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FAITH

LOVE LETTERS TO JESUS

'I just want everyone to know that Jesus loves them'



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Bonnie and Carl Guess pose for a photo at The Cullman Tribune office Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Bonnie Guess is on a loving, faith-driven mission. She wants to deliver love letters to Jesus.

"My story is that I have real bad health," said Guess. "Blood pressure drops, they (my doctors) don't know why, and blood sugar and all that type stuff, but the main reason I'm here is that I've been diagnosed with cancer and they've told me I've got about a year to live."

Guess' deep-rooted Christian faith has her reaching out to the Cullman community.

"My thought is to have people write a love letter to Jesus and let him know what they need, want and (ask him to) forgive them for their sins and get right with God.

"And the day that I pass, I hope I can deliver (the letters) to him in person. That's my story."

Guess was diagnosed with cancer two weeks ago and recently went to UAB Hospital for a second opinion. Her doctor then confirmed her cancer is growing.

Guess, 70, shared, "It's either radiation or live 10 months. That's the only choice I got."

She and her husband, Carl, ran Heaven Sent Ministries for 10 years, feeding the homeless and leading worship at area nursing homes.

"We'd just have praise and worship services and let them know who Jesus was," smiled Guess.

They are members of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Vinemont.

She shared what inspired her love letter mission, saying, "Just my thoughts, and I believe in my loving God because for a long time me and him (Carl Guess) both didn't know God.

"We took advantage of him, you know, like everybody does until you learn and know that he's the only one, the only one, that's going to be able to help us through our lives. You gotta look up, don't look down."

Guess added, "Have a relationship with God, that's the main thing.

"You don't have to necessarily go to church but have your relationship up there with him. Listen to his small voice, not ours."

Of her love letter mission, she said, "Have you ever had anything on your heart that you knew you gotta do?

"I mean really, really need? This is how I feel. If you give your life to Jesus, he's there for you."

She continued, "Just think how pleased Jesus would be if you took a bunch of love letters up there to him and you'd say, 'These are for you, our one and only.'"

And what exactly would someone write in a letter to Jesus?

"Just put the words of your needs, your wants, say you're sorry for your sins, that you love him, just let him know what an awesome God he is," said Guess. "Just be honest with him. Tell him the way you feel. The main thing is just to let him know how much you love him and what you ask for and he helps, you know. Just let him know. He knows, but he likes to hear you say it and ask him for help."

She said lastly with a smile, "That's our story and we're sticking to it. We're too blessed to be depressed."

How to participate

If you would like to send a letter to Jesus and want Bonnie Guess to carry your message, mail your letter to Bonnie Guess, c/o The Cullman Tribune, 219 2nd Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

NO LONGER 'HELPLESS'

Smith Lake area fire departments prepare to launch second fire/rescue boat, more on the way



TOBY BATES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

With three pontoons and a 225-horsepower engine, the boat about to become Marine Two can carry heavy loads and move fast. **» PAGE 5**

EDUCATION

Teachers, administrators getting ready for school



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) is seen Wednesday, July 31, 2019. **» PAGE 5**

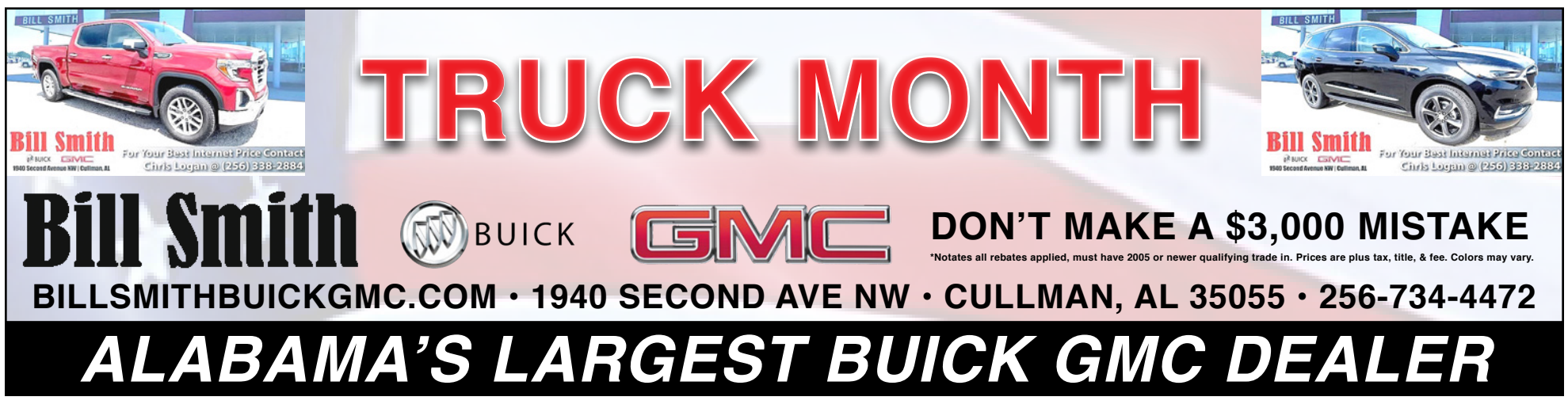
(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

He's a Dandy!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Dandy **» PAGE 5**





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Parts of the new Eva Road Bridge over Bridge Creek were put into place Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

Parts of the new Eva Road Bridge coming together

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Parts of the new Eva Road Bridge crossing Bridge Creek were put in place Tuesday, tangible evidence that the months-long project is moving forward. The stretch of Eva Road between Forrest Avenue Northeast and Scenic Drive Northeast has been closed for the new bridge construction since Nov. 5, 2018.

City of Cullman Risk Management Director Tom Charney said the project began Feb. 20, 2018. The old bridge was completely demolished in March 2019. He is cautiously optimistic for an October-November 2019 completion date.

"Once we get the bridge parts together, the 17 pieces of cement together, then they have to do the paving of it and have to put in another wing wall and pour a wing wall and things like that, so really that's even early projecting that it's going to be done the second week of November," said Charney. "Hopefully we'll get it done as soon as we can because we understand people use it to get their kids to school."

