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Protect your information: don't become victim of Medicaid "scam"

MONTGOMERY — In an effort to protect the privacy of thousands of Alabama Medicaid recipients, the state's Medicaid Agency has issued new identification numbers for all people on Medicaid.

Officials told the Sun that the move is in keeping with a new state law prohibiting the use of Social Security numbers on items for public inspection, according to Medicaid Commissioner Carol Herrmann Steckel.

"The Alabama Medicaid Agency is committed to preserving recipients' right to privacy," Steckel said. "At the same time, we are urging our recipients to help us by keeping their new ID numbers safe."

However, scam artists are already at work attempting to get their hands on the new ID numbers. Residents of both Gilbertown and Butler told the Sun last week that they received calls from a person posing as a Medicare/Medicaid inspector who wanted to check the "accu-

racy" of their new ID number, and asked for their checking account numbers to "verify" that they were the correct person.

Attorney General Troy King reminded persons that they should carefully guard this and other personal information from those who might use it to steal their identity, Medicaid benefits, or money from their bank accounts or credit cards.

Authorities warned that persons should NEVER give out personal information such as Social Security numbers, bank information, or account numbers.

As a rule, state and federal agencies DO NOT call persons on the phone to ask for such personal information.

There are literally thousands of such "scams" making the rounds, and in recent months, local residents have also been the attempted targets of persons who called to say they were agents of the Internal Revenue Service and that the person

has a refund coming ... IF they will provide their Social Security number and a checking account number so that the refund can be Direct Deposited. As reported earlier in the Sun, IRS officials told this newspaper that their agents make contact by U.S. Mail, and not by e-mails or phone calls.

At least one local resident received a call from someone posing as an "agent of the court" wanting to know why the person had not shown up for jury duty. The caller advised that the only way the person could avoid being arrested was to provide their bank account number so that a \$69.95 fee could be electronically drafted from their account. According to the unsuspecting victim — who gave out the number before she thought about what she was doing — the scammers drained her checking account of more than \$1,100.

And, authorities warned, once the money is gone, do not expect to get it back.

Obituaries

Glovie Edith Miller Guinn

MILLRY — Funeral services for Glovie Edith Miller Guinn were held Jan. 27, 2007 at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Millry with Rev. Bob Conner and Rev. John Daily officiating. Interment was in the Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Guinn, 88 died on Jan. 25 at her residence in Millry.

She is survived by one son, Jack Miller of Millry; three daughters, Mary Katherine (husband, G.H.) Harvell of Eight Mile, Lennie (husband, Dick) Taylor of Phoenix City, and Janice (husband, John) Barnes of Millry; two sisters Bonnie (husband, Prentice) Touchstone of Pensacola, FL, and Norma Dell Cambron of Orange Beach; 13 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Amon T. Guinn; three brothers, Hulmer Cyle Miller, Herman Miller, and Earl Miller; and five sisters, Virgie Thornton, Cassie Cradure, Opal Waite, Florrie Kirkland, and Alberta Miller.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Taylor, Derek Barnes, George Harvell, Brian Barnes, Jeffrey Harvell, and Melvin Maddox. Honorary pallbearers were Eric Barnes, Ryan Miller, Sonny Thornton, Dewayne Touchstone, Steve Miller, David Heathcock, Jimmy Kirkland, and Paul Cradure.

Phillips Funeral Home in Millry was in charge of the arrangements.

James Earl "Son" Capers

BUTLER — Funeral services for James Earl "Son" Capers were held on Jan. 29, 2007 at Butler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, with Rev. Patrick Burke and Rev. Willie Vines officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

A Choctaw County native, Mr. Capers was born Feb. 3, 1951 to Willie and Mamie Capers. At an early age he joined Tompkinsville A.M.E. Church. He later joined Butler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

On October 10, 1977, he was united in marriage to Mattie Barnell Eddie and the couple had three children.

He was employed by West Alabama Security and Norwood's Sand and Gravel of Pennington, for 20 years. For the past four years, he was a member of the Oscar Gray Avenue Residents' Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie; his mother, Mamie Capers, of Pennington; children, James Charles (wife, Kathy) Eddie, Pushmataha, Dewayne (wife, Vanessa) Eddie, Mobile, an adopted son, Thomas Whitted, Sr., Lisman; a nephew, Billy Smith, Butler; five grandchildren, Jamiya C. Eddie, Delia Eddie, Christopher Eddie, Shametra Ezell and Desmond Eddie; five sisters, Gloria Thomas, Decatur, GA, Mary (husband, Albert) Irvin, Ellenwood, GA, Rita (husband, Kevin) James, Pennington, and Torrie Edwards, Butler; four brothers, Willie (wife, Margaret) Capers, Louisville, KY, Durant Capers, Pennington, Daniel Capers, Pennington, and Darryl (wife, Lorraine) Capers, Lorian, OH; five sisters-in-law, Bertha (husband, Lurie) Wilcox, Mobile, Deloris Davis, Butler, Peggy (husband, Morris) Manning, Gainesville, FL, Prentella (husband, Richard) Smith, Putman, Eliza Eddie, Gainesville, FL; an aunt, Mary (husband, William) Arnold, Cincinnati, OH, and many other relatives and friends.

