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Cullman County dispatcher, deputy dead in apparent murder-suicide

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) dispatch shift supervisor was killed and a CCSO deputy took his own life in an apparent murder-suicide this week at a condo in Orange Beach. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry confirmed the deaths of Dispatcher Lexi White, 23, and K9 Deputy Kenneth "Kenny" Booth.

According to the CCSO, an argument between the two, who were dating, escalated to the point in which Booth drew his weapon and shot and killed White. Booth then turned the weapon on himself, taking his own life.

WKRG in Mobile reported, "Seaside Beach & Racquet Club employees told WKRG that the shooting happened in the common area of the condo."

According to reports, officers with the Orange Beach Police Department responded to the call in the 24000 block of Perdido Beach Boulevard at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

"The CCSO was contacted by the Orange Beach Police Department earlier today (Thursday) to » PAGE 10


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Lexi White

Kallhoff gives updates on city school projects


TIFFANY MCKOYTHE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
New building at Cullman Middle School

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff provided updates about ongoing and upcoming projects to city school campuses.

"The partnership between the City and our school district has been incredible. The increased funding from sales and property taxes has allowed us to invest in our students and their futures," he said. "This phase of expansion would not have been possible without the dedication of our community leaders. James Brumley, our chief school financial officer, does a phenomenal job making sure we are putting our resources in place to help address our infrastructure while continuing to maintain a three-month reserve."

According to Kallhoff, sales tax revenues increased by an impressive 14%, and property taxes saw a remarkable 10.5% boost in a single year.

"Collectively, the five-member school board in Cullman city are forward thinkers and are always pushing my office to move our school system forward while doing what is best for the students and families we serve," Kallhoff said.

Cullman City Primary School
The primary school received an additional 12-classroom wing (including a tornado shelter), multipurpose building and cafeteria/kitchen. A second exit was installed from campus to Oak Street. The old cafeteria was converted into additional classroom space.

Cullman Middle School
There will be a 16-18-classroom building (including a tornado shelter) that will house a new library, agri-science area, performing arts area and administrative offices. The round building and old agriculture building (the old home economics building) will be removed after December. There will be interior upgrades to the main building and cafeteria. The project is expected to be completed at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

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'We want people to leave here feeling positive about themselves!'

Golden Hour Studio opens


CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Studio owners Brooklyn Gibson, left, Ariana HaDavia, middle, and Ambrianna Zimmerman, right, celebrate the official opening of Golden Hour Studio with a champagne toast. Golden Hour Studio is located at 202 First Ave. SE. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Sept. 8

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 8, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 5

- violation of protection order; CR 1770
- harassment; CR 399
- criminal mischief; I-65 NB at Exit 310
- domestic violence; CR 747
- burglary; criminal mischief; resisting arrest; CR 1428
- theft of property; CR 1652
- harassment; 1st St. NW
- theft of property; CR 617
- harassment; Mayfair Ln.
- domestic violence-menacing; Willow Rd.

Sept. 6

- domestic violence; CR 1101
- domestic violence; CR 1718
- assault; CR 1718
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 437

ARRESTS

Sept. 4 – 6

Bagwell, Kristi S.; 34
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bennett Jr., Jeffery A.; 30
- assault-harassment

Bevington, Brian A.; 56
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- forgery-counterfeiting (2 counts)

Black, Travis W.; 59
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Clark, Wayne E.; 34
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cornelius, James G.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Fillmore, John W.; 50
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Free, Montie E.; 29
- FTA- fishing without license
- FTA- fraud-removed, falsified or unauthorized identification number, registration
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA- no/improper tag light

Giddeons, Jonathan L.; 35
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Givens, Paul M.; 29
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Guinn, Lauren E.; 26
- Grand Jury- Sex Offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old

Hale, Draven K.; 24
- Violation of Release-forgery-counterfeiting (5 counts)
- Violation of Release- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Hernandez, Miguel J.; 30
- resisting arrest
- damaged property-criminal mischief
- burglary-residence-no force

Hill, Boonie F.; 56
- FTA- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Holt, Brandy R.; 34
- FTA- driving without license-not in possession

Huff, Brayson B.; 43
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Lopez, Jeremias N.; 30
- DUI (alcohol)

Mooney, Clint R.; 44
- FTA- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Purcell, Stephen R.; 56
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-shoplifting

Shelby, Timothy D.; 45
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Silva, Genaro G.; 51
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tedder, Howard R.; 46
- sell/distribute methamphetamine

Walker, Joey V.; 25
- Family Offense- financial exploitation of the elderly-1st degree
- Family Offense- financial exploitation of the elderly-2nd degree (11 counts)
- stolen property
- larceny/theft-theft of property-2nd degree $500 less than $1,500 (8 counts)
- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500 (3 counts)
- forgery-counterfeiting (26 counts)
- Family Offense- financial exploitation of the elderly-3rd degree (14 counts)
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500 (14 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 6

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (2 counts); persons; Northcrest Dr. NW; pistol; $400
- theft of property-1st degree; Inline Electric Supply; Broadway Dr. SW; 2018 Ford Transit
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd St. SE; pistol; bag; clothing; $745
- ID theft; person; $3,500
- theft of property-4th degree; Mary Carter Paint Store; 4th St. SE; Diawa Tatula Reel; $159

ARRESTS

Sept. 6 – 7

Pullium, James L.; 38
- FTA- driving without license

Wolford, Ayla E.; 30
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Price, Jason C.; 49
- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Baumgartner, Leonce A.; 61
- FTA- public intoxication

Key, Seth P.; 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

2 arrested after robbery

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Early Friday morning, Cullman Police Officers Roy Bates and Daniel Palisay were patrolling in the area of Warnke Road Southwest when they witnessed a silver Chevrolet Impala speeding through a parking lot. As it entered the roadway, the Impala narrowly avoided a collision with the patrol vehicle.

After stopping the Impala, Bates and Palisay quickly determined that the two occupants had just committed a robbery at a nearby residence. Terrelle Williams, 26, of Cullman, was following the Impala after allegedly being robbed by the two individuals inside the vehicle. Williams informed the officers of the situation.

The CPD said Bates and Palisay recovered the victim's stolen wallet, money, a cell phone and the weapon used in the robbery, which linked the suspects to the crime.

Stanley Ray Menefee, 69, of Ensley, and Mark Ples Jones, 49, of Bessemer, were arrested and charged with first-degree robbery and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta said, "They (the officers) were where they were supposed to be and recognized the situation for what it was.

"It was the right place and the right time."



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark Ples Jones, left, and Stanley Ray Menefee, right

ALEA reports 8 traffic fatalities over Labor Day weekend

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — During the four-day 2023 Labor Day weekend, Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) investigated eight traffic-related fatalities, compared to 10 in 2022, and zero marine-related fatalities on Alabama's waterways.

This year's Labor Day weekend travel period began at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, and ended at midnight Monday, Sept. 4. During that time, there were eight deadly traffic crashes in Montgomery, Marion, Marshall, Cullman, Washington, Randolph, Tuscaloosa and Lawrence counties. Of the eight fatalities, four individuals were not using seat belts and the fifth involved an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) where the individual was not using restraints. The sixth fatality involved a motorcycle where the operator was using a helmet, the seventh, the individual was using a seat belt and the eighth, it was unable to be determined if the individual was using a seat belt at the time of crash.

"While the Agency noticed a decrease in traffic fatalities this Labor Day weekend, our goal is always zero lives lost," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor.

"The loss of a loved one is always devastating, however, when the loss is a child, it impacts families in a way that changes them forever. As a parent, I cannot imagine the horror of losing a child at such a young age. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to all the families who lost loved ones over this most recent holiday weekend."

During the Labor Day weekend, local law enforcement agencies responded to two separate traffic crashes, one fatally injuring a 16-year-old student from Albertville High School in Marshall County and another fatally injuring a 15-year-old Calera High School student in Shelby County. On Monday, Sept. 4, ALEA Troopers investigated another fatal crash in Lawrence County involving a 16-year-old driver of Harvest.

ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jon Archer said, "Every year when school begins, we see a surge of students getting their Alabama Driver and Learners Licenses. We highly recommend that parents get involved and have a firm talk with their teenagers before they hit the road. Sadly, due to their inexperience and limited skills, teens are more prone to traffic accidents.

"We urge parents to conduct practice driving sessions with their teens and go over the rules of the road together. Remember, parents and guardians have more influence than they might realize. Set a good example and actively participate in your teen's driving journey right from the start."

