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REMEMBERING BRITTNEY
Memorial ride raises $3K for family



COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

The Jefferson County Sheriff' Office provided escorts for the ride.

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FDA

HEALTH

Cullman Gravel Ridge Farms eggs recalled

Dustin Smith
FDA

CULLMAN – Cullman's Gravel Ridge Farms is recalling its cage free large eggs due to a potential contamination of *Salmonella*: "The recall was initiated because reported illnesses were confirmed at locations using Gravel Ridge Farm Eggs, and we are voluntarily recalling out of an abundance of caution."

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

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EDUCATION

Wallace State Nursing grad now naval lieutenant commander and member of Trump's medical team

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Christopher Lynn, RN, BSN, MBA, CCRN, CEN, has a lot of initials behind his name that help to tell his remarkable story and how he came to be serving on the medical team to the president of the United States. In many ways, this story begins with the first set of initials, the RN, which he received at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama.

Indeed, Lynn's mother, gave birth to him while attending the nursing program at Wallace State. She is currently an executive director at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland, California.

A native of Cullman, Alabama, Lynn joined the Marine Corps after completing high school in 1998. He served as a combatant diver and sniper with an elite Marine Reconnaissance team in the 1st Marine Division. Lynn was deployed as a member of an urban sniper team with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2000. He led security patrols in the country of East Timor following civil uprising and provided sniper overwatch for the USS Cole during Operation Determined Response immediately following the terrorist attack on the ship.

During his time in action, he had the opportunity to work with corpsmen in the field. He was fascinated by their level of medical knowledge in treating battlefield injuries. It was then his interest in the medical field was ignited. After witnessing the aftermath of the USS Cole bombing, he knew he wanted to save the lives of others contradicting his current position as a Recon Marine where you were more likely to take a life than save one. This led him to pursue a degree in nursing. "It just felt right," he said.

Since childhood Lynn had always been around hospitals. Not only at Cullman Regional, where his mother worked, but at Children's Hospital as a patient. "When I was a child, my face was badly burned in a house fire, and I had numerous procedures to repair the damage, so I was in and out of Children's a lot," Lynn said.

In 2002, then-Sgt. Lynn left the Marine Corps and returned to his hometown where he enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program at Wallace State, which he completed in 2005. During his class' pinning ceremony, he was awarded the Florence Nightingale Award, the highest award given to nursing graduates, which recognizes a commitment to excellence in scholarship and dedication to compassion and exemplary patient care. After graduation, he worked full time in the emergency department at Cullman Regional, where his mother had worked for many years, while completing his Bachelor of Arts in Nursing at the University of Alabama Huntsville. During this time our nation was heavily engaged in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.



WSCC

Naval Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Chris Lynn walks along the West Colonnade, which connects the West Wing to the Residence and is often seen as the backdrop to Rose Garden events at the White House.

"Coverage of Marines being injured was all over the news, and I could not sit idle as my brothers were being wounded. I decided to join the Navy and requested to go back to 1st Marines where I started," he stated.

Lynn was commissioned as a Navy Nurse Corps Officer in 2006 with his first assignment to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton where he served as a critical care nurse.

While serving at Camp Pendleton, Lynn deployed to Iraq in 2008 with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (I

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Devotion

Pet of the Week: Give Devotion a chance

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces us to The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week:

Devotion is an approximately 1-year-old black lab mix with beautiful tuxedo markings. She's good with other dogs and seems to assist in the rehabilitation of her fellow canines. And as good as she is around other pets, Ruttkay said Devotion "shines" in the company of people; she is a laid-back, low-energy and submissive pet. She's taking to her leash and appears to do well on a consistent schedule of activities. She could be a great companion, comfort or therapy dog.

Ruttkay said, "This is an amazingly sweet dog!"

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

Devotions' adoption fee is $90, which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Cullman man charged with selling heroin

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit on Thursday, Sept. 6, arrested Lee Zane McClellan, 27, of Cullman. He is charged with three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance for allegedly selling heroin.

McClellan was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where he was booked in and has since been released.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lee McClellan

Arrest reports: Sept. 6-9

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Sept. 6-9, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018
Bevington, Brian Alan, 51
- FTA- fleeing/attempting to elude
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- first-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle (3 counts)

Combs, Samantha Ann, 26
- GJ- chemical endangerment of a child

Thomas, Jesse Dean, 35
- plea agreement- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Walden, Stephanie Lynn, 50
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (5 counts)

Ware, Jason Duane, 35
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- driving while revoked

Whitaker, Brian Keith, 37
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9, 2018
Aderholt, Shauna Dawn, 37
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Bentley, Joshua Brian, 28
- FTA- third-degree theft of services

Berryhill, Shawn Douglas, 21
- judge's order- distribution of obscene material

Blankenship, Dahn Allen Jr., 46
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Brockman, Christi Michelle, 39
- FTA- attempt to commit a controlled substance crime (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drugs by fraud/false

Butts, Dale Paul, 44
- GJ- aggravated child abuse
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- first-degree theft of services

Champion, Kimberly June, 33
- FTA- driving while suspended

Cruz, Alec Stavon Knight, 24
- FTA- driving while suspended

Gillian, Gabriel Ray, 31
- probation violation- possession of drug paraphernalia
- probation violation- second-degree sexual abuse
- probation violation- sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12
- probation violation- first-degree sodomy
- probation violation- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Gloyd, Jason Michael, 44
- second-degree theft of property

Hays, Daniel Jacob, 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana personal use
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Huff, Tonya Nicole, 28
- contributing to truancy

Mays, Benjamin Carter, 42
- third-degree domestic violence

McClendon, Kelvin Thomas, 26
- probation violation- first-degree theft of property
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McCrary, Erica Ann, 36
- FTA- public intoxication

McNutt, Penney Neal, 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Medina, Noah James, 19
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Miller, Jeffery Wayne, 29
- third-degree assault

Phillips, Brandon Ray, 35
- third-degree receiving stolen property
- third-degree theft of property

Pope, Blane Timothy, 20
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Powrzanas, Thomas Doyle, 40
- GJ- third-degree burglary
- probation violation- third-degree burglary
- harassing communications

