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WWII veteran John Parker celebrates 100th birthday in Hanceville



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World War II veteran John Parker with daughter Nancy Bates. Parker is celebrating his 100th birthday on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018.

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Left to right: Ricardo Mitchell, Jr., Dwayne Wilson, Clinton Jones, Jr. and Jennifer Kelk

Cullman Police bust interstate crime ring

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, good old-fashioned boots-on-the-ground police work by a team of officers and investigators put an end to a crime spree that extended far beyond Cullman, taking four suspects into custody and recovering a substantial amount of stolen property and money in the process.

According to Cullman Police Department (CPD) Capt. Becky Boyd, at 11:36 a.m. Tuesday morning, dispatchers received a call and patrol officers responded to a call about three vehicles that had been broken into at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Officers Jeff Mize and Adam Walker talked to victims and took the extra step of reviewing video footage from the Aquatic Center to get a detailed description of the suspects' vehicle. A "be on the lookout" (BOLO) alert was immediately sent out to all officers on duty.

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'WE MIGHT BECOME PEN PALS!'

Welti 3rd-grader, concerned about drugs, reaches out to President Trump, gets a response

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Marlee Phares displays her letter, accompanied by a few Welti classmates, left to right: Pyper Turner, Lillian Horton, Aeron Pierce, Leighton McGriff and Aiden Boeckeler

WELTI – Several months ago, Welti Elementary third-grader Marlee Phares became concerned enough about the problem of drugs in our nation, community and, sadly, within her own family, to write a letter to none other than President Donald Trump. She mentioned her family's unfortunate situation and suggested that he should find a way to make prescription drugs harder to get for folks who don't need them, while helping out the folks who do.

When asked why she wrote to the president, the brave young lady said without hesitation, "I actually told him about my daddy and what happened to him with drugs."

She added that she "just wanted to help stop drugs" and "to try to help other people to not make the mistake that my dad did."

Marlee's dad has had drug problems and has been arrested for drug possession, but the family was happy to report this week that he is doing well in a rehabilitation program.

Last week, Marlee got a big first-class envelope in the mail with a return address that read "The White House, Washington, D.C. 20502." In it was a letter (perhaps a form letter, but nonetheless special to Marlee) signed by the president, which read:

Dear Marlee,

I appreciate you taking the time to write and share your suggestions with me.

Mrs. Trump and I are inspired by young people like you, who are paying close attention to issues facing our nation and are trying to find solutions to our most critical challenges. As your President, I want you to know that I am listening and will always work hard for you.

I encourage you to do your best in school each day and never stop learning. You are the future of our great nation, and together we will determine the course of America and the world for many years to come.

Marlee told Welti Elementary Principal Gina Webb, "It made me feel very good, and I like that he replied, because it was a long time ago when I wrote the letter."

She told The Tribune, "I didn't think he was going to write me a few months ago, but I felt really happy and surprised, really surprised."

Marlee's mom shared, "She's just one of those bright, beautiful children. She was excited that she got to write to the president, and when we got that letter out of the box, you would have thought he would have given her a piece of gold, because the president wrote her back. It was just an amazing thing."

The Tribune asked Marlee if she was going to turn this into a writing campaign to other elected officials as well.

She didn't seem too interested in contacting others, but said of the president, "I might write him again. We might become pen pals!"

Note: The Tribune would not publish such a sensitive story without much consideration. We spoke with Marlee's mother, and both she and Marlee's father expressed willingness for their daughter's story to be told. We commend this entire family for its openness.

Homestead exemption meetings scheduled for all area senior centers

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CULLMAN – Property owners older than 65 may qualify for extra savings on their property taxes. It is now time for annual registration for or renewal of homestead exemptions.

According to the Cullman County Revenue Commission, "Property owners over age 65 can qualify for an extra ad valorem tax discount on their owner-occupied homestead property, but they must register for this homestead exemption per Alabama law. To explain it all, Cullman's Revenue Commissioner, Barry Willingham, is speaking at all area senior centers this fall."

Below are the locations, dates and times where Willingham will be meeting with seniors about homestead exemptions.

- Cold Springs Senior Center - Tuesday, Sept. 04, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Hanceville Senior Center - Wednesday, Sept. 05, 2018 9:45 a.m.
- Center Hill Senior Center - Wednesday, Sept. 05, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Baileyton Senior Center - Thursday, Sept. 06, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Colony Senior Center - Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 10 a.m.
- Brushy Pond Senior Center - Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 9:45 a.m.
- Dodge City Senior Center - Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Crane Hill Senior Center - Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 9:45 a.m.
- Jones Chapel Senior Center - Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- West Point Senior Center - Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 10 a.m.
- Cullman Senior Center - Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 9:45 a.m.
- New Canaan Senior Center - Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Good Hope Senior Center - Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Holly Pond Senior Center - Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018 10 a.m.
- Hill Top Senior Center - Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018 9:30 a.m.
- Fairview Senior Center - Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Simcoe Senior Center - Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 10:30 a.m.
- Senior Day at the Fair - Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 10 a.m.

FAITH

5th annual Divino Niño Festival this Saturday at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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HANCEVILLE – This Saturday, Sept. 1, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Hanceville will host a pilgrimage day for the celebration of the Feast of the Divine Child Jesus, or El Divino Niño, a hugely popular festival among Latin America Catholics. The Shrine is preparing to receive around 2,000 visitors on that day, a massive upsurge from its typical 300 Saturday visitors.

According to a statement to The Tribune from Pilgrimage Manager Luke Johnasen, "The Divino Niño Festival is a celebration in which we honor the Divine Child Jesus (El Divino Nino Jesus). Mother Angelica (1923-2016), the foundress of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, had a great love and devotion for the Child Jesus.

"The Shrine was born of a request from the Divine Child to Mother to build a shrine where people of all faiths could adore Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

"This Festival helps to remind us that, as Scripture says, 'Unless you turn and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven' (Matt. 18:3)."

Johnasen also said about the Shrine, "Many people, Catholic and otherwise, come to pray at this spot dedicated to the Divine Child and populated with sisters vowed to a life inspired by Sts. Francis and Clare.

