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Grady Malone sworn in as newest Vinemont Town Councilman

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont has a new town council member. On July 8, Grady Malone was sworn in to take Place 5, the seat former Councilwoman Sonya Copeland unexpectedly vacated last month. Malone was sworn in by Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd at the council's regularly scheduled July meeting.

Malone is the second new member of the town council this year. Former Councilwoman Charlotte Cosper resigned from Place 3 back in April.

"Due to circumstances that make me feel less than safe to continue on serving as Council Member, Place No. 3 of the Town of South Vinemont, it is my desire to resign from this council seat. There are circumstances beyond my control that have made me feel uncomfortable to continue in this position," Cosper's letter to » PAGE 2


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Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd swears in new Vinemont Town Councilman Grady Malone at the Vinemont Town Council meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024. Left to right are Floyd, Malone and Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser.

3rd annual Tomato Taste-Off this Saturday, July 13


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A selection of tomatoes that were entered to win the title of "heaviest tomato" at the second annual Cullman County Tomato Taste-Off, hosted by the Cullman County Extension Office Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Festhalle Farmers Market

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tomato sandwich lovers, unite! The Cullman County Extension Office is gearing up to host its third annual Tomato Taste-Off at the Festhalle Farmer's Market this Saturday, July 13. The event will showcase local growers and the delicious produce that comes from the Cullman County soil. The tomatoes will be judged in three categories: Heaviest Tomato, Best-Tasting Slicing Tomato and Best-Tasting Cherry Tomato.

Cullman County Extension Coordinator Kira Sims shared, "The third annual Tomato Taste-Off is an opportunity for home gardeners and local growers to show off their best-tasting or heaviest tomatoes."

While the category of Heaviest Tomato is the most straightforward, three judges will put their own taste buds to the test as they try to pinpoint the Best-Tasting Slicing Tomato and Best-Tasting Cherry Tomato, evaluating acidity, sweetness and overall taste as they choose the best of the best.

The contest will begin accepting entries at 9:30 a.m. at the Festhalle, with the competition and judging beginning at 10. The contest has no age requirements, only that growers are local home or commercial growers. Each grower can enter once per category and contest winners will be announced at the close of the competition, although participants do not need to be present to win. First-place winners will be awarded a certificate and a prize from a local garden-related business, along with bragging rights. » PAGE 5

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Vinemont council approves BBQ Fest plans, discusses monthly senior luncheon


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The Vinemont Town Council, at its July meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2024, discussed the monthly senior citizens luncheon as well as the town's annual BBQ Fest. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 10, 2024. 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

July 6

• domestic violence-3rd degree – menacing; person; Meadow LN. SW

July 9

• criminal trespass-2nd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec; damaged property; $100; Lee Ave. SW
• criminal trespass-3rd degree; City of Cullman; Lee Ave. SW
• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
• retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $249; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

July 8-9

Ross, Brandon J.; 31
• FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
• FTA - expired tag
• FTA - driving while license suspended

Harper, Angela K.; 53
• Harassment

Joseph II, Peter A.; 58
• theft of property-2nd degree
• possession of forged instrument-3rd degree

Beard, William J.; 61
• public intoxication

Baker, Stanley A.; 39
• retail theft of property-2nd degree

Dujon, Elizabeth A.; 61
• theft of property-4th degree

Martinez, Bryann L.; 26
• criminal trespass-3rd degree

Seay, Heather E.; 40
• criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Malone (from Front)

Vinemont Mayor Radginal Dodson said.

Ross Campbell was appointed to Place 3 in June.

No details were given as to why Copeland resigned.

The next Vinemont Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6.

Plans (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council on Monday, July 8, approved plans for the town's annual BBQ Fest and discussed the monthly senior luncheon.

This month's senior citizens luncheon will be held Monday, July 15, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center, located at 88 Ridgeway St.

In true summer fashion, the council has secured smoked Boston butts from local meat supplier, The Butcher Meat Co. for the event.

The monthly meal is growing in popularity and is budgeted into the Town's annual expenditures, allowing the program to continue.

New Councilman Grady Malone asked about the cost of the luncheon.

"Last month, it was about $200," said Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser.

"We had around 57 seniors there."

Councilman Chris Thompson added, "I have a lot of people tell me they look forward to it."

After the details of the luncheon were settled, the council moved over to discussions about the town's annual BBQ Fest, to be held this year on Oct. 26 at the Vinemont Sportsplex.

At June's meeting, the council chose to table discussions on a production company until more research could be done into businesses that can provide their services as a package deal including audio and stage setups.

Thompson championed the return of Baker Productions, the production company from prior years.

This month, the council unanimously approved Baker Productions' bid to provide the town's annual BBQ Fest with a stage and audio setups totaling $1,700.

Man (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. — A 19-year-old from Oneonta drowned in Smith Lake on Wednesday, July 10.

Just past noon, Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick said, he was notified of a possible drowning at Smith Lake.

"The call came in around 12:30 p.m.," he said. "It happened around the Calvert Point area."

Kilpatrick identified the victim as Braxton Beasley.

If there are additional details released by local or state law enforcement, this story will be updated.

