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United Way of Cullman preparing for annual 'Day of Caring' event Sept. 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — United Way of Cullman is gearing up for its Day of Caring on Friday, Sept. 10. The annual Day of Caring event kicks-off each year's United Way Campaign and presents a great opportunity for the community to come together and volunteer in support of the many United Way's nonprofit partners.

United Way of Cullman Executive Director Becky Goff said of the event, "Day of Caring promotes the value of volunteerism and demonstrates that neighbors helping neighbors can create a positive change in the lives of children, families and seniors."

It's not too late to sign up to volunteer for a community project.

To volunteer, as individuals or groups, visit https://forms.gle/oiMCF4jWWBA2jeFn9 or call 256-739-2948 for more information on community projects.

There are more than 20 volunteer projects available for Day of Caring including: painting, mulching, organizing and sorting donations.

If you or your business prefer to remain socially distanced, the United Way of Cullman encourages holding supply drives or being a designated collection site.

You can also support the efforts of the United Way by hosting a "Casual Day for the United Way" and proudly wearing your United Way T-shirt.

Be sure to take a picture and share it on Facebook and Instagram under #dayofcaringuwcullman

Family of Cullman High School 2021 grad Allie Heaton say their goodbyes as she departs for Army boot camp



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CULLMAN, Ala. — "This all seems so surreal," Jessica Henderson said Monday morning as she was moments away from seeing her daughter Allie Heaton depart for Army boot camp. Heaton, a 2021 graduate of Cullman High School, was recently featured in The Tribune's Books to Battalions series and we were invited to join as the family gathered for her big send off.

Heaton was joined by her parents, John Heaton and Henderson, her grandparents, siblings and extended family. Heaton's close-knit family gathered at the Golden Corral early Monday morning for a last breakfast together...for a while anyway. A mixture of nervousness and excitement could be detected throughout the room, but it paled in comparison to the level of pride.

The family made their way to the recruiter's office, knowing that within a half an hour, they would see the shuttle pull away with their beloved Allie, and they said their emotional goodbyes. Even her adorable Chihuahua Camo was there proudly wearing his Army harness.

After a quick briefing by Heaton's recruiter, the family formed a circle, held hands and bowed their heads. Family patriarch Junior Heaton delivered a beautiful prayer as he choked back tears.

After nine weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson in Mississippi, Heaton will head to Ft. Leonard Wood for additional training and then Ft. Benning for Jump School. She hopes to become a Combat Medic. She said of her decision, "I've really trusted God to help me make this decision. At first, there was a lot of praying and doubting because this is a huge commitment, but I knew I was ready to make it. Now, I can't imagine doing anything else."

Henderson explained that her daughter » PAGE 3

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 8

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported September 8, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 2
- receiving stolen property; I-65 NB at MM 308
- domestic violence; CR 1490
- violation of protection order; harassment; High School Rd.
- animals running at large; CR 747
- trespassing; CR 68
- harassment; CR 19
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; felon in possession of firearm
- domestic violence; CR 481

Sept. 3
- domestic violence; CR 1355
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1371
- trafficking drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1508
- obstructing government operations; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1508
- theft of property; Megan Ln.
- trespassing; CR 783
- shooting into occupied building; CR 591
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1742
- theft of property; Cemetary Rd.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Sportsman Lake Rd.
- trafficking drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1435

Sept. 4
- receiving stolen property; CR 1742
- criminal mischief; CR 1193
- trafficking drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 610
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- criminal mischief; CR 1141

Sept. 5
- harassment; CR 230
- theft of property; CR 244
- harassment; CR 1269
- trespassing; Hwy. 67
- domestic violence; Brooklyn Rd.
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 67
- criminal mischief; CR 1082
- domestic violence; Freeman Rd.
- domestic violence; Hwy. 67

ARRESTS
Sept. 2 – 6

Boykins Jr., Michael Jerome; 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Chadderdon, Steven Claude; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- driving while license suspended
- ex-felon in possession of firearm

Curington, Crystal Dawn; 36
- larceny/theft-pickpocket $500 less than $1,500

Fowler, Derrell Lee; 57
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Fowler, Lisa M.; 48
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Holcomb, Harley Shannon; 22
- Grand Jury- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Ideus, Brooklyn Faith; 18
- possession of dangerous drugs

Kilgore, Kevin Aaron; 41
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Lanier, Mikeal Steavin; 26
- possessing stolen property $500 less than $1,500

Perkins, Kimberly Gail; 33
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (3 counts)

Shelby, Robert Dewayne; 50
- FTA- public intoxication

Adams, Kenny O'Neal; 48
- criminal trespass

Adcock, Stuart Reid; 31
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Chandler, Abby Grace; 18
- Grand Jury- identity theft
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Chandler, Tony Dale; 51
- public intoxication

Davis, Fred Kenny; 59
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- obstruction of governmental operation

Edgil, Billy Ray; 59
- FTA- violation driver's license restrictions
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Elkins, Brandon Scott; 35
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous $500 less than $1,500

Flowers, Trina Juanita; 41
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Gibson, Maegan Fay; 33
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Brandon Lee; 41
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Jackson, Ethan Lee; 22
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Joiner, Mark Anthony; 37
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Lowe, Christy Lee; 44
- reckless endangerment
- obstruction of governmental operations

Maddox II, John Thomas; 48
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Mitchell, James Patrick Cody; 27
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Persall, Ronda Butts; 56
- public intoxication

Purifoy, Antonyio Donell M.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- smuggling-promote prison contraband (other)

Siniard, Billy Joe; 43
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while license driver's suspended
- FTA- switched tag

Smith, Rodney Lang; 32
- assault-harassment
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Timothy Lee; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- obstruction-failure to appear/comply/pay
- FTA- receiving stolen vehicle

Stacks, Christopher Michael; 35
- DUI (alcohol)

Thompson, Joshua Andrew; 41
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Tucker, Lisa Inez
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Waldrop, Wesley Anthony; 47
- DUI (alcohol)

Weeks, Christopher Jerome; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- forgery-passing counterfeit object

Wood, Bobby Gene; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- receiving stolen vehicle

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 3
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; unknown; tag; $78
- third-degree theft of property; person; credit card
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $38
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Brantley Ave. NW; cash
- third-degree theft of property; person; Main Ave. SW; wallet and contents
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous

Sept. 4
- third-degree domestic violence-assault; person; 4th St. SW
- menacing; person; 2nd Ave. NW

