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Sen. Garlan Gudger issues 1st public statement since July 4 jet ski accident

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, on Sunday, July 7, issued a public statement from UAB Hospital, where he remains under treatment following a serious Fourth of July jet ski accident that resulted in three fractured vertebrae, six fractured ribs, a punctured lung and internal bleeding.

Gudger was airlifted to UAB Hospital on Thursday, July 4, following the accident on Smith Lake in which his personal watercraft was struck from behind by another, and he underwent a brief surgical procedure upon arrival to address the internal bleeding.

The statement from Gudger, a two-term senator who represents portions of Cullman, Marion and Winston counties, read:

"If it had not been for the bystanders at the dock, the first responders who treated me at lakeside, the emergency helipad that had been installed by Trident Marina, Alabama's Air Evac » PAGE 6



Sen. Garlan Gudger »

ALABAMA SENATE

CCPS Principal Shaddix honored as State Administrator of the Year



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Primary School Principal Elizabeth Shaddix, center, has been awarded the prestigious Chiquita Marbury Award for School Administrator of the Year, sponsored by the Alabama State Department of Education.

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Primary School (CCPS) Principal Elizabeth Shaddix has been awarded the prestigious Chiquita Marbury Award for School Administrator of the Year, sponsored by the Alabama Department of Education.

Presented annually at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference, the award honors Chiquita Marbury's legacy as a pioneering technology innovator in Alabama by recognizing educators who exemplify excellence in technology teaching and leadership.

Recipients are judged on Innovation and Creativity, Impact on Teaching and Learning, Leadership, Teamwork and Scholarship.

"I am incredibly grateful to have received the Chiquita Marbury Award. It is truly humbling, and I want to express my heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Anna Anderson, who has made the STEM program a reality for our kindergarten through second grade students," Shaddix said.

"I am excited about the future of this program as we extend the STEM initiative into our art classes this year. Mrs. (Amanda) Stidham and Mrs. Anderson are working together to ensure our STEM program is out- » PAGE 3

Tribune brings home 38 Alabama Press Association Media Awards



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The Cullman Tribune's Sherry Brown accepts her first-place award for Magazine- Single Photo in the Magazine division for Community Matters at the 2024 Alabama Press Association Summer Convention. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 8

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 8, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 3
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E
- harassment; trespassing; Poplar Dr. SW

June 4
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S
- assault; menacing; CR 46
- theft of property; CR 1375
- violation of protection order; CR 386
- domestic violence; CR 1329
- domestic violence; CR 1850

June 5
- harassment; US. 31
- theft of property; CR 307
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 278E
- harassment; CR 1598
- domestic violence; CR 604
- theft of property; CR 216
- assault; US. 31
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 386

June 6
- domestic violence; CR 1059
- criminal mischief; Kilpatrick Rd.
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 940
- criminal mischief; CR 1662
- theft of property; CR 1478
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 160
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 233
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1118

June 7
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1092
- assault; CR 831
- harassing communications; CR 1422

ARRESTS

July 7

Baker, Robert N.; 39
- FTA – improper lane usage

Bartlett, Troy L.; 51
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Black, Kaylynn M.; 19
- homicide-murder-non-family-gun

Burney, June D.; 24
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Calvert, Jamie B.; 50
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cook, Sarah J.; 47
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Crumley, Dallas L.; 26
- public intoxication

Deaton, Sean M.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Dove, Jessica A.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs

Duncan, Stephanie L.; 48
- public intoxication

Frazier, Courtney P.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Glaze, Ericka C.; 27
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Guthery, Brandon D.; 30
- FTA – follow too close

Harrison, Jamarion A.; 20
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force
- PROBATION VIOLATION – criminal mischief – damaged property
- homicide-murder-non-family gun
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous
- PROBATION VIOLATION – auto theft

Jackson, Timothy R.; 44
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Killian, Amanda L.; 39
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unauthorized use of auto-no force

King, Sherman H.; 55
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Knight, Cornelis; 40
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-no force

Laursen, Jessica K.; 33
- DUI (alcohol)

Loggins, Jeffery K.; 34
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Marsh, Michael D.; 37
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Mcanear, Taylor A.; 28
- PROBATION VIOLATION – amphetamine-manufacture
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Mccord, Lance B.; 42
- DUI (alcohol)

McGraw Jr., William R.; 54
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Melton, Steven R.; 48
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest

Muncher, Mark A.; 26
- FTA – theft from a motor vehicle-1st degree

Nichols, Charles L.; 60
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Parker, Krystal A.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Parris, Kaitlyn D.; 23
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- receiving stolen vehicle

Peek, Alexis D.; 26
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pugh, Parker; 23
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ramirez, Jesus D.; 24
- alcohol in a vehicle
- DUI (alcohol) - 3 or more prior convictions

Rutledge, Tanarus L.; 39
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA – discharging firearm into occupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft

Sharp, Monique M.; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shelnut, Bethany M.; 31
- FTA – violation of registration of rabies

Smith, Dustin L.; 31
- FTA – possessing forged instrument

Smith, Freddie D.; 45
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Smith, Michael M.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Speakman, Tyler L.; 29
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Steel, Thomas J.; 34
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Stillwell, Logan J.; 26
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - possession of dangerous drugs

Stuart, Kenneth J.; 29
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Suggs, Brandon J.; 42
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Torres-Martinez, Gabriel J.; 33
- public intoxication

Torres-Martinez, Jonathan; 34
- public intoxication

Tucker Jr., Timothy W.; 45
- FTA – obstruction-governmental operations

Ulatowski, Peter J.; 61
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Vazquez, Jamie N.; 45
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Villa, Joseph S.; 52
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Wallace, Dalton A.; 19
- assault-simple assault

Whitehead, Joseph C.; 43
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Woods, Ashley D.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – counterfeiting

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 1
- retail theft of property-1st degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $2,039; Hwy. 157

July 5
- assault-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. SW

July 7
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; RJ Mechanical; damage to '19 Toyota Tundra; $10,000; Brunner St. NW

ARRESTS

July 5 – July 7

Reynolds, Jason L.; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Borchart, Alex J.; 33
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - leaving the scene

Nixon, David G.; 60
- FTA - fail to register vehicle
- FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA - driving without a license

Johnson, Ladonna W.; 44
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Coker, Michael J.; 49
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - fail to register vehicle
- FTA - driving while license revoked
- FTA - switched tag

Bailey, Matthew B.; 40
- DUI

Helms, Steve W.; 78
- domestic violence-3rd degree-menacing

Lovell, Anthony R.; 49
- FTA - resisting arrest

McAnear, Taylor A.; 28
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Day (from Front)

Sweet Grown Alabama
Contributor

Sweet Grown Alabama Day means showing love to Alabama farmers, and we want to invite you to join us on Saturday, July 13, to celebrate all things local. Participating is as simple as supporting an Alabama farmer. We encourage you to make a purchase from your local farmer, cook a meal made with local ingredients, pick Alabama grown flowers, eat at a restaurant that serves locally grown products, visit a local farmers market or otherwise support local Saturday!

