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Cullman library board discusses challenged books, censorship

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tensions rose at Cullman County Public Library System's board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The board heard from several community members about challenged books in the library's collection – both for and against. The books discussed were "Prince & Knight," "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Lily and Dunkin," all three of which fall into the juvenile or young adult categories.

Former Vinemont Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Shirley Arnett shared concerns about these titles and what she referred to as the "agendas" of books in the library's collection, as well as their placement in the library itself. Arnett mentioned specifically "Prince & Knight," taking great issue with the fact that the pub- » PAGE 5



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests and members of the Cullman County Public Library board are seen at the Sept. 19, 2023, board meeting.

Oktoberfest in Cullman:

Bridging Bavarian roots and Alabama traditions



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The stage was lined for the kids' stein hoisting contest Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at Oktoberfest.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As autumn leaves transition to golden hues, Cullman takes on a distinctly Bavarian atmosphere, embracing its roots in Oktoberfest, a renowned festival that originates from Munich, Germany.

The festival's history dates back to a horse race in 1810, celebrating the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Sachsen-Hildburg-hausen, according to Drew Green, director of the Cullman County Museum.

Originally a modest celebration, Oktoberfest evolved into a grand harvest festival. "By 1818, beer became a staple, drawing millions to Munich annually," Green said.

The festivities halted during wartime but returned in full form by 1949, and decades later, the spirit of Oktoberfest made its way to Cullman in 1977.

"Cullman's celebration started as a one-day event in honor of Sacred Heart Church's centennial," Green explained. "By 1982, it had expanded to a week, cementing its place in our community's calendar."

Cullman's Oktoberfest is more than just revelry as it honors John Cullmann, the city's founder from Frankweiler, Germany. In a significant move this year, the Cullmann family is slated to attend.

Although Oktoberfest traditionally began in October, it now starts in September. "The shift allowed for better weather, a nod to the festival's Munich roots," Green added.

This year, as Cullman readies for Oktoberfest, attendees can expect a melding of traditions, from Bavarian origins to Alabama adaptations.

Green noted that German culture remains deeply woven into Cullman's identity, with German once being the primary language for services at St. John's church until the 1930s. By 1932, English became dominant, but the community's German lineage persisted.

Green emphasized the festival's significance, stating, "It's a chance to honor our history and appreciate our roots," he said. "Having the Cullmann family back after years highlights its importance to us."

Oktoberfest also serves an educational role, said Green, as many might be surprised that Princess Therese of Bavaria was once engaged to France's Napo- » PAGE 3

Wahl, APLS vote to create list of 'inappropriate' library books



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Commission approves FY 2024 budget



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The Cullman County Commission met Tuesday, Sept. 19. » PAGE 4

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Shelly



DONNA RUTTKAY

Shelly poses for her headshot. » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 20, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 18

- criminal trespass-1st degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Village Apartments; Ward Ave. SW; damaged window; $300
- assault-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE
- harassment; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $122
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 3rd Ave. SE

Sept. 19

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $25
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Greenbrier Dr. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 18 – 19

Gibson, Jaden D.; 18
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Drozda, John W.; 36
- murder

Shaw, Stephanie A.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Floyd, Justin T.; 33
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Penn, Crystal W.; 41
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- switched tag

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 43
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Linley, John N.; 27
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

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

SEPT. 15

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Good Hope area. Samantha Brooke Gilley, 25, of Cullman, was identified as the driver.

A search of the vehicle allegedly yielded methamphetamine.

Gilley was placed under arrest and charged with distribution of methamphetamine.

Deputies arrested Rachel Lynn Lay, 32, of Blountsville, on multiple outstanding failure to appear warrants, including one count of Illegal possession of prescription drugs, two counts of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, one count of unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, three counts of public intoxication, 11 counts of trespassing, three counts of disorderly conduct, two counts of domestic violence-assault, one count of assault, one count of shoplifting, one count of giving false name to law enforcement and three traffic violations.

SEPT. 16

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Dodge City area. Michael Dean Swann, 58, of Cullman, was identified as the driver.

Deputies determined that Swann had an active warrant with the Cullman Police Department, and he was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center.

Once he was booked in, deputies allegedly discovered narcotics on Swann's person.

