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BUSINESS PROFILE

Cullman's *hometown* locksmith



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mark Johnson, owner of Hometown Locksmith, works on a job in Cullman this week.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Hometown Locksmith has been open in Cullman for just a year, but owner Mark Johnson is hardly new to the business. Johnson has lived in Cullman for most of his life and has spent the last two decades working as a locksmith in the community.

"I've been a locksmith for about 20 years. I got started by building houses for about 20 years until I decided I was getting older and needed a new occupation that wasn't as bad on my old body," Johnson joked. "So, I took a locksmith job 20 years ago and it worked out pretty good."

Johnson started his own business last year and has found that working as his own boss has been rewarding.

"I enjoy it. I work by myself and I enjoy talking with my customers and just dealing with people, dealing with the folks, and it's not nearly as stressful working for myself as it was working for someone else to be honest with you," Johnson laughed. "It's very rewarding."

Johnson said the biggest challenge he faces in his work is automation. With new equipment and technology changing things seemingly every day, it can be taxing for Johnson to keep up.

"Stuff is changing constantly, you know," Johnson said. "With some of the new transponder keys, everything programs differently and you have to have different equipment to program it, and just getting some of the equipment you need for the new laser-cut keys is just really expensive."

Despite facing some obstacles from time to time, Johnson said he's happy to be his own boss and Cullman's local locksmith. He loves working within the community and looks for opportunities to help when he can.

"It's a lot of people I already know, customers I already knew and a lot of people, when they find out I'm in business for myself, start using me as their locksmith," Johnson said. "I like to save people some money. I don't charge as much as some others do, and it's an expensive business to get into. The equipment you need is very expensive, but I do like to try and save people as much money as I can."

You can reach Johnson and Hometown Locksmith at 256-736-3017.

CRIME

Suspects named in connection with Woodforest National Bank robberies



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charles B. Richey, left; Russell J. Shelton, right

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Police Department (CPD) on Wednesday named the two suspects arrested in connection with the March 1, 2019 robbery of the Woodforest National Bank inside the Wal-Mart on Olive Street in Cullman. The CPD first reported the pair's arrest on March 14, but said Wednesday the initial arrests were for attempted robberies in Mississippi.

According to CPD Sgt. Intae Suh, on March 12, Charles B. Richey, 32, and Russell J. Shelton, 50, both of Bowling Green, Kentucky, attempted to rob a Woodforest National Bank in Clinton, Mississippi but were unsuccessful. The pair then traveled to Meridian, Mississippi and attempted to rob another Woodforest National Bank.

"They were unsuccessful again, due to the quick response of parties involved getting an alert with the description of Mr. Richey out to surrounding agencies and bank branches," said Suh. "He was apprehended by the Meridian Police Department during the attempted robbery. Mr. Shelton was apprehended in Kentucky after he left the area in Meridian, Mississippi when Mr. Richey was arrested."

Suh said both suspects are currently being held in Meridian on robbery charges. He said warrants have been issued for both suspects for the bank robbery that occurred in Cullman on March 1.

"I would like to thank the multiple agencies involved in their arrests as well as citizens involved. Due to the cooperation of federal, state and local agencies, the suspects were quickly apprehended without incident," shared Suh.

In the Cullman robbery, one suspect claimed to have a weapon and demanded money. He fled through the garden center and got away in a waiting sedan, driven by the second suspect. No one was injured.

April Walking Tours begin April 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – April is upon us (on Monday), which means the popular April Walking Tours will begin next Saturday, April 6. Begun by the Alabama Tourism Department 10 years ago, the April Walking Tours take place every Saturday morning in April in several communities throughout the state.

Cullman County Museum Director Drew Green has several tour guides lined up this year, including Dr. Bill Peinhardt, Michael Sullins, Ben South and Leslie Bearden Hyde of the Southern Ghost Girls.

Said Green, "We have different leaders each Saturday and they can go wherever they want to go. I believe Ben South is going to do a cake walk and the last Saturday is the Southern Ghost Girls which is the hot thing this year."

This year is a special one for the tours, as this is the third and final year of the Alabama Bicentennial celebration. The history of Alabama and its communities have been the focus of many special events, and the April Walking Tours will be no exception.

Each tour is approximately one hour long and will begin and end at the Cullman County Museum.

Admission to the museum will be free after the tours for those interested in learning more about Cullman's past.

Tour dates are April 6, 13, 20 and 27. All tours begin at 10 a.m. There is no charge.

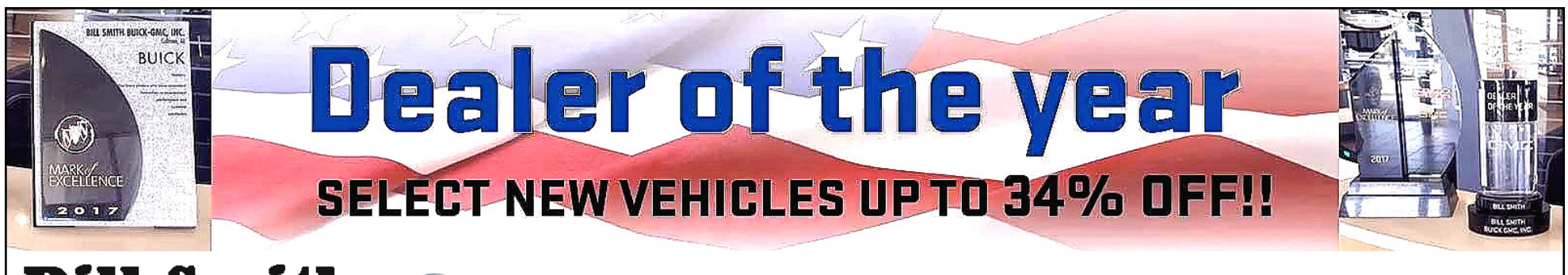
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Walter woman found guilty in 2018 attempted murder of estranged husband

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman County jury last Thursday found Lee Ann Matanane, 55, guilty of the attempted murder of her estranged husband Benito Matanane. She was also convicted of first-degree burglary for entering his house with a weapon and second-degree assault on Clara Mitchell, the woman she found with him. Matanane pleaded both not guilty and not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, but the jury was not swayed to either version.

According to separate grand jury indictments and the original Cullman County Sheriff's Office incident report, on March 10, 2018 Matanane parked down the road from her estranged husband's home and approached dressed in black and armed with a pistol. Forcing her way into the house, she shot her estranged husband and struck Mitchell in the head with the pistol before the two were able to disarm her.

Attempted murder and first-degree burglary (which includes burglary with a deadly weapon or injury to a victim) are Class A felonies which carry sentences from 10-99 years. Second-degree assault is a Class C felony which carries a sentence from 1-10 years.

Matanane has not yet been sentenced.

Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas, in issuing his verdict order, wrote, "After consideration of the guilty verdict that has been returned and the serious nature of the charges, the Defendant's bond is revoked and it is ordered that the Defendant shall be held without bail pending sentencing."


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Lee Ann Matanane

The Tribune reached out to the Cullman County District Attorney's office for comment, but received no response.