Share photos of your Sweet Grown Alabama Day experience on social media and tag Sweet Grown Alabama on Facebook (@Sweet Grown Alabama), Instagram (@sweet_grown_alabama) or Twitter (@Sweet_Grown_AL). Posts will be reshared throughout the day, so get out and show your love for local products!

The importance of buying local

"Reasons to buy local include health benefits, protecting our environment, getting a better quality product, supporting our local community and knowing your grower," said Sweet Grown Alabama Assistant Director Aisling Walding. "When you buy from a Sweet Grown Alabama farmer you are making an impact on their farm and yourself."

To learn more about ways to buy local and supporting your community, read our "Top Five Reasons to Support Local" article at www.sweetgrownalabama.org/posts/2023/01/15/top-five.

"Not only do you receive the best products around when you support farmers, you are also helping support Alabama's economy," Walding said. "Purchasing local on Sweet Grown Alabama Day is an easy, fun way to say thank you to the farmers who work hard every day growing our food."

Sweet Grown Alabama markets with special events:

Visiting a local farmers market is a great way to support many farmers at once. Use this opportunity to ask farmers questions, purchase a variety of local goodies and enjoy a beautiful Saturday.

Local markets include:

Town of Berlin Farmers Market
- Address: 50 Mt. Carmel Drive, Cullman, AL 35058
- Looking for a market that gets everyone involved? Join the Town of Berlin Farmers Market for the Berlin Community Day Tractor Show on July 13! Bounce houses and crafts to keep your littles busy are free as you browse the market for ingredients to make dinner.
- Open from 8 a.m.-1p.m.

Even if your local farmers market isn't hosting a special Sweet Grown Alabama Day event, we still encourage you to visit a market near you, purchase local goodies, take photos and share online. It's really THAT easy to celebrate Sweet Grown Alabama Day! A complete list of Sweet Grown Alabama farmers markets is available in our Sweet Grown Alabama's 2024 Farmers Market Guide at www.sweetgrownalabama.org/posts/2024/04/17/sweet-grown-alabamas-2024-farmers-market-guide.

Our searchable database (www.sweetgrownalabama.org/find-sweet-grown) allows you to easily connect with local farmers in your area and find specific Alabama grown products. Type in your zip code and find produce, jams and jellies, flowers, meat and more.

Learn more at www.SweetGrownAlabama.org.

Tribune (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune recently brought home 38 awards from the Alabama Press Association (APA) Media Awards Summer Convention, held in late June in Orange Beach. The awards recognize the many news publications throughout Alabama and spotlight those that uphold the spirit of ethical journalism and adhere to APA standards.

The 38 awards claimed by The Cullman Tribune included three wins in Online Breaking News Coverage and one in General Excellence, as well as an FOI - First Amendment Award.

"Winning these awards is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of our crew. It's a testament to their talent and commitment to reporting unbiased local news that matters to people in Cullman," said Associate Publisher Dustin Isom. "We have always been focused on producing quality community content and these awards show it is recognized and appreciated."

Through hard work and a deep dedication to the community, The Cullman Tribune aims to close the gap that allows false news and rumors to spread like wildfire, seeking the facts while keeping the community up to date on important events or incidents on every day.

Publisher Noah Galilee said he believes the awards show the heart of his team. He said that through staff turnovers, trials and tribulations, The Cullman Tribune is on track to achieve its goal of becoming Cullman's No. 1 trusted news source throughout the county.

"We have consistently stayed at the top when it comes to online news and breaking news, and this is our fourth or fifth consecutive year placing in general excellence which is quite a feat since we had two near-full turnovers in a three-year span," he said.

The APA Media Awards shone a light on an often overlooked portion of publications. the Public Service Award category is meant to recognize segments that assist the community or offer a needed public service.

Free obituary listings and The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week series won the local paper two awards.

Through a partnership with the Cullman County Animal Shelter, The Cullman Tribune features one shelter resident weekly in print and throughout its social media pages.

The success of Pet of the Week has had an amazing impact on the shelter and community.

With a 96% adoption rate for featured pets, the weekly feature has landed hundreds of shelter animals into their safe and loving forever homes, all at no charge to the shelter.

Likewise, obituary listings are free of charge, extending a tiny bit of grace and goodwill to families experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one.

"Well, we don't send a bill to either the City or County for printing arrests, so why should we charge families of the deceased any amount to list their loved ones full obituary?" Galilee remarked.

About Pet of the Week, Gallilee added, "It's truly one of the few outreach programs that brings us all joy, seeing these lonely pets being adopted nearly instantly once it's posted.

"We're truly grateful and blessed to be able to offer both programs completely free."

Community is something that Isom and Gallilee want The Tribune to embody daily, becoming involved with the community and the readers it serves.

In 2023, The Cullman Tribune launched "Bedtime Stories," which won in the APA Best Podcast category.

Isom said, "'Bedtime Stories' began as a simple and heartfelt video series to encourage reading to children during the Christmas season. Members of the community were invited to come in and share their favorite Christmas bedtime story in our studio. Since then, we have expanded to a nightly broadcast available at 8 p.m. on The Cullman Tribune's YouTube and other social media channels."

The nightly webcast hosts community leaders, teachers, officials and everyone in between, as they read a bedtime story to children. To date, "Bedtime Stories" has been able to immerse local children in over 150 stories and the number grows each day.

Those interested in reading a story for The Cullman Tribune's "Bedtime Stories" series can contact janet@cullmantribune.com to schedule a reading time.