"In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, all are welcomed in love as Catholics seek to grow in their love for the Eucharist and many others seek a quiet place to pray, often leaving with a greater knowledge of and respect for the Catholic Faith. Truly a manifestation of Divine Providence, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament remains a beautiful oasis of prayer, a true refuge for those seeking solace and peace in the arms of the Savior, and an ecumenical point of contact between Catholics and their brothers and sisters in Christ."

According to the Shrine's events page, activities will include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, activities for the young, confessions, a mariachi band and a rosary procession. This is a free event and all faiths are welcome. Lunch will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.olamshrine.com/event/divine-child-jesus/ or call 256-787-4121.

Arrest reports: Aug. 27-28

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Aug. 27-28, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

MONDAY, AUG. 27, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Odom, Randy L., 41

- FTA- unauthorized use of a vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mitchell, Ricardo R. II, 28

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Wilson, Dwayne D., 28

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Jones, Clinton L. Jr., 26

- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card

Lindsey, Kevin C., 35

- third-degree domestic violence

Kelk, Jennifer N., 34

- fraudulent use of a credit or debit card
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (3 counts)

Carlos Daniel, Jimenez D., 20

- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

Ring (from Front)

Over the next 45 minutes, the victims began to get notifications from their banks about use of their credit and debit cards at various local stores, including both Wal-Marts, the north Walgreens, a Dollar General and others. They relayed this information to the CPD which sent officers to the stores. Officer Shannon Cheatwood received from the loss prevention officer at the north Wal-Mart additional video which allowed more details about the car, along with four suspects' descriptions, to be added to the BOLO at 12:13 p.m.

At 12:21 p.m., Patrol Capt. J.P. White and Investigator Max Bartlett were searching on Cherokee Avenue when White spotted the car parked beside GameStop. As they turned around to return to the store, a person matching one suspect's physical and clothing description got out of the car and entered the store. There, they and other officers took that suspect and two others in the car into custody. A search of the car turned up stolen items and marijuana. The fourth suspect was picked up at another store by Sgt. Todd Craig a short time later.

Suspects

- Clinton Jones, Jr., 26, black male, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida is currently charged with and fraudulent use of debit/credit cards.
- Jennifer Kelk, 34, white female, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida is currently charged with three counts of breaking and entering a vehicle, and fraudulent use of debit/credit cards.
- Ricardo Mitchell, Jr., 28, black male, of Coconut Creek, Florida is currently charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, and has felony warrants in North Carolina.
- Dwayne Wilson, 28, black male, of Hallandale Beach, Florida is currently charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, and has felony warrants in Louisiana.

All four suspects are currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center. The investigation is ongoing and could result in additional charges for all four. The four appear to have been traveling up I-65 and got off at several places aside from Cullman along the way. The CPD is working with agencies in other cities and states to investigate the full scope of what this ring has been up to.

Stolen items included purses, cash, credit and debit cards, phones and other items. The suspects are alleged to have used stolen credit and debit cards to purchase numerous gift cards found among evidence in the car and on suspects, in order to get as much spendable money in hand as possible before victims had time to deactivate cards and freeze accounts.

Said Boyd, "It's just teamwork at its best between patrol and investigation, because you start out--you've got your officers at the Aquatic Center getting that information and getting it out, so then officers going to work. Then you've got this officer at Wal-Mart getting that information out. It's kind of like it just went down the chain, getting that information out until ultimately they (motioning to White) get the information and see it; they get the people detained.

"But they still know there's another person, a suspect, because of the job Officer Cheatwood did at Wal-Mart of getting all those facts together. And so they were all located and detained, and charges are pending."

CPD Investigator Sgt. Intae Suh added, "They've been arrested for some stuff, but we've got additional charges pending, once we get all that stuff and finish investigating what businesses they hit up, and what cards they used, and so forth from that point on."

Be careful

Police warned that interstate cities like Cullman are common targets for organized theft rings like this one. Once off the highway, according to Suh, they use online searches to locate places like gyms and the Aquatic Center, where people routinely leave purses and other items in their cars and go to those places.

"Why they target gyms," said Suh, "(is because) most people who are there, they're going to be working out for an hour, so they're not going to know anything while they're working out. That gives them time to go do what they're going to do. By the time you get to the car and realize your window's been busted out, it could have been an hour and a half while you were at the gym, while they were going and doing that stuff."

The suspects in this case used punches to break windows, but in most cases around Cullman, thieves have an easier time when victims leave their cars unlocked with valuables in plain sight. This type of crime can be highly organized and sophisticated, with rings traveling interstates full-time, "earning their living" by getting off the highway, hitting a few targets of opportunity, grabbing cash and valuables, rapidly converting freezable and trackable credit and debit cards into gift cards, then getting out of town as quickly as possible.

Boyd said, "This is the third time that I can think of right off the top of my head that we've been hit by this (type of crime) this year in this area, and probably more. When you leave your valuables laying in plain sight, especially in these Wal-Marts- that's just a common area- but the Aquatic Center, things like that, anywhere like that, it just makes it easy."

CPD officers commended for a job well done

In a conference meeting that included White and Suh, Boyd told The Tribune, "I think we would agree: we want to commend our officers that did this. They did a good job and they work hard. And this was a good arrest, and it happened because the first officers there took the initiative to go a little bit further than just taking a report. They didn't just take a report; they took the report and then followed up on the report, got that information.

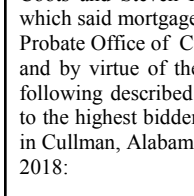
"And then the other officers said, 'Hey, I can go do this.' You know, Officer Cheatwood going to Wal-Mart--you know, other officers went other places. It just happened Officer Cheatwood hit the place where they'd been. What I'm saying is everybody did that extra step."

White added, "A lot of times on day shift, we get strung out different places, but I would say yesterday, that was the best organized department effort that we've had in a long time, because it just flowed."

Boyd concluded, "I want to commend all the officers involved. And I've thrown a few names out to you; there were more people involved, obviously. From my standpoint, I thank the patrol officers and my investigators because they did a good job."

