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A life of service: Cullman's Betty Flack passes

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman lost a faithful servant on Saturday with the passing of Betty Camp Flack, 80, who served as president of the Cullman Senior Center. Ms. Betty was a frequent participant in events and activities at the Active Adult Center. She was a supporter of the VFW Post 2214 Auxiliary and a member of Lake Catoma Baptist Church.

Cullman Senior Center participant and Ms. Betty's best friend, Dot Waters, shared, "Betty was not real outspoken, but when she spoke people listened. This is what made her perfect for the job as president of the Cullman Senior Center. She was honest and dedicated. You could count on her for anything. She was a loyal friend and my best friend."

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A frequent participant in events and activities, Betty Flack poses after placing second in a recent cookie decorating contest at the Cullman Senior Center.

CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Cullman County Cornhole Club hosts benefit for Victim Services

SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Cornhole Club members and visitors play at the Cullman Middle School gym Saturday, Aug. 27.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Cornhole Club hosted a benefit cornhole tournament Saturday to raise funds for Victim Services of Cullman, the local nonprofit that provides crisis prevention and recovery programs for families impacted by domestic violence and survivors of sexual assault.

The club had 48 people registered to play. Many players were regulars in the competitive division, but there were a few newcomers who visited to play in the social division and raise money for the cause.

The club does several benefit tournaments a year. It is currently booked until May of next year, as many are discovering the ease with which the tournaments can help raise funds.

Member Heather Gilliland shared, "We formed our club in 2019. We really got started on charity tournaments in 2020 because this is one of the things that you could do and be socially distanced."

Club Co-Founder Robert Haddix said players are always courteous, especially when working together for a cause.

"You could be winning pretty good and the guy that's losing would be like, 'Great shot!' You don't hold it against them. Everybody is supportive.

"That's what's good about it, and it allows people of any age to play."

The youngest player at the event was 7, while the oldest 75.

"I just turned 40 and I got beat the other night by a 12 year old and I've been playing for three years," laughed Haddix. "Anybody can do this."

Gwen Parker of Victim Services spoke about the event, saying, "Several of my friends had been to tournaments they had done before and recommended them.

"When I talked to Robert, he said they would actually put it on and run » PAGE 4

CPD investigating death of infant at Economy Inn in Cullman

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'It's a journey'

GriefShare director discusses support group



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 29, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 25

- trafficking drugs, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 747
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 58
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1355
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1525
- criminal mischief, harassment; Co. Rd. 1684
- harassment; Co. Rd. 812
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1663
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 594

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- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1120
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 1527
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1467
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1087
- trespassing; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 162
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1702
- theft of property; Hwy 31
- burglary; Co. Rd. 51

Aug. 27

- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 278
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1141
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1629
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 573
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 735
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy 31

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- robbery; Hwy 69S
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Wesley Ave. N
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Ronald Johnson Pkwy.
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, domestic violence; Hwy 278 W
- burglary; Co. Rd. 307
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 436
- attempting to elude law enforcement; Co. Rd. 557
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1059
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 656

ARRESTS

Aug. 25

Freeman, Dustin L; 29
- Probation violation-possession of burglary tools

James, Scotty L; 42
- FTA-speed above 45 mph on county road

Mays, Kenneth T; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Miller, Jonathan C; 27
- FTA-public intoxication

Pearce, Troy E; 33
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Perdue, Andrea L; 29
- FTA-assault-aggravated assault family-knife

Poore, David A; 22
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Stagner, Tabitha A; 36
- FTA-driving while suspended

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Decatur, Candy R; 41
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA-improper lights

Henderson, Rachael M; 41
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Lindsey, Kristy L; 45
- FTA-financial exploitation of the elderly-2nd degree
- FTA-shoplifting

Price, Billy W; 24
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Raphael, Lorena L; 41
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Ruatti, Bashir P; 37
- Probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation violation-escape

Terrell, Jonathan M; 40
- FTA-open container
- driving while suspended
- FTA-DUI (alcohol)

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Brown, Lee R; 34
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Hester, Eric L; 31
- disorderly conduct

Kinney, Charles R; 58
- FTA-counterfeiting

Koloski, Juliaunna R; 24
- possession of methamphetamine

Lubert, Christopher D; 38
- drug trafficking
- possession of marijuana

McWaters, Krista N; 32
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Nolasco-Medel, Michele D; 50
- possession of dangerous drugs

Rittenhouse, Kelly G; 55
- DUI (other substance)

Sherrell, Joshua A; 34
- possession of marijuana

Sullins, Pamela C; 57
- negotiating worthless instrument (3 counts)

Vincent, Russell A; 51
- possession of dangerous drugs

Williams, Walter A; 34
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-public intoxication (2 counts)

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Brown, Clyde M; 39
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Brown, Johnna H; 42
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Keeton, Kandice L; 34
- FTA-possession of marijuana (2 counts)

Moore, David L; 59
- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA-failure of sec offender to register

Parson, Toni J; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Quattlebaum, Ella C; 52
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 26

- theft of property-4th degree; Hwy 157; jewelry; $400
- identity theft
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; 3rd St. S.E; general merchandise; $60
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; 4th St. S.W; damage to 2002 Dodge Ram; $450
- theft of property-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $912

Aug. 27

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; miscellaneous charges

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- robbery-1st degree; 4th St. S.W.

ARRESTS

Aug. 26

Gamble, Matthew G; 25
- FTA-failure to register vehicle
- FTA-move over law
- FTA-driving while suspended

King, Jeffrey D; 44
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Kunze, Cody; 29
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-driving without license (5 counts)
- FTA-driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA-speeding (3 counts)
- FTA-running red light
- FTA-insurance violation (5 counts)
- FTA-failure to register vehicle (2 counts)

Lopez-Jimenez, Pedro; 30
- public intoxication

Preston, Daryl W; 37
- public intoxication
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Smith, Buffy D; 46
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Zahel, Traci L; 48
- theft of property-3rd degree

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Cook, Tina V; 46
- FTA-railroad crossing violation

Steimling, Grace L; 19
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest

Terrell, Pashinz D; 21
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree

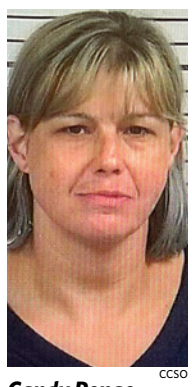
Watson, Henry J; 43
- Unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances

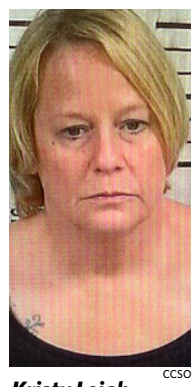
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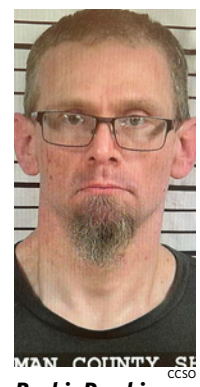
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Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.cullmantribune.com.