Arrests and incidents reported on March 26-27

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on March 26-27, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON MARCH 26
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 25
- unauthorized breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Women's Outreach; 2nd Ave. SW; money bag; unknown amount of property value
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Cullman Shopping Center; damage to '04 Chev. Venture; $150
- third-degree domestic violence; person

ARRESTS
March 25
Self, Tracy S., 45
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Duke, William J., 40
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- failure to signal

Cummings, Shannon M., 38
- FTA- third-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Burns, Kie J., 19
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- attempting to elude

Rainey, Kelsey A., 28
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Curvin, Meshach J., 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- attempting to elude

Holladay, Elizabeth C., 22
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported

REPORTED ON MARCH 27
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 26
- fourth-degree theft of property; Hobby Lobby; Town Square SW; miscellaneous; $63

ARRESTS
March 26
Rollo, Jennifer L., 36
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Denzil J., 52
- indecent exposure
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Lindsey, Stephen C., 33
- fourth-degree theft of property

Hanners, Loretta J., 50
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Christopher W., 41
- attempting to elude

Duke, Jason P., 33
- fourth-degree theft of property

Salers, Robert J., 34
- FTA- switched tag

Reeves, Monica L., 28
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hone, Molly E., 26
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
March 28 - April 6

Hanceville City Council Meeting- Thursday, March 28
The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

Coffee with CASA- Friday, March 29
Friday, March 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Come out to Berkeley Bob's Coffee House for Coffee with CASA. You'll have a chance to meet some of our volunteers. Learn more about CASA. Enjoy some delicious coffee! Sign up for training. Network with other members of the community. 304 First Ave. SE, Cullman

Cullman Elks Lodge Low Country Boil Fundraiser- Friday, March 29
Come up to the lodge this Friday, from 6-8 p.m., for our next Low Country Boil Fundraiser. We will be serving shrimp, smoked sausage, corn on the cob and potatoes all cooked in beer and Old Bay Seasoning. Plates will be $15 each. Carry-out plates also available. We will also have hamburger steaks and fried catfish plates available. 1525 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman

Smith Lake Park Spring Yard Sale- Saturday, March 30
Join us on Saturday, March 30 for our Smith Lake Park Spring Yard Sale! It's free to the public! Set up begins at 6 a.m. and sale begins at 7 a.m. Vendor grass spots are $10 and pavilions are $35 and $55. Vendors will pay at the gate on the day of the sale. Reservations only needed for pavilions. For more info, call 256-739-2916.

5K Walk & Run Benefiting Garrison Gives Hope- Saturday, March 30
Come join us for a 5K Walk & Run supporting Garrison Gives Hope and the Cullman Area Mental Health Authority. All proceeds go toward LOCAL FOLKS who need access to care or medications and who struggle with mental health issues here in our community. Email gghcom@regarrison.com or go to https://bit.ly/2HWS40e to register. 8 a.m.-noon at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman

Relay For Life March Madness Golf Tournament- Saturday, March 30
The Wallace State Relay For Life team will hold a March Madness Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 30, at Cross Creek Golf Course. Check in will begin at 11 a.m., with a 12 p.m. shotgun start. The two-player scramble is flighted and includes a couple's division. Entry is $120 per team, and includes green fees and cart with GPS and club cover, team range balls, tournament gift, one attempt for longest drive, one attempt for closest pin, one attempt for closest second shot, dinner, prizes/photo. Team options include skins game, chipping and putting contest and mulligans. Cash prizes will be awarded. Register by March 23 at www.wsccalumni.org/marchmadness19 or contact Debra Young at 256-352-8334 or debra.young@wallacestate.edu. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/473493976509964/

Colors of Cancer Day and 5K- Saturday, April 6
Saturday, April 6 from 8-11 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park Find out more at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddies-Foundation.

Holly Pond Band 21st Annual Golf Classic- Saturday, April 6
Holly Pond Band's 21st Annual Golf Classic at Chesley Oaks will take place on April 6. For more information, visit the band's Facebook page, call 256-339-9677 or email hollypondband@gmail.com.

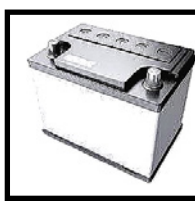
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Graveside services for Margre Blackwood, 87, of Hanceville will be Friday, March 29, 2019 at noon at Hopewell Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday beginning at 10 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Blackwood passed away on Monday. She was born May 16, 1931 to Burnham and Olar (Quick) Pitts. She is survived by children, Donna (Eddie) Heptinstall, Keith (Cindy) Blackwood, Sherry (Doug) Hamrick and John (Debbie) Blackwood; grandchildren, David Heptinstall, Lacy (Josh) Stancil, Keith (Maggie) Blackwood Jr., Emily (Stephen) Chandler, Stanley Hamrick, John "J.T." Blackwood Jr., Landon Blackwood, Ashlea (Clay) Miles, Paige (Jake) Russell and Jake Hamrick and great grandchildren, Asher Heptinstall, Aiden Heptinstall, Brooklyn Stancil, Kyleigh Stancil and Anna Reese Miles.

Edna Imogene "Jean" Puckett Alexander of Cullman passed away on March 24, 2019 at the age of 83. She was born in Vinemont November 3, 1935 to Sidney "Sid" and Sara Edna Davis Puckett. She is preceded in death by her husband Ferrell D. Alexander. Jean was a Christian and a devoted member of Valley Springs Baptist Church for 60 years. Her pride and joy was her family. She loved to volunteer when her children were young at Good Hope School. She helped at the Valley Grove Community Center. She worked at the Cullman County Board of Registrars Office for 15 years. She was a member of the Cullman County Democratic Party, and she volunteered for the Loretta Fire Department and established the Valley Grove Neighborhood Watch. She was also a member of the Cullman County Cattlewomen, she also served on board for Hospice of Cullman County. Funeral services are Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Scott Guthery officiating. Interment will be in Cullman Memory Gardens. Survivors are: daughter Connie (Kelley) Baker of Cullman, son Chris (Nancy) Alexander of Auburn, AL, sister Rachel Ross of Mirmar Beach FL, brothers Eugene (Libby) Puckett of Cullman, Windel (Sandy) Puckett of Cullman, 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Vincent Filippone, of Cullman, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the age of 64. Mr. Filippone unconditionally loved and adored his wife, children and grandchildren and they all loved him and looked up to him. He was an employee and warehouse manager at Tyson in Hanceville; formerly American Proteins, for almost 25 years, and loved his job. He could light up a room with his smile and never met a stranger. He was a true inspiration to everyone that knew him. People loved being around him and he will be missed by everyone that knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents: Frank and Charmian Hickman Filippone; brother, Frank Filippone and sister, Sandy Ballone. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Deborah Fisher Filippone; sons Matthew Fisher, Alexander and Fiance' Katie Fisher, Vincent E. and Ashley Filippone, Jr. and Franklin R. and Fiance' Candi Filippone; daughter, Sharon and Tommy Gifford; sister Mary Ann and Bob Chriss; aunt, Mary Ann Mondo; 9 grandchildren and was expecting his first great grandchild. No services are scheduled at this time. Online condolences and special memories can be left for the family at mossservicefh.com

Services for Bobby Joe Blalock, 88, of Thomasville, Georgia, were at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Tim Filston officiated and interment was at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Mr. Blalock passed away on March 12, 2019, at Archbold Hospital. He was born on October 26, 1930, in Cullman, to the late Asa Blalock and Velma Robinson Blalock. He was one of six sons and four daughters. On August 11, 1950 in Cullman he married Jeanette Bright Blalock, who survives. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served during the Korean Conflict. Afterwards he returned to Alabama and joined the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency as Deputy Director and soon was promoted to Director, all under Governor John Patterson's term. In the early 60's he moved to Thomasville, as Mr. Blalock joined FEMA, where he served in many capacities during disasters and retired in 1993 as Regional Director. Throughout the years, Mr. Blalock was very involved in community activities as an active member of the Thomasville Exchange Club, with local sports, an avid fan of Thomasville High School Bulldogs, serving as president of the Thomasville Touchdown Club. He was a little league baseball coach fan as well. He served as an active member of the Thomasville Association of Retarded Children. Mr. Blalock was a longstanding member of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville serving as Sunday School teacher, deacon and elder. He was a passionate golfer and held the position of the MGA President at Glen Arven Country Club after retirement. He is also survived by his children, Ricky and Sue Blalock, of Thomasville, Jeff and Beth Blalock, of Snellville, Georgia, Trent and Michelle Blalock, of Albany, Georgia, grandchildren, Jason and Haley Blalock, Leah and Austin Odom, Amanda and Jason Weldon, Jeffrey Blalock, Chad and Natalie Blalock, Reid and Jessica Blalock, great-grandchildren, Brody, Hayden, Jerrett, Josie, Kinlee Presslee and Berkeley and brother, Asa Blalock, of Tallahassee, Florida. He was predeceased by a son, Tracy Bright Blalock. Footnote: He and his wife graduated from Cullman High School in 1950. Bobby Joe was captain of the 1949-1950 football team.