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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2004 by Christopher Jackson Coots and wife Pamela Coots and Steven Randall Coots, an unmarried man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MRG 1403, Page 118 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 25, 2018:

Lot Numbered Forty (40), Forty-One (41), Forty-Two (42), and Forty-Three (43), all in Block "A" of Mages Addition to the City of Cullman, Alabama, said Lots being 25 feet wide East and West and 140 feet long North and South, lying and being in the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 10, Range 3 West.

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

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NATION

Cullman native Jack St. John appointed GSA general counsel

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) today announced the appointment of Jack St. John as general counsel. St. John will oversee the Office of General Counsel, which consists of more than 130 attorneys nationwide, and serve as the chief legal advisor to the GSA administrator.

St. John has been serving as GSA's acting general counsel since October 2017. He previously served as GSA's chief of staff and senior White House advisor. Prior to joining GSA, St. John was a partner in a law firm in his home state of Alabama, where he represented businesses, professionals, and governmental entities in litigation and transactional matters.

"Jack has done an excellent job as our acting general counsel and he will continue to bring great value to our GSA leadership team," said GSA Administrator Emily Murphy. "Jack's legal expertise and management experience will help further GSA's role as a strategic leader for the federal government."

As general counsel, St. John provides expert guidance to GSA Administrator Emily Murphy, facilitating the execution of the administrator's priorities and ensuring full implementation of GSA's statutory responsibilities.

St. John will also serve as the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO), advise in the formulation and promulgation of GSA policies and regulations, oversee the agency's litigation, and provide overall direction to the Office of General Counsel.

A native of Cullman, Alabama, St. John holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia, a Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama's Manderson Graduate School of Business.



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NOTICE FROM CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SELECTION OF METHOD FOR COLLECTING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham, the Tax Collecting Official for Cullman County, has been vested with the sole authority to select whether Cullman County, Alabama shall utilize the method of tax lien auction or tax lien sale to collect delinquent property taxes under Ala. Code §40-10-180 (1975);

Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham has chosen henceforth to utilize the tax lien auction method for collecting delinquent property taxes;

This notice shall be published once per week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, advertised on the County's website, and posted at the Cullman County Courthouse, in accordance with Ala. Code §40-10-182 (1975);

Dated this the 14st day of August, 2018.

BY: Barry Willingham
Barry Willingham
Cullman County Revenue Commissioner

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 8, 2003 by Raymond T. Bailey, Jr., a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1312, Page 190 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 6, 2018:

Tract I:
Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence N 1 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds E 654.51 feet to an 1/2" iron, thence S 60 degrees 56 minutes 22 seconds W 194.67 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 24 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds E 260.01 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 60 degrees 57 minutes 06 seconds N 125.13 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 24 degrees 19 minutes 04 seconds E 286.71 feet to an 1/2" rebar, thence S 88 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds E 39.60 feet to an axle, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying In the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Tract II,
Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence S 1 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds W, 158.67 feet to an 1" iron, thence S 88 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds E 273.37 feet to an 1" iron, thence N 0 degrees 26 minutes 50 seconds E 159.57 feet to an 1" iron, thence N 88 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds W 271.11 feet to an axle, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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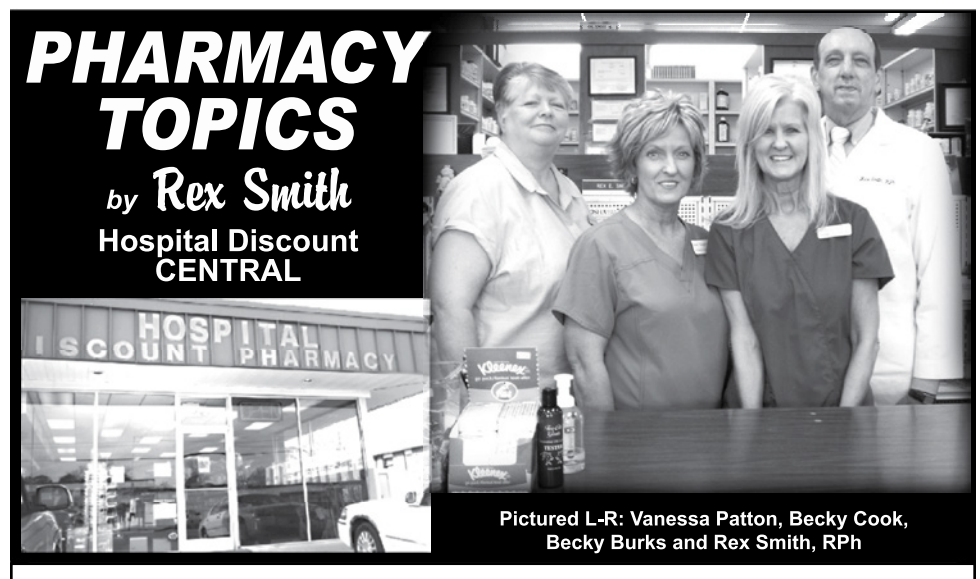

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Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

According to a new study in *JAMA* there were no important differences in pain reduction after two hours with ibuprofen-acetaminophen or opioid-acetaminophen combination pills in emergency department patients with actute extremity pain. The findings suggest that ibuprofen-acetaminophen is a reasonable alternative to opioid management of acute extremity pain due to sprain, strain or fracture. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) is cleared by the liver, while ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) is cleared by the kidneys. Each medication works differently and they are broken down differently, so taking both is of minimal concern. Acetaminophen is a pain reliever and fever reducer, but not an anti-inflammatory. Ibuprofen is all three.

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Some surgeons might be able to prescribe a third of opioid painkiller pills that they currently give patients and not affect their level of post-surgery pain control, a new study published in *JAMA Surgery* suggests. That would mean far fewer opioids left over to feed the ongoing national crisis of misuse, addiction and overdose.

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One of the most hotly debated issues in eye care in recent years has been over three similar anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) treatments for age-related macular degeneration. To find out if there are differences in their ability to protect sight, researchers reviewed records for 13,859 patients treated with a single drug type – Avastin (bevacizumab-zumab: 6,723), Lucentis (ranibizumab: 2,749) or Eylea (aflibercept: 4,387) – for one year. According to a study presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, patients achieved similar improvement in vision regardless of drug type. Mean number of injections were 5.9 with Avastin, 6.4 with Lucentis and 6.2 with Eylea.