Thankfully on the water, Troopers withing ALEA's Marine Patrol Division did not investigate any marine-related fatalities. However, the four-day period did include three boating crashes with one minor injury reported. Two of the incidents occurred on Logan Martin Lake and one on Smith Lake. This past Labor Day weekend marked two summers in a row that the Agency has not experienced any marine-related fatalities during the three major holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

"Our Marine Patrol Division works diligently to take every opportunity to educate the public whether it is during a patrol stop, vessel check or at a public safety event.

"They have done an outstanding job educating and patrolling the waterways during the busiest weekends of the year; however, this success would not be possible without the assistance and care of each boater. We hope this trend continues each year and we encourage parents to also educate their teens on water and boating safety, as many will obtain their vessel license along with their Alabama driver license," Taylor said.

Additionally, ALEA's Aviation Unit partnered with the cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach once more to patrol beaches from the air and to assist with rescuing swimmers in distress as well as other incidents. During the extended weekend, ALEA pilots responded to assist two swimmers and performed approximately 10 beach safety flights.

For traffic and boating safety tips, please visit alea.gov.

Golden Hour Studio (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A trio of women has teamed up to empower others and make them comfortable in their own skin. Golden Hour Studio brings a fresh take on the esthetic and beauty industry to Cullman by focusing its brand on core aspects of body positivity and self-expression.

Co-owner Ambrianna Zimmerman, spray tan artist of the crew, said that while the beauty industry and esthetician community in Cullman is packed, and perhaps even a little crowded to some, she is excited to bring her Southern hospitality to the forefront by making clients feel comfortable right as they walk in, and offering a truly custom approach.

"I sit down with the client and we go over their current skincare routine, and then I color match based on hair color, complexion and eye color.

"The better they feel in the environment, the more comfortable and confident they are going to be!" exclaimed Zimmerman.

"And we don't do orange!" she laughed, gesturing to her shelf of additives and finishes to create the perfect tone.

Co-owner and makeup artist Brooklyn Gibson said she brings eight years of experience in making women feel beautiful to the table, offering cosmetics and hairstyling for special events, as well as classes.

She focuses on enhancing her client's features, rather than concealing them.

"We're pro-body image; we're very body positive. We want people to leave here feeling positive about themselves!" she smiled.

Rounding out the studio is co-owner Ariana HaDavia, who brings three years of lash extension experience and hopes to be able to offer permanent makeup like lip blushing and brows soon.

HaDavia emphasized the importance of "sharing the love" and creating that positive environment for her clients, noting, "I love it, you know, we love our people, our clients!"

Golden Hour Studio is located at 202 First Ave. SE, on the second floor to the right. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or by appointment. For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/GoldenHourStudio.



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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Saturday, Sept. 9 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Foundry Farm Ministry
• Sunday, Sept. 10 - Prayer Groups - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Sept. 10 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd and Communion at 11.

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). The 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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

Estate Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1441 U.S. Highway 278 E in Cullman. Lots of furniture and household items will be available.

7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at St. Bernard. Featuring pottery, quilts, brooms, leather art, cypress furniture, paintings, jewelry, plants and more. Visit Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced price admission of only $5. Admission donation to the festival is $10 per person; children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Visit www.stbernardprep.com for more information.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. in The Event Center. Hostesses will be Amelia Wisener and Carol Hollander. Please come and bring a friend and the book you're reading.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman. All are welcome.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Reserved room. For more information contact Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. Living Faith Quartet will be the featured guests. 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 or 256-338-9202.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Oktoberfest German Dinner
Wednesday, Sept.27, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate. Menu includes grilled bratwurst from Brickyard Meats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, apple sauce and dessert. Drinks dine-in only. EAT-IN from 5-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center; DRIVE-THRU 4-6 p.m. (follow signs off Second Street Southeast). Tickets at event - cash or check only. Sponsored by Altar Society. Funds go to support the organization's church work.

Oktoberfest
Thursday- Saturday Sept. 28-30, in downtown Cullman. Oktoberfest is a three-day celebration of all things German with a quaint Southern spin. Complete with authentic German food and Biergarten, stein hoisting, 5K, pageant and even wiener dog races, there's something for every age.

Monster Truck Wars
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. You'd be hard-pressed to find something more entertaining and classically rowdy than monster trucks. Featuring well-known trucks Outlaw, Equalizer, Shark Attack and Sheriff, it'll be pedal-to-the-metal action.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Loft 212. Doors will open at 5:30. Guests are encouraged to dress in pink for the event! The Alabama Cattleman's Association will be grilling steaks on-site, supplied by The Butcher, and there will be live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Tickets are on sale now for $60 per individual or $400 for a table seating eight. To purchase tickets, visit www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/little-pink-dress. Tickets are also available from Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com and Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com.

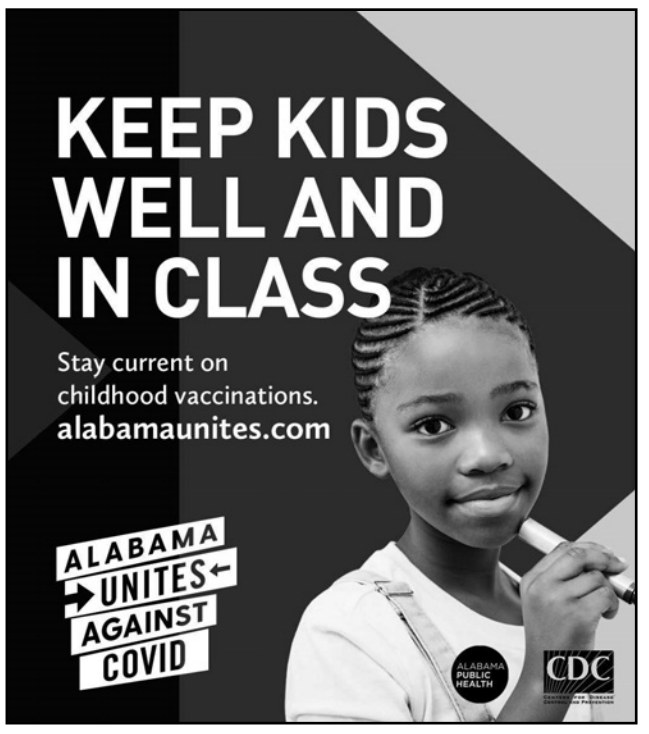
Cullman County Fair
Oct. 5-14, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. The county fair is a classic rural sight to see, with exhibitions, livestock showings, pageants, classic carnie food and rides for even the most seasoned thrill seeker. People from all around have been coming to this fair since 1954, come see why for yourself!

Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish in the pond?

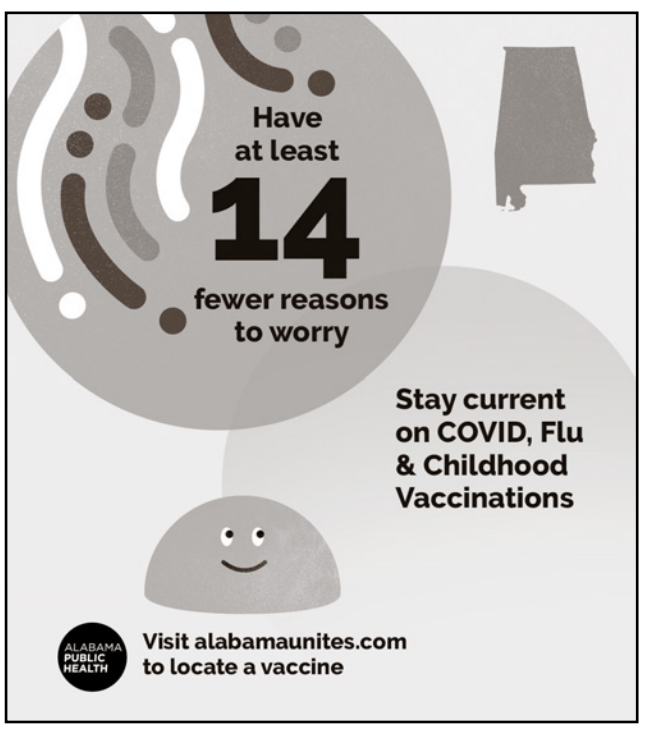
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon rides and demonstrations of all kinds, it's a must-visit for any history buff.

7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be belting to the pines of Northbrook Baptist Church at Good Samaritan Health Clinic's annual concert fundraiser. For those fans of clean Christian vocals that stand alone, you're sure to be pleased.

'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.com.