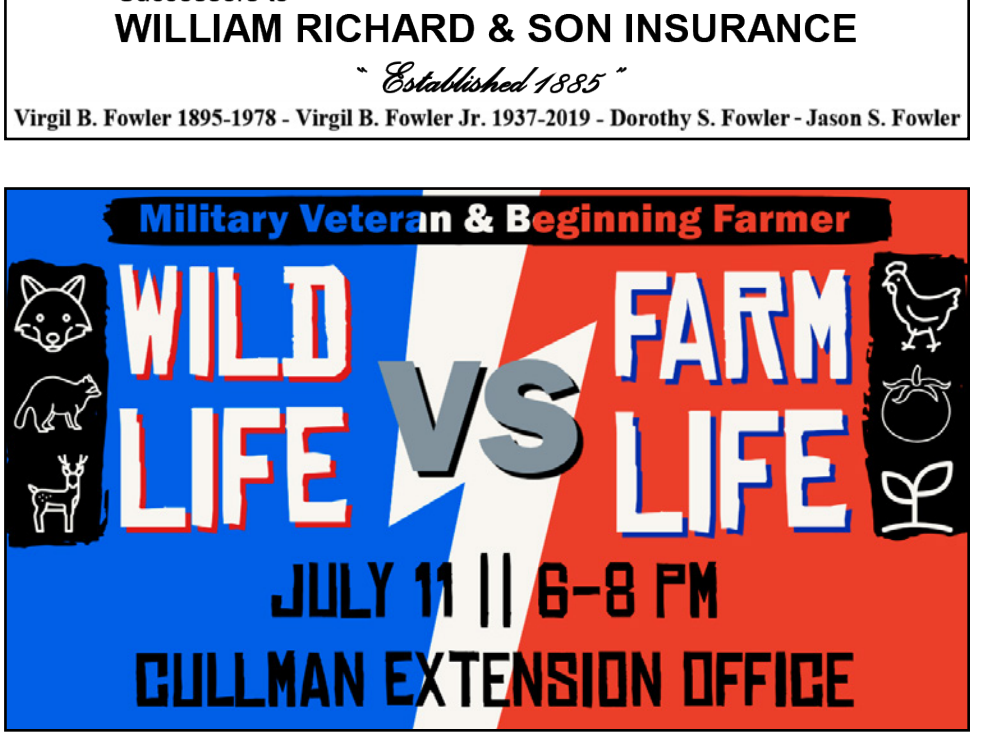




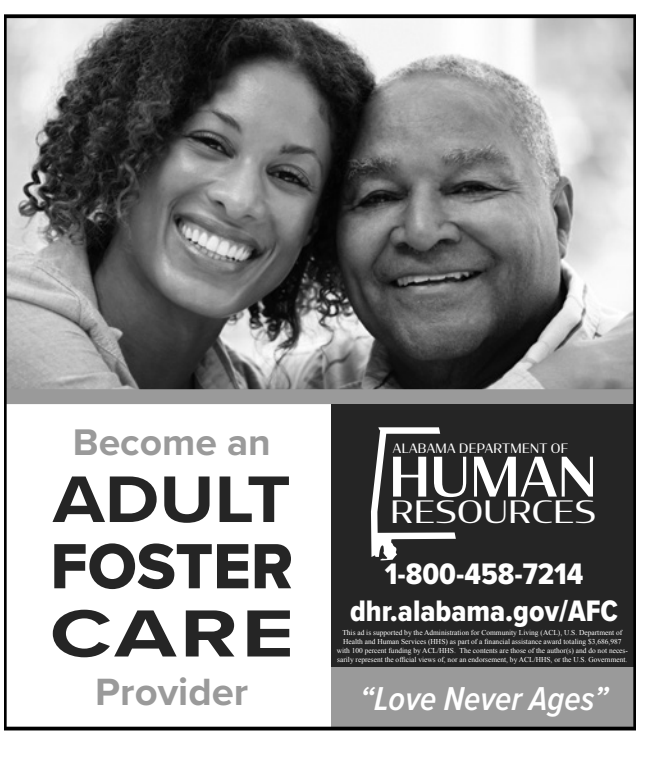
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Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a 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.
• 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cullman, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NE. Contact person is Porsia Anderson at 256-737-7557. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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PREP SPORTS

'Cold Springs will forever and always hold a special place in my heart': Emma Gellness recaps Eagle years

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs senior Emma Gellness was part of the Eagles' fishing and golf teams during her high school years and in this interview, she shared some of her favorite memories competing alongside her teammates and friends.

"Some of my top moments from fishing was when me and my fishing partner, Cloe Waters, would weigh in our fish that we caught that day. We always had tons of fun fishing all day long at every single tournament. We never caught the biggest bags of fish, but we always made the best of our time. Our amazing boat captain, Todd Waters, coaches us throughout the day, and he always made sure that we had fun. I only played golf for two years, but I also made tons of memories playing it. Me and Evan Freeman were the only girls on our team, but we always made the most of our time. I will always remember our very first golf practice in 10th grade. Neither one of us knew anything about golfing. We were so nervous, but eventually, we figured it out."

Gellness added, "At fishing tournaments, there were many amazing fishermen there that we competed against. There were also many amazing golfers at matches and golf tournaments. I made a good friend at one of my first golf matches, Abby Lee from Vinemont High School. She is an extremely talented golfer. Abby gave Evan and I some tips and tricks and was very patient with us, since we had just learned how to play when we met her. What I learned during this experience is that you're not always going to be the best or most successful in everything you do, but you should never give up."

Gellness was around so many great coaches during her prep career and will deeply miss playing at Cold Springs.