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Good Hope Fire & Rescue receives money for new equipment

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GOOD HOPE – Good Hope Fire and Rescue will be getting some new equipment, thanks to the Good Hope City Council.

At its meeting Monday evening, the council presented Assistant Chief Jamie Garmon with a check for $15,000. The funds will go toward radios, which start at $1,500 each, helmets, gloves and other equipment for the department.

Resident Linda Johnson, whose daughter runs track at Good Hope High School, raised concerns, during the public comments portion of the meeting, about the school's track. Johnson cited slickness of the track during inclement weather, the need for the sand pits to be refurbished and for new equipment. Good Hope High is set to host a county track meet this year as well. Mayor Jerry Bartlett asked for figures regarding the funding needed for the track and team to further consider the issue.

Bartlett invited members of the council to the groundbreaking for AGCOR Steel on Sept. 5 at 9 a.m.

AGCOR will be the first industrial manufacturer in Good Hope and Kenneth Boswell, director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), is expected to be in attendance.

During his report on streets, Councilman Maxie Jones made the council aware of calls he has received from citizens expressing their dissatisfaction with Reid Road. The road had recently been microsurfaced. Bartlett said he would go with Jones to look at the road and determine what to do next.

Grady Parsons, with Living Water Services, discussed with the council the results of a video inspection of sewer pipes on Willow Springs Drive. Parsons revealed that the inspection had revealed an obstruction, but the issue was not as bad as originally feared.

Eric Robertson, the new deputy for Good Hope, was introduced to the council at the meeting.

Good Hope's next city council meeting will be Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett (third from left), presents a $15,000 check to Good Hope Fire & Rescue Assistant Chief Jamie Garmon (fourth from left). Also shown, left to right, are: Councilman Greg Brown, Good Hope Fire & Rescue's Jonathan Reeves, Councilman John Harris and Councilman Maxie Jones.

Cullman City Council delivers engineer's report on troubled Heritage Village subdivision

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council had a brief agenda, but saw its meeting protracted by residents of the Heritage Village subdivision. Resident Kerry Zozoka and others, who have been addressing city council and planning commission meetings since May, had vowed to continue making their voices heard until street paving and stormwater drainage issues in the neighborhood were resolved.

City inspectors visited Heritage Village over the summer, focusing on a swale--a shallow drainage ditch--running down the center of the one fully developed internal block in the development.

According to site plans, residents' property lines meet in the middle of the block, but the city has a 20-foot-wide easement down the middle of the block, with the swale in the center of that.

Inspectors found fences and other structures constructed in the easement in violation of city codes. After that discovery, residents had to begin taking structures down, but not all have complied.

During his report time, Mayor Woody Jacobs explained to the council and audience that the City has had an independent engineering firm assess the situation in Heritage Village and had City Attorney Roy Williams read a letter from the firm, stating its findings.

Before that, Williams stated that the firm, St. John & Associates, had reviewed the original plats and drainage plan, and had formulated the following opinion (taken from an audio recording of Williams reading the letter):

"It appears that the contractor who built the individual houses on Joy St. and Irene Ln. at Heritage Village graded the lots to incorporate a central drainage swale at the back of all the houses on the block. This is different from the sheet drain concept that was initially planned, but not necessarily a worse way of dealing with stormwater.

"It looks like the present grading plan works well, with the possible exception of high flows after rain events at the lowest lots on the block. It is usually the builder's responsibility to ensure that the storm drainage is managed on each lot as it is developed.

"I'm not aware of any requirement for the city to review individual house site grading plans.

"We did observe that many of the houses have created obstructions in the flow path that may be affecting the swale. These obstructions include fences, patios, step-offs, steps off the back of the houses. The lot lines are quite close, and swale makes up most of the backyard of these lots.

The sanitary sewer line runs beneath the lot line in question and would likely prohibit the installation of any storm sewer lines. The owners could possibly create a paved swale to transmit the flow faster, but this would require a good bit of demolition of the above-noted improvements that are in the flow path."

Williams handed out copies for the Heritage Village residents who were present. Zozoka took to the podium next, noting that city workers had come out and cut through the curb at the end of the swale, which is at the back corner of her property.

She stated that she had been told by city workers that they were going to install a drain. Jacobs explained that he had stopped work on that spot while waiting on the engineer's report.

Zozoka accused the mayor and street department of targeting Heritage Village residents with their survey and subsequent report that easement violated city codes. Jacobs countered that the subdivision has not been subjected to inspections or regulations that are not common around the city.

In the face of an increasingly heated confrontation, Council President Jenny Folsom asked Williams to speak again.

Williams told Zozoka, "If you look at that letter (that had just been distributed), you'll clearly see that the engineers say it's your problem.

"It's not the City's problem. It's your problem: it's the way your house was built, it's the way your neighbor's house was built, the way their neighbor's house was built. And you put the water in the back of your yard.

"The only way to fix it, okay, is to dig up the sewer line, which the developer put in there, too. We didn't put the sewer line in. That was the developer that put it in."

Zozoka countered, "I'm telling you: you guys have messed up this neighborhood and the drainage system, and if you lived here, it would be a different story. I have never been ugly, I have never been ugly. All I'm asking you guys to do is fix it.

"And when you guys don't fix it, it leads me to realize there's a bigger issue that you guys are hiding. And that's all I have to say. It's on you guys, and I'm not going away until it's fixed."

Other council business
The council approved:

- a request from Stuart Goldsby of the State of Alabama for a special event permit to hold the annual Youth Dove Hunts beginning in September at the North Alabama Horticulture Station.
- a resolution to award the bid for Airport Taxiway Reonstruction Phase II to the lowest responsible bidder, Carcel & G Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $412,867.17. Most of the funding will come from federal and state sources. The City and County will only be responsible for 2.5 percent of the amount each. Airport Manager Ben Harrison, who attended the meeting, also informed the council about a potential supplemental grant to make improvements to the airport's apron (also known as the tarmac, where aircraft are parked, fueled, loaded and unloaded) that will help Cullman's airport compete better with other regional airports. Harrison will travel to Washington on Sept. 10 to apply for the federal funding which would, if given, be a 100 percent grant requiring no local match.
- a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the installation, operation and maintenance of sidewalk improvements, landscape and decorative pedestrian lighting, installed at AL-74 (US-278) at First Avenue Southeast to Third Avenue Southeast.
- an ordinance to vacate and surplus a 100-foot easement (approximately 100 feet by 370 feet) and a portion of the 25-foot easement (approximately 25 feet by 1,075 feet) located on Lot 1 of Industrial Park V (near Yutaka) to the Industrial Development Board. The ordinance received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

The council gave a first reading to a new wastewater/sewer ordinance, without specifying details.

