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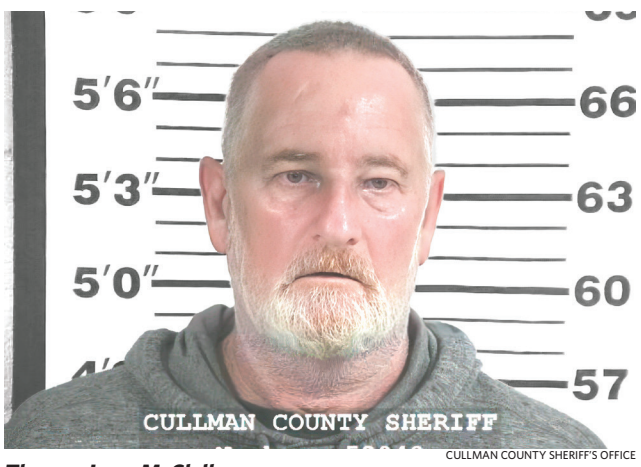
Cullman Co. man sentenced to 99 years for wife's murder

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County man, who was convicted of murder in April for the for the Jan. 27, 2021, slaying of his wife, Tammy McClellan of Arkadelphia, has been sentenced to 99 years in prison for the crime. Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Greg Nicholas handed down Thomas Leon McClellan's sentence on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said he and his assistant district attorneys asked for the maximum sentence due to Thomas McClellan's lack of remorse in this case. He said members of the McClellan family were present and delivered victim impact statements on behalf of victim Tammy McClellan.

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Thomas Leon McClellan

Cullman Sportscards & Fun Shop opens new location


NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman Sportcards & Fun Shop opened its new location at 207A Third St. SW Wednesday.

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Sportscards & Fun Shop officially opened the doors of its new location in downtown Cullman Wednesday morning and owner Johnny Kampis is excited to welcome everyone to the new space. Kampis first opened the store in April 2021 near East Point Shopping Center but as the business continued to grow, it became clear he would need some more space.

"I outgrew that space fairly quickly. That building is just a little over 500 square feet, so I've needed more space for a while. We were looking at two options, either expanding that building or moving downtown and it just happened that Greg at (Camelot Books and Comics) had rented this space for a little while to expand his store and then he decided to move all his comics back over there and it became available," Kampis said. "I talked to Wayne Roberts who owns the building, and the rent was certainly affordable, so we decided to move here into town. And you can't beat the location, we're 30 feet from Hwy. 31 and Hwy. 278 so it seemed like a no-brainer."

Kampis was a big card collector in the '90s and after taking some time away from the hobby, he found an opportunity to dive back in 20 years later.

"I collected cards like a lot of people back in the '90s. There was a big boom in the market, and they also just printed stuff to the moon. A lot of that stuff isn't worth as much now unfortunately but like a lot of people I kind of got out of it when I got out of college and had to pay my own way. That was expendable income that I didn't want to expend," Kampis joked. "So, I got out of it for about 20 years and what got me back into it was I bought a collection from Moulton on Facebook Marketplace, and it was a guy's stuff » PAGE 5

Amerson sentenced to 131 years in death of Bradley Patterson



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 28, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 23

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Lessman St. SW

June 26

• identity theft; person

• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; medication

• theft of services-4th degree; person; cash; $250

• assault-3rd degree; person; assault-3rd degree; McNabb Dr. SW

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; Laurel Ln. SW; medication

ARRESTS

June 26 – 27

Rockwell Jr., Vinton E.; 35

• FTA- expired tag

Buchanan, Brad L.; 54

• public intoxication

Jones, David W.; 53

• possession forged instrument

Pearson, Juwan I.; 26

• FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Man (from Front)

reported in April 2023:

A Cullman County jury on Thursday, April 20, 2023, convicted Thomas Leon McClellan of murder for the Jan. 27, 2021, slaying of his wife, Tammy McClellan of Arkadelphia.

The four-day trial began Monday, April 17, with Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Assistant District Attorney Tina Burgett prosecuting the case.

"I would first like thank the jury for their service and all the Cullman County Sheriff's Office investigators who did a great job preparing this case. The evidence at trial clearly showed the defendant intentionally killed Tammy. Her children and family have my prayers. They came to court every day to show support – and this office supports them," said Crocker.

As The Tribune reported back in 2021, the shooting occurred at a residence along the 3200 block of County Road 5 south of Arkadelphia. Thomas McClellan was arrested Feb. 27, 2021:

Members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Cullman EMS, the Arkadelphia Volunteer Fire Department, Cold Springs Volunteer Fire Department and Regional Air-Medical Services all responded to the scene of the crime that night.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said the next day, "It has been determined that this was a domestic incident which led to an altercation. The altercation escalated and both individuals sustained gunshot wounds. Unfortunately, this resulted in the death of one of the individuals, while the other is being treated in an area hospital."

Read more about the crime at www.cullmantribune.com/2021/03/01/man-charged-with-murder-in-shooting-death-of-wife-in-cullman-county.







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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday July 3, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
2. Short form Subdivision – 275 County Road 1403 – create two lots

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

Amerson (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Brett Steven Amerson of Morris, Alabama, who was convicted of reckless murder in Cullman County back in April, on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, was sentenced to 131 years in prison by Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Martha Williams.