"Our fishing coach and boat captain, Todd Waters, is an amazing guy. He is my fishing partner Cloe's dad. He treats me like a daughter and always makes sure we have everything that we could possibly need for tournaments. I have so many good things to say about Todd. He puts up with us for over eight hours on the water all day. I had two different golf coaches. My 10th grade year, I had coach Justin Wiley, and my 11th grade year, I had coach Wesley McSwain. They were both amazing coaches and taught us the best way to play.

"Coach Wiley really got Evan and I started in golf. He taught us almost everything about the game. Coach McSwain was also my Agriscience teacher at school, and he always made sure we had everything that we needed. Both coaches spent hours outside at the golf course with us after school. All of my high school coaches are very special to me."

She added, "They all taught me how to play the sport in general. I think Todd taught me how to be a better fisherman. Both of my golf coaches taught me everything that I know about golf. I will miss all of the people I got to compete with and the coaches the most. I will remember all of the lessons that I learned while both fishing and golfing."

Gellness talked about her favorite fishing and golf tournaments she participated in and her favorite high school memory.

"My favorite fishing tournament was this past season at Lake Martin. We caught quite a few fish that day and had tons of fun doing it. My favorite golf tournament was the Cullman County golf tournament my 11th grade year. It was a two-day tournament. We played 18 holes each day, one day at Cross Creek Golf Course and one day at Cheslee Oaks Golf Course. I made friends with some other girls that golfed those two days, and we all enjoyed our time together," she said.

"One of my favorite memories from my senior year was our senior prank. Everyone in our class getting together and having fun together was a great time. We have a small class of about 55 people, so we are all pretty close with each other, and mostly, everyone is friends with each other. I think my graduating class is full of amazing people who are all going to do amazing things."

Cold Springs will hold a very special place in Gellness' heart and she will deeply miss being an Eagle next year.

"Ever since I moved to Cold Springs in the second grade, I have always felt loved by those around me. When I was the 'new kid' in the second grade, I felt very welcomed there. Everyone at Cold Springs is very friendly, considerate, loving, and welcoming. The teachers and staff have all watched me grow up, and me and my classmates have watched each other grow up. My English teacher, Mrs. Voce, is one of the most loving people you will ever meet, and the same goes for our secretary, Mrs. Tammy Gay. Cold Springs will forever and always hold a special place in my heart," she said.

"I will definitely miss my classmates and teachers the most. It is a weird transition going from seeing people at Cold Springs every day to possibly never seeing some of them ever again. I will always remember the caring and loving teachers and staff from Cold Springs High and elementary."

She gave some advice to those students that will be starting high school in August and was a great role model to so many young people at Cold Springs.

"My advice to them is to always make the best of everything, because high school really does fly by fast. It may seem like it's going by slowly now, but before you know it, you will be walking across the stage at graduation. Go out of your comfort zone a little bit and try new things. You never know what you might end up loving. I was that way with golf. I adventured out and tried a new thing and ended up playing for two years. Lastly, it doesn't matter what people think of you. Do what you love."

Gellness added, "Knowing that younger kids, such as my little sister, look up to me makes me want to strive to become a better person. I was once a little kid in elementary school who looked up to the seniors and other high school kids and wanted to be like them. Who knew that one day, I would become the type of person that I once used to look up to. Knowing that I may be some children's role model makes my heart happy. That is very important to me."

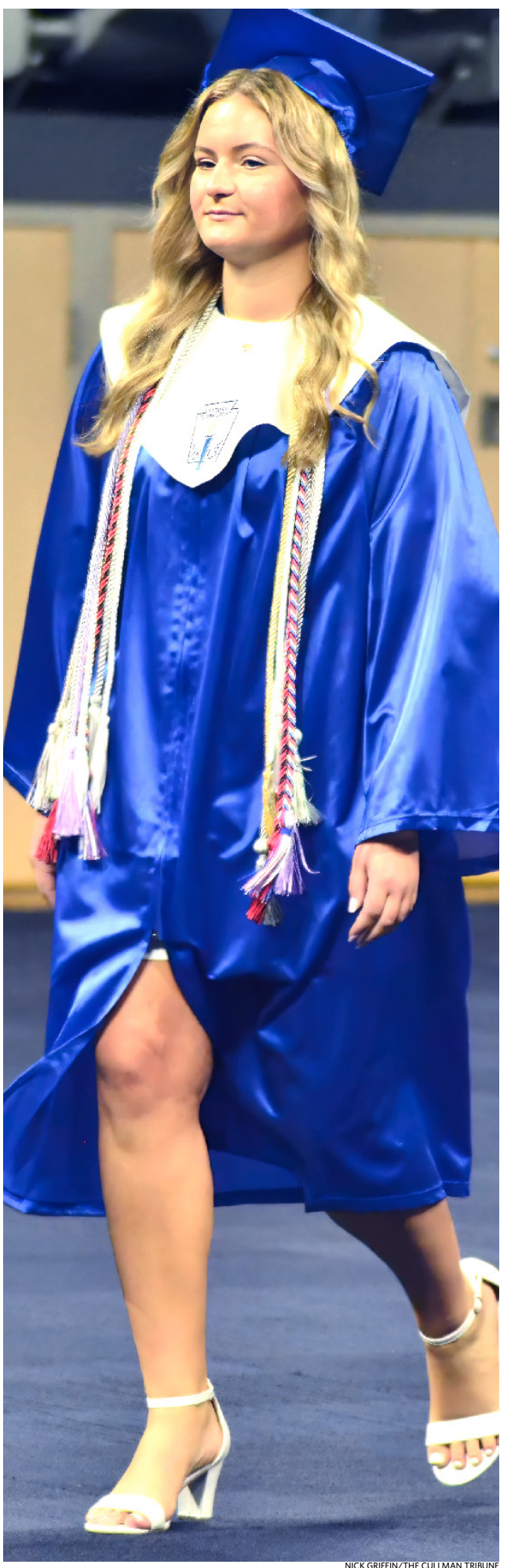
Gellness participated in several clubs at Cold Springs, and she had a blast in those as well. She earned a scholarship to Wallace State and talked about her plans for her education going forward.