Manning Construction, Thompson Engineering and Terracon Consulting are involved in the project, Charney said. He also said the project was originally planned for 2011, but it was pushed back after the tornadoes of April 2011 diverted attention to the damaged parts of the city.

Charney shared, "Every year, all the bridges have to be inspected, and we give a percentage rate. If a bridge goes below 50%, then the bridge, you have to consider replacing it. Eva Road went under the 50% mark, and at that point we had to, you know, build bridges. It was about 2017 (when it went under)."

He continued, "As soon as it went under the percentage, we started looking and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) released these grants for bridges. God, in Alabama I think there was over a hundred bridges (in) a federal grant that was administered by the County and ALDOT."

Charney said the City of Cullman received $1,634,704.10 for the project.

"Once the bridge is completed for the citizens of Cullman, it will be a lot wider, a lot safer, and you can't ask for anything more for your money," he said. "The whole thing was to make it safer."

Back in June 2018, the City of Cullman announced the new bridge will bear the name of longtime Cullman resident and respected businessman Hugh Brindley. When construction is complete, the bridge will be known as the "Hugh P. Brindley Sr. Memorial Bridge."

The Eva Road Bridges have always been a piece of Cullman history. The very first bridge was constructed in Sept. 1891, with an article appearing in the Sept. 17, 1891 issue of the Cullman Alabama Tribune stating, "We learn that the bridges being built by the county are well under way. The one over Eight Mile Creek, superintended by W.A. Schlosser, and the one over Bridge Creek, superintended by Charlie Brown, will soon be ready for crossing. They will be convenient for travelers."

Arrests and incidents reported July 30-31

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 30-31, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED JULY 30
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
July 29
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $89
• counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Hwy. 157
• second-degree theft of property; Billy Ray Taylor Auto Sales; Hwy. 157; bumper; $1,500

ARRESTS
July 29
Lane, Eric J., 39
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- tampering with physical evidence
• FTA- failure to signal
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- failure to register vehicle

Casey, Hank W., 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Baker, Bethany P., 25
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Baker, Tyler W., 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Oliver, Sr., Michael J., 55
• giving false information to law enforcement
• FTA- public intoxication

Parson, Jordan N., 18
• FTA- second-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Martinez, Raul, 34
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Isbell, Rebecca L., 33
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED JULY 31
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
July 29
• third-degree theft of property; person; Poplar Dr. SW; Honda mini bike; $950
• fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $35
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $336
• third-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; generator; $549

July 30
• City of Cullman; unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Larkwood Dr. NE; computer; $500
• third-degree theft of property; person; Larkwood Dr. NE; miscellaneous; unknown amount of property

ARRESTS
July 30
Tarvin, Kristen L., 22
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Gillentine, Reginald T., 50
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Sauber, Jennifer A., 19
• third-degree criminal mischief

Tucker, Jr., Timothy W., 40
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Strong, James E., 55
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Lenz, John L., 48
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• fourth-degree theft of property

Graves III, James L., 48
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Terry, Cody W., 25
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Aug. 1-3

THURSDAY, AUG. 1
City of Good Hope Back-to-School Bash
• Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Good Hope Municipal Park (135 Municipal Dr., Cullman, 35057)
• Activities will include water slides, a kiddie pool, "back-to-school" pictures, a display of fire engines and a SWAT team. Free food and door prizes.
• www.facebook.com/events/615350178972745/

FRIDAY, AUG. 2
Summer Yard Sale at Heritage Park
Join us August 2-3 at Heritage Park for our summer yard sale within the baseball complex. Spots are available beginning at $10, and you MUST call to reserve a spot no later than Aug. 1! To reserve your spot, call 256-739-9931. Gates will open at 6 a.m. for people to begin setting up.

Meek High School Locker Rental and Registration
8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at the high school gym. Locker rental will be $15. All outstanding fees from the prior school year must be cleared before a locker will be rented. Students may pick up schedules and register for additional classes. Contact the school at 205-384-5825 for more information.

The City of Hanceville's Kids' Night Out – 6-8 p.m. at CW Day Park (100 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville)
Visitors can enjoy a rock climbing wall, three different inflatables, a mechanical bull and a wide display of emergency responder vehicles. They can also receive a ticket for one free meal (hot dogs, pizza or a Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich) with chips and a drink.

EvaBank Midnight Run
• Friday, Aug. 2 at 11:59pm | Cullman Civic Center
• $25 for preregistered runners, $30 for night-of-registrants
• A pre-race and post-race black light party will be held in front of the Cullman Civic Center, but no glow powder will be on the course. Serious runners can also focus on their times, as all runners will be chip-timed, and awards of $200 will be given to the overall male and female winners as well as master's winners. Medals will also be given to the top 3 in each age division. Runners will also receive a T-shirt and post-race food.
• Register at https://www.active.com/cullman-al/running/distance-running/evabank-midnight-run-5k-2019.
• On the day of the event, pre-registered runners may check-in from 5-7 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. Race day registration will take place from 10 p.m. until 11:45 p.m. When checking in, a photo ID will be required.
• The awards ceremony will be held during the post-race party after the race (approximately 1:30 a.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 3
Summer Yard Sale at Heritage Park
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Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting
• The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge.
• 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($10); 8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)
• This month's special guest speakers will be Sen. Garlan Gudger, Sheriff Matt Gentry and Rep. Randall Shedd.

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Cullman Caring for Kids
• 8 a.m.-noon at the Red Door Café (324 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman)
• For $8, breakfast includes: blueberry pancakes, sausage and orange juice, coffee, soft drink or tea
• Dine in or carry out

Back-to-School Bash hosted by Spring Hill Baptist
• 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Spring Hill Baptist Church (5400 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman 35057)
• The church will provide free food, water and water inflatables.

85th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Cold Springs Community Center; 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033
• Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
• Bring covered dish and drinks; plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided.
• Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock
• Contact: Anita Sandlin Glover, 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242, patsymedlock@bellsouth.net, 205-995-7988 (home), 205-915-1870 (cell)
• Let's conserve postage! Please email me your email address. If you don't have an email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approximately 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At 1st STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT!
• Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL 69 S.