The conviction and sentence, which were also for DUI and other charges, stem from a hit-and-run crash in December 2018 that took the life of Bradley Ray Patterson, 39, of Holly Pond.

At the time of the crash, according to Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, Amerson had 11 previous DUI arrests.

Crocker said he and his assistant district attorneys asked for the maximum sentence due to "Mr. Amerson's egregious crime and lengthy criminal history."

Crocker's office said members of the Patterson family were present and delivered victim impact statements.

As The Tribune reported in April 2023:

"This conviction is a result of the December 18, 2018 DUI crash on Highway 157 near the 310 exit overpass. Amerson was driving a box truck while intoxicated at three times the legal limit. Amerson crashed into Mr. Patterson who was operating a motorcycle with the right of way. Mr. Amerson had 11 previous DUI arrests," said an online statement from Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker.

The four-day trial began Monday, April 17, and was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Johnson and Assistant District Attorney Nate Brock.

"I would first like thank the jury for their important service and all the City of Cullman Police Department who did a great job preparing this case. The evidence at trial proved the defendant was triple-drunk and driving recklessly when the crash happened," Crocker posted.

"I am also so proud we achieved justice for the family of Bradley Patterson. His family contacted our office within just a few days of us taking office in January and asked us to review this case.

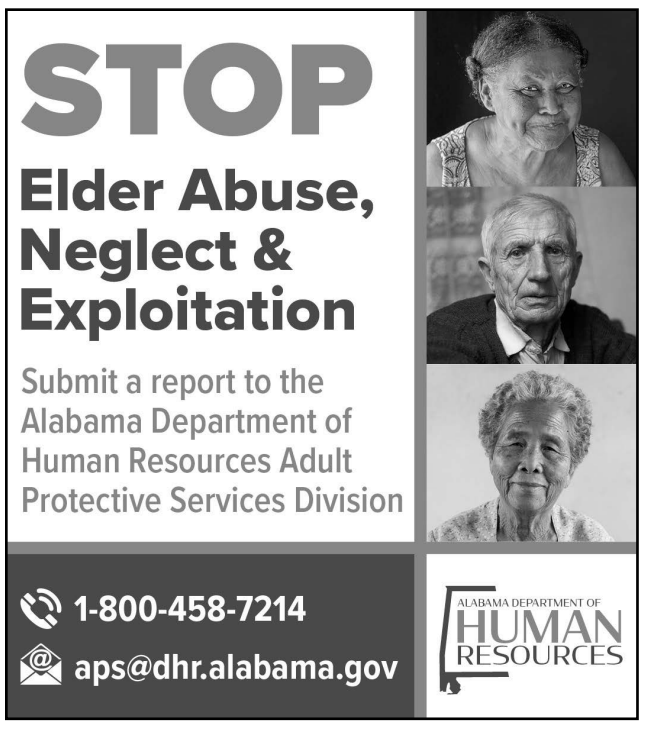
"I felt an obligation to see this 2018 case be one of the first cases tried after taking office so that justice could be served."

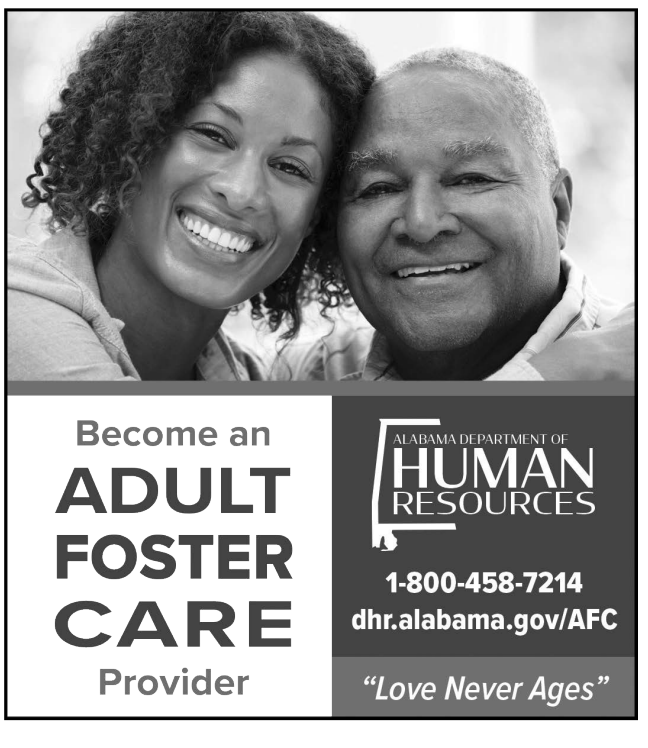
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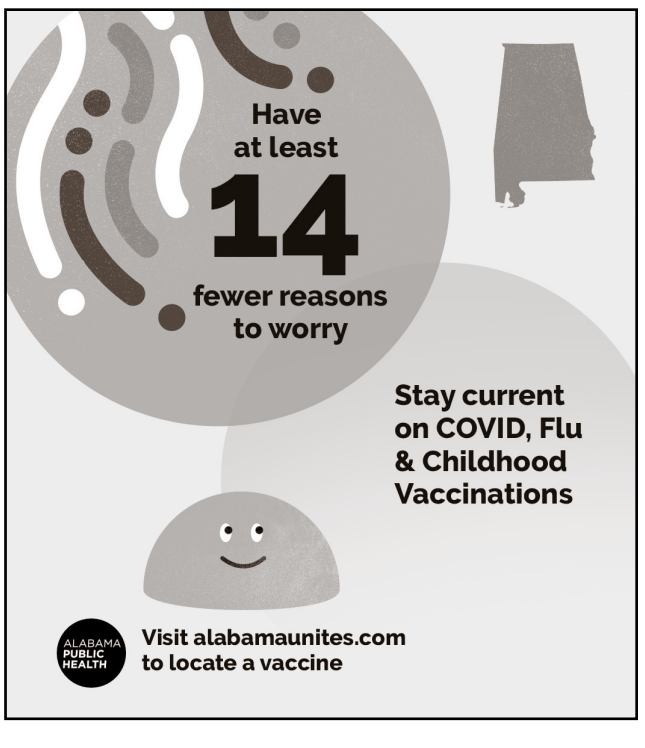
According to Cullman Police Lt. Jeff Warnke, Patterson, driving a newer model Harley Davidson motorcycle, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 157 at approximately 5 p.m. when he was struck by a white 1998 GMC box truck that failed to yield the right of way when turning left onto Interstate 65 South. The driver of the truck, identified as Amerson, did not stop, instead continuing onto the interstate, prompting the Cullman Police Department to issue an alert to area law enforcement agencies in an effort to locate the vehicle.