Reece, Christopher Allen, 46
- no tag/tag not plainly visible
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Sawyer, William Arthur Jr. 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Smith, Justin William, 30
- FTA- DUI
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stewart, Christopher James, 24
- FTA- minor in possession of alcohol

Thomas, Christopher Robert, 23
- nonsupport

Walker, Joey Vance, 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tag light required
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9, 2018
Figueroa, Jose F., 28
- GJ- first-degree assault
- GJ- second-degree assault (2 counts)

Carnes, Jessie L., 36
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

Walker, Christopher F., 45
- FTA- switched tag

Huff, Grayson B., 38
- GJ- third-degree theft of property
- GJ- third-degree theft of lost property

Gable, Winford C., 56
- fourth-degree theft of property

Ballenger, Dakota J., 20
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Anken, Jeremy E., 39
- FTA- public intoxication

Pugh, Stephanie N., 34
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

Mejia De Pag, Luis T., 34
- public intoxication

Fuller, Evan J. III, 22
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation

Ramos, Rosa, 55
- third-degree domestic violence

Garcia, Jonatan C., 38
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Boone, John T., 34
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No report provided.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SHIRLEY KAY DUCKWORTH, deceased CASE NO. PC2018-269

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY KAY DUCKWORTH, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to SHONDA DUCKWORTH LACKEY on the 31st day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

SHONDA DUCKWORTH LACKEY, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Premier Bank of the South
vs.
Charles Quick
3211 County Road 702
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Charles Quick, in the real property, described as follows:

Approximately 9.4 acres – SW ¼ SE ¼ lying W of County Road No. 518.
Parcel ID No. 22-07-36-0-000-026.005

Subject to all presently existing road right-of-way easements, restrictions, and all existing ingress and egress easements, recorded or unrecorded.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Charles Quick, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 14th day of August, 2018.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

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Karma in Cullman's 'Walk of Hope' shines light on suicide awareness

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Karma in Cullman Founder Rachel Bryant, right, a suicide attempt survivor, embraces her daughter Jade as the DJ plays "Jesus, Take the Wheel" Saturday at Depot Park.

CULLMAN – On Saturday afternoon, despite stiff competition from college football and local events like Bernard Blues and BBQ, Karma in Cullman still drew a small crowd to Depot Park for its second annual Walk of Hope suicide prevention awareness event.

Volunteers provided food and drinks and did crafts and face painting for kids. Representatives of WellStone Behavioral Health were on hand to talk and distribute information on mental health, and LifeSouth held a blood drive in conjunction with the event. Karma Founder Rachel Bryant sent out a special thanks to Robert Spicer of BlueyOne DJ for the music, and Owlette from "PJ Mask" for stopping by courtesy of Mobile Party Characters.

Bryant told The Tribune, "This is the start of Suicide Awareness Week--I believe the actual date is Sept. 10. I just wish more people would be more educated on suicide so that, maybe if we understood it more, we could prevent it more, because it is a very complicated thing.

"But that's why these things are so important; awareness can help bring prevention.

"That's my biggest thing. Sometimes we don't even realize that the person is suffering, sadly, until it's too late."

Bryant herself survived an attempt and has suffered loss in her family and is candid about her experiences.

"I'm very open about it," said Bryant, "because I want others to know that they're not alone. Everyone goes through a depressed state every now and then; that's just a natural instinct. But it's when you can't get out of it that it becomes dangerous.

"And I'm very open about my mental health issues, because I just want people to know they're not alone. And when I do this, I do this because I understand . . . I've lost someone, and I battle it. I want people to know they're not alone, and when I say I understand, I truly, truly understand."

Staying busy with the work of Karma has become, in her words, Bryant's "medication."

She shared, "Helping people and doing different things like that, I stay busy, which is always a good thing. They say idle hands, but an idle mind is the devil's playground when you're dealing with depression and anxiety."

Bryant also credited her children with helping her along the way.

Karma on the move

Bryant is excited about her organization taking part in the season's last 2nd Friday celebration on First Avenue this coming Friday (Sept. 14).

Karma will be doing games, and in keeping with that event's planned carnival theme, volunteers are going to have a little dress-up fun and come as sideshow characters like a bearded lady and fortune teller.

On Sept. 29, visitors to "The Haunt at Camp Liberty" will get a discount on admission by bringing toys that Karma will give to area kids in need.

Karma will host a community Thanksgiving dinner in November and is planning for a big Christmas celebration.

Karma offers homeless care kits with food items and water for three meals, along with personal care products packaged for men or women.

The bags can be kept in a car trunk and given out when a need is found. Those interested can visit the Karma office to get bags.

Get involved

• Bryant said Karma's food bank is currently low and could use donations of non-perishable food items.

• With winter coming on, the organization is taking donations of blankets to be distributed to the homeless and those in need.

• Karma is seeking new and gently used toys to give to children this Christmas.

• Karma is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and tax-deductible monetary donations are always welcome.

For more information about Karma, or to get involved, stop by its office at 785 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman, call 256-735-3942 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/1437544579798507.

For help now

In an article published earlier this week, The Tribune listed links to sites with information on recognizing and responding to warning signs of depression and self-harm, along with contact information for numerous organizations both national and local that can help. See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/09/08/igniting-hope-local-ministries-leaders-come-together-prayer-service-start.

HEALTH

Cullman's WellStone Behavioral Health awarded $50K grant for Stepping Up Initiative

ADMH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) recently requested community mental health centers provide a plan for case management services to establish an ongoing program in their county to reduce the numbers of people with mental illness and substance abuse disorders in local jails and emergency rooms. The awardees will receive a $50,000 grant each. Their work will provide a customized, focused program in their county to work directly with individuals identified in local jails and hospitals.

The awardees for fiscal year 2019 are:

• WellStone Behavioral Health: Huntsville and Cullman locations

• Mental Health Board of Chilton and Shelby Counties, Inc.

• Cherokee-Etowah-Dekalb Mental Health Center

• Marshall-Jackson Mental Health Board. Inc.

• Mental Health Center of North Alabama Inc.

Approximately two million times each year, people who have serious mental illnesses are admitted to jails across the nation. Almost three-quarters of these adults have drug and alcohol use problems. The Stepping Up Initiative is a national program with the goal to reduce the numbers of individuals in jails with mental illness. It is managed at the county level to establish effective partnerships across individuals in law enforcement, local governmental entities, elected officials, mental health and healthcare providers, courts and any others needed to meet the goal.

