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Sequence Health cuts ribbon on new medical call center in Cullman



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CULLMAN – On Wednesday afternoon, the Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) welcomed Sequence Health to the area, as the company officially opened its new 15,000-square-foot medical call center at 1535 County Road 222. Sequence joins Topre America, North Alabama Fabricating, and Advanced Heat Treat Corporation in Cullman's Industrial Park III.

Sequence Health describes itself as "a performance-optimizing technology and services company empowering healthcare organizations to bridge the communication, education, and outcomes gaps within the patient-provider relationship. We equip clients to acquire, manage and retain patients and realize optimal results throughout the patient experience."

In Oct. 2016, Sequence Health moved its call center from Atlanta to Hanceville, temporarily locating at Wallace State Community College (WSCC), which provided an incubator site to get the local center running while the new facility was being built. The company moved into the industrial park location in Dec. 2017.

In announcing the move to the company, Sequence Health Medical Call Center Director Shedrick Hunter wrote, "With a lot of hard work from many members of our Medical Call Center team, it was a very smooth experience. Thank you to all for the effort, high spirits, and willingness to jump in and be self-sufficient when needed! . . . No detail was overlooked in our vision for the ultimate medical call center facility. Staffed both by seasoned experts from our old Atlanta call center and new recruits from Cullman and Wallace State, we're more positioned than ever to deliver our best-in-class outsourced healthcare call center services." For the full announcement, see https://sequencehealth.com/blog/call-center-move.

Sequence Health's new call center is set up for a staff of 121, including regular representatives plus medical professionals who can talk with callers about conditions and symptoms, help determine the urgency of treatment, and get callers connected to physicians. The service is not just local; the call center serves customers across the nation. The company's specialties include bariatrics, orthopedics, and obstetrics/gynecology. According to Hunter, the building was designed for future expansion, so the number of employees is intended to rise.

After the ribbon cutting, Sequence Health CEO John Richmond spoke to The Tribune about the decision to relocate the call center from Atlanta to Cullman.

"I think it was two things: it was really the quality and the caliber of the people here--we've been really, really impressed with the caliber of the workforce, to be able to recruit. They have all the professional skills to work, and have all the people skills that are a really good match for our organization and the needs of our call center.

"And secondly, really, it was just the community environment and teamwork that was demonstrated by everybody from the city leaders, business leaders, the state level; all came together to make it a very attractive place (and) destination for us, where we knew that there would be a long-term partnership."

Inside the call center, Hunter added, "We looked at Cullman, » PAGE 4

2nd victim ID'd in Saturday's fatal head-on collision

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BUG TUSSLE – Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick on Wednesday released the name of the second victim of Saturday night's fatal head-on collision in Cullman County. Julia H. Horn, 60, of Pinson was pronounced dead at the scene. Horn's identification was delayed because her vehicle was engulfed in flames after the violent crash.

The other victim, named on Sunday, was identified as Kevin William Crotty, 32, of Hanceville.

The wreck happened in the 16000 block of Highway 69 South, south of Bug Tussle, at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27.

According to Alabama State Troopers, Crotty was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Impala and Horn was driving a 2005 GMC Yukon Denali.

Troopers said the Impala crossed the center line and struck the Denali head on, resulting in the Denali being engulfed in flames. Crotty, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was also pronounced dead at the scene.

Crews from the Cold Springs and Arkadelphia Volunteer Fire Departments responded, along with Cullman EMS and Troopers.

OPIOIDS IN ALABAMA

Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council issues report

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MONTGOMERY – On Jan. 24, Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall, State Mental Health Commissioner Lynn Beshear, and Acting State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris released the findings of the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, including a list of recommended ac- » PAGE 4

West Point sweeps 2018 Cullman Co. Scholar's Bowl Tournament

3 schools qualify for state middle school competition

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Last week was a busy one for scholars' bowl teams in Cullman County, with tournaments on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, that continued West Point High School's six-year streak of dominance and sent three area middle schools to the state tournament.

Cullman County Schools Tournament at Wallace State

When Cullman County Schools were finally able to hold their scholars' bowl tournament at Wallace State, after winter weather canceled the first attempt in December, West Point came out the big winner, taking first-place honors in both team and individual results at high school and middle school levels.

Christine O'Leary, who oversaw the tournament for Wallace State, named Will Parker, Tom Parker and Kohan Lovett, all from West Point; along with R.J. Bynum of Good Hope to the High School All-Tournament Team. To the Middle School All-Tournament Team, she named Carter Duke of West Point, Manisha Adams and Caden Hamby from Hanceville, » PAGE 5



WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL

West Point High School posted this photo of its team to the school's Twitter page, with a note that the team has won the county tournament for six years and is 36-0 in tournament competition since 2012.

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Cullman Regional receives ACC Heart Failure Accreditation

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CULLMAN – The American College of Cardiology (ACC) awarded Cullman Regional Heart Failure Accreditation in January, based on "rigorous onsite review of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients with heart failure through pre-hospital care, early stabilization, acute care, transitional care, clinical quality measures and more," according to a media release from the hospital.