"I was in the National Honor Society, the 1936 Club, Student Council, the Diamond Dolls, Trio, and the clean campus committee. From participating in those clubs, I learned that it feels really nice to give back to the community or to those in need. Helping those in need makes me feel super happy," she said.

"I received a Future Foundation Scholarship to Wallace State from the Cullman Savings Bank. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that they have given me. When I received the scholarship, I felt very proud that I was considered a candidate and very grateful. I am going into Diagnostic Imaging at Wallace State, and I plan to become an X-Ray Technician one day."

She gave advice to those that want to be where she is now, and shared how she wants to be remembered.

"To them, I would say to keep pushing yourself to be the best version of yourself that you can be. Work hard and don't give up when you fail. Keep trying your best," she said. "I hope that people remember me as a good person and as a good friend."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Emma Gellness

On the Plains with Oscar Chapman: 'Feels like family'

Bailey Shepherd
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Going into the 2023 season, Oscar Chapman was sure that it would be his last with college football.

It began a lot like Chapman's other three seasons, with a new coach. Another year to adjust, adapt and move forward. But it became another year of growth for the punter, who finished fourth in the Southeastern Conference with a 44.6-yard season average and had a career long 71-yard punt against Georgia, which happens to be tied for third longest in Auburn history.

After it was all over and as Chapman looked back on 2023, he realized staying another year would be even more beneficial than heading to the National Football League.

"I could have attempted to go to the league, or I could have another year at college and not regret not taking that advantage," Chapman said. "I really wanted to come back, and I am excited for another season with Coach (Tanner) Burns and my long snapper Reed Hughes."

With Burns specifically, Chapman is looking forward to having stability with the same special teams coach.

"Coach Burns tells us what he wants us to do and for us to get it done," Chapman said. "He's really helped develop us as a special teams unit, and it has been amazing. We had so much fun as a group. Our expectations were still high, but we were just having fun."

Chapman also appreciated how well Burns encouraged and cared for his special teams players, whether it is dinner at his home or bringing them under his wing.

Now looking ahead, Chapman is ready to continue his trajectory as the seasoned fifth-year punter ranked among the nation's best.

After starting for Auburn for four seasons, he sits fourth among career punting leaders for Auburn with a 43.8-yard average and has 41 punts of 50 yards or longer during his career.

He was a 2022 Ray Guy Award semifinalist and was placed on the 2023 preseason watch list.

As the 2024 season approaches, Chapman has some final tasks to check off his collegiate career list. He would like to hold the Auburn record for most yards punted, lead the punt special teams to be the best in the country and win the Ray Guy Award.

So, with another season ahead under the same coaching staff, Chapman is excited to have some familiarity. He recognizes that this is an exciting time for Auburn football with a lot of promising new players joining the program.

"It's just really exciting to be here right now," Chapman said. "We have all these new kids coming in that are really good, and I'm looking forward to having another year of fun with this coaching staff."

Chapman has some advice for the younger players, specifically for those on special teams, because it isn't always the most glamorous position on the roster.

"As a specialist, we have to be kind of invisible, in a way," Chapman said.

"We might do everything right, but you're almost never recognized until you do something wrong – that's when people put the spotlight on you. You have to practice really hard and prepare really hard to be the best and to be OK to never get the spotlight for it."

Apart from special teams, Chapman is excited to see the Auburn offense continue to grow and get better. As he more specifically noted with, "touchdowns!"

"I am excited to see the offense move," he said. "Our defense has always seemed pretty consistent, and I'm excited to see the offense do something really special this year. Of course, the special teams will always be there ready to go, but we're very excited to see what the offense can do because we have a lot of talent."

As Chapman has continued to tackle being a collegiate athlete, the balance of schoolwork, football and relationships has been no easy feat. Being a collegiate athlete has taught him discipline, organization, respect and above all, hard work.

The four-time SEC Academic Honor Roll honoree graduated in May 2024 with his bachelor's degree in accounting, and he is working on a second degree in exercise science.

"There is a lot of pressure with being a football player, but I want to be prepared for everything that I do outside of sport," Chapman said. "It has also made me realize how much you need time with family and friends."

