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Soggy Senior Day at Cullman County Fair

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Despite the drizzling rain Wednesday morning, Cullman County residents over the age of 55 gathered for Senior Day at Cullman County Fair. The special day was sponsored by Comfort Care Home Health and Hospice, which provided free T-shirts to the first 500 attendees.

The day, billed as “Just a Small Town Throwdown,” saw entertainment from the Cullman Active Adult Center’s Kickers dance line. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Lt. Chad Whaley and Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemmons, along with County Commissioners Kerry Watson and Garry Marchman, attended and participated in the festivities with their favorite seniors.

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COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Scooter’s Coffee Day of Giving to support Walker Smithson



KATHRYN NEESE

Sheldon Marti, Brinkly Gill, Ashley Emmert and Amberly Byars

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Kathryn Neese, owner of Scooter’s Coffee in Cullman, has found a way for her business to give back to local causes with monthly Days of Giving in which a percentage of the days’ sales are donated to a worthy cause. This month, on Monday, Oct. 17, 20% of all sales will be donated to the family of Vinemont High School’s Walker Smithson, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Said Neese, “Being locally owned and operated, we see the needs of organizations and individuals in our community and want to come together to help them.

“When we heard about Walker Smithson’s story, we knew we wanted to put together a Day of Giving for him and his family to show our support for them in his fight.”

Neese has been in contact with Smithson’s mom over the last few weeks. “When I first reached out to her, she told me that Walker’s favorite coffee place is Scooter’s! I am hopeful that he will be able to come by to see us on a day he is feeling good.”

Wendy Smithson’s recent post on the Walkerstrong Facebook page reads:

“Update: We got a phone call from the oncologist this morning. Unfortunately, the bone marrow biopsy shows Walker still has cancer cells and is not in remission as they/we had hoped for.

“They said, ‘this doesn’t happen often, but it does sometimes.’ He was scheduled to start the aggressive chemo on Monday, but they want him to come on in this Thursday to start treatment.

“He will receive aggressive/harsh treatment for 8 weeks straight, then they will do another bone » PAGE 3

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West Point’s Heidi Armstrong crowned 2022 Miss Cullman County Fair



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West Point High School’s Heidi Armstrong was crowned 2022 Miss Cullman County Fair Tuesday night at the Cullman County Fair Queen Pageant. Armstrong was also named Miss Congeniality. This year’s first alternate was Maddie McKenney from Good Hope High School; McKenney was the winner of the Talent Competition as well. The second alternate was Vinemont High School’s Alexis Sartin.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11-12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11-12, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 6

- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of dangerous drug, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 N
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Co. Rd. 747
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 852
- assault; Co. Rd. 397
- harassment; Co. Rd. 109
- domestic violence; Hwy 69 N
- home repair fraud; Co. Rd. 1515
- harassment; Hwy 69 N
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 747
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1214
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 437

Oct. 7

- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy 69 N
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 S
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; High School Rd.
- unlawful possession of dangerous drug, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB MM 305
- harassment; Co. Rd. 683
- harassment; Co. Rd. 641

Oct. 8

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437
- unlawful possession of dangerous drug, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Co. Rd. 1838
- violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 613
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1184
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1635
- robbery; Hwy 91

Oct. 9

- domestic violence; Colony Rd.
- disorderly conduct; Co. Rd. 1566
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1169
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1629
- unlawful possession of dangerous drug; Hwy 31
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy 278 W

Oct. 10

- harassment; Wesley Ave. N
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 698
- burglary; Co. Rd. 109
- burglary; Hwy 31
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Co. Rd. 831
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1718

ARRESTS

Oct. 6

Blanton, Carrie R; 33
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Blanton, Justin C; 34
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Braswell, Sandra R; 45
- criminal mischief
- theft-miscellaneous

Duke, Travis D; 30
- harassing communications

Givins, Paul M; 28
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA-improper lane usage

Green, Christian B; 31
- possession of marijuana

Hadley, Timothy K; 32
- public intoxication

Johnson, William N; 64
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Lambert, Kimberly R; 43
- Bail jumping-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- Bail jumping-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Bail jumping-possession of marijuana
- Bail jumping-possession of dangerous drugs
- Bail jumping-sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

May, Austin L; 26
- Probation violation-assault-child abuse-aggravated-non-family

Overton, Shayla D; 26
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Tuck, Nicole H; 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Wilhite, Desiree K; 24
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Oct. 7

Ballenger, Zachary D; 25
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Bollen, Richard E; 57
- possession of dangerous drugs

Burns, Steven C; 37
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Earwood, Zachary K; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Fillmore, John W; 49
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Helms, Brittany L; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- manufacture, sale, use, etc. of synthetic urine or urine

Hill, Jarod K; 33
- harassing communications

Morris, Thomas C; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Prince, Todd M; 49
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of cocaine

Turner, Justin D; 40
- Probation violation-illegal distribution of controlled substances
- Probation violation-reckless driving

Oct. 8

Brooks, Jacob W; 35
- public intoxication

Brown, Michael W; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Calvert, Brenda L; 37
- FTA-driving under the influence of controlled substances

Hall, Heath J; 39
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Lamons, Christian L; 23
- FTA-burglary-force
- FTA-auto theft
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

Miller, Deja B; 20
- robbery-street-other weapon

Moore, Corey A; 27
- FTA-driving while license suspended
- FTA-failure to register vehicle
- FTA-tinted windows

Norris, Matthew R; 39
- negotiating worthless instrument

Oakes, Justin P; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs
- attempting to elude police officer

Paris, Johnie D; 51
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Tompkins, Daniel; 23
- public intoxication

Wynn, Serena R; 41
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Oct. 9

Corbin, Christopher L; 51
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA-failure to stop at stop sign

Denney, Blake G; 31
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Hallmark, Cameron J; 28
- possession of marijuana

Hudson, Coy R; 50
- possession of dangerous drugs

Powell, Joseph D; 25
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Willingham, Felicia R; 31
- disorderly conduct