Heart failure is a condition where the heart is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's needs for blood and oxygen. "Hospitals that employ an evidence-based, protocol-driven and systematic approach to managing heart failure have been able to reduce time to treatment, and are able to identify and predict high-risk patients while also reducing length-of-stay and hospital readmissions."

"ACC Accreditation Services is proud to bestow Heart Failure Accreditation on Cullman Regional," said Abraham Joseph, vice president of ACC Accreditation Services. "We commend Cullman Regional for its demonstrated leadership and commitment to providing the Cullman Area and surrounding region with excellent care of heart failure patients."

Hospitals receiving Heart Failure Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care, developing an action plan; a rigorous onsite review; and monitoring for sustained success.

Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing of guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the precise care of heart failure patients. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education, improved patient outcomes, and more effective and efficient disease control.

"We are excited to have our cardiovascular team's efforts recognized for excellence," James Clements, Cullman Regional CEO said.

"Not only does our staff provide quality care for heart failure patients in the hospital, but we've made it a priority to help educate these patients on how to manage their symptoms in order to reduce the need for them to be admitted to the hospital for care."

Cullman Regional is a licensed and accredited 145-bed facility which serves more than 175,000 people. Over the past three years, Cullman Regional has received three accreditation recognitions from the American College of Cardiology including Chest Pain Accreditation, Cath Lab Accreditation (first in the State of Alabama and second in the nation) and now Heart Failure Accreditation. This dedication to continuous improvement of heart care proves Cullman Regional's commitment to providing the highest quality heart care to their patients.

The ACC and American Heart Association are collaborating to offer U.S. hospitals like Cullman Regional access to a comprehensive suite of co-branded cardiac accreditation services designed to optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance. These services are focused on all aspects of cardiac care, including heart failure.

For more information about ACC Accreditation Services, visit accreditation.acc.org, or call toll-free 1-877-271-4176.

Arrest reports: Jan. 29-30

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Jan. 29-30. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

MONDAY, JAN. 29
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Brock, Bobbie Jo, 45
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Fulks, Jason Robert, 47
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Goble, Calvin Couledge, 45
• failure to appear- aggravated child abuse

Heatherly, Raymond Christopher, 42
• public intoxication

Martin, Denzil Benjamin, 38
• third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal trespassing

Mathis, Alan Bradley, 38
• public intoxication

McCulloch, Joshua Connor, 18
• failure to appear- unauthorized use of a vehicle

Moore, Jessica Sheree, 35
• failure to appear- driver's license not in possession

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Burks, Steven A., 42
• failure to appear- driving while revoked

Steele, Jacob W., 27
• failure to appear- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Anken, Jeremy E., 38
• public intoxication

Dunaway, Lee M., 37
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Johnson, Kelley S., 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Theodore V. Jr., 30
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Boyd, Lucas A., 30
• failure to appear- violation of nuisance order (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Barnes, Justin Tyler, 26
• failure to appear- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bearden, Kristie, 46
• drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Bloxson, Ila Ruth, 49
• failure to appear- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Campell, Brett Allen, 18
• failure to appear- driving while suspended (2 counts)

Dame, Tiny Jay, 45
• harassment

Dunn, Tamra Nichole, 34
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana for personal use

Grimes, Andrew James, 28
• failure to appear- boating without a license
• failure to appear- IPA illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

Gulledge, Cody Adam, 30
• failure to appear- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jenkins, Donald Earl II, 19
• failure to appear- third-degree domestic violence harassment (2 counts)

Johnson, Dan Lee, 40
• drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jones, Scottie Cain, 43
• tag light required (2 counts)
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lewter, Christopher Shane, 40
• drug court sanction- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

McAlpin, John Burt, 50
• failure to appear- third-degree domestic violence harassment

McKenzie, Theresa Angelica, 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Miller, Felecia Ann, 47
• harassment

Pitts, Adam Dale, 38
• second-degree criminal trespassing
• unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Sanders, Colton Joe, 25
• drug court sanction- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Speegle, Auburn Justin, 33
• writ of arrest- child support

Stewart, George Donald, 63
• judge's order- possession of drug paraphernalia
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Tupper, Isaac Edward, 53
• failure to appear- driving while revoked

Wright, Edward Lynn, 53
• first-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Couch, Brandon S. 32
• failure to appear- driving while revoked
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

McKenzie, Theresa A., 22
• failure to appear- expired tag

Tanner, Denise A., 23
• identity theft
• fraudulent use of a credit/debit card

McClintock, Joshua K., 21
• first-degree possession of a forged instrument
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Boone, Timothy A., 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• failure to appear- expired tag
• failure to appear- following too close
• failure to appear- insurance violation (2 counts)
• failure to appear- driving while suspended
• failure to appear- speeding
• failure to appear- failure to register a vehicle

Boone, Katrina S., 21
• first-degree possession of a forged instrument
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Barnes, Justin T., 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Heather D., 21
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Reid, Jason M., 38
• failure to appear- insurance violation
• failure to appear- switched tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

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CCCDC awards almost $180K in grants

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) met Monday night for the first time this year, awarding almost $180,000 in grants to a variety of community organizations.