Belinda Kay Roberts, 66, of Holly Pond, passed away on March 25, 2019. She was born May 25, 1952, to Charles and Anna Bush Mitchell. Kay was retired from Marshal Medical Center North after many years as a LPN. Ms. Roberts is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Anna Mitchell; husband, Ricky Roberts; and beloved daughter, Deserie Renee Roberts. She is survived by her sister, Karen Mitchell; sister-in-law, Becky Roberts; dear friend, Fran Tate; and a nephew. A private family graveside service for Ms. Roberts will held at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Roberts family.

On March 26, 2019, Kenneth Duane Chaffin, 68, graduated to glory. Ken was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 20, 1950, to the late Kenneth C. and Jessie Mae Chaffin. Ken is survived by his wife, Jannie Bullock Chaffin, son, Steven of Cullman, Alabama, and his daughter, Bethany Lindsey (Ted) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Five grandchildren called him Papa: Brandon, Jacob, Caleb, Kenzie, and Abbie. On Friday, March 29th, visitation will be held from noon until 3 p.m. with Funeral services following at 3 p.m. at the Cullman Church of Christ in Cullman, AL. On Saturday, March 30th, at 1 p.m. a graveside service will be held at the Crest Lawn Cemetery in Cookeville, TN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Childhaven, INC. at www.childhaven.com. The family would like to thank the amazing doctors and nurses at Cullman Regional Hospital for all the care and love they provided to Ken and the family.

Funeral Service for Edna Faye Jacobs, age 79, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Logan Baptist Church with John McKoy officiating. She will lie in state from noon until 2 p.m. Interment will be in Ryans Creek Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Jacobs passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born May 15, 1939, to William David and Rilla Myrtle Jacobs. Faye was blessed with a childlike innocence that we wish we all had. She never married but was a second mother to all of her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Audrey Renfrow, Annis Powell, and Sue Woodard; brothers, Gerald Jacobs, Kenneth Jacobs, Paul Jacobs, and Jerry Jacobs. Survivors include a host of nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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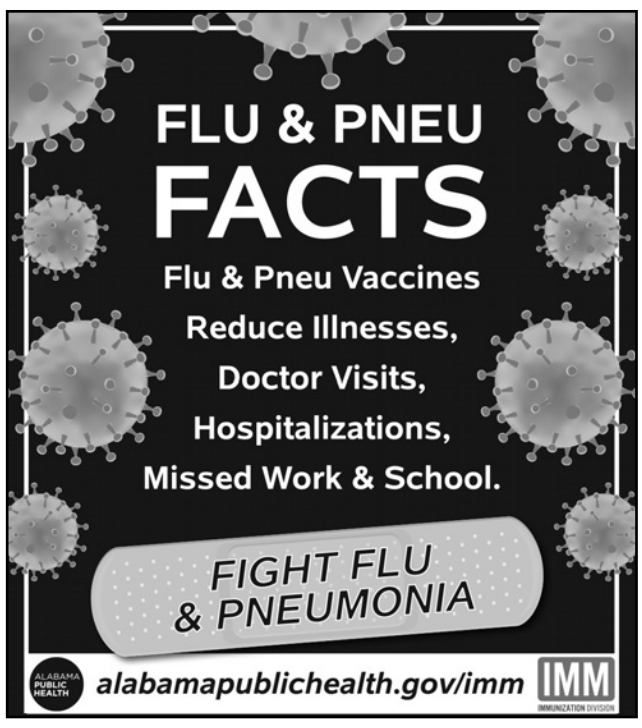
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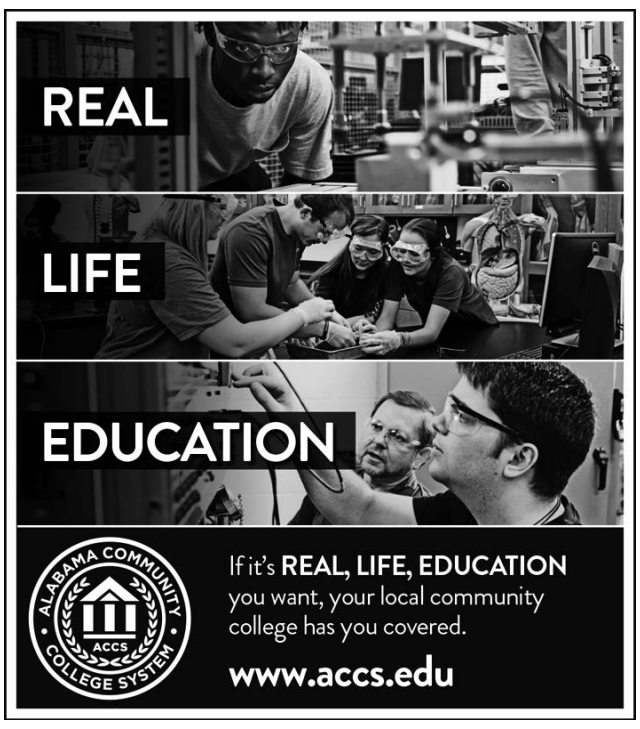
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CULLMAN COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

National Center on Sexual Exploitation identifies 'Dirty Dozen'

Kathy Wilson, W.C. Mann

CULLMAN, Ala. – Kathy Wilson, Chairperson of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, shares the work of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) and its list of entities whose policies may encourage sexual exploitation:

The NCOSE is the leading organization exposing the links between all forms of sexual exploitation such as child sexual abuse, prostitution, sex trafficking and the public health crisis of pornography. Sexual exploitation encompasses a wide range of sexual abuse, regardless of age, including sexual objectification, sexual violence, pornography, prostitution and sex trafficking. The mission includes any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power or trust, for sexual purposes.

These forces have always been at work in our society, but in America today their chasms loom larger, deeper and darker than ever before. Their icy chill has touched us all.

Yet the light of human dignity and inherent worth burns strong. We believe every human being deserves the opportunity to live life to its fullest potential without sexual harm: to pursue dreams and ambition, express creativity and talents, seek beauty, truth and faith, experience hope, joy and love with family and friends, to thrive. This is the mission of the NCOSE.

The NCOSE was founded in 1962 and, since that time, has evolved to advocate for a world free from all forms of sexual exploitation.

Wilson attended a conference where the NCOSE presented, saying, "Once I found out the valuable information that the center has, I wanted our local community to know."

The NCOSE conducts policy activism through projects like the "Dirty Dozen" list which targets 12 corporations or organizations it says facilitate sexual exploitation. The 2019 Dirty Dozen list was recently released.

Said Wilson, "If we can be an informed society, then we can stop the sexual exploitation of our children. It's time to find the moral compass within us all."