Bingo at the American Legion
• Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4.
• 181 Reid Road, Good Hope, AL 35057

Elks Lodge Drawdown
On Saturday Aug. 3, 2019, we will host our annual Lodge Drawdown. Tickets are available now for $50 each ($25 insurance also available). Each ticket will be entered into the drawdown and admit two people into the event, which includes a full meal and entertainment afterward. For tickets or more details contact the lodge at 256-734-9943 or see any lodge board member or lodge cashier. We look forward to seeing you at this fun-filled event on Saturday, Aug. 3. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

UPCOMING....
Sinyard Reunion
The Sinyard Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hanceville Moody Center. There will be plenty of good food and fun.

Folds Family Reunion
The Folds family reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 11 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Senior Center. All friends and family are invited. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Kenny Folds at 256-739-4522.

Dixie Echoes at Cross Baptist Church
The Dixie Echoes from Pensacola, Florida will be at Cross Baptist Church Friday, Aug. 16. The singing will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. A love offering will be received.

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OUTDOORS

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System talks black bears in Alabama

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. – On vacations to the Tennessee or Georgia mountains, many hope to catch a glimpse of a black bear or two. What some don't realize is there are populations of black bears living right here in Alabama. In fact, the black bear is Alabama's official state mammal. As with any wildlife, there are certain things about black bears people should know.

Black bear populations

These beautiful creatures are native to Alabama, but in years past numbers have declined. However, recent studies have found these populations could be expanding.

Norm Haley, an Alabama Extension forestry, wildlife and natural resources regional agent, said the decrease in the number of black bears was due to several factors.

"Black bear numbers were sent into severe decline through unregulated market hunting and loss of habitat," Haley said. "Black bears are game animals; however, there is no hunting season for them in Alabama. It is illegal to kill a black bear unless there is a threat of imminent danger."

There are two areas of Alabama with established black bear populations. One being in the southwestern portion of the state, primarily within the Mobile-Tensaw Delta region, and the other in northeast Alabama in DeKalb and Cherokee Counties.

According to Haley, population studies and monitoring are ongoing.

"The southwestern portion of the state is home to an estimated 85 to 160 bears," he said. "In the northeastern corner of Alabama, population numbers are estimated to be between 30 and 40 bears."

Northern Alabama populations are expanding slowly, while southern populations are somewhat steady in number. Haley said Alabama certainly sees a number of transient bears from Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, particularly in the summer when young males are forced to find new territories.

Characteristics

Southern black bears are not as large as northern bears. In studies performed by Auburn University, the largest trapped bears recorded are just over 300 pounds. On average, adult bears weigh between 150 and 200 pounds.

When it comes to habitats, black bears are highly adaptable. The southern Alabama populations live in the swamps; whereas in northeast Alabama, they live in the mountains.

"In these areas, the bears rely heavily on soft mast (berries), hard mast (acorns), rodents and plant tubers as food sources," Haley said.

Things that attract black bears

In general, areas near humans attract black bears because they can find food sources there.

"Pet food on porches, garbage in a can, a greasy barbecue grill and even bird feeders are all an attractive and easy meal for a bear," Haley said. "Ripe fruit trees and vegetable gardens are also attractive."

Haley said that even an empty pet food dish can attract bears because of the oil residue.

"Clean up and secure these attractions and you will greatly reduce the risk of a bear near your residence," Haley said.



ACES

A mother black bear and cubs

Encountering a black bear

According to Haley, bear attacks are extremely rare and there have been no recorded attacks in Alabama. Black bears are rarely aggressive and are often as scared of humans as humans are of them. However, he said remember that these animals are still wild, and people should never feed or approach a bear.

"Attacks are most often prompted by a mother defending her cubs," Haley said. "If you find yourself close to a black bear or cubs, do your best not to surprise them. Make your presence known."

Haley said this can be done by saying, "Hey, bear," and making yourself look big by standing tall, puffing your chest and keeping your arms away from your body.

"Always back away slowly from the encounter," he said. "Do not run or make frantic movements that could entice a chase."

More information

For more information about Alabama's black bear, visit www.aces.edu or contact your county Extension forestry, wildlife and natural resources agent. Outdoor Alabama is also a great online resource for information on wildlife in Alabama.

Apply now for fall 2019 session of CCSO Citizens' Academy

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Applications are being accepted now for the fall 2019 session of the popular Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy. The academy is a nine-week course and is free to the public; however, class size is limited.

The fall session will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Academy students will learn about virtually every aspect of a deputy's job, including patrol, administration, dispatch, communications, criminal law, SWAT, crime scene investigation, jail operations and more. Activities will include a SWAT team demonstration, tour of the Cullman County Detention Center, a morning at the shooting range, ride-alongs with deputies and many classroom speakers.

The academy will take place at the CCSO's training facility next door to the sheriff's office at 1920 Beech Ave. SE. To obtain an application, visit the CCSO at 1910 Beech Ave. SE or contact Deputy Bradley Williams at bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org.

For more information, see http://www.cullmansheriff.org/citizens-academy.php.

Obituary Announcements: July 26 - 31

Funeral Services for Mary Brown, 81, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Thursday August 1, 2019 at the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at New Prospect Cemetery in Bremen, AL. The family will receive friends for visitation from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday July 31, 2019 at the Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Brown is survived by her children, Stanley Yarbrough, Kenneth (Tania) Yarbrough, Kathy (Cecil) Taylor, Gary Yarbrough, Susan (Lance) Thrasher, Cindy Yarbrough and Joy (Rodney) Taylor; step-sons Jerry (Judy) Brown, Cliff Brown, Travis (Mandy) Brown and Jackie B. Brown; a sister Christine Graham; a brother Curtis Casey and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mrs. Brown is preceded in death by her parents William and Ila (Edwards) Casey; a daughter Beverly Stargeo; and siblings William Casey, James Casey, Clara Black and Irene Vincent.