Grants were awarded to:

- Bremen Volunteer Fire Department- $12,000 for turn-out gear
- West Point Middle School- $12,000 for a mobile lab
- Walter Volunteer Fire Department- $12,000 for six sets of gear
- Good Samaritan Health Clinic- $12,000 for medical supplies
- First Source for Women- $12,000 for supplies for its mobile unit
- Simcoe Community Center- $12,000 to renovate the center, which is a voting place
- Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department- $11,773.09 for seven hand-held radios
- United Way of Cullman County- $12,000 to fund local agencies
- Saving Forgotten Warriors- $12,000 for its food voucher program and to upgrade lawnmowing equipment
- Battleground Volunteer Fire Department- $12,000 for eight sets of firefighting gear
- West Point High School- $10,000 for special education Chromebooks
- Cullman High School- $50,000 for renovations to the gymnasium to meet current ADA guidelines*

Grant requests declined:

- Oktoberfest Committee- $12,000 for Oktoberfest funding
- Hope Horses, Inc.- $12,000 to replace a gate and perimeter fencing
- Cullman County Parks and Recreation- $12,000 for fencing to prevent vandalism
- Cullman County Mental Health- $12,000 to increase treatment capacity
- Cullman Caring for Kids- $10,000 for TV, radio and newspaper ads, etc. to raise community awareness
- Life that Counts- $12,000 for salaries (possible use)
- Vinemont High School- $10,000 for a new bell and intercom system
- Logan Preservation Foundation- $12,000 for a security fence for Old Logan School

A request for $12,000 from Carpenter's Cabinet, a food bank in Holly Pond, to create a kitchen was tabled.

CCCDC board members are appointed by Alabama state legislators.

Board members are:

- Jamie Speakman- appointed by Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman
- Bradley Williams- appointed by Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope
- Acting Chairman Joe Golden- appointed by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview
- Josh Speakman- Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle

*Funding for CCCDC grants comes from taxes-Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in lieu of taxes and beer taxes. Grants are capped at $12,000 and are not issued for more than that amount except under extraordinary circumstances, which must be approved by the legislators. The $50,000 grant awarded tonight to Cullman High School (District 12) falls under that category. Other $50,000 grants awarded in the last year include those for the Hanceville High School and Fairview High School (District 11) track renovations and the West Point High School (District 9) track renovation.

The CCCDC strives to maintain a $100,000 reserve fund, as advised by the legislators. To learn more or to submit a grant application, visit http://co.cullman.al.us/cccdc/cccdc.html. The next meeting will be in May.





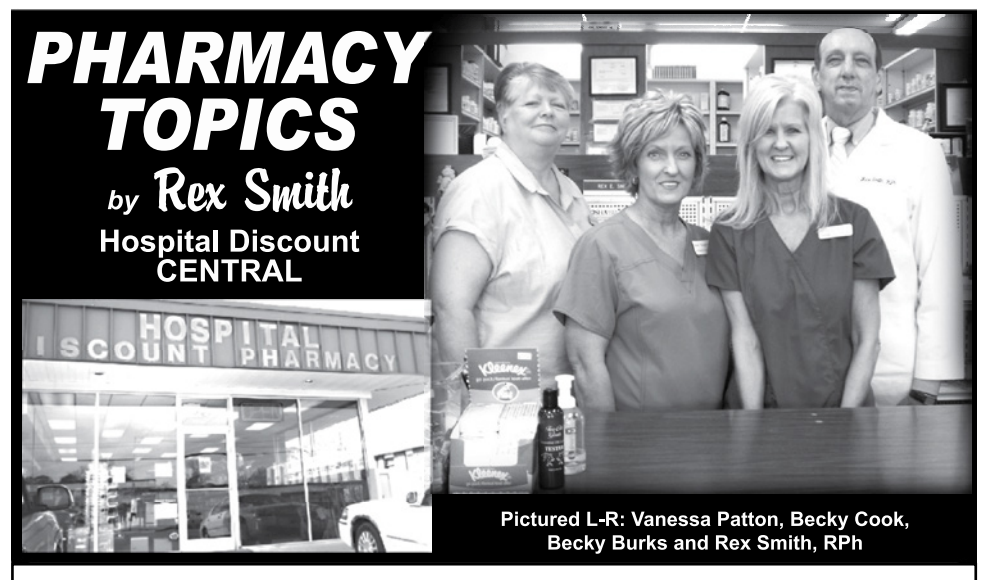
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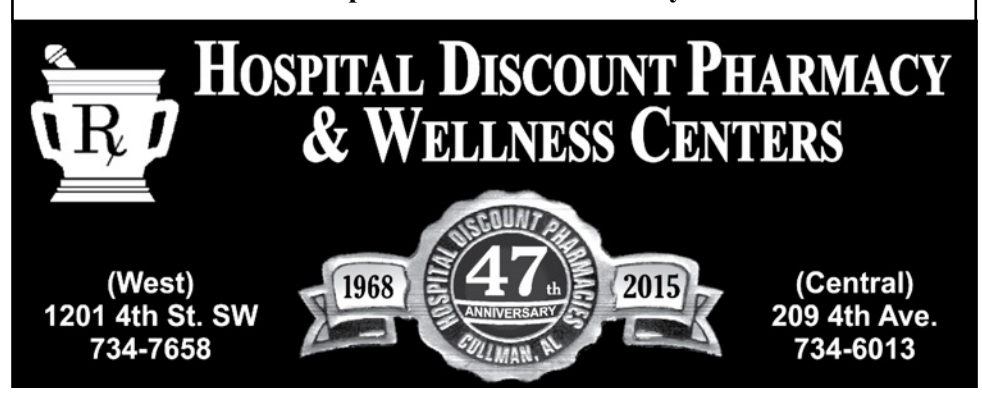
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Endari (L-glutamine oral powder) for patients age five years and older with sickle-cell disease to reduce severe complications associated with the blood disorder. Endari is the first treatment approved for patients with sickle-cell disease in almost 20 years. Until now, only one other drug was approved for patients living with this serious, debilitating condition. Sickle-cell disease is in inherited blood disorder in which the red blood cells are abnormally shaped (in a crescent, or "sickle," shape). This restricts the flow in blood vessels and limits oxygen delivery to the body's tissues, leading to severe pain and organ damage. According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately 100,000 people in the United States have sickle cell disease. The disease occurs most often in African-Americans, Latinos and other minority groups. The average life expectancy for patients with sickle-cell disease in the United States is approximately 40 to 60 years.