Sept. 5
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $281
- harassing communications; person

Sept. 6
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; Miller St. SW
- assault; person; Rosemont Ave. NW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Bargain Hunt; 2nd Ave. SW; general merchandise; $58

Sept. 7
- third-degree burglary; fourth-degree theft of property; criminal mischief; Rusken Packaging LLC; 3rd Ave. SE; miscellaneous, damaged property
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $16

ARRESTS
Sept. 3 – 7

Elrod, Brett L.; 51
- Grand Jury- second-degree sexual abuse

Thompson, Joshua A.; 41
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Edgil, Billy R.; 59
- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- improper signal
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- DUI

Weeks, Christopher J.; 43
- third-degree theft of property
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card (5 counts)

Brockman, Alesha B.; 58
- third-degree criminal trespass

Reed, Jacob D.; 28
- public intoxication
- carrying pistol without permit

Doss, Andy M.; 62
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stagner, Tabitha A.; 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Christopher R.; 26
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- public intoxication (3 counts)
- FTA- third-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Monroe, Ashley C.; 35
- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Johnson, Jacob I.; 18
- fourth-degree theft of property

Borden, Joel I.; 43
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (3 counts)

Willey, Erica F.; 37
- fourth-degree theft of property

Garrett, James E.; 24
- FTA- minor in possession/consumption of alcoholic beverage
- FTA- improper muffler
- FTA- driving without driver's license
- FTA- insurance violation

Elms, Randy L.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Wiley, Austin D.; 27
- FTA- driving without driver's license
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- driving on wrong side of road

Martin, Anthony A.; 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (5 counts)
- FTA- carrying brass knuckles
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- switched tag

Tucker, Daniel B.; 30
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Loggins, Ashley N.; 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Booth, Carmella N.; 34
- unlawful distribution of controlled substance
- unlawful possession/receiving of controlled substance
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Sept. 8 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Change in Cases: -22.7% (No update available)
- Positivity in Tests: 22.6%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,835
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 335,832 (+ 7,484 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,182
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 5,306 (+ 71 since Monday)
- Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 26.1%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,591
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 5,527 (+ 153 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 94 (+ 1 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,111
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 290
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 75,920
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 17,153
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,724

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 6,063,035
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,565,365
- Doses administered: 4,051,393
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,348,936
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,830,333
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,497,670

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February 2021, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effective and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not following preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our health care system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Heaton (from Front)

always had an interest in the military and, as a student at Cullman Middle School, became determined to serve. Heaton's aunt Holly Ball jokes, "We tried to talk her out of it. We tried begging, bribery and everything we could do."

When Heaton's mom or Aunt Holly attempted to put into words how proud they are, their eyes would swell with tears. They didn't have to verbalize how they felt. It simply wasn't necessary.

Her dad John said that the family had many military veterans and added, "We are so proud of her. I am as proud as I can be. I have cried all day."

Her sister Whitney added, "She hasn't flinched on us one time. I posted on Facebook this morning about how she worked so hard for what she's about to walk into, but she's not walking. She's running full force and she's not slowing down."

As the final moments were upon the family, the tears began to fall more steadily, and the embraces were more prolonged.

Saying goodbye is always hard but for Heaton, but the support system she is blessed to have will certainly be felt no matter how far away she will be.

The green lights shining outside their homes will always show Allie just how much she is loved, how proud they are and where her home will always be.

Threats (from Front)

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — Since Aug. 16, there have been five reported bomb threats locally at schools and the Cullman County Courthouse.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Communications Director Chad Whaley said this is an ongoing investigation and diligent attempts are being made to identify who is making the threats.

"With technology continually growing in advancement, it is becoming increasingly difficult with spoofing devices, apps and burner phones to track these people down," Whaley said.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said the sheriff's office is leading the investigation on the threats involving the county and the Cullman Police Department is leading those that have occurred in the city.

Gentry confirmed that the FBI is also involved in the investigations and are tracking down IP addresses in connection to the bomb threats.

They have not confirmed any physical leads at this point.

The initial threat came to Cullman High School on Monday, Aug. 16 after 8 p.m.

The second was also to Cullman High School on Thursday, Sept. 2, around 7 p.m.

The last was Friday, Sept. 3 to the Cullman County Courthouse Friday morning which led to a full evacuation of the premises.

The fourth and fifth threats came Tuesday, Sept. 7, just after 2 p.m. at Cullman Middle School and West Point Middle School.

Look for updates in future editions of The Cullman Tribune and on CullmanTribune.com.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 Saint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings-Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesday-Sept. 1 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man" , Adult women's class "Design Your Life"
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays-Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Sunday, Sept. 12 services also canceled due to Covid.
• Watch Sunday services on Facebook-Spirit Life Church of GOD. Please be sure to pull up the one with the picture of the children in VBS - "Spirit Life Church Destination Dig" is the heading for the picture.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614-640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Kids Loving Kids -outreach program to provide CHRISTMAS gifts, for children ages infant - 18 years, to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on Nov. 15 for December pickup. https://form.jotform.com/202-483601332041 or facebook.com/kidslovingkids and look for registration info there. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Saturday Sept. 18 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Drive-thru food bank. Bring an ID.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
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• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November - The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
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Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.
• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.
• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs
• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.
• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.
• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.
• Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5.00 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

8th Annual Wild Game Cookout at St. Paul's
Sept. 11 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church invites you to join them for fun and fellowship! (Located at 1207 Old Bolte Road SE) The event will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. There will be tethered hot air balloon rides, bounce castles, games, great food and more!

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Sept. 14 - The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will meet in the Fire Hall on Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a friend.

Pleasant View Singing
Sept. 19 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing on Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. featuring "Sonlife Quartet" from Chattanooga, Tennessee. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Crauswell, Rollo, Mosely Reunion Cancellation
The Crauswell, Rollo, Mosely reunion which was to be held at the Moody Center in Hanceville Oct. 2, has been canceled. Hopefully COVID will go away, and we will get together on the first Saturday in October 2022 at the same place.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Local teams preparing for road trips in week 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – High school football season is well underway at this point and teams across the state are starting to find their identity. Most of our local teams will have a big test this week as they hit the road for critical regional matchups. All but Arab and Hanceville will be away from home Friday night, looking for another region win to add to their resumes. The Knights and the Bulldogs will both be at home to take on Scottsboro and Dora respectively in another pair of region games.