The full list of this year's APA Media Awards and winners will be posted at www.alabamapress.org/contests-awards/apa-media-awards.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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.
• Wednesday, July 10 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup.
• Friday, July 12 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and 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 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, July 14 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, July 14 – 5 p.m. Healing service
• Saturday, July 20 – Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.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 Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

Speegle Family Reunion
Sunday, July 14, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Vinemont History Meeting
Sunday, July 14, at 2 p.m. We will meet at the main entry to Vinemont High School building. Please bring family histories, past community stories and events, pictures, etc. For information contact Jane Teeter at 256-347-9346 or Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235.

Rock the South
July 18-20, at York Farms. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
Saturday, July 20, at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets can be purchased at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, phone 256-737-5120 or call Jackie Satterfield at 256-636-4445. Tickets are $20 each and no tickets will be sold after July 17.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
We will kick off our summer revival the third week in July, beginning with a singing Sunday night the 21st at 5. We will have The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 22-26. Morning service will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7, with Brother Dustin Smith as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

West Point Class of 1962 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1962 will have their 62nd reunion on Saturday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point. For more information call Linda at 256-747-6883.

West Point Class of 1967 Reunion
The West Point High School class of 1967 will have a class reunion on Saturday, July 27, from 4-6 p.m. at the Brandin Iron Restaurant in West Point.

3rd Annual Day in the Park
Join the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department for a Day in the Park on Saturday, July 27, from 5-8 p.m. in Governors Park. There will be lots of fun and activities for all ages. Meet the fire department and guests. Look over a fire truck and equipment. Handle a fire hose, shoot water into the pond, try on fire gear and enjoy the free food available while supplies last. Thank you to all the supporters of the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. We look forward to seeing you in the park.

Swamp John's Dinner at the Center Hill Community Center
Friday, Aug. 2, at the Center Hill Community Center, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate includes dessert and drink. For directions or more information please call 256-708-2218.

Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Handicapped parking at north entrance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wallace State Jazz Band, live and silent auctions, door prizes and much more! Ticket are $60. Tickets available through Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com or Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com and www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

Nice Estate Sale, July 12, 13, 7:00 am 1404 Harbison Street, NW Cullman...Dublin China, Mikas, Lenox, Spode, pyrex, pieces from Italy, Fresco, dining room table, chairs and cabinet, quilt tops, quilts, king size bed, sofas, washer and dryer, a lot to see and too much to list. Check out pictures on PKEstate Sales FB and Nice, Nice, Baby! Antiques, nice furniture,... starts on 7/12/2024 (estatesales.net)





Shaddix (from Front)

standing for our students. This initiative is part of our district's strategic commitment to increasing STEM-related opportunities for students to think critically and prepare them for the world ahead.

"It is exciting to celebrate the many wonderful things that go on at CCPS daily."

Shaddix was nominated for the award in large part for her commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives at the primary school level at CCPS, which has been a large priority across the K-12 level at every school in the district.

"I was honored to nominate Mrs. Shaddix for this award because of her unwavering support and profound influence in developing our STEM program," CCPS STEM teacher Anna Anderson said.

"Her dedication to empowering students and teachers through innovative methods and real-world applications truly embodies the spirit of this award. We are incredibly proud of her well-deserved recognition."

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope senior Annie Williams made a lot of great memories over her years as a Raider and in this interview, she shared some of her favorite experiences.

"Some of my favorite memories included going to the football and basketball games with my friends," Williams said. "What is most notable to me is the time I spent with some of my favorite teachers in the CCBOE Fast Track building. I chose to do Fast Track at Wallace, because it was a different environment and had more flexibility when it came to me and my health issues. Another factor that played into it was the urge to start my career in cosmetology, and I finished my first semester out of four this year. It had its ups and downs, but I am blessed to have made it."

During her time at Good Hope, Williams felt lucky to be around a lot of amazing people and she says they played a huge part in helping her become the person that she is today. She started her fast-track courses at Wallace last fall before going back to Good Hope to finish out the rest of the year.

"Good Hope has some wonderful people. Transitioning from virtual to in-person schooling my 11th grade year seemed quite scary, but the teachers and facilitators at Good Hope were very helpful with helping me with everything.

"The secretary deserves a huge shoutout herself, because she always goes out of her way to help out anyone with anything they might need," Williams said.

"I learned so much from some amazing teachers, as well as the guidance counselor there. You can always depend on having someone to talk to and help coach you through your obstacles with a positive outlook on the future ahead."

She added, "I absolutely loved fast-track. It is such a great program. I was urged to start my career in cosmetology, and the instructors there are absolutely wonderful. I completed my first semester and then dedicated my time to my high school classes for the last one. The CCBOE Fast-Track building has some wonderful teachers and facilitators who could help me with almost anything. Their resource officer helped me get through many obstacles and the dedication she puts towards her students is incredible. Overall, I would recommend fast-track to any student who feels they want a head start. I have no regrets with my decision to go there."

"I learned so much as a person from this experience. It is completely different from high school, and it gave me a sense of how life is going to be in the future for me. It taught me so much about who I am and the person I want to be someday. Everything has its ups and downs, but I am so blessed and thankful to be where I am today."

She talked about what made Good Hope a special place to go to school and will remember the impact a lot of people made on her life.

"Good Hope is such a special place because of the people there. Each teacher is so special in their own way, and I will forever remember the impact they made on my life. The facilitators at Good Hope always show an appreciation that we know all of the school announcements, and make sure that we are able to attend any school function, activity, etc.," she said. "I will remember the impact the teachers and students had on me and will always be thankful for the experiences and the friends I made along the way."

Williams had so many great role models that she looked up to, and she gave some advice to those students that are preparing to start high school and are thinking about fast-tracking in the future.

"Tiffany Ellis, Tiffany Pope, and Lisa Holt were some of my favorite teachers, and they were great role models to me while I was there.

"A couple of others include the secretary, Gidgett Overton, and the guidance counselor, Shawna Koch. Laura Mayfield and Denise Feldner were also some wonderful teachers from the fast-track industry that I will never forget. My biggest role model is my mom. She has stood by my side throughout my entire life and supported my journey in high school," she said.

"My advice to them would be to go for it completely. It is a great opportunity to get a head start on your college career, as well as a fresh, new, and positive environment. I recommend it for anyone who is thinking about it. It is something that is so wonderful, and there will always be support from the teachers and facilitators there, no matter the obstacles."

