

Assaults, drunk driving predominate in summary of Wilkes County Aug. arrests

Assaults and drunk driving arrests top the August roundup of arrests by city, county, and state law enforcement in Wilkes County.

Christopher Trevor Sims, 17, of Crawfordville, was arrested August 18 by Wilkes deputies and charged with aggravated assault. He was released on \$10,000 bond.

Bobby Norman, 24, of Tignall, was arrested August 15 by Wilkes deputies and charged with aggravated assault and with simple battery. He was released on \$13,500 bond.

Jamie Allen, 35, of Tignall, was arrested August 24 by Tignall Police and charged with simple assault and with possession of a firearm or knife while trying to commit a crime. He was released on \$8,000 bond.

Brandon Flint, 20, of Washington, was arrested August 25 by Wilkes deputies and charged with two counts of identity fraud. He was held on \$10,000 bond.

Felicia Cullars, 33, of Washington, was arrested August 18 by Washington Police and charged with cruelty to children. She was held on a probation violation.

Brandon Perlotte, 23, of Wilkes County, was arrested August 16 by Wilkes deputies and charged with simple battery. He was held on

\$3,500 bond. Temon Williams, 28, of Athens, was arrested August 1 by Washington Police and charged with fleeing or attempting to elude an officer; obstruction of an officer; driving while license is withdrawn; and with a loud music violation. He was released on bond.

Jenine Williams, 45, of Washington, was arrested August 14 by Washington Police and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on bond.

Henry Lee Shepard, 49, of Washington, was arrested August 29 by Washington Police and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana. He was released on \$813 bond.

As previously reported, Roderick Willis, 46, was arrested August 12 by Georgia State Patrol troopers and Wilkes deputies after a chase. Willis was charged with DUI; fleeing or attempting to elude; violation of the Georgia controlled substance law; and eight separate traffic violations. He was held on \$43,000 bond.

Charles Ray Thornton, 58, of Washington, was arrested August 5 by Washington Police and charged with driving under the influence; hit and run; driving without a license;

and with failure to drive in a single lane. He was released on \$4,114 bond.

Robert I. Lawrence, 21, of Rayle, was arrested August 31 by a Georgia State Patrol trooper and charged with driving under the influence; hit and run; and with failure to drive in a single lane. He was held on \$3,500 bond.

Robert Robbirds, 28, of Sneads, Fla., was arrested August 6 by Washington Police and charged with driving under the influence, and with a headlight charge. He was released on \$1,822 bond.

Davis Mahoney, 50, of Washington, was arrested August 17 by Washington Police and charged with DUI and with failure to stop for a stop sign. He was released on \$2,504 bond.

Wanda Smith, 48, of Washington, was arrested August 14 by Georgia State Patrol troopers and charged with DUI. She was released on \$1,500 bond.

Jorge Ledesma, 24, of Wilkes County, was arrested August 15 by Washington Police and charged with DUI. He was released on \$814 cash bond.

William Davis, 56, of Washington, was arrested August 9 by Washington Police and charged with driving while license is withdrawn and with a headlight charge. Davis was also arrested by the WPD August 15 and charged with driving in violation of a limited license. He was released on bond.

Jarvis T. Coleman, 23, of Tignall, was arrested August 23 by Washington Police and charged with driving while license is withdrawn; failure to drive within a single lane; driving with no insurance; and with removal or affixing plate to conceal vehicle identification. He was released on \$1,396 bond.

Qualitying ends Fri. for city offices in Washington, Rayle

Qualifying for the City of Washington General Municipal Election on November 3 began Monday, and will end at noon on Friday, September 4.

Candidates are also qualifying for two seats on the Rayle city council this week.

Washington City Clerk Debbie Danner said that qualifying opened Monday, August 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and will end at noon on Friday, September 4.

Qualifying will be done at the Office of the City Clerk in City Hall, and the qualifying fee is set at \$108. In Rayle, qualifying started Monday at 8:30 a.m. and will continue through 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Rayle City Hall.

The November voting in Washington will elect two council members from District 1 and one member from District 2. The terms of incumbent Councilmen Rev. G.L. Avery and Maceo Mahoney from District 1, and Pamela L.G. Eaton from District 2 will expire in December 2009.

Several candidates for the two District 1 seats have announced, including incumbent Avery, Michael A. Wylie, Marion Tutt Jr., and Kimberly Rainey.

Eaton announced her candidacy for a third term as District 2 councilman. She is as yet unopposed.

By Tuesday afternoon, all incumbents and most challengers had qualified already, Danner said.



Dove shoot to raise funds for youth program

Claibourne Darden will once again welcome hunters young and old Saturday to the fourth annual Darden Dove Shoot, a benefit shoot for the Georgia Outdoor Network SEEDS youth program. The shoot, held in Taliaferro County, is expected to draw 80-100 hunters, including many from Wilkes County. After a barbecue lunch in the shade of a pole barn, hunters will head for the fields. Last year, Darden said, several hunters bagged their limit of 15 birds, and, more importantly, youth were introduced to hunting. The dove shoots have raised more than \$5,000 for the SEEDS youth program.

'Everybody will pay through the nose' under Obama's plan, Rep. Broun says

"I am adamantly opposed to 'Obama care,'" stated 10th District Congressman Paul Broun in a telephone interview with *The News-Reporter* on Monday, August 31.

The congressman was in Canada on a fact-finding tour at the time.

"We have to decrease the cost of healthcare, but the government option is not the solution," stated Broun. "According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), President Obama's plan will not serve to decrease the cost of healthcare. Instead, the cost will increase.