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Troy Elijah Pearce


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Candy Renae Decatur

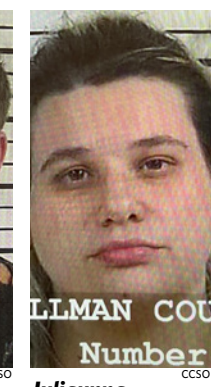

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Kristy Leigh Lindsey


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Bashir Pershing Ruatti



CCSO
Christopher Daniel Shane Lubert


CCSO
Joshua Allen Kolton Sherrell



CCSO
Juliaunna Rose Koloski


CCSO
Clyde Michael Brown Jr.


CCSO
Johnna Hall Brown



CCSO
David Lee Moore

CRIME

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple arrests over the weekend, including:

THURSDAY, AUG. 25

CCSO deputies responded to a business in the Berlin community in reference to a suspicious vehicle.

Upon arrival, deputies located the vehicle in question and identified Troy Elijah Pearce, 33, of Cullman, behind the wheel.

A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Pearce was arrested and charged with trafficking dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

Deputies arrested Candy Renae Decatur, 41, of Hayden, on multiple failure to appear warrants: unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, promoting prison contraband, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and two traffic violations.

Deputies arrested Kristy Leigh Lindsey, 45, of Cullman, at the Cullman County Detention Center on two failure to appear warrants: second-degree financial exploitation of the elderly and shoplifting.

Deputies served three probation revocation warrants on Bashir Pershing Ruatti, 37, of Hanceville.

Ruatti is currently incarcerated at the Cullman County Detention Center. His warrants were for second-degree escape and two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Center Hill community.

Christopher Daniel Shane Lubert, 38, of Hanceville, was identified as the driver.

A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded methamphetamine and marijuana.

Lubert was charged with trafficking dangerous drugs and second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the northern portion of the city of Cullman.

Joshua Allen Kolton Sherrell, 34, of Vinemont, was identified as the driver, and Juliaunna Rose Koloski, 24, of Cullman, was identified as a passenger.

A subsequent search of their persons and the vehicle allegedly yielded narcotics.

Both were placed under arrest. Sherrell was charged with second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and Koloski was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28

Deputies responded to a domestic violence call in the Grandview community.

Clyde Michael Brown Jr., 39, of Cullman, and Johnna Hall Brown, 42, of Cullman, were at the residence.

The pair had differing stories as to what had taken place; both had physical marks on their persons.

Both were arrested and charged with third-degree domestic violence- harassment.

Deputies went to a residence in the Hanceville area to serve a warrant on David Lee Moore, 59, of Hanceville.

Moore was located at the residence, but he allegedly attempted to flee on foot.

After a short foot pursuit, Moore was detained and arrested. He was charged with attempting to elude and failure to register as a sex offender (failure to appear warrant).

Cobblestone Hotel, Wissota Chophouse groundbreaking Tuesday in SW Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A groundbreaking ceremony for Cobblestone Hotel and Suites in Cullman will take place Tuesday, Aug. 30. The hotel will be built at 1835 Main Ave. SW and will be Cobblestone's first location in Alabama. Construction should take 12-15 months.

The 63-room hotel is the hospitality brand's Main Street prototype and includes a Wissota Chophouse that will feature local and regional beers and high-quality steaks.

"Cobblestone Hotels is very excited to break ground on the first Cobblestone Hotel and Wissota Chophouse in Alabama," said Jeremy Griesbach, president of Cobblestone Hotels.

"The location near downtown Cullman positions us to be part of the community and will give our guests the opportunity to take advantage of all that downtown Cullman has to offer."

Retail Specialists represents Cobblestone in its expansion in Alabama and other parts of the Southeast by identifying markets and specific locations within those markets. Retail Specialists was instrumental in locating the selected site and helped Cobblestone navigate incentives with the City of Cullman.

"We have a long history with Jeremy and the Cobblestone Hotels team," said Jeff Rouzie, associate at Retail Specialists.

"Breaking ground in Cullman is the first of many we'll see in the Southeast.

"We have relationships with municipalities throughout the region and strive to help create a positive economic impact by increasing revenues through sales tax, hotel tax and jobs."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

"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) Mondays and Thursdays 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 St. 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.
• 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.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up 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/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, Aug. 31- 7 p.m. Adult - "THE BAIT OF SATAN," children, and youth Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, Sept. 2 - 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Lights - Bring a dish for our potluck supper. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Spirit Life Church. Nursery provided.
• Sunday, Sept. 4 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth, and adults 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12-Step Groups
The Goose Hung High Group of Alcoholics Anonymous - 1st Church of Nazarene, 5415 U.S. Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058 - CLOSED Literature Study, SUNDAYS at 3 p.m. - Handicap accessible

CASA volunteer training
Cullman County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is looking for dedicated volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in foster care. They need YOUR VOICE! A training class will be beginning soon! For more information, contact Candace Lingo at cullmancountycasa@msn.com.

T.O.P.S (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). First meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Festhalle Farmers' Market
• Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. until October
• Located at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL

Berlin Farmers' Market
• Open Saturdays from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. until October
• Located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive off U.S. Highway 278

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

GriefShare Grief Support Group
• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., through Nov. 20, at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW
• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

Swamp John's Dinner
• Thursday, Sept. 1, at Saint Andrew's Church, 615 Main Ave. SW, from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by
• Quilters Retreat Bunch.

Cullman County Cattlemen, Cattlewomen Steak Sandwich Sale
• Friday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the south end of town in the parking lot in front of the theater by Wal-Mart. Drive-through service is available for those who want to grab and go, and walk-up service is available. Sandwiches are $10 each. Drinks and chips available for $1 each. We accept cash, check, debit/credit cards. Preorders can be taken now. Please contact Edwin Calvert 256-339-9869 or Jessie Crumbley 256-709-5077.

Free sandwich opportunity:
1. All first responders will receive one free sandwich, compliments of the Cullman County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's Associations. Show us your badge and we will give you a free sandwich.
2. Anyone who signs up to become a new Cullman County Cattlemen's member will receive a free sandwich.
3. Anyone who renews their current membership will receive a free sandwich.

