness Manager Amanda Satterfield will lead the discussion on January's topic: 10 Healthy Ways to Improve Your Office Lifestyle.

Coffee will be provided by Presenting Sponsor Karma's Coffee House. January's sponsor is Anytime Fitness.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org.

Rumors Deli, 105 First Ave. NE
Submitted by Rob Ketcham

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
FLORA GLASSCOCK,
DECEASED.

CASE NUMBER: PC2018-003

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Diane Pentecost
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Robert S Glasscock
ROBERT GLASSCOCK

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To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 18 - 20

Leonard Lavon Hayes, age 58 of Holly Pond, passed away at his residence Friday evening January 12, 2018. Mr. Hays was born in Mobile, Alabama to his parents Jimmy Hayes and Alice E. Howell. He worked as a shipfitter. Mr. Hayes was predeceased by his father, Jimmy Hayes, wife Linda Phillips and brother David Hayes. He is survived by daughters, Amanda Oropallo of Chicago, Illinois, Angela Shavon Hayes and Branda Hayes of Mobile Alabama; brothers Billy Ray Hayes, Jimmy Eugene Hayes and Mitchell Gregory (Jennifer) Hayes; sisters Glendean Harris, Deborah (Claude) Webb, Alice Renée (Tim) Hayes; granddaughter Alla Hayes. Complete arrangement will be updated as soon as that information is made available.

Funeral services for Mr. Trent Lee Parrish, 28 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is directing. Mr. Parrish was born on October 30, 1989; and passed away on January 14, 2018 at U.A.B. Hospital. Preceded in death by father, Billy Parrish; Grandfather Joe Willingham; and Grandmother Jewel Parrish Andrews. Survivors include Wife – Danielle Parrish; Mother – Linda Parrish; Father – Billy Tipton; Son – Dillyn Richter; Grandmother - Violet Willingham; Sister – Sky Tipton; 2 – Brothers – Mason Tipton & Dillion Dauzat; Best Friends – Chuck & Leana Richter and children, Lola, Zoey & Kiara; and a Host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces & Nephews and other family and friends. Visitation will begin on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Margaret Ellen Huckeba of Cullman passed away on January 13, 2018 at her residence at the age of 68. She was born in Denver Colorado on June 2, 1949 to Walter and Audrey Peck Firestone. She is preceded in death by her parents and a son Dennis Michael Huckeba Jr. Funeral services will be in Thursday January 18, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Survivors are: daughter Lorraine (Dewite) Preston of Ardmore Alabama, sons Kenneth (Stephanie) Estes of Tuscaloosa Alabama, Michael Estes of Kerrville Texas, Leland Estes of Columbus Georgia, Christopher Huckeba of Cullman Alabama, sister Cathy Firestone-Bousquet of Klamath Falls Oregon, brother David Firestone of Fairfax Virginia and 10 grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral Service for Mary "Marie" Moore, age 69 of Holly Pond, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pastors Tim Collier and Charlie Alldredge officiating. Burial will follow at Brooklyn Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Moore passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born January 24, 1948 to her parents Milton and Betty Lambert. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Frank Moore, children; Frankie (Connie) Moore and Tammy (Tim) Collier, grandchildren; Skylar (Josh) York, Savannah (Wesley) Nunnelley, and Kendra (Hunter) Townson, great grandchildren; Hagen York, Emersyn York, and Stetson Townson, and brother, Johnny (Lynn) Lambert.