The following is the 2019 Dirty Dozen list.

The NCOSE will continue naming and shaming until these mainstream contributors to the normalization of sexual exploitation no longer stand in allegiance with pornographers, sex traffickers and sex buyers and join the fight for the right to live "sexploitation" free lives.

The 2019 Dirty Dozen (From the NCOSE website)

• **Amazon** - Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, is known for lightning fast shipping and selling virtually anything online. While their corporate policy ostensibly prohibits it from selling pornography, Amazon.com is promoting material that sexualizes children and normalizes the dehumanization and sexual commodification of women. Amazon Prime inserts unnecessary, gratuitous nudity and simulated sex scenes into many of its original programmings, and provides faulty tools for blocking unwanted recommendations for sexually explicit programs. Items for sale on Amazon include child-like sex dolls, photography books with eroticized child nudity, pornographic magazines, and clothing items, and more. Their Kindle e-reader is riddled with sexually explicit content containing incest, babysitter, and group-sex themes.

• **EBSCO Information Services** - The company offers online library resources to public and private schools (K-12), colleges and universities, public libraries, and more. In its advertising for schools, it promises "fast access to curriculum-appropriate content." However, its Explora, Science Reference Center, Literary Reference Center, and other products, sometimes provide easy access to hardcore pornography sites and extremely graphic sexual content. Notable Progress: We want to acknowledge that EBSCO has made significant progress over the last two years, particularly in educational databases meant for elementary students and also in those meant for middle school students. Just two years ago basic searches for innocent search terms like "7th grade biology" or "respiration" would yield results with pornographic images or explicit instructions on risky sex acts. Now, searches for even pornographic terms often yield no result in these databases. We are grateful that EBSCO took on constructive criticism from the NCOSE, and others, to address those problems.

• **Google (including YouTube, Chrome, and Google Images)** - Google is a vast corporate empire, and there have been some important steps forward that Google has taken to combat sexual exploitation, including responses to NCOSE activism to remove pornographic apps from GooglePlay, ceasing pornographic Google Ads, improving WiFi filtering tools, and improving the visibility of the SafeSearch filtering option in Google Images. .Advertisers like Walt Disney Co. and AT&T are suspending advertising with YouTube over mounting concerns about the platform being used for the eroticization of children and for pedophile networking. Two days after Google claimed to be finally fixing this problem, The NCOSE's Haley Halverson researched claims of pedophile rings, child erotica, and child exploitation on YouTube and found alarming results confirming the original reports and continued use of the platform for exploitive purposes.

• **HBO** - A division of Time Warner, it is an American premium cable television network that has consistently produced content which normalizes rape myths, sexual violence, and commercial sexual exploitation through with sexually exploitive depictions of sex and sexual violence. This has been displayed over the years through shows like Game of Thrones and The Deuce. The HBO GO home streaming service and app make accessing this exploitive content even easier.

• **Massage Envy** - From Hollywood, Capitol Hill, Silicon Valley and beyond the #MeToo movement has revealed the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault in our society. But at your local massage studio too? Yes! Massage Envy has been, and is being, sued by hundreds of women for failing to take appropriate measures when a massage therapist sexually harasses or assaults a client. Among a number of poor policies, the company has hidden clauses in customer agreements which force women to surrender their rights and many former employees report being trained to do all in their power not to encourage police to show up at their locations. Massage Envy does not even require reporting of suspected assaults to the Massage Therapy Board and a number of cases against Massage Envy involve prior complaints of sexual assault by customers being made to management and them doing nothing about it, thus allowing perpetrators to continue preying on vulnerable clients. While reports of sexual assault abound at other massage establishments, Massage Envy is the largest massage chain in America, with more than 20,000 therapists and 1,200 locations. Massage Envy has long known about the problem of assaults on their tables and yet only recently made serious policy improvements to try to curb and deal with these reports. We applaud their progress, while deploring the length of time it took for such movement to be made, and call on Massage Envy to take a stance of complete transparency and accountability when it comes to further addressing these horrors.

• **Netflix** - Netflix has become a staple of at-home entertainment. Over 51 million users subscribe to Netflix in the United States alone. While the streaming platform provides hours of entertainment with both existing and original programming, a Netflix subscription also includes sexually graphic and degrading content. Netflix often produces media portraying gratuitous nudity, graphic sexual acts, and even graphic depictions of sexual assault. Currently, Netflix provides over 300 original productions, ranging from serious dramas, laugh-out-loud comedies, and even animation. Most of Netflix's most popular (and most heavily-advertised) original shows are rated TV-MA (mature audiences only) frequently containing graphic sex scenes, nudity, and violence. Researchers at NCOSE recently looked into 10 of the top original Netflix titles and found that 9 out of 10 featured on-screen sex scenes. By depicting these issues so graphically it both increases the likelihood that a victim of past assault will be negatively triggered by the content, and it decreases the likelihood that viewers will thoughtfully analyze the harms of sexual exploitation. It would be easy for Netflix to portray the harms of sexual violence or lack of sexual consent without simultaneously "profiting" from a sexually objectifying and voyeuristic motif. Parental controls and rating displays need to be improved: while Netflix does provide parental controls in order to help protect young audiences from viewing this content, unfortunately, these parental controls are easy for tech-savvy children to get around. Further, Netflix does not make TV ratings clear when a user accesses Netflix through a third-party device, such as Apple TV, Amazon Fire, or Roku. App Rating for Netflix: Currently, Netflix self-rates itself as suitable for ages 4+ on the Apple App Store. This is a seriously misleading rating considering the high rate of content on Netflix containing graphic sex acts, gratuitous nudity, and extreme depictions of sexual assault. We request that Netflix changes its self-rating on the App Store to be 17+.

• **State of Nevada** - Nevada is the only state in America with legalized brothel prostitution, in select counties. As of February 2018, there were at least 21 brothels active in Nevada. While some may claim that legalization provides better regulation and increased safety – the truth is that sexual violence, racism, and socioeconomic disadvantages are inextricable from the prostitution experience. Nevertheless, nearly 81% of the voters in Lyon County, Nevada voted to keep brothels legal in 2018. This made 81% of Lyon County citizens complicit in the sex trade, and therefore complicit in the sexual exploitation (and even sex trafficking) of countless women. One woman who survived being prostituted in two legal brothels in Nevada stated: "We did not have the "independent contractor" freedom to turn down buyers. Management required us to line up when someone arrived at the brothel. Once picked from the lineup, we would bring the sex buyer back to our room where he was allowed to do whatever he wanted with us... The violent-natured men I encountered in legal brothels are no different than the men buying sex on the streets. I cannot count the number of times I physically fought with men in the brothels and how many times I have been raped because I was too scared to fight back."

• **Roku** - Roku, a leading media streaming company, provides its users with the ability to stream television programs, movies, music, and more, on their personal devices. Unfortunately, Roku also facilitates access to hardcore pornography channels through hundreds of private and hidden channels. Pornographers are well aware of the backdoor Roku has left open to them. They widely advertise for their private channels and applaud Roku in forum after forum for being the go-to streaming device to permit this material. This stands in sharp contrast to the policies of other streaming device industry leaders such as Apple TV or Amazon's Fire TV, which have rightly kept hardcore pornography off of their systems.