26th Annual Sweet Tater Festival
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Sept. 5 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at Smith Lake Park. Both days we'll have live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors and sweet taters! The Sweet Tater Festival Car Show will be Monday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is $5 per person and armbands allow for entry both days.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
Labor Day, Sept. 5, at Randall Shedd Community Park, 605-649, Wesley Ave. N, Cullman, 35058, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Parade starts at 11. Lineup starts 10 at the Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field). Anyone who would like to be in the parade is welcome; just be there at 10 a.m. Registration for the car show is $15 and awards will be given out at 1 p.m. We encourage vendors to come out and join us. Booths will be first come, first served, for $10 each (no ready-to-eat food vendors, please). LifeSouth Blood Mobile will be there. Blood is desperately needed so please give if you can or bring a friend who can. Concessions will be available. We will have a dunking booth and a small train ride for the kids and a bouncy house. CPD helicopter will be there. All proceeds go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Please everyone plan to come and join us. Thanks for all your support. For more information call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

Heartland Quilt Guild
The Heartland Quilt Guild will meet Thursday, Sept. 8, at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph St., at 6:30 p.m. Special speaker will be Ann Barrett. She will be doing a bed turning and telling us her story. All are welcome.

Cullman Downtown Merchants Association Bluegrass Festival
Saturday, Sept. 9, from 5-10 p.m. at Depot Park. Featured guests are Cotton Pickin' Kids, Barefoot Nellie and Cottonmouth Creek. Food, fun, music for all. For more information, email atog218@aol.com.

Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department 50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Station 1. Enjoy some good food, bounce house for the kiddos and some awesome music by Jesse Priest. While you are here, take a look at our trucks and equipment. We look toward to seeing everybody.

Hanceville Kids' Night Out
Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at C.W. Day Park. This yearly event provides the community's children a chance to get to know local police officers, fire personnel and community leaders while enjoying family fun.

Superhero Fire
Saturday, Sept. 17, from 4-6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center, 902 Commercial St. Free admission. Free food. Wal-Mart heart and Hanceville Fire & Rescue trucks will be on-site. Daryl Nethery with Kozmic Sound. Opening prayer by Carl Cooper from The Hedge Ministry in Arkansas. Guest speaker will be Lacy Tolar from Rescue 1 Global in Tennessee. Domestic violence, human trafficking, recovery center and suicide prevention and awareness vendor advocates.

Shallow Side Benefit Concert
Cullman Caring for Kids will host a concert featuring rock band Shallow Side, originally from Cullman, on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 6-9 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds to benefit the Cullman County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. Tickets are $10. Pay at the gate or order online at www.eventbrite.com/e/cullman-caring-for-kids-presents-shallow-side-tickets-403657058127

Oktoberfest German Dinner at Sacred Heart
The annual Oktoberfest German Dinner will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by the women's Altar Society, the event this year is drive-thru only -follow signs at church. The meal consists of bratwurst and German-style kraut, (meat by Brickyard Meats), German potato salad, green beans, applesauce, bread and dessert for $15. There are NO children's meals this year. All proceeds raised go toward the sponsoring Altar Society's church upkeep projects. Everyone welcome to enjoy this yearly meal celebrating our German heritage!

Harvest to Home Dinner & Silent Auction
Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a locally sourced dinner starting with a menu curated by Chef Nichols, department chair of the Wallace State Culinary Arts Program. This is the North Alabama Agriplex's largest yearly fundraising effort. More details coming soon.

Oktoberfest
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Festhalle. Join us for the 41st Annual Cullman Oktoberfest to celebrate Cullman's rich German heritage! This festival features a Biergarten with German and local craft beers, live music, food, kids and adult activities and some fun events for your furry members of the family!

Cullman County Fair Parade
Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. along U.S. Highway 31 from Cullman First Baptist Church to McGriff Tire. www.cullmanfair.org/fair-parade

Cullman County Fair
Oct. 6-15 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. www.cullmanfair.org

Peinhardt Farm Day(s)
The Peinhardt Living History Farm Foundation will host Peinhardt Living History Farm Day over an unprecedented two-day span this year: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This hands-on fall festival teaches all ages what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in north Alabama. Free for ages 2 and younger and $10 for all others. The farm is located at 1711 Talley Ho St., Cullman.

Journey (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Tuesday, Aug. 30, is National Grief Awareness Day, a day dedicated to reminding those suffering from grief of available coping methods and raising awareness of ways to be considerate of those experiencing grief.

In recognition of National Grief Awareness Day, The Cullman Tribune spoke with the director of one of several local GriefShare support groups.

Cullman First Baptist Church GriefShare Director Tammie Dunkling, who began leading the group three years ago after being mentored by the previous director and experiencing the loss of her father. Since she understands acutely the grief felt by those in the group, she said, she wanted to help them through those feelings.

However, she clarified, the facilitators are not counselors. One of the leaders of the group is a retired pastor and the other is a retired social worker.

Dunkling said, "We do not offer counseling. The GriefShare program comes with DVDs that you show, and the expert advice comes from each session that begins with about a 35-minute DVD that addresses an area regarding grief. Then there's a group discussion."

She said many of the seminar experts in the provided videos are faith-based clinicians.

"It is faith based. We try to emphasize that," said Dunkling. "It's not pushing a denomination for anyone to make a decision regarding their faith, but the counseling and such is from Christian authors and counselors, and we do use scripture – just verses for comfort and that kind of thing."

The program is conducted over 13 weeks, with a specific topic addressed each week. Dunkling said that 15 people came to the first session held on Aug. 21. The last meeting will be Nov. 20.

"We usually pick up people along the way, and then some folks might come and decide they're just not ready or it's not what they thought it would be," she said. "I think sometimes folks might believe that it is like counseling, and of course other folks are involved, so there's a lot of discussion, but there's never any pressure. Some folks don't share a lot and then some share a lot."

Even though each week addresses a different topic, the conversation is not closed off to any previous topics or differing conversations.

Dunkling said, "We believe that there are lots of steps, but we don't think they're ordered. We think grief is just a big ball of emotion. So, we do discuss stages of grief, but we're kind of of the philosophy that everybody doesn't follow in the same steps. Some folks never get angry. Some can't get past their anger. So, we try to let folks know that it's okay. Everybody is arriving at grief at a different point in their life and with a different person. It might be their spouse or partner or child. There's not a set way that everybody is going to grieve."

She said some members are open to sharing as much as they can while others prefer to remain silent. "Some folks are more private, and they just want to listen, but in doing this for the past few years, I haven't found anybody that – by the end of the 13 weeks – wasn't opening up and at least sharing that they have made progress."

She continued, "We encourage folks to come four times – to not make a decision about whether they are going to continue until the fourth visit because there is so much information and there's so many overwhelming feelings. We don't feel like you really get over grief. It's a journey. So, we try to come alongside folks while they're on this journey to help them to reach the milestones and be prepared for some of the things in the future because there are things that catch us off guard with grief."