He was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Norwood, of Lavaca, Alabama.

His father, two sisters, and a daughter preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Willie Capers, Darryl Capers, Durant Capers, Daniel Capers, Mike Norwood, Clay Norwood and Sammy Norwood.

Mary Ann Harris

PUSHMATAHA — Funeral services for Mary Ann Harris were held Jan. 27, 2007 at Gilfield Missionary Baptist Church in Lisman with Pastor Theodis McSwain officiating. Interment was in Gilfield Cemetery.

Ms. Harris, 50, died Jan. 23, 2007. She was retired from Louisiana Pacific Company of Texas.

Survivors include her mother, Annie R. Harris of Lisman; seven sisters, Jane (husband, Gary) Robinson of Montgomery, Mildred Salary and Gladys (husband, Leander) McCurdy both of Birmingham, Judith (hus-

band, Charlie) Ruffin of Lisman, Myra Harris of Jacksonville, FL., Benola Smith of San Francisco CA, Claree Pennington of Perry, FL.; four brothers, Johnny (wife, Gloria) of New Jersey, Thomas (wife, Linda) of Oakland, CA, Bobby of Jacksonville, FL, and Ulysses (wife, Joann) of Greenville, FL, along with many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were relatives and friends. Hayden and Butler Funeral Home in Lisman was in charge of the arrangements.

Norris Tyler, Jr.

LISMAN — Funeral services for Norris Tyler, Jr., were held Jan. 27, 2007 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Lisman with Bishop Curtis Dubose officiating. Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Tyler, 64, died Jan. 16th. Survivors include two brothers, Archie Tyler, Sr., and William Tyler, Sr.; four sisters, Carolyn A. Cloud, Mary D. Tyler, Lillie P. Graham, and Annie W. Smith.

Pallbearers were family members and friends. Hayden and Butler Funeral Home in Lisman was in charge of the arrangements.

Wheeler Randolph Phillips

SALITPA — Funeral services for Wheeler Randolph "Randy" Phillips, 59, a native of Washington County and a resident of Clarke County, were held on Jan. 20, 2007 at River Hill Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery. Rev. Wilton Bennett and Rev. Mike Maloy officiated.

Mr. Phillips died at his home in Salitpa on Jan. 18, 2007. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, and Purple Heart recipient. He was a bi-vocational home-builder and preacher.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Scott Phillips, of Salitpa; six daughters, Amanda Tucker of Daphne, Allyson Singley of Salitpa, Wanda Roberts and Joni Waddill, both of Silas, Cheri Howell of Birmingham, and Kristi Becton of Millry; four sisters, Alice Everett of Hobson, Delaine Hollingshead and Lynn Sullivan, both of Millry, and Becky Presley of Waynesboro, MS; two bothers, Sherman Phillips and Eddie Phillips, both of Millry; and 11 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Brandon Phillips, Jody Phillips, Kevin Hollingshead, John T. Sullivan, Gave Everett and Merle Everett.

St. Stephens Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Eunice "Christine" Thompson

BUTLER — Eunice "Christine" Thompson, 64, died January 16, 2007 at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS. Thompson was retired.

Funeral services were held Jan. 23 at Butler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church with Rev. Willie Vines officiating. Interment was in the Butler Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Robert L. Thompson; one son, Lenarda (wife, Diana) Chaney of Gilbertown; one sister, Alice R. Towner of Toxey; two brothers, Alaine (wife, Dorothy) Smith of Lisman, John H. Chaney of Lorain, OH; one stepson and one stepdaughter.

Pallbearers were family and friends. Hayden and Butler Funeral Home in Lisman was in charge of the arrangements.

Sylvia Mae Adams Dial Grant

PUTNAM — Funeral services were held recently for Sylvia Mae Adams Dial Grant, a native of Marengo County, AL, and a resident of Cleveland, OH for many years.

She was born to the late Willie James Adams, Sr. and Olevia "Levia" Tensley Adams in Aimwell, AL on April 7, 1943.