Williams tried to be a great role model for the young kids around watching and she talked about what she wants to be remembered.

"It is so important. Being a good role model for younger children, especially at school, is so significant, because us older kids can guide them and help them learn. That goes for anywhere at any time in my opinion, even outside of school," she said.

"I want people to remember that I'm a very honest and authentic individual, as well as the memories I helped make in high school. Even though I was only there a short time, it was definitely something that I will always remember."

She talked about how many people helped her out and have continued to help her out when she was going through a tough time in her life. She kept her advice to those people that want to be where she's at right now short and sweet.

"Something life-changing that happened to me was always battling health issues while continuing daily life, especially during school for all these years. Some didn't believe anything was wrong with me, and some weren't as helpful as others as I was battling through those issues. That was very life-changing, but that made me a stronger person. I'm really thankful for those people who helped me and benefited my life during my struggles. I am the person I am today because of the people who helped get me this far, and I am so blessed," she said. "My advice to them is to simply never give up."



ANNIE WILLIAMS

Good Hope's Annie Williams

'It has been such a blessing to grow up with such amazing mentors': Cold Springs' Kaylee Windsor reflects on years in Royal Blue Band

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs senior band member Kaylee Windsor made many great memories during her years playing in the Royal Blue Band and she felt lucky to be around so many great fellow band members to compete with.

"Some of my favorite band memories were traveling long distances to support our team at away games and our girls' basketball team at the state semifinals," Windsor said. "Throughout my seven years in the band, I have made so many friendships, both in my band, and in other bands across the country. When I was younger, I always looked up to the older band students. During my senior year and when I was the drum major, the younger kids looked up to me. It has been such a blessing to grow up with such amazing mentors and have the opportunity to mentor younger students."

Windsor added, "I enjoy all marching competitions, and they definitely hold some of my fondest memories. It is so much fun getting to compete, watch other bands perform, and make new friends. However, the Mud Creek Marching Competition held by Hanceville High School will always hold a special place in my heart. It is a tradition that all the county bands compete in it every year, and I have met some of my closest friends through that competition. In fact, another drum major that I met there will actually be my roommate at The University of Alabama this fall."

Windsor learned as much as she could from both her band directors during her high school years.

"William Johnson was our band director for my first six years of band. He always pushed me to become a better musician and most importantly, a better leader. I was devastated to find out he was retiring right before my senior year. However, our band program was blessed with another great band director this year: Zach O'Bryant. Although I have only known him for a year, I believe he is going to do wonderful things for our band. He values our tradition and sense of family, while incorporating some new teaching methods that make students more well-rounded. As a percussionist himself, he helped our percussion win Best in Class at all three competitions we competed in. I look forward to seeing how he improves our band program over the upcoming years."

She added, "This year, we received All-Superior Rankings, and Best in Class Percussion at every competition. We also received Best in Class Color guard and Best in Class Band twice. Winning Best in Class Band was definitely my favorite award, because the entire group's hard work was recognized altogether.

Windsor will deeply miss being a part of the Royal Blue Band next year and she shared a couple of her favorite high school memories.

"I will never forget the leadership skills that I learned throughout this program. Leadership is something I can use throughout my life, and I have the Royal Blue Band to thank for that. I'll miss all of my band members dearly, but I definitely plan to come back and visit them," she said. "Some of my favorite high school memories were serving as Drum Major for two years and representing the school as Cold Springs' Fair Queen. Both titles opened up so many opportunities for me to serve my community, better myself, and even earn some scholarships."

She talked about what made Cold Springs a special place to go to school and talked about her role model in the band. She gave some advice to those people that want to be where she is now.

"My mother has taught at Cold Springs for many years, so I truly grew up there. Our deep association with the school made it so much more meaningful to hold titles like drum major and fair queen," she said.

"When I was a rookie, one of my biggest role models was Natalie Davis. She was an 11th grade saxophone player and the drum major. She led the band with strength and authority and showed me what it meant to be a powerful female role model. As a recent graduate of both Wallace State Community College and Cold Springs High School, my best advice for any younger students comes from one word: perseverance.

"On the road to achieve your dreams, you will experience some tough challenges. There's no avoiding them, so just overcome them. You will learn from those challenges, and it will make you wiser in the end."

Windsor earned a couple of scholarships and feels blessed to have received them.



KAYLEE WINDSOR

Cold Springs' Kaylee Windsor

"I received a $44,500 full tuition academic scholarship to The University of Alabama, and a $1,000 scholarship for winning the talent portion of the Cullman County Fair Pageant. I also got accepted into the UA School of Music and the UA Capstone Music Therapy program, where I will study this fall. I feel so beyond blessed to have received those scholarships. I can't wait to use them towards pursuing my dreams of becoming a Music Therapist," she said. "I hope that I have left the Royal Blue Band with a legacy of leadership, hard work, and most importantly, kindness."

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‘Make memories and have fun’: Vinemont’s Callie Millwood talks Eagle years

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont senior cheerleader and softball player Callie Millwood had a lot of fun and made a lot of memories in her years competing for the Eagles and in this interview, she shared what she enjoyed most about that experience.

"I have just enjoyed growing up with my best friends, playing the sports I love with the people I love. It's something I will cherish forever. I have loved every minute of being around my teammates that have become more like family my whole life. Inside and out of the hallways at Vinemont High School, the football games, softball fields, and basketball courts, we all have made memories together that I will forever hold in my heart," Millwood said. "I have learned to just have fun. Don't worry about how silly you look or what others think of you. Someone will always say something negative to say, no matter what it is. You can't let the fear of what others think of you hold yourself back. You're only in high school once. You don't get to go back and change anything. Make the short time you have in high school enjoyable, and don't let others take it away from you. Soak in every opportunity you have, make memories, and have fun."