More than 450 counties nationwide have passed resolutions on the Stepping Up Initiative. Currently 15 counties in Alabama have passed the Stepping Up resolution to work with local law enforcement, mental health providers and advocates.

Cullman County passed its resolution in June of this year. (See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/06/12/cullman-commission-passes-resolution-increase-local-mental-health-services.)

"Today our local jails and hospitals - neither of which have it as their mission - are serving as mental health providers, which is creating a dire situation that is both dangerous and unsustainable. It is incumbent upon communities and regions to work together in partnership to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness in jails and ERs and to direct these individuals to the appropriate care. It will be a win for those individuals, a win for the community and indeed for the entire state and prison system," said Commissioner Lynn Beshear, ADMH.



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WellStone Behavioral Health COO Chris Van Dyke speaks about the Stepping Up Initiative at the June 12, 2018 Cullman County Commission meeting.

Eggs (from Front)

On Sept. 6, 2018 the firm was notified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that the product it supplied may be contaminated with Salmonella.

Products affected are:

• Product: Gravel Ridge Farms Large Cage Free Eggs

• Size: Single dozen and 2.5 dozen flats

• UPC: 7-06970-38444-6

• Use By Dates: 7/25/18 through 10/3/18

The products were distributed between June 25, 2018 and Sept. 6, 2018. These products were packaged in a cardboard container and sold primarily in restaurants and retail stores in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

Consumers who have purchased these products can return to store for refund or discard the product immediately.

If any consumers have Gravel Ridge Farms eggs in their refrigerator, they should be discarded, regardless of the date stamped on the package.

Consumers with questions may call Dustin Smith at 205-363-1105 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CST.

The following retail stores carried the product:

Atlanta

• Candler Park Market

• Grant Park Market

• Westview Corner Market

• Sevananda Natural Foods

• The Merchantile

Alabama

• Piggly Wiggly Clairemont

• Piggly Wiggly River Run

• Piggly Wiggly Crestline

• Piggly Wiggly Bluff Park

• Piggly Wiggly Dunnavent Valley

• Piggly Wiggly Warrior Piggly Wiggly Homewood

• Western Market Mt. Brook

• Western Market Rocky Ridge

• Foodland Eva

• Warehouse Discount Grocery Hanceville

• Warehouse Discount Grocery Cullman (two locations)

• Foodland Priceville

• Star Market Huntsville

• Manna Grocery Tuscaloosa

The company has ceased the production and distribution of the product as the FDA and the company continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

PREP FOOTBALL

PREP FOOTBALL WRAP-UP: week 3

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Last week was the start of region play for most of our local squads and the results were mixed to say the least. Some teams pulled away with late-game heroics while others couldn't quite keep pace. Either way, last Friday night featured a lot of important, early season matchups.

(1-1) Vinemont 15 – (2-1) Westbrook Christian 13
It wasn't a region game, but that doesn't mean there wasn't plenty of drama in the Eagles' win over the Warriors. Vinemont scratched and clawed its way to a win thanks in large part to a kickoff return for a touchdown at the start of the third quarter from Tim Carter that gave the Eagles a lead to start the second half. Westbrook Christian was able to score in the final five minutes to take a 13-12 lead, but Vinemont's offense drove the ball into field goal range where Daniel Flores-Carreno knocked the game-winner through the uprights. Wyatt Thompson picked off a Warriors' pass on their next possession to ice it. Hopefully the Eagles will be able to carry the momentum from this emotional win with them to Midfield this week for their region opener.

(1-2) Cullman 13 – (2-1) Decatur 38
After waiting on the weather to pass for nearly two hours, the Bearcats were finally allowed to hit the field to take on the Red Raiders. It proved to be a tough road trip for Cullman, as Decatur found the end zone twice in the first quarter and led the 'Cats 28-6 at the half. Junior running back Jayden Sullins scored twice in the game for Cullman, but it wouldn't be enough to catch up to the Red Raiders. Decatur tacked on 10 more points in the second half to seal the region win. Cullman will have to regroup this week to prepare for its homecoming matchup with region foe Columbia.

(2-1) Holly Pond 30 – (2-0) Midfield 36
Even after fighting all the way back from a 22-point deficit, the Broncos came up just short against the visiting Midfield Patriots. Holly Pond's offense found the end zone in the second quarter and a defensive touchdown cut the lead to 22-14 heading into the half. The Broncos recovered an onside kick to start the third quarter and took advantage of the extra possession, tying things up at 22. Holly Pond took a 30-22 lead early in the fourth quarter, but it was all Patriots from that point on. Midfield scored quickly to tie the game at 30 before going ahead permanently on a game-winning touchdown with less than two minutes to play. It'll be tough for the Broncos at practice this week after a tough loss like that, but they'll have to refocus in time for their road game with the Hanceville Bulldogs on Friday.

(3-0) Cold Springs 28 – (2-1) Southeastern 18
The Eagles went on the road for the first time last week, but the results didn't change. Cold Springs picked up another win to continue its undefeated start to 2018. The Mustangs led the Eagles 12-7 at the break but once the second half started, Cold Springs really started clicking. Sophomore Ayden Alexander picked off a Mustangs pass to start the third quarter and finished the drive on the offensive side of the ball with a 4-yard rushing touchdown that put the Eagles up 14-12. Senior running back Calvin McNabb scored from 2 yards out to make it 21-12, but after a 30-minute rain delay, Southeastern found the end zone again, cutting the lead to 21-18. However, the Eagles offense was able to drain the clock for nearly six minutes and iced the region win with another touchdown from McNabb with five seconds to play. The road win puts Cold Springs at 1-0 in the region and the Eagles will try to stay on the winning path when they host Sumiton Christian this week.

(2-1) Addison 51 – (1-2) Winston County 18
The Bulldogs had no trouble at all on the road against Winston County last week. Senior quarterback Zayne Guthrie scored with his legs twice in the first quarter and took one 86 yards just before the half to give Addison a 30-0 lead at the break. Guthrie ran in his fourth touchdown of the night on the opening possession of the third quarter and gave the Bulldogs an insurmountable 38-0 lead. Grant Rice was a big problem on the ground for the Yellow Jackets as well, running for three touchdowns of his own in the blowout win. Addison will be back home this week for the start of region play as the Bulldogs prepare to host Red Bay.