Swann was charged with receiving stolen property (failure to appear), unlawful possession of methamphetamine and promoting prison contraband.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Samantha Brooke Gilley



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Rachel Lynn Lay



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Michael Dean Swann



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Adam Kerry Lambert

SEPT. 17

Deputies responded to a residence in the Hanceville area in search of Adam Kerry Lambert, 43, of Cullman.

Lambert had been in possession of a vehicle belonging to the victim, and had refused to return it.

Lambert and the vehicle were located at the residence.

The vehicle was returned to the victim, and Lambert was placed under arrest.

He was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Wahl (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) Board of Diretors on Wednesday approved a resolution creating a list of books with content "people might find inappropriate for teenagers and children."

Alabama Republican Party Chair John Wahl, who sits on the board, made the motion to create the list.

He said there were parents in attendance who read excerpts from books they found in the children's sections in Alabama public libraries.

"Listening to those parents and hearing some of the excerpts out of some of these books really concerned me. I knew there was concerning content, but it really was horrific. And I realized immediately that there is a simple truth here, and that children do deserve to be protected from inappropriate material. We do it with movie ratings, we do it with video games. And libraries should have protections for children in the young adult children sections," Wahl said.

"I made a motion to have APLS create an inappropriate book list that parents could submit books that they felt would contain inappropriate material, and then APLS could consolidate that list and share that with local libraries.

"So they would have a resource and a guide for books that could contain explicit textual content in those materials. That motion passed unanimously," Wahl confirmed.

The motion would have the APLS develop a list of books that may be unsuitable for display, create a framework where parents could submit such material and then share the findings with local libraries across the state.

Wahl wanted to make it clear that he is not interested in banning books. "We're not talking about banning any books. We're not talking about censorship. I'm a strong supporter of the First Amendment and for everyone's right to speech, and I don't want to see any book banned.

"But we're not talking about banning anything. What we're talking about is, should taxpayer money be used to fund the placement of inappropriate materials in children's relationships? And I believe the answer to that is a clear no," he explained.

In response to claims that the motion targeted specific groups, such as the LGBTQ community, Wahl stated that parents of all backgrounds and affiliations were concerned about explicit sexual content and that this was a broader issue, not limited to any particular community.

He clarified that the goal was not to ban books but to ensure taxpayer funds are not used to support the placement of "inappropriate" materials in children's sections. He underscored his support for the First Amendment and the right to free speech while claiming the issue is fundamentally about responsible allocation of public resources.

"Libraries should be a safe place for our kids, and it should be a place where parents don't have to worry about what an innocent minor might run across such an explicit material," Wahl stated.

Wahl expressed strong concerns about the leadership of the American Library Association (ALA), particularly the current head, whom he referred to as "an open Marxist."

"I'm deeply concerned about the leadership of the American Library Association. Marxism is diametrically opposed to the American values that I stand for," Wahl stated.

In regards to whether or not the APLS board will be voting to withdraw from the American Library Association, Wahl said it is still waiting on an opinion from Attorney General Steve Marshall's office.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.
• Friday, Sept. 22 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Sept. 23 - Pam Dodd is speaking at Houston Church of God in Houston, AL at 6:45 pm. Food will be at 5 along with prayer at 5:15, 6:05 and 6:40!
• Sunday, Sept. 24 - 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. 24 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Sept. 24 - Healing Service at 5 p.m.

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.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. The program will be The History of Cullman County Schools. All educator retirees and friends are invited.

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.

Superhero Fire Annual Suicide Awareness Event
Saturday, Sept. 30, from 4-6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. FREE admission - FREE food. Sign language interpreter. MC/DJ Daryl Nethery, Kozmic Sound. Guest speaker: Cullman County Sheriff's Office Investigator Jeff Lawson. Vendors and LifeSouth Blood Mobile on-site.

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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Oct 3, 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW (across from post office). Eat in or take out. Everyone is welcome!

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 onsite, 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!