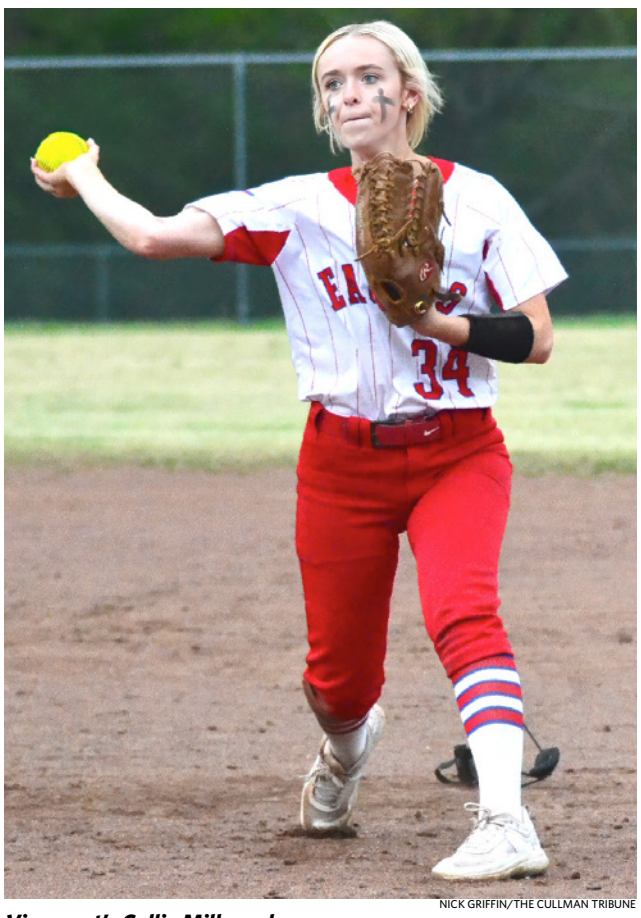
She soaked up as much as she could from three great coaches during her time as an Eagle.

"I have had two cheer coaches throughout my high school career. Shannon Bridges was the coach of the varsity cheer team my first two years of high school. I would have to say that she has a special place in my heart for cheer. She was more than dedicated to the sport and her team. Coming into high school my freshman year was a little scary, but looking back, that was my absolute most favorite year I have ever had, and I truly believe that it was Mrs. Bridges that made it so special. Madison Ballard was my coach my junior and senior year, and she is just as dedicated to the sport. I have enjoyed cheering at Vinemont, and I'm so glad to know that if I ever need anything, I can always count on both of them for anything."

She added, "I had one softball coach throughout high school: Samantha Whisenant. She cares for her players, and it's something that I have always known about her. She'll always be there for you. Even though our record hasn't been the best for a while, I think I will miss softball most of all. Not only did they teach me the skills of cheer and softball, they have been amazing role models to me. For example, they showed me the appropriate way to act inside and outside of school. All three of my coaches have poured so much knowledge into me and talked to me about what it will take to be successful in the real world, outside of the classroom and athletics."

She kept her answers short and sweet when talking about what she will miss the most about competing at Vinemont, her favorite high school memories, what made Vinemont a special place to go to school and what she will remember the most about going there.

"I'll miss just being with my teammates. Win or lose, we always had fun and made the most of it," she said. "My favorite high school memories would have to be all the pep rallies and Eagle walks we did on game days. Vinemont is a small school; therefore, you know just about everyone who goes there. Having such a good group of friends is really what motivated me to want to go there. I will remember all the amazing teachers and faculty who have helped me get to where I am today. They have shaped me to become the young lady I am today."



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Vinemont's Callie Millwood

Millwood gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August and talked about a special role model in her life that she looks up to.

"Be involved in everything that you can. It will make school a lot more enjoyable and keep you motivated to want to be there. Take in every moment. Time really does fly," she said.

"My biggest role model was Mrs. Bridges. She always pushes you to do your best, whether it was in the classroom or in cheerleading. My advice to them is don't let others influence your decision-making and be true to yourself. I always try to help others and tried my hardest in everything that I participated in."





Auburn Basketball’s Horace Spencer returns: ‘We made history’

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — In the five years since he helped Auburn advance to the Final Four, Horace Spencer has put his passport to good use while playing professionally in Argentina, Turkey, France and Finland.

Knee surgery last season temporarily slowed Spencer's globetrotting, allowing Horace to return to Auburn University to complete his degree and graduate on Aug. 3.

"I've got a lot more basketball in me," he said. "I'm not ready to give it up yet. I'm only 27."

A consensus top 100 recruit from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 6-8 Spencer played four seasons for Auburn from 2015-19, concluding his career with a pair of SEC titles and a magical NCAA Tournament run.

To become the first team from the state of Alabama to reach the Final Four, Auburn defeated Kansas, North Carolina and Kentucky in an eight-day span in March 2019.

"A hard road," Spencer said. "We played all blue bloods. I don't think people realize how hard it is to get there. It takes a lot of sacrifices to get there."

At Auburn, Spencer focused on defense, rebounding and physicality before playing a larger role on offense as a pro.

"We gave up a lot," he said. "You've got to sacrifice your game to what fits the team. That's the sacrifice you have to make if you want to win."

Win they did. An SEC regular season championship in 2018, Spencer's junior season, then a program-record 30 victories, including the 2019 SEC Tournament championship leading up to the Final Four.



AU ATHLETICS

Former Auburn basketball player Horace Spencer

Spencer fondly recalls reverse Tigers Walks during the Tigers' March Madness run, along with a pep rally when the team returned from Minneapolis after losing to Virginia by one point in the national semifinals.

"My favorite memory was when we got back from the Final Four," he said. "Everybody was still cheering us on for going to the Final Four, everybody was showing us love.

"The emotions that I had, and my teammates had, were, 'Wow, we really did something.

"We made history, not just for ourselves but for the entire Auburn campus.' That memory will never go away. I'll never forget the emotions I had."

While spending time on campus this summer, Horace showed his sons the trophies he helped Auburn earn.

A regular at Neville Arena as a toddler, now 7-year-old Avery Spencer and younger brother Caleb get to see where their dad was once the Big Man on Campus.

"To be able to come back, walk around and think, 'Wow, I played here,'" Spencer reflected. "I helped build this with my blood, sweat and tears and fashioned my own legacy."



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Guide to sunlight assessment in the garden

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Understanding the amount of sunlight your garden receives is crucial for successful plant growth and landscape design. Whether you are planning a vegetable garden, adding a new flower bed, or simply assessing why a plant might not be growing correctly, knowing the sunlight exposure in your garden is essential. Fortunately, there is a simple and effective method to accurately gauge sunlight exposure using just your smartphone camera.