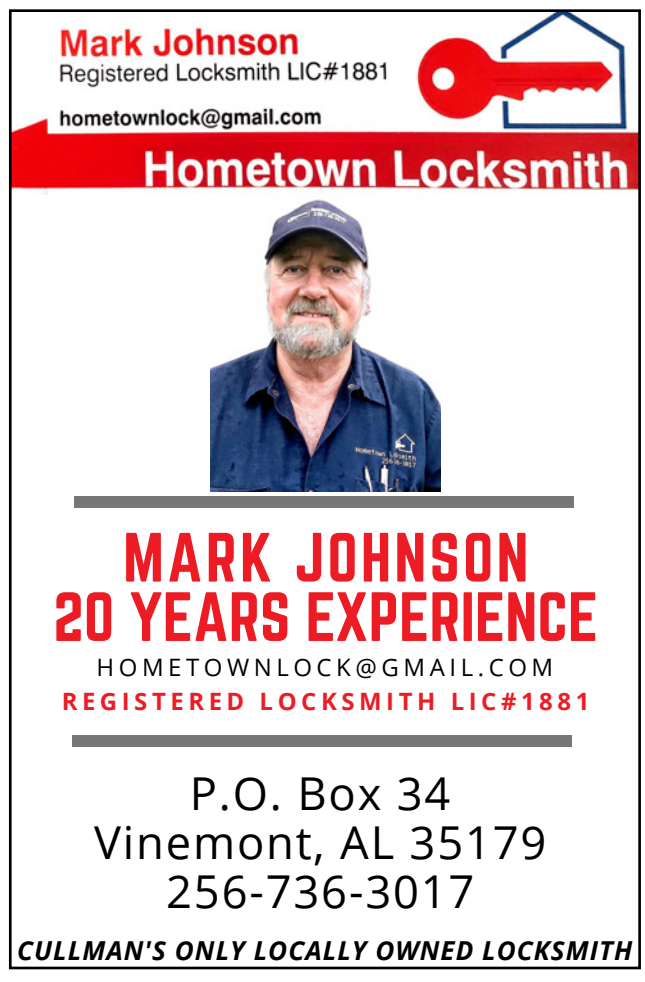
• **Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue** - Since 1964 this magazine has sexually objectified women for sport and profit. The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue would be more aptly named the Sexploitation Issue. Women of all shapes, sizes, and ages deserve more than being reduced to body parts for men to ogle. This magazine is sending a message that women's bodies are for public consumption, and any retailer that displays and sells it is condoning the toxic culture of entitlement to the female body. These images are not designed to be empowering. Rather, they are designed to portray women as sexually desirable and available to the male customers purchasing this magazine. Women who have achieved remarkable athletic feats do not deserve to be put back into the box of male sexual accessibility in order to promote "body positivity." This is a growing cultural recognition. For example, Ada Hegerberg the world's best soccer player was asked to twerk on stage after receiving the 2018 Women's Ballon d'Or Award. The host was widely condemned for the sexist overtones that sought to focus on Hegerberg's sexuality instead of her accomplishments. Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue is the magazine equivalent to this scandal. In 2015, the cover featured a model revealing a portion of her pubic area. After more than 30,000 complaints were filed, Safeway quickly moved the magazine away from checkout stands and stated that two-thirds of the cover would be out of sight. Patrons have a right to shop free from exposure to softcore pornography in the checkout line.

• **Steam** - Steam is a popular distribution platform, owned by Valve Corporation, which sells thousands of video games for PC, Mac, Linux box, mobile device, or even televisions, in addition to connecting gamers with community forums on its website. Despite hosting approximately 35 million users who are minors, Steam also facilitates video games that promote themes of sexual violence, exhibitionism, and rape. When video games include sexually graphic and degrading themes the user is not only a voyeur but an active participant in staging the scene. As our society suffers from the consequences of campus sexual assault, military sexual assault, and rising child-on-child sexual abuse, we see that normalizing the sexual use (and often abuse) of others in video games is irresponsible on the corporate and social level. In June of 2018, after receiving backlash from gamers about working to remove rape-themed games, Steam instituted a new policy to "allow everything onto the Steam Store, except for things that we decide are illegal, or straight up trolling." As soon as this new policy launched, the number of games tagged for "nudity" doubled from approximately 700 games to around 1,400 in just four months—and now there are over 2,000 games with this tag. Even when a user has filters on, pornographic video games that clearly portrayed penetrative sex acts are still accessible with a mere two clicks. Many of these titles not only contain "nudity" but also contain graphic sexual acts, sexual violence, sexualized child-like characters, and/or stripping and prostitution.

• **Twitter** - For years, Twitter has done little to stem the overwhelming tide of sex trafficking, prostitution, and pornography accounts on its site. In fact, media reports suggest that as many as 10 million Twitter accounts may include explicit sexual content. Twitter prides itself as being a platform for "free expression" yet refuses to remove accounts posting likely advertisements for sexual slavery. Twitter is being used to advertise prostituted persons and sex trafficking victims for purposes of commercial sexual exploitation, often via pornographic images or webcamming. Sometimes these tweets include offers to meet in person for "escorting" services, and sometimes they ask users to follow and pay for nude images, videos, or live streaming. It has been documented by law enforcement that pimps and sex traffickers often either coerce trafficking or child sexual abuse victims into making such social media or advertising posts or create the posts themselves in their victim's name. This is what was found to happen on Backpage.com—the notorious classifieds ads website that was recently shut down by the Department of Justice for knowingly facilitating sex trafficking. Further, Twitter has come under fire for the vast amount of cyber-based sexual harassment, revenge pornography, and even sexually exploited images of children on its platform. We know that pornography is inherently tied to cyber-based sexual harassment, whether in the form of revenge pornography, being spammed with pornography, or having one's virtual identity co-opted by tags to pornography. Twitter is filled with pornography that supports rape myths, normalizes adult-with-teen-themed and incest-themed exploitation, and reinforces degrading racially charged sexual stereotypes. These include ads for prostitution webcamming and in-person encounters. Disturbingly, recent news reports show that pedophiles have also begun migrating to Twitter, and no doubt use Direct Messages and other tools to share information about accessing child sexual abuse images (i.e., child pornography).

• **United Airlines** - The commercial passenger carrier has come under public scrutiny for a variety of incidents that revealed inconsistency in policies and aircrew training – from forcing a pet into an overhead compartment where it died to physically dragging a doctor off a plane. Now United Airlines is placed on the 2019 Dirty Dozen List, which names 12 mainstream contributors to sexual exploitation, for systemic outbreaks of inappropriate aircrew reactions to sexual harassment on their airplanes. Sexual harassment includes but is not limited to, unwanted sexual advances or attention including physical actions, speech, and viewing pornography in-flight. While cases of these actions have occurred on virtually every airline, United Airlines aircrews have apparently received ineffective training due to consistent failures in addressing sexually harassing actions, speech, or pornography-use. For example, United Airlines appears to have struggled with protecting flight crews and passengers alike from sexual harassment. Further, United Airlines appears to be chronically ill-prepared to address the growing problem of pornography on airplanes and the ensuing culture of sexual harassment that this fosters. While most airlines have a policy on paper against in-flight pornography use, they are not adequately training their in-flight crews or support staff to ensure they A) are consciously aware the policy exists or B) know how to enforce it.

For more on the NCOSE, visit https://endsexualexploitation.org.







LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Commission fields questions on taxes, road improvements

Christy Perry
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Several residents attended Tuesday's Cullman County Commission meeting for an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns regarding the new half-cent sales tax approved at the March 12 commission meeting.

Chairman Kenneth Walker repeatedly advised that questions regarding the tax be directed toward the Cullman County Board of Education, which requested the tax to benefit Cullman County Schools. The money will go toward facilities and safety upgrades for all county school campuses, as well as a new multi-use sports and event venue. The tax will be imposed for 15 years.

Walker estimated the tax revenue expected per year from the increase to be $5.4 million.