(1-2) Hanceville 8 – (1-2) J.B. Pennington 71
Last Friday night was a long one for Bulldogs fans, as J.B. Pennington rolled to a 63-point victory over Hanceville. The Tigers went up 23-0 in the first half and the Bulldogs were able to get on the board with a 40-yard touchdown pass from Fred Ellis to Bo Joles to make it 23-8. Unfortunately, that's as close as Hanceville was able to get to the Tigers, and after taking a 29-8 lead into the half, J.B. Pennington continued to pull away in the final two quarters. This will be an important week of practice for the Hanceville Bulldogs as they try to regroup for when Holly Pond comes to town this Friday.

(2-0) Hamilton 48 – (2-1) West Point 42
The Warriors hosted the Aggies for an offensive showcase last Friday night in a game that featured a total of five punts between both teams. The score was knotted at 21 going into the half thanks to a touchdown pass from quarterback Rylan Jones and two rushing touchdowns from running back Hunter Persall. The scoring continued for both teams in the second half, starting with a 57-yard touchdown run from Jones. After Hamilton answered with another score, Jones broke through the line again, this time going for 56 yards and a score to go up 35-28. The Aggies scored three unanswered touchdowns to take a 48-35 lead, but Jones had one more touchdown run in him, this time punching it in on the goal line to make it 48-42 with six minutes to play. The Warriors were unable to convert on fourth down on their next possession and Hamilton was able to drain the remaining time off the clock, sealing the win. The loss puts West Point at 0-1 to start region play, but they will look to balance that out this week when they travel to face Lawrence County.



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West Point quarterback Ryan Jones (5) hoists running back Hunter Persall (24) in the air during Friday night's game.

(3-0) Good Hope 43 – (0-3) Cordova 24
After traveling to play for the first two weeks of the season, Good Hope was finally able to come home last Friday and put on a show for a packed-out home crowd. The Blue Devils were able to squeeze out some points late in the second half, but this one was over at halftime. Quarterback Bailey Quick had a big night under center for the Raiders, collecting two touchdowns through the air and two more on the ground. The Good Hope defense was also ready to play, allowing just 114 yards of offense in the first half, 70 of which came on one play. Senior running back Matt Dixon also found the end zone for the Raiders with a 29-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. The Raiders were able to get a lot of younger bodies on the field in the second half to gain some invaluable varsity experience and held off Cordova 43-24. The Raiders are 3-0 right now and 1-0 in region play with the Tanner Rattlers coming to town this week.

(1-2) Meek 0 – (2-0) South Lamar 45
This matchup turned out to be a one-sided affair. The Stallions scored early and often, going up 14-0 midway through the first quarter. The Tigers also turned the ball over twice in the opening quarter, putting them in a hole almost immediately. With less than a minute to play in the first half, South Lamar struck one more time on a 38-yard touchdown pass to take a 26-0 lead into the break. The second half featured more of the same. Meek turned the ball over two more times and the Stallions continued to score, pulling away for a 45-0 blowout win. The Tigers will get back to work this week and try to get back in the win column when they host Hubbertville.

(1-2) Fairview 15 – (2-1) D.A.R. 52
The Aggies were another local team that found itself overwhelmed last week. After the Patriots scored early in the game, Fairview quarterback Dayne Black burst through for a 48-yard touchdown that kept the game tied at 7. The Patriots ran back the ensuing kickoff to retake the lead and added three more points on a field goal shortly after that. D.A.R. running back Nathan Nelson added two more touchdowns on the ground to give the Patriots a 31-7 lead at the half. The Aggies were able to find the end zone one more time on another run from Black, but it was too little too late for Fairview. The Patriots cruised in the second half to a 52-15 win to open region play. The Aggies will look to pick up their first region win on the road this week against St. John Paul II.

Ride (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE – A memorial ride for Brittney Daugherty was held Saturday to help raise money for her family. Brittney was just 22 years old when she passed away in July from cardiac arrest. Married just a year, Dylan and Brittney Daugherty welcomed their son Mason just two months prior to her death.

Dylan is a volunteer fire fighter for Dallas-Selfville Fire and Rescue. Brittney was a first responder with the department. The young couple attended many training classes in Hanceville and built strong friendships with many at Hanceville Fire and Rescue.

Saturday's memorial ride was organized by the Blount County Regulators Motorcycle Club. Maurice "Pops" Cooper is the president of the Regulators is a retired chief of Dallas-Selfville Fire and Rescue. Pops shared, "I was chief when Brittney first joined the department. She and Dylan were both teens when they began volunteering. When I heard of Brittney passing away, we wanted to help."

The ride began at the Hardee's in Pinson. Close to 100 bikes were registered with approximately 150 riders. Guardians of Alabama joined the Regulators and other riders as they rode through Kimberly, Warrior, Hayden and Dodge City, ending in Hanceville. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office provided escorts.

During the ride, Brittney's friends and family assembled at Hanceville Fire and Rescue. Members of Dallas-Selfville joined Hanceville in organizing a barbecue and spaghetti lunch, raffle prizes, auction items and a 50/50 raffle.

Brittney's father and step-mom, Lee and Kristie Payne, arrived with several other family members.

Lee Payne said of his daughter, "Brittney had complained of not feeling well, but she had just had a baby. She and everyone just figured it was fatigue. I was asked that morning to come pick up Mason. While I was heading to their house first responders were being sent to the house. We administered CPR and got a heartbeat. She was taken to the local hospital and due to some weather issues they did not want to fly her to Birmingham. Finally medevac out of Cullman agreed to fly. She passed away a week later."

Kristie Payne added, "Brittney had let it be known that she wanted to be an organ donor. Her organs were donated, saving the lives of six or seven people. That's an amazing gift."

Dylan's father, Keith Daugherty, described Brittney: "She was like my own daughter. She was a wonderful young woman and a great mother. We are so appreciative of the outpouring of support for our families. She and Dylan were more than high school sweethearts, they were best friends. He loves and misses her so much. They hadn't had time to save or plan for something like this."