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The use of medications to treat attention-deficient hyperactivity disorder is linked to significantly lower risk for substance-use problems in adolescents and adults with ADHD, according to a new report in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. The majority of the ADHD medicines used by people in the study were stimulants such as Adderall, an amphetamine and Ritalin or methylphenidate. A significantly smaller number used nonstimulant ADHD medication such as Strattera or atomoxetine. The risk of substance use problems during periods of medication use was 35 percent lower in men and 31 percent lower in women in the study.

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Sacred Heart 2nd graders visit Cullman City Hall

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN – Ms. Grey's and Ms. Arndt's second-grade classes from Sacred Heart Elementary School visited Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Cullman City Hall, where Jacobs spoke to the students about his job as mayor and answered the students' questions about city government and other community-related matters.

Each class then presented Jacobs a book of letters and a "quilt" made up of drawings of their favorite places in Cullman.

The quilts will be displayed at city hall for everyone to enjoy.

The students also performed a song for the mayor about living in a community.

Afterward, they took a tour of the mayor's office.

We enjoyed having Ms. Grey's and Ms. Arndt's second grade classes visit today and appreciate their enthusiasm about learning more about the mayor and about local government.



LEANNE WEST

Pictured is Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs with Ms. Grey's second-grade class from Sacred Heart.

Center (from Front)

as well as the Wallace State Community College; and they had a (curriculum) structure that was set up for, I believe, medical.

"And that was kind of something we're interested in, to try and get representatives who had that background or that skill set, and so we thought that this would be a great place to be, along with some proposals that were presented to us to relocate the center."

Of the partnership with WSCC, Hunter said, "Oh my God, it's been wonderful! We have hired thus far, I believe, three full-time nurses from the Wallace State pool. The productivity has just been phenomenal. It's just been an easy process for candidates.

"Even our regular call center representatives: we have good deal of them who have just transitioned right out of Wallace State into our workforce, so it's been a great partnership. (Wallace State President) Dr. (Vicki) Karolewics and her staff have been instrumental in making sure that we've been successful, so it's been great."

Richmond spoke highly of the 2016-17 incubator partnership between Sequence and WSCC, saying, "When we realized there was not an existing building that would meet our needs, we knew we needed to build a new facility.

"The only way we could do that was if there was an interim solution; and Dr. Karolewics and Wallace State stepped up and offered to us to occupy a full floor of Wallace State's Bailey Building.

"Without that sort of support, we would not be here today in Cullman.

"So we were actually working within the president's office right next door.

"So they were gracious hosts, helping us with IT and just every way you could possibly imagine. They were the best partners and the best hosts. We can't thank them enough for making it possible for us to be here in Cullman."

Hunter noted that Sequence is still currently hiring, saying, "We're always looking for employees who are energetic, trainable, teachable. It's a great company to work for, definitely able to expand your knowledge and your horizon, as it relates to patient care."

Richmond concluded with compliments to the Cullman area's workforce and leaders. "We could not be more impressed and happy about the workforce that we've been able to attract so far. We've seen, since we moved from Atlanta to Cullman--which was about 15 months ago--we've seen a nice improvement in the quality of our service. And I also want people from Cullman to know that they have, when it comes from the leadership of the city, that they are in good hands. Their ability to creatively solve problems and work together as a team to bring business to the community is second to none, and it's been really impressive to us as we've gone through this process and talked to many different cities across the Southeast."

For more information about the Sequence Health call center, including links to employment opportunities, visit https://sequencehealth.com/services/medical-call-center/.

Report (from Front)

tions the state can take to confront the opioid epidemic.

According to information from the U.S. Congressional Joint Economic Committee, Alabama saw a more than six-fold increase in opioid overdose deaths between 1999 and 2015 (the most recent year for which complete records are available), rising from fewer than one death per 100,000 population to just over six per 100,000. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Alabama leads the nation in opioid prescriptions and opioid over-prescription.