For more information about GriefShare, or to find a meeting near you, go to griefshare.org. The Cullman First Baptist Church group meets every Sunday from 3-5 p.m. For more information about those meetings, call 256-734-5632.


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Cullman County Youth Football week 2 scoring recap

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The week two slate of the Cullman County Youth Football season has come and gone, and Saturday was packed with more great games. The Vinemont Eagles hosted the Fairview Aggies, the Cullman Bearcats traveled to take on the Holly Pond Broncos, the West Point Warriors hosted the Good Hope Raiders, and the Cullman Cyclones went to Hanceville to take on the Bulldogs.

Fairview Aggies at Vinemont Eagles

- Fireplug: Eagles 16 - Aggies 6
- Wee-Wee: Eagles 26 - Aggies 0
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 30 - Aggies 6

Cullman Bearcats at Holly Pond Broncos

- Fireplug: Bearcats 30 - Broncos 0
- Wee-Wee: Bearcats 32 - Broncos 8
- Pee-Wee: Broncos 22 - Bearcats 0

Good Hope Raiders at West Point Warriors

- Fireplug: Raiders 6 - Warriors 0 (OT)
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 20 - Warriors 0
- Pee-Wee: Raiders 20 - Warriors 8

Cullman Cyclones at Hanceville Bulldogs

- Fireplug: Cyclones 50 - Bulldogs 14
- Wee-Wee: Cyclones 24 - Bulldogs 8
- Pee-Wee: Cyclones 30 - Bulldogs 0

Week Three Schedule (Sept. 3)

- Cold Springs Eagles at Cullman Bearcats (9 a.m.)
- Holly Pond Broncos at Cullman Cyclones (9 a.m.)
- Hanceville Bulldogs at West Point Warriors (4 p.m.)
- Good Hope Raiders at Fairview Aggies (4 p.m.)



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The Vinemont Eagles swept Fairview in Saturday's youth football matchups.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Vinemont's Young, Hoffman excited for senior seasons

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont's volleyball has spent the offseason preparing for a new season and now for seniors Abby Young and Emilie Hoffman, their final run with the Lady Eagles is underway. Both seniors were happy with how Vinemont's offseason went, and they're excited to hit the court now that the regular season has arrived.

"The practices have been going really good. We've been working very hard. It's been going well. I'm excited," Hoffman said. "We did very good in the play-day games. We only lost three games. We've been really pushing ourselves."

Young added, "I think our summer play-day games went good."

Young and Hoffman have played for coach Lance Lay for their whole volleyball career and has learned so much from him so far.

"He's very hard and very pushy. He will push you as hard as you can to make you do the best that you can," Young said.

"I've learned everything about volleyball from him: how to hit better and how to play at a fast pace and harder pace on varsity. From middle school and JV to varsity is completely different, and so he's basically taught us how to prepare ourselves for that."

"He's pretty much taught me everything I need to know about volleyball," Hoffman added. "He pushes us a lot."

Young and Hoffman have set some goals for themselves and the team this season.

"The team goal is to make it to regionals," Young said. "Some individual goals are to get better at every single practice and get as best as you can."

"Our team goal is we just need to get in the clique and communicate better," Hoffman said. "We need to get closer. An individual goal is to hit better."

Young is so happy to see how much her team has grown from last season.

"We've grown a lot," Young said. "We have a lot of middle schoolers that have come up this year and I honestly think they are doing really good.

"A middle schooler that is on the team; I used to give her volleyball lessons and she's doing really good."

Hoffman added, "They are definitely pushing themselves."

Young thinks this team can have a really big season this year and talked about her expectations for the team.

"I feel like we can have a really good season this year," Young said. "The team's expectations are to make it to regionals and try to place in the county tournament."

The Lady Eagles' next match will be Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at home against Falkville.



ANGIE HANDLEY YOUNG

Vinemont's Abby Young (11) and Emilie Hoffman (25)

'I love the team we have': Good Hope's Rudi Derrick ready for senior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Lady Raiders are coming off yet another amazing season. they finished 31-4, won the county and area championship and made their second straight trip to the Elite Eight and one of two seniors on this year's team, Rudi Derrick is so grateful to have experienced back-to-back amazing seasons with a great group of girls.

"I'm so proud that we've been able to make it that far, but I know that we have the girls and the ability to, honestly, win it all. It just makes me want to go further even more," Derrick said. "Our girls are just something else. We're so together and we work so hard. In the offseason, we're always working out. We always have practice in games. During our playdates in June, we didn't have a day off. I love the team we have, and I just feel like we will stay together and make something even bigger happen this year."

Derrick saw a lot of positive things during the play-day games this summer and learned so much during that time. She talked about Good Hope's new addition to the coaching staff: former Good Hope standout player, Nina Moss.

"It went really good. We didn't lose many and we played some really tough teams, which was really good for us. I thought that we did really well in the play-day games," she said. "We had a new assistant coach come in: coach Moss. She really taught us how to make sure that we have good attitudes on and off the court. We have to cheer for everybody because really, the atmosphere you create helps contribute to the harder games. This summer, we focused on having good attitudes, good sportsmanship, and being great teammates."

She added, "She is a great asset. Coach Justin Aby and coach Natasha Holder are amazing coaches. They've taught us how to do everything. Coach Moss has so much grit in her; she's the enforcer. She just really wants to win."

Derrick is so blessed to be playing for some great coaches and has soaked up so much from them so far.

"I've learned amazing life skills. They always make sure that all of the girls are focused on Jesus first. He puts basketball second and we always make sure to have a devotion. Coach Holder leads the devotions and coach Aby makes sure our heart is in right. We've learned how to be respectful to people over us, to have good attitudes, and to be positive."

Derrick has got to play with a lot of amazing upperclassmen and took away so much from them.

"I've learned so much from my upperclassmen. Last year, we had Renee, Kyndall, and Desire, and they taught me how to make sure that I don't look over any moment. They also taught me to take in everything that I go through in high school because it goes by very quickly. They taught me to just try my best and give all of my effort all of the time."

Derrick worked on a lot of things during the summer, but she focused on one very important part of her game: her defense. Derrick feels blessed to be a part of a very special team.

"This summer, I really focused on my defense personally because I feel like you have to play great defense to win the big games. I've also been working on my speed as well," she said. "What makes us so special to watch is probably our ball movement. Everyone on our team can handle the ball and I feel like once we start moving it, we get that wide-open shot. It's enjoyable to see that. People like watching us because we are fast, we move the ball, and we share it."