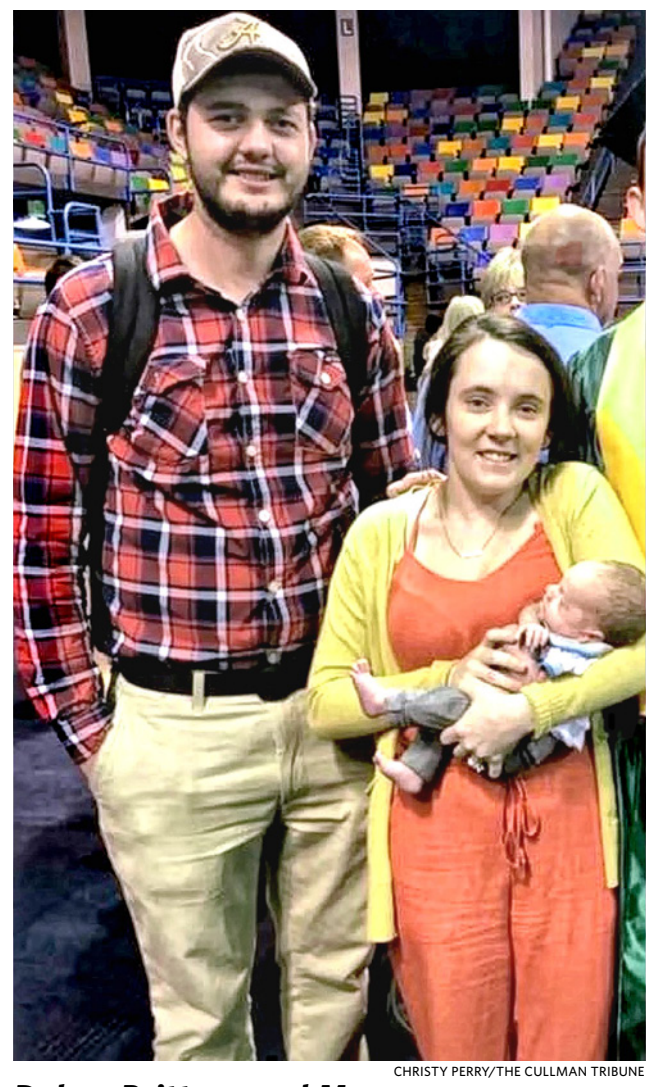
Dylan and Brittney graduated from Locust Fork High School in 2014. Classmates since kindergarten, they began dating their junior year. Dylan became a junior firefighter and Brittney started as a secretary at the fire department.

Dallas-Selfville Chief Sean Miller said, "Brittney will be forever missed. She was a loving, caring mother that had such a glow about her everywhere she went. We are one big family at the department. We will be here for Dylan and little Mason."

Miller continued, "I want to thank everyone who contributed to this event. The Hanceville Fire Department for allowing us the use of the station and the Blount County Regulators for organizing the ride. So many businesses and individuals donated, and it's been a great show of support for Dylan and Mason."

Keith Daugherty sent an update saying, "The event raised $3,000 for Dylan and Mason. We are looking into setting up a trust for Mason and will pass along that information when we get it."

The money raised will help pay for final expenses and to help Dylan and Mason.



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Dylan, Brittney and Mason Daugherty shortly before Brittney passed away in July 2018

YOUTH FOOTBALL: Week 3 scoring roundup

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CULLMAN – Three weeks into the Cullman County youth football season, here's how Saturday's games unfolded.

Cullman Bearcats 12, Fairview 6 (Fireplugs)
Cullman broke a 6-all tie with a touchdown to end the first half, which was enough to hold off the Aggies.

Cullman Bearcats 8, Fairview 0 (Wee-Wee)
A Cullman touchdown in the first quarter was the only score of the game as the Bearcats defeated the Aggies in a low-scoring game.

Cullman Bearcats 36, Fairview 0 (Pee-Wee)
Cullman finished off the sweep of Fairview in dominating fashion.

Good Hope Outlaws 20, West Point 0 (Fireplugs)
The Outlaws' fireplug squad shut out West Point in its first game of the day.

Good Hope Outlaws 18, West Point 6 (Wee-Wee)
Good Hope made it 2-0 on the day in its win over the Warriors in a close game.

West Point 38, Good Hope Outlaws 0 (Pee-Wee)
The Pee-Wee Warriors made a statement in the final game of the series, dominating the Outlaws from start to finish in the shutout victory.

Good Hope Raiders 38, Hanceville 0 (Fireplugs)
The Raiders started out the day strong when their fireplug squad dominated Hanceville.

Good Hope Raiders 6, Hanceville 0 (Wee-Wee)
Good Hope scored the only touchdown of the game as the Raiders went on to take the game in a defensive affair.

Good Hope Raiders 14, Hanceville 0 (Pee-Wee)
The Raiders finished off the sweep of the Bulldogs, cruising to the shutout victory.

Cold Springs 34, Cullman Cyclones 0 (Fireplugs)
Cold Springs easily won its first game of the day over the Cyclones.

Cullman Cyclones 24, Cold Springs 6 (Wee-Wee)
Cullman defeated Cold Springs soundly in the wee-wee matchup.

Cullman Cyclones 46, Cold Springs 8 (Pee-Wee)
The Cyclones finished 2-1 on the day after their dominating win over the Eagles.

Vinemont 22, Holly Pond 12 (Fireplugs)
The Eagles' fireplug squad took the first game of the day over the Broncos.

Vinemont 44, Holly Pond 0 (Wee-Wee)
Vinemont dominated from start to finish on both sides of the ball in its shutout victory.

Holly Pond 8, Vinemont 0 (Pee-Wee)
The Broncos took the final game of the series over the Eagles in a low-scoring affair.