Cullman (1-2) at Buckhorn (3-0)
The Bearcats are coming off a 35-14 loss to Hartselle in week two, but they'll have to regroup and refocus to prepare for a showdown with Buckhorn. The Bucks are 3-0, having defeated Madison County, Bob Jones and Hazel Green in three tight games to start the season. Defensively, the Bucks have started the season strong, allowing just 14 points per game, Cullman's offense will be tested once again Friday night and the 'Cats will have to find a way to get points on the board if they want to keep pace with Buckhorn. If the black & gold defense can hold the Bucks in check, Friday's matchup in New Market could be a physical, low-scoring affair with an important region win up for grabs.

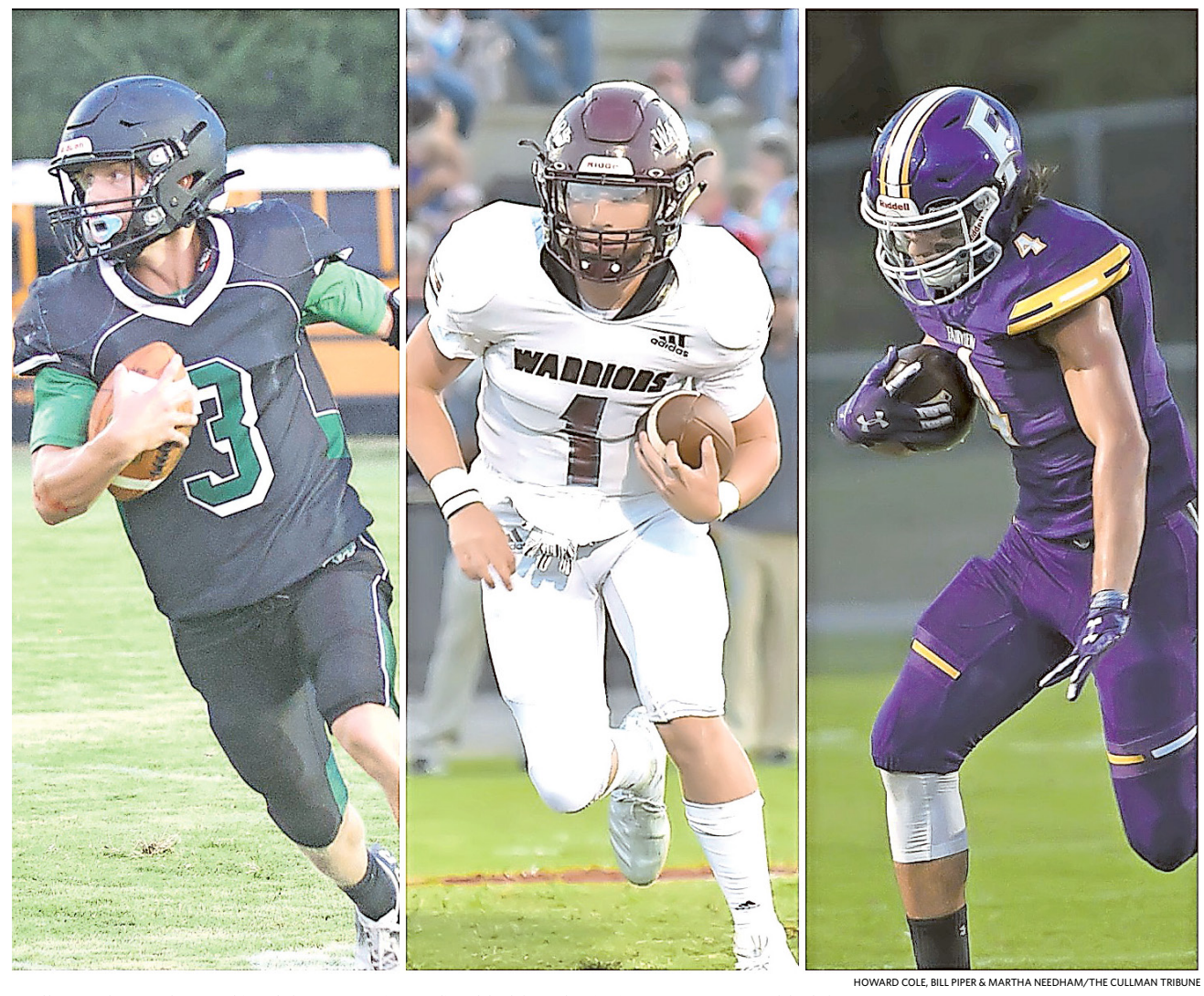
Arab (2-1) v Scottsboro (1-2)
The Knights are returning home Friday night after picking up a huge, 20-7 region win at Fort Payne last week but now they'll have to get ready for another important matchup when Scottsboro arrives. The Wildcats defeated North Jackson in their season opener but have fallen to Madison Academy and Oxford in back to back to weeks. Points have been hard to come by for Scottsboro early in the season and it won't get any easier against Arab this week. The Knights are allowing just 12 points per game so far this season and will be excited to hit the field when Scottsboro comes to town Friday night.

West Point (2-0) at Boaz (2-1)
West Point is 2-0 after getting past Lawrence County 14-7 last week and the Warriors will be looking for win number three when they travel to Boaz Friday night. The Pirates are coming off a 53-0 drumming of Crossville last week, so they'll have plenty of confidence when they hit the field at West Point. The Warriors defense held strong last week against Lawrence County but now they have another test and they'll be looking for support from the West Point offense. With weapons all over the field, the Warriors will be gunning for the end zone Friday night and chasing their first 3-0 start since 2018.

Fairview (2-1) at Douglas (3-0)
The Aggies fell just short in last week's heavy weight regional battle against Guntersville, but they have a new assignment this week and will have to prepare for a road trip to take on a hot Douglas squad. The Eagles have kicked off the season 3-0 after defeating Weaver, Woodville and Sardis by a combined score of 112-22 so Fairview will need to bring its A-game to Douglas with them Friday night.

The Eagles haven't allowed more than 8 points in a game this season but the Aggies are bringing a high-powered offense to town for this week's game so something will have to give Friday night when Fairview and Douglas clash.