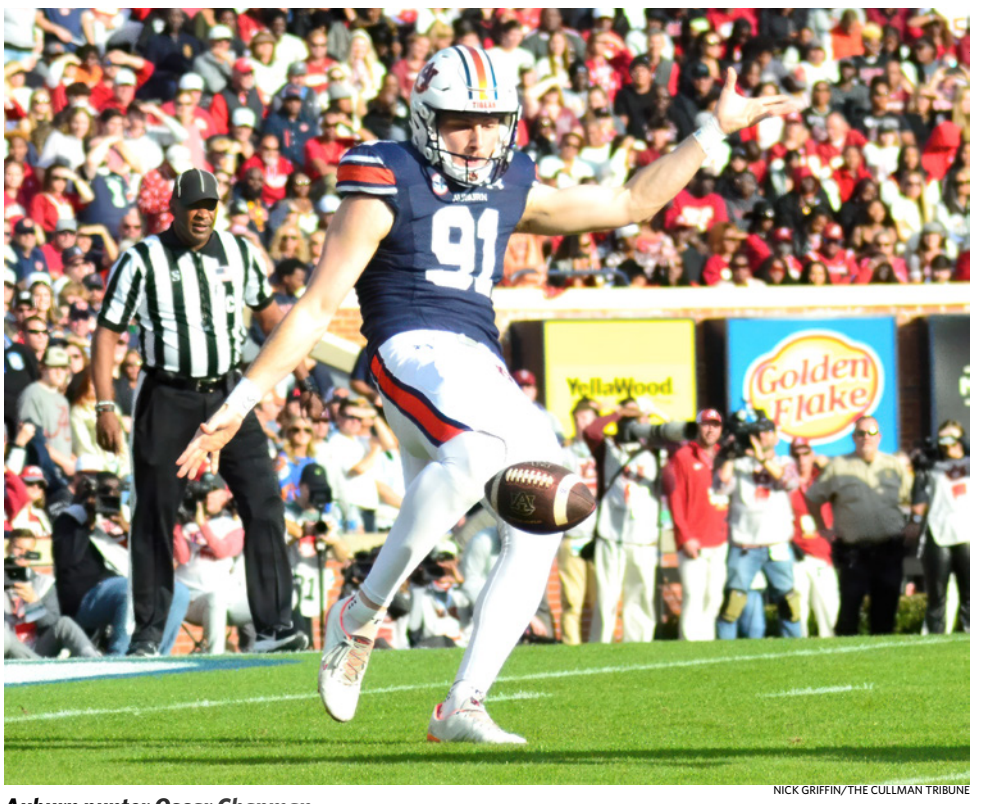
Even to Chapman, who grew up across the world in Adelaide, Australia, Auburn has become home to him. He is thankful for the chance to have one more year here.

"Everywhere you go here feels like family," Chapman said. "No matter where you go, you are treated so nicely."

With his final season on the horizon, the punter has a lot coming up. He and his fiancé Chloe Smith – also an Australian who graduated from the University of South Australia in Adelaide – plan to get married in February 2025, after six years of long-distance dating. After that, he wants to pursue the ultimate dream of American football at the next level.

Wherever he ends up, Chapman knows he is just one "War Eagle" away from feeling at home.

"To me, it means family to hear someone shout 'War Eagle!' No matter where you are in the world, whenever someone says it, I feel a sense of family," he said. "In an airport, in another country, or on the street in Auburn – stranger or teammate – that's how it feels. Like family."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Auburn punter Oscar Chapman

Alabama Basketball finalizes 2024-25 non-conference schedule

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics



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Alabama Basketball has finalized its 2024-25 non-conference schedule.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The Alabama men's basketball team announced its non-conference schedule for the 2024-25 season Tuesday. The season will officially tip off on Monday, Nov. 4 against UNC Asheville inside Coleman Coliseum.

The Crimson Tide's non-conference slate includes six games at Coleman Coliseum highlighted by a Dec. 14 matchup against Creighton. Away from Tuscaloosa, the Tide will play four opponents who played in the 2024 NCAA Tournament in Houston, Illinois, North Carolina and Purdue.

Tip times and television designations will be released at a later time. Fans interested in season tickets can fill out the season ticket interest form at app.rolltide.com/mbbticketinterest.

Fans who fill out this form will receive exclusive presale access to season tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

While this year's C.M. Newton Classic will not be a part of the Alabama men's basketball season ticket package, fans who have purchased season tickets for the 2024-25 campaign will receive priority seating to the event.

Alabama men's basketball season ticket holders will have first access to tickets through the Season Ticket Renewal Process, which is set to begin July 10.

2024-25 Schedule Highlights

• Of the 13 games during Alabama's non-conference schedule, the Tide will face seven opponents who participated in the NCAA Tournament last season

• Five of Alabama's opponents in its non-conference schedule are ranked in ESPN's Way-Too-Early Top 25 in No. 4 Houston, No. 10 North Carolina, No. 14 Creighton, No. 15 Purdue and No. 25 Rutgers

• Nine of Alabama's opponents won 20 games or more last season including three teams that reached 30 wins

• The Tide will face Houston, North Carolina and Purdue, who were all No. 1 seeds in the 2024 NCAA Tournament

• Alabama will begin the season playing its first three games at Coleman Coliseum

• The Crimson Tide will play in four neutral site games, highlighted with Illinois in Birmingham for the C.M. Newton Classic

• The Tide will spend Thanksgiving weekend in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Players Era Festival against Houston and will face either Notre Dame or Rutgers in the second game

• The non-conference schedule features eight different conferences

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Taste-off (from Front)

"We're trying to build this into a community event, so we host it at Festhalle Farmers Market as a way to make the event visible and incorporate other activities," Sims said.