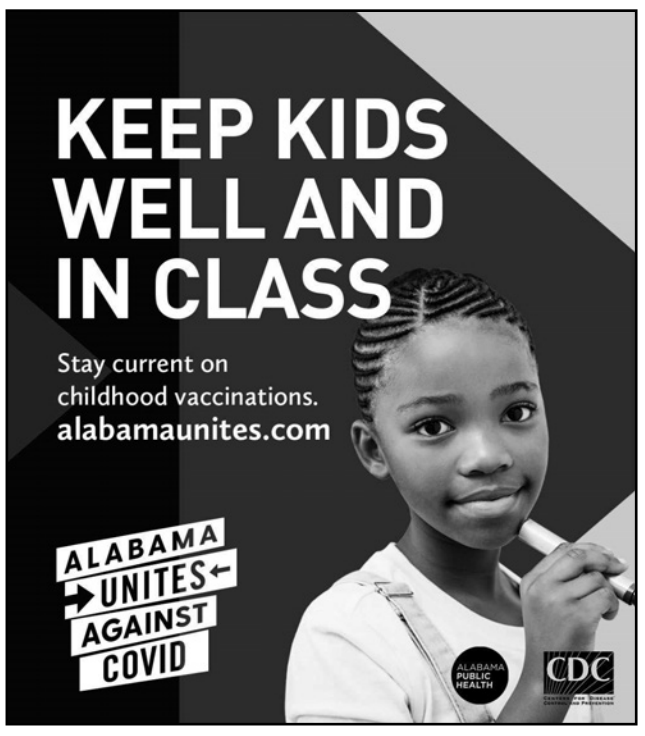
Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish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

Arley's Largest Yard Sale
Saturday, Oct.7, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Smith Lake Flea Market and Vintage Mall located on Highway 41 in Arley.

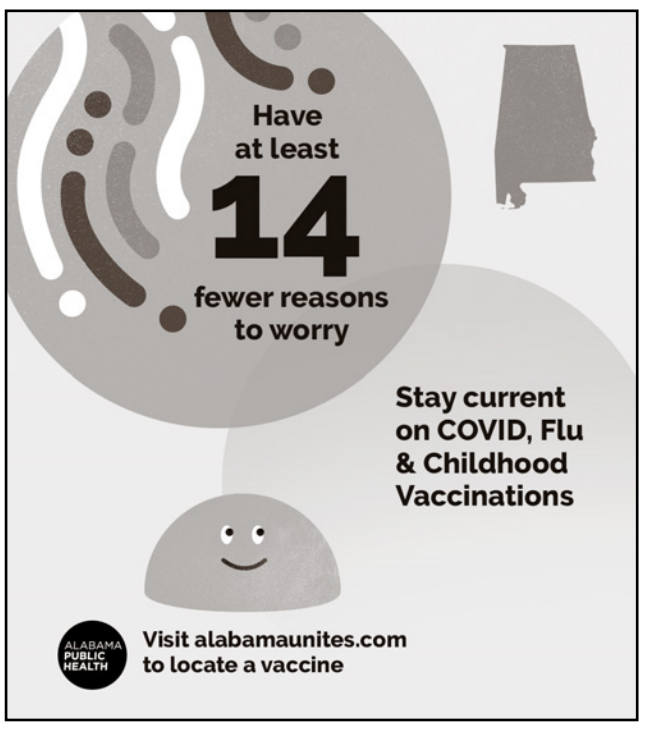
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon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

7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert Benefiting the Good Samaritan Health Clinic
Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Doors open at 6. A night of fun and great music with the Daystar Church Praise Team, and featuring the award-winning Triumphant Quartet. Tickets are $28 if bought in person at Yates-Chance Christian Bookstore, Borden Family Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Health Clinic or at the door. $28 if purchased online at www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

'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.









Oktoberfest (from Front)

leon.

Munich's Oktoberfest has only been canceled 24 times, often due to wars or epidemics.

Green said such resilience reflects Cullman's spirit.

Attendees this year can anticipate a rich cultural experience, from arts and crafts to stories from the past.

Green stated Cullman's Oktoberfest is a celebration of heritage and community. As preparations continue, each element — from food to music — will embody a piece of history that's shaped Cullman into the vibrant community it remains today.

Cullman's Oktoberfest officially runs Sept. 28-30, but Oktoberfest events begin Sept. 21.

For a full schedule, visit www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com/oktoberfestschedule.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

West Point splits tri-match with Cold Springs, Lawrence County

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WEST POINT, Ala. -- The West Point Lady Warriors hosted Lawrence County and Cold Springs in a tri-match on Tuesday afternoon. West Point lost 3-1 to Lawrence County and Cold Springs was swept by the Lady Red Devils. The Lady Warriors finished the night by sweeping the Lady Eagles.