It also voted to reappoint Jason Neal to the CAT 55 Board and to reappoint Nathan Allred to the Downtown Development Board.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

County Commission awards bid for reconstruction at Cullman Regional Airport

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Commission on Tuesday morning awarded a bid for work on the north taxiway at Cullman Regional Airport, Airport Taxiway Reconstruction Phase II, to the lowest responsible bidder, Carcel & G Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $412,867.17. Most of the funding will come from federal and state sources. The City of Cullman (which also approved the bid last night at its council meeting) and County will only be responsible for 2.5 percent of the amount each.

At Monday night's Cullman City Council meeting, Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison informed the council about a potential supplemental grant to make improvements to the airport's apron (also known as the tarmac, where aircraft are parked, fueled, loaded and unloaded) that will help Cullman's airport compete better with other regional airports.

Harrison will travel to Washington on Sept. 10 to apply for the federal funding which would, if given, be a 100 percent grant requiring no local match.

The Commission also authorized the application for a grant to receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Alabama to go toward improvements.

During the public comments portion of the commission meeting, former employees from the Cullman Area Rural Transportation Service (CARTS) and a customer raised concerns about the work environment at the organization.

Commission members met with the group after the meeting to go further into detail about the issue and find a resolution.

A memorandum of agreement between the commission and the Cullman Electric Cooperative was approved. The agreement will increase the cost of meter reading form $.95 to $1.05 per meter.

Resolution 2018-13 was approved by the commission.

The resolution changes the location of voting precinct 36 from Bolte-White Grove Church to Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms.

Damage to the church from the March hail storm was the reason for the change.

The commission approved a one-year maintenance agreement with Johnston Technologies for the battery backup of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at the cost of $4,472.10.

The battery backup is used to power dispatch in the case of the generator failing to turn on during an emergency.

Installation of audio/visual equipment for the commission meeting room was approved by the commission.

The cost will be $5,458.80 and will be paid to Baker Productions of Cullman.

A request from the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force to use the front steps of the courthouse and south parking area for their upcoming Walk for Freedom event was approved. The event will take place on Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The commission approved the acceptance of County Roads 367,371 and 373 in Grandview Shores, Phase 1 and 2 subdivision, into the Cullman County Maintenance System. The subdivision is located in District 2 off County Road 222.

Commission members approved the following bids:

- Bid No. 1248- an extension of a bid for motor oil, grease and hydraulic fluids for the County, provided by Stewart Auto Parts and RelaDyne.
- Bid No. 1287- a bid for structural steel for the county, which has increased by one third this year due to steel tariffs.
- Bid No. 1288- a bid for reinforcing steel for the County.

The next meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Courthouse in the commission meeting room. The public is invited to attend.

BUSINESS

Dollar General opens in Walter community

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WALTER – Some might think that quiet little Walter is the epitome of "the middle of nowhere," but Dollar General doesn't think so. On Monday, the retailer opened its newest Cullman County location in the small community, on Alabama Highway 91 midway between Hanceville and Holly Pond.

The once bustling community used to have multiple retail stores, a cotton gin, a school and the longtime landmark Henderson's gas station and convenience store, but those have faded away over the years. The new Dollar General store, built on the site of the old cotton gin, marks a definite change of direction.

Store Manager Carla Aycock shared, "I think Dollar General's mindset is to make somebody have to pass a Dollar General on their way to Wal-Mart, at least once, so they'll stop. That's my view of it.

"I kind of questioned it, too," Aycock continued. "I thought, 'Why would they do a Dollar General down here? There's not that many people.' And then yesterday, with people not even knowing we were open yet, we still seen 200 people that just live right over here, or live right over there, right here.

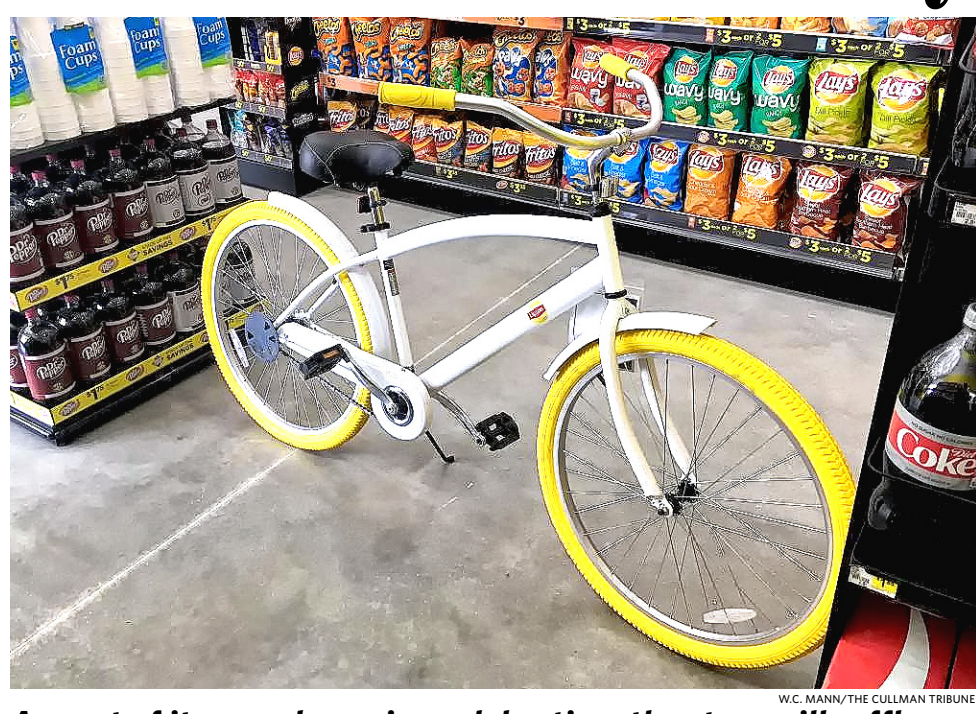
"I didn't realize the community was this big, but it is!"