Shortly before 7:30, Amerson was located, 21 miles away from the scene off I-65 Exit 291. Sgt. Cindy Rohrscheib said the truck was found at a truck stop off of Alabama Highway 91.

Read more on the background of the crime and Amerson's criminal history at www.cullmantribune.com/2018/12/21/hit-and-run-driver-charged-with-murder.







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets
On sale now at First Southern Financial, 1622 Second Ave. SW in Cullman. Sale ends July 15. Tickets are $20 each. For more information call 256-736-4445. Event date is July 22, 2023.

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, June 30 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits, and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! 6:30 p.m. bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal. Nursery provided!
• Sunday, July 2 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, July 2 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Leadership meeting following morning service. `
• Nonperishable Food Bank drive-please donate canned goods, boxed goods, etc. to help our foodbank. Our foodbank supplier has not had these items for purchase for the last two months. Please leave your donations under the carport on the left side of the church by 6 p.m. this Thursday night. Thank you!

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.

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.

Free Food Boxes at First Presbyterian Church
Thursday, June 29, starting at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Cullman, 615 Third Ave. SE. We will be handing out food boxes until the boxes are all gone. One food box per car, please. Follow us on Facebook or online at www.cullmanfpc.org.

Ladies Night Out Bunco
Friday, June 30, at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Family Life Center. Games, $20 per person fee, with refreshments and monetary prizes awarded! Sponsored by the Women's Altar Society to help with their upkeep of the Church Sanctuary, everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and have a night of fun, games and friendship!

Speegle Family Reunion
The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 321, Crane Hill, Alabama 35053), beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389. Come eat and enjoy the day with us.

Vacation Bible School
A Royally Fun Time awaits at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, 227 Dripping Springs Road, Cullman, July 10-14, from 6-8:30 p.m. Ages 3-12. Call 256-620-3680 or register online at calvarybaptist2023@myanswers.com.

Heartland Quilt Guild
Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. All are welcome. We love to meet new friends.

Circle of Hope Cullman Shoot for a Cure 3D Archery Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16. Featuring 20 3D targets on a marked wooded trail throughout the beautiful Camp David in Jones Chapel. All proceeds benefit Bruno Cancer Center at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. Awards will be given and we have lots of great door prizes! Get more information at www.facebook.com/circleofhopecullman/events.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting/Luncheon
Friday, July 21, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451 for more information.

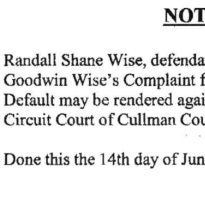
Rock the South
Thursday-Saturday, July 21-23, at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. This year's headliner is Chris Stapleton. To buy tickets and to get more information, go to www.rockthesouth.com.

87th Annual Sandlin Reunion
• Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock; 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. patsymedlock@bellsouth.net. 205-915-1870 (cell). Anita Sandlin Glover (205-903-1756).
• Let's conserve postage! Please email me your EMAIL address. If you don't have email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (~14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At first STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT! Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF I.H.H.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/27/2010

CASE NO.: AD2023-043

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHARLES ANDREW HARDY, NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD I.H.H., BORN OCTOBER 27, 2010 TO AMANDA LEIGH DYE

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Clayton Bullard Dye, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 12th DAY OF June, 2023

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

Shay Persall
Attorney for Petitioner
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NENA GOODWIN WISE,
Plaintiff

Vs.

Case Number: **DR-2023-000207.00**

RANDALL SHANE WISE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Randall Shane Wise, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Nena Goodwin Wise's Complaint for Divorce by August 21, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-000207.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 14th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
NENA GOODWIN WISE
1409 ANN ST NW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES C. RODEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-176**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to BEVERLY H. RODEN as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES C. RODEN, deceased, on the 20th day of June, 2023, 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 will be barred.