Why assess sunlight?
Different plants have varying light requirements. While some thrive in full sun, others prefer partial or full-shade conditions. Understanding your garden's sunlight patterns helps you choose the right plants and optimize their growth. Additionally, it allows you to plan your garden layout effectively, placing sun-loving plants in optimal spots and providing shade for those that need it. This will help save time and money when making plant decisions. It is a good idea to evaluate summer and winter light conditions as the sun's angle changes with the time of year.

Using your smartphone for sunlight assessment
Modern smartphones are equipped with powerful cameras and convenient time stamp features that make them perfect tools for sunlight assessment. Follow these simple steps to determine the sunlight exposure in your garden:

Step 1: Choose your spot
Choose a bright sunny day when you will be home for most of the day. Select an area in your garden that you want to assess for sunlight. This spot could be looking at just one area in your garden, or you could choose a spot that looks out over a larger area to assess more sunlight conditions. Once your spot is chosen, take pictures for the remainder of the day in the spot. Check your local weather report to determine what day might be best.

Step 2: Time your photos
Begin early in the morning, preferably around sunrise, and take the first photo of the selected spot. Ensure that your camera's time stamp feature is enabled and that you know where to find the time stamp related to each picture. Then, take photos at least every 2 or 3 hours throughout the day. More photos will ensure more precise information on sunlight in each area around your home. Aim to capture the same area from the same angle in each photo.

Step 3: Review the photos
At the end of the day, review the series of photos you have taken. Pay attention to the lighting conditions in each image, noting any changes in sunlight intensity or shadows cast by nearby objects. The morning sun can be different from the harsh afternoon sun in the summer. This is important to remember when plants require partial sun in the landscape. Once you have reviewed the photos, write down the information you have gathered so you can return to it throughout the year.

Step 4: Analyze sunlight exposure
Based on the time stamps and visual observations, determine the total hours of sunlight received by the selected spot. Use this information to categorize the sunlight exposure into one of the following categories:

- Full sun: 6+ hours of direct sunlight
- Partial sun: 4 to 6 hours of direct sunlight, with some shade during peak hours
- Shade: Less than 4 hours of direct sunlight, with most of the day spent in shade

Benefits of Smartphone Sunlight Assessment
Using your smartphone for sunlight assessment offers several advantages:

1. Convenience: With your smartphone always at hand, assessing sunlight becomes convenient and accessible.

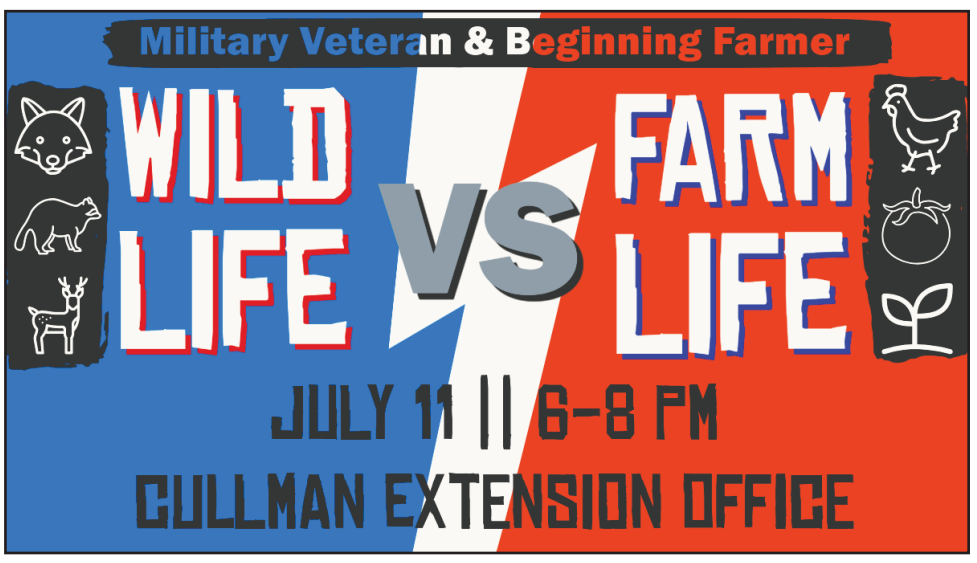
2. Accuracy: Time-stamped photos provide precise sunlight duration and intensity data, allowing for accurate analysis.

3. Cost-effectiveness: Unlike specialized tools or services, smartphone sunlight assessment requires no additional expenses.

4. Visual reference: The series of photos serves as a visual reference, aiding in garden planning and plant selection.

Understanding the sunlight exposure in your garden is vital for successful gardening and landscaping projects. It is easy to be fooled into thinking you get more sun than you do or vice versa. This can waste time and resources in your landscape. Using your smartphone camera and time stamp feature, you can easily assess sunlight patterns and categorize them into full sun, partial sun, or shade. With this knowledge, you can choose the right plants and design your garden to thrive in its unique light conditions. So, grab your smartphone, head out to your garden, and start capturing sunlight to create the perfect outdoor space around your home.

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Gudger (from Front)

Flight Team, and an amazing group of UAB doctors, nurses, and administrators, I am certain that the outcome of this accident would have been much different.

"I remain under watch in UAB's Intensive Care Unit but have been able to walk down the hallway.

"The physical recovery will be a difficult one for our family, but it will be made easier by the intercessory prayers being sent by friends, family, constituents, colleagues, and even total strangers who understand that healing comes from God.

"At this time, I must focus on getting better and will not be able to accept visitors, but please know how grateful my family and I are for everyone who has reached out to offer help and concern."

According to a media release from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) on July 5, the incident occurred at approximately 3:15 p.m. Thursday, July 4.

The agency said Gudger, 49, was injured when the 2024 Sea-Doo GTI personal watercraft (PWC) he was operating was struck in the rear by a 2019 Sea-Doo GTI PWC operated by his son, Garlan E. Gudger III, 21, of Cullman.

"The collision caused both individuals to be thrown into the water, however, both Gudger Jr., and Gudger III were wearing personal flotation devices (PFDs).

"Bystanders in the area assisted both individuals out of the water and transported them to a nearby dock. Garlan E. Gudger Jr., was evaluated by local emergency medical services personnel (EMS) and was subsequently transported via helicopter to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital for medical treatment.

"Garlan E. Gudger III was also evaluated by local EMS personnel but was released at the scene," said the release from ALEA.