Good Hope (1-2) at Haleyville (1-2)
After hammering Ashville last week to collect their first win of the season, the Good Hope Raiders will be on the road this week for another regional matchup with the Haleyville Lions. Haleyville dropped a thrilling, season-opener at Addison, edged St. John Paul II to win in week one and fell to Northside 32-7 last week. Last season's meeting was a tight one that the Raiders were able to take 27-24 so the Lions will be hungry for some payback when Good Hope arrives. The Raiders' defense looked sharp against Ashville last week and if they can keep the momentum going, they'll have a good chance to add another win to their record Friday night.



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Holly Pond's Landon Perkins (3), West Point's Eli Folds (1) and Fairview's Jameson Goble (4).

Hanceville (1-1) v. Dora (1-1)
The Bulldogs traveled to Fultondale for a shootout with the Wildcats last week and came up just short, 44-36, and now they'll return home to Ray Talley Stadium for another critical region showdown Friday night. Dora was off last week but ran away from Holt 56-24 the week before, so the offense is capable of lighting up the scoreboard.

Hanceville's offense has been effective so far this season as well, averaging over 30 points per game in its first two matchups. This week's battle of the Bulldogs will be a test to see which defense can step up to the challenge and if Hanceville can be the team to do it, a 2-1 record won't be far behind.

Vinemont (0-3) at Carbon Hill (1-2)
The 2021 season hasn't started the way the Vinemont Eagles planned but there is still plenty of time and plenty of games for the Eagles to bounce back and win this fall, starting with a road trip to Carbon Hill this week. Both the Eagles and Bulldogs are coming off losses to region foes last week so both squads are in need of a big win. Vinemont and Carbon Hill have both gotten off to rocky starts on the defensive side of the ball but if the Eagles can right the ship and overcome some injuries they've endured early in the season, they'll have a great shot at their first victory this fall.

Holly Pond (2-1) at J.B. Pennington (2-0)
The Broncos took some lumps in their 45-0 loss to Oakman last week and things won't get any easier this Friday when Holly Pond travels to take on J.B. Pennington in another regional clash. The Tigers were in town to take on Vinemont last week and left with a 49-6 win over the Eagles to improve to 2-0. J.B. Pennington handled the Broncos 56-8 last season, so it'll take a great effort on both sides of the ball for Holly Pond to take the Tigers out on their home field Friday night.

Addison (3-0) at Midfield (2-1)
Despite being shorthanded last week, the Addison Bulldogs still managed to edge Aliceville 19-18 at A.G. Hicks Stadium to improve to 3-0 on the year and hop in the drivers' seat of Region 5. This week, the Bulldogs will be on the road for another region matchup with the Patriots of Midfield.

The Pats defeated Lamar County on the road 24-20 last week so they're carrying some momentum into this week's showdown as well. Addison handled last year's meeting 33-8 so Midfield will be looking from some revenge against the Bulldogs when they arrive Friday night.

Meek (2-1) at South Lamar (1-1)
It's been an exciting start to the season for the Meek Tigers. After winning just one game in 2020, the Tigers have already won two of their first three games this fall, and their only loss came on the road in overtime. After defeating Brilliant at home 46-26 last week, Meek will be back out on the road Friday for another region game against South Lamar.

The Stallions downed Berry 36-20 last week and defeated the Tigers 30-16 in last year's meeting, so they'll have plenty of confidence when they hit the field Friday night. However, this appears to be a new Meek Tigers squad and if they can continue to build on their performance from the first three weeks of this season, they'll have a great chance to collect another big win.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Vinemont sweeps area match against East Lawrence

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VINEMONT, Ala. — After splitting their matchups with Colbert Heights and Falkville last Thursday, the Vinemont Lady Eagles returned home Tuesday night to face off against East Lawrence in an area matchup. Vinemont edged East Lawrence in the opening set but pulled away to take the next two sets and collect a 3-0 area win.

Vinemont 25 - East Lawrence 22 (First set)
It was a back-and-forth battle in the first set as East Lawrence jumped out to a 4-2 lead, but Vinemont came back to tie it up at four. East Lawrence pushed their lead to 8-5, but a huge point from Emilie Hoffman and an ace by Rylie Perkins made it a one-point game.

Vinemont got huge aces from Hoffman and Maci Smith during their 6-2 run as they took a 13-10 lead. Later on, Vinemont started to pull away from East Lawrence as they scored five straight points, they got a couple of aces from Jana Harbison during that stretch and Vinemont stretched their lead to 20-13.

But East Lawrence made things very interesting after that as they went on a huge run to make it 23-22. Hoffman, though, finished off East Lawrence with the game-winning ace to help Vinemont take the first set 25-22.

Harbison finished with three aces, three points, and an assist for Vinemont. Smith added a pair of points and an ace. Hoffman ended up with two points and an ace. Perkins finished with a point and an ace, while Magdalen Burks added a kill.

Vinemont 25 - East Lawrence 14 (Second set)
For the second straight game, Vinemont got off to a slow start as East Lawrence took an early 5-2 lead. But behind a couple of aces from Harbison, Vinemont rallied to tie the game up at five. A mini run by East Lawrence saw them take a 10-7 lead. Behind back-to-back aces from Perkins, Vinemont got the lead right back at 12-10 and later stretched it to 16-11. Despite some mini runs by East Lawrence, it wasn't enough as Vinemont finished off game two strong, scoring the final six points; three of those points were aces by Burks and Vinemont took game two, 25-14.

Harbison finished with two aces and two points for Vinemont. Burks added three aces. Perkins ended up with a pair of an aces and a dig. Hoffman added an ace and a point, while Alyssa Swafford, Smith and Faith Rusk each finished with a point.

Vinemont 25 - East Lawrence 18 (Third set)
For the second straight set, Vinemont got off to a very shaky start as they quickly fell behind 7-2. Once again, they cooked up a big rally as Harbison had four straight aces at one point and that helped Vinemont take an 8-7 lead. Later on, a trio of aces by Brooklyn Knott helped Vinemont stretch their lead to 13-9. There was no quit in East Lawrence at all as they stayed close for most of the contest, cutting it to two or three multiple times, but Vinemont was just a little too much for them at the end, scoring five of the final six points, including a huge kill from Thompson, as Vinemont took game three, 25-18, completing the three-game sweep of East Lawrence.