Beverly H. Roden
Ancillary Personal Representative

Jami Blanton
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative
417 3rd Ave. SW, Suite 255
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-841-5776

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

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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‘We want the kids to have someone to look up to’: More than 60 participate in 3rd annual West Point Basketball Camp

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The third annual West Point basketball camp has come to a close and more than 60 kids participated in this year’s event. The young players got the opportunity to learn hands on skills from West Point coaches and players Monday and Tuesday and varsity boys head coach Mason Voce was happy to see another great turnout at this year’s camp.

“We started the camp when I first got the job. That was one of the things that I wanted to get back on the calendar in the summer, so we just finished our third year. This year’s the biggest year we had. It’s grown and it’s been cool to see it grow and develop over the years,” Voce said.

“It’s awesome. That’s what we want. We want the community to know that we care about these kids and we really do. It’s good for our kids to work with the young kids and then the young kids to be with our kids as well. It kind of gives more of a personal feel during the season and we like to go watch these kids play. It’s cool to see them grow and develop over the years.”

The kids worked on the basics during the camp, and they learned a lot from the coaches and the players.

“We worked on the basics: ball-handling, dribbling, shooting, and triple-threat. We’re trying to make it fun and give them a love for basketball,” he said. “I hope they learned a lot, whether it’s a left-hand closeout on a right-handed shooter, keeping the ball down with your head up dribbling, or defense slides. It might have been small, but it’s a fundamental that will help them as they get older and play more basketball.”

Coach Voce saw a lot of growth in the kids during the camp and he’s hopeful that more and more kids will come to the camp.

“I think they grew a lot. We’ve got good kids at West Point, and they show a lot of maturity. They were eager to learn, and they were easy to work with. That’s all we can ask for. We appreciate the parents for allowing them, trusting us to bring their kids to camp for two days, allowing us to spend six hours with them. We really enjoyed it and are thankful for the kids and the community for their support,” he said. “We hope it continues to grow. We hope that the brand of basketball that we play excites people in the community and excites the kids. It makes it to where more kids want to play and that’s our goal. We had 60-something kids that showed up this year and hopefully, more than 70 kids will show up next year. Quantity’s not everything, but we hope to see it continue to grow.”



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More than 60 young players participated in this year’s West Point Basketball Camp led by Warrior players and coaches.

Coach Voce talked about what’s key during these kinds of camps.

“I think the relationships are the biggest thing. It’s important to go over basketball and work on dribbling and shooting, but I think building that relationship with the current players and the future players and the coaching staff; I think, that’s the biggest thing. That’s what I look forward to the most: high-fives, talking with the kids, and laughing with them. The relationship part is the biggest thing to me. We want our current players to represent West Point the right way. There’s a lot of people that take pride in West Point athletics and we want the kids to have someone to look up to and look forward to being as they get older.”

PREP BOWLING

‘The love and support from everyone was amazing’: Fairview’s Cadence Ryan looks back on Aggie years

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Fairview senior bowler, Cadence Ryan. She bowled for the Aggies for two years and was also in the Key Club and the student council. Ryan talked about that experience and shared some of what she learned.

“Being in the Key Club and the student council helped me come out of my shell. I felt like I was important to the school. I learned how to talk to people and be a leader. It also taught me how to work well with others and it showed me that I love helping people,” Ryan said.

“This year, we ended up becoming the sectional champions in Tuscaloosa and I learned what it was like to work together as a team all trying to get the same goal. It was the most fun I’ve ever had. It was a great experience making it that far and we all had so much fun doing something we love. My coaches, Bryant Roberts, and Mr. Brown were the best coaches. Even when we were having a bad day, they would cheer us on and tell us we were doing a good job. I learned to believe in my skills.”

Ryan was around some great people during her time in those clubs and during bowling season. She talked about her favorite high school memories, what made Fairview a special place to go to, what she’ll remember the most and what she’ll miss the most.

“It made school really easy and fun to go to because I knew I had all of my friends from bowling and the clubs,” she said.

“Meeting all the people and getting so close to all the teachers was definitely the best part. What made Fairview special to go to was definitely the love that everyone had for the school. What I’ll remember the most is definitely meeting all the people that I did and learning so much from the teachers. What I’ll miss the most is seeing everyone every day. It was always so much fun.”

Ryan took away some things from going to Fairview and gave some advice to the upcoming freshman. She also talked about a role model that she had growing up and the best advice that she was ever given.

“The love and support from everyone was amazing. It makes you want to work hard,” she said.

“Remember to work hard but have fun in the process. Cherish these years; they go by fast. I had multiple role models, but one person that stood out was Mrs. Watts. The best advice that I was ever given was no matter what’s going on in your life, you need to remember to always have fun.”



CADENCE RYAN

Fairview’s Cadence Ryan

UAB’s Jemison, Walker sign NBA deals

Bryan Koch
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Trey Jemison and Jordan Walker each agreed to free agent deals with NBA organizations following Thursday night’s NBA Draft. Jemison has agreed to a Summer League deal with the Phoenix Suns while Walker signed a one-year contract with the Dallas Mavericks.

Jemison and Walker led the Blazers to a 2022 C-USA Tournament title and the program’s first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2015. The duo led UAB to a program-record 29 wins during the 2022-23 season, surpassing the previous record that was set during the season prior.