The incident occurred in Little Crooked Creek area (also known as Rock Creek) of Smith Lake near Crane Hill in Cullman County. ALEA said the Crane Hill Volunteer Fire Department and Cullman EMS both responded to the scene and assisted with medical treatment and transport.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SHAUNA MARIA JUNKINS, and THOMAS CHRISTOPHER JUNKINS, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARILYN DODGE, M. VAN DINE, and TRACY VAN DINE, DEFENDANTS. * CASE NO. CV 2024-900210

NOTICE

The Defendants, Marilyn Dodge, M. Van Dine, and Tracy Van Dine, must answer the Complaint For Quiet Title filed by Shauna Maria Junkins and Thomas Christopher Junkins on or before the 22nd day of August, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2024-900210 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 21st day of June, 2024.

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Plaintiffs,

v.

Commence at the SW Corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence in a Northerly direction, along the West boundary line of the forty line 165 feet, to a point; thence about 90 degrees in an Easterly direction 131 feet; thence about 90 degrees in a Southerly direction 25 feet; thence about 90 degrees in an Easterly direction 50 feet; thence about 90 degrees in a Southerly direction 140 feet; thence about 90 degrees in a Westerly direction 181 feet to the point of beginning. Lying and being situated in Cullman County, Alabama, containing 1/2 acre, more or less. Parcel ID: 10-08-33-0-001-020.001; PIN: 34283; Account Number: 90808,

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

THE ESTATE OF BERNARD A. POWELL, by and through ANGELA POWELL, Administrator,

AND

UAB HOSPITAL,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: The Estate of Bernard A. Powell, by and through Angela Powell, Administrator, UAB Hospital, 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 7th day of June, 2024, 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 Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer against the Estate of Bernard A. Powell, by and through Angela Powell, Administrator, UAB Hospital, 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 16th day of August, 2024, 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.

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

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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.

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COLUMN

Nudity, noise and dangerous toys

Joe Hobby
Contributor

I have been yelling like a...well, a grumpy grandfather. It's embarrassing really – yelling for quiet. But it's necessary when you have a houseful of screaming kids.

I know my voice only added to the pandemonium, but I had to do something. The TV was blasting, an iPad was playing music and a naked 4 year old was running thru my den like a little streaker. When you add shrieks from two other children, there's no way I could peacefully watch the ending of "Top Gun." The cherry on the frustrating sundae came about when I got out of my chair to investigate the nudity and stepped on a Barbie doll – without clothes, of course. It felt like my bare foot had been stabbed with a Bowie knife.

This is what happens when three of my grandkids – who are all girls – spend the night with us. When Rilynne, who's 12, Eva, who's 8, and Addy, who's 4, get together, it's like a female version of "The Lord of the Flies."

I asked for this. I raised three boys, but I desperately wanted a little girl. So I guess the Good Lord decided he would make it up to me by giving me four granddaughters. This is proof that God has a sense of humor.

It didn't take me long to figure out that I am not equipped to handle girls. I love them dearly. And the affection they bestow on me is fantastic. But the drama...oh Lord, the drama.

With three boys, it's pretty basic -- you tell them not to do something, threaten them and they comply.

Or they sneak behind your back and do it anyway. When they get caught, you punish them – and that's it. Not so with girls. There's drama, tears that come out of nowhere and circular logic that is certain to torture a future husband in the years to come.

Me: "Didn't I tell you to go and get the mail?"

Her: "Yes, but it's too cold outside."

Me: "What do you mean cold? It's 65 degrees!"

Her: "Well that's cold to me. I'll get pneumonia. Why do you want me to get sick? I don't want to go to the hospital. I hate shots!"

This is followed by sobs, tears and gasps. I have no mechanism to deal with this.

I digress. When I asked Addy why she took off her clothes and ran around the house, she told me her bathing suit had chafed her, and she wanted to show the boo-boo to her cousins. Ah, the innocence of youth. "We don't run around naked," I say. I suggested that she go and put some panties on. She nodded and headed into the bedroom.

Within seconds, my other two granddaughters were screaming in unison, "Noooo! Addy, stop!"

In an instant, Eva ran in the den, stood in front of me and said with a great deal of exasperation, "Granddaddy, Addy just did it again. She laid on the bed and showed us... everything! It was disgusting." I just shook my head. I don't think Tom Cruise had this much trouble shooting down enemy fighters.

There was only one thing to do – admit defeat and call in reinforcements. So I yelled to my wife, "Carol, can you please go in there, put some medicine on Addy's...umm, boo-boo, and make sure she gets some clothes back on?" It wasn't so much a request as a plea.

Within a few minutes order was restored. Addy had been treated and was finally fully clothed. Rilynne and Eva began to color. Now I can actually rewind "Top Gun" and watch young Tom Cruise kick some butt. The craziness is over for now.

Soon, it's time for them to go, and in an instant they were all swept away from my house. I looked around and saw carnage everywhere. The den floor looked like their toy box exploded. The kitchen table was a menagerie of spoons, half eaten PBJs and glasses of chocolate milk. I found a kiddie yogurt container someone sneaked into our bedroom.

And then I noticed something else – silence. Empty, sad, deafening silence.

Hmmm. I wonder when they're coming back over again?

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

Obituary Announcements: July 6-8

Delmon Lynell Qualls, 88
Delmon Lynell Qualls passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2024, surrounded by family at his residence. He was born, May 1, 1936, in Gadsden, Alabama to Dillard Fillmore Qualls and Elwy Scott Qualls. Graveside service Mr. Qualls, age 88 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Cullman City Cemetery with Kenneth Pruitt, uncle to Vivion and family friend Ben Mayo officiating. Visitation will be from 9-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jane Qualls Hudson; parents; sisters, Melba Qualls Eady and Geraldine Qualls; brothers, Donald Wyland Qualls and Eddie Rae Qualls; brother-in-law, Milton Ray Bolzle and sister-in-law, Rebecca Holmes Qualls. Survivors include wife of 65 years, Vivion Seibenhener Qualls; son, Wayne Qualls; grandsons, Cody Hudson and Matt (Hadley) Qualls; and sister, Linda Qualls Bolzle. The family sends a "Thank You" to Cullman Regional Hospice and nurses, Marlene Parker, Kelly Armstrong, Brittany Lynn and Tia Sharp, for care given to Papa and the kind words they shared with the family. This will not be forgotten. Pallbearers are Cody Hudson, Matt Qualls, Randy Bolzle, Will Bolzle, Matt Baggett and Isaac Baggett.