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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Vinemont edges East Lawrence 3-2

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VINEMONT, Ala. — It was a battle of the Eagles Thursday night as Vinemont hosted East Lawrence and this one went back-and-forth for the majority of the contest. Vinemont ended up winning a long, competitive five-set match over East Lawrence 3-2.

Vinemont 25 - East Lawrence 23 (First Set)
Vinemont jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first set, but East Lawrence went on a little run to cut it to 5-4. Behind a kill by Maggie Burks and a pair of aces from Brooklyn Knott, Vinemont collected five straight points to make it a 10-4 game.

After East Lawrence made it a 10-9 game, Vinemont scored the next four points as a point by Burks and an ace from Carley Stephens pushed their lead to 14-9. East Lawrence made it a 14-12 game, but a kill by Jana Harbison made it 17-12. An ace from Morgan Flanagan increased Vinemont's lead to 19-13, but East Lawrence scored the next four points to cut it to 19-17.

Vinemont pushed its lead to 23-19 on a Brooklyn Knott ace and after East Lawrence cut it to 24-23, the Lady Eagles were able to collect the final point as they ended up winning the first set 25-23.

Vinemont 27 - East Lawrence 25 (Second Set)
The second set was a back-and-forth affair as both teams traded runs for most of this set. East Lawrence held a slim 5-3 lead, but a point by Burks cut it to 6-5. East Lawrence pushed their lead to 10-7, but Vinemont ended up tying things up at 10. That would be the first of several ties in this second set.

East Lawrence held a 14-10 lead late in the set, but Vinemont came back to tie things up at 14.

A point by Stephens, an ace from Knott, and a kill by Addison Holcomb broke a 17-all tie as that gave Vinemont a 20-17 lead. Vinemont held a 21-18 lead after a point by Burks, but East Lawrence rallied back to take a 22-21 lead. A point by Harbison tied things up at 23.

After East Lawrence retook the lead at 25-24, Vinemont took over after that, as back-to-back points by Stephens gave them a 26-25 lead, and Knott finished off the second set with the game-winning point to give Vinemont a 27-25 win in the second set.

East Lawrence 26 - Vinemont 24 (Third Set)
Vinemont jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead behind a kill and an ace from Flanagan, but five straight points by East Lawrence gave them a 5-3 lead. The third set was a carbon copy of the second set as both teams had several ties, and they swapped leads more than a handful of times during the set. A point by Harbison tied it up at seven, and later on, an ace from Stephens gave Vinemont a 12-11 lead. East Lawrence rallied back to take a 16-14 lead and later held a 20-18 advantage. Vinemont scored the next three points, including one by Holcomb, to help give them a 21-20 lead. Vinemont held a slim 24-23 lead as they looked to finish off the sweep of East Lawrence, but they had different plans, though, as East Lawrence scored the final three points to take the third set 26-24.

East Lawrence 25 - Vinemont 21 (Fourth Set)
The fourth set saw both teams swapped leads and had several ties as well. Vinemont held a 3-2 lead after a Jacie James ace, and later made it a 6-4 game after a kill by Flanagan, an ace from Harbison, and a kill by Stephens. East Lawrence came back to take a 9-7 lead and later pushed their lead to 13-10. East Lawrence would increase their lead to 16-11, but Vinemont looked to go on a rally of their own as a kill by Holcomb cut it to 20-17. Later on, back-to-back kills by Harbison swiveled the deficit to just one at 21-20. But Vinemont wouldn't get any closer after that, as East Lawrence finished off the set on a 4-1 run to take the fourth set 25-21 and set up the fifth and deciding set between both teams.



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Vinemont defeated East Lawrence at home 3-2 Thursday night.

Vinemont 15 - East Lawrence 11 (Fifth Set)
East Lawrence held a slim 3-2 lead early on in the fifth set, but Vinemont went on a 5-0 run, which included another Flanagan, to take a 7-3 lead. Once again, though, East Lawrence came back to cut it to 8-7. An ace from Stephens made it 10-7, but East Lawrence ended up tying things up at 10. Four straight points by Vinemont, including a kill by Harbison, gave them a 14-10 lead. Vinemont was able to collect the final point of the set and the game as they knocked off East Lawrence in the fifth set 15-11 to take the series 3-2.

'Follow my dreams': Fairview's Amy Latham ready for band season

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview senior color guard captain Amy Latham will be heading into her sixth and final season as a member of the Aggie band and has enjoyed every second of it so far. She has learned so much during her time in the band.

"It's been an amazing journey. It's hard to believe that it's my last year. I have gained so many skills in communication, building friendships, and connections with others through the band. The band environment has always been so welcoming," Latham said. "It's hard to put into words how much the band has impacted me throughout the years I've been in it. Personally, I've always been shy, and being in a band has really opened me up to communication with others. I've also learned skills with marching, reading music, dedication, and work ethic."

Latham has soaked up as much as she can from her band director, Nathan Kilgo and has had an amazing time being on the color guard. This will be her second and final year as the color guard captain and has enjoyed every second of that experience so far.

"He is a wonderful band director and is the longest-reigning band director in Cullman County. He takes a lot of pride in the show every year. He cares about the band members and always treats everybody with respect. I have learned so many things from him. The first one is how to take criticism (laughs). He has taught me how to read music, march, and have fun while performing," she said. "It's been amazing so far. We had a great color guard with very supportive girls. We also have an amazing sponsor, Kristy Harris, who always makes sure we have everything we need. Being captain is such a great honor, and it's something I'm very proud of. I couldn't be asked to lead a better group of girls. I have seen so many of the girls become great color guard members. It seems like each year; the girls improve more and more."

She added, "It's been such a pleasure watching our younger color guard members grow. We were fortunate enough to get Best in Class last year at a competition. Watching those young ladies that have never picked up a flag at the beginning of the year, grow throughout the year and become great color guard members, has been very rewarding."

Latham has learned so much from the past seniors before her and they have helped her become the leader that she is today. She has also learned so much from this year's seniors as well.

"There were so many seniors that have impacted me throughout the years. I mainly gained friendships through them. They have always been very encouraging. The advice they gave and the experiences they shared always made me feel better, especially if I was struggling with a certain part of the show. They taught me that you have to keep going and don't quit. You can't stop when you fall, but you got to get up and keep going," she said.

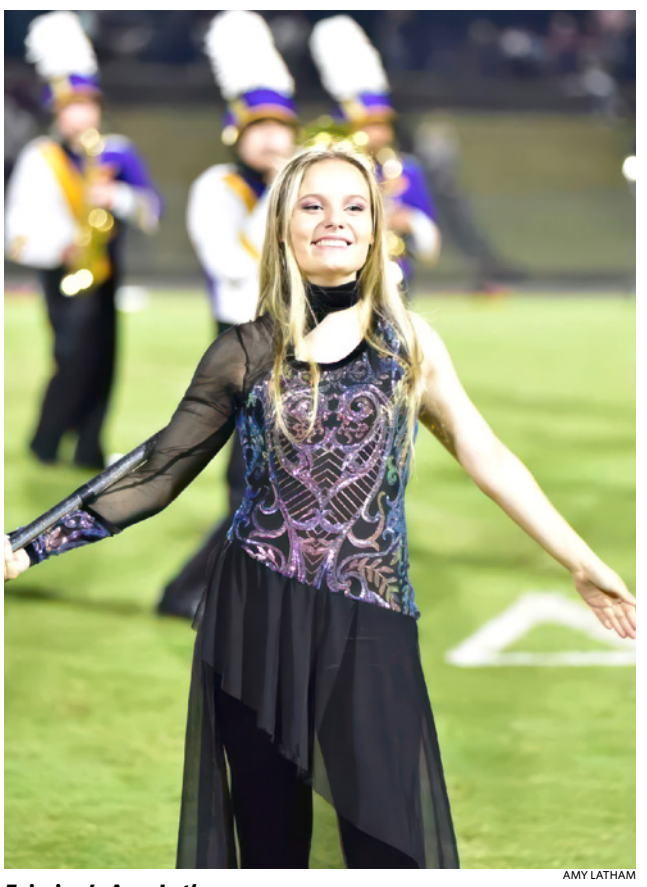
"They're like family to me. I'm very honored to graduate with them. They are all great leaders in the band and many of the new band members coming up look up to them. I have learned so much from them, like tempo, timing, and counts. Any questions that I have had, they have been very helpful throughout the years."

This upcoming band season will be a very emotional one for Latham and she talked about the goals for this upcoming band season.