She is survived by a daughter, Shauntel Dial Johnson of Cleveland, OH; nine sisters, Annie Adams Evans and Mary Adams Berry Watkins of Thomasville, Myra Jackson (husband, Ozell), Mary Lee (husband, George) Mary Ann (husband, Kenneth) and Beverly Adams all of Tuscaloosa, Barbara (husband, Joe) Chaney of Lisman, Annie Tucker of Jachin, Hazel Adams (husband, Rickey) of Lisman; four brothers, Willie Lee (wife, Vera), George (wife, Eretha) Adams of Lisman, John Adams of Thomasville, William Adams of Tuscaloosa; a sister-in law, Gloria Jean Adams of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Major Dial and Clark Grant, her parents, three sisters, Lula Thomas Peterson, Mary Lucille Adams and Betty Adams Berry; and three brothers, Willie James Adams, Sr., Jessie Ree Adams, Sr., and Arthur George Adams, Sr.

Sun Country Calendar

There is no charge to list an upcoming non-profit or charitable event for your church, school, civic group, fire department, etc. Meetings of governmental entities may also be included. Send your announcement as far in advance as possible. Calendar items may be mailed, faxed, sent by U.S. Mail, delivered in person to our Butler or Gilbertown offices, or left in our drop box at The Country Corner in Butler.

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

40 DAYS HOLY CONVOCATION REVIVAL, Church of God Pentecostal, 7:30 p.m.

SINGING, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Toxey, 7 p.m. The Silvertones of Silas and other groups will be featured.

FISH FRY, Wesley United Methodist Church, 10 a.m., at the church on the Ararat Road. For information contact Mary Bonner at 205-459-3705.

FISH, BARBEQUE PLATE sale, Evangel Tabernacle Worship Center, Hwy. 69 North Coffeeville, 10 a.m. To place an order call 251-843-5644 or 251-843-5193.

BUTLER DIXIE YOUTH SOFTBALL/BASEBALL SIGNUPS, Civic Center, 8 a.m.-noon. Boys ages 5-12 (as of 5/1/07), Girls ages 4-15 (as of 5/1/07). Bring copy of birth certificate (boys must also have proof of insurance). \$40 signup fee. For more information on girls signup, call 205-459-4039 or 459-3348; for boys, call (205) 654-2651.

CHOCTAW-WASHINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE SIGNUPS, Gilbertown Sports Complex, Paragon Road, 9 - 11 a.m. All players must attend tryouts which will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 10th. A player may register at any time between now and Feb. 10th by going by Sammie Bonner Construction Co., in Toxey, or NAPA Auto Parts in Gilbertown. All players must bring copy of their birth certificate and a \$40 registration fee. For more information, call Mike Nelson at (251) 843-5269 or Pam Chapman at (251) 843-4623.

Sat., Feb. 3rd and Sun., Feb. 4th

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN, two encore performances presented by Ballet and Theater Arts Performing Companies; Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4th, at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale now at the usual banks and businesses, or readers may call (251) 843-5138 for reservations.

Sun., Feb. 4th - Wed., Feb. 7th

REVIVAL, Mosley Bridge Congregational Methodist Church. Lunch will be served following the Sunday morning service. Sunday evening service will begin at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Evening meals will be served in the fellowship hall each night at 6 p.m. before worship services. Guest speaker: Bro. Hal Dagg.

Monday, Feb. 5th

CHOCTAW CO. COMMISSION meeting, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6th

MEETING FOR THE 4th ANNUAL BUTLER FEST will be Feb. 6th at 6 p.m. Thereafter the first Monday of every month at Butler Town Hall 6 p.m.

Wed., February 7th - Fri., Feb. 9th

REVIVAL — Evangel Tabernacle Worship Center Hwy. 69 North in Coffeeville; nightly at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Min. Mary Pugh Marshall of Grove Hill. Bishop Lesley Powe is the pastor.

Saturday, Feb. 10th

U.S. SEN. RICHARD SHELBY will host a county visit at 7:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on Tom Orr Drive in Butler. The public is invited to attend.

NEW HOPE VFD will be having a Boston Butt sale at the New Hope VFD from 10 a.m. — until. The roasts are \$20 each.

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Sunday, Feb. 11th

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY, Little Hope Baptist Church, Lisman, 2 p.m. Rev. Robert Webb, Pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Yantley will be guest speaker. Dinner will be served. All churches are invited to attend. Rev. James E. Sheffield, Pastor.

THE SULLIVAN FAMILY, legendary bluegrass-gospel group, will sing at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church at Melvin, 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information call Pastor Pike Smith at 601-776-0308.

Monday, Feb. 12th

TOXEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 13th

CHOCTAW CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION meeting, 5:30 p.m., Choctaw Co. Elementary School.

CHOCTAW CO. SADDLE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING at Old Buddies Restaurant. Dutch-treat meal at \$6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Dues will be payable (\$25 per year per family) and officers will be elected. For more information call Emelie or Dale Allen at (205) 459-3245.

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