A sobering comparison of numbers:

• Alabama physicians wrote 5.8 million opioid prescriptions in 2015

• Alabama has 4.863 million citizens

That means that every man, woman and child (including the perfectly healthy ones) in Alabama could receive one prescription for opioid pain medication per year, and there would still be almost a million prescriptions left over. The opioid prescription rate in Alabama is 75 percent higher than the national rate. These numbers reflect only legal prescriptions, and do not account for the state's illicit drug trade, including improperly repurposed prescriptions, illegal mail order imports of foreign drugs and heroin use.

According to Executive Order 708 issued by Gov. Kay Ivey in August 2017, the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council was created specifically to "identify a focused set of strategies to reduce the number of deaths and other adverse consequences of the opioid crisis in Alabama." Read the executive order at https://ago.state.al.us/legacy/File-Exec%20Order%20708.

The following comes from the official announcement of the issuance of the council's strategic action plan.

"Families, healthcare professionals and government officials at every level seek real solutions concerning the impact the opioid crisis has on Alabamians," said Lynn Beshear, commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health. "The next step in our effort will convene the Implementation Team of the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, as well as quarterly meetings of the full Council to implement researched opportunities. We believe the work of the Council offers preventive strategies, intervention and treatment options, and a community response that addresses this dire need. Working together, it will require organized sustained engagement of citizens and government with healthcare professionals."

Acting State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "Opioid addiction and abuse is a tremendous problem that affects Alabama in many different ways. Our hospitals, schools, churches and prisons are all struggling to deal with the problems caused by addiction and by increasing numbers of opioid deaths. The comprehensive action plan the Council has developed includes improvements to the Alabama Prescription Drug Monitoring Program that make it easier for prescribers to identify opioid abuse and to motivate abusers to find help for themselves, their families and communities. We are encouraged that the Council has offered strategies that have the potential to reverse this crisis that affects so many Alabamians, and appreciate the input of so many individuals to find effective solutions."

"After working with the dedicated people who have given so much of their time and concern to this Council and its subcommittees, I am heartened that we can make progress to fight the terrible blight of opioid abuse in Alabama," said Attorney General Steve Marshall. "I want to thank Governor Ivey for bringing us together in a commitment to search for solutions and work toward implementing them. I have been proud to serve with Commissioner Beshear and Dr. Harris in this vital endeavor, and I am grateful to all the members of this Council and its subcommittees for their outstanding achievement in bringing forth these valuable recommendations."

The council's report presents a four-pronged action plan to address prevention of opioid misuse, intervention within the law enforcement and justice systems, treatment of those with opioid use disorders, and community response that engages the people of Alabama in finding solutions at a local level. Some of the major findings are summarized below:

PREVENTION

• Improve and modernize the Alabama Prescription Drug Monitoring Program so that it will be more user-friendly, and more prescribers will participate and be better informed; the governor is requested to support a legislative appropriation of $1.1 million to the Alabama Department of Public Health for this

• Strengthen prescription data and research capabilities and create a unique identifier for each individual patient

• Promote efforts to educate current and future prescribers, better implement current guidelines, adopt guidelines specific to opioid prescribing and impose mandatory opioid prescribing education

• Create a website and messaging campaign to reduce the stigma of opioid addiction; and implement an outreach program to teach young people the dangers and to avoid opioids

• Create a website and social media campaign to motivate opioid abusers to seek help and to effectively connect them and family members with ways to get help

• Create a partnership for the Alabama Department of Mental Health to provide training about addiction to law enforcement agencies and the judiciary

INTERVENTION

• Advocate legislation in the 2018 session to specifically prohibit trafficking in fentanyl and carfentanil, which is particularly important because vastly smaller amounts of these than other opioids can be deadly; for example, a lethal dose of fentanyl is 1000 times less than that of heroin, and the threshold amounts for the crimes of trafficking in fentanyl and carfentanil would better be measured in micrograms;

• As overdoses are 50 times greater for those leaving incarceration or other enforced abstinence, establish a process for the Department of Mental Health to reduce the stigma of medication assisted treatment, and begin a pilot program by the Department of Corrections in partnership with the Board of Pardons and Paroles to use naloxone, counseling and life skills to help released inmates remain drug free.

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

• Promote adequate funding for treatment services and recovery support

• Establish collaboration between the Department of Mental Health and recovery support providers to increase access

• Support creating two addiction medicine fellowships to train Alabama physicians to recognize and treat substance abuse

• Expand access and target effective treatment and prevention programs to areas where there is greater need

• Improve education of professionals through continuing education for licensing and expand post-secondary and graduate curriculums

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

• Increase access to naloxone and maintain a list of participating pharmacies

• Prioritize naloxone to law enforcement and for distribution in areas of greatest need

• Provide naloxone training for first responders

• Encourage prescribing naloxone for high-risk patients

• Have a Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America program in each judicial circuit and work toward having them at municipal levels

• Engage employers, businesses, higher education and private-sector in a network to get resources into communities

• Encourage having a Stepping Up Initiative in each county to work with the criminal justice system regarding incarceration of those with mental health problems

• Develop ways to provide service to veterans regarding opioid issues





Tournament (from Front)

and Tripp Taylor of Good Hope.