The tomato theme will be prevalent throughout the day, with a variety of activities to keep everyone entertained. In addition to the Tomato Taste-Off, attendees can take part in the North Alabama Agriplex program the Power of Produce (PoP). Cullman County Master Gardeners will be on-hand, allowing youngsters to taste authentic salsa made fresh from tomatoes at the market. The Wallace State Culinary Department's mobile kitchen will also be on-site, offering attendees the chance to sample more tomato-inspired dishes and appetizers while exploring the many offerings of the Festhalle Farmers Market.

The Festhalle Farmers Market is located at 209 First Ave. NE.

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Rascal (from Front)

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He has an understanding of personal space and leash etiquette, which makes him a most perfect candidate for a companion/therapy dog.

Are you ready to meet Rascal? 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.

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

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Take advantage of Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday July 19-21

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama's 19th annual sales tax holiday for school-related items begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 19, 2024, and ends at midnight Sunday, July 21, 2024. This is your chance to save while shopping for school-related items in preparation for the upcoming school year. This tax-free weekend allows shoppers to purchase a variety of essential items without the added cost of sales tax.

During the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, the State of Alabama will waive its 4% sales tax on essential school supplies and clothing. Additionally, over 300 cities and counties across Alabama, will also waive their local taxes, offering potential savings of up to 10%. All eligible municipalities in Cullman County have also waived their sales tax for the holiday.

Exempt items during this period include:

- Clothing priced at $100 or less per article
- School supplies valued at $50 or less per item
- Books costing $30 or less per book
- Tablets, laptops, computers and printers with a selling price of $750 or less

A full list of exemptions and non-eligible items can be found at https://tinyurl.com/BTSSTH24.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Shane Barnette encouraged all families to take advantage of this special weekend, saying, "Tax-free weekend provides a wonderful opportunity to save on those needed supplies as families prepare for the upcoming school year. With everything costing more these days, anytime a family can save a few dollars they need to take advantage of it. I am thankful we all have this opportunity."

Although the sales tax holiday primarily targets back-to-school shoppers, everyone can benefit from the savings.

Essential items such as diapers, printer ink, thumb drives, printer paper and art supplies are also tax-exempt during this period.

"The sales tax holiday offers parents a way to save on back-to-school needs. Saving money for consumers while stimulating sales for stores is what this weekend is all about," shared Rick Brown, president of the Alabama Retail Association.

For more information related to the tax-free weekend, visit www.alabamaretail.org/resources/salestaxholidays/back-to-school.

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MATTHEW JAMES BAKER, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-217**
Deceased. *

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TINA ARMSTRONG as Administrator of the Estate of MATTHEW JAMES BAKER, deceased, on the 9th day of July, 2024, 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.

TINA ARMSTRONG
Administrator

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

REGENA LYNN RICHTER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900137.00**

MICHAEL SEAN HOWARD,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Michael Sean Howard, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Regena Lynn Richter's Complaint for Divorce by September 3rd, 2024 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900137.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 8th day of July, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA SIMS
300 1st AV SE, STE 104
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO. PC2023-374
Deceased.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE TO THE COURT AND PETITION TO CONVERT CASE FROM SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION TO A TESTATE ADMINISTRATION

TO: KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, DECEASED.

Notice to the Court and Petition to Convert Case from Summary Distribution to A Testate Administration filed the 24th day of April, 2024, made Court record the 29th day of April, 2024, by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, through Attorney David Lee Jones. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **20th day of August, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons 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 2nd day of July, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Petitioner's Attorney:
David Lee Jones (JON038)
Law Office of David Lee Jones, LLC
PO Box 940
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
OLEN CARTER, * CASE NO.: PC2023-372
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to VIRGINIA M. CARTER, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF OLEN CARTER, deceased, on the 25th day of June, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Virginia M. Carter
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
215 Main Avenue S.W.
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 25th day of June, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARTHA FREEMAN MOREFIELD, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 240
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Lacey A. Kilpatrick as Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Freeman Morefield, deceased, on the 1st day of July, 2024, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Lacey A. Kilpatrick
Lacey A. Kilpatrick
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
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Attorney for Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
SYBIL WILLIAMS, * CASE NO. PC2024-207
Deceased. *

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

TO: MARSHALL WILLIAMS AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF SYBIL WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

Petition to Admit Will for Probate and for Letters Testamentary filed by Morris Williams, Petitioner, through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **20th day of August, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons 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 1st day of July, 2024.

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

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Petitioner's Attorney:
Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
407 2nd Ave SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PERRYMAN REGINA,)
Plaintiff,)
)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900184.00
)
PERRYMAN CATHERINE,)
276 CO RD 517 PARCEL 26-09-32-0-000-004.006,)
Defendants.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Service by Publication supported by the Affidavit of Regina Perryman, stating that Plaintiff has made diligent search for any and all defendants required to be named in Plaintiff's in rem quiet title action under Ala. Code §6-6- 560, and there being the possibility that some defendants are unknown or cannot be found even after diligent inquiry, It is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the following notice be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Cullman Tribune.