Lawrence County 3 - West Point 1

Lawrence County jumped out to a quick 6-1 lead in the first set, but West Point later cut it to 8-4. The Lady Red Devils pushed their lead to 12-4, but behind a point by Patton Fell, an ace from Laklin Shadix, and a kill by Fell, the Lady Warriors trimmed the deficit to just four at 12-8. Lawrence County increased their lead to 16-10, but a kill by Liberty Shadix made it a 16-12 game. West Point later made it a 20-14 game on a point by Hallie Wheeler, but they wouldn't get any closer after that as Lawrence County ended up taking the first set, 25-17.

The second set was your classic back-and-forth battle between two very determined teams that had a lot of lead changes and more than a handful of ties. A kill by Laklin Shadix gave the Lady Warriors a 9-8 lead, but Lawrence County came back to take an 11-9 lead.

They later held a 16-13 advantage, but another kill by Laklin Shadix tied the game up at 16. The Lady Red Devils broke the tie and held a 19-17 lead, but kills by Laklin Shadix, Fell, and Wheeler gave West Point a 20-19 lead. The Lady Warriors took a 24-22 lead on a kill by Liberty Shadix and an ace from Caitlee Simmons, but Lawrence County came back to tie things up at 25. West Point held a slim 27-26 lead on a point by Laklin Shadix, but Lawrence County collected the final three points of the game to take the second set, 29-27.

The Lady Red Devils jumped out to a 7-3 lead in the third set, but the Lady Warriors rallied to tie things up at seven on a Katie Beth Yovino kill. They later broke an 8-8 tie with three straight points: a point and kill by Laklin Shadix and a Yovino ace, and that gave them an 11-8 lead. Later on, a kill from Yovino gave West Point a 16-13 lead.

They would later reel off five points in a row as Wheeler picked up back-to-back aces to push the Lady Warrior lead to 21-14. The Lady Red Devils later made it a 24-18 game, but West Point collected the final point of the set to win, 25-18.

Lawrence County held a 7-3 lead in the fourth set, and later made it 9-4, but West Point got kills from Wheeler and Simmons and a point from Wheeler to cut it to 9-8. The Lady Warriors later made it a 12-10 game, but the Lady Red Devils scored the next eight points to take a 20-10 lead. West Point cut it to 21-14 on a Liberty Shadix and later on, to 22-16 on a kill by Yovino. They wouldn't get any closer after that, though, as Lawrence County would end up taking the set, 25-17, to win the series, 3-1.

Lawrence County 2 - Cold Springs 0

Lawrence County jumped out to a quick 12-1 lead in the first set against Cold Springs. The Lady Eagles later made it a 15-4 game, and later, 18-6, but the Lady Red Devils went on to take the first set, 25-8.

The Lady Red Devils scored the first three points of the second set, but Cold Springs got on the scoreboard on a point by Ciara Calvert. The Lady Eagles later made it a 7-4 game, but five straight points by Lawrence County gave them a 12-4 lead. Another point by Calvert made it a 12-5 game, but Lawrence County quickly pushed their lead to 15-6. They later made it a 20-6 game, but a pair of aces from Cheyenne Bishop cut it to 20-10. A point from Ellanora Slusser made it a 21-12 game, but the Lady Red Devils ended up getting the final four points to take the second set, 25-12.



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West Point's Liberty Shadix collects a point in the Lady Warriors' 2-0 sweep of Cold Springs.

West Point 2 - Cold Springs 0

A point by Mary Warden and an ace from Kaley Barger gave Cold Springs an early 2-1 lead, but a pair of points from Liberty Shadix and a kill from Adrianna Owens helped give West Point a 6-2 lead. The Lady Warriors went on a huge run as a pair of kills and a point by Liberty Shadix, kills from Laklin Shadix and Yovino, and a trio of aces from Charli Aris, helped them increase their lead to 14-3. A pair of kills by Laklin Shadix and a Macie Brown ace made it a 20-5 game. A point and a kill by Ciara Calvert helped the Lady Eagles cut the deficit to 12 at 22-10, but the Lady Warriors got kills from Simmons and Kylee Quinn, and an ace from Patton Fell, as they ended up taking the first set, 25-10.

Cold Springs jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead behind kills from Malaya Taylor and Kortnie Williams and an ace from Bishop, and later held a 5-3 lead. Points by Liberty and Laklin Shadix, and a pair of aces from Wheeler gave West Point an 8-5 lead. A point by Calvert made it a 9-7 game, but West Point broke the game wide open with an 11-0 run, including a point by Wheeler, and a trio of aces from Laklin Shadix, as they quickly pushed their lead to 20-7. Points by Taylor and Slusser and a kill by Ella Bruer made it a 21-13 game, but the Lady Warriors made sure they didn't get any closer after that. They collected the final four points of the game as Quinn delivered the game-winning point for West Point as they ended up sweeping the Lady Eagles, 25-10, and 25-13.