Aycock had planned to open at 4 p.m. this past Sunday, but problems with registers forced a delay. Even that afternoon, she reported, store staff had to turn away at least 30 people who showed up to shop.

The store, located at 32655 Alabama Highway 91, is open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week, and is well-stocked with the typical Dollar General merchandise.

It has a large grocery department for a non-market store.

An official ribbon cutting will take place on Sept 8.



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As part of its grand opening celebration, the store will raffle a Lipton Tea bicycle donated by Lipton's parent company, PepsiCo.

VOICE

Statement: ITC made the right call in reversing newsprint tariffs

AP: US commission finds no harm to paper mills from imported newsprint; ruling kills tariffs on Canadian imports

David Chavern
President & CEO, News Media Alliance

From the Alabama Press Association:

The International Trade Commission unanimously voted today to reverse the newsprint tariffs. We will know about the commission's reasoning when it issues a final report on Sept. 17. The cash deposits will be refunded to newsprint manufacturers, but that will take several months.

Thank you to our Alabama congressional delegation, especially Sen. Doug Jones and Rep. Robert Aderholt who testified before the ITC on our behalf. Many thanks also to Rep. Bradly Byrne and Rep. Gary Palmer who signed onto the STOPP bill. Thank you to our member papers who participated in the fly-in to D.C., wrote editorials or simply reached out to their congressmen. It was truly an industry team effort!

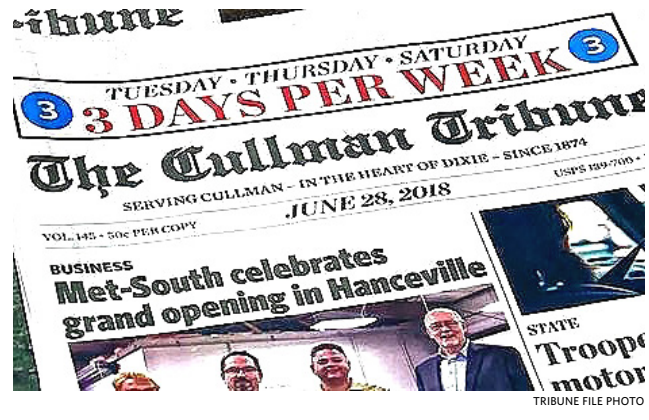
By David Chavern, president & CEO, News Media Alliance

We applaud the International Trade Commission (ITC) for today reaching a final, unanimous negative determination that Canadian imports of uncoated groundwood paper, which includes newsprint used by newspapers, do not cause material harm to the U.S. paper industry.

The Department of Commerce recently upheld the tariffs and, though they revised them to slightly lower levels (but still as high as 20 percent), the tariffs would have been unsustainable for newspapers, other printers and publishers and printers.

Fortunately, our voice was heard at the ITC hearing last month, and they made the right call today in reversing these harmful tariffs.

Over the last several months, while the Department of Commerce and the ITC conducted their investigations into the trade case (brought by one paper mill, NORPAC), we have emphasized that the decades-long shift of news and information from print to digital platforms – not imports from Canada – is the cause of the decline in demand for newsprint.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Local papers provide essential coverage of local governments and community news and events. In many communities, the local paper is the only source of community news. Unfortunately, the damage to newspapers from preliminary tariffs imposed by the Department of Commerce since January has already been done. The tariffs have disrupted the newsprint market, increasing newsprint costs by nearly 30 percent and forcing many newspapers to reduce their print distribution and cut staff.

We hope today's reversal of these newsprint tariffs will restore stability to the market and that publishers will see a full and quick recovery. Our democracy depends on it.









Obituary Announcements: Aug. 30 - Sept. 8

Martha Jean Kusz, 75 of Cullman, passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018 in the comfort of her home. She enjoyed spending time with her 3 children, 7 grandchildren and extended family and friends. Mrs. Kusz is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Edwin Kusz; parents: J.B. and Mildred Franklin Pierce and brother, Gary Pierce. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters: Brenda (Wade) Parrish and Belinda Caretti; son, Robert (Teresa) Kusz; grandchildren: Corey Parrish, Matthew Green, John-David Parrish, Anna-Marie Kusz, Abigail Kusz, Grant Beverly and Katie Parrish and brothers: Travis (Yvonne) Pierce and J.M. Pierce. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home on Thursday, August 30, 2018 beginning at 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. with a Rosary Service following at 7:30 p.m. The Celebration of Life Funeral Mass will be on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial immediately following at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Arlow Wise, 93, of Huntsville, departed this life on August 26, 2018 at the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville. Mr. Wise was born on November 6, 1924 in Marion County, Alabama. Although born into the most modest of circumstances, Arlow was a determined and tenacious worker. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and traveled to the State of Washington to plant trees in what was then truly The Great Northwest. This was a tremendous adventure for a young man who had previously never left the State of Alabama. He later served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. After returning from the Korean War, he left the Navy and lived in Tuscaloosa prior to moving to Huntsville. He worked for NASA and as a civilian employee of the Army at Marshall Space Flight Center before his retirement. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 31, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Dr. Ron Horton will officiate. Burial will follow in New Prospect Church Cemetery. Arlow is survived by his son, Kenneth E. Wise and his wife Cindy; daughter, Teresa E. Wise and her husband Luis A. Davila; and grandsons, Robert Wise and his wife Jaimie, and David Wise. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Lena McCreless Wise; parents, Thomas and Charity Wise; and siblings, Arto, Arvel, and Artrue.

Wilhelmina Hartwig Parris, 82, passed away on August 25, 2018. Wilhelmina was born in Cullman Alabama to Frank and Anna Hartwig. She was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church since her baptism on August 23, 1936. Wilhelmina was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Parris and her parents Frank and Anna Budweg Hartwig. She is survived by her sisters Mary Frances (Clyde) Laney, Lawanda (Ed) Richmond, and Johanna (Marvin) Johnson, her bother Edward (Debbie) Hartwig; stepdaughter Alecia Parris Mills, and a host of nieces and nephews. All of whom are forever grateful for the blessing of her presence in their lives. Her love, her faith, and her witness touched many other lives throughout the community and her church family. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran School or Church.