Oct. 10

Allred, Terry D; 44
- theft-shoplifting
- theft-miscellaneous

Dill, Aubrey J; 41
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

Edgil, Billy R; 60
- FTA-violation of driver license restriction
- possession of methamphetamine
- promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA-theft-miscellaneous
- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-criminal trespassing
- FTA-driving while license suspended
- FTA-no seat belt
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Hedden, Lisa B; 51
- FTA-throwing, dropping, etc. destructive or injurious materials onto highway
- FTA-speeding

Hosea, Gary D; 27
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Luker, Joshua J; 28
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

Martin, Julius N; 50
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 9
- theft of lost property-4th degree, criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $39

Oct. 10
- theft of property-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $550
- domestic violence-3rd degree; 3rd Ave. S.E.
- burglary-3rd degree, criminal mischief-3rd degree; Pepsi Cola Distributing Co; 13th St. N.W; damaged machines
- theft of property-3rd degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $1,032
- harassing communications

Oct. 11
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; 2nd Ave. N.E; damaged property; $120
- duty upon striking unmanned vehicle; 2nd Ave. S.W; damage to 2020 Ford Escape; $500

ARRESTS

Oct. 10

Allred, Terry D; 44
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Clayton, Ashley; 36
- theft of property-3rd degree

Edgil, Billy R; 60
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA-expired tag
- FTA-improper signal
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-driving under the influence

Kelley, Remington H; 35
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Lucas, Richard A; 33
- robbery-2nd degree

Mentzer, Tanya C; 48
- robbery-2nd degree
- hindering prosecution-1st degree

Tucker, Timothy W; 43
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Oct. 11

Johns, Katie M; 29
- public intoxication

Maresh, Jason A; 27
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Young, Sahra L; 39
- driving under the influence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

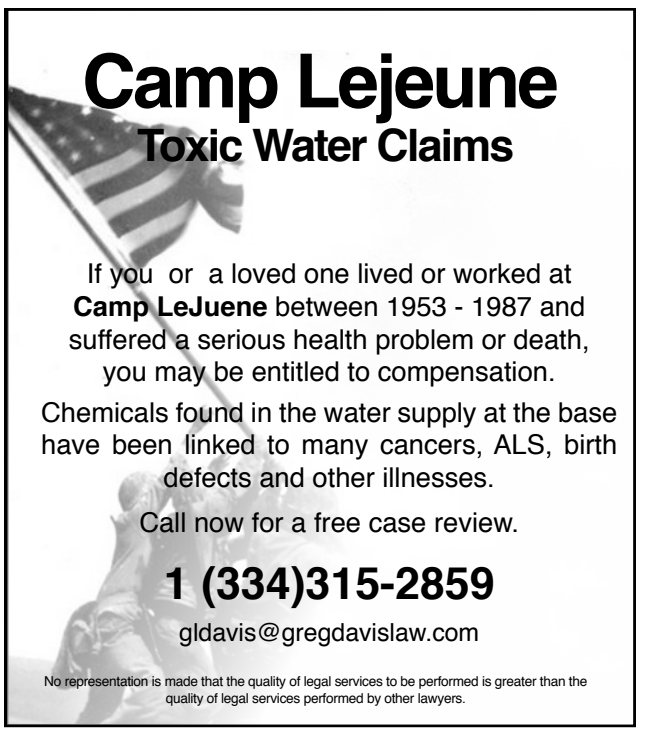
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Find arrest reports online Monday-Friday at www.cullmantribune.com.

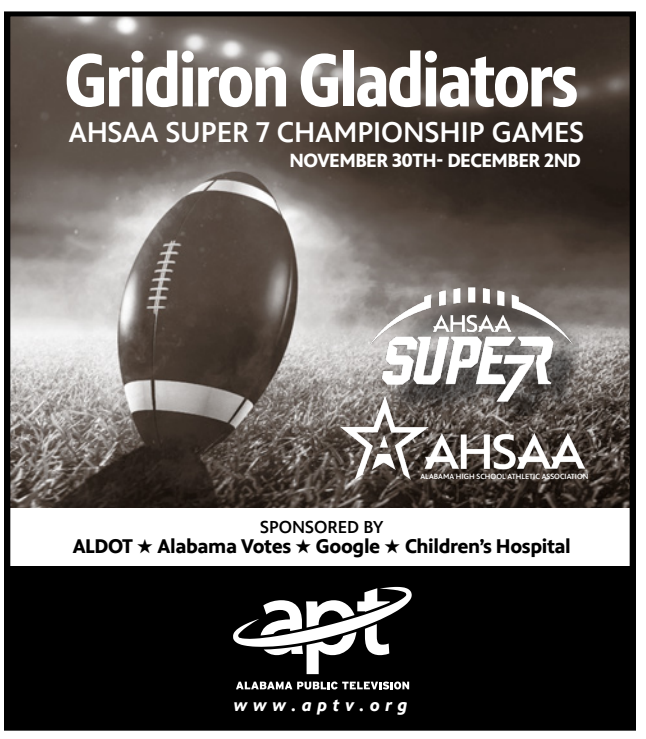
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1824 Oak Meadow Drive
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
8-3
Several homes participating in entire subdivision













COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.
• Thursday, Oct. 13 - 10 a.m. Prayer meeting - Please join Bonnie Barrett on Thursday to pray for our church, nation, our leaders, special prayer requests, etc. Everyone welcome!
• Thursday, Oct. 13 - 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Friday, Oct. 14 - 10 a.m. Adult lunch - Adults meet at Spirit Life Church and leave at 10:15 a.m. to go to The Old Cookstove in Danville for an Amish buffet lunch. Please plan to bring $19 to cover the cost of the buffet, drink, tax and tip. We will use the van and private cars if needed. Please RSVP by contacting Marti at 256-507-3564 by Oct. 12.
• Sunday, Oct. 16 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation and for those who need salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Oct. 16 - 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (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.