Birmingham native Trey Jemison earned Third Team All-Conference USA honors after averaging 9.1 points and 8.4 rebounds per game during the 2022-23 season. He set a UAB single-season rebounding record with 329 boards.

Jordan Walker earned 2022 Conference USA Player of the Year honors and followed that up with another stellar season in 2022-23 where he earned First Team All-Conference recognition. Walker averaged 21.3 points and 4.6 assists per game during his two seasons as a Blazer.

He became the fastest player in program history to reach 1,000 points, doing so in only 47 games. He also set the program record for most 30+ point games with 10 during his two-year UAB career.

The NBA Summer League begins on July 3 and runs through July 9. Games will be streamed on ESPN Networks and NBA TV.



UAB ATHLETICS

UAB’s Trey Jemison and Jordan Walker each agreed to free agent deals with NBA organizations.

2023-24 Season ticket

Season tickets for the 2023-24 UAB men’s basketball season are now available starting as low as $110.

Season ticket packages will feature all home games during UAB’s inaugural season in the American Athletic Conference and provide the most cost-effective way to attend games at Bartow Arena. Fans may renew season tickets, purchase new season tickets or request more information on season ticket options here. For more information about season ticket pricing, call the UAB Athletics Ticket Office at (205) 975-UAB1.

Follow the Blazers

For more information on the UAB men’s basketball team, follow @UAB_MBB on Twitter and Instagram.



5 gold medalists among 10 winners for WSCC at SkillsUSA

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Ten students from Wallace State Community College brought home medals, including five gold medals, after competing over the weekend at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held in Atlanta. The students earned medals in five of the 12 college divisions in which Alabama colleges placed at the national competition, the most of any other in the state system.

"Congratulations to all of our national SkillsUSA winners," said Wallace State Associate Dean of Applied Technologies Jerry Murcks.

"We are proud of everyone who competed in this year's competition."

Students competing in the national Skills USA competition earned their way to Atlanta by winning gold medals in the Alabama SkillsUSA competitions in May in Mobile. WSCC had 21 students earn gold medals in the state competition.

Among the national winners were five students earning gold medals as national champions in their areas of competition.

Avery Hollis of Vinemont and Landon Holmes of Cullman won gold medals in the Commercial Drone competition.

Ashley Hardin of Alabaster won a gold medal in Criminal Justice.

Chris Hosey of Holly Pond and Joseph McCay of Hayden won gold medals in Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue.

Isaac Daniel of Holly Pond and Devin Hollis of Cullman earned silver medals in Mobile Robotic Technology.

Brennan Perry of Cordova, Johnson Sellnow of Guntersville and Caleb Sharpe of Falkville won bronze medals in Automated Manufacturing Technology.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State Criminal Justice student Ashley Hardin of Alabaster, center, reacts after being awarded a gold medal in the Criminal Justice competition at the 2023 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held recently in Atlanta.

2 Benedictine monks ordained to priesthood at St. Bernard Abbey

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Abbey announces the ordination of two of its monks, Father Paschal (Gabriel) Paulter, O.S.B. and Father Pachomius (Gustavo) Alvarado-Garcia, O.S.B., to the priesthood on Saturday, June 10, at the Abbey Church in Cullman by the Most Rev. Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The ordination liturgy was also attended by the Most Rev. Steven Raica, D.D., J.C.D, Bishop of Birmingham and the Most Rev. Robert Baker, D.D., retired Bishop of Birmingham.

Among the guests were Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B. from St. Leo Abbey and monks from Assumption Abbey (Richardton, North Dakota), St. Anselm Abbey (Manchester, New Hampshire), Mary Help of Christians Abbey (Belmont, North Carolina), St. Meinrad Archabbey (St. Meinrad, Indiana) and many relatives and friends, including the Benedictine Sisters from Sacred Heart Monastery, also in Cullman.

The ordination ceremony was a solemn and joyful celebration of the sacrament of holy orders. The church was adorned with sacred decorations and filled with incense and music that enhanced the liturgy. The music was a rich blend of Gregorian chant, English plainchant, sacred polyphony, modern polyphonic composition and hymnody, reflecting the diversity and unity of the Church. Singing and listening are two important aspects of Benedictine prayer, as the monks praise God with their voices and listen to His word with their ears.

Abbot Marcus Voss, O.S.B., the abbot of St. Bernard Abbey, expressed his gratitude and joy for the ordination of Fr. Paschal and Fr. Pachomius.

"We are blessed to have two new priests in our community who will serve God and His people with love and joy. We pray that they may be faithful and fruitful ministers of the gospel who are guided by the Holy Spirit and follow the example of St. Benedict, our patron," he said.

Fr. Paschal was born in Birmingham and was educated by the Nashville Dominican Sisters at St. Rose Academy in Birmingham, before attending St. Bernard Preparatory School, an apostolate of St. Bernard Abbey. Fr. Paschal entered the monastery after high school and has been studying for the priesthood since he made his first profession of vows as a Benedictine monk in 2015. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina, before entering St. Meinrad Seminary to earn an M.A. of Divinity.



ST. BERNARD

Left to right are Abbot Cletus Meagher; Most Rev. Steven Raica, Bishop of Birmingham; Fr. Paschal (Gabriel) Pautler; Most Rev. Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark; Father Pachomius (Gustavo) Alvarado-Garcia; Most Rev. Robert Baker, D.D., retired Bishop of Birmingham; Abbot Marcus Voss; and Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B. from St. Leo Abbey.