Jonathan Ray Welch, 26, was born on January 15, 1993 to Steve and Tressie Welch. He died on Friday, July 26, 2019. Jonathan graduated from West Point High School and began working for West Point Intermediate School soon after. He owned a successful lawn care business, Welch's Lawn Care Service and managed Haney equipment. He was a devoted part of the family at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church and accepted Christ at an early age. Jonathan was an unconditionally loving husband to his wife, Cassie Calvert Welch, married November 2, 2015. He wonderfully filled the position as a father to Lexi and Lane and soon Liam was added to the family on November 22, 2017. He was a devoted daddy and he adored his wife. He was an honest, hard worker, starting from a very young age. He accepted others as they were and would help even those he never knew. He was a servant, a true example of being the hands of Jesus. He always wore a smile, never a worry. He lived each day by faith. He was a patient soul, bursting with tender unconditional love for his family and friends. If you met him, you loved him. His happiness was contagious. He truly loved the life he was blessed with. He is survived by his wife, Cassie Calvert Welch; parents, Steve & Ann Welch, Tressie Welch; siblings, Jennifer and Chris Cork, Stacie Welch, Misty and Zac Freeman; mother and father-in-law Timmy and Constance Calvert; three children, Lexi, Lane and Liam and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Joshua Calvert and his grandparents. Pallbearers will be Tyler Laney, Tommy Laney, Chris Cork, Scott Welch, Steve Welch, Chandler Smith, Luke Wynn, Lyle McGraw, Kyle Aris and Timmy Calvert. Visitation will be held at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 5 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. He will lie in state at the church from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Ryan's Creek Cemetery. Bro. Chris Chambless, Bro. Tim Aris and Bro. Tyler Laney will be officiating. Cullman Funeral Home, 278 East, is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cullman Funeral Home of Jones Chapel First Baptist Church.

Funeral Service for David Earl Kritner, age 82, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in New Hope #2 Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Kritner passed away on Monday, July 29, 2019, at his residence. He was born Saturday, February 27, 1937, to Bob and Maggie Gibson Kritner. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Tina Williams Kritner; his loving children and their spouses; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral service for Myrl Powell Dobbins, 90, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, August 1st, 2019 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Corinth West Baptist Cemetery, Darrell Maddox officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Dobbins passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at her residence. She was born April 14, 1929 to Emmett Thomas and Thelma Angle Powell. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray Dobbins; son, Bobby Dobbins; daughter, Sharon Kittrell; great-granddaughter, Kailey Butler; son-in-law, Larry Baker. Survivors include her son, Dennis Dobbins; daughters, Janis (Larry) Shadix, Shelia King, Regina Baker; brother, Buddy (Shirley) Powell; sisters, Myrtle Blevins, Geraldean (William) Tankersley, Ferrell (Doug) Jones; nine grandchildren, Allen (Brandy) Shadix, Starla Haynes, Lori (Danny) Butler, Brandy (Joey) Morgan, Daniel Dobbins, Della (Caleb) Simmons, Thomas (Kendall) Baker, Justin Baker, Steven Baker; 15 great-grandchildren; special friend, Clyde Johnson. Visitation will be Wednesday evening at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

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HEALTH

Heart transplant recipient Ovuke McCoy speaks at Heart Walk kick-off breakfast



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ovuke Emonina McCoy poses for a photo Wednesday morning at Loft 212 in Cullman.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The American Heart Association and Cullman Regional held a kick-off breakfast Wednesday morning at Loft 212 for this year's Heart Walk. The guest speaker for the breakfast was Ovuke Emonina McCoy, 44, of Birmingham.

McCoy, a stroke survivor and heart transplant recipient, shared her story of how the American Heart Associate has impacted her life. McCoy was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and began seeing cardiologists when she was 9 years old. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is a disease in which the heart muscle becomes abnormally thick. There is no cure.

Her mother also had the disease and is a 24-year heat transplant survivor, but McCoy has lost two brothers to the disease. One brother passed at the age of 34 and the other passed in January at 28.

McCoy said, "It is more prevalent in African-American males."

At age 28, McCoy's doctors recommended she have an implantable cardiac defibrillator.

She thought, "No, I don't want one of those. That's for old people."

She did get the defibrillator.

"I was living life and just doing things a young person would do," said McCoy. "(I was) going on with my career and I participated with my church ministry. I was a praise dancer, but I was having issues with that and ended up having to get my defibrillator redone in 2013."

She was doing well and following the recommendations of the American Heart Association. She was exercising and eating right. She also made sure to know her risk factors, her numbers and how to identify symptoms.

McCoy was at work one afternoon at UAB in December 2016 when she recognized something wasn't right.

She said, "It's always good to know some of your risk factors and the America Heart Association has that information. I kind of felt something going up my arm and I thought, 'I think I'm having a heart attack,' and I couldn't move."

She was having a heart attack. She was hospitalized for five days.

In July 2017, McCoy suffered a stroke. She was in the cafeteria located above the emergency room at UAB, so she was able to get medical care quickly.

"How did I know I was having a stroke?" she asked. "I knew a good bit of the risk factors presented by an education that was provided by the American Heart Association. My face was numb, my sight was about to go away and I couldn't speak."

McCoy got married on New Year's Eve 2017. Three weeks later, she went to a doctor's appointment where doctors told her she was being put on the heart transplant list and the wait would be at least two years. McCoy began dealing with a buildup of fluid and was admitted to the hospital July 2, 2018 to have the fluid removed. She was expecting to have a simple procedure and be released in time for a vacation she had planned.

She was wrong. On July 5, the surgeon informed McCoy that a donor heart had been found. She received her transplant that evening. Two days later, she was up and walking. She is still up and walking and living her best life.

The American Heart Association is looking for teams and coaches to participate in this year's Heart Walk. It is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Depot Park. There will be a 1K and a 5K walk and many ways for individuals and businesses to get involved. For more information, visit https://www2.heart.org. Online registration for the Cullman Heart Walk will be available soon.