Memorial services for Mrs. Debra Jewel Hayes, 60, of Addison are Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Steton Hayes officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mrs. Hayes passed away on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Grandview Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie Miller and Jewel Robinson Miller and her brother, Doug Miller. She is survived by her husband, Greg Hayes; daughter, Jessica (Brad) Haggard; sister, Marlene (Mitchell) Pigg and a host of other family and friends.

Diane Elaine Brimhall of Cullman Alabama passed away on August 27, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center at the age of 72. She was born on April 24, 1946 in Hahira Georgia to Artis C. and Hazel Martin Youmans. Memorial services are Monday, September 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Longview Church of God in Vinemont with Rev. Kerry Robinson officiating. Survivors are: husband Hershel Brimhall, daughter Kelly (Kelly) Robinson, sons Chris (Darla) Brimhall, Greg (Andria) Brimhall, sister Judy (Homer) Norton, grandchildren Kristian, Kolby and Kyleigh Robinson, Rylea, Cade, Breanna, Morgan and Chase Brimhall, great grandchild Layla Brimhall. The family will receive friends at the church Monday from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m.

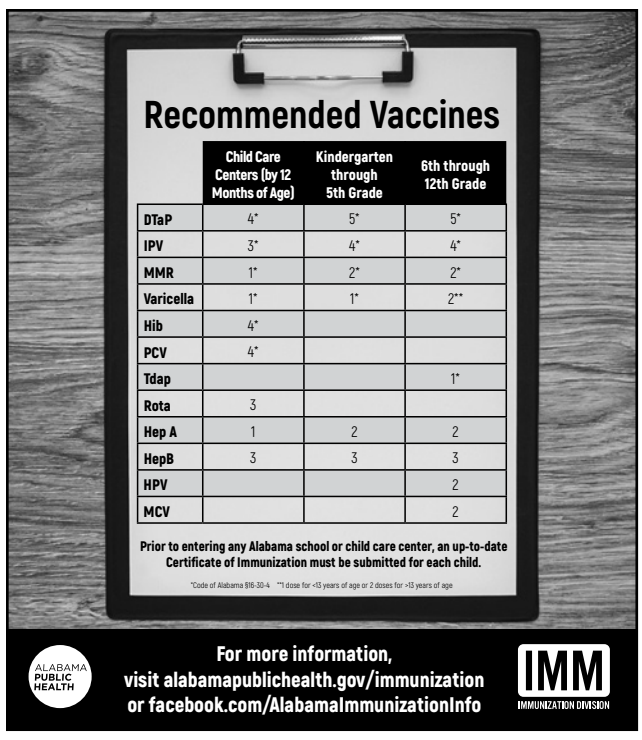
Memorial Service for Marvin Pritchard, age 63 of Cullman, will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Mr. Pritchard passed away on Thursday, August 23, 2018. He was born February 9, 1955 to James and Frances Pritchard. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Pritchard, children; Marvin Brent (Christy) Pritchard and Mary Paige (Jeff) Hall, grandchildren; Connor Combs, Anna-Claire Pritchard, Jenna Pritchard, Bromleigh Hall, and Brady Hall, sister, Pam Rogers, and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 16, 2018 by Eddie Weston, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1842, Page 248 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 6, 2018:

Lot 2 of Patterson South Subdivision as recorded in Map 2010, Page 6, Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-August 16, 29, 30, 2018

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF — CASE NO: PC2018-201

A.A.V.
D.O.B. 12-15-2011
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

TO: **RAUL VARGAS AGUIRRE OR ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER.**

A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KRISTIE MICHELLE CHACON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 1st DAY OF August, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOSH O'NEAL
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
200 2ND AVE. SE
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055 •
TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE:

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 27, 2017 by Frances Elouise Richardson, an unmarried individual and Ricky R. Kelley, an unmarried individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1814, Page 780 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 6, 2018:

Parcel 1
One acre of land located in the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Range 4 West and described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of said twenty and go East along the South line of said twenty 465 feet more or less to a point of beginning for the one acre herein conveyed; Thence North parallel to the West line of said twenty 220 feet more or less to a point; thence East parallel to the South line of said twenty 200 feet more or less to a point; thence South parallel to the West line of said twenty 220 feet more or less to a point on the South line of said twenty; thence East along the South line of said twenty 220 feet more or less to the point beginning for the land herein conveyed.

Parcel 2
Three acres of land located in the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Range 4 West and described as follows:

Commence or the Southwest corner of said twenty and go North 660 feet to a point; thence at right angles go East 465 feet to a point of beginning for the three. acres herein conveyed; thence continue along said line 200 feet, more or less to a point; thence South parallel with the West line of said twenty to the South .line; thence West 200 feet, more or less to a point; thence North parallel with the West line of said twenty 660 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.

Property Address: 220 County Road 820, Cullman, AL 35057 and 220 County Road 822 Cullman, AL 35057
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
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Legal Notice

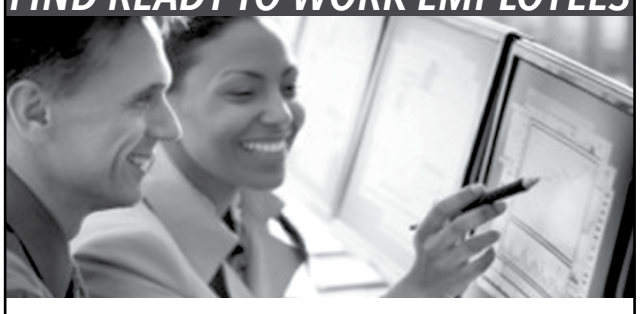
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Estate of:)
)
KERMIT MELVIN SCOTT)
Deceased) Case No: PC 2018- 272

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Gladys Jean Veigl as Administrator of the Estate of Kermit Melvin Scott, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Gladys Jean Veigl
Administratrix of the Estate of
James H. Sivley, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Kermit Melvin Scott, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JAMES DANNIE GARMON
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2018-900120.00**