Fr. Pachomius was born in Perico, Cuba, where his mother still lives.

Active in catechetical activities as a teenager in his hometown parish, he later pursued religious studies at Instituto María Reina in Havana, Cuba.

As a young man, he moved to Colombia and entered Monasterio Benedictino de Tibati in Bogota, Colombia.

It was there that he had his first contact with St. Bernard Abbey, through Father Joel Martin, O.S.B., who was visiting the Colombian monastery on business at that time. When Fr. Pachomius later made his way to the United States, he contacted Father Martin and entered St. Bernard Abbey. Fr. Pachomius has been studying at St. Meinrad Seminary to earn his M.A. of Divinity.

Location (from Front)

from a card store over there in the late '80s and early '90s. I really bought it just to kind of liquidate it but once I started sorting through them it really rekindled my love of cards and then I realized that the market had gone nuts. In 2020 when Covid first hit all the collectibles markets went up because people were stuck at home and getting back into their old hobbies. So, that was really the emphasis behind it and things just kind of moved quickly from there until we opened the store in April 2021."

Now that he has more space to play with, Kampis looking forward to hosting regular events like trade nights, tournaments and more. Keep an eye on the Cullman Sportscards & Fun Shop's Facebook page for announcements about upcoming events.

"Now that we have a bigger space, I have this second room back here and we've got some tables set up for about 14 people and we're definitely planning to start having regular trade nights," Kampis said.

"Possibly breaks where people buy in to like a team or a division or something and you open up a box or a case and they get all the players so that's a good way to maybe hit some big cards for a lower price. We're also looking at maybe hosting some Pokémon tournaments or stuff like that, so I love having this space to be able to do those kinds of things. We've got a couple arcade machines too that can be entertainment for kids that want to come and play those. We'd love to start having regular events like that."

Cullman Sportscards & Fun Shop is located at 207A Third St. SW between MarMac Real Estate and Camelot Books and Comics. Everyone who visits the store this week will have a chance to enter for a $100 cash prize.





LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
WILDA SUE BARNES,) CASE NO.: PC-2023-040
An alleged incapacitated person.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR EMERGENCY AND PERMANENT LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: DAWN BELL
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Emergency and Permanent Letters of Guardianship* has been filed by Ronnie Lee Owens, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Tonya C. Palmer. A hearing on said *Petition for Emergency and Permanent Letters of Guardianship* has been **SET FOR THE 27th day of JULY, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 13th day of June, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ETHEL DEAN GEIGER * CASE NO PC 2022-439
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Carol West as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ethel Dean Geiger, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, notice is hereby given that 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.

Carol West
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Personal Representative
215 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To : The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SAMUEL WATERMAN KNIGHT,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900175.00**

LINDA JEAN DAVIS KNIGHT,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Linda Jean Davis Knight, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Samuel Waterman Knight's Complaint for Divorce by August 21, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900175.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 23rd day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
STEVEN C. SMITH
P.O. Box 398
CULLMAN, AL 35056-0398

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GREGORY SCOTT WARREN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900093.00**

KRISTY WARREN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Kristy Warren, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Gregory Scott Warren's Complaint for Divorce by August 14, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900093.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 15th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
PAMELA E. NAIL
200 2nd AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DELMER EUGENE WHITEHEAD, * CASE NO PC 2023-143
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **JEFFERY EDWARD WHITEHEAD,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **DELMER EUGENE WHITEHEAD**, deceased, on the 13th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jeffery Edward Whitehead
Personal Representative

George M. Vaughn
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

KERRI HALL BUTLER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2023-900146.00**

DANIEL LEE BUTLER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Daniel Lee Butler, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Kerri Hall Butler's Complaint for Divorce by August 21, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900146.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of June, 2023.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA SIMS
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CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LEE CLINTON CRIGGER, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-196**
AKA L. CLINTON CRIGGER, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ELIZABETH LOU GRANT, LEE CLINTON CRIGGER, II, GREGORY CRIGGER AND DANIEL CRIGGER, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of LEE CLINTON CRIGGER aka L. CLINTON CRIGGER, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, 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 will be barred.

ELIZABETH LOU GRANT
LEE CLINTON CRIGGER, II
GREGORY CRIGGER
DANIEL CRIGGER
Co-Personal Representatives

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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
PAMELA LYNETTE BAGGETT, CASE NO.: PC2023-177

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KYLE BRUCE BAGGETT as Administrator of the Estate of PAMELA LYNETTE BAGGETT, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

KYLE BRUCE BAGGETT
Administrator

Rhonda D. Bruner
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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 *
PATSY GILBERT CLIFTON *
AKA PATSY CLIFTON, * CASE NO.: PC2023-195
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to PATRICIA KAY JONES ROPER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY GILBERT CLIFTON AKA PATSY CLIFTON, deceased, on the 12th day of June, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Patricia Kay Jones Roper
Personal Representative

Carl E. Chamblee, Jr.
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Chamblee & Malone, LLC
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until **12:00 p.m.**, **Local Time, August 7, 2027**, and then publicly opened and read aloud at **1:00 p.m.**, for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: Contract No.: D3424000, Project Name: **NORTONS LANE SWAT AND LIFT STATION**.