EDUCATION

Wallace State's Student Resource Center Tutorial Lab earns CRLA certification

Russell Moore
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College's Student Resource Center Tutorial Lab Tutor Training has been recognized by the College Reading & Learning Association's (CRLA) International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC) program.

The certification allows Wallace State to issue certificates to tutors meeting its CRLA-approved requirements for Level I Certified Tutor.

Wallace State's Tutorial Lab, led by Lisa Smith, offers free student tutoring each semester in English, math, science, computer science, freshman orientation and writing, among other subjects.

Tutorial Lab hours during the Fall 2019 semester are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. It's located on the 8th floor of the Bailey Center.

The Tutorial Lab's mission is to facilitate a student-center, student-friendly supporting learning environment through academic assistance to any student enrolled at Wallace State.

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Boat (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – At one time, firefighters and EMTs around Smith Lake faced a formidable barrier to responding to emergency calls: the shoreline. Having to stand on the bank, begging for a loaner boat to respond to incidents on the water, was a feeling Logan Fire Chief Toby Bates called "helpless."

Less than a month ago, that time came to an end as the fire departments of Logan, Good Hope, Trimble, Dodge City, Crane Hill and Loretto launched Marine One, a converted recreational pontoon boat, on Smith Lake. The boat hit the water July 4 and saw its first act of service that same evening, joining the search for Kelsey Starling, the boater who was reported missing after a two-boat wreck near Crane Hill.

Loretto Chief Gaither Mills told The Tribune his department made its own effort to outfit a fire boat years ago, but the unilateral effort failed when the boat they acquired needed more work than they could do.

But, according to Mills, "Since we've all joined hands together, it's working."

Marine One has a 70-horsepower engine, 585 gallon-per-minute pump donated by Loretto Volunteer Fire Department, lights and sirens. The two-pontoon rig will get a third pontoon at some point, because it rides low in the water with so much equipment on board. The boat is currently based at Smith Lake Marina.

Marine Two

Now Bates, who has spearheaded the recent effort to put emergency response boats on the lake, is getting ready to launch Marine Two, a purpose-built three-pontoon "tritoon" fire boat, purchased from a fire department in Idaho.

Bates said, "A fire department up there had a company build it as a fire boat. It's got a cabin and all that stuff on it; we'll probably put a good sonar on it and all that good stuff. It'll flow 685 (gallons per minute)- I think that's what it'll flow- and it's a big boat. It's got a 225 (horsepower) Yamaha on it, so it'll get up and go a little bit faster than the other one.

"The other boat's only got a 70 on it, so it's not that big, but it'll get the job done for close stuff. When we need to get on down the lake, we're going to need a bigger boat with a bigger motor, and that's where the bigger pontoon will come into effect until, at a later date, when we can get a true fire boat on Smith Lake."

Marine Two will be housed for now at Trident Marina by Big Bridge.

And the story doesn't stop there. On Tuesday, Bates announced the acquisition of a third boat.

Marine Three

Said Bates, "We bought a boat yesterday- it'll be Logan Fire and Rescue, but we're going to utilize it as a third boat for Cullman County Fire and Rescue. It'll be utilized with the other two boats that we have set up for fire and rescue, and this boat here will be more of a rescue type boat, once we get it in the water and stuff. We'll get some good sonars and stuff on it. We can use it for sonaring or dives, or whatever might need to be done in the county. This boat won't necessarily be for firefighting; it'll just be for getting responders to an area in a fast response time."

Bates described the new vessel: "It's a Key West boat. It's a center console boat; it's sort of like the sheriff's department's boat- the center console boat they've got. It's 22-foot long. It's already ready to go. I've just got to put some LED lights on it for emergency lights, and a radio and a siren, and it'll be ready to go in the water. We're going to try to keep it at Smith Lake Marina. That way, if there's a boat wreck or any kind of incident happens on the lake, we can get responders to get to that boat, and then we can get that boat to the emergency call pretty quick, because that boat'll run in the high 50s, close to 60 miles an hour, so we'll be able to get there pretty quick."

Bates hopes to have multiple berths around the lake, so the boats can be placed close to where they might most often be needed. The fire departments are currently seeking anyone willing to allow the use of a conveniently accessible slip or boathouse on the water, where the departments can store a boat.

Marine Four?

Bates also hopes to get a fourth boat eventually, telling The Tribune, "I think we determined we need about four boats on Smith Lake, to cover the whole lake, because it's a big lake. Once we get that fourth boat, we can kind of scatter them out, and each boat with have its own little zone to work or whatever."

Now, only a few months since he started this boat project, Bates and the other chiefs have a boat on the water, a second that should be ready by this weekend, a third on deck and plans for a fourth. That's pretty good, considering their original hope was to be able to purchase one boat per year over a four-year period.

Said Bates, "We're a lot further along than what we were two months ago, when we didn't have a boat at all. This has moved along pretty quick, and it's just been one of those things that, you know, the faster we go, the faster it'll work out."

Bates talked about the need for response boats on Smith Lake: "The boat idea's been kicked around for several years. I've been beating this bush for the past two or three years about trying to get a boat, and everybody sort of looked at me and laughed, and thought, 'Well, we can't get boats because we can't afford them.' Boats are expensive and they're a lot to maintain, but we've been overlooking Smith Lake for a long time. It's all in our coverage areas.

"We've got seven departments that cover Smith Lake. If an accident happens on Smith Lake, the fire departments are the first people they call, not anybody else. When they call for an accident on Smith Lake, without boats and without a way to get out there, we're helpless.

"You know, when somebody's needing emergency assistance, and they call 911 and they dispatch the fire department, and the fire department goes to the bank and stands on the bank because they can't do anything, it's a helpless feeling.

"We've had calls before to where we've had to stand on the bank for over two hours just to find a boat to get to a wreck scene, and that's just, in my opinion, that's not the way we need to do things. We have the resources that we can try to get the money and try to do what we can to get places to get out on the water. So that's what we end up doing, is put our money together and get boats on the lake. That's the right thing to do."