Local realtor Ben Ponder addressed several questions about the new tax to the commissioners.

He spoke to The Tribune afterward, saying, "My concerns are we didn't discuss it beforehand. We railroaded it and it was known to be railroaded. We keep screaming, 'We don't have resources- we don't have resources!' We have a chance to get some resources and we've already allocated where we can spend it. We are either lying about what we know or lying about what we don't know and neither of those is acceptable to me."

Ponder asked for more transparency. He suggested the commission, which meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m., hold one of its monthly meetings in the evening hours to allow more people an opportunity to attend.

He also questioned the recent pay raise approved for Cullman County Engineer John Lang, saying, "We're voting in raises when I can't drive down our roads to pick up my daughter."

Lang addressed the increase in pay following the meeting, stating, "This was brought up in conjunction with a separate pay raise that the County wanted to have like jobs with like responsibilities to have comparable pay grade positions. As part of that, it spurred my inquiry as to what county engineers across the state were making. I received a list from ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) and I was significantly lower than the state average for county engineers. Include the assistant county engineer, too, because that list is also maintained, and he was within $1,000 of average pay for that. Seventy percent of my salary is paid by ALDOT and 50 percent of the assistant's is paid by ALDOT."

He added, "It wasn't my idea. This came in conjunction with something else that includes to have other jobs with similar responsibilities and similar positions across the county to make pay more in line with them. So I thought, if that rule applied to someone else, why wouldn't it apply to me? I was prompted by the commission to write a letter to that effect in a work session. That's what I did and they approved it."

Walker and Commissioner Kerry Watson approved the request. Commissioner Garry Marchman abstained from voting.

Roads were also a hot topic, with several residents of County Road 18 frustrated by their road's condition. Residents said they had been hopeful that County Road 18 would be repaved for the past two years. After a brief discussion about the lack of progress and the increase in dangerous potholes, Marchman spoke to his constituents.

Said Marchman, "I know roads are a downfall that we have as a commission. We don't have all the resources we need to do the job that we need to do when it comes to roads. I'll be the first to sit up here and say I haven't always made the right decisions when it comes to things. You know, I'll tell you right now that I've made wrong decisions since I've been a commissioner, but one thing that I do is I do put my heart in what I do. I believe we can improve the way we do business, but it's not going to be done until we find more resources to put into our roads."

Walker and Marchman clarified the commission's role in road improvements for the upcoming Rock the South music festival.

Said Walker, "All we did as far as Rock the South is improve the traffic plan."

Both stated separately that the striping planned for County Road 469 will be paid by Rock the South organizers.

Marchman added, "Anything that has to be done to those roads as a result of Rock the South, they are going to take care of it."

In other business

The commission approved a resolution to vacate a portion of County Road 1614 in Berlin.

The voting location for precinct 33 was moved from the Baldwin Community Center to the Baldwin Family Life Center. Precinct 5 was also moved. The Stouts Mountain location will be in the new fellowship hall at Stouts Mountain Baptist Church.

The recent state of emergency put in place after the White City tornado was terminated. The total cost for debris removal was $12,036.77.

Approval was granted for a request to seek the opinion from the Alabama Attorney General to clarify the Supernumerary Law regarding retirement pay for a retired supernumerary elected official.

Payment of $8,776.54 to the ACCA Workers' Compensation Fund as a result of last year's payroll audit was approved.

Festhalle Market Committee requested $3,000 and was approved.

The annual "Free Dump Day" program was approved for the month of May. Cullman County Sanitation customers will receive their vouchers for the program in their power bills.

The Cullman County Coroner's Office will surplus a three-body cooler to be sold to Lawrence County for $2,000. A six-body cooler is being donated to Cullman from Shelby County.

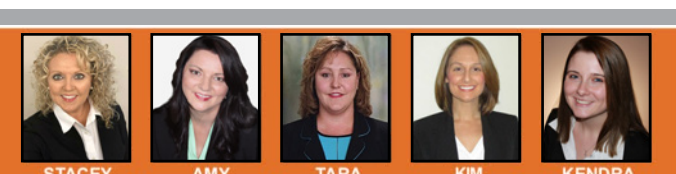
Several bids were approved:

- Roof replacement for the Water Department/EMA building- Willoughby Roofing- $190,725
- Replacement of 4-ton unit for POB Building- Richard Electric Co., Inc.- $7,950
- Security system for Water Department/EMA building (reimbursable by DHS grant)- Sharp Communications- $15,124.50
- Computer equipment - TSA

The next Cullman County Commission work session is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on April 9 with the commission meeting following at 10.




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"My favorite part about working at Tony Serra Nissan has to be the satisfaction of making a customer happy and excited about their new vehicle. I don't want to be just your salesman; I want to be your 'car guy' no matter your needs. I once had this lady so happy about her experience that she personally delivered brownies to my home for my family. Those are the moments I cherish and makes me love my job. I want everyone to have that experience when they see me. Plus, I just love brownies."



Joshua says the family atmosphere within Nissan is one that is accommodating to the staff, but more importantly, the customer.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday April 1, 2019 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. Short-form subdivision – Whispering Pines Drive NW & Rocky Waters Drive NW – Divide one parcel in to 3 parcels
2. Heritage Village Subdivision – Phase V & revised utility plan
3. Short-form Subdivision – County Road 473 – Divide one lot into two lots

For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RESOLUTION VACATING A
PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD 1614

WHEREAS, Amy McGriff Cordar desires to vacate a portion of Cullman County Road Number 1614, a road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission held a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, occurred once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Office Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, Amy McGriff Cordar requested a vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road 1614.

WHEREAS, an action was requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 1614, more particularly described as follows:

A proposed vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road No. 1614, that runs through the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama. It being the intent of this description to vacate the entire portion of said County Road No. 1614 from the point of beginning to the ending point, the centerline of said proposed vacation being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found capped corner (LS-11845) marking the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N. 1522525.14', E. 2196290.90' and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds East (Bearing based on AL. State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, Grid) and run along the West line, a distance of 363.06 feet to a point in the center of Cullman County Road No. 1614, same being the point of beginning; thence run along the center of said County Road the following courses:

North 59 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 244.53 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 42 degrees 59 minutes 57 seconds, a radius of 335.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 38 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds East, and a chord length of 245.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 251.41 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 16 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, a distance of 517.54 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 09 degrees 33 minutes 20 seconds, a radius of 1,360.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 12 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds East and a chord length of 226.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 226.81 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 07 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 238.19 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right, having a central angle of 38 degrees 08 minutes 01 seconds, a radius of 280.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 26 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East and a chord length of 182.94 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 186.36 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 45 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 327.48 feet to the ending point.

WHEREAS, said resolution and notice was posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et. seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desired had an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. Public notice was posted a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of Resolution No. 2019-14 vacating the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 1614 was considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the Cullman County Commission Office Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place a resolution was adopted vacating the the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 1614, which is hereby attached.

Dated this the 26th day of March, 2019.

BY: /s/ J. Chad Floyd
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NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
VACATING A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD 821

WHEREAS, the Cullman County Commission proposes to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), more particularly described as follows:

AN ABANDONMENT DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 821 AND BEING SITUATED IN A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE CENTERLINE OF ABANDONMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND 5/8 INCH REBAR MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83. COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1494392.22', E. 2128409.10', AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83. GRID.), ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 341.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 163.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 56.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 35 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 34 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 511.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 46 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, A CHORD LENGTH OF 312.64 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 317.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE NORTH 64 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 168.26 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 49.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 31.90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 74.83 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 85.60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 71 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 68.29 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 311.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 74 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 46 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 142.37 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 74 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, A CHORD LENGTH OF 172.67 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 185.52 FEET TO THE POINT TANGENCY; THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 146.03 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 125.27 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST ,A DISTANCE OF 74.48 FEET TO THE ENDING POINT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, shall occur once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, the Cullman County Commission is proposing vacation of the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 821.