Following are the tournament results:
High School
- First Place - West point HS, with six wins and no losses
- Second Place - Good Hope HS, with five wins and one loss
- Third Place - Holly Pond HS, with four wins and two losses

High school individuals and point totals
- Will Parker, West Point - 280
- Tom Parker, West Point - 240
- Kohan Lovett, West Point - 240
- R.J. Bynum, Good Hope - 210
- Baylee Jennings, Vinemont - 140
- Seth Self, Holly Pond - 130
- Billy Ellis, West Point - 120
- Dakota Brunetti, Hanceville - 120
- Madalyn Williams, Good Hope - 110
- Zachary Reynolds, Holly Pond - 110

Middle School
- First Place - West Point MS, with eight wins and no losses
- Second Place - Hanceville MS, with seven wins and one loss
- Third Place - Good Hope MS, with six wins and two losses

Top scoring middle school individuals and point totals
- Carter Duke, West Point - 430
- Manisha Adams, Hanceville - 290
- Caden Hamby, Hanceville - 260
- Tripp Taylor, Good Hope - 250
- Alana Nisley, Hanceville - 240
- Connor Nunn, Cold Springs - 200
- Adam McCluskey, Good Hope - 200
- Kelsey Campbell, Vinemont - 170
- Lydia Baker, Vinemont - 170
- Lauren Taylor, West Point - 160

In a message to The Tribune, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette wrote, "I am continually blown away by the great things that students and teachers from Cullman County are accomplishing. I am so impressed by the level of intelligence that our middle and high school students demonstrated at the scholars' bowl competition this past Friday. Furthermore, when I asked some of them about their future plans after high school, they are setting the bar very high for what they want to accomplish. I believe they all will reach those goals and more."

District Middle School Tournament at West Point

In the District Middle School Tournament on Saturday, 12 teams from around this part of the state came together at West Point to compete for berths in the State Tournament. The teams were divided into pools, with the top two in each pool advancing to State.



TOMMY DUKE

Cullman Middle School won its pool at the district middle school tournament and qualified for state competition. CMS Assistant Principal Tommy Duke posted this photo to Twitter with the caption "CMS Scholars Bowl goes undefeated today and qualifies for state! Great job!! I'm so proud of you and Mrs. Bama Turner for working so hard. @BamaTurner #ProudAdministrator."

Cullman Middle School took first place in its pool, followed by St. Bernard Prep School. West Point Middle School finished second in its pool, behind Arab Junior High School. All four teams will compete in Hoover on Feb. 24.

CMS team coach Bama Turner wrote to The Tribune, "The Cullman Middle School scholars' bowl team is composed of nine students: Forrest Calvert, Avery Drake, Sarah Flores, Jessie Godbee, Matthew Gossett, Emma Hart, Kaydence Johnson, Kirin Tisdale and Sawyer Trimble. All of these students participated in the regular weekly Cullman County Invitationals that were held at Wallace State College. They walked away from that five-week tournament undefeated with an 11-0 record.

"For the recent district tournament, only six students are allowed to participate but only four were available. The district team was made up of Avery Drake, Jessie Godbee, Matthew Gossett and Kirin Tisdale. A couple of rounds were very close and came down to the last question. They did an awesome job by winning every round of the tournament. I am very proud of these students. I have to give full credit to these students for all that they have achieved."

The District Junior Varsity Tournament will take place this Friday, Feb. 2 at Wallace State. Hanceville, Holly Pond, Vinemont and West Point will compete against 12 other teams.

The District High School Tournament will be at Wallace State on Friday, Feb. 9. Fairview, St. Bernard and West Point will compete against seven other teams in Division One. Cold Springs, Good Hope, Hanceville, Holly Pond and Vinemont will compete against six other teams.

State competitions for middle school and jr. varsity will take place at Hoover High School south of Birmingham. The middle school tournament will be Wednesday, Feb. 24 and the jr. varsity tournament will be on Saturday, Feb. 27. The high school tournament will be at Jefferson State Community College in Hoover on Apr. 13.

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2 area students graduate from Samford University; 13 named to dean's list

Philip Poole
Samford

BIRMINGHAM – Thirteen Cullman-area students were named to Samford University's dean's lists for the fall semester. Two area students received their degrees.

Samford University releases dean's lists after the close of the fall and spring semesters each academic year.

Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Samford University Cumberland School of Law Fall 2017 Dean's List
To qualify for the Cumberland School of Law dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 10 credit hours of coursework.

Area students receiving this recognition are:
- Nelson Johnson, of Arab
- Sarah Baldwin, of Oneonta
- Daniel Moss, of Vinemont

Samford University Fall 2017 Dean's List
To qualify for the Samford University dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

Area students receiving this recognition are:
- Alexandra Slagle, of Arab
- Jeri Cordell, of Arab
- Teresa MacBain, of Cullman
- Hollie Bennett, of Cullman
- John-Anthony Jimenez, of Hanceville
- Savanah Allred, of Hanceville
- Luke Smith, of Oneonta
- Susanna Smith, Oneonta
- Andrew Fillinger, of Vinemont
- Jacklyn Keller, of Vinemont

Samford University Fall 2017 Commencement
Two area students received their degrees from Samford University in the fall.
- Chad Summerford, of Falkville
- Ryan Whitlock, of Holly Pond

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Samford also fields 17 NCAA Division I teams that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference. www.samford.edu

Cullman's Nicholas Shugarts awarded Gold Stars for academic achievements at The Citadel

K. Keelor
The Citadel

CHARLESTON – Nicholas Shugarts, of Cullman, was awarded Gold Stars by The Citadel for achieving a 3.7 grade point average or higher for the 2017 fall semester. Cadets and students who achieve Gold Star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's Dean's List.