West Point will travel to Russellville to take on the Lady Golden Tigers and Wilson in a tri-match on Thursday and Cold Springs will head home to take on Falkville and Holly Pond in a tri-match as well.

Commission (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
tsmckoy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Tuesday approved the budget for the 2024 fiscal year. It reported total budgeted expenses of $31,467,929 and total budgeted revenue of $31,579,290.

The commission also approved a tax abatement for Topre in the amount of $1,042,699. According to Stanley Kennedy, project manager for the Cullman Economic Development Agency, the abatement will create $588,000-plus for the local school system over a 10-year period. Kennedy also stated that it will create 50 new jobs.

Recognitions

- Marie Livingston, retiring after 24 years of service with the commission office
- Christa Maxwell, retiring after 34 years of service with the commission office
- Mary Ellen Hartness for winning Ms. Super Senior Alabama 2020- 2021, Ms. Senior Hanceville 2020-2021, Ms. Senior Cullman County 2012, Ms. Rocket City 2009

The following agenda items were approved:

- Resolution 2023-41: Tax Abatement for Topre in the amount of $1,042,699
- Resolution 2023-39: CARTS Third Party Service Contract for FY 2024 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Resolution 2023-40: Change speed limit to 30 mph on County Road 768
- Resolution 2023-42: Authorize the issuance of General Obligation Warrants Series 2023
- Authorize Worker's Comp Renewal with County Risk Services for FY 2024 in the amount of $528,290.55
- Authorize payment for Trip Master for dispatch software annual maintenance and support for CARTS in the amount of $15,600
- Authorize Chairman Clemons and Director Stephanie Lawson to sign agreement between CARTS and Cullman County Commission on Aging
- Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services
- Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of $199,088 as the fiscal agent for Cullman County
- Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2023-2024 in the amount of $166,200 as the fiscal agent for Lauderdale County
- Authorize Chairman Clemons to sign a settlement agreement resolving a case at the Cullman Regional Airport
- Consider Approval of the FY 2024 Budget
- Consider approval of Employment Contract for the County Engineer
- Consider agreement to participate in Purchasing Association of Central Alabama and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents
- Consider renewal of Health Services Agreement for FY 2024 with Southern Health Partners for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office in the amount of $769,698.72 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
- Consider authorization for the Cullman County Commission to assure half the financial obligations for closure and post-closure of the Solid Waste Disposal of the City and County of Cullman, AL Landfill through a local government financial test allowed by ADEM Administrative Code 335-14-4-.28(5)(F)
- Consider Authorizing Administrator to sign letter providing documentation and certifications required by the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in ADEM administrative code 335-13-4-.28(S){F)
- Consider the purchase of two Butler Tilit Trailer in the amount of $37,500 to be purchased by the Water Department
- Consider Commissioner Watson's nominee, Amanda Stanton, to the E-911 Board for remainder of Keith Creel's term set to expire 9/1/2025
- Consider appointment of Vicky Fisher as a License Inspector per §40-12-l0(a)
- Consider appointment of Zeb Reid as Deputy License Inspector per §40-12-lO(i)
- Consider contract extension for Baron Radar and authorize EMA Director to sign all related paperwork
- Proposed release of CarceI & G Construction from the Surety bond for Kingfisher Subdivision Phase lC in the amount of $355,945.20. It is located in the town of Berlin at the corner of HWY 278 and County Road 1616
- Proposed acceptance of Retail Specialists Bond for Kingfisher Subdivision Phase lC in the amount of $127,195.20. It is located in Berlin at the corner of HWY 278 and County Road 1616
- Proposed release of R&D Properties LLC from the Surety bond for Pointe Sixteen subdivision. All Construction has been completed and passed final inspection. It is located in Crane Hill off County Road 204. This proposal was tabled at the previous meeting
- Award Bid# 1446: Surface Treatments to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc
- Award Bid# 1447: Cold Laid Plant Mix to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc
- Award Bid# 1448: Fog & Scrub Seal to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions

The next commission work session will be Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, at 4 p.m. in the commission meeting room. The meeting will follow at 6.