Derrick has set some big goals for herself and her team this season. She'll be one of the leaders alongside fellow senior Bailey Keef and has taught the younger players some things and she's really pleased to see the younger players continue to grow each day.

"One of my goals is to be a leader because it's my senior year and make sure everyone is on the same page. We have the same goal, which would be to win state this year. Make sure no one gets down on themselves," she said. "This year, we want to make sure that we're really a team and that we're bonding all the time. We've been bonding a lot more this summer and we're making sure that our attitude is good and that we have the same goal in mind."

She added, "Bailey and I are really hard workers and I feel like they see us working hard and they're like, 'I need to work hard too'. Basically, we've taught them to work hard, even if it's just summer workouts. I've seen a lot of growth from the younger players on the team, even our JV team at the beginning and they look like a completely different team. I can tell that they've learned more skills and that they've grown together. I've seen a lot of improvement out of them."



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Good Hope's Rudi Derrick

Benefit (from Front)

it from beginning to end for us, and they helped us with advertising. They recruited players.

"They provided all the cornhole boards and the score-keeping materials. All we had to do was set up our raffles and our concession stand; they did the rest. We are very appreciative of them for doing that."

The Cullman County Cornhole Club reserves Saturdays for fundraiser events, and league play blind draw-type games are played Tuesdays. The club hosts Tuesday night events at The Refuge Church on U.S. Highway 278 East, which gives players a chance to compete weekly and helps raise money for the church ministry.

Anyone is welcome to join the club at any time by showing up or visiting the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/380015529612330/.

Vinemont v. Fairview Youth Football

Photos from Saturday's Cullman County Youth Football matchups between Vinemont and Fairview. The Eagles swept all three games against the Aggies, winning the fireplug game 16-6, the Wee-Wee game 26-0 and the Pee-Wee game 30-6.

PHOTOS BY SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE



















OPINION

OP-ED: Our country will regret the Biden student loan 'forgiveness' program

Rep. Scott Stadthagen
R-Hartselle

I wasn't raised in a household with a lot of money. In fact, I was raised by a single mother. I don't want any sympathy for that. My mom is the hardest working woman I have ever met and she instilled a work ethic in me in the same way she did other values she wanted me to learn. She taught by example. Living in her household, I learned that nothing is free, work is hard, you get what you earn, life is not fair and you pay your bills.

I took those lessons with me to the University of West Alabama where I signed my name on loan agreements for student aid to help finance the tuition costs that were not covered by my football scholarship.

When I graduated, I went to work and I paid that student loan bill each month just as I paid my monthly cell phone bill, rent payment, car payment and car insurance. Those loans were mine. I signed for them. I took the money.

I deposited it into my account, and I spent it. It was my obligation to pay it back in full and that is exactly what I did. It wasn't easy and I would certainly have rather spent that money on something else, something more fun, but I knew right from wrong. My mother made sure of that.

Now, President Biden wants to "forgive" student loan debt to make life easier on adults who don't want to fulfill the obligations they made when they applied for, accepted and spent their student loans.

The economic calamity associated with Biden's decision is obvious but the impact that this "forgiveness" program will have on the future of this nation can not be calculated in dollars.

Biden is sending the message to Americans that your word does not have to mean anything. Your signature on a legal loan document can be ignored and then "forgiven."

You don't have to work hard and do without luxury items until your bills are paid anymore.

Take that money you were supposed to spend on your student loan payment and go pick up the latest iPhone instead. Treat yourself to a nice dinner or a vacation you didn't think you could afford. Then just sit still and wait for the government to step in and "forgive" your debts.

Biden is sending a message to the waitress working two jobs and saving money for her tuition that her hard work means nothing.

She should have just taken out loans that she knew she could not afford and then waited for Biden's magic pen to "forgive" that debt.

Biden is also sending a message to the men and women who chose the military as a way to finance their college aspirations that their sacrifice to this nation was not really worth anything at all. After all, the civilians who didn't choose the military path are having their debt "forgiven."

How will we ever forgive the debt we owe those who have volunteered to fight for this nation and to defend us against our enemies with the promise of a college education in return? Biden does not care.

People are taught by example and our nation's young people are being taught that hard work doesn't matter. Sacrifice isn't important. Loans don't really have to be paid back. Biden is teaching the next generation to do what they want, borrow money to pay for it and then wait for "forgiveness."

May God forgive us all for what is happening to this country.

Rep. Scott Stadthagen is an elected Repulican representing Alabama's House District 9.

Celebration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's premier RV resort will host a Labor Day celebration this Saturday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. complete with food trucks, live music from The Overtones (4-6 p.m.) and, because it wouldn't be a late-summer party without it, the Slippery Summit inflatable water feature. Admission is free for the festivities while the Slippery Summit's tickets are $16.95 each and can be booked online.

Palomino RV Resort at Burrow-Hamilton Farm is an ADA-accessible facility with 50 sites complete with sewer hookups. Glamping, premium and buddy sites are available as well as both pull-through and back-in sites.

On-site amenities include a basketball court, bath house, dog park, fire pits and fireplaces with firewood, fishing, a game room, general store, golf carts, hiking trails, a horseshoe pit, kayaks and canoes, laundromat, pickleball court, playground and more.

The Slippery Summit inflatable water feature is destined to be a hit on Saturday as guests jump, bounce and slide down the largest water inflatable in the area in one of the park's ponds.

Lawn chairs and coolers are welcome at the beach at Palomino on Saturday for the party.

Palomino RV Resort is located at 1315 County Road 222 and can be reached by phone at 256-737-0220. For more information on the park, visit www.palominorvresort.com. Labor Day at Palomino information is available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PalominoRVResort.

Flack (from Front)

County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said, "I always enjoyed any time I was able to make it over to the center and chat with Ms. Flack. The love and pride she had for her family was evident in our conversations. Ms. Flack loved the center and everyone here. She seemed to always have the group's best interest at heart and was ready to take up battles on their behalf. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Cullman Senior Center will not be the same without her."

Born in Cullman County on Nov. 7, 1941, to Lewis and Oma McGriff Camp, Ms. Betty is predeceased by her parents, husband Roy, brother John and sisters Patricia Creel and Evelyn Patillo.

She is survived by her son Jeff Hill and his wife Jacqueline and her daughter Dr. Angela Elliott and her husband Dean. Her grandchildren include Joshua Salter and his wife Stefanie, Jared Salter and his wife Amber and Adam Bryan and his wife Amanda. Ms. Betty's great-grandchildren are Oakley, Paisley and Lucas Salter. Her additional family members include her brother-in-law Dwayne Creel and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m. at Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Bobby Crawford and Brother Burton Sampson officiating. Burial will follow at New Hope #2 Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Amendment to the City of Cullman Zoning Ordinance

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

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On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – 3rd Avenue SE – Old Edward Subdivision – two lots
2. Short form subdivision – Main Avenue NW between Katherine Street NW and Brunner Street NW – one lot
3. Conditional use request for apartments on 4th Street SW (Highway 278)

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
PHYLLIS ELAINE WATWOOD) CASE NO PC 2021-037
Deceased.)