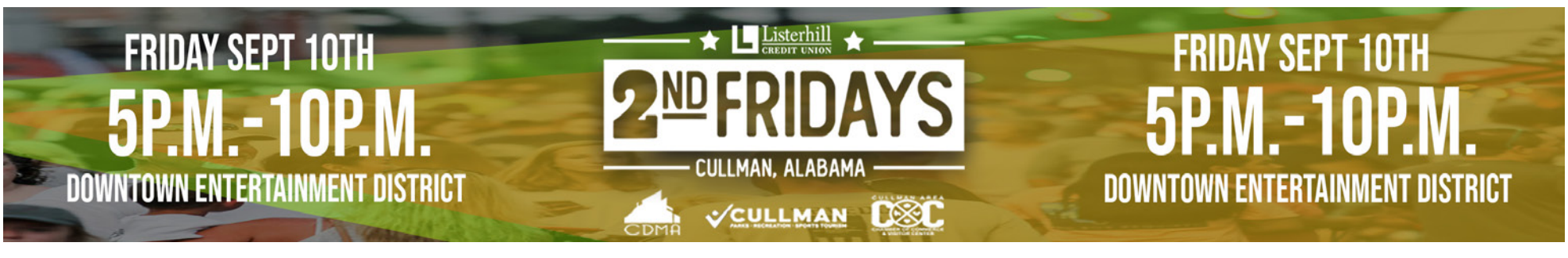
Harbison had another big set for Vinemont, finishing with four aces, a point and a block point. Knott had a big third set as well as she added three aces of her own. Hoffman, Burks and Perkins each ended up with a point while Thompson finished with a kill.

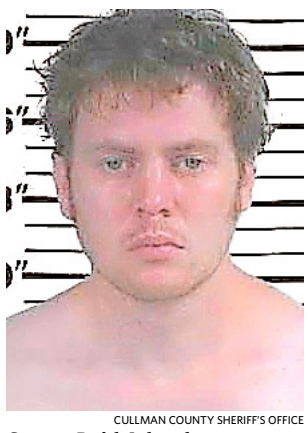
Vinemont improves to 7-3 overall on the season and 1-1 in the region. They will host Fultondale on Monday at 5 p.m.



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Vinemont's Faith Rusk spikes the ball past a couple of East Lawrence defenders during the Lady Eagles' sweep of East Lawrence.





CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Stuart Reid Adcock



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Maegan Fay Gibson



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James Patrick Cody Mitchell

Weekend (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office had two separate incidents which led to three drug trafficking charges over the Labor Day weekend.

Maegan Fay Gibson, 33, of Madison was found passed out behind the wheel of her vehicle in the Colony area.

When found, she was in possession of 24 grams of fentanyl and $3,100 in cash.

She was charged with drug trafficking, chemical endangerment of a child and possession of drug paraphernalia.

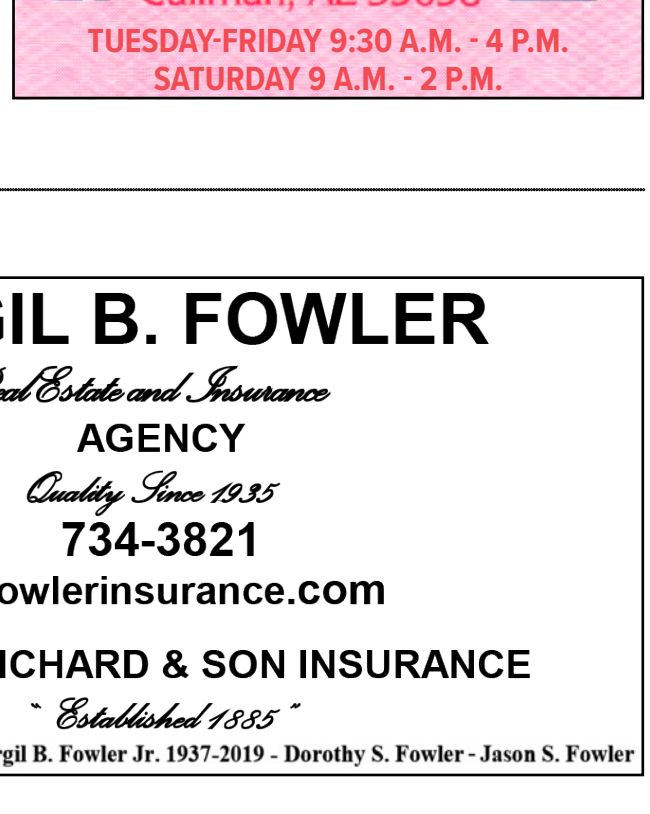
In the Good Hope area, two subjects in a vehicle were found to be in possession of 14.9 grams of heroin.

Stuart Reid Adcock, 31, of Hazelgreen, and James Patrick Cody Mitchell, 27, also of Hazelgreen, were both charged with drug trafficking and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said being proactive in the war on drugs is an approach they must continue.

"Countless lives were saved by getting these dangerous drugs off the street," Gentry said.

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Update (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Schools system has a total of 36 students absent due to reported positive cases of COVID-19 as of Tuesday, Sept. 7, according to the latest school attendance data.

West Elementary School reported 13 positive student cases, Cullman High School reported nine positive student cases, East Elementary School reported seven positive student cases, Cullman City Primary School reported four positive student cases, and Cullman Middle School reported three positive student cases.

Quarantine-related absences due to students quarantining after exposure to a positive case of COVID-19: West Elementary School reported 28 absences, Cullman High School reported 20 absences, East Elementary School reported 17 absences, Cullman Middle School reported 17 absences and Cullman City Primary School reported 17 absences.

Both Cullman Middle School and East Elementary School currently have a temporary two-week mask requirement on campus due to an increase in COVID-19 cases during the first few weeks of the school year.

Per protocol, if students are properly wearing a mask they will not be asked to stay home and quarantine. The requirement remains in effect on those two campuses until the end of the school day on Sept. 10.

Cullman City Schools has a total enrollment of 3,231 students.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DAVID EDWARD McNEAL, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2021-283

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD McNEAL, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Janice McNeal on the 31st day of August, 2021, 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.

Janice McNeal, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Jason P. Knight, Attorney for the Estate
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

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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 Gary Mikus Husband Monique Mikus Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Superior Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 20, 2009; said mortgage being recorded on March 20, 2009, in Book 1591, Page 986 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 351, Page 871 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 7th day of October, 2021 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 1 of the resubdivision of part of Lot 535 of the city of Cullman, Alabama, as recorded in Deed Book 339, Page 424, and Deed Book 513, Page 108.