"Eventually, a government-run program will lead to the rationing of healthcare - services will be delayed and in some cases, denied. In essence, people will not have a choice."

Concerning the National Health System in Canada, Congressman Broun indicated that no one in that country supports the initiative except those who are healthy and just need a doctor to write a prescription for a cold or some other minor ailment.

"Doctors spend five minutes with patients - there is no counseling about their disease," said the congressman, who is also a physician.

"Moreover, most Canadian women will get into their 40s or 50s before having their first Pap smear. Doctors don't take the time to tell them this is something they need to do. The death rate from cancer is higher in Canada because of the delay in diagnosis and treatment."

He went on to add, "While the Canadians don't spend a lot out of pocket for health insurance, their income taxes are high and they

have a high national sales tax just to pay for the healthcare system. In Canada, there is no other option."

In further comments, Congressman Broun said, "President Obama wants to take us where a government-run healthcare program is the only option, like in Canada and Great Britain, which is socialized medicine.

"Everybody will pay - they will

pay through the nose and receive poor care. Research and development will cease, and eventually, the quality of care will deteriorate."

In closing, Broun, who has been discussing the proposed healthcare program at town hall meetings throughout his district, said, "Hopefully, there will be enough of a public outcry to keep the president's plan from ever coming to a vote."



Bennett honored with presidential award

Patsy Massey (right) of St. Mary's Hospice presents Washington hospice volunteer Zella Bennett with a Presidential Volunteer Award and a letter from President Barack Obama. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation honored Bennett for her more than 300 hours of volunteer service. In addition to the letter from President Obama, Bennett received a bronze pin and a certificate. "Zella has been very faithful, loving, and compassionate," said Massey, "and we appreciate her so much."



Memorial brick dedicated

Harriet Callaway (center) accepts a brick in memory of her son, Stephen Philip Callaway, from friends and bridge club members (front left) Baron Callaway, (Mrs. Callaway) Beth Buller, Evan Buller, Piper Buller, (rear) Margaret Rae Evans, Mary Ann Garrard, and Travis Armour. The memorial bricks are sponsored by the Wills Memorial Hospital Foundation. For more information, call Pat Niemann at 706-678-9272.



Tailgating truck hits car

Georgia State Patrol Trooper Brent Marxsen cites truck driver Jean Paul Noubbissi of Chicago for following too close Friday night after the semi struck a car turning into a driveway in the 6000 block of the Greensboro Road. The driver of the car, Anthony Lucas of Crawfordville, was not injured when the semi hit his car and sent it spinning into the yard. The truck driver said he saw the car signal a turn and slow down, but he was not able to stop in time.



T.J. and Friends Foundation helps cancer patient

Veronica Crew receives a \$500 check from Blake Thompson, Wilkes County representative of the T.J. and Friends Foundation. "T.J. and Friends Foundation has given away over \$50,000 with more than 100 recipients in just one year," Thompson said. "The Foundation celebrates its one year anniversary this month, and in that year, 30 of those recipients have been right here in Wilkes County."

Community Calendar

- Sept. 3 WMH Auxiliary uniform sale, 7 a.m., lobby
- Sept. 4 Tigers beat Thomson, there
- Sept. 6 Heard's Chapel pastor's anniversary, 11:30 a.m. Flint Hill anniversary, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 7-11 Brinkley Chapel revival, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 Iris Garden Club coffee, 10 a.m., Bernie Pope home
WMH Tea & Learn, 2:30 p.m., Cafe
- Sept. 10 W-W Garden Club, 2 p.m., North Wilkes Library
- Sept. 11 Tigers beat Social Circle, Tiger Stadium
- Sept. 12 Fall Cruise on The Square, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Brinkley Chapel homecoming, 2 p.m. Presbyterian homecoming, 11:15 a.m. Booker's Chapel usher board program, 4 p.m. Springfield Baptist homecoming, 11 a.m. 10th District Deaconess Anniversary, 2:30 p.m, Third Shiloh
- Sept. 14 Washington City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall
Woman's Club, 12 noon, clubhouse
- Sept. 14-16 Springfield Baptist revival, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Historic Preservation Com., 5 p.m., City Hall Annex
- Sept. 18 Tigers beat Blessed Trinity, Tiger Stadium
- Sept. 19 Lions Club chicken barbecue, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20 Springfield Baptist ordination, 3 p.m. Young's Chapel pastor appreciation, 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 21 DAR, 12 noon, Woman's Club
- Sept. 22 WMH Auxiliary Coffee, 4 p.m., TBA
- Sept. 25 Tigers beat Calhoun Falls, Tiger Stadium.
- Sept. 26 Catholic Church Yard Sale, 8-1, Parish Hall
Miss Wilkes County Pageant, W-WCHS cafeteria
- Sept. 27 TFLM celebration, 3 p.m., Third Shiloh
- Sept. 28 Civil War Roundtable, 6 p.m., Jockey Club
- Sept. 30 Third Shiloh annual session, Youth night, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 1-2 Third Shiloh annual session, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 2 Tigers beat Hancock, Homecoming, Tiger Stadium
- Oct. 3 Heard's Chapel usher board, 3 p.m. Rayle Ramble
- Oct. 10 Mule Day, Callaway Plantation
- Oct. 16 Tigers beat Lincoln County, Tiger Stadium
- Oct. 17 Nancy Long golf tournament
- Nov. 7 Tignall Festival
- Nov. 7-8 Fall ArtFest