The Citadel with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women profoundly focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The 2,300 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military but about one-third of each class commission as officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Graduates have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since the college was founded in 1842. The Citadel Graduate College offers 26 graduate degree programs with 42 concentration options, 24 graduate certificate programs, and eight evening undergraduate programs, through an all-evening schedule with many courses now available online. The Citadel was named Best Public College in the South by for seven consecutive years, and #1 Best Public College for Veterans in the South for two consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report as well as Best Value out of all South Carolina colleges and universities by Forbes.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 1 - 4

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Eaves, age 76, passed away Monday, January 29, 2018 at Woodland Village Nursing Home. The family is planning memorial services for a later date. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Vanessa Lashae Swann, 29, are Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home; with interment in Garden City Cemetery. Visitation on Thursday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Miss Swann passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerome Swann and Betty Isbell Burdette. She is survived by her grandmother, Clara Swann; son, Zayden Horton, fiancé, Jarrell Horton; sister, Alexis Millican; brother, Elijah Swann and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral service for Donnie Paul Collins, Jr., age 38 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Keith Whitley officiating. Burial will be at Eidson Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Collins passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018 at his residence. He was born November 29, 1979 in Cullman, AL to his parents Donnie Collins, Sr. and Nina Hopper. He is preceded in death by his grandparents; Melvin Kelso, and Ivan and Mary Lou Collins. Survivors include his daughter, Hannah Collins, parents; Nina (Curtis) Hopper and Donnie (Theresa) Collins, Sr., sister, Kristin (Brandon) Talley, nephew, Xavier Sellers, grandmother, Nellie Kelso. Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 01, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Jimmy C. Denney, 77, of Walter will be held at 2 p.m. Friday February 2, 2018 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel; Wendell Peterson officiating. Interment will follow at Duck River Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Thursday evening from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Mr. Denney passed away on Tuesday January 30, 2018 at Hanceville Nursing & Rehab. He was born on August 9, 1940 in Cullman to Arthur & Mary Ross Denney and is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Matt Denney and three brothers. Survivors include his wife, Linda Denney; daughter, Cyndi Wimbs; granddaughter, Meagan Wimbs; and six sisters: Barbara (J.C.) Cornelius, Cheryl (Baldwin) East, Marty (Luke) Lindsey, Carolyn (Rick) Leigeber, Brenda (Richard) Rush and Liz Dunkin.

Funeral service for Velera Kinney will be Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church. Tim Kinney and David Stancil officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Mrs. Kinney passed away Monday, January 29. She was born November 7, 1923 to Luther and Bessie Wilkinson. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hershel Kinney, her parents, and her children Phil Kinney, Carrol Kinney, James Kinney and Phillis Bovey. She is survived by her grandchildren Katrina Bovey and Patricia Bovey, a brother Marlon Wilkinson, and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday at Enon Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JESSICA MOON,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2018-000008.00**

JAMES MOON,
Defendant

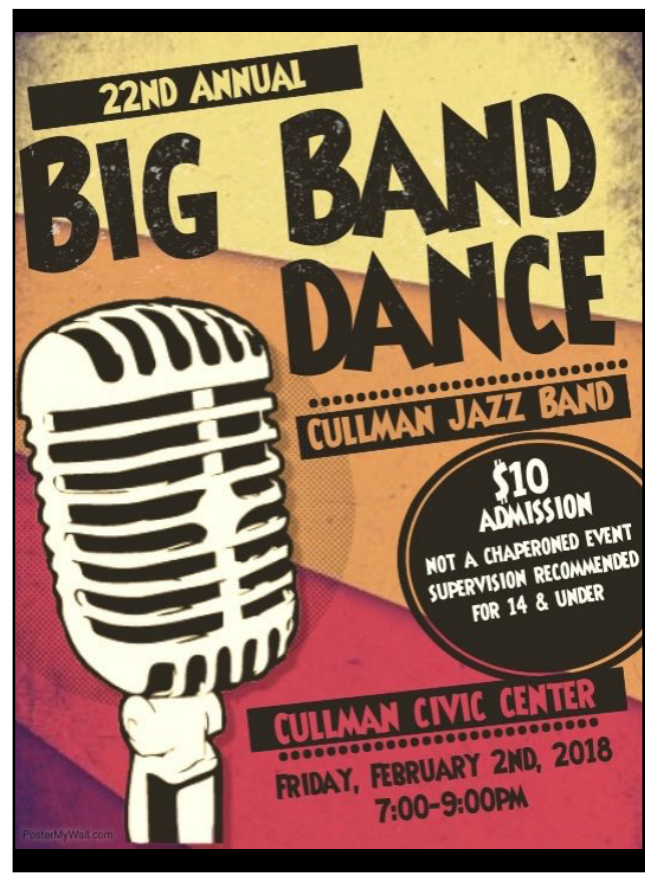
NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

James Moon, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jessica Moon's Complaint for Divorce by March 19, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-000008.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 12th day of January, 2018.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S:
JESSICA MOON
377 CO RD 438
CULLMAN, AL 35057



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
FLORA GLASSCOCK, CASE NUMBER: PC2018-003
DECEASED.