Case No. CV CV202490018400
PUBLICATION NOTICE
ORDER OF PUBLICATION DATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO: Catherine Perryman, XYZ, 276 County Road 517, Hanceville, AL Parcel # 26-09-32-0-000-004.006, heirs and devisees or anyone who may claim an interest in the property described below, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title any other relief claimed by Plaintiff in Case No: CV202490018400 within Thirty (30) Days of last publication of this Notice as so ordered by the Circuit Court on May 29, 2024, being the date on or before June 29, 2024 to:

Laura Alfano, Attorney for Plaintiff
440 Twin Ridge Road, Warrior AL 35180
205-612-1868
lcalfano@bellsouth.net,

or a Default Judgment may be taken against any or all in the above referenced Civil Action no pending in Court, to wit:

DONE this 27th day of June, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
FLORENE DAY, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-335**
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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ZANE KELLY DAY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of FLORENE DAY, deceased, on the 25th day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

ZANE KELLY DAY
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Personal Representative
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to LU WRENDA DRIGGS, as Executrix, of the ESTATE OF BENJAMIN THOMAS DRIGGS, deceased, on the 25th day of June, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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LU WRENDA DRIGGS
Executrix

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Executrix
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
405 2nd Ave SW
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 25th day of June, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE





ALEA: 9 traffic fatalities, 3 drownings, 0 boating fatalities over 4th of July weekend

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Over the course of an extended five-day enforcement period, Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) investigated a total of nine traffic fatalities and three non-boating fatalities (drownings). However, this was the third year in a row where the state experienced zero boating related fatalities on Alabama waterways.

The official Fourth of July travel period began at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, and ended at midnight Sunday, July 7, with AAA forecasting a record-breaking travel period this year, exceeding pre-pandemic numbers. The traffic fatalities occurred in Calhoun, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Cullman, Escambia, Jackson, Marshall and Tuscaloosa counties with Wednesday, July 3, being the only zero-fatality day. Of those killed, six were drivers, one was a passenger and two were motorcyclists. Both motorcyclists were using helmets at the time of their crashes, but only one person of the seven traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts was buckled up at the time of the crash. The three drownings occurred at Oak Mountain State Park in Shelby County, Wheeler Lake in Morgan County and Palmetto Creek in Baldwin County.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Unfortunately, this holiday period ended in tragedy for 12 individuals and their loved ones, which we extend our deepest condolences. For law enforcement, this number is a stark reminder that our job is never done.

"While I commend all of our officers and the state's first responders who worked tirelessly over the holiday away from their families, I also pledge to the public that our Agency will continue our mission of protecting and serving by conducting high-visibility enforcement details and providing educational opportunities to combat dangerous driving and boating habits and reduce such tragedies."

Over the holiday, ALEA Troopers conducted numerous driver's license checkpoints and participated in national campaigns such as Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Operation Dry Water, in an intensified effort to reduce crashes, deter speeding and remove impaired drivers from Alabama's roadways and waterways. Troopers assigned to ALEA's Highway Patrol Division investigated 206 traffic crashes, made 48 DUI arrests, issued 2,429 citations for speeding and issued 1,211 citations for seat belts and/or improper child restraints. Troopers assigned to ALEA's Marine Patrol Division investigated 14 boating incidents, made 14 BUI arrests, issued 206 Marine Safety citations and issued 852 Marine Safety Warnings. Troopers also conducted 671 vessel inspections and patrolled 36 marine related events across the state, many of which were firework shows over the water.

ALEA's Department of Public Safety Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer said, "I echo Secretary Taylor's comments: our jobs are never done. With the increase in summer activities and travel, it is imperative that safety remains a top priority for everyone. Please remember to wear your seat belts, put down your phone and other distractions, and never operate a vehicle or boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Our Troopers will continue to work diligently to enforce traffic and boating laws to protect the lives of all Alabamians and its visitors. We are continuing our '101 Days of Summer Safety' educational campaign and the Rescue Swimmer Detail on the Gulf Coast. We will kick off Rural Road Safety Awareness Week on July 15, and then we will also be joining our neighbors in Georgia for a joint safety initiative known as 'Operation Southern Slow Down' on the same day to focus on speeding and reckless driving."

Additionally, ALEA's Aviation Unit, in conjunction with Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Fire Departments, participated in the Rescue Swimmer Detail on Thursday, July 4 through Monday, July 8. During this time, Aviation performed 12 patrol flights, responded to four calls for service, and performed 10 practice deployments of the Rescue Swimmers.

The Agency would also like to remind beachgoers that while Hurricane Beryl made landfall in Texas and is now a Tropical Depression, the threat for strong rip currents along the Gulf of Mexico remains high, even in Alabama. Please swim with caution and check local surf and weather conditions. Beachgoers visiting Orange Beach and Gulf Shores may sign up to receive daily beach conditions and the beach warning flag status by texting ALBEACHES to 888777.

Obituary Announcements: July 9-10

Myra Jean Drake, 81
Myra Jean Drake passed away on Tuesday, July 9. Funeral Service for Myra Jean Drake, age 81 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Valley Spring Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Drake was born to John Barnette and Clara Barnette. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her daughter, Rebecca (John) Ann Cordes; sons, Christopher (Jessica) Lee Logan, Larry (Samantha) K. Drake, Jr.; grandchildren, John (Andi) Patrick Cordes, Jr., Aaron (Emily) Lee Logan, Mason Keith Drake, Jordan Matthew Drake; great grandchildren, Grayson Cordes, Collins Cordes; brother, James Barnette; sisters, Betty Nix, Joyce Brown, Faye Montgomery and Ann Smith.