Said property is commonly known as 1110 4th Ave SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
S.N.W.,)
A Minor Child, 05/18/2008)

CASE NO. JU 2017-447.03

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of S.N.W. born on or about 05/18/2008. to Jennifer Worrall, respond to the Petition by the 7th day of October, 2021, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

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

DONE this the 17 day of August, 2021

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

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for Cullman County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 27th day of August 2021.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES EARL SOUTH,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2021-271

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to AMY SOUTH as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES EARL SOUTH, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

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

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 Mathew Lawrence Jahnke An Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nations Lending Corporation, its successors and assigns dated October 31, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on November 9, 2016, in Book 1803, Page 12 in and re-recorded in Book 1875, Page 260 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nations Lending Corporation, an Ohio Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 351, Page 734 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nations Lending Corporation, an Ohio Corporation, 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 5th day of October, 2021 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 4 West; thence South 1150.0 feet to a point; thence North 44 degrees 38 minutes 05 seconds West 432.37 feet to a point; thence South 55 degrees 21 minutes 12 seconds West 840.22 feet to a point; thence West 325.0 feet to a point on the East R.O.W. of the Spring Hill Road; thence North 591.01 feet along said R.O.W. to a point; thence South 84 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds East 792.48 feet to a point; thence North 50 degrees 16 minutes 16 seconds East 42.31 feet to a point; thence North 71 degrees 30 minutes 31 seconds East 207.96 feet to a point; thence North 30 degrees 53 minutes 48 seconds West 833.95 feet to a point; thence East 730.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the Southwest'Quarter of the Northwest'Quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 562 County Road 1145, Cullman, AL 35057.
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.

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 7-8

Jody Buck Ballew, 42, of Hartselle
Memorial service for Jody Buck Ballew, 42, of Hartselle, will be Thursday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church in Hartselle, Alabama. Family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. prior to the service. Reverend Mike Eaton will officiate the service. Mr. Ballew passed away Sept. 3, at the Decatur Morgan Hospital. He was born Jan. 3, 1979, to Ronald Jett and Betty Lou Ferguson Ballew. Buck had such a dynamic personality. He was a caring and loving father, a beloved brother and the very best of friends. To know him was to love him. He was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Ballew is survived by two sons: Jacob and Cole Ballew; mother of his children: Kristi Ballew; two brothers: Ronald (Cathy) Ballew, Jr. and Lee Ballew; sister: Linda (Ken) Williams; nieces and nephews: Dylan Ballew, Ty Tenney, Brody Williams, Casey Laney and Katherine Laney and a host of family, friends and colleagues. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Laura Eva Powell Lansford, 94, of Hanceville
Graveside service for Laura Eva Powell Lansford, 94, of Hanceville will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, at Cullman Memory Gardens with Rev. Michael L. Lansford, Sr. officiating. Family visitation will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Please wear a mask. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lansford family. Mrs. Lansford passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, at Hanceville Nursing Home & Rehab. She was born Oct. 26, 1926, to Mossie and Clara Powell. She was a member of Hunter Street Baptist Church and was a godly woman who loved her family. She enjoyed sewing, reading, playing the piano and cooking. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Ernest L. Lansford, Sr.; sisters: Lallage Bentley and Katie Lou Smith and a brother: Leon Powell. Survivors include her sons: Ernest L. Lansford, Jr. (Jennifer) and Michael L. Lansford, Sr. (Debbie); grandchildren: Ernie Lansford III, Christie Wactcher (Eric), Michael L. Lansford, Jr. (Theresa) and Wendy Lansford Baker (Tim); several great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Michael Lansford, Jr., Timothy Baker, Brian Pierce, Joel Lovett and Bobby Bentley. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Howard Stidham, 67, of Cullman
James Howard Stidham, age 67, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Sept. 4. James was born Feb. 8, 1954, in Bessemer, Alabama to Luther Howard and Anniebell Tidwell Stidham. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Jeffrey and Larry Stidham; nephew: Johnathan O'Neil and niece: Lyndon Stidham. A memorial celebration of life service will be announced at a later date by the family. Survivors are wife: Cindy Pepper Stidham; sons: Brandon Laney and Drew Laney, sister: Linda (Mike) O'Neil and several nieces and nephews. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Stidham family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jacquelyn Deniece 'NeNe' Ward, 54, of Vinemont
Funeral service for Jacquelyn Deniece 'NeNe' Ward, 54, of Vinemont will be at noon, Thursday, Sept. 9, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Stephen Cannon officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. – noon on Thursday. Please wear a mask. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ward family. NeNe passed away Monday, Sept. 6, at CRMC. She was born Feb. 26, 1967, to Teddy Ray and Jacquelyn Carolyn Jackson Gower. She was a devout Christian and loved the Lord, her family and especially her grandchildren. She loved gardening, flowers and doing anything outside. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister: Carol. Survivors include her husband: Murphy Ward; sons: Seth (Nikki) Ward, and Justin (Samantha) Helton; daughter: Rheagan Ward Hipp; brother: Will (Cicilia) Gower; grandchildren: Harper Grey Ward, Boone Coker Ward, Tilly Ren Ward, Lakelee Awna Helton, Liam Troy Helton, Raelee Monroe Hipp, Atticus Lee and Isabella Rose Hipp; brothers and sisters-in-law: Sharon Johnson, Brenda (Jimmy) Junior, Glenn Ward, Debbie Ward, Millard Ward, Linda Ward and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Iva Lee Legg, 81, of Franklin County Alabama
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Iva Lee Legg Sept. 5, at her place of residence. Mrs. Legg was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was born March 22, 1940, in Franklin County, Alabama. Iva Lee lived in this area her entire life. She was a homemaker and mother. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years: James Autry Legg; parents: Roy Levi Harris and Leoni A. Alexander Harris; brothers: Leroy, Levi, Leo and Lelon and sister: Annie Lee Harris Fleener. She is survived by her children: Dwight Legg of Hamilton, AL and Cynthia Yvonne Legg Knight of Redmond, OR; brother: Leon Harris; grandchildren: Bradley Curtis and James Lukas Bailey; great-grandchild: Boyd Autry Curtis and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 10, from 2-3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 3 p.m. Brother Larry Plunkett will officiate. Burial will follow at Ashbank Cemetery in Nauvoo.