Library (from Front)

lisher donates a portion of proceeds to a nonprofit that advances LGBTQ acceptance.

"It clearly has an agenda because the back of the book states that a portion of the proceeds of the book goes to LGBT acceptance, and I don't want my tax dollars to pay for that," said Arnett.

That brought forth another discussion on the source of funding used to purchase books for the library collection.

"In some instances, if we were to follow through on censorship, then funding could even be pulled," noted Board Treasurer Lea Scott, who acted as meeting leader due to the vice chair being unable to attend.

"At this point, we do not research every publisher to see where they send their proceeds," stated Library Director Josie Harrington in reference to Arnett's concern, noting that many books in the collection are determined by member requests and nominations.

Cullman resident Lance Conn spoke plainly about the value of access to these materials at large, mentioning that his family has made great use of the library as a resource for homeschooling. He mentioned through his three-minute agenda allotment that his family has even checked out two of the three books in question, "Prince & Knight" and "Heather Has Two Mommies."

"The truth of the matter before us today is whether we accept that non-traditional families exist in Cullman County and whether we allow people in our community to treat them with contempt and disgust," said Conn.

"I for one know exactly how my extended family would react to this notion. I'm pretty sure my great-great-great-grandfather would have told people to mind their own business and to never try to tell him how to raise his own children."

Conn followed with a scripture reference and ended his time slot saying, "Scripture goes on to tell us who our neighbor is, which is everyone. Whether anyone likes it or not, the LGBTQIA+ that already live in Cullman are your neighbors."

A supporter of the library who wished to remain anonymous, in a letter that was read aloud by Harrington to those in attendance, posed the question of the future economic development of Cullman, should these bans pass.

"I dare say any new business or outside industry worth their salt will not be accepting of book bans, censorship and discrimination towards any citizens, and may not choose to locate in Cullman. The potential is there to hit the county/city in the pocketbook and stifle economic development.

"No company of excellence wants to move to a town that does not value libraries that are run by experts in the field, has a county/city leadership that only caters to certain domineering groups and not all citizens and discriminates."

The board motioned to table review of the challenged titles in question, with Board Member Rusty Turner saying a decision shouldn't be made until the titles in question could be read and reviewed by the board members personally.

The decision will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the main branch of the Cullman County Public Library.

Background: www.cullmantribune.com/2023/09/09/county-commissioners-sign-clean-up-alabama-petition-regarding-libraries

Library director position

Harrington, named director last month after the board voted errantly in executive session, has now been named interim director as motioned by the board, pending a public posting of the job position.

Harrington said that while the back and forth has been confusing, she intends to apply and welcomes others to do the same.

"I have been here as the assistant director and I am passionate about our library and community.

"If there is someone even more qualified than me to be director, that's fine, too. I enjoyed being assistant director as well, and my purpose of serving Cullman County as one of its librarians remains the same," she said.

In other board meeting business, Hanceville Public Library Secretary Cathi Bradford expressed concerns over a miscommunication about Unique Management Services, a collections-type agency that the library works with that aims to collect overdue materials.

Bradford's concerns were that the functionality of the system itself was not discussed with the Hanceville branch, leaving many patrons with collection-style letters and worried about possible credit impact. The board motioned to re-write the notice letter to include "friendlier" verbiage.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
12:00 PM Little Fair Princess registration deadline
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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Tiny and Petite Fair Princess rehearsals in the Coca Cola Theatre
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOE ALAN MEAD * CASE NO PC 2023-271
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: JODY ALAN MEAD, MELANIE KAY MEAD WATERS, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The *Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary*, filed by Daphne Mead, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Melvin Hasting, has been scheduled for the **24th day of October, 2023 at 10:00 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 13th day of September, 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 in said newspaper

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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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: *
* **CASE NUMBER:** PC2023-167
LETHA S. HEATHERLY, *
*
DECEASED. *

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of September 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

Jessica H. McMahan
JESSICA H. MCHAN

Annette Irons-Parker
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
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Probate Judge

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900261

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

Lot Four (4) as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 2005 Page 12, being the resubdivision of Lots Number 47, 48, 57 and 58 of Fromhold Addition in the City of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on the recorded plat thereof in Map Book 1, Page 87, in the probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 546 Page 722. Parcel ID: 17-06-14-3-005-001.003; PIN: 68706; Account Number: 77738,

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

JOHN KELLY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against John Kelly, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at

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the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

RALPH HUNTER OAKS,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900036.00**

TIFFANY NICOLE OAKS,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Tiffany Nicole Oaks, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Ralph Hunter Oaks' Complaint for Divorce by October 23, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900036.00 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 25th day of August, 2023.