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. All programs require pre-registration and are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. Check www.agriplex.org for program times and to pre-register.

Children's Programs
• Oct. 13: Heritage Homeschool - Raptors 101: Alabama Wildlife Center will teach students to recognize raptors and learn about their behavior and conservation.
• Oct. 14: Little Farmers - Spiders Aren't Scary: We take the spooky out of spiders and learn all about how they are helpful friends on the farm, garden or yard.

Adult Programs
• Oct. 13: Heritage Skills - Passalong Plants: Learn about the southern tradition of passalong plants, plants that many own, but are never purchased. We will cover propagation and indoor / outdoor care. Passalong plant swap!
• Oct. 17: Learn to Sew - Casserole Carrying Case: Just in time for those holidays meals, learn how to create your own carrying case for your favorite dish.
• Oct. 19: Lunch & Learn - Open Fire Cooking: Whether camping or in your own backyard, there is nothing quite as tasty as food cooked over an open fire. Free program; registration required 256-297-1044.

Monthly Weight Loss Support Group
• WHAT: Cullman Regional's Bariatric Center of Excellence is now offering a monthly support group for individuals who have had or who are considering weight loss surgery.
• WHEN: Oct. 27, 6-7 p.m., Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m., Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m.
• WHERE: Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157
• WHY: The Bariatric Center of Excellence's support group provides a comfortable place to connect with people on the same weight loss journey. Bariatric team members will help facilitate a space where participants can share problems and solutions as well as encouragement to stay on the right path. For more information, call 256-735-5992.

Cullman County Fair
Through Oct. 15, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. www.cullmanfair.org

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church on 1310 Saint Joseph Dr., in Cullman

Mud Creek Arts &Crafts Festival
Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., along Commercial Street in downtown Hanceville. Dozens upon dozens of vendors from all over the state will be lining the street, and shops will have open doors. Trinity Lutheran Church on Commercial Street will be serving a German lunch with bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut or red cabbage, dessert and drink for $10. Children's plates will be available for $5. The menu in the more than 100-year-old church will be offered from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or until plates run out.

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.

"Steel Magnolias" Cullman Community Theatre Auditions
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, from 6-8 p.m. at The Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW, Cullman. This modern classic features a cast of six Southern women of all ages. Please help us bring to life this beautiful play about laughter, loss and resilience in the South. The play will be produced by CCT and directed by Rodney Basenburg and Nick Shabel. Dates and venues for rehearsals and performances will be announced in the coming weeks.

Pleasant View Homecoming
We will have our annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30. We will have singing featuring the Living Faith Quartet. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have service that night. 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.

6th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert Benefiting Good Samaritan Health Clinic
Monday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we are thrilled to host our signature event, and we invite you to be there for our best year yet! Once again, this great evening of entertainment and inspiration will feature fan favorites and award-winning Triumphant Quartet and Christian comedian Mickey Bell. During the evening, you will not only be entertained by these amazingly talented artists but also learn more about the impact the clinic is having in our community. Tickets may be purchased in advance online or at one of our ticket outlets: Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Borden Family Pharmacy and Yates Chance Christian Bookstore. If you are unable to attend this year's concert and would like to support the Clinic, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com to make a donation today.

Cullman Education Retirees Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Sen. Garlan Gudger will be the guest speaker and lunch will follow.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting
Friday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. The meeting will be held in a reserved room in the back of the restaurant. There will be no meetings in November and December 2022. The next meeting in 2023 will be on Friday, Jan. 20, weather permitting. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County Murder Mystery Dinner
• Friday, Oct. 21, at Stone Bridge Farms with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.
• Enjoy a captivating dinner by the Murder Mystery Company and meet guest mystery authors before the show. Stay after dinner and enjoy a live band for the After Party. Tickets are now available at https://givebutter.com/midnightatthemasquerade or purchase a table for all your friends. Find a mask and wear it well!

31st Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival
Saturday, Oct. 22 at Hanceville High School. Local and other area marching bands will perform throughout the day, and there will be an exhibition performance by the University of North Alabama Marching Pride. Admission is $5 for adults and free for children 5 and younger. Parking is $5 per vehicle. Check www.mudcreekmarchingfest.weebly.com for times and a full schedule of events.

Backyard Grill-Off
Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Butcher Meat Co., 149 Patton Drive in Vinemont. Competitors are asked to sign up by Oct. 14. A complete list of event rules and registration can be found at https://butchermeatco.com/backyard-grill-off. Trophies will be awarded to the Grand Champion (the winner of all three categories) and first-place finishers in each category. The Grand Champion will receive $1,500, first place in each category will receive $1,000, second place will receive $500 and third place will receive $125.

Victim Services of Cullman 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball
Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-10 p.m. at Brick Haven. Proceeds from the ball go to VSOC's emergency shelter, which provides a safe and peaceful place for women and children to heal and rebuild their lives after abuse. Tickets are $50. All donations are tax deductible. Tickets include a five-course meal, music, live auction and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at Peoples Bank of Alabama, Gateway Mortgage, VSOC and https://tinyurl.com/VSOCBall.

6th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29-30, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School. The event features some of the best artisans in the Southeast with their work including pottery, wreaths, door hangers, flowers, wood turned bowls, clothing, birdhouses, honey, jewelry, soap, brooms, metal art, glass art, freshly ground cornmeal and grits and more. While shopping, enjoy live music and the best pulled pork in the Southeast as well as ribs, hamburgers, brats and chicken. On Sunday at 4 p.m. St. Bernard will give away cash prizes totaling over $12,000. Bring the entire family for a weekend of fun on our 800-plus acre campus. Admission is a $10 requested donation. Children younger than 5 get in free. NO PETS, PLEASE. Festival guests can also tour our world-famous Ave Maria Grotto at a reduced admission of $5 all weekend.

Cullman High School Class of 1967 55th Class Reunion
Saturday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. at Pine Meadow, 739 County Road 1319, Cullman. For more information, call 256-739-0644.