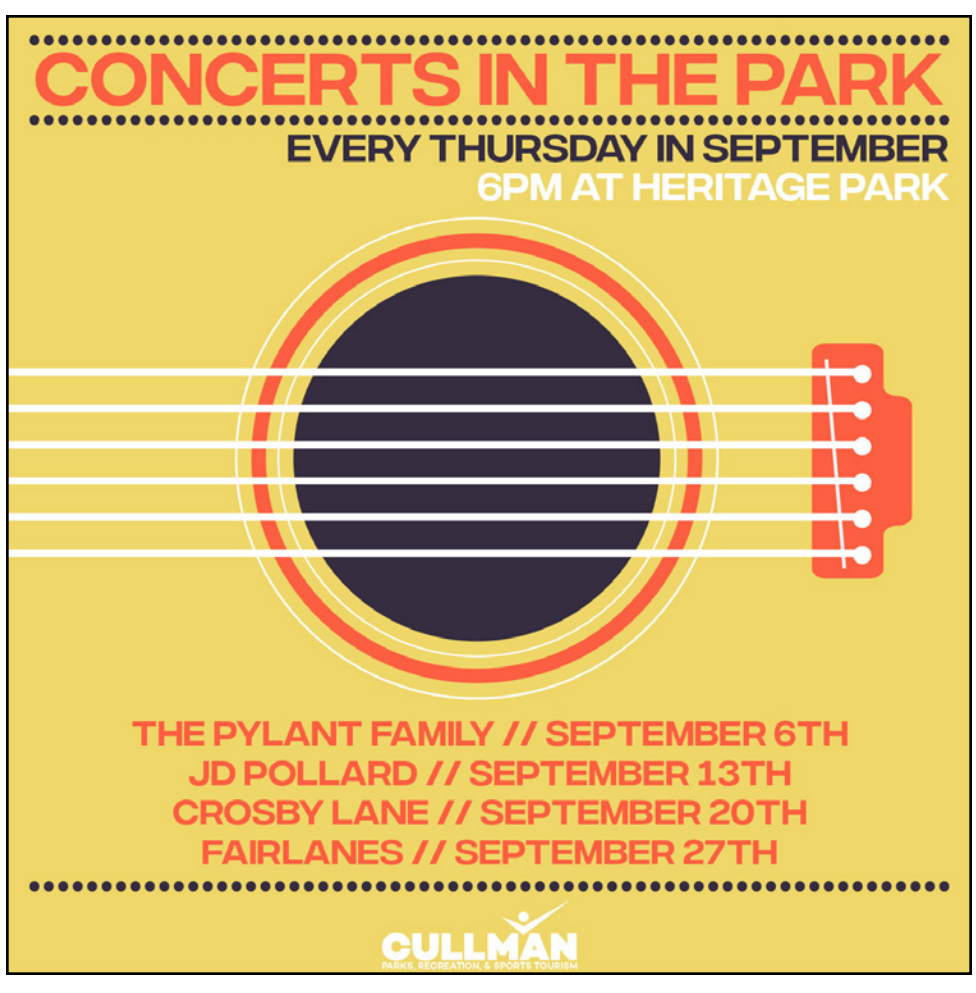


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Thousands attend 2nd annual Bernard Blues and BBQ

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Bama Blu-Grace performs during the second annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Arts, Crafts and Music Festival on Sunday.

CULLMAN – On Saturday and Sunday, a scorcher and a soaker, thousands came out to Saint Bernard Abbey and Prep School to enjoy food, live music, arts and crafts and other vendors during the second annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Arts, Crafts and Music Festival.

Father Joel Martin, president of St. Bernard Preparatory School, said the proceeds from the event will go to support the school, and ultimately St. Bernard as a whole.

"This is the second annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival and of course, all this is about supporting the monks and our work here, especially the work in the prep school," said Martin. "We do a lot of good work for people who are not able to afford an education, and so in order to help us with that, we have these festivals that offset some of the expenses. It's sort of a necessity for us, but it's a great way to raise money."

The festival is a great weekend event for families, according to Martin.

"This is something that all the family can come to and our families get involved and help with the project, so it's a good atmosphere," Martin said. "We're just having a good time and everybody getting together in the same place, especially for our families it really brings them all together.

"Students, their mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, all come together, so it's a great thing, and of course, it brings a lot of people from out of town and really benefits the local economy you could say. That's not the reason we're having it, but that's a nice side effect of it, so (there are) a lot of good benefits from it."

The festival featured live music (from four different blues performers), food vendors and various arts and crafts.

"We have, of course, the blues; it's sort of the stand-out thing, and we have that playing all the time, at least recorded music, but then we have four different bands that have been here this weekend and they've been playing and entertaining people so that's a big part of the day," said Martin.

"Then of course the food; this time for the first time we've had Johnsonville Sausage, they're from up in Minnesota and they're the official Southeastern Conference brat sponsor, so that's pretty neat to have them here. It's been a good thing."

Early Sunday, Martin said the attendance at this year's event has been great.

"We have probably a few more attendees this time, that's been nice," Martin said. "I haven't heard any statistics on how many, certainly some thousands of people over the two days."

Father Martin said that although the festival benefits the school, it really goes towards everything at St. Bernard.

"Anything that benefits around here, the school, the retreat center, the grotto, the monastery, it's really all tied together, one thing helps everybody," said Martin.

"We pinpointed (it) especially for the school, because of the money that we needed for the school to support the students and the families that don't have the means to afford the education."

St. Bernard Prep brings in students from all over the world, according to Martin.

"We're a boarding school as well as a day school, so we have students from all over the world, sort of a little United Nations here," Martin smiled. "So that's a great benefit just being able to go to school and rub elbows with people from around the world and get a sense of the world community, right here in north Alabama.

"Some people, of course, like it because it's a Catholic school and they're Catholic, or if they're not they have a great respect for the Catholic education that is so typical around the world and they know they can rely on that: the instruction, moral instruction and also instruction that's about the faith.

"That's a great benefit for us and we have may non-Catholics that like that aspect of it too, that their child can study biology and also study the scriptures, to know more about God and pray to God all in the same classroom, which is a good thing."

Father Martin said he and all those at St. Bernard appreciate the support the festival receives from the local community.

"We're just so grateful for the local community that supports the festivals that we have, this one and the Bloomin' Festival, because it really is a community event," said Martin. "We're grateful to people that come out rain or shine and have a good time with their families."

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Neil Putman: 'It's a journey and I'm enjoying every minute of it'

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CULLMAN – Back in July, The Tribune sat down with Neil Putman with the Cullman County Revenue Office. Neil is a client of Flourish, a nonprofit organization that helps individuals with developmental disabilities gain independence. Neil suffered a traumatic brain injury as a child and had been told by doctors that he might not live to see his 20s. (www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/07/21/meet-neil-putman-revenue-office-s-newest-employee)

Neil had other plans saying, "Doctors don't know everything. Only God knows!"