Lisa McSwain, Dir
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MELVIN HASTING
P O BOX 517
CULLMAN, AL 35056-0517

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
J.J.N.,) CASE NO. JU 2022-518.02
A Minor Child, 09/26/2022)

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Stacy Blackwood, the Mother of J.J.N., born on or about 09/26/2022, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of October, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

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

DONE this the 24 day of August, 2023.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 30th day of August, 2023.
Clerk of Circuit Court

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
J.J.N.,) CASE NO. JU 2022-518.02
A Minor Child, 09/26/2022)

NOTICE

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

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of J.J.N., born on or about 09/26/2022 to Stacy Blackwood, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of October, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

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

DONE this the 24 day of August, 2023.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 30th day of August, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUN

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900260

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

That part of Adelsheim Subdivision lying South of Lots 12, 59, 60, 61 and 57 and North of lots 13, 62, 91, and 56 used for easement to TVA, in Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 529, Page 81. Parcel ID: 17-08-27-1-002-007.091; PIN: 201552; Account Number: 44063,

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

HARLAN BARBEE,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against Harlan Barbee, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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y Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

IN THE MATTER OF)
J.T.F.,) **CASE NUMBER: PC2023-103**
A minor child.)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

TO: EVAN JON FULLER, FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.T.F, BORN March 12, 2021 TO SAMANTHA LYNN RAY

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Duffy Striker, Petitioner. If you should contest this name change, 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, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 28th day of August, 2023.

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

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-246-9600

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* *
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* *
* CASE NO. PC 2023-232

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF TYE RAY WILLIAMS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: **Derik Williams, *and***
Any unknown heirs of Tye Ray Williams

Please take notice that a Motion For Permanent Guardianship in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by Erica Bryant, Petitioner, and that the 2nd day of November, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. has been set for a hearing on the same at the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this matter, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of said Probate Court.

DONE this the 11th day of September, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Matthew K. Carter
Attorney for Petitioner
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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 *
CLAUDE FERRELL SANDERS, * CASE NO.: PC2023-198
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JENNIFER SANDERS SCHLOSSER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CLAUDE FERRELL SANDERS, deceased, on the 11th day of September, 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.

Jennifer Sanders Schlosser
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
417 4th Ave SW, Suite 270
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-734-0026

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900262

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

That part of the S1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 9, Range 2 West, lying North of Brindley Creek. Parcel No: 10-05-22-0-001-006.012, PIN: 43915, Account No:77738,

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

JOHN KELLY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against John Kelly, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against

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them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Shelly (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Shelly, an approximately 10-month-old female Border Collie mix with a dark coal coat, is available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

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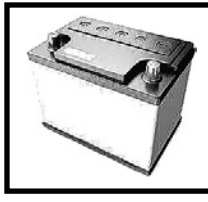
She cherishes your company and enjoys a romp in the yard, providing you are with her, and loves to study your habits.

Despite her high energy level, she is quiet and calm in her kennel.

Ready to meet Shelly? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

Her adoption fee includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullman-animalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.



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Senior spotlight: Meet Angie Carter

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet local pageant queen, senior citizen advocate and community member Angie Carter. The Cullman Tribune recently sat down for a Q&A with Carter, Ms. Senior Cullman County.

CT: Tell us about your personal life, relationships and what your day-to-day activities look like!

AC: "I have been married for 44 years to my husband Kevin. We have three children and six grandkids. I have been employed with Cullman County Commission on Aging for 10 years. I'm the manager of the Fairview Senior Center. These seniors are my family, and I love each one of them."

CT: Tell us about your pageant life and some of the things you have experienced.

AC: "I was crowned Ms. Senior Marshall County in 2022, and placed second in Ms. Senior Alabama 2022. In 2023, I was Ms. Senior Cullman County and first alternate in the Ms. Senior Alabama pageant. Kathy Paiml was crowned Ms. Senior Alabama for 2023. I'm going to compete one more time in June of 2024. The pageant will be held in Daphne, AL. To me, it is more than a pageant; it's ladies helping ladies better themselves. It is a sisterhood like NO other."