Church Food Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, located on U.S. Highway 31 North, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont. Baked goods for sale. Lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carry-out meals available. Proceeds will benefit the Mt. Zion UMW women's group.

Cause (from Front)

marrow biopsy. If he is still not in remission, they will change his "roadmap" and start looking at some other options."

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‘Carry God with me’: Holly Pond junior Emma Earl excited for volleyball season

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — In this interview, I spoke with Holly Pond Junior Emma Earl. Earl talked about the valuable experience she gained from playing last season and how she feels to be playing with another great group of girls this year.

“I feel like last year was one of my better years. Our team chemistry was really good, and we communicated well with each other. I learned that no matter where you are playing, you matter to the team. If you have a positive attitude and mindset, then no one can stop you,” Earl said. “It was pretty good. Most of the team last year is still the same. We lost two good seniors in Kennedy Twilley and Mattie Earl. Mattie wasn’t able to play her senior year because of a torn ACL but having her there helped a lot. She helped me push through when I was struggling. All the girls were so supportive and encouraging. I knew that each girl had my back on the court.”

Earl learned so much from Kennedy and Mattie last season and has played for and took away so much from some amazing coaches so far.

“From Kennedy, I learned to always encourage and to never give up. When we were down, Kennedy was always there, hyping us up, and not stopping. From Mattie, I learned to be strong and to not take anything for granted. On the court, Mattie was strong. She didn’t show her weakness and that was an advantage for us as a team,” Earl said. “When I was in middle school, Emily Brown was the head varsity coach, and she is the reason why I fell in love with setting. She was the setter for her team in high school and she worked with me a lot early on in my career. Even when she transferred, she still came back and helped me with setting. I will forever be grateful for her.”

She added, “In seventh grade, I had Beth Taylor, and she was awesome. She pushed us every day to be better. In eighth grade, I got moved up to JV and I had Tammy Foust. She is one of the best coaches I’ve ever had. She put in the work to make us better, but still cared for us. She believed in us every game and knew we could do it.

“We won the county championship that year. Adrien Adams has been my varsity coach the last three years and she is one heck of a coach. She knows the game of volleyball and it shows. I have learned so much from her these past few years and it’s unreal. She has helped shape me into the volleyball player I am today.”

“Coach Adams has taught me almost everything I know. She taught me to know my hitters and know who to set it to. She has taught me to read the other team and play them. Even when we are down, she wants us to still be up and talking. Even when I’m tried, she has taught me to use that as motivation to push through. One of the most important things she has taught me is to carry God with me. He has my back at all times and have faith in him.”

Earl has been one of many leaders on this team and has taught the younger players so much.

“Being a leader on the team is big shoes to fill and I had to fill them when I was only a freshman. Being a setter, you have to run the court, you make the plays, and determine what happens next,” she said. “I have taught the younger girls to cherish the moments you have on and off the court. You never know when it’ll be the last game you play. Play every game like it’s your last. I have also taught the younger girls to always play hard. If I work hard on the court, then they will see me and use that as inspiration or motivation.”

Earl and the rest of her team worked on a lot during the summer, and she’s set some goals for her and the team.

“We worked on defense a lot and serve receive. Since doing that, I can tell a big difference in how we play,” she said.

“This past summer, we had the opportunity to work out with Steve Johnson and Colton Terry. I want to carry what I learned from them into the game of volleyball by being mentally, physically, and spiritually strong on the court. My team goal for the season is to make it to state. We have a really good chance to do that.”

Earl talked about what will make this team special to watch this year.

“What will make this team special to watch this year is the excitement you see on the court. When we get excited and pumped up, you can’t stop us. People have told me multiple times this year they love watching us play and they love our chemistry on the court.”



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Holly Pond’s Emma Earl (2)

Senior Day (from Front)

County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said, “We’re disappointed in the weather but so grateful that everyone came out today.

“Comfort Care has done such a wonderful job at organizing this event for our seniors.

“We love seeing our seniors out and about, enjoying their day at the fair, even if it is a little rainy.”

Ms. Senior Cullman County 2010 Barbara Marsh sang the national anthem before Tammy Little Haynes, Ms. Senior World 2022, sand and entertained the crowd with stories of her time in Nashville.

At one point, Haynes asked who in the audience had been married for 50 years or more. Then, after continuing to whittle down the numbers, it was revealed that Bobby and Jackie Parker have been married longer than any other attendees – 68 years!

When asked for the secret of their marital success, Mrs. Parker replied, “One day at a time!”

Cullman Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council at its Monday meeting approved the annual Cullman County Wranglers Jeepers Creepers Trunk or Treat event for Saturday, Oct. 29. This Halloween event is different from many others in that it benefits Cullman Caring for Kids by asking attendees to bring canned goods to be donated to the nonprofit foodbank. The Trunk or Treat will be held at Depot Park from 5-8 p.m.

Speaking of last week’s Cullman Oktoberfest, Councilman Clint Hollingsworth said, “Oktoberfest went very well. The weather was ideal and (we had) large crowds. It was a good Thursday, Friday and Saturday to be in Cullman. I’m really glad everybody showed up and we’ll do it all again next year!”

The council also welcomed the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce’s newest team member, Katie Dansby.

The following items were approved:

- A special event permit request from Robert Starcross to hold an individual protest with signs around 626 Olive St. SW, Oct. 14-15, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. As this address is a private property, the permit was approved for the city sidewalk around the property only.
- A special event permit request from Anita Smith to hold a “Cullman Stands Up” rally against negative influences on social media on Saturday, Oct. 22, in Depot Park from 6-10 p.m.
- A special event permit request from Stephanie Wood to hold a “Halloween Night” trick or treating event requiring the closing of Fifth Avenue between Fifth Street Southeast and Sixth Street Southeast Oct. 31 from 4-10 p.m.
- Resolution No. 2023-01 to proclaim Oct. 19, 2022 “Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce” Day. The resolution was adopted with Dansby, the Chamber’s director of membership and marketing, in attendance.
- Accept a $300,000 grant from Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for recreational trails at the Palomino RV Resort and to commit matching funds of $168,336
- Submit a grant application for Community Development Block Grant funds for infrastructure improvements at the Cobblestone Hotel and Wissota Chophouse property located at 1835 Main Ave. SW
- Ordinance No. 2023-01 to annex two properties owned by the City of Cullman located on Fairway Drive into the city limits of Cullman as AG-1 Agricultural District, which received a favorable recommendation from the City of Cullman Planning Commission

Public comments

Boyd Lankford of Joppa, speaking for the second council meeting in a row and misidentified as “Boyd Langford” in previous council reporting, opened his public comments with a dedication to “the patron saint of the unborn Ruth Bader Ginsburg” before speaking of the City of Ardmore’s “barring anything of sexual nature from events.”