This past Friday, Neil achieved one of his biggest goals since finding his dream job. Neil passed his driver's permit test.

Neil explained, "I have the date written down and wish I had written the time too. We had a pizza party once I found out I had passed. I had the address memorized but I was so excited that when the pizza guy asked for the address, I totally forgot it!"

Neil is a strict vegetarian and lover of all hot peppers, so he ordered a spinach alfredo pizza with jalapeños and a pepperoni with extra cheese for his co-workers.

The excitement led Neil to Mitch Smith Chevrolet after work Friday.

Neil said, "I just stood there looking at all the cars. I found one I really liked: a blue automatic Toyota Sierra. My grandmother had an automatic Toyota car before she died. She let me drive it once so that's what I picked out."

Neil has a budgeting plan in hopes of buying the car but knows he still has to learn and get a license.

Flourish is helping Neil with all the paperwork needed to begin using his permit.

One of the people Neil wanted to specifically thank is (Cullman County Revenue Commissioner) Barry Willingham, saying, "He was waiting for me to pass the test and he was so excited for me. Barry told me, 'Now I'm going to have to teach you how to drive.' I'd do anything for Barry Willingham. I've never met a man like him before and if there is anything he can teach me, I want to learn it from him. I'm sticking to him like glue because I want to know everything he knows."

Neil has a message for everyone: "I am finally reaching my dreams and discovering new ones. It's OK to have hopes, ambitions and dreams. What you see and want in your heart and mind you can have if you work hard. With God all things are possible. I thank God every day that he helped me to prove the doctors wrong, and it's a blessing to be able to possibly inspire other people. When people tell you that you can't do something or that it's too hard just remember, they don't know your spirit, your mind or your destiny. They aren't wearing your shoes! They want to be God in your life, but they aren't."

Neil plans to continue working on his to-do list. He wants a driver's license, a car, CPR certification, anatomy and other classes at Wallace, and certification as a personal trainer.

Neil said of his future, "It's a journey and I'm enjoying every minute of it. Jesus Christ was the light in this world when he was here on Earth. As Christians, Jesus lives in our hearts and it's up to us to be the light in this dark world. I can be that light. I am proof."



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Neil Putman proudly shows off his new learner's permit.

Obituary Announcements: Sep. 8 - 9

Rodney Carlton Owens
February 23, 1965 - September 09, 2018
Funeral services for Mr. Rodney C. Owens, 53, of Cullman are Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Visitation on Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Owens passed away on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at UAB Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Carla Owens; father, James Owens; mother, Gretchen Meadows; sons, William Owens and Matthew Owens; brother, Keith (Traci) Owens and niece, Lizzie Owens.

Roger Dell Calvert
December 24, 1946 - September 07, 2018
Graveside service for Mr. Roger D. Calvert, 71, of Crane Hill will be Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Mr. Calvert passed away on Friday, September 7, 2018 at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was born December 24, 1946 to Conard and Hertilene Calvert. He is survived by brothers, Lawrence Calvert and Bruce Calvert and sister, Benita Mosley.

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American Legion's national commander visits Cullman

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Left to right: Alabama American Legion Commander Harry Christian, National Commander of the American Legion Brett Reistad and Cullman American Legion Post 4 Commander Harold Barnard pose for a photo at Veterans Memorial Park at Sportsman Lake in Cullman.

CULLMAN – American Legion Post 4 in Cullman welcomed the newly-elected National Commander of the American Legion, Brett Reistad, Sunday afternoon at Cullman Veterans Memorial Park. Members of Post 4 proudly showed officers from the national and state level the different memorials and features of the park located at Sportsman Lake.

Post 4 Commander Harold Barnard, Vice Commander Bobby Hestla, Sgt. at Arms Sid Parker, Chaplain Scott Bealer and post member Chris Gentry visited with Reistad, Alabama Representative to the National Executive Committee Willis Frazier, Alabama Commander Harry Christian, Alabama Adjutant Greg Akers, and Aide to the National Commander Ken Knight at the park before hosting a dinner at Post 4 in Good Hope.

Reistad is the centennial commander as the American Legion celebrates the organization's 100th year.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion has advocated for veterans and their families, promoted Americanism, and supported children and youth throughout the 50 states and five foreign territories.

Reistad was elected to the commander position on Aug. 30 and will travel to posts in all the states and territories throughout the year.

Some 347 days of the year will be spent traveling and visiting posts. Alabama was the second stop for the commander.

He traveled to Alabama from Michigan and visited several posts in Alabama.

Reistad served in the Army and was a member of the Old Guard.

Reistad addressed Post 4, "I am honored to have been elected as the centennial commander and for having the opportunity to visit Post 4.

"I am very impressed with your beautiful park and the history on the walls here at the post.

"One of our goals is to increase membership to the American Legion and Post 4 is already doing that."

Christian served 25 years in the U.S. Marine Corp. He was recently elected Alabama American Legion commander and has traveled throughout Alabama 79 of the 89 days since he was elected.

Christian said, "The American Legion family is strong and very important to me. The members and auxiliary are all so important and doing great things in their communities. It's important as the communities change that the posts also evolve in order to grow and attract new members."

Christian continued, "Montgomery has the state veterans' memorial. The American Legion has memorial bricks that can be purchased and engraved to be placed in the park.

"Along with the memorial brick, you get a small replica brick for your desk or home." (For more information visit www.legional.org.)

The Post 4 Auxiliary served a fantastic meal before the guests returned to Montgomery.

Reistad traveled to New Hampshire on Monday.

Barnard was pleased with the visit. "They were impressed with Cullman. We worked very hard for the park and are so proud of it. We have many other things we are working on including promoting JROTC, a youth rifle team, baseball team and the Bingo nights."

For information on upcoming Cullman American Legion Post 4 events, visit the post's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/1562995210691095.

Grad (from Front)

MEF) as an enroute care nurse with a Surgical Shock Trauma Platoon (SSTP). There he recorded multiple combat flights and mass casualty events. One of two nurses selected, Lynn successfully established a mobile SSTP at Combat Outpost Rawah giving I MEF the forward medical assets needed to successfully conduct Operation Defeat Al-Qaeda in the north.