James "Jim" Nathan Wilson, 89, of Double Springs
James "Jim" Nathan Wilson, 89, of Double Springs, formerly of Arley, passed away Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 at Lakeland Community Hospital in Haleyville. James was born Dec. 9, 1931, to Owen Wilson and Alma Cook Wilson in Arley, Alabama. He graduated from Meek High School and graduated from Walker College, where he was on the college's first men's basketball team. He joined the Navy in 1951 where he attended boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, and was then assigned to the U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62) during the Korean War. He served from 1951 to 1955. During his service, he was awarded the following medals and citations: Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Medal, the China Service Medal, the United Nations Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the National Defense Medal. After leaving the military, he was a carpenter by trade and worked for many years in that occupation until his retirement. James loved Alabama Football, fishing with his daughter and grandchildren, loved his family and especially his wife of 59 years. James married the love of his life on June 3, 1958, and was a devoted husband until her death in 2017 James is survived by his son: Jeff Wilson and his wife, Cathy; his daughter: Kathy Wilson Wakefield; his grandchildren: Timonthy Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Rachel Gilbreath, Samantha Rogers, Candi Morgan, Stephen Scott, Holly Harmening, MaCayla Ridgeway, Brian Beck, David Beck, Michael Beck and their families. James was preceded in death by his beloved wife: Martha Everett Wilson; his parents: Owen Wilson and Alma Wilson and his son-in-law: Steven Wakefield. Visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, Alabama where the funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Brother Roland Gilliland and Dr. Bill Tittle will officiate. Burial will follow in Meek Cemetery in Arley, Alabama. Pallbearers will be Timonthy Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Michael Beck, Bobby Key, Ken Mobley and Tim Gilbreath.

Alice Marie Cornelius, 86, of Lynn
Alice Marie Cornelius, 86, of Lynn entered into rest on Monday, Sept. 6, at her residence. Mrs. Cornelius was born April 19, 1935, in Winston County, Alabama. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 1-2 p.m. at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Double Springs, where the service will begin at 2 p.m. Brother Greg Blanton will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family requests that all who attend please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Alice is survived by her son: Wayne (Gwen) Cornelius; daughter: Patricia Norris; brother: William Foster (Phyllis) Wood Jr.; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband: Willard Cornelius; son: Darell Cornelius; daughter: Lydia Lenae Cornelius Wilson; great-granddaughter: Allie Cochran; parents: William Foster Wood and Lydia Sutton Wood and sisters: Mary Sue Dawson, Dorothy Hanner, Nethel Garrison and Gail Redding.

Shirley Virginia Davis, 80, of Cullman
Shirley Virginia Davis, age 80, of Cullman, passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept. 2, 1941, to Carl Banks and Margie Leola Banks. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Leslie Davis and a baby boy. Survivors include her sister: Doris Parris; sister-in-law: Doris Banks and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Jennifer Eileen Nelson, 37, of Baileyton
Funeral service for Jennifer Eileen Nelson, age 37, of Baileyton, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bill Stone officiating and burial at Springhill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Nelson passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, at Cullman Regional. She was born March 19, 1984, in Decatur, Alabama to J.W. Nelson, Jr. and Judy Nelson. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers: Orvis Kelsoe and J.W. Nelson, Sr., and grandmother: Myrtie Nelson. Survivors include her parents: J.W. Nelson, Jr. and Judy Nelson; brothers: Adrian (Lori) Nelson, Eric Nelson and Richard Nelson; sister: Shirley Nelson and grandmother: Glenda Kelsoe.

Daniel Thomas McGuire, 63, of Hartselle
Memorial service for Daniel Thomas McGuire, age 63, of Hartselle, will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Fairview the Grace Place. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements. Mr. McGuire passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Nov. 1, 1957, to Donald Eugene and Beatrice JoAnne McGuire. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife: Mary Kate McGuire; son: Jason Thomas (Ashley) McGuire; daughter: Gabrielle Christine McGuire; grandson: Henry McGuire; sisters-in-law: Bev McFarland and Kathy Smith; brother-in-law: Jerry Monroe; sisters: Patricia Lutz and Donna Carringer and nieces and nephews: Nathan (Jill) Lutz, Hayden (Erin) Lutz, Matthew (Carrie) Lutz, John (Stacy) McFarland, Eric (Cheri) Teer, Jon (Jennifer) Gerstman, Bryan (Kim) Brewer, P.J. (Audra) Smith, Todd (Kristin) Smith, Sara Carringer, Leah Carringer and Seth Carringer.

Thomas Ray Twilley, 47, of Hanceville
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Thomas Ray Twilley, 47, of Hanceville. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to assist the Twilley family. Mr. Twilley passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Oct. 20, 1973, to George Lester & Ramona Gail Hulgan Twilley. He was a loving husband and brother. He loved his job of moving mobile homes. He was always doing something for others. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife: Tabitha Rena Jones; son: Eli Jones; daughter: Kensley Jones; brothers: Tim Twilley and Tony (Ashley) Twilley; mother-in-law: Carlene Parris; sister-in-law: Dawn 'Monkey' Johnson; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Brent Allen, 50, of Cullman
Thomas Brent Allen, age 50, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, Sept. 6.. Thomas was born May 17, 1971, in Decatur, Alabama. Thomas is survived by his wife: Regina Grey Allen; his parents: Mark and Teresa Skinner; his daughters: Justine (Kelsie Brawner) Allen, Shelby Mae Allen and Zaiah Allen and his sisters: Stacy Sewell and Jennifer Wingo. A celebration of life memorial service for Thomas will be held Sunday, Sept. 12,at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, AL 35055). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Allen family.

Ronald Sherlon Moon, 77, of Cullman
Ronald Sherlon Moon, age 77, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7. Ronald was born Jan. 10, 1944, in Cullman, Alabama. A visitation for Ronald will be held Friday, Sept. 10, from noon - 2 p.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church (1100 Wesley Ave. N, Cullman, AL 35058). A celebration of life funeral service will occur Friday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. at the church. An interment will occur Friday, Sept. 10, at Fairview United Methodist Cemetery (1100 Wesley Ave. N, Cullman, AL 35058). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Moon family.

Gwindolyn Yvonne Sullens Burleson, 85 of Satsuma
Gwindolyn Yvonne Sullens Burleson, 85, of Satsuma, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 6. She was born on Dec. 25, 1935, in Hamilton, Alabama to the late Grover Sullens and Ethel Sullens. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Johnie B. Burleson; four brothers and three sisters. Gwindolyn is survived by her daughter: Paulette Burleson Cooper (John Green); grandson: John Morgan Cooper (Kelley); granddaughter: Leah Cooper Rodgers Burch (Charles); great-grandchildren: Blakley Rodgers (Emily), Brandon Rodgers and Jaxon Parker; great-great-granddaughter: Tinsley Rogers; great-great-grandson: Brooks Rodgers and a host of nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held Thursday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. at Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Brother John Green will officiate.