Lankford spoke of hypothetical strip clubs and wet T-shirt contests before imploring the council and mayor “to ban events of sexual nature on public property.”

Richard Browning, a resident of Bolte Road, spoke of the City of Huntsville’s policy of publishing law enforcement overtime rates for special events.

He said, “I would like to ask if that that could be something that happens at the Cullman Police Department to help event coordinators do their budgeting.”

Lance Conn, of the north side of the city, the last public commenter, expressed gratitude for the council and thanked the Cullman Police Department officers who worked the Cullman Comes Out event, held last Saturday, for their professionalism.

Conn said to the council, “Thank you for enduring whatever you had to endure so that the Cullman residents who identify as part of or as allies of (the) LGBTQIA+ community could experience the same rights and responsibilities as everyone else.”

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at Cullman City Hall and are live streamed at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune and videos of previous meetings can be found at www.facebook.com/CullmanCity.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, October 17, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request on setbacks and parking spaces at 1667 Cherokee Avenue SW

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



Cullman Regional Wound Care Clinic offering hyperbaric oxygen therapy

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional is proud to welcome a new provider team to the Cullman Regional Wound Care Clinic. Conrad Cash, CRNP, and Jessica Martin, CRNP, have joined Dr. Greg Thompson and Dr. Carlos Villar in providing wound care services to patients.

Cullman Regional's Wound Care Clinic is the only clinic in Cullman to offer hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), a safe and evidence-based treatment proven to speed the healing process of wounds. Wounds require more oxygen than normal to heal. In a hyperbaric oxygen chamber, a patient's lungs gather much more oxygen than with normal air pressure, allowing the blood to carry an increased amount of oxygen to the wound, helping it to heal more effectively.

"HBOT in conjunction with other treatments gives patients the most effective treatment available for wounds," said Cash, the clinic's manager. "We're proud to offer this advanced level of care to help improve patient outcomes and quality of life."

At Cullman Regional's Wound Care Clinic, the hyperbaric oxygen chambers are clear and equipped with televisions and comfortable bedding to ensure patient comfort.

A typical course of treatment involves 90-minute therapy sessions, five days a week, over a four-to-six-week period.

The Wound Care Clinic offers specialized care for chronic or non-healing wounds through HBOT, debridement, wound dressing, specialized shoes and patient education.

If you suffer from a chronic or non-healing wound, ask your physician about a referral to the Cullman Regional Wound Care Clinic or contact us directly for an assessment at 256-737-2980.



CULLMAN REGIONAL
Hyperbaric oxygen chambers are seen at Cullman Regional.

Court confirms Cullman Co. man's 1st-degree rape, sexual abuse of a child convictions

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall on Tuesday announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of Wade Allen Waldrop, 45, of Cullman County, for first-degree rape and sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12. Waldrop was convicted in Cullman County Circuit Court on Nov. 9, 2021.

The evidence at trial showed that in June 2016, Waldrop raped and sexually abused a 10-year-old girl in Cullman County.

Waldrop's victim reported his behavior to a relative who immediately contacted law enforcement.

Waldrop received a 99-year prison sentence for his rape conviction and 20 years' imprisonment for his sexual abuse conviction.

Cullman County District Attorney Wilson Blaylock's office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict.

Waldrop sought to have his convictions reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Waldrop's convictions.

The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

"A Cullman County jury found Waldrop guilty of rape and sexual abuse of a child and appropriately sentenced him to spend 99 years behind bars to contemplate the seriousness of his crimes," said Marshall.

"This conviction should send a powerful signal that those who choose to victimize the most vulnerable among us will face severe punishment for their actions."

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Chris Howell for his successful work on this case, and thanked Blaylock and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the convictions.



CCSO
Wade Allen Waldrop

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council on Tuesday approved a 10-year, $485,000 tax abatement for The Shaddix Company for the construction of a new building addition, a $8.7 million project.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Project Manager Stanley Kennedy discussed the abatement with the council. The Shaddix Company, a second-generation, family-owned precast manufacturing company established in 1971 by Tommy Shaddix and his wife Mitchelene, will be adding a building extension and new product line to its business. The product line was not disclosed.

Kennedy said the extension will provide 10 new jobs, the average wage of which will be $17 an hour.

"Using economic analysis provided by the U.S. Chamber, we estimate those jobs will create an additional $10,000-plus in annual tax revenue in our community," he said, "and local businesses will receive over $100,000 in revenue every year."

It is estimated that the project will also generate more than $300,000 in revenue for local schools over the 10-year abatement period.

Kennedy explained the project will not take any revenue away from the town, saying, "You don't lose any money here because this money doesn't exist yet, and you're going to get the money in the long term. You've going to have a company growing in your community."

The Shaddix Company is located at 207 Park Drive.

In other business:

• The council approved the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) Division F Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, an action plan to reduce the long-term risk to life and property after natural hazards.

• The council voted to surplus a washer and dryer no longer used by the Town. They were previously used at the sports complex to launder cleaning rags. When COVID-19 began, the Town was required to use disposable cleaning products and now has no use for the washer and dryer. The set will be given to the Cullman County Child Development Center's soon-to-be-completed Life Skills Center. The center will act as a mock apartment in which students can learn life skills like cooking and cleaning in a functional setting.