WHEREAS, an action is proposed for the adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 821.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is posted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of the Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 821, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 12th day of March, 2019.

BY: /s/ J. Chad Floyd
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W., Room 110
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 775-4893

LEGALS

PB WIL BK 89 PG 804 - 03/13/2019 08:50 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARY EVELYN CALVERT * CASE NO PC 2019-067
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **CHARLES LESLIE ROBINSON**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY EVELYN CALVERT, deceased, on the 13th day of March, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Charles Leslie Robinson
Personal Representative

R. Eric Summerford, Sr.
Attorney for Petitioner
701 2nd Avenue
Decatur, Alabama 35601

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

PB WIL BK 89 PG 797 - 03/13/2019 08:19 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ZETTIE LOU ATKINSON, * **CASE NO.: PC2019-084**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BILLY C. ATKINSON, JR. and ROBERT RAY ATKINSON, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of ZETTIE LOU ATKINSON, deceased, on the 11th day of March, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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 be barred.

DONE this the 11th day of March, 2019.

Personal Representative:
BILLY C. ATKINSON JR.
ROBERT RAY ATKINSON

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
BEVERLY PASCHAL POSTON
200 1ST Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 739-3970

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

PB ADT BK 51 PG 692 - 03/05/2019 01:05 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-012**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF D.M.G.
D.O.B. 08-06-2009
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DAVID MICHAEL GOSA, SR., FATHER
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY CARY JAMES ABLE, PETITIONER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. 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 5th DAY OF March, 2019.

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

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MICHAEL LEE NEWBY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2019-000084.00**

DIONNE DOROTHY NEWBY,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Dionne Dorothy Newby, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Michael Lee Newby's Complaint for Divorce by May 6th, 2019 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2019-000084.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of March, 2019.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
G. Edward Coey
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RONNY TAYLOR,) **CASE NO.: PC-2019-049**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to James Taylor, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronny Taylor, deceased, on the 20 day of March, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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 20th day of March, 2019.

James Taylor
Personal Representative

Nathan A. Brock
Attorney for Personal Representative
223 2nd Ave. SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

TODD MCLEROY
SPECIAL JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
CHARLES DANNY POPE,) **CASE NO.: PC-2019-093**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CAROL POPE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES DANNY POPE, deceased, on the 15th day of March, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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 15th day of March, 2019.

Carol Pope
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Personal Representative
1701 Main Ave SW, Ste 5
Cullman, AL 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Run March 28, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. The first publication of this public notice was published in the Cullman Tribune on March 21st, 2019. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-11 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 11

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03 AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, Elizabeth R. Jochum, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 670 feet North of Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 10, Range 3 West, thence running North 330 feet, thence East 1322 ½ feet, more or less, to the Bremen Pike, thence South 330 feet and thence West 1322 ½ feet, more or less, to the point of commencement, containing 10 acres, more or less. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as R-2 Residential District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from **R-2 Residential District to R-4 Residential District.**

2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 15th day of April, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

/s/Wesley M. Moore – Cullman City Clerk

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 Walter L. Lumpkinannette B. Lumpkin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns dated March 9, 2012; said mortgage being recorded on April 3, 2012, in Book 1673, Page 20, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company by assignment recorded in Deed Book 327, Page 770 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, 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 18th day of June, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 4 West; thence South 48 degrees 30 minutes East, a distance of 507.65 feet to a point on the South right of way of a paved county road and the true point of beginning; thence South 47 degrees 00 minutes East along said road a distance of 210.0 feet to a point; thence South 39 degrees 55 minutes 24 seconds West a distance of 215.0 feet to a point; thence North 48 degrees 23 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 180.0 feet to a point; thence North 32 degrees 15 minutes East a distance of 223.0 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.0 acre, more or less..

Said property is commonly known as 1525 County Rd 1141, Cullman, AL 35057.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Walter L. LumpkinAnnette B. Lumpkin or tenant(s).
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
(800) 275-7171
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 9130719
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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 Linda A. Younglove to American General Financial Services of Alabama, Inc. dated April 13, 2005; said mortgage being recorded on April 15, 2005, in Book 1423, Page 703, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on 08/12/2014 and recorded in Book 1740, Page 616 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee for the CIM Trust 2017-8 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-8 to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee for the CIM Trust 2017-8 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-8, 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 8th day of April, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
ALL THAT CERTAIN property situated in the County of CULLMAN, and State of Alabama, being described as follows:

Begin at the Northwest corner of Lot 4, in Block 13; thence run North 88 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East 132.60 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 165.00 feet; thence run South 88 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds West 132.50 feet to the East right of way line of East Railroad Avenue; thence along said right of way run North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 165.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. In Garden City, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 412 East Shaver Rd, Garden City, AL 35077.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Linda A. Younglove or tenant(s).
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE CIM TRUST 2017-8 MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2017-8
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
(800) 275-7171
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 9118119
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THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

EDITORIAL

The First Amendment and an elected Cullman official

Noah Galilee
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"If you gonna write for us, I want you to write positive. Anytime the commission name is in an article, it's all positive. No negatives."
*– **Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker Commission***

Amendment I
"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Please feel free to refer back to the First Amendment up there as you sift through this editorial. While it's no hidden fact that Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker and I have not seen eye-to-eye in more than five years, it's sad to say that I was not surprised by his actions toward two Tribune reporters Tuesday morning following the commission's work session. Mr. Walker was upset with The Tribune's coverage of the Garden City Town Council's meeting on March 18, 2019. (https://bit.ly/2Ox3cSz)

Walker pulled both into his office and proceeded to question the merit of their work, which everyone is entitled to do; however, what followed was more in line with an early 20th century boss and not an elected official.

First, Mr. Walker, you don't tell any reporter (true, qualified and credentialed media) what he or she should and shouldn't report. Controversy, second-guessing and scrutiny are what you, and all elected officials, signed up for when you penned your name to run and paid the fee to register. If you didn't know, media was established to keep checks and balances of elected officials, not to serve as your personal PR firm.

Second, our reporter factually reported on the meeting in question, the Garden City Town Council meeting (https://bit.ly/2Ox3cSz), in which Mayor Pro-Tempore Scott Arnold made remarks about alleged actions taken by the county commission; however, it is not her responsibility to call you or any of the commissioners for quotes every time a municipality or councilmember mentions your names or the commission. However, our editor did try to contact Commissioner Kerry Watson. Why Watson? Because it's in his district.

A major line between media and government wasn't merely overstepped when you, Chairman Walker, stated, "If you gonna write for us, I want you to write positive. Anytime the commission name is in an article, it's all positive. No negatives. And, you hadn't even called to ask us about it or nothing. You wrote what they wanted. You wrote what they said and didn't back it up by calling the commission. I don't like doing business like that."

You didn't just overstep, you took a sprinter's dash and dove off the cliff of media suppression head first in an age where reporters/journalists/media outlets are being attacked daily by elected officials. Suppose you just wanted to be part of loud rhetoric.

Lastly, The Cullman Tribune is not a PR firm. Other outlets in the area may have confused you over the past six years if you're stating, "We don't like negative around here. I've been here six years with no negatives. I don't like negative."

We aren't here to appease/tear down egos, make you look bad or good, make up quotes for you to sound intelligent/ignorant, or to do anything other than to report news as it unfolds.