Mamie Carolyne Langley, 79, of Arley
Mamie Carolyne Langley, age 79, of Arley, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7, at her residence. She was born Jan. 24, 1942, to Cecil Jacques and Mamie Geeters-Jacques in Birmingham, Alabama. Mamie proudly served her country in the United States Air Force from 1977-1997. Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 9, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, Alabama. A graveside service will be held Friday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. at Lees Chapel Cemetery in Remlap, Alabama. Brother Steton Hayes will officiate. Mamie is survived by her husband: Arlen Lee Langley; daughters: Julie Langley and Amy Langley Hiller; son: Michael (Rhonda) Langley; grandchildren: Sean (Ellie) Hiller, Kimberly Hiller, Lori (Jason) Bowling, Jamey Hamby, Kaydi (Trystan) Woodard and Noah Langley; sisters: Brenda Jacques and Rita Jacques; brother: Garrie Jacques; sister-in-law: Myra Langley and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father: Cecil Jacques; mother: Mamie Jacques and daughters: Lori Ann Langley and Suzette Leigh Langley. Pallbearers will be Michael Langley, Sean Hiller, Noah Langley, Trystan Woodard, Jason Bowling and Austin Bowling.

Craig Alan Hill, 51, of Hanceville
Craig Alan Hill, 51, of Hanceville, passed away Sept. 6. Mr. Hill was born March 10, 1970, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Paul Bruce and Jane Hoskins Hill. Craig was an outdoorsman and he loved to hunt, fish and boat. He loved being on the water and enjoyed any time spent at the lake or the beach. Craig was an entrepreneur and had several successful businesses. Mr. Hill had a heart for Jesus, and he was involved in mission work, particularly in the South Africa region. His servant heart loved working with orphans and as a result, all the Hill children are adopted. He enjoyed worshiping his Savior with his family at Mount Zion Baptist Church. During his illness, Craig touched many lives with his faith in Christ Jesus. Craig was a man loved by many, and he will be missed by many as well. Mr. Hill is preceded in death by his father: Paul Bruce Hill and his babies in heaven. He is survived by his wife: Becca Hill; son: Steele Alan Hill; daughters: Molly Rebecca Luba Hill (Jonah Fitzgerald), Madeline Grace Hill and Stephanie Tatiana Hill; granddaughter: Anna Beth Hill; mother: Jane Hill; sister: Shannon Hill Campbell; mother-in-law: Sue Ann Robinson; father-in-law: Dennis Robinson (Jodie); brothers-in-law: Michael Robinson (Cristi) and Jonathan Robinson (Chelsea); nieces: Emily Campbell, Zoe Campbell and Kelly Campbell and a great-nephew: River Axton. A celebration of life will be held for Mr. Hill at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at Mount Zion Baptist Church, with Pastor Josh Sellers officiating. The family will hold a private burial where Aaron Karr, Greg Vaughn, Denis Krozinski, James Steward, Brian Waldrep and Jimmy Langston will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by phone, mail, or deposited directly to Premier Bank of the South (Attn: Johnny Cook P.O. Box 1708 Cullman, AL 35056) Account of Amy Rebecca Hill. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hill family.

Ray Donald Adair, Sr., 80, of Cullman
Memorial services for Ray Donald Adair, Sr., 80, of Cullman are being planned and will be announced by the family at a later time. Mr. Adair passed from this life on Sept. 6, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. He was born Sept. 28, 1940, to Verdie Walker. Cullman funeral home is honored to serve the Adair family. He was preceded in death by his mother; his wife: Florence Adair and one son. Mr. Adair is survived by his son: Ray Donald "Donnie" Adair, Jr. and his wife Tammy; his daughter: Kathryn Adair; brother: Ronald (Joan) Walker; sister: Joan (Don) Gonzales and his grandchildren: Dillon and Savanna Adair, Jarrod and Nathan and Skylar Adair. Fond memories and expressions of sympathies can be shared on the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Art (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — Though getting students to work at core subjects like math and reading are obviously critical this school year, Cullman Middle School art teacher Fharis Richter is making sure the arts aren't lost in the shuffle for aspiring Cullman City Schools students.

Seventh graders have spent the first few weeks of school working with graphite and developing their drawing skills. Richter noted first-year students at the middle school can often be intimidated stepping into art class, but it doesn't take long to settle in and let the creative juices start flowing.

"They are usually shocked at the choices that I give them, but once they settle down and start working, their work is fantastic," she said. "I think they surprise themselves with their hidden talent."

For fans of the arts wanting to check out some of the pieces, seventh graders are set to display their works in the Cullman County Fair, as well as Octoberfest art competitions.

Eighth grade students are working on painting seascapes to develop their fundamental skills. Once those pieces are finished, they'll get a chance to choose something to paint utilizing the techniques they've developed those first few weeks.

Eighth graders will continue to build on their skills and use more diverse mediums as the year goes on, including painting, block printing, photography and watercolors.

By the end of the second semester, students will have started a portfolio including their work.

The eighth grade students will also create panels to display outside the school for Veterans' Day, which will join a showcase of past artwork from former eighth grade students.

"We started this project about six years ago, when we put out a triptych honoring our veterans," Richter explained. "The following year we added a few more panels. We have continued putting out the old panels and adding new ones each year. The students collaborate on creating them. They do everything from designing the panels, to drawing the work and painting them.

"We weren't able to do panels last year, but we plan to have them back out this year!"

Eighth grade students will also participate in the State Superintendent Art Exhibit in January.

Richter said art can be a healthy, crucial way to process all of the emotional changes that take place during the middle school years.

"Art is a creative outlet for the students especially when they learn that they are more than capable of learning art and talent is not a prerequisite," Richter said. "We've had students create art that depicts their fishing trips, their love for a grandparent, vacations and their religious beliefs. They have worked on trying to express how they feel about being adopted, how they feel about losing a loved one, and how they felt when they lost a foster sibling. They express their interests in music, sports and designing clothing, shoes and buildings. They want to draw their pets or favorite animals, insects and reptiles."

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