CT: What are things you enjoy doing in your spare time when not working or pageanting?

AC: "I enjoy spending time with my grandkids, and I love to decorate my home. I love being a senior center manager and spending time with them. Truly – I love everything that I do. I appreciate everyone who has supported me on this journey."

CT: Why do you feel like it's important to pour into local senior citizens?

AC: "Some of the people don't have anyone but us. We deliver homebound meals to the ones who can't drive and are not physically able to attend. It makes my heart smile when my senior friends enjoy coming each day. Volunteers are always needed at all the centers in Cullman County. Route drivers are the most needed to deliver to our homebound clients."

Carter said if anyone is interested in being in the 2024 Ms. Senior Alabama pageant (ages 60-69) or the Ms. Super Senior Alabama pageant (70 years and older), contact Director Kim Crawford at 205-381-6767.

"This is a nonprofit organization and one of the best I have been involved in," she said.

Applications open online on Jan. 1, 2024 and can be submitted at www.msseniorsalabama.com.



CONTRIBUTED
Angie Carter

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 19-20

Lt. Col. Julian Richard Campbell, 103
Funeral service for Lt. Col. Julian Richard Campbell, age 103, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at Seventh Street Baptist Church with Rev. Eric Martin officiating; burial at Meek Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Lt. Col. Julian R. Campbell passed away on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at Oaks on Parkwood Nursing Facility. He was born Feb. 15, 1920, in Trade, Alabama, to George Franklin Campbell and Martha RoAnn Campbell. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie Hamner Campbell; and ten brothers and sisters. Survivors include his daughters, Teresa Lynn Campbell, Martha Ann Campbell, Jean Marie Campbell (Richard Kirby), and Robin Juliene Campbell (Steve) Wilhelm; grandchildren, Melissa Jean Carden (Kyle Miracle), Rachel Olivia Carpentier (Brett Kostrzewski), Caroline Rue Carden (Felix Bouchet), Steven "Camp" Campbell Wilhelm, and Ryan Lee Wilhelm; great grandchildren, Lily Tallulah Carden- Bouchet and Adelaide Marie Kostrzewski; sister, Doris Campbell Fuller and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Bobbie Mahan Shedd, 66, of Cullman
Ms. Bobbie Mahan Shedd, age 66, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023. Bobbie was born in Bessemer Alabama on April 30, 1957 to Robert and Mary Sue Breeding Mahan. Bobbie is preceded in death by her father, brothers: Ricky Nixon, Chuck Nixon, sister: Wanda Mahan Walsh. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Chambers and Rev. Allen Kuykendall officiating. Interment will follow services in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Bobbie is survived by: mother: Sue Gray, daughter: Christina Duncan (Jason) Cluxton, son: Joshua Lee Duncan, sister: Debra Baker (Kert) Parker, brother: Robert Jr. (Cavell) Mahan, grandchildren: Cameron (Autumn) Glasscock, Olivia Cluxton, Madeline Cluxton, Jaxon Cluxton, Mason Hayes and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Shedd family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Christopher Ian White, 44
Memorial Services are incomplete at this time for Christopher Ian White, 44, of Vinemont. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. White passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at his residence. He was born Nov. 23, 1978, to Edward Cleveland White III and Pamela Klemme White. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jana Starling Davis, 35
Jana Starling Davis, age 35, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023. Jana is survived by her daughter Lakin McBee; and her daughter Carley Davis; her sister Angel Laney, her brother Lee McBee and her brother Jamie Arwood. Jana was preceded in death by her father Rippy William Lee Mcbee and her mother Janet I Arwood McBee. A celebration of life for Jana will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, from noon until 7 p.m. at Smith Lake Park, 403 County Road 386, Cullman, AL 35057. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Davis family.

David Timothy "Tim" Richie, 62
David Timothy "Tim" Richie, 62, of Haleyville, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at Haleyville Health and Rehabilitation. He was born Sept. 23, 1960, in Clarksville, Tennessee. Visitation will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. Burial will follow the services at Antioch Cemetery in Double Springs. Tim is survived by his son, Josh (Anna) Richie; sister, Suzie (Keith Riddle) Richie; grandchildren, Will and Merritt Richie; niece, Haley (Aaron) Parker; and great-nieces, Maci and Jenna Parker. He was preceded in death by his father, Reverend Solomon Timmothy (S.T.) Richie; and mother, Dorothy Jeanette Richie.

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