If you feel media should operate differently, then my suggestion is to get out of politics.

Before anyone attempts to rip my head off, please feel free to read the full transcript (minus one small section which Walker asked to be off the record, as it pertained to a personnel issue) and listen to the full audio.

Decide for yourself if attempting to dictate what media should and shouldn't report is behavior befitting a public official.

Our reporters were given the option to have their names withheld from this editorial but both insisted that they be named. It is a common practice for newspapers, television stations and other credentialed media to omit the names of reporters involved in incidents such as the one with Chairman Walker; however, our reporters and editorial crew all agreed complete transparency is the way to go.

A link to the story Chairman Walker is referencing is added at the bottom of this story.

Transcript from 3-26-19, Cullman County Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker explaining how media works if media wants to cover the county commission.

Kenneth Walker -KW
Maggie Darnell (Cullman Tribune reporter)- MD
Christy Perry (Cullman Tribune reporter)- CP

KW- Garden City the other day, last week?

MD- He just said it. He acknowledged I was there..

KW- (interrupting) Don't, don't write nothing unless you know the truth. We didn't raise taxes to pave the roads for Rock the South. That's what you wrote.

Long pause

KW- That's not-we didn't raise taxes for that. All we done for Rock the South is- all we done as a commission was approve the traffic plan is all we done for Rock the South. The taxes was raised for the school board, the county school board. Had nothing to do with Rock the South.

MD- Yes, he was griping about the school taxes, but he just said he heard it as rumors. Not that it was an actual fact.

KW-OK, OK. Let's, let's write natural facts. Let's don't write rumors.

MD- Well, I stated that he said it was a rumor in his direct quote.

KW-I understand but you hadn't, you hadn't contacted the commission about the truth. We don't like negative around here. I've been here six years with no negatives. I don't like negative. If you gonna write for us, I want you to write positive. Anytime the commission name is in an article, it's all positive. No negatives. And, you hadn't even called to ask us about it or nothing. You wrote what they wanted. You wrote what they said and didn't back it up by calling the commission. I don't like doing business like that.

CP- I know umm...

KW- We gotta be positive in this community.

CP- I know last week-I don't, I wasn't at Garden City so I don't know how it was said. Sometimes it's hard...

KW- I already called and chewed him out because he didn't know what he was talking about either.

CP- Well sometimes it's hard to do what we do, too.

KW- I totally understand, I totally understand. Let's back up what you say and get the truth.

CP- There was a few days gap last week where it was tough and I felt...

KW- Oh believe me, I know it was tough.

CP- Because, honestly, Shane Barnette waited a whole week...

KW- Oh, I know.

CP- ...and left us in limbo because I knew what was going on...

KW- Left you in limbo?

CP-Left YOU in limbo.

KW (laughs)

CP- But there was a lot of stuff being said that every two seconds I wanted to jump on there, like, "Y'all don't understand."

KW- I know, I totally understand.

CP- But it wasn't my place to come out and make an announcement. That was Shane Barnette's place.

KW- I agree.

CP- And so there...phew! Trust me, I understand your frustration.

KW- And listen, I can work with anybody, I promise you. I work with you.

KW to MD- I don't, I'll work with you all you need me to, but negative information, we do not need our-especially with Rock the South and sales tax. I mean that's something that's never happened in the history of the commission. And I know she (CP) covers the commission, but if you've got an article with Garden City, please call and get our story.

And I'm not saying anything bad about any mayors or council members, and hold me to that. I'm not saying anything bad about them. Not at all. I admire every one of them. They get paid very little and do a lot of work, voluntarily.

****asked to be off the record****

KW- I'm not, I'm not, I'm not mad at you and I'm not getting on to you, but I'm trying to tell you that us as a commission don't want negative things out. Cause I've tried, in the last six years, I've tried to keep everything positive and my motto is "Keeping Cullman County Moving Forward" that's what we want to do and would love your help with it.

MD- Right.

CP- So, well can you just go ahead and tell me, so I can put it out there, because I'll be writing this meeting up. But I can clarify in my article based on what the Garden City guy said, who is paying for the roads? Improvements? Not y'all?

KW- There's no improvements.

CP- What is happening? I don't even know.

KW- There's no improvements to any roads.

CP- OK, so, who's doing the striping? Are y'all doing the striping?

KW- OK, Rock the South. There's one road that's being striped. Rock the South is paying for that striping.

CP- OK, that's all I need to know and I will let people...

KW- There's no road improvements. All we done for Rock the South...

CP- Is re-route?

KW- All we done is approve Skipper and Associates' traffic plan. That's all we approved. We didn't approve anything for Rock the South.

CP- OK, I will clarify that then.

KW- Here call me. Y'all got me cell phone number?

CP- I've got Garry's.

KW- Just don't give it out.

CP- We're going to put it in the paper.

KW- Yeah! You can call me anytime. I'll work with you. I'm an easy person to get along with.

CP- I'll just make sure, that was one of the things actually Wendy asked me yesterday to clarify was that taxpayer dollars were not going to have anything to do with the roads of Rock the South.

KW- No.

CP- That's totally different. I said OK, I'll ask him. So that works. There's re-striping. I remember you thought there was re-striping. That's the only part about that I remember was going to have to have improvements done to it and I was of the impression that Rock the South was (footing) the bill for that.

KW- Yeah for the striping of one county road. Let's see if John (Lang) is still here. Get that road number. It's not very far or very much.

Long pause

MD- You recorded all that right?

CP- Uh-huh.

MD- Wendy told me she tried to call them before that got published.

Kenneth Walker returns with County Engineer John Lang (JL)

KW- What road number is Rock the South striping?

JL- 469

KW- 469

CP- OK, so they are striping 469.

JL- I don't recall; it was somewhere in the neighborhood of 3 miles. A little bit less. I didn't even bring my...

KW- So it's about 2 1/2 miles?

JL- Yeah, 2.7 comes to mind, but I can't say that for sure.

CP- Is that County Road 469 or Highway 469?

KW & JL- County Road

CP- So basically, in a nutshell, any kind of work going into those roads to accommodate Rock the South, Rock the South is paying for?

KW- That's all that's happening is the striping.

JL- Yeah, all they're doing is striping. All we are doing.

CP- There's no widening?

KW- No.

JL- No. We are getting a bond to insure against damage-potential damage, but there's not proactive preparations that us or them are doing to get ready for Rock the South.

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In the first 90 days of concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine use, the risk of opioid-related overdose increases five-fold compared to opioid-only use among Medicare recipients, according to a new study published in *JAMA Network Open*. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends against concurrent use of opioids and benzodiazepines, but nearly a quarter of Medicare recipients who are prescribed opioids also fill prescriptions for benzodiazepines. Both drugs have sedative effects.

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A drug used to treat altitude sickness – as well as glaucoma, epilepsy, heart failure and seizures – may also offer significant gains for patients with a fast-growing brain tumor known as glioblastoma, according to a study published July 4, 2018, in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*. The drug, acetazolamide, sold under the trade name Diamox, is easy to take and has limited side effects.

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Researchers have shown – for the first time – that established lung fibrosis can be reversed using the diabetes drug Metformin. This finding, reported in the journal *Nature Medicine*, is important because, despite significant advances to reveal the pathological mechanisms of persistent fibrosis, effective treatment interventions are lacking. Pulmonary fibrosis can develop after lung injuries like infections, radiation or chemotherapy, or it can have an unknown cause, as in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis or IPF. IPF is a progressive and ultimately fatal, lung disorder that strikes more than 150,000 patients a year in the United States and more than five million worldwide.

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