• A Little Free Library will be added to the Christian Hart Food Pantry located next to the Vinemont-Providence Volunteer Fire Department. Councilwoman Sonya Copeland requested that the Little Free Library be added next to the pantry at the council's last meeting. Copeland will be providing the box for the library that will be installed by the Town.

The Vinemont Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at town hall. Work session is at 5:30. The public is welcome to attend.

Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Downtown Merchants Association (CDMA) will host the inaugural Greens & Beans Bluegrass Festival at Depot Park Friday, Oct. 14, from 5-10 p.m., featuring bluegrass artists Cotton Pickin' Kids, Barefoot Nellie and Cottonmouth Creek.

CDMA President Judith Caples previously told The Tribune, "Denise (Key) had been suggesting a bluegrass festival for a number of years and we all thought this was the perfect time. That gave me a mission and I ran with it. We obviously started with a Cullman favorite: the Cotton Pickin' Kids... I went to the Alabama Bluegrass Association and started listening to some of the groups listed. That led me to Barefoot Nellie. They sounded great! They are coming to us from Chattanooga, Tennessee. From there, we decided that we needed to have three bands. Then I found Cottonmouth Creek. They come from Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. We are excited to have all of these guys."

Cotton Pickin' Kids take the stage at 5 p.m. Friday. Cottonmouth Creek will be preforming around 6:30 and Barefoot Nellie will perform at 8.

In addition to live music, the festival will have food and craft vendors. The Cullman County Wranglers will display Jeeps. There will be rides and bouncy houses for the kids. The German Axe Throwing Co. plans to bring its mechanical bull.

The Cullman County Cornhole Club will host a cornhole tournament at the Festhalle starting at 6. Registration is from 4:45-5:45. The social division is $30 per team, and teams use house bags. The competitive division is $40 per team, and teams use their own bags.

Sponsors of the festival include Freedom Insurance, Denise Key CPA, A Touch of German, Cullman Quick Copy, White Willow, Mavens & Makers and Village Furniture.

Caples added, "This event is sponsored solely by merchants in Cullman, by the people, for the people."

The CDMA is a nonprofit organization established to bring people downtown to promote growth for small businesses. It is made up of businesses all over Cullman County.







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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 *
CHARLES FIELDEN HENSLEY, * CASE NO.: PC2022-243
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to CHARLES SHANNON HENSLEY and JASON ERIC HENSLEY, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of CHARLES FIELDEN HENSLEY, deceased, on the 11th day of October, 2022, 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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Co-Personal Representatives

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF L.C.C.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2022-025
D.O.B. 04/01/2020

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHRISTLE JEAN PRUITT-ODEN, NATURAL MOTHER OF L.C.C. AND NICHOLAS ODEN, FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD L.C.C. BORN APRIL 1, 2020 TO CHRISTLE JEAN PRUITT-ODEN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Christopher Michael Tolbert and Glenda Merriman Tolbert, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 27th DAY OF September, 2022.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF J.W.B.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2022-~~088~~ 082
D.O.B. 10/7/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JEFFREY SCOTT CARTER, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.W.B., BORN OCTOBER 7, 2011 TO KELLY ANN WEBB
KELLY ANN WEBB, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.W.B. BORN OCTOBER 7, 2011

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Kimberley Michelle Barber, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF September, 2022.

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

Dan J. Willingham
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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
ADOPTION PETITION OF
MATTHEW TRISTEN SHAFER CASE NO AD 2022-083
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

K.G.L. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 8-21-2019

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD K.G.L. BORN TO AMBERLEY NOEL LANEY

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Matthew Tristen Shafer, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF September, 2022.

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

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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
ADOPTION OF L.M.B.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2022-081
D.O.B. 03/01/2013

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JEFFREY SCOTT CARTER, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD L.M.B., BORN MARCH 1, 2013 TO KELLY ANN WEBB
KELLY ANN WEBB, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A MINOR CHILD L.M.B. BORN MARCH 1, 2013

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Kimberley Michelle Barber, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF September, 2022.

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

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256-734-2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BRITTNEY S. COOPER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2022-000211.00**

SHANNON M. COOPER
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Shannon M. Cooper, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Brittney S. Cooper's Complaint for Divorce by November 21st, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000211.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of September, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
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CULLMAN, AL 35058

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2022 - 900243

JESUS DELGADO AND LISSYEN MARIANA DELGADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Parcel I: All that part of the West half of the East half of the NE ¼ of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, that lies South of creek.
Parcel II: The East half of the SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 1 West.
LESS & EXCEPT: Commence at the SW corner of said East half of the SE quarter and go North along the quarter-quarter section line 660 feet, then go East 660 feet, then go South 660 feet, and then go West 660 feet to the point of beginning.
Parcel III: From the SW corner of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, go North along the section line 165 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning, go Southeasterly to a point on the West margin of Welcome Public Road (said point being 150 feet as measured along the margin of the public road, North of the South line of the Section) then go Northerly along West margin of public road to a point thereon which is 90 feet South of the point of intersection of said road margin with Duck Creek, then go NW (on line parallel to Duck Creek) 207.5 feet, then go West along the South margin of the 1 ½ acre tract excepted from property conveyed by Deed Book 323, at Page 539, to the SW corner of said 1 ½ acre tract, then go to the section and then go South to the point of beginning. Source of Title: Deed Book 889, Page 511,
Parcel ID: 11-03-08-0-001-023.001; PIN: 33200; Account Number: 215562,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

JASON DYER,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Jason Dyer, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2022 - 900244

JESUS DELGADO AND LISSYEN MARIANA DELGADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 22, Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 22; thence North 88°24'56" West, 555.03 feet to the point of beginning said point being a capped Tacon iron pin set. Thence from the Point of Beginning continue North 88°24'56" West, 81.35 feet to a capped Tacon iron pin set on the South edge of County Road Number 662; thence crossing said road North 26°09'43" East, 245.50 feet to a capped Tacon iron pin set; thence South 54°23'22" East, 75.00 feet to a capped Tacon iron pin set; thence South 26°09'43" West, 199.35 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 0.38 acres, more or less. Subject to any rights of ways, easements or restrictions, recorded or unrecorded, Parcel ID: 23-05-22-0-000-005.007; PIN: 77997; Account Number: 206553,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