"Knowing that this is my last year is very hard on me. I have grown up in the band, and it's sad to think that I will be leaving. It's exciting knowing I'll move on to the next chapter of my life, but I know the color guard will be in good hands when I leave," she said. "The goals for this year are to get the best overall in color guard this year and to get a solo in this year's show."

Latham has continued to improve on her performance throughout her time in the band so far and will continue to work on some things as she gets prepared for this upcoming band season. She also talked about what will make this band special to watch, her role model growing up, and the best advice that someone ever gave her.

"I feel like each year, I have gained new skills, whether it's leadership or technical. I feel like I'm still learning, but I want to encourage the girls, so that they feel that I led them on the right path and that we are a team. I will continue to work on the improvement and refinement of the show," she said. "I think the theatrics of this year's show will be eye-catching this year and the band has something very special planned for this season."


AMY LATHAM
Fairview's Amy Latham

She added, "I've had so many great people in my life that has helped me, but the one person that pops into my mind is Jessica Jane Peterson. She is a magician and fire breather. She's always been someone I've looked up to. The best advice I've ever received was to follow my dreams. That advice has led me to my passion for entertainment and my dreams to go professional one day."

PREP CHEER

'We are more like sisters now': Hanceville's Josie Radcliff ready for cheer season

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville junior varsity cheerleader Josie Radcliff has had a great experience during her time on the varsity Bulldogs cheer squad so far and feels blessed that she gets to cheer alongside some great teammates.

"I've had a great experience each year. Our team has always been small, but we are always very close and very supportive of each other. We are continuously working hard to get better each year. All of these girls are wonderful people that I am proud to get to cheer with. I feel like we have become more than just teammates; we are more like sisters now. We always boost each other up and motivate one another to do our best," Radcliff said. "I have learned that working as a team is very important and it takes every person doing their part to make a successful team. I have also learned to have patience and understanding, and to not let the tough days get you down."

Radcliff loves cheering for some amazing coaches and has learned so much from them. She has seen her performance improve a pretty good bit over the past couple of seasons.

"I love my coaches so much. I am so glad I have them as my role models. They have taught us to work hard, be determined, and to always support each other," Radcliff said.

"I think I've improved a good bit over the past couple of years. Despite having a setback this past year because of a back injury, I'm getting better. My tumbling and jumps are improving, as well as my overall technique. I would like to give a big thanks to CGCA's Ashley Wilbanks and Kristy Patterson for always pushing us to give our all in everything we do."

Radcliff talked about what they worked on during the summer and the goals for this upcoming season.

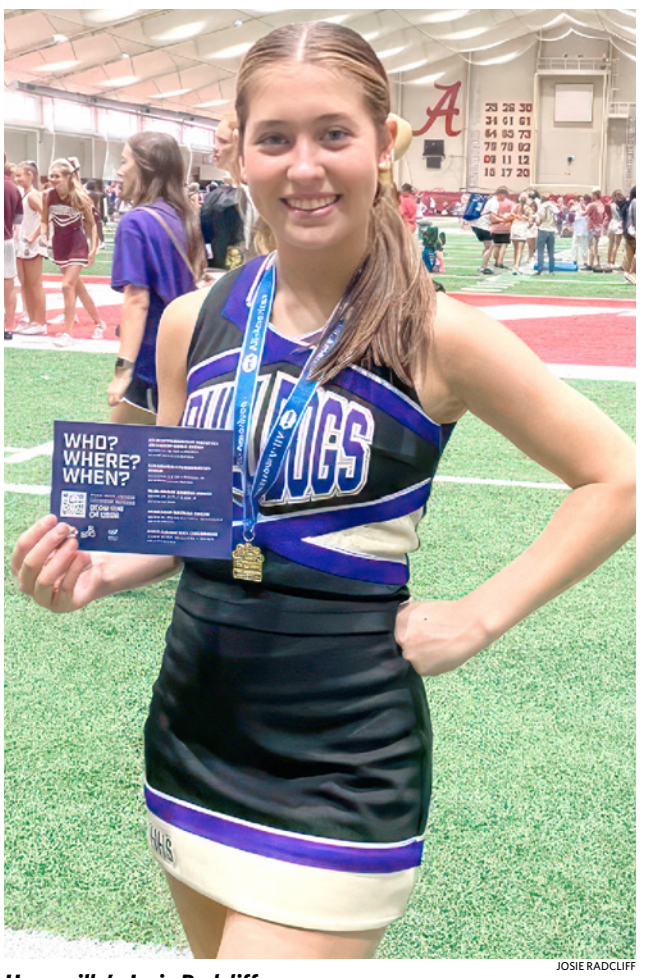
"We have spent time getting ready for the upcoming football season and also getting prepared for cheer camp at the University of Alabama that we just got back from," she said. "Some individual goals is to always be a good role model for the younger girls, and I would also like to get my back tuck. Some team goals we have are to get to state again, do well there, and qualify for Nationals."

The cheer team had an amazing performance and experience during their time at the University of Alabama and Radcliff feels that will help them out even more going into this upcoming season. She thinks that it will be a very special season for the Lady Bulldogs.

"We did very good there. We got first in Game Day, Camp Dance, and in Crowd Leading. We received multiple spirit sticks and all gold and blue ribbons. Myself and six other girls received All-American awards and two others got the Pin It Forward award. Overall, it was a great bonding experience and a successful camp. We learned a lot of new material and stunts that we will be using for the upcoming season. Learning all of this will help us at games and we can use some in our competition routines as well," she said. "We are a very small team, but I think that's definitely part of what makes us special. Since we are so small, each one of us has to give 100% all of the time and be willing to do whatever the team needs. We may be small, but we utilize each person and give our all in every performance."

Radcliff looks up to an Auburn cheerleader and a quote that has stuck with her came from Taylor Swift.

"I have enjoyed watching the Auburn cheerleaders, specifically Kacie Griffin, because she is a phenomenal cheerleader and exemplifies everything that a great cheerleader should be," she said. "There is a quote by Taylor Swift that I love: 'Giving up doesn't always mean you're weak; sometimes you're just strong enough to let go.'"



JOSIE RADCLIFF
Hanceville's Josie Radcliff

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison sweeps tri-match against Meek, Cold Springs

Todd Walker
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ARLEY, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs traveled about ten miles south to participate in a volleyball tri-meet hosted by the number 5 team in 1A Meek Lady Tigers and the Cold Springs Lady Eagles. It just so happens that Addison is the number 1 team in 1A and is off to a blistering start to their season. Their only loss came at the hands of #10 in 6A Hartselle. Addison dominated the match as they swept Cold Springs 25-6 and 25-8. Addison then won the meet as they swept Meek 25-13, 25-15 and 25-12. Meek opened the tournament by defeating Cold Springs 25-16, 25-20.

Addison's game with Cold Springs started out with Addison leading 4-2 when Katie Barrett, who by the way turns 17 tomorrow (Happy Birthday Katie), started her serve and connected on 6 consecutive points to pull Addison out front 10-2. The Lady Eagles, who are much improved from last year, settled down and went back and forth with the Lady Dawgs making the score 12-6. Dacey "LU LU" Baker took the serve and showed that she not only can crush the ball at the net but that she is an excellent server.

Baker finished the set off by reeling in 13 straight points to propel Addison to a 25-6 win. Barrett had several aces on her serve and Baker had numerous kills at the net. Hadley Butler had a gaggle of assists and Bailee Ory had several digs.

The second set started out with Lauryn Cunningham getting the Lady Bulldogs off to a wonderful start. Miss Cunningham got Addison a 6-0 start and they never looked back. Addison led 9-3 when Baker blistered a ball that looked like it dented the hardwood floor.

The game Lady Eagles cut the lead to 13-5 and that is when Bailee Ory showed that she not only could play excellent defense but serve the ball as well. Ory served for seven consecutive points to put the game out of reach, 20-5. The Lady Eagles refused to quit and went down fighting. Addison finished out the game with a 25-8 victory.

Addison starts two eighth graders and that says a lot about the two young ladies who can start that young on a perennial championship team.

Young ones Ava Bartlett and Annabeth Powell both look to have bright futures with the Lady Bulldogs and were solid contributors in these matches.

The game with Meek was what everyone was waiting on as two of the best teams, #1 against #5, in 1A and heated county rivals were about to square off.

The first game had Meek jumping out to a 2-0 lead and was the first time that the Lady Bulldogs had trailed this evening.