Funeral services for Erfred "Sonny" Richardson Jr., 78, of Hanceville, will be at noon Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with burial in Tuscaloosa Memorial Park on Friday. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Richardson passed away Sunday, January 14, at Hanceville Nursing Home. He was born January 21, 1939, to Erfred and Anita Richardson Sr. He received his BS in Engineering at the University of Alabama, his MS in Engineering from Defense Systems Management College, Washington D.C., and held several engineering and management positions, including U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, General Engineer for PERSHING Missile System 1967-1986, Chief Engineer, PERSHING Missile System 1986-1988, Theatre High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) System Project Engineer, 1989-1994. After retiring to Smith Lake in Cullman, he enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. Mr. Richardson knew and had a special relationship with Jesus Christ. He was a member of Paul Levering's Sunday School class at Cullman First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Richardson; children, Sandy Lee and Charles (Meghan) Hollis; grandchildren, Ellie Hollis and Jeffrey Lee; and sisters, Sara Ann Banks and Anita Jean Bryce. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mr. Ted L. Mack, 88 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Rev's Floyd Bradford and Wade Maynard officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Mack passed away January 15, 2018 at Woodland Health Care. As a retired foreman at Forest Ingram Feed Mill and Member of St. John's Church for most of his life, he enjoyed a long life with family and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Walter & Ruby Lange Mack; his wife, Mary Ann Mack; brother, Jack Mack. Survivors include his son, Ted Allen Mack; daughters, Debra Mack (Richard) Chambers, Gwen Mack (Eric) Segars; nine grandchildren Katie (Mike) Kruger, Josh (Lauren) James, Levi Segars, Hattie Segars, Katherine Segars, Monica Mack Burden, Melissa Mack, Makenzie Mack & Mason Mack; 10 great-grandchildren Kennedy, Frankie Kate, Anna Presley, Sterling, Braden, Adeline, Braxton, Lincoln, Tucker & Carter; family and friends. Visitation will begin on Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ruth Reichwein passed away on January 14, 2018 at the age of 80. Ruth was born in Cullman, AL on February 16,1937 to Albert Reichwein and Elfie (Livingston) Reichwein. She graduated from Cullman High School, and then University of Alabama Tuscaloosa with a degree in accounting. She worked for many years as a CPA and private accountant in the Birmingham area and retired as a Vice President from Floors, Inc. She served on the board of directors for St Anne's Home, and was an active Master Gardner and member of the Birmingham Fern Society and the Horticulture Study Club, and volunteer at Aldridge Botanical Gardens and Birmingham Botanical Gardens for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by many cousins including Linda Hale (Huntsville), Nancy Reichwein (Cullman), and Walter Reichwein (Cullman). Funeral services will be on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Moss Funeral Home on Saturday from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on February 12th, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-21 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 21

TO VACATE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Cullman is the owner of a 50 foot right-of-way located adjacent to 1816 Teakwood Drive SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.
2. The Cullman City Council finds and determines that this property is not needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes and hereby vacates the property and declares it surplus.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell this property for its fair market value.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

/s/ Wesley M. Moore – Cullman City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 22

TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 62-517 of Division 2 Loft Apartments is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 62-517. Approved as secondary use in business zoning districts.

In all business zoning districts: B-1, B-2, B-3, and CBD – apartments, loft apartments, efficiency apartments, and similar residential occupancies may be constructed in new and existing business occupancies as a secondary use. All such uses must be approved by the planning commission under rules established by the board. These occupancies shall also strictly comply with all building and fire protection related codes in their construction. The primary use of all commercial buildings located in the B-1, B-2, B-3, and CBD zoning districts shall be those uses listed as permitted uses and conditional uses in the zoning district in which the property is located. The ground floor of the structure must be used for business or commercial purposes and not residential use. Spaces above the first floor may be either business or residential use subject to compliance with all adopted codes and ordinances.

2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

/s/ Wesley M. Moore – Cullman City Clerk

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2017-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF AMIL G. STERCHO, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Sieglinde A. Heatherly on the 5th day of January, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sieglinde A. Heatherly
Personal Representative

To the publisher of Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE ESTATE OF)
CHARLES M. MOORE) CASE NO.: PC2017-326
Deceased)

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of January, 2018, 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.

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Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHRISTOPHER JAMES GARRETT,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2017-900363.00**

WENDY MARIE GARRETT,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Wendy Marie Garrett, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Christopher James Garrett Complaint for Divorce by March 5, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900363.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 3rd day of January, 2018.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
STUART MOORE
101 FIRST AV NE, SUITE 130
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SAMANTHA EDWARDS,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2017-900304.00**

HENRY SMALL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Henry Small, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Samantha Edwards' Complaint for Divorce by March 5, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-900304.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of January, 2018.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
STUART MOORE
101 FIRST AV NE, SUITE 130
CULLMAN, AL 35055

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Faye Nell Smith An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for M&F Bank its successor and assigns dated February 28, 2013; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1701, Page 71, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to PNC Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 322, Page 390 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 7th day of February, 2018 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lots 1 and 2 of First Addition to Leighwood Acres Subdivision to the City of Cullman, Alabama, as indicated by the plat recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Plat Book 6, Page 91.

Said property is commonly known as 600 Glenn DR NW, Cullman, AL 35055. 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 Faye Nell Smith or tenant(s).
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