Cloie Belle Kelley, 89
Funeral service for Cloie Belle Kelley, age 89, of Cullman, is Tuesday July 9, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Malcom Carter and Rev. Steve Rogers officiating. Visitation will be held from noon - 2 p.m. and interment will be at Friendship Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Cloie was born on October 9, 1934, to William Washington Pirkle and Lilly Belle Johnson Pirkle. She passed from this life on Sunday, July 7, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roe W. Kelley; brothers, James Pirkle, Theo Pirkle, Bill Pirkle, Harlice Pirkle, Odell Pirkle; sisters, Jaunita Cobbs, Betty Elrod. She is survived by her sons, Tim Kelley (Sindy), Terry Kelley; daughters, Sharon Humphries (Steve), Melissa Purser (Dave); grandchildren, Kelli Powell (Mark), Kristi (Steven) Witcher, Heath "Bubba" Harbison (Chanda), Julie Welborn (John), Kaitlyn Aguirre (Andy), Terri Lynn Kelley, Shaton Kelley; 17 great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends, and the residents, nurses, CNAs, at Woodland Nursing Home. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cloie was a member of Friendship Methodist Church. She worked on a farm and enjoyed selling at the farmer's market. Some other things she enjoyed were spending time with family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and traveling with her senior citizen friends. Cloie was an avid Alabama football fan and loved watching Atlanta Braves Baseball. Her family remembers her cooking, and her good biscuits and gravy. She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Thelma Ilene Horton Williams, 88
Thelma Ilene Horton Williams, of Cullman, Alabama, was surrounded by her loving family as she entered into the presence of her Heavenly Father on July 6, 2024. Thelma was 88 years old. Ms. Williams was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Dec. 22, 1935, to Art and Gracie Ilene Scott Horton. Thelma was a member of Center Point Baptist Church where she enjoyed worshipping with her family and friends. Ms. Williams was a hard worker. She and her husband, Ben, raised poultry for many years. Thelma loved to quilt, and she always had a garden. Thelma enjoyed canning her vegetables. Ms. Thelma was a loving and loyal wife, mother, and grandmother. She adored her family, and no one will ever fill the place she held in their hearts. She was loved greatly and will be missed even more so. Ms. Williams is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ben Williams; son, Joseph Wayne Williams; grandson, Jason Howard; great-granddaughter; Brooklyn Williams; and her all of her siblings. Those surviving Thelma includes her children, Mark Allen Williams (Suzette), Debra Ann Howard (Mark), Teresa Dunn (Jon); grandchildren, Tracey Stephens (Tony), Heath Williams (Amanda), Austin Williams, Tiffany Chambers, Matt Calvert, Wesley Cummings (Lera); great-grandchildren, Brody Howard, Emma Howard, Kaitlyn Walton (Brett), Erin Rowell (Austin), Michael Chambers, Emma Wooten, Maleah Chambers, Makenzie Williams, Olivia Williams, Madison Cummings, Corey Cummings, Madison Calvert, Eva Calvert; great-great-grandchildren, Lawson Rowell, Luke Rowell, Lily Rowell, Levi Rowell, Mia Johnson, Zayden Johnson, and Nevaeh Cummings; as well as a large host of nieces and nephews, family, friends, and neighbors. Funeral services for Ms. Thelma are 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Center Point Baptist Church, Brother Josh Drake and Brother Mike Hill officiating. Friends are invited to join the family, at the church, for a time of visitation on Wednesday prior to services. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will conclude when services begin. Ms. Thelma will be laid to rest, following services, in the adjoining cemetery where Heath Williams, Landon Hunter, Brody Howard, Matt Calvert, Adam Farr, and Jason Smith will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Cullman Caring for Kids in memory of Thelma. Holly Pond Funeral home is honored to serve the Williams family and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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The Link of Cullman County held a ribbon cutting on Monday, July 8, 2024, for its newly renovated and renamed food pantry, The Pantry at The Link.

The Pantry at The Link opens doors after 2-week hiatus

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tuesday, July 9, will mark the re-opening of The Link of Cullman County's former program, the Master's Hand Food Pantry – with a brand new moniker (The Pantry at The Link) and client procedures.

On Monday, July 8, the team at The Link held a ribbon cutting inside the newly renovated space to showcase the improvements and logistical changes.

Opened in 2018 as a partnership between Daystar Church and The Link, the Master's Hand Food Pantry steadily supplied struggling residents with food stores. The community food bank assisted those facing food insecurity, on a weekly basis.

At the time of opening, the organization served around 35 families a week; a number that soared to an average of 169 client households served weekly, with 677 families using The Master's Hand Food Pantry, in January 2024.

In a media release for the pantry's renovation, The Link of Cullman County Executive Director Melissa Betts shared that on Tuesday, June 11, alone, the former Master's Hand Food Pantry served an astounding 95 families and supplied them with shelf-stable and baked goods, along with meat, produce, snacks, bread and beverages items to supplement household food stores.

"We feel like with the trajectory that we are experiencing, we are going to be at more than 100 (households served) a day before the end of the summer," stated Betts.

"Right now, we teeter anywhere from 75 to 90-ish a day at this point.

"We feel like the knowledge about the pantry and the way they can come in and serve themselves, we feel like our numbers are going to continue to increase."

The pantry's new name is The Pantry at The Link, or simply, The Pantry, for short. The team at The Link took the center's need for space as a fresh start; along with the brand new name, The Pantry is also starting fresh with its collection and shopping procedures.

Before the renovation, food pantry clients were given pre-filled bags and boxes containing a set amount of food and pantry items based on household size.

The new procedures inside The Pantry will still net each client the same amount of food while adding dignity, respect and personal choice to the process.

Now, clients will enter The Pantry, sign in and show all necessary documentation and then be greeted by a volunteer and a shopping cart. Guests will be able to shop for their own items in a supermarket format, leaving visitors with a sense of normalcy.

The Pantry at the Link is located at 708 Ninth St. SE and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Each qualified household is eligible to receive food once per month. Email courtney-ricketts@linkingcullman.org to set up an appointment to evaluate your needs.

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