AMENDED
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ADMINISTRATRIX FOR DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY AND FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: REGIONAL FINANCE, K.C. PAYNE, WILLIAM PAYNE, LINDA JOINER, DANIEL PAYNE, KENNETH PAYNE, FRED STROUP, KENNY STROUP, ANGELA HOCUTT, PAM THOMAS, PATTY ELLIOTT, ROBERT ELLIOTT, CATHY ELLIOTT, PATRICIA STROUP, MICHELLE STROUP, GEORGE STROUP AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition of Administratrix for Declaration of Insolvency and Final Discharge*, was filed on the 27th day of July, 2022, made court record the 29th day of July, 2022 by Tina R. Miller, Administratrix of the Estate of Phyllis Elaine Watwood, by and through her Attorney Shay Persall. A hearing on said Petition has been **SET FOR THE 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022, AT 10:30A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 19th day of August, 2022

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KRYSTEN NICOLE MURPHY, * **CASE NO.: PC2022-171**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Alabama Small Estate Affidavit -Affidavit for Collection of Property has been filed by Shelly Ann Murphy, Petitioner, on the 4th day May, 2022, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Shelly Ann Murphy
Petitioner

Alexander M. Weisskopf
Attorney for the Petitioner
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205-908-9031

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 26th day of August, 2022.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA)
) **NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

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

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, Sept 12 2022 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: 500 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Redstone Federal Credit Union
vs.
Donald W. Ellis AKA Wayne Ellis
3426 County Road 1807
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and/or

Donald W. Ellis AKA Wayne Ellis
3300 County Road 1807
Arab, AL 35016

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Marshall County Circuit Clerk, Angie Johnson, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgement, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Donald W. Ellis AKA Wayne Ellis, in the real property, described as follows:

The Southern portion across the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 9, Range 1 East of Huntsville Meridian boundering on and lying West of the New Harmony Road in Cullman County, Alabama and containing 10 acres, more or less.

Source of Title: Deed Book 497, Page 122, recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

FOR SOURCE OF TITLE, SEE DEED BOOK 601, PAGE 878 RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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

Dated this the 10 day of Aug, 2022

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CHARLOTTE ELAINE BYRAMS, * CASE NO.: PC 2022-248
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to STEVIE JO STUMP and LACY LANEY, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of CHARLOTTE ELAINE BYRAMS, deceased, on the 26th day of August, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

STEVIE JO STUMP
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Co-Personal Representatives

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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cullman VFW Post 2214 collects donations through Buddy Poppy program

Tiffany Johnson
Contributor

Iraq veteran and commander of Cullman VFW Post 2214, Brian Monk, and wife, Rachel Monk, president of the VFW Auxiliary, pick different dates and locations every year to collect Buddy Poppy donations for the VFW. The money raised goes back to helping veterans in need.

We set up at Warehouse Discount Grocery on Highway 157 and Belk in the Cullman Shopping Center this past weekend. We handed out small, handheld flags along with a Buddy Poppy to go with them. Included was information on the history of the Buddy Poppy.

The Buddy Poppy has a very interesting history that dates all the way back to Flanders Field in WWI. It symbolizes a vivid red flower that has become very special toward veterans and people who have a veteran in their families.

Disabled American Veterans made the Buddy Poppy that is handed out for remembrance of their buddies who never made it back; they started calling them "Buddy Poppy" and the name stuck in 1923.

Local VFW member and Grenada veteran, Mr. Dan Raley, brought candy, beads, and went out and bought small Army men toys for some of the children there.

Vietnam veteran Mr. Van Hutchins and Iraq and Afghanistan veteran Clyde Johnson (my dad), set up the table with the help of me.

A bit into us three being there, Mr. Dan showed up with Miss Barb who also showed up to help out.

Then came along Iraq veteran Mr. Fred Throne, with all of us we all pitched in, helping, greeting others who walked in and out of the place.

Vietnam veteran Mr. Ken Brown was set up at Belk.

For more information on VFW Post 2214 and how you can support local veterans, please visit www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost.



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Tiffany Johnson, right, with veterans at the Buddy Poppy table Saturday, Aug. 27.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 27-29

Kenneth Reno, 67
Kenneth "Stump" Reno, 67 of Addison, passed away Aug. 27, 2022, at Vanderbilt Hospital. He was born March 10, 1955. Kenneth loved his Bantam roosters, chickens, and enjoyed working on tractors and race cars. He also loved to pick at people and loved his family. A visitation will be held Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, from noon – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Bishop Sam Parker will officiate. Kenneth is survived by his brothers: Dickie (Shirley) Reno and Dennis Earl Reno; sisters: Norma Harris, and Barbara (Hershel) Hill; nieces: Lanita, Lacinda, Larissa, Debra, Sherry, Gracie, Katie and Morgan; and nephews: Danny, Darrin, Derrick, Craig, Denny, Brandon, Nicky and Steve. He was preceded in death by his parents: Ellie and Ruby Mae Reno; sister: Linda Clark; brothers: Ricky Reno, Buddy Reno, and Phillip Reno; and nephew: Doyce Hill.

Claudette Gentry White, 66
Funeral service for Claudette Gentry White, 66, of Cullman will be at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 2-4 at the funeral home prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. White passed away Aug. 28, 2022, at Cullman Regional Hospital. Claudette was born Dec. 10, 1955. She worked with Visiting Angels. She always tried to help anyone in need. Claudette enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Mrs. White was preceded in death by her parents: Jimmie and Alfreda Hamilton; husband: David White; brothers: Danny and Sammy Joe; and sister: Paulette. Survivors include her sons: Kevin (Kelley) Gentry, Christopher (Belinda) Gentry; stepsons: Daniel White, Dustin White; brother: Randy (Betty Ann) Busby; grandchildren: Kole Gentry, Kambelle Gentry, Konner Gentry, Kade Gentry, Kimberly Gentry, Samantha Suggs Gentry; nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to your favorite charity.