Dodgeball tournament to benefit fire boat project

Lifelines 4 Thin Lines (L4TL), an organization which works to support the well-being of emergency responders and their families, will sponsor a dodgeball tournament in the Hanceville High School gym Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m. The proceeds from the event will be split between the group's general fund and Cullman County Fire and Rescue's fire boat project.

Teams of five or six, or individual players, can register for the event through L4TL's event page on Facebook. The deadline for registration and payment is this Saturday, Aug. 3. For more information or to register, visit www.facebook.com/events/199256774335472/.

Dandy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Dandy is an 11-month-old bulldog mix. He's a lively, medium- to high-energy canine companion who enjoys playing ball with his human. And when he's done playing, according to Ruttkay, "His down time is right by your side."

Even though he's energetic at play, shelter staff note that he minds his manners and is patient while waiting to go out.

Dandy has the makings of a wonderful hiking and companion dog.

Discount doggie!

Dandy has already been neutered, so his adoption fee is substantially reduced. Contact the shelter for more details and specific cost.

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 therapy and special needs service dogs.

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 cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

School (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – It won't be long until kids- and the grownups charged with riding herd over them- head back to school. The Tribune is asking teachers, administrators and staff two questions:

1. What have you been doing to get ready for the new school year?

2. What are you most looking forward to this year?

They could give any answer, from a couple of sentences to an essay. Some folks gave specific answers to 1 and 2, while others just shared their thoughts. Both are welcome.

We'll be sharing here and there from now until school starts. If you'd like to take part, see below. Here are a few of the first brave souls to take on the challenge.

Mike Burkett, building construction teacher, Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA)

"1. To get ready for back to school, I have been thinking about teaching employability skills (i.e. work ethic, punctuality, teamwork, integrity, etc.) because that is what industry people are telling us about students who they plan to hire.

"I've also been thinking about how to incorporate that into my program using psychological motivation techniques that I have learned in workshops this summer.

"2. I am most looking forward to building new relationships with the ninth graders that will be attending CATA for the first time in many years, and how to get them into thinking and acting with a championship mindset."

Tasha Flanigan, cosmetology instructor, CATA

"I have been to a summer conference in Birmingham, learning some new techniques to show my students so they will be more advanced in skin and nails.

"I am so excited for this upcoming year, because my returning students are very eager to compete, advance in their skills and help first-year students to get to that level. We are also going to be doing more community service."

Gina Webb, principal, Welti Elementary School

"1. We have been busy working on the exterior and interior of all buildings. We have repainted porches, worked on the outdoor classroom, waxed and polished floors, trimmed hedges and ensured that the building is inviting and cheerful when the students return.

"Using the funding from the after-school grant, we were excited to offer summer enrichment for students for three weeks in June.

"The programs offered included breakfast and lunch, STEM activities and enrichment. I have also updated the Welti School Handbook and planned PD (professional development) for the teachers when they return.

"2. We are excited to be able to offer before- and after-school care and programs for our students during the 2019-2020 school year.

"This program is possible due to a Dependent Care Grant. I look forward to new Professional Development opportunities for our staff.

"We welcome existing teachers in new positions as part of our Welti Elementary family. What I am most looking forward to is the return of Welti students! They are the reason we do what we do!"

April German, first grade teacher, Good Hope Primary School

"I attended a training this summer and learned many new things to do to supplement our reading program, so I am so excited to be able to try these new strategies this year!

"I also changed rooms, so I'm currently in the process of making my classroom feel like home to my new first-grade family."

Sound off!

If you'd like to share with us, we look forward to hearing from you: teachers, administrators, counselors, band directors, coaches, Child Nutrition Program workers, bus drivers, SROs, central office, city, county, private...everybody! Check those questions and let us know what you've got going on.

Working on cool hallway or classroom paint jobs, decorations or setups? Send us pics!

If you're getting ready for something that's too big for two little questions, feel free to introduce us to what you've got.

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PHARMACY TOPICS
by Rex Smith
Hospital Discount CENTRAL



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According to a recent report in the scientific journal *Advances in Nutrition*, after qualitatively analyzing the results of 28 nutritional studies involving 2,900 participants, researchers have concluded that supplementing the diet with omega 3 and coenzyme Q10 (in either liquid or tablet form) can have a beneficial effect on the quantity of spermatozoids in semen. Supplementing the diet with selenium, zinc, fatty acids, omega-3 and coenzyme-Q10 is associated with an increase in spermatozoid concentration; supplementing the diet with selenium, zinc, omega-3, coenzyme-Q10 and carnitines has been associated with an improvement in sperm mobility and finally, the combination of selenium, fatty acids, omega-3, coenzyme-Q10 and carnitines has a positive effect on the morphology of spermatozoids.

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Higher blood levels of omega 3 fatty acids are associated with a higher likelihood of healthy aging among older adults, finds a new U.S. study published by *The BMJ*.

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For years, it's remained an open question: what effects do dietary supplements such as high doses of Vitamin D or omega-3 fatty acids derived from fish oil have on the risk of diseases such as heart attack, stroke and cancer? While there have been hints along the way, until now, no randomized clinical trial of a general population, especially a racially diverse population, has been large enough to adequately address these questions. According to a recent report in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, investigators conducted a rigorous placebo-controlled trial over the course of 5.3 years, gleaning a treasure trove of information on the effects of both supplements. The team found that omega-3 fish oil reduced heart attack rates, but did not affect risk of stroke or cancer. Vitamin D was associated with a decrease in cancer deaths that started one to two years after participants began treatment.