Cunningham served for five consecutive points to give Addison the 5-2 lead. The Lady Tigers would come back and take the next two to cut the lead to 5-4. Barrett served for five points to extend the lead to 10-4 and it continued Addison's momentum as Meek took the next point but then Annabeth Powell served for the next three.

Addison led 14-5 and it looked like Meek was done. Meek then composed themselves and went on a run themselves. Hitting several well-placed shots, Meek went on a 5 to 2 run to cut the lead to 16-10.

Ory then refocused the Dawgs and served for 7 consecutive points to put them up 23-10. The game ended up 25-13 as Addison was just too much for the Lady Tigers in the first set.

The second set had Meek again jumping out to a 3-1 lead. The Lady Bulldogs then took 6 out of 7 points as Powell and Barrett led the team with several kills and blocks.

After a single Lady Tiger point, Baker then went off for 8 straight points to take a 14-4 lead. Meek fought back winning 6 of the next 7 to cut the Lady Dawg lead to 15-10. Meek continued hitting several key shots and actually cut the lead to 19-15. Barrett then took control of the game to end it as she led the Dawgs to the final 6 points of the match to give the Lady Bulldogs the 25-15 win. Butler continued her assist assault and Baker and Barrett continued to murder the ball.

The final set again with Meek grabbing the early lead 3-1. Miss Barrett led the Dawgs back with four straight points and a 5-3 lead. Meek went on a mini run and tied the game up at 6. Baker and Ory made several tough shots to allow Addison to retake the lead, 10-6.

Again, Meek didn't back down as they fought back to within 12-9. After a quick timeout by Addison, they came out refocused and on fire. Cunningham and Barrett led a solid effort to expand the lead to 19-10.

Meek nabbed two points to chop the lead to 19-12. Baker ended the game with her serve as they scored the final 6 points to put the very solid Meek Lady Tigers away 25-12.

Addison's Head Coach Kaydi Woodard spoke after the match, "Very happy with the way we played. Had a few lapses in concentration but we are well on our way to becoming the type of team we want to be. This is a very young team, but I have great senior leadership. Meek is a quality opponent and Cold Springs is vastly improved from last year. So, to get away with two solid wins here will only help us to get better."

Addison moves to 10-1 (1-0 area).

Official stats for the two matches

- Digs; Baker 14, Ory 11, Cunningham 9 and Butler 6
- Assists; Butler 36, Powell 4
- Blocks; Bartlett and Butler 3, Mattie Johnson 2, Barrett 1
- Kills; Baker 19, Barrett 10, Bartlett 9, Butler and Cunningham 7, Powell 2, Johnson 1
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– COLUMN –

Celebrating in the Wundergarten: Cultivate Cullman Agriplex

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

"WUNDERGARTEN," the folktale, is set on an 1870s-era strawberry farm in Cullman County, Alabama. Today, the area's most passionate advocate for farm heritage is the North Alabama Agriplex. The Cullman-grown nonprofit CULTIVATES CULLMAN by honoring the agricultural glory of the past while planting seeds for future greatness.

14 REASONS THE AGRIPLEX's HARVEST TO HOME DINNER IS THE PLACE TO BE ON SEPT. 14:

1. HEAPIN' HELPIN's of DELCIOUS, IMAGINATIVE, LOCAL FOOD Look around the room at the other diners enjoying this hugely popular event - these are people who LOVE GOOD FOOD. I prioritize attending the annual North Alabama Agriplex Harvest to Home fundraising dinner every year. It's a great cause, but it's also a lip-smacking dining experience for any food-loving locavore. I see the ear-to-ear, happy smiles of many others who enjoy Cullman area restaurants, and who also travel for great food adventures as I do.

Chef Aaron Nichols, head of the Wallace State Community College Culinary program, is one of the finest and most creative cooking talents in Alabama. He is a Frank Stitt/Julia Child/celebrity chef caliber cook, and we have this kitchen magician here because he loves the harvested bounty of Cullman County farmers. Each year, Aaron relishes composing the menu for the Harvest to Home dinner and the top-tier, white tablecloth experience it provides his enthusiastic students. Thank you, Chef Aaron and the Wallace State Culinary Pride team.

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3. CABARET STORYTELLING REVUE by Paige Harbison Clabo, Cullman-grown entertainer with years of musical headlining experience at Dollywood; the singer/actress with her local voice students will share favorite songs of country music legend, Dolly Parton. (Dear Person Seated Next to Me: If this Alabama songbird sings "I Will Always Love You," I'd like to go ahead and say, "Thankee for the hanky.") Your Mistress of Ceremonies (she okayed the title) is lovely, local "live wire," Christina Chambers.

4. SHOPPERS PARADISE The silent auction has a bustling bazaar buzz with hand-crafted items, homemade baked goods, quilts, superb merch, original art, and desirable adventures to bid on.

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Tickets are $40 per individual; tables of eight are available for $400. Tickets are on sale now at www.agriplex.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the Agriplex.

SEE YOU AT HARVEST TO HOME ON SEPT. 14—AUF WIEDERSEHEN Y'ALL!

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St. Bernard's Burrows named to UA Early College summer 2023 Director's List

Stephanie Pettis
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 385 students enrolled in UA Early College during summer semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the Director's List with an academic record of 3.6 or higher.

The Director's List recognizes students enrolled in classes through the UA Early College program. UA Early College allows high school students to get a head start on their college courses. High school sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled in UA Early College can choose from more than 80 different online and on-campus courses and earn up to 30 hours of college credit.

The summer 2023 Director's List includes the following local students:

• Bradley Burrows of Arab, who attends St. Bernard Preparatory School

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9 area students earn degrees from University of Alabama

President's, Dean's Lists announced

Stephanie Pettis
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Some 1,257 degrees were awarded during The University of Alabama's summer 2023 commencement at Coleman Coliseum in August.

Area students who graduated include:

• Michael Chandler of Vinemont received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration

• Natalie Conlon of Crane Hill received a Master of Arts

• Camryn Crider of Bremen received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration

• Kelsey Crow of Falkville received a Bachelor of Science

• James Garner of Falkville received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

• Preston Lawrence of Cullman received a Bachelor of Science

• Megan Meadows of Cullman received a Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences

• Coree Wells of Cullman received a Bachelor of Science

• Samuel Wood of Cullman received a Bachelor of Arts

A recent economic analysis found that a degree from The University of Alabama can pay more over time than investments in U.S. stock market indexes. The University provides numerous opportunities for service and growth through its educational, social and cultural experiences.

Dean's, President's Lists for summer 2023 term

A total of 414 students enrolled during the summer semester were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above, or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all As). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools. The UA Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The summer 2023 lists included the following area students:

• Preston Lawrence of Cullman was named to the President's List

• Kelsey Crow of Falkville was named to the Dean's List

• Mathis Garrett of Holly Pond was named to the Dean's List

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

ACES: What's the buzz about honey?

Katie Nichols
ACES


ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The arrival of fall generally signifies the end of honey harvest for most beekeepers in the United States. Always a popular sweetener, honey has made a comeback as consumers shift their preference toward local products. September is National Honey Month, which makes it a great time to think about the contributions of pollinators near and far, as well as the apiculturists who care for them.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System recognizes the value of the work that pollinators do in the state — in the backyard, on the farm and all of the places in between.

Members of the Alabama Extension beekeeping team, Allyson Shabel and Jack Rowe, work together to provide resources, training and community for beekeepers in Alabama.

Local honey

Rowe, an Alabama Extension regional agent, said honey can be used in cooking, for medicinal purposes, as a preservative and a sweetener.

"Honey is good for cooking, preserving foods and even just for sweetening," Rowe said. "It is the sweetener of the whole past ages of humanity."

He said one of the best ways to support communities and local people is by purchasing locally grown and produced products. Local honey is available at most farm stands or farmers markets.

"Local honey is one of those joys in our culinary lives," Rowe said. "It is fragrant, tasty, supports local people and keeps the ideals of local life and food alive."

Rowe said while honey is a favorite of many, there is a common misconception about its health benefits. Many believe that honey from local hives prevents seasonal allergies. However, this is not supported by scientific evidence.

"The plants the bees feed from are not the ones releasing airborne pollen," Rowe said. "Also, honey never contacts any of our nasal membranes."

Beekeeping benefits

Shabel, an Alabama Extension urban regional agent, said beekeeping is a great hobby to help you connect to the environment around you.

Beekeepers also play a key role in protecting and caring for local pollinators. Bees pollinate local crops for farmers, while also producing honey for communities.

"Protecting pollinator populations in your local environment is important," Shabel said.

"Many flowering plants in your landscape rely on pollinators to produce the next generation of seeds."