"We were not able to save them all, but we were able to get a lot of Marines and soldiers back home to their families. That's why we do this. That's what Navy Medicine stands for," he said.

His next assignment was to Navy Recruiting District Philadelphia where he earned awards as both the top officer and medical officer recruiter in the district. During this time, Lynn worked part-time in the emergency department at Montgomery County Hospital and earned his Master of Business Administration Degree from American Military University.

He also served as the anti-terrorism/force protection officer for the district, coordinating with local and federal authorities to maintain elevated security posturing of recruiting facilities across five states.

Lynn then returned to critical care after being assigned to the intensive care unit at Naval Hospital Pensacola in June 2012. He served for eight months as the clinic manager of the urology department while continuing to work shifts in both the emergency department and ICU.

Lynn served as the department head of the emergency department, and he is credited with building Navy Medicine's first urgent care center and clinical decision unit.

Additionally, he led the Chemical Biological Nuclear Response teams and recorded the Navy's fastest mission capable response time ever recorded.

Lynn reported to 2D Medical Battalion, 2D Marine Logistics Group at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in January 2015 and served as alpha surgical company commander for one year before being asked to develop a training program to train and deploy Surgical Shock Trauma Teams with II Marine Expeditionary Forces.

He built a Combat Trauma Management Unit from the ground up and subsequently trained all combat surgical units deploying forward with II MEF. As officer in charge, he also led the first shock trauma platoon to operate in a large-scale Marine Corps integrated training exercise.

Lynn deployed as the enroute care nurse on the ground in West Africa for Operation African Lion, a multinational training exercise involving more than 3,000 Marines and sailors.

Last year, in March 2017, Lynn was selected to join the White House Medical Unit. He serves as part of a medical team whose primary mission is to provide medical care to the president of the United States.

A medical team is always with the president – whether it's a meeting of world leaders in Davos, Switzerland, or a speech in the Midwest.

"My main job is emergency response for the president. It is the greatest honor of my life to be chosen to serve in this way," Lynn said. He maintains certifications in both critical care (CCRN) and emergency nursing (CEN).

Those who know Lynn back home in Cullman, his parents, of course, but also Wallace State instructors, classmates and even currently enrolled students he hasn't met yet, are brimming with pride to learn of his accomplishments.

"We are extraordinarily proud of Chris," said Deborah "Pepper" Hoover, head of Wallace State's Nursing Program, which has been designated by the National League of Nursing as a Center of Excellence.

"He represents the highest degree of excellence and service in our profession. Not only is he a tribute to our program, but he is an inspiration to our students. He demonstrates the wide variety of experiences open to nurses, and the opportunities a degree from Wallace State can provide."

Lynn added, "I wanted to share my Wallace State story because that is where I got my start.

"Wallace State gave me the tools to succeed. I hope my story will encourage future generations of Wallace State nurses to embrace this life of service and to aspire to do more than they previously dreamed possible."

Lynn's parents are Lynne Lynn residing in Vallejo, California and Albert Lynn residing in Foley, Alabama.

Lynn and his wife Tracy have three children and currently live in Arlington, Virginia. He is currently enrolled in the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program at Georgetown University.

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Camp Liberty plans military-themed haunt

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BATTLEGROUND – Battleground's Camp Liberty has something special planned for the Halloween season: "a full-immersion, military-themed haunted trail experience," running Fridays and Saturdays from Sept. 21 through Oct. 27.

Helen Philips, organizer of "The Haunt at Camp Liberty," said the haunt will feature a haunted trail as well as other attractions.

"We have the haunted trial, which is an outdoor 30- to 45-minute walkthrough," said Philips. "It takes you through the premise that the military was hiding a portal leaking an alternate reality into our universe and they've lost control of it. So all of our customers are being recruited to go through and try and shut down the portal."

This is the first year Camp Liberty has hosted an event like this, but Philips has had years of experience working on Halloween attractions.

"I've been doing this for nine years. I've worked one haunt in Tennessee and I designed a haunted trail and haunted hay ride up in upstate New York," Philips said. "This is the very first year (at Camp Liberty); (owner) Joseph Land was looking for something to do in his off-season and I was looking for a place to do a haunt, so it worked out really nicely."

Philips said in addition to the haunted trail the haunt will also feature an escape room.

"It's a 60-minute escape room, but of course it's a haunt, so we put a little twist on it," said Philips. "We're considering it a haunted escape room; it's basically a mass shooter field hospital and the premise of this one is that there was a doctor that the military brought in, who was doing research on contagions. He was working on a cure, but he didn't get cured himself in time. There will be a nurse they're interacting with, kinda helping them through the game, but she only has an hour before she turns completely."

Philips continued, "They have to rescue her; they have to get out the two locks on that door and some other little stuff that I don't want to give away throughout the process. I don't want to give away too much, but it's definitely not your average escape room. It's going to be a lot more interactive and literally digging in."



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Props for the "The Haunt at Camp Liberty" haunted trail at Camp Liberty.

In addition to the escape room and haunted trail, the haunt will feature food, a gift shop and movies and music, according to Philips.

"We'll have movies playing up on the screen in the amphitheater, we're going to have music going, we have a snack bar that serves hot and cold foods, we have a gift shop," said Philips. "We have a lot going on, bonfires and the whole nine yards."

The convenient location of the haunt is sure to be a draw for fright seekers, said Philips.

"It's kinda crunch time right now, getting everything done. One good thing is the location," Philips said. "Were halfway between Huntsville and Birmingham, so anybody that's traveling for another haunt, they're going to go by us."

Philips said the event will offer competitive pricing and discounts for active duty military and veterans.

"The trail is going to be $18 per person, the escape room is $25 per person and the combo ticket for both is $40," said Philips. "On top of that, all active duty military and retired veterans get $2 off for any ticket for up to four people in their party every day."

The haunt starts Sept. 21 and goes through Oct. 27. Ticket sales start at 7 p.m. and the haunt will generally continue until midnight.

"I hope everybody comes out because it's going to be a lot of fun," Philips said. "You might get muddy and dirty, but it's going to be a real experience that you're going to be fully immersed in."

For more information visit www.thehauntatcampliberty.com/.

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