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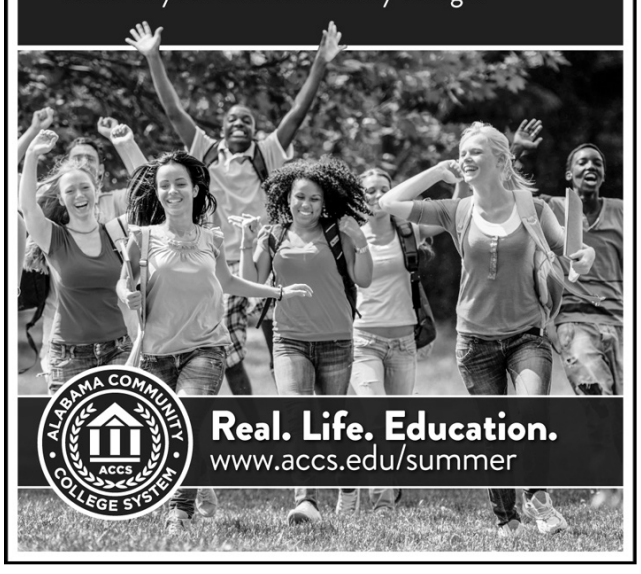
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: SERGIO ARMONDO ACOSTA

SERGIO ARMONDO ACOSTA, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Complaint for Divorce filed by Jackie Weaver by the 2nd day of September, 2019, or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case Number DR 2018-386 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

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Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ashley M. Holman Wife Daniel H. Holman Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Renasant Bank its successors and assigns dated May 15, 2017; said mortgage being recorded on May 18, 2017, in Book 1818, Page 324 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Renasant Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 341, Page 715 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Renasant Bank, 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 6th day of September, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commencing at the center of the North boundary of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, in Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 03 degrees 38 minutes East 1885.77 feet to an iron pin set and the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence South 03 degrees 38 minutes East 220 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 86 degrees 21 minutes 59 seconds West 235 feet to an iron pin found on the East margin of a public road; thence along the East margin of said public road North 03 degrees 38 minutes West 220 feet to an iron pin set on the East margin of said public road; thence leaving the East margin of said public road North 86 degrees 22 minutes 02 seconds East 235 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 194 County Road 1858, Arab, AL 35016.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
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.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

RENASANT BANK

as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOHNY HENRY KELLEY
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2019-900190.00

DIANA LYNN KELLEY
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Diana Lynn Kelley, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Johny Henry Kelley's Complaint for Divorce by August 12th, 2019 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2019-900190.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 25th day of June, 2019.

Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Michael D. Haynes
412 First Av SE, Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, Al 35055

Bill Floyd
(PLAINTIFF)
VS CASE NO: SM-2019-900680
Jerry Persall
(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S); Jerry Persall, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Bill Floyd, for $3,800.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: Damage to sewage lines from moving porch

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 5th day of September, 2019, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 15th DAY OF JULY, 2019.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: PAXTON PHILLIPS, a minor child) CASE NO. JU-2016-690.03

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the Mother and Father's whereabouts are unknown for service, and supporting allegations of being unable to locate the parents of the minor child; and it appearing that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights of said minor child, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that LYNDSEY HOLLENACK, mother of the minor child, Paxton Phillips, respond to the Petition by the 21 day of August, 2019 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered against her.

It is further ordered that notice of this Order shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in the CULLMAN TRIBUNE, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 6 day of June, 2019.

Juvenile Court Judge

FILED IN OFFICE
JUN 06 2019
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Bridget H. Threadgill An Unmarried Woman to American General Financial Services of Alabama, Inc. dated May 27, 2005; said mortgage being recorded on June 7, 2005, in Book 1430, Page 490 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 21st day of August, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot Number 5 in Block Number 2, being a resubdivision of a part of Lot Number 18 of Musgroves Second Addition to Cullman, Alabama, being the NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 2 West. Said resubdivision being recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 27 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 1519 Lindsey Drive, Cullman, AL 35055.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
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.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: PAXTON PHILLIPS, a minor child) CASE NO. JU-2016-690.03

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LYNDSEY HOLLENACK, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by David and Neci Hollenack and/or relief by August 29, 2019, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in regard to case number JU-2016-690.03, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 6th day of June, 2019.

CLERK OF THE JUVENILE COURT

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY
JOSH M. O'NEAL
200 2ND AVE SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055
256-620-0007

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Stephanie M. Hudson A Married Woman Jonathan Lowell Hudson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Consumer First Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated October 22, 2013; said mortgage being recorded on October 28, 2013, in Book 1721, Page 890 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 344, Page 32 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC, 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 19th day of September, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 3 West; thence West 241.32 feet to a point; thence North 13 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West 198.11 feet to a point; thence North 52 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 59.49 feet to an existing capped iron and the point of beginning; thence North 3 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 169.94 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 76 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 352.00 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set on the North right of way of a paved County Road; thence South 59 degrees 22 minutes 52 seconds East 26.66 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set on the North right of way of a paved County Road; thence South 78 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds East 91.11 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 45 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds East 50.51 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 63 degrees 34 minutes 11 seconds East 49.39 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 40 degrees 27 minutes 11 seconds East 54.90 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence North 69 degrees 06 minutes 06 seconds East 131.14 feet back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 3 West.

Source of Description: Survey of James W. Baldy, AL. Reg. No. 11845, dated October 24, 2006.

Source of Title: Deed Book 565, Page 714.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 3 West; thence West 241.32 feet to a point; thence North 13 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West 198.11 feet to a point; thence North 52 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 59.49 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 69 degrees 06 minutes 06 seconds West 131.14 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set and the point of beginning; thence South 69 degrees 06 minutes 06 seconds West 32.09 feet to an existing iron on the North right of way of a paved County Road; thence North 47 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West 108.66 feet to a point on said right of way; thence North 59 degrees 22 minutes 52 seconds West 110.01 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set on said right of way; thence South 78 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds East 91.11 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 45 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds East 50.51 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 63 degrees 34 minutes 11 seconds East 49.39 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 40 degrees 27 minutes 11 seconds East 54.90 feet back to the point of beginning, Said land lying in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Source of Description: Survey of James W. Baldy, AL. Reg. No. 11845, dated October 24, 2006. Source of Title: Deed Book 565, Page 714.