The project is funded by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. The selected bidder shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the program as they pertain to this Project.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at the offices of Jacobs, Consulting Engineers, 25 W. Cedar Street, Suite 350, Pensacola FL. 32502 (by appointment)., Telephone: (850) 396-4938.

A complete set of electronic contract documents including Drawings, Specifications, referenced documents and a model bid package may be obtained from Kara St. Myer of Jacobs via e-mail from Kara St. Myer at Kara.StMyer@jacobs.com. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

Questions regarding the Contract Documents must be submitted in writing or electronically to Jacobs no later than **July 28, 2023** in order for responses to be provided via addendum prior to the bid date.

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Board Room, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 on **July 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**, Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective bidders must attend. Subcontractors should attend.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents in the tabbed and color-coded format as indicated.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing Project # D3424000 - **NORTONS LANE SWAT AND LIFT STATION**, to be opened at **1:00 p.m., Local Time, August 7, 2027**". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope. Hand-delivered bid packages shall be delivered to the receptionist at the main entrance of the MAWSS office complex, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile AL 36618.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5 percent of the bid amount, **not to exceed $10,000**.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Garden City Fire Station
GCFS Project # 202306 Garden City, Alabama
BID #1 – INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION
BID #2 – ELECTRICAL
BID #3 – HVAC
BID #4 – DRIVE/PARKING LOT

The Town Clerk of the Town of Garden City will receive bids for GARDEN CITY'S NEW FIRE STATION INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL, HVAC AND DRIVEWAY/PARKING LOT until JULY 10, 2023 AT 5:30 PM, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Garden City Town Hall – 501 1st Avenue South Garden City, Alabama.

The Project is generally described as but not limited to; GARDEN CITY FIRE STATION:
BID #1 - INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE SPACE, 2 BATHROOMS, 2 SHOWERS & STORAGE AREA, ETC.
BID #2 – ELECTRICAL THROUGHOUT BUILDING
BID #3 - HVAC 40X60 AREA
BID #4 – DRIVE OFF HWY 31 AND PARKING LOT

The Bid Form, Spec Details and Contract documents consisting of the Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Bond Agreement and other associated documents may be examined at Garden City Town Hall – 501 1st Avenue South, Garden City, Alabama or requested by phone, fax, or email listed above.

All bidders will be required to provide a Bid Bond for 5% of the bid price (maximum-$3,000) made payable to the Town of Garden City.

All bidders must comply with the requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work for which a proposal is submitted. Award will be made only to competent and responsible bidders as mandated by Title 39 of the Code of Alabama. All bidders must be licensed under Title 34 of the Code of Alabama.

The bidder is hereby notified that they must provide the information necessary to show evidence of license before an award is made. The Contractor may include the following information with his bid: Name of Company, Address of Company, Telephone Number of Company, Company Contact Person, Contractor's Current License Number, Issuing Agency (State and Expiration Date), Bid Limit and Classification.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 *(thirty)* days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The successful bidder will be allowed 60 *(sixty)* days to complete this project.

The Town of Garden City, Alabama, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into this advertisement, women and minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Town will thereby be promoted.

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Attn: Town Clerk
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Freida (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Freida, an approximately 2-year-old female boxer mix with a funky charcoal and cream coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Freida lives up to her name, which is old German for "peace." She is a low- to medium-energy girl, well-behaved and walks politely on her leash. She sits quietly in her kennel but does enjoy a quick run in the fenced-in recreation area of the shelter.

Her mixed breed lends to a quirky underbite, which only adds to sweet Freida's charm! She enjoys playing with the toys at the shelter and is sure to appreciate any you throw her way. Ready to add some peace to your life with Freida? Head up to the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet. Her adoption fee includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Obituary Announcements: June 26-28

William Boyd Duke, 86
The Funeral Service for William Boyd Duke, 86, of Logan, Alabama will be 2 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Prospect Church of Christ. The visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Ministers officiating the service will be Kenneth Chapman and Kent Persall. The interment will be in the Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Duke family. Mr. Duke was born Nov. 18, 1936, to Ithama Swilling and Zema Webb Duke. He passed from this life on June 26, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ithama Swilling and Zema Webb Duke; sister Marie Chapman; brothers, Wendell Duke, Doyal Duke and Robert Duke. Mr. Duke is survived by his wife of 65 years, Delorise Duke; son, Johnny Duke; brothers, Monroe Duke and Delton (Donna) Duke; sister-in-law, Jackie Derrick; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Duke family.

Edna Lindsey White, 88
Funeral services for Edna Lindsey White of Hanceville will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The burial will take place at Hopewell Cemetery. Alan Yeater and Leon Mauldin will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. White was born on March 26, 1935, to the late John C. and Rushie (Shaddix) Lindsey in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away at the age of 88 on June 25, 2023, at her residence in Hanceville. Survivors include her children, Sheila (Roger D.) Owens, Pamela Thrasher, Rene Harvey and Lynn White; grandchildren, Nathan Owens, Paul Owens, Kevin Owens, Daniel Thrasher, Ben Thrasher, Leah Collier, Jason "JT" Booth, Allyson DeWitt, John Harvey, Jereamy White and Anthony White.; great-grandchildren, Cameron Thrasher, Gabrielle Thrasher, Colton Collier, Levi Collier, Brayden Thrasher, Greyson Thrasher, Hunter-Leigh Booth, Lexi DeWitt, Keira White, Kenna White and Valkyrie Scott; sisters-in-law, Zelda Lindsey, Katie Lindsey and Thelene White; and a host of many loving nieces and nephews. Mrs. White was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Don H. White, and siblings, Clifford Lindsey, John Euel Lindsey, Doris Chapman, Jack Lindsey and Bobby Wayne Lindsey.