Dennis Wayne Staton, 66
Dennis Wayne Staton, age 66 of Hanceville passed away on Saturday, Aug. 20 at his home. He was born Aug. 17, 1956, to Harleth Staton and Dorothy Mullins Staton. Dennis was a member of the Local #92 Ironworkers Association. He was preceded in death by his parents: Harleth and Dorothy Staton. He is survived by his wife: Wilma Staton; and children: Lacy and Cassie Staton; along with three grandchildren. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, at 3 p.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery in Vinemont. The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Staton Family.

Scheryl Ann Johnson, 64
Scheryl Ann Johnson, age 64, of Cullman, passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at Cullman Regional. She was born Oct. 24, 1957, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Robert Allen Higgins and Christine Vest. She was preceded in death by her parents: Robert Allen Higgins and Christine (Ray) Vest; and brother: David Vest. Survivors include her husband: Larry Johnson; children: Tim (Wendy) Martin, Jamie Martin and Jodie (Jeremy) Davidson; grandchildren: Katie (Zach) Lee, Seth Fowler (Shayla McKenzie), Savannah Fowler, Brayden Martin, Karli Davidson and Hailey Davidson; great-grandchildren: Emma Fowler, Weston Fowler and Tillie Lee; siblings: Jim (Joyce) Higgins, Thomas Higgins, Pat (Lisa) Vest, Shaina (Steve) Mitchell, Darryl (Lori) Vest, Danny (Mandy) Vest, Dana Vest and Carole Fuller; and a host of nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ervin Wayne Pilgrim, 70
A graveside service for Ervin Wayne Pilgrim, 70, of Good Hope will be Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at 5 p.m. at Good Hope Cemetery. Wayne passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at his residence. He was born July 30, 1952, in Arley, Alabama. Wayne is survived by his wife: Debbie Pilgrim; daughter: Katrina Guion; sons: Steve Jones (Marikae) and Joseph Laney; sister: Kathy McEwen; brothers: Ray Pilgrim and Perry Pilgrim; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents: Claude Pilgrim and Grace Lollar Pilgrim; son: Shane Pilgrim; sisters: JoAnn Elmer and Tempie Sue Pilgrim; and brothers: William Pilgrim and Jerry Pilgrim.

Mildred Garner, 93
Mildred Garner, 93, of Double Springs, passed away peacefully at home Aug. 27, 2022. As per her adamant request, she wants "no flowers, no wake, just put me in my box and bury me, and if you don't, I'll come back and haunt you." Fearing reprisal, we're going to do just that. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery next to her good friend Joe Gaston. She is the last of the surviving children of Tom and Bessie Overton, two of the most wonderful people who have ever walked the face of this earth, and all of them, Mildred, Pearlie, Lola, Sleetie and Jim are all sorely missed. You have no idea. In lieu of flowers, find someone you haven't seen in a while and give them a big ol' hug. She liked Poodles, so donate to animal rescue if you feel so inclined. And remember, "One Day at a Time."

Betty Camp Flack, 80
Betty Camp Flack, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Aug. 27, 2022, at the age of 80. She was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Nov. 7, 1941, to Lewis and Oma McGriff Camp. Ms. Flack was a member of Lake Catoma Baptist Church. She was also the president of the Sportsman Lake Senior Center, as well as a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2214 Auxiliary. Betty enjoyed spending time with her many friends at both the Sportsman Lake Center as well as the Donald Green Senior Center in Cullman. Ms. Flack will be missed greatly by her family and many friends. Ms. Flack is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Roy W. Flack; brother: John Trennon Camp; sisters: Patricia Creel and Evelyn Patillo. Those surviving Ms. Flack are children: Jeff Hill (Jacqueline) and Dr. Angela Elliott (Dean); grandchildren: Joshua Salter (Stefanie), Jared Salter (Amber), Adam Bryan (Amanda); great-grandchildren: Oakley Salter, Paisley Salter, Lucas Salter; brother-in-law: Dwayne Creel; and her beloved nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Ms. Flack are 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Brother Bobby Crawford and Brother Burton Sampson officiating. Betty will lie in state from 10 a.m., until services begin. Burial will follow in New Hope #2 Cemetery. The family will receive guest Tuesday evening, Aug. 30, 2022, at the funeral home, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Flack family.

Rosanne Phillips Hudson, 76
Rosanne Phillips Hudson, age 76, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. Rosanne was born July 20, 1946.

Patricia Ann Hale, 74
Funeral Service for Patricia Ann Hale Ray, 74, from Cullman were 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends from noon – 2 p.m. Monday, prior to the service. The interment was at Emeus Baptist Cemetery. Reverend Samuel Tucker will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ray/Hale family. Mrs. Ray was born Sept. 13, 1947, to Archie Franklin and Gladys Katherine Tolbert Schultz. She passed from this life Aug. 25, 2022, at Woodland Village Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Cullman. She was a loving mother and grandmother who loved flowers and spending time with her family. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Archie Franklin and Gladys Katherine Tolbert Ragan; her husband: Earl Wayne Hale; son: Tommy Wayne Hale; grandsons: Zachary Rice, Wesley Hollis; and her brother: Gerald Schultz. Mrs. Ray is survived by her daughters: Joyce (Bobby) Hollis, Carol (Doyle) Baker, Cynthia (Timmy) McFadden and Melanie Jones; sisters: Priscilla Drummond, Mary Cornelius, Debra (Dennis) Veal; grandchildren: Austin Baker, Jordan (Karla) Campbell, Savannah Campbell, Katie Campbell, Polly Campbell, Jaden Jones, Nevaeh Jones; great-grandchildren: Halie Rice, Braxton Rice, Jaxson Hollis, Austin Cadiere, Karson Kugler, Elijah Baker, Isaiah Collins and Madyson Baker. Pallbearers will be Timothy Collins, Doyle Baker, Timmy McFadden, Austin Baker, Bobby Hollis and Jordan Campbell. Honorary Pallbearers will be Elijah Baker, Isaiah Collins and Austin Cadiere.

Patricia Hooker, 80
Patricia Hooker, age 80 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at North Alabama Medical Center. Patricia was born Jan. 26, 1942, in Columbia, South Carolina. She loved her church family at New Prospect Baptist Church and spending time with her Senior Citizen Center Community. Patricia was a very proud mother and grandmother who cherished her sweet dog "Jackie" A visitation was held Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Haleyville. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Haleyville where a burial will follow at Winston Memorial Cemetery. Dr. Ron Horton will officiate. Patricia is survived by her sons: Charles Brazel Jr. and Ray Watson; 8 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband: Jack Hooker; father: Sam Peak; mother: Carrie Ford; and daughter: Candy Gardner.