STORMI CHARLAINE CHASTAIN
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

James Dannie Garmon, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Stormi Charlaine Chastain's Complaint for Annulment by October 22, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900120.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 22nd day of August, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Melvin Hasting
P. O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056-0517

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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 6, 2017 by LA Pollera, Inc., to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1810, Page 235 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 6, 2018:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 4 West and more particularly described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes West 1330.63 feet to the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning continue North 89 degrees 00 minutes West 131.66 feet; thence South 26 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds West 260.44 feet to a point on the North right-of-way of Alabama Highway 157; thence South 67 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds East along said right-of-way 167.97 feet; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes East along said right-of-way 9 feet; thence North 15 degrees 48 minutes 02 seconds East 308.94 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 1.0 acre, more or less, in Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS & EXCEPT:
A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, identified as Tract No. 19 on Project No. NHF-398(43) in Cullman County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence westerly along the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 1 meter, more or less, to the southeast property line; thence southwesterly along said southeast property line a distance of 63 meters, more or less, to a point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project and the point of beginning of the property herein to be conveyed; thence continuing southwesterly along said southeast property line a distance of 30 meters, more or less, to the present northeast right-of-way tine of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence northwesterly along said present northeast right-of-way line a distance of 54 meters, more or less, to the northwest property line; thence northeasterly along said northwest property line a distance of 35 meters, more or less, to a point on a line which extends from a point that is 45 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 44+60 to a point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 44+20; thence Southeasterly along said line a distance of 9 meters, more or less, to said point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said less, to said point that is 20 meters northeasterly or along a curve to the left centerline at Station 44+20; thence southeasterly along a curve to the left (concave northeasterly) having a radius of 930 meters, parallel with said centerline, a distance of 40 meters, more or less, to the point of beginning and containing 0.156 hectare, more or less.

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

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Birthday (from Front)

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W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville's John Parker, a World War II veteran, shown here in his younger years, is celebrating his 100th birthday on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018.

HANCEVILLE – This past weekend, there was a special party at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center as family and friends celebrated the 100th birthday of John Parker, a longtime Cullman County resident and U.S. Army veteran of World War II. His actual birthday is today, Aug. 30.

Prior to the war, Parker was a hard-working kid who lived a simple life. When he was drafted into the Army in Oct. 1942, his intake paperwork noted that he left school in 1935 after completing the seventh grade, at the height of the Great Depression. Then, according to the "Civilian Occupations" section of the form, Parker:

"Helped father raise cotton, corn, potatoes, and garden vegetables on 50 acres near Cullman, Ala. Used mules to plow. Tended livestock and made general farm repairs."

In the Army, he trained with the 31st Coast Artillery Training Battalion at Camp Wallace, Texas, and spent a little time with the 339th Field Artillery Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division. Then he headed overseas with the 532nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion.

Late in 1943, after an ocean cruise involving a fair bit of seasickness and a visits to the sick bay, Parker and his comrades arrived in Tunisia, which had been captured by the Allies a few months before to become a base for operations across the Mediterranean in Italy.

On Nov. 11, 1944, the 532nd arrived in the city of Naples in southern Italy to join other Allied forces driving the Germans north. Before moving inland to join the push, Parker got to spend a few days in the already liberated port city, a brief "vacation" attested to by photos of the downtown, harbor and nearby Mt. Vesuvius in his box of war memories.

The unit worked its way north, pushing the Germans up the Apennine Mountains through the early winter.

"Boy, them were son-of-a-guns to get around," said Parker.

An unassuming little German campaign pendant in his memory box, picked up along the way with a few other souvenirs, bore an image of the Edelweiss flower, indicating that the 532nd at least once crossed paths with some of the German army's elite mountain troops.

By Jan. 1945, the unit was in northern Italy, and the German air force had been so beaten down that it was no longer a threat to the Allies; anti-aircraft gunners like Parker had simply run out of things to shoot at. His battalion and three other anti-aircraft units were merged and underwent 31 days of retraining near Florence, before being re-designated the 473rd Infantry Regiment. Parker served as a 4.2-inch mortar operator.

The 473rd went into action in Feb. 1945. In the spring, German soldiers began deserting in large numbers to surrender to the Allies, and Parker was relieved of his line duties on one occasion to escort a group of prisoners of war (POWs) to a train station from which they were transported to a holding camp. He still has the paperwork, including a list of prisoners and guards, he was handed that day.

The 473rd and other units occupied the northern Italian city of Genoa in April 1945 and watched the last German unit in front of them surrender on the 28th of that month. Four days later, the German army officially surrendered all remaining troops in Italy. The unit stayed on for a little while, on garrison duty and as guards at a POW camp. In July 1945, the 473rd was disbanded and its soldiers headed home. Along the way, Parker got to see Germany, France and England.

During his service, Parker earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. The decoration in his daughter's shadow box has a silver star on it, indicating that he took part in at least five major military operations. He also received three Good Conduct Medals, given during wartime to soldiers who complete one year of service without disciplinary infractions. For the three years of his service, he was an exemplary soldier. For him, a Good Conduct Medal was a simple matter of teamwork and following orders.

"Well, the way it was with me," said Parker, "you as a group, whatever they wanted done, we tried to do it."

He touched American soil again in Newport News, Virginia, and stopped just outside the port at the Army's Camp Patrick Henry. From there, he sent his family a short telegram: "Arrived safely expect to see you soon don't attempt to contact or write me here - love, John." The telegram, of course, is in the memory box.

Parker returned to the Cullman area in late Oct. 1945, almost exactly three years after he left and resumed a simple farming life after the war, marrying and having kids along the way. He wouldn't talk about his experiences as a soldier for many years, even to family members.

Now at 100 years, Parker's memory is fading; his recollections of the war more bits and pieces than a sustained narrative. But daughter Nancy Bates has his memory box and the stories he did finally begin to tell later in life.

To The Tribune she said of her father:

"He's always been my hero. He's a hundred years old, and I look at him as I know one day he'll be gone. But today he's here, and I choose to honor him in the things that he did for his country, because that's my hero."

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Request to vacate alley on 8th Street NW

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