Beekeeping also provides an opportunity to stay active. From lifting heavy boxes to wearing protective suits in hot weather, beekeeping requires physical endurance and disciplined time management to make sure the colony survives.

"Beekeeping can be physically demanding but very rewarding," Shabel said. "It is a very physical hobby that requires strength and stamina."

More information

Rowe and Shabel share current events and information through their monthly beekeeping newsletter as well as through their At Home Beekeeping Series, which can be joined remotely via Facebook or Zoom on the last Tuesday of each month.

Learn more about protecting pollinators in the Pollinators section of www.aces.edu.



THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Local potters gearing up for Empty Bowls; volunteers needed

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Local potters create hand-crafted bowls; left to right are Sandra Heaven, Lynn Jetton, Gil Bachmann, Mae Dawsey, Lucy Williamson and Marie Rhodes.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Local potters are gearing up for Empty Bowls, which will take place Feb. 19, 2024, and they need your help! The chili dinner is hosted each year at First United Methodist Church of Cullman and raises funds for Cullman Caring for Kids. With a lofty goal of 1,500 ceramic bowls to be made in time for the event, the pressure is on!

Whether you're a seasoned thrower or just learning to hand build, your efforts are needed to make this event memorable for all who attend.

Potters of all ages and experience levels will meet Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at Meek High School starting at 9 a.m. to craft the bowls needed for the event. Snacks and water will be provided for those who attend.

Said Marie Rhodes of Mud Toad Pottery, a mainstay potter of Empty Bowls, "Mud Toad Pottery is very excited to be a part of this, and is thrilled to have this opportunity to help my community year after year!"

Empty Bowls will be Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at First United Methodist Church.

Ticket prices will be determined closer to the event, and attendees will be able to bring home their hand-crafted bowls as souvenirs, while supplies last.

Projects (from Front)

an exciting endeavor for us," Kallhoff said.

"It encompasses several crucial elements, each designed to improve our students' educational experiences and support their future success."

Cullman Intermediate School

One of the major projects in Phase Two is the development of the new Cullman Intermediate School (CIS) at the current West Elementary School location.

There will be up to 14 classrooms per grade level and a new multipurpose building that will also serve as a storm shelter (facing U.S. Highway 278).

There will be a new two-story wing and up to 18 typical and specialty classrooms plus administrative space.

"We're focused on ensuring that our youngest learners have the best possible start.

"Our 3- and 4-year-old programs will now be housed at East Elementary School, where we'll invest in creating suitable environments for these students. Our goal is to double our enrollment for these programs," Kallhoff stated.

East Elementary School will serve as the primary location for preschool and primary education, with CIS serving grades three through five, followed by CMS for grades six through eight, and CHS for grades nine through 12.

High School Career-Tech and STEM Wing

One of the most exciting components of Phase Two is the CHS Career-Tech and STEM Wing. This innovative facility will house a range of career and technical education programs, including cybersecurity, engineering, computer science, health science and marketing.

The new wing includes 11 classrooms and two spacious labs for hands-on learning, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the workforce and higher education opportunities.

Soccer complex and sports facilities

Finally, Phase Two also includes improvements to the high school's sports facilities. The district will install turf on the soccer field, making it more versatile and resilient.

Additionally, there will be four new turf practice diamonds for baseball and softball, providing students with state-of-the-art training facilities.

Petition (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — While the Cullman County Commission has not taken an official stance on the issue, Chairman Jeff Clemons, and all four county commissioners - Garry Marchman, Kerry Watson, Kelly Duke and Corey Freeman - this week signed the Clean Up Alabama petition calling for the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) to withdraw from the American Library Association (ALA).

Clean Up Alabama's website shows the phrases: "Remove inappropriate material," "Ensure only age-appropriate material is accessible to minors," "Withdraw from The American Library Association," and "End our association, participation, and use of the far left marxist organization that is the American Library Association."

All of the commissioners expressed concerns about "age-appropriate materials in libraries and the role of parents in guiding their children's reading choices."

Shirley Arnette, a former councilwoman for the Town of South Vinemont, brought the petition to the commissioner's attention and asked for their support.

"Parents who take their children to the library, they need to know that there are books that they need to look at before their child reads it," she said. "There may be something that the parents would not like for them to see or they're not ready to discuss."

Said Clemons, "I think the main thing is just making sure that any explicit material isn't in a place that children can easily access it, so parents have the opportunity to make choices."

Clemons noted that the removal of libraries from the ALA seemed to be a significant point of concern, with some believing the association has become "more activist than advocate."

"While the library receives federal funding and mandates certain categories of books that you have to carry, I also feel like it should be the parent's choice whether their children are subjected to certain materials and beliefs until that child's of an appropriate age to make their own life choice," Freeman said.

"I believe parents have the right to know what books are available in our libraries for their children in order to make sure those books are age appropriate for them and to make sure that all the books in our libraries are placed in their proper, age-appropriate area," said Watson.

Duke's comments echoed the sentiments of his fellow commissioners'. "We're not trying to censor books or anything like that," he said, "but we want to make sure that each parent has all the information they need to make the proper decision for their children."

Marchman said, "They're trying to politicize what we're doing at the library a little bit, and that's the wrong thing. That shouldn't be politicized. I don't believe we should have a single book in that library, period, that covers anything to deal with LGBT, and I know that's a strong statement. I'm not going to say it's OK and that we're censoring; you can take your censorship somewhere else. If you think we're censoring, then let's vote on it and see if we're censoring."

More on the Clean Up Alabama petition

The Clean Up Alabama petition was started by Prattville mom Hannah Rees, who said, "This movement with parents in Clean Up Alabama is about protecting our children from radical gender ideology, sexuality and highly explicit content for children. We believe that explicit materials should not be funded by tax-paying dollars."

She continued, "Censorship has to do with not allowing the availability of materials. These materials are available everywhere and anywhere you want to get them. What we're saying is tax-paying dollars should not fund sexually explicit content for kids and all inappropriate content for kids."

Rees said she and her fellow advocates are hopeful that their efforts will result in changes that they believe better align with their community's values.

The petition will be presented to the APLS in Montgomery on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

APLS

CBS 42 reported last month, "The Alabama Public Library Service Board voted earlier this month to request an opinion from Attorney General Steve Marshall's Office, asking what authority the board has to regulate content in local libraries.

"APLS Board Director Nancy Pack said the board does not have any official ties with the American Library Association nor do they receive funding from them.

"Pack said in a statement about the ongoing issue: 'Public Libraries strive for neutrality and providing equal access to reliable information with differing viewpoints. Censorship in libraries presents a complex challenge as we aim to uphold the freedom of thought and provide a diverse range of perspectives for Alabamians, while also respecting community values and sensitivities. Finding that right balance between ensuring access to information and addressing various concerns is a critical endeavor.'"

ALA

The ALA is the oldest and largest library association in the world. Its website says, "Founded on October 6, 1876 during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, the mission of ALA is 'to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.'"

According to the Associated Press, "The nonprofit American Library Association denies having a political agenda, saying it has always been nonpartisan."

The AP reported, "This summer, the state libraries in Montana, Missouri and Texas and the local library in Midland, Texas, announced they're leaving the ALA, with possibly more to come. Right-wing lawmakers in at least nine other states — Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wyoming — demand similar action."

Gov. Kay Ivey

On Sept. 1, Governor Kay Ivey sent a letter to Pack "to express concern and to seek answers about the environment our Alabama libraries are providing to families and children."

The letter said, in part, "Rather than supporting Alabama families, out-of-state library groups like the American Library Association appear to be making the situation worse. The ALA's "Library Bill of Rights" -which the Alabama Public Library Service has adopted as its own - says that a person's library use should not be abridged because of 'age.' Not to be misunderstood, the ALA's website regarding youth access to library resources clarifies that 'like adults, children and teens have the right to find the information they choose,' so libraries must not 'discriminate' based on 'age.' Even more startling, the Library Bill of Rights further provides that all people, regardless of age, "possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use' - a statement that appears to directly contravene Alabama's law giving parents access to their children's library records."

Cullman County Public Library System

Cullman County Public Library System Director Josie Harrington said she views the petition and the move to remove Alabama libraries from the ALA as problematic. She stressed the myriad benefits provided by both the Alabama Library Association and the ALA, which she said offer guidance, resources, professional support, educational opportunities and technical assistance to public libraries.

"To be removed from that is to cost your public library so many resources," she cautioned.