ALSO BEING GRANTED HEREIN AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A 20 foot right of way, the centerline of which is described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 3 West; thence West 241.32 feet to a point; thence North 13 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West 198.11 feet to a point; thence North 52 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 59.49 feet to an existing capped iron; thence North 3 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 112.95 feet to a point in the center of a gravel drive and the point of beginning of the centerline of said right of way; thence North 22 degrees 04 minutes 52 seconds East 286.37 feet to a point in the center of said drive; thence North 12 degrees 47 minutes 29 seconds East 81.52 feet to a point in the center of said drive; thence North 2 degrees 12 minutes 34 seconds East 48.49 feet along the center of said drive to a point on the South right of way of a paved County Road and the point of beginning of the centerline of said right of way. Source of Description: Survey of James W. Baldy, AL. Reg. No. 11845, dated October 24, 2006.

Source of Title: Deed Book 565, Page 714.

Said property is commonly known as 777 County Road 557, Hanceville, AL 35077.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
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The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.
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2nd annual Poor Man Poker Run this Saturday on Smith Lake

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The annual Poor Man Poker Run returns to Lewis Smith Lake Saturday to raise money for The Smith Lake Task Force and Wake the World Alabama. Registration is $30. There will be a pre-party for players at The Barn at Smith Lake Friday, Aug. 2 from 6-8 p.m. The Poker Run is Saturday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

David Dempsey of Craw Daddy Dave's, shared what inspired him to start the event, saying, "The Mike Beasley Poker Run was the real incentive and idea behind this. Everyone was asking about the Mike Beasley Poker Run that stopped a couple of years ago.

"So I decided to start this up. The people wanted something fun to do and I thought it would be a great way for lake folks to meet their lake neighbors and raise some money for lake charities."

He continued, "What makes our poker run different from any other is we use scratch off cards and a registration card for each player. Unlike most poker runs that have 5 to 7 stops, we have 19 stops located all over the entire lake. So the players can start closest to their location. They can make as many or as few stops as they wish before ending up at Trident Marina where they turn in their hands."

This year's Poor Man Poker Run will have prizes donated by companies and people all around Smith Lake, which are given out through scratch off cards from the docks, Dempsey noted.

Said Dempsey, "The last thing we are doing this year is boats will be drawing colored poker chips at five docks. No one will know how much these chips are worth until they get to the Trident Marina. We will draw values for each color chip, and whoever has the highest value will win."

Dempsey also credited fellow organizer Brian Czup, who created the Facebook page for the Poker Run and is the creator of the Lewis Smith Lake, Alabama Facebook group.

"There's no way I could do these events without him," he said.

"I'm happy to be a part of this and the Spook the Lake events. They've been fun putting together and everybody who participates loves having more things to do while at the lake and especially meeting other lake people. The Facebook group has been an excellent fit for organizing and promoting these events as well," said Czup. "David is just a friendly, happy-go-lucky guy who has become somewhat of a minor local celebrity with his Popsicle Princess and now these popular events. We just seemed to have hit it off from the beginning."

How to play (provided by event organizers):
The objective is for players to make at least 5 stops and collect 5 scratch off cards which will reveal your poker hand. A "stop" is a predetermined boat dock which will be handing out cards (and maybe other goodies) to players. The best poker hands will be judged and declared the winners. There are plenty of poker stops along all 3 major creeks of Smith Lake so need to worry about running all over the lake.

On Poker Run day, take your boat to the docks on the map in your packet, show them your player card/number, the dock will give you a scratch off poker card and you add it to your hand! You need to have at least 5 playable cards (some cards are for door prizes) to win. Compile your best hand and turn it in at Trident Grille at 4 p.m. and we'll tell you who wins! If you get a door prize card, turn it in and we'll let you draw for a door prize.

To register and view the rules, visit www.lewissmithlake.com/product/pmpr-reg/.

WSCC Wellness Center client surprised by volleyball teammates on 90th birthday

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Longtime Wallace State Wellness Center client Bobbie Messersmith was surprised by her volleyball teammates on her 90th birthday on July 17. The teams presented her with a volleyball-shaped cake and a long-sleeved T-shirt proclaiming her "Volleyball Queen" with her name and the number 90.

"They really surprised me," said Messersmith, who has been coming the Wallace State to exercise since 1993.

She started by walking around campus and then enrolled in the Wellness Center, where she continues to take stretching classes and play volleyball three times a week.

Messersmith, of Phelan, said a friend encouraged her to come to Wallace State to exercise after she retired from Cullman Products. Since she was just sitting around the house with nothing else to do, she took up the invitation and hasn't looked back since.

Mary Leah Moss, who heads up the senior program at the Wellness Center, met Messersmith in 1995 when she started working at Wallace State.

Moss said that Messersmith is an inspiration to her and others who come to the Wellness Center. "If I can keep exercising, I hope I can live as long a life as she has lived," Moss said.

"You should come down to Wallace if you want to become 90," Messersmith said with a laugh.

The Wallace State Wellness center is open to the public. Fees are $34 a semester for those 50 and up in the fall and spring ($25 in the summer), $25 a semester for Wallace State students, and $50 a semester for general membership.

The Wellness Center has weights, workout equipment such as treadmills and stationary bikes, and exercise classes.



WSCC

Members of the senior volleyball teams at Wallace State Community College's Wellness Center surprised fellow volleyball player Bobbie Messersmith on her 90th birthday on Wednesday, July 17, with a cake shaped like a volleyball and a T-shirt proclaiming her the Volleyball Queen. Mrs. Messersmith has been a client of the Wellness Center since 1993 and continues to come to stretching classes and volleyball games three days a week.

Cullman Regional Foundation announces 28th annual Golf Extravaganza

Marian Stanford
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Regional Foundation on Tuesday announced its 28th annual Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Extravaganza will be held Monday, Sept. 9 at TP Country Club.

The Golf Extravaganza includes several events such as a morning and afternoon tournament, putting contest, helicopter ball drop and the Million Dollar Hole-In-One shoot out.

The tournament consists of a four-person scramble.

Register today to participate or sponsor.

Various sponsorship levels are available and all proceeds benefit the Cullman Regional Foundation for the purchase of a new ambulance.

For more information, contact the Foundation at 256-737-2565 or crmcfoundation@cullmanregional.com.



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Local team from Cullman enjoys playing in the Cullman Regional Foundation Golf Extravaganza.