Rebecca 'Becky' Quick Fix, 72
Rebecca "Becky" Quick Fix, age 72 of Vinemont, passed away quietly at her home in Vinemont, Alabama on Monday, July 8, 2024. She was born to Ellis Quick and Rilla Quick. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Gary Austin Fix; son, Brandon (Natalie) Fix; daughter, Destrey Fix; grandchildren, Autumn and Mya Fix; siblings, James "Jimmy" (Debbie) Quick, Teresa "Terri" (Tom) Charney, Diane (Mark) Young; sister in law Melissa Fix Climer; nieces and nephews, Natasha (Terry) Lerch, Jason Young, Nicholas & Andrew Charney, Kristin Quick, Paige (Keston) Hembree; great nieces and nephews, Ethan & Gavin Young, Layla and Parker Lerch, Audrey Charney, Colin Young, James Hembree. Her kindness and love will be sorely missed. No services are planned at this time.

Brenda K. Quick, 77
Funeral mass for Brenda K. Quick, age 77, of Cullman, will be Friday, July 12, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Patrick officiating. Visitation will be held from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Rosary will be held at 9:15 a.m., and Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Interment will be held at Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Brenda was born March 29, 1947, to Henry Kramer and Ezzie Butler Kramer. She passed from this life on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barbara Kramer-Rucker and her husband, Jerry, Deloris Kramer-Farris and her husband, Bill. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jerry W. Quick; daughters, Shannon Quick Morris, and Tonya Quick-Jett (Brian); sister, Karen Kramer-Arrington (Stan); grandchildren, Ashley Ann Morris, Kala Q. Byrom (Clay), and Colin Kramer-Cocke; two great-grandchildren, Camilla Byrom, and Cage Byrom. In lieu of flowers, family requests friends and loved ones to donate to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, in honor of Brenda.

Connie McSwain Allen, 72
Connie McSwain Allen, age 72, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, July 8, 2024. Connie is survived by her former husband and friend, Bobby Allen; her daughter Jennifer Allen; her grandchildren Kayla Allen and Colby Allen; her great granddaughters Arielle Rose Wilbourn, Alayna Jane Wilbourn, and Laci Rae Allen; her siblings Lawrence McSwain (Luenett), Bobby McSwain (Cindy), and Linda McSwain Williams. Connie was preceded in death by her son Jimmy Allen; her parents Christie Hancock McSwain and Orvel McSwain; her grandchildren Kyler Allen and Breanna Allen, and her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Thurmon McSwain and Mr. And Mrs. Maburn Hancock. Connie was a great lover of animals of all kinds and once operated the Water Wings Pet Store in Cullman. She loved flowers and spent a lot of time cultivating them in pots and around her yard. Conne was avid Willie Nelson fan as evidenced by her collection of his posters and other paraphernalia in a special room of her home and her attendance at one of his concerts. A visitation for Connie will be held Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Following the visitation will be a celebration of life graveside at 2:30 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055 with Reverend Morris Helton officiating. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Gail Key, 87
Gail Key, age 87 of Cullman, Alabama passed away July 8, 2024. Mrs. Key was a cherished member of Northside Baptist Church. She was renowned for her award-winning crocheting skills, dedicated service as a nursery caretaker, and her heartfelt expression of love through specially crafted occasion cards, which earned her the affectionate nickname "Card Lady." Mrs. Key is preceded in death by her husband Calvin C. Key, and parents Hattie Estella Price and Mose Alexander Latta, sister Odelle Buffington, brothers William H. Latta, James B. Latta and Ray A. Latta. Mrs. Key is survived by her son Tim Key, and her special friends Dale and Kathy Williams. Services for Mrs. Key will be held Monday July 15, 2024, in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Family will receive friends for a visitation from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Bonnie Sue Wilcutt Bryant, 85
Bonnie Sue Wilcutt Bryant, age 85, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on July 9, 2024. Born Dec. 16, 1938, in Blount County, Alabama to Luther Monroe Wilcutt and Rosa A. McClure Wilcutt, she was a beacon of kindness and nurturing love throughout her life. Funeral service for Mrs. Bryant is Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 3 p.m., at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church, with Bro. Chris Chambless officiating. She will lie in state from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Interment will be at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Bonnie dedicated her life to her faith and was an active member of Jones Chapel First Baptist Church, where she joyfully served and shared God's love with the community. Her commitment to her faith and family defined her as a person, leaving a legacy of compassion and devotion. Bonnie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Elmer Bryant Sr.; her parents, Luther and Rosa Wilcutt; her sons, Elmer Bryant, Jr., and Samuel Bryant; and her grandson, Jason Speakman. She is survived by her children, Dana Joe Bryant, Susan Denise Bryant, Brenda (Wayne) Speakman, and Christopher Lee Bryant; grandchildren, Shannon (Lindsey) Bryant, Jacynthia (Jacob) Moses, Melanie O'Rear (Coty Riggs), Matthew O'Rear, Joshua Speakman, Michael Yates (Morgan), and Carmen Bryant; great-grandchildren, Braxton Bryant, Lilly Kate Bryant, Tyler Moses, Ellie Taylor, Anderson, Mavis, and Colson; a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers are Patick Holt, Jacob Moses, Coty Riggs, Matthew O'Rear, and Tyler Moses, and Shannon Bryant. Bonnie, known to her family as Granny, loved God first, then family. She enjoyed her flower gardens and always showed kindness to everyone, without fail. Her life will be honored and remembered as a testament to her loving nature and her unwavering faith.

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