"The library is a place for resources, and all public libraries are largely very connected to one another, which is what allows us to help each other out and to better all of our communities."

She continued, "I think that there is a lot of misleading information out there about this petition.

"I would welcome anyone to come and read these materials themselves to really take a look at the entirety of the content and judge for themselves whether or not it's appropriate for their own children or themselves. The library is not there to guide your children individually. We are just providing a wealth of resources should they need any of them."



Op-Ed: Truck Driver Appreciation Week: Miles of gratitude for America's truckers

Tommy Neely
Contributor

Every day, millions of Americans get behind the wheel and head out on the highways to get to work. But for more than 3.5 million Americans, the highways are their workplace. They are the professional truck drivers who deliver the goods that keep our country moving.

Collectively, American truckers drive approximately 300 billion miles each year. That is the equivalent of nearly 13 million trips around the globe or more than 1,700 round trips to the sun. Every one of those miles represents a stocked store shelf, a package placed on a household doorstep, raw materials delivered to a manufacturer and equipment conveyed to a construction site.

There are countless reasons to thank professional truck drivers, and soon we will be able to officially put the spotlight on them. Beginning this week, we celebrate the 35th annual National Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

This year's theme — Miles of Gratitude — is a nod to the hundreds of billions of miles that professional truck drivers traverse to get things where they need to be on time, safely, and securely every day. The magnitude of our gratitude should match truck drivers' commitment to their jobs.

The scale and reach of the trucking industry is simply enormous. Truck drivers deliver almost 11.5 billion tons of freight each year, which is about 70% of all the freight moved in the United States. More than 80% of communities depend solely on trucks to receive their goods.

Practically every object that we touch is transported on the back of a truck at some point, and virtually every aspect of our lives is impacted by the work of the professionals who make these deliveries. Without the trucking industry, the country would come to a screeching halt.

A key player in Alabama's economy, a staggering 86% of the state's communities rely entirely on trucking to provide essential goods, enabling citizens to flourish, and a significant 81% of Alabama's manufactured goods are transported by truck, showcasing the industry's indispensable role.

With over 125,000 Alabamians employed in this sector – equivalent to 1 in every 13 jobs – it's clear that trucking is not just a business but a lifeline for the state's prosperity.

Proving the adage that not all heroes wear capes, truck drivers are among the first to answer the call for help in times of trouble.

When the global pandemic struck and the world stopped, these hardworking men and women remained behind the wheel to continue making deliveries. When disaster strikes, America turns to the trucking industry, which is the only form of transportation that is nimble enough and has the capacity and capability to quickly bring relief supplies where they are needed most.

We owe truck drivers "miles of gratitude" for the work they do and the sacrifices they make to help put food on our tables, keep our homes comfortable and support our families and jobs.

The trucking industry is the backbone of our economy, and professional drivers are the industry's heart. Their dependability and commitment to safety ensures that our quality of life remains high.

During this National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, we extend our most sincere thanks to America's professional truck drivers, who move our great country forward and deserve our praise and recognition.



CONTRIBUTED

Tommy Neely

And if you see a truck driver on National Truck Driver Appreciation Week or any week, please take the time to say, "thank you." It is a gesture that goes a long way for drivers who travel a long way for us.

Tommy Neely is president of Ross Neely Systems, Inc. of Birmingham, and chairman of the Alabama Trucking Association.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS - SURFACE TREATMENTS

Sealed bids will be received until Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for surface treatments. A Surface Treatments Pricing Sheet and Standard Terms and Conditions may be obtained at Cullman City Hall or requested via email from Wesley Moore at wmoore@cullmanal.gov.

All Bidders bidding must be licensed and must show evidence of license before submitting bids. The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Wesley M. Moore - Cullman City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Ozark Striping Company, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. HRRR-2221 (250) in Cullman County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on **August 19** and ending on **September 9.** All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 847, Ozark, AL 36361 during this period.

Ozark Striping Company, LLC

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-064

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF RICHARD ALAN BARRETT and SHARON H. BARRETT TO ADOPT T.G.C., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF T.G.C.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of T.G.C., a minor child born on September 10, 2021, to Courtney Allison Collins, was filed on the 22nd day of August, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Richard Alan Barrett and Sharon H. Barrett. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 23rd day of August, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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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 *
FRED WILBURN BUSSEY * CASE NO PC 2023-266
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Frederick Bussey,** as Personal Representative of the Estate Fred Wilburn Bussey, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

FREDERICK BUSSEY
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Fred Wilburn Bussey, deceased

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

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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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PATRICIA J. SILVEY, * CASE NO.: PC2023-281
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to STEVEN O. KNIGHT, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA J. SILVEY, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, 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.

Steven O. Knight
Personal Representative

Dunn & Associates, LLC
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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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ALMOND RAY WOODS, * CASE NO.: PC2023-259
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JEFFREY M. GRAY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ALMOND RAY WOODS, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, 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.

Jeffrey M. Gray
Personal Representative

JP Segal
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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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GLENDA STEIPP, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-238**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to GAIL MEDDERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GLENDA STEIPP deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, 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.

GAIL MEDDERS
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
2200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LAMARR GORDON MOORE, * CASE NO PC 2023-272
Deceased *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **SHIRLEY SCOTT,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **LAMARR GORDON MOORE**, deceased, on the 31st day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate

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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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GLENDA FAYE KILGO, * CASE NO.: PC2023-166
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: GREGORY DALE KILGO, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will filed by Meagan Kilgo, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Michael R. Burleson, has been scheduled for the **24th day of October, 2023, at 10:30 a.m**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest, residing or being without state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 31st day of August, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Michael R. Burleson
200 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 620-0007

Murder-suicide (from Front)

inform us of this tragic incident," Gentry said.

"Our office is devastated, and we're in shock. We're mourning deeply for both of them, and our hearts go out to the families.

"I urge everyone to join us in praying for the families and all our staff."

Gentry said White began her association with the CCSO at age 16, participating in the Youth Leadership Academy and later coaching.

"Words can't express the bond between Lexi, her family and myself," Gentry said.

"I feel as though I've lost one of my own children."

The full Facebook post from the CCSO said:

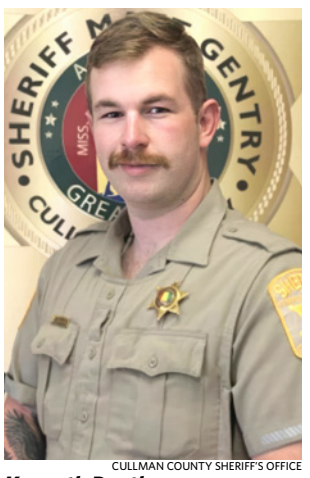
The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is deeply saddened and are mourning the loss of two of our employees. Earlier today, the CCSO was contacted by Orange Beach Police Department to inform us of the tragic incident.

An apparent argument seemingly escalated to a point where Kenneth Booth, a Cullman County Deputy, drew a weapon and killed the victim. The victim was also an employee of the Sheriff's Office and the two were involved in a dating relationship. Booth then turned the weapon on himself, taking his life.

This continues to be an ongoing investigation by Orange Beach Police Department and no further information is available at this time.

"Our family here at the Sheriff's Office is devastated. We are all in shock and saddened to our very core. Our hearts go out to the families of all those involved. I would ask that everyone join me in praying for the families, and for everyone here at the Sheriff's Office.

Lexi has been a part of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office since she was 16. She was a charter member in our Youth Leadership Academy, and was involved in every one after that – either as a participant, or coach. There are not enough words to express what she and her family mean to me. I am literally heartbroken. I feel like Lexi is one of my own kids," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Kenneth Booth

NOW HIRING TIRE TECHS

SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY

COLLEGE TIRE

315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE

256-352-2221

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 7-8

Donald Ray Brown, 65

Donald Ray Brown, age 65, of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at his residence. He was born March 18, 1958, to Thurman "Duke" Brown and Willie Francis Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thurman Dale Brown. Survivors include his wife, Vicky L. Brown; daughters, Natasha (David) Mysklinski, Brittany (James) Williams, Beth (Tommy) Smith, Porsha "abi" Brown; granddaughter, Sara Nava; grandson, Braxton Williams; granddaughter, Harley Stephens, twin granddaughters, Knoxlynn Mae-lee Brown and Taegan Ray-lynn Brown; grandson, Kason Young; and life-long friend, Bobby "Bubba" Pruett.