Wallace Dickey Jr., 81
Wallace Dickey Jr., 81 of Arley, passed away Aug. 26, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 15, 1941, in San Antonio, Texas to Wallace Dickey Sr. and Mary Long Dickey. A visitation will be held Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Addison, where a service will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Addison. Brother Chris Godbee and Brother Junior Garmon will officiate. Wallace is survived by his wife: Gleta Miller Dickey; daughters: Jamie (Michael) Walls, Jennifer Dickey, Kimberley Dickey; granddaughter: Macki Patton; stepson: Byron Miller (Tabitha); grandchildren: Nicholas and Samantha Miller; and sister: Patricia Corrigan. He was preceded in death by his parents: Wallace Dickey Sr. and Mary Dickey; brother: Ralph Dickey; and stepson: Brian G. Miller.

Charles Fortenberry, 48
Charles "Chuck – Kramer" Fortenberry, age 48 of Hanceville, passed away Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Nov. 14, 1973, in Birmingham, Alabama to Charles Leroy Fortenberry and Linda Krigel Fortenberry. Chuck worked for Tyson Foods as a truck driver for many years. He was an avid Alabama Football Fan "Roll Tide" and loved trucking and his dog. Chuck and his wife enjoyed going to festivals, fairs, community events, farmer's markets where he could see his friends and enjoy life. He was a loving husband and friend. He is preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Linda Fortenberry. He leaves to cherish his memory by his wife: Nanette Fortenberry; stepson: Bailey Byrd; brothers: Greg and John Fortenberry; niece: Brynlee Faith Fortenberry; a host of other loving family and friends. Memorial services will be held Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jasson Thomas officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time on Friday at the funeral home. The family request the in lieu of flowers, donation can be made to either the American Cancer Society or the O'Neal Invest Cancer Center at UAB Hospital.

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ADAH

Alabama Radio Moments opens at the Museum of Alabama in Montgomery Saturday, Sept. 10.

ADAH to debut Alabama Radio Moments Sept. 10

ADAH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will open its new temporary exhibit, Alabama Radio Moments, at the Museum of Alabama Saturday, Sept. 10. Special family activities and demonstrations are planned throughout the afternoon to highlight the history and technology of radio.

The new exhibit explores ways in which radio influenced the lives of Alabamians in the 20th century – how they learned about current events, enjoyed sports and music and connected with the world beyond their local communities.

Featuring items from the launch of Alabama's first public radio station through the beginning of the age of television and into the 1970s, the exhibit will highlight Alabamians' contributions to radio technology and programming the importance of radio to the social and political climate of the era.

Curated and designed by ADAH staff, the exhibit is presented in partnership with the Birmingham-based Alabama Historical Radio Society (AHRS) and features a number of artifacts from the group, as well as Huntsville collector Marc Bendickson and Tuscumbia radio station WZZA.

Alabama Radio Moments will be on view through May 2023.

"Long before the internet and streaming media, radio provided Alabamians with access to the broader world," said ADAH Director Steve Murray.

"From Joe Louis's thrilling championship matches, to wartime dispatches from overseas, to the cultural transformations of the 1960s, the shared experiences of Americans for most of the 20th century were carried on radio waves.

"We are grateful to the Alabama Historical Radio Society for making this exhibit possible through the display of its collections, and to Alabama Power Company for its role in helping preserve Alabama radio history."

On Saturday, Sept. 10, presentations on a variety of radio topics will be offered by members of the AHRS in the ADAH's Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium.

See a list of topics and times below:

- 12:30 p.m. – How Radio Works
- 1:30 p.m. – Early Alabama Radio Stations
- 2:30 p.m. – Theater of the Mind
- 3:30 p.m. – A Radio Show Demonstration

Other family activities will be held throughout the day in the ADAH's Hands-On Gallery. From 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the ADAH's second floor lobby, AHRS members will offer a variety of interactive demonstrations including how to build a foxhole radio and how to send Morse code.

These events, and many more public programs that will be offered throughout the run of the exhibit, are made possible with the support of the Friends of the Alabama Archives and the Alabama Humanities Alliance.

Admission to the opening events and to the Museum of Alabama are free. For more information, call 334-353-4689 or email alex.colvin@archives.alabama.gov.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum.

It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across Washington Avenue from the State Capitol.

The Museum of Alabama is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call 334-242-4364.





Infant (from Front)

Staff Report
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department (CPD) is investigating the death of an infant.

CPD officers responded to a report of an infant death at the Economy Inn on U.S. Highway 31 (1834 Second Ave. NW, Cullman) around 12:30 p.m. Monday.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick said a 4-week-old baby boy was found unresponsive.

"The baby was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased," Kilpatrick said.

"An autopsy will be performed. The Cullman Police Department is investigating the death."

CPD Public Relations Officer Adam Clark said the infant's family is living at the Economy Inn.

He said they called the police, and officers who responded found a 4-week-old baby deceased.

The baby was taken to the hospital, where he was officially pronounced dead.

"We do not know what happened yet; the investigation and autopsy are still pending," Clark said.

Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the very latest.

Chambers (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Chambers Farm and Garden Supply will hold the second annual Chambers Fall Festival Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Around 60 vendors will be on-site, including food trucks, shaved ice, a balloon artist and kids' games.

The festival will also feature live music, giveaways and in-store specials. Parking will be at the West Elementary ballpark and police will escort attendees across U.S. Highway 278 to the event.

Snead's Farmhouse Owner Judy Snead, who is participating in the festival, will have several booths with animals.

"Last April, I decided to have an event here just thinking it would be fun – there were 500 people here.

"It was crazy," Snead laughed.

Snead, who is a customer of Chambers, said she is happy to support the business that continues to support her and her farm in the hopes of bringing more people to the business and to the community.

Vendor booths are $30. To become a vendor, contact Snead through Facebook at www.facebook.com/sneads-farmhouse.

Traffic (from Front)

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TUESDAY, AUG. 30

- County Road 700 will be closed between County Road 703 and County Road 709 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for cross drain replacement.

- The Alabama Department of Transportation will close Interstate 65 southbound from Exit 325 (Thompson Road) to Exit 318 (U.S. Highway 31 at Lacon) from Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. until Wednesday, Aug. 31 at approximately 4 p.m.

Crews will be repairing concrete on the bridge just north of Lacon and pavement south of Thompson Road.

The official detour will be exiting the interstate at Exit 334 (Priceville/Decatur) and taking Highway 67 north to U.S. Highway 31 in Decatur then returning to the interstate at Exit 318 (Lacon). Exit 334 is the last exit for commercial vehicles. The last exit for passenger vehicles is Thompson Road. The on-ramps to I-65 southbound from Thompson Road and County Road 55 (Exit 322) in Falkville will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

- County Road 747 will be closed between County Road 639 and County Road 641 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for cross drain replacement.

- Same I-65 closure listed above