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
ROBERT GLASSCOCK

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representatives
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
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To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
LARRY D. MOON,) CASE NO.: PC2017-311
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration having been granted to **PATRICIA ANN MOON,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **LARRY D. MOON**, deceased, on the 22nd day of November, 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 22nd day of November, 2017.

Patricia Ann Moon
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
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TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
M.L.,
A Minor Child, 07/08/2000) CASE NO. JU 2000-411.06

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Mother, Louann Lawson, of M.L. born on or about 07/08/2000, respond to the Petition by the 8th day of March, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 25th day of January, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of Jan, 2018.
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
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NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

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Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 25th day of January, 2018.

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JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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Clerk of Circuit Court

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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
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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.

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Cullman FBC's Tom Richter, Chuck Johnston visit Judson College to kick off Christian Emphasis Week

Mary Amelia Taylor
Contributor

MARION – Judson College inaugurated its annual Christian Emphasis Week Tuesday with a Chapel service focused on trusting God. Cullman's Tom Richter, the week's featured speaker, stressed the importance of starting the three-day "week" by "brushing off our 'doctrine of God'" and beginning with a right understanding of the nature of God. Repeating 1 John 1:5, Richter said that understanding God's nature of goodness and purity "means you can trust Him one hundred percent."

"If we understood God for who He truly is–that God is Light–we would know His commands are His blessings, and His blessings are his commands," Richter said.

"God's not giving you some command to lay a heavy burden on you. To walk in obedience is to walk in His blessing. Because God is Light, He's not out to trick you. He's not out to harm you or play some game with your life. You can trust Him because He is Light, and in Him is no darkness."

Richter currently serves as the pastor of Cullman First Baptist Church. Before moving to Alabama, he served as pastor of New Hope Christian Church in Jamaica, Queens, New York for fourteen years.

Richter was a featured speaker at this year's Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions State Evangelism Conference.

Judson also welcomed members of the Board of Governors to campus Tuesday for the board's spring meeting, as well as Alabama Baptist pastors from across the state for a Pastors' Conference led by Richter in the afternoon. Chuck Johnston, worship pastor at Cullman First Baptist, led students in worship during the Chapel service.

Judson's annual event known as Christian Emphasis Week began at the request of a Judson student. During the 1943-1944 academic year, junior Mary Essie Stephens asked Judson President Dr. John Riddle if it might be possible to bring special guests to campus to encourage the college community in their spiritual growth.



MARY AMELIA TAYLOR

Cullman FBC Worship Pastor Chuck Johnston led music at Judson College's Christian Emphasis Week.



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Cullman FBC Pastor Tom Richter speaks to Judson College students at Judson's Christian Emphasis Week.

Riddle agreed. With the support of Judson's faculty and staff, Stephens planned Judson's first Religious Emphasis Week. Stephens graduated from Judson in 1945 and in 1954 entered what would become a 30-year career as executive director of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union (WMU).

For more information about this year's Christian Emphasis Week, contact Cynthia White at cwhite@judson.edu or 334-683-5249.

Sheriff's office to receive new K-9 unit and patrol vehicle with kennel

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MONTGOMERY – Six law enforcement agencies across north Alabama are set to receive upgraded equipment thanks to $144,000 in grants awarded by Gov. Kay Ivey. The governor's office said, "The grants will enable police and sheriff's departments to purchase vehicles, communications equipment and other items needed by officers and deputies during their patrols.

The Cullman County Commission has been awarded $24,000 for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) to purchase a new K-9 unit and patrol vehicle with kennel.

"We put in for it," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. "We've bought K-9s in the past, our drug K-9s, using grants.

"We'd already purchased one K-9, from the sheriff's office, from our funds, and we put in for this grant to purchase a K-9 vehicle and a K-9 for narcotics enforcement in the county. That's one of my top priorities is going after drug traffickers, distributers, any body using or selling drugs. So it was a good opportunity."

The grant will be matched with funds from the CCSO's budget.

The CCSO currently has four drug K-9s and one tracking K-9. This new K-9 will be used for narcotics detection.

"The brave men and women of our law enforcement agencies put their lives on the line to serve and protect our communities every day, and they need and deserve the proper equipment to carry out their duties," Ivey said. "I am pleased to help these agencies obtain the equipment they need to do their jobs effectively."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice. ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, economic development, water resource management, energy conservation and recreation development.

The following agencies were also awarded a $24,000 grant:

- Lauderdale County Commission for the sheriff's department to upgrade radio communication equipment in patrol vehicles.
- Lawrence County Commission for the sheriff's department to purchase Tasers, flashlights and police radios.
- Winston County Commission for the sheriff's office to equip patrol cars with laptop computers and purchase body cameras and winter wear for deputies.
- City of Muscle Shoals for the police department to purchase new laptop computers
- City of Tuscumbia to purchase a patrol SUV for the police department.

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