Neal McCay, 69

Funeral Service for Neal McCay, age 69, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church with Derrick Lowery officiating; interment in Mt. Hebron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. McCay passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born April 16, 1954, to Wallace Eugene McCay and Jean McCay. He was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Eugene McCay, and grandson, Nigel Mosley. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Gloria "Susie" McCay; daughters, Jamie (Keith) Bishop, Lauren (Drew) Williams, and Pamela McCay; grandchildren, Jessica Mosley, Noah Minor, Gavin McCay, Avery McCay, Rianna Mosley, Chloe Bishop, and Alex Williams; mother, Jean Bosarge; sister, Katy Pugh; brother, Bruce (Tammy) McCay; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Jessica Mosley, Noah Minor, Kevin Mosley, Gavin McCay, Avery McCay, and Chloe Bishop. Honorary pallbearers are Rianna Mosley and Alex Williams. The family would like to extend special love and thanks to his church family at Mt. Hebron.

Reba Jane Hartwick, 81

Funeral service for Reba Jane Hartwick, 81, of Hartselle, will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hartwick passed away peacefully at her home after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by her family Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023. She was born Feb. 2, 1942, to Raymer and Esther Wright Jeffers. She graduated Valedictorian of her 1960 class at Mandeville School in Flint, Michigan. She retired from Delphi in Saginaw, Michigan. She enjoyed playing cards, enjoyed traveling when able, working in her flower gardens and enjoyed her hummingbirds. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, William 'Bill' Allison, Al Hartwick; brothers, Charles Jeffers, Harvey Jeffers; sisters, Virginia Brock, Alice Phillips, Margaret Cummingham, Helen Higdon Hooper. Survivors include her daughter, Sheryl (Greg) Speegle; brother-in-law, Robert Allison; grandson, Charles Laatz (Kaitlynn), and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullman-funeralhome.com.

Charles Dewayne Powell, 65

Funeral service for Charles Dewayne Powell, 65, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Friendship Methodist Cemetery, Rev. Perry McCravy officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon until 2 p.m. on Monday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Powell passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, at CRMC. He was born April 23, 1958, to Charles Edward and Ruby Prater Powell. Dewayne loved tinkering with old cars. He loved going to his church, taking trips with the Seniors and he loved hunting. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Richard Klein. Survivors include a son, Chase Powell (Sarah Johnson); sisters, Patty (Rev. Perry) McCravy, Donna (Jim) Sandlin, Melissa Klein; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullman-funeralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Breakfast at Waffle House again?

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



In this modern age, the question most often asked at mealtime may be, "Where do you want to eat?" Even with all the multitude of places in Marietta, Georgia, to dine out, that is a question no one needs to ask Mrs. Eloise Tinker. If you do, and it is breakfast time, you'll get the same answer every day. Mrs. Eloise has breakfast at Waffle House. I'm not talking about when she goes out to breakfast. She goes out to breakfast every morning, and every morning she goes to the same place. Mrs. Eloise is 91 years old and for the last ten years, she has had breakfast at Waffle House. She knows what she likes! Usually, she goes to the one on Barrett Parkway, but one of her favorite waitresses moved to the one on Canton Highway, so she dines there now, but only occasionally. She drove herself each morning until about three-years ago. Her twin daughters, Donna and Debra, decided she probably didn't need to drive anymore, so now they take her. An old television show used to sing, "You want to go where everybody knows your name." Everybody at Waffle House knows her name, but when she walks in the door they all holler, "Hey Granny." They even buy her cakes and flowers on her birthday.

So, what does Mrs. Tinker eat at Waffle House? The same thing every morning. Obviously, the servers there all know her order. Her drink is often on the table before she sits down.

She orders a single scrambled egg, one slice of dry raisin toast, extra-crispy bacon, or occasionally sausage, coffee, and a glass of water.

When she orders her coffee, she does her fingers to show about an inch and says, "And add about this much hot water." Before she leaves, she orders a Diet Coke with a splash of vanilla and a coffee, to go.

She knows exactly how much her ticket is going to be and if it varies any, she gets a little rattled.

Back when she was still driving herself, she tripped over a yellow parking stop. She faceplanted on the pavement! She broke her nose, and the next morning she had two-blackened eyes.

She got up, by herself, and walked back in. Everybody rushed to aid her and someone called 911. She was rushed to the E.R. and underwent surgery to repair her broken nose.

The very next morning, guess where she had breakfast...broken nose, black eyes, eggs, and all! The female manager gave her a pair of sunglasses to hide her eyes.

During Covid, her daughters wouldn't let her go to Waffle House for fear she would catch it.

They got orders to go for her, but she said it wasn't the same as going there. She didn't have the servers and cooks that made her feel so special.

Then, of all things, her Waffle House closed for remodeling. When they finally had the grand reopening, guess who cut the large red ribbon with huge pair of scissors that belonged to her late husband.

Some 35 years ago, I had the privilege of serving as the Tinker's pastor. Both of them were the real deal and deeply committed to their church, even more so than she is to her favorite breakfast place.

While her daughters may be so tired of going Waffle House, they still go and drive their mother every day for her visit. Why do they? Love! The same reason our loved ones do the good things they do for us. The same reason God does all the things he does for us!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1937

From the files of 1937

Mr. Bill Clapp and Geraldine Mugrove surprised their friends by getting married last Thursday. They are residing with Mr. and Mrs. William Clapp, Senior.

Mrs. G.W. Thorn, of Hanceville, suffered painful burns on her leg last Wednesday.

The Bremen Community was shocked by the death of Guss Lynn, late Saturday afternoon.

Reverend B.F. McCaine baptized 22 new members on Saturday, following last week's revival meeting at Cold Springs Church.

The Sacred Harp Singing Convention will meet at Hopewell Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.

Peach seed wanted. $1.00 per bushel. Empire Nursery. Ad.

Val Wood's Pan Am Station will have a larger electric sign to shine on Cullman's Beeline Highway.

Mrs. B.M. Nash, who is now employed in the office of C. Arnold and Son Lumber Company stated today that her husband is greatly improved.

Mr. Nash has been confined, at his home, with illness for the past few months. Although hindered physically, he keeps in high spirits.

Doctor C. Stewart, local veterinarian, has returned home from Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, August 17 to 20, at which 3,000 veterinarians were registered.

Doctor Stewart was accompanied by his son, Ernest Stewart, who visited the Maytag Washing

Machine factory at Newton, Iowa. They had a delightful trip through the Central States, going and returning by different routes, along which they stopped at many points of interest.

Mr. Gus Teichmiller died of an acute heart attack on last Saturday morning, August 21. He was found dead about five feet from the barn door, by his son, Fritz. Since Mr. Teichmiller was in such good health, his death came as a terrible shock to his family and friends.

The day before his death, the deceased celebrated the 43rd anniversary of his birth. Twenty-two years ago last June he was married to Miss Gertrude King.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on August 23, at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and interment was in the City Cemetery, with Drinkard officiating.

He is survived by his widow, his father, Casper Teichmiller, six children, Arthur, Edna, Fritz, Frances, Robert and Esther, four brothers, Will, Louis, Herman and Casper, Junior and four sisters, Mrs. S.E. King, Mrs. E.J. Denson, Mrs. C.M. Gross and Mrs. H.E. Buchmann.

Last Monday, in the Blair School House community, our local deputies assisted by federal men came upon one of the county's oasis. They took charge of a thousand gallon percolator. One of the shiners was so desperate that he ran over a federal man and took to the woods. Sheriff J.E. Pierce says he will locate the distiller in the next few days.

POET'S CORNER

Before it's Too Late | By: Randy C. Hale

Just when, will I get to go
through that old box of magazines,
and enjoy all the books
I want to read?

I hope to visit friends
that life has separated our paths.
See the giant sequoias.
Savor the old wild west.

Have more time with my father,
hold his rugged hand a little farther.
Enjoy the serenity of dark, clear nights.
Taste new things, see more sights.

Enjoy more kindling fires.
Burn more candles before I expire.
Search our family tree,
watch the hummingbirds feed.

I'd like to give a loyal dog
numerous belly rubs, and
listen to an old tom cat's
soothing purrs.

Yes, I have much I want to do.
More time with the ones I love,
and you.

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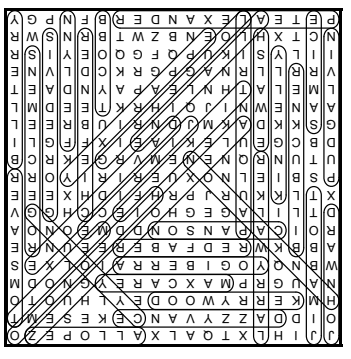
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