KYLE A. CORNELIUS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARYLYN CHRISTINA DINGLER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2022-000130.00**

TIMOTHY JOSEPH DINGLER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Timothy Joseph Dingler, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Marylyn Christina Dingler's Complaint for Divorce by November 20th, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000130.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of September, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2022 - 900242

JESUS DELGADO AND LISSYEN MARIANA DELGADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

A parcel of Lot No. 18 and 17 of the William F. Crider and Editha Crider Property in Section 1 and 2, Township 9, Range 3 West and in Section 36, Township 8, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, according to a plat prepared by E.M. Smith, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 15, 1963, a copy of said plat in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Map Book 3, Page 195 being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 19; thence N 33° 44' 38" E 125.00 feet to an existing iron, and the point of beginning; thence N 60° 00' 00" W 156.17 feet to an existing iron; thence N 29° 57' 38" E 125.00 feet to a set ½" capped iron; thence S 59° 50' 53" E 166.76 feet to a set ½" capped iron; thence S 34° 49' 16" W 125.00 feet to an existing iron, back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.46 acres, more or less. Description taken from survey of James W. Baldy, AL Reg. No. 11845 dated August 26, 1999,
Parcel ID: 09-01-01-2-001-004.001; PIN: 66856; Account Number: 24410,

AND

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AND

MARTHA BOLLING,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Martha Bolling, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2022 - 900240

JESUS DELGADO AND LISSYEN MARIANA DELGADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Commencing at the intersection of the East right of way of Hollow Road and the North right of way of Speegle Road in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 4 West; thence East along the Northern right of way of Speegle Road 260 feet to the true point of beginning; thence North parallel Eastern right of way of Hollow Road 150 feet (along the Leonard R. Patterson East line); thence East 35 feet; thence South 35 feet from and parallel to the Leonard R. Patterson line a distance of 150 feet, to a point on the North right of way of Speegle Road; thence West to the true point of beginning being one-half acre more or less in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 4 West situated in Cullman County, Alabama.
Parcel ID: 21-08-27-0-001-017.002; PIN: 8118; Account Number: 13468,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

LEONARD RAY PATTERSON and PHYLLIS RENEE PATTERSON,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Leonard Ray Patterson and Phyllis Renee Patterson, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 11-12

Tommy Hugh Anglin, 67
Tommy Hugh Anglin, age 67 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at Haleyville Health Care Center. No services are planned at this time. Tommy was born Nov. 3, 1954, in Hackleburg, Alabama to Vernon Anglin and Zenny Raper Anglin. He loved to hunt and fish and spend time with his grandkids. Tommy is survived by his daughter: April Anglin; grandchildren: Emily Cosby and Logan Anglin; and sister: Betty Lolley. He was preceded in death by his parents: Vernon Anglin and Zenny Raper Anglin and brothers: Billy Anglin, Newell Anglin and Troy Anglin.

Geraldine James, 75
Funeral Service for Geraldine James, age 75, will be at noon Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pastor Jared Folks officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. James passed away on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022. She was born Dec. 14, 1946, to Earnest Monroe and Doretha Iza Tidwell. Geraldine was a devoted wife for 58 years, a protective mother, a loving mother-in-law, and a proud Nana to her five grandchildren. She loved her career as a schoolteacher and retired in 2010 from Vinemont Elementary School. She was a very generous person and was diligent in her support of many local and national charities, including Bosom Buddies, Cullman Caring for Kids and Veterans' support groups. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister: Shirley Tidwell; and brother: Wayne Tidwell. Survivors include her husband: David W. James; daughters: Lisa (Mark) Ellard and Tina (Phillip) Cherry; and grandchildren: David Cherry, Joshua Ellard, Laura Ellard, Jacob Cherry and Brooke Ellard.

Annie Fisher Oakes, 91
Funeral Services for Annie Fisher Oakes, 91, of Vinemont, will be 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Patrick Egan, O.S.B., will officiate the services. The interment will follow the service in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the service. The Rosary will begin at 2:30. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Oakes family. Mrs. Oakes was born in England on March 15, 1931, to James & Mary Ellen Stanley Turner. She came to America in the 1950s. She loved her cats, crafting and was an avid knitter. Mrs. Oakes was preceded in death by her parents: James and Mary Ellen Stanley Turner; sister: Shelia. She is survived by her daughters: Margaret (Gary) Lloyd, Christine (Troy) Vest, Patricia (David) Furno and Lori Fisher; sister: Mary Cooke from England; grandchildren: Matt, Nick, Mark, Robing, Katherine, Sarah, Jennifer, Adam, Elizabeth, Christina and their spouses; great-grandchildren; great great-grandchild.

Henry Self Jr., 77
Funeral service for Henry Self Jr., 77, of Cullman will be at noon, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Carmel/Berlin Cemetery, Rev. Dudley Brock and Rev. Steve Rodgers will officiate. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until noon. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Self family. Mr. Self passed away Oct. 10, 2022. He was born Aug. 18, 1945, to Henry Self Sr. and Alice Hammock Self. He was the owner of Surplus Sales in Berlin and worked for 35 years at Fruehauf Trailer Company. Henry was a member of Oak Level Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother: William Franklin Self. Survivors include his son: Rickey Self; the mother of his son: Dianne Self Gober; nephew: Christopher (Linda) Self; his beloved dog: Marley; family and friends.

David Gene Ford, 72
We are sad to announce the passing of David Gene Ford on Oct. 9, 2022. He was 72 years old. He was a beloved, devoted and caring husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He was surrounded by family and friends at home in Cullman, Alabama. He courageously battled cancer for nearly a year. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, to Russell Sellers Ford and Lois Juanita Ford. He was preceded in death by his parents; and granddaughter: Marianna Rodriguez. He is survived by his wife of 18 years: Anna Ford; brothers: Russell "Jim" (Maryann) Ford from Zanesville, Ohio and Steven Ford from Gallaway, Ohio; sister: Nancy (Chuck) Kline from Gallaway, Ohio; children: Freeley (Delbert) Chaney from Zanesville, Ohio, Robert (Josi) Kranz from Millersburg, Ohio, Leah (Tony) Brewer from Galllon, Ohio, David L. (Faith) Ford from Cullman, Alabama and Lucy (Steve) Hayhurst-Gill from White Cottage, Ohio; stepchildren: Nicholas Lovern, from Athol Massachusetts, Amy (Alexis) Lovern from Athol, Massachusetts and Jordon McDowell from Lancaster, Massachusetts. Dave was a proud and loving grandfather of 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Dave went to West Muskinghum High School in Zanesville, Ohio. He later got his GED. Dave was a truck driver and a maintenance man for several years. He made friends wherever he went. He loved animals, gardening, and watching sunrises and sunsets. He found solace during his illness watching the hummingbirds and butterflies out of the windows.

Charles L. Mewbourn, 85
Funeral Service for Charles L. Mewbourn, age 85, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Bennett officiating; interment in Emeus Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Mewbourn passed away Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, at his residence. He was born July 16, 1937, to Grady and Emma Mewbourn. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Edna Faye Mewbourn; grandson: Codie Norman; sister: Wynette Scott; and brothers: Bobby Mewbourn and Lendel Mewbourn. Survivors include his children: Vicky (Jenks) Hancock, Kathy McDowell (Randall Perry), Ricky Mewbourn and Keri Cuyar; grandchildren: Shane (Danielle) McDowell, Mandy McDowell, Jeff (Tonya) Hancock, Amy Hancock, Shannon Garmon, Whitney (Trace) Moody, Savannah (Jonathon) Hollenack, Dylan Pointer, Jonah Lindsey and Samantha Norman; and great-grandchildren: Autumn, Brody, Noah, Jacob, Sawyer, Ethan, Emma-Grace, Landyn, Cabrey, Eastyn, Enslee, Levi, Bryant, Kade, Jayden, Paisley, Hunter, Tyler, Austin, Jace, Kenzie, London and Colten; and sisters: Sheila (Lamar) Quinn and Martha Ann Smith.

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Cullman's Justin Dyar and team win big at Lake Homes Realty's National Agent Summit

Bill Lang
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Justin Dyar and his team received multiple awards at Lake Homes Realty's ninth annual National Agent Summit for their exceptional achievements in real estate.

Dyar himself, along with John Robert Elliott and Cindy Myrex, were awarded The Alpha Award, one of the highest awards given at the National Agent Summit.

The Alpha Award is given to agents with a total transaction volume of $25 million or greater with 60 or more transition sides with a total transaction volume of $18 million or greater between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022.

Following that distinction, team members Pam Bowman, Melinda Edwards and Johnny Wayne Hightown received the Big Wave Award.

The Big Wave Award is given to agents with a total transaction volume between $10 million and $25 million with 40 or more transition sides with a total transaction volume of $6 million or greater between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022.

Lastly, team members Tonya Barker, Brooke Edwards, Chelsea Dial and Sean Dowling received the Aqua Award. The Aqua Award is given to agents with a total transaction volume between $3.5 million and $10 million with 20 or more transition sides with a total transaction volume of $2.5 million or greater between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022.

It should be noted that total transaction volume is the sum of the property sale price of each transaction side represented, even if the side represented was shared with another agent.

"Justin and his team continue to impress with their hard work and dedication, year after year, and we are proud to present each of them with their major awards," said Glenn S. Phillips, CEO of Lake Homes Realty. "Winning an award at our National Agent Summit is one of our company's most prestigious honors. Agents like Justin and his team are why Lake Homes Realty is one of the fastest-growing companies in the country."

For more information on Dyar, his team members and Lake Homes Realty, visit www.lakehomes.com.



LAKE HOMES REALTY

Justin Dyar, better known as Mr. Smith Lake, dominated with 10 winners on his team, including himself, for their achievements in real estate at Lake Homes Realty's ninth annual National Agent Summit, held Oct. 4-6, 2022. Dyar had a least one team member win in every category. Pictured are agents Cindy Myrex, Dyar and John Robert Elliott.

Event (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools will host a Digital Awareness Seminar for city school district parents, students and community members on Tuesday, Oct. 18. The free event will be held at the Cullman High School auditorium from 6-7:30 p.m.

The seminar aims to help educate parents about their children's social media and digital activities and how to keep these activities safe for their children.

Parents will be taught appropriate uses of technology and frequently used social media sites and cell phone apps used by teenagers and even younger children.

"We've all experienced a shift in how today's students communicate strictly through technology, both on campus and in their personal lives," Cullman City Schools Technology Coordinator Michael Fowlkes said.

"Let's just be honest; our kids know way more about apps and social media platforms at a faster pace than we do as parents, and they will be the first to tell us that.

"So, our leadership team developed this idea to educate our parents to be more digitally aware of the platforms that our students are using on a daily basis."

In a press release, the city school district said, "October is recognized as National Parenting Month, and Cullman City Schools hopes to use the seminar as a chance to give back to local parents and provide resources for them to be more digitally aware.

"The event will host two main speakers who bring a wealth of knowledge, with key topics set to include internet content filtering, cyberbullying, vaping and environmental sensors, and information about on-campus tools like digital door access technology."

Hartselle Attorney Patrick Caver and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Senior Trooper Brandon Bailey will be the featured speakers. Caver will educate attendees on the necessity of online activity monitoring by parents and caregivers.

Bailey will address the grave consequences of distracted driving and texting while driving.

"Parents will leave the meeting with a better understanding of how we protect our students on campus and ways to monitor online activity at home," Fowlkes concluded in his statement.