Rickey Lynn Bailey, 66
Rickey Lynn Bailey, age 66, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, June 23, 2023. Rickey was born in Cullman, Alabama on July 16, 1956, to Bibb and Grace Maurice Stringer Bailey. Funeral services are Friday June 30, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Phillip Robinson officiating. Survivors are: sisters: Geraldine Timbs of Cullman, Alabama., Sheila Staggs of Norcross, Georgia, nieces: Tina Amodeo, Jennifer Timbs, great niece: Savannah Vaughn, great nephew: Drew Vaughn, aunts: Gail Martin, Jane Suggs and Dean Stringer, uncle: Luther Bailey, Bobby Teague and a host of cousins. Visitation is Friday June 30, 2023, from noon until service time at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Bailey family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jeffrey Mark Holmes, 62
Graveside Service for Jeffrey Mark Holmes, age 62, of Eva, will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2023, at Gum Pond Cemetery with Jeremy Calloway officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Holmes passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at his residence. He was born July 5, 1960, to Arvid Holmes and Wilda L. Holmes. He was preceded in death by his mother, Wilda L. Holmes; brother, Jerry Holmes; sister-in-law, Anita Holmes; brother-in-law, Hascal Cobbs; and nephew, Shane Holmes. Survivors include his father, Arvid Holmes; brother, Danny (Anita) Holmes; sister, Wanda (Scott) Hunt; sister-in-law, Susan Holmes; nieces and nephews, Terry (Angela) Holmes, Michael (Amanda) Holmes, Kristy Holmes, Char (Kevin) Fisk, Adam (Nicole) Holmes, Jamie (Bridget) Holmes, and Seth (Brittany) Holmes; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, family, and friends.

Austin William Brown, 25
Austin William Brown, age 25, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Sunday, June 25, 2023. He is survived by his mother, Crystal Barr Brown; father, Michael Brown; sister, Kimberly Brown; nieces: Noelle Brown and Ellie Mae Rosin; aunt, Patricia Yarbrough (Jeff); cousins: Sabrina Dunn (Adam) and Briana Shuman (Kyle) and multiple other family and friends. The family will celebrate Austin's life with a visitation on Friday, July 7, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Brown family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Annette Overton Jones, 63
Funeral service for Annette Overton Jones, age 63, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Refuge Church of God with James Speegle officiating; interment in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Jones passed away on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born March 12, 1960, in South Carolina to William Woodrow Blakely and Pearl Port Blakely. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Richard Jones; children, Lisa Overton (Cody) Spears, Cassandra (Douglas) Canter, Kesha (Wade) Sandlin, Latasha (Jesus) Gomez, Clint Jones, Annette Blakely, and Brandy Blakely; grandchildren, Corey Sandlin, Brandon Sandlin, Whitney Spears (Jacob) Kennamer, Kyna Turner, Jordan Blakely, Sabrina Couch, Christian Couch, Juana Cobos, Gabriella Cobos, Lakelei Cottingham, Karson Cottingham, Tylan Roden, Jensen Roden, Mason Blakely, Ileigha Blakely, Ellie Mae Blakely, Nevaeh Blakely, and Xaine Blakely; great-grandchild, Bryson Moody; sisters, Crystal Thompson and Robin Gibson; and brothers, Bill Blakely, Willie Blakely, Randy Blakely, and Marvin Loetz.

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ASC, Allen warning businesses of fraudulent mailer

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) and Alabama Secretary of State (SOS) Wes Allen are warning business owners about a fraudulent, official-looking mailer from the SOS falsely claiming the business needs to pay $90 dollars, or more, for a copy of a Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) statement filed against them.

"Alabama business owners should toss mailers from third-party companies that say they will work with the SOS office on your behalf in the trash," said ASC Director Amanda Senn.

According to Allen, "These organizations are not affiliated with or authorized by the SOS office in any way.

"They are charging excessive amounts for something you likely will never need and, if you do, can easily acquire."

UCC filings reflect liens placed on certain personal property, such as equipment, accounts receivable, etc., that generally cannot be titled or deeded, like automobiles, aircraft, boats and real estate.

The main purpose of a UCC is to perfect the secured interest of the secured party in personal property collateral.

The UCC financing statement is a form that a creditor files to give notice that it has an interest in the personal property of a debtor.

A bank, not an entrepreneur, typically files the statement. Filing a UCC statement costs $20 for the first two pages and two dollars for every page thereafter. Individuals looking to file the statement can go directly to the SOS website at www.sos.alabama.gov/business-services/filing-fees.

The ASC cautions investors to research any investment opportunity thoroughly.

Call the ASC at 1-800-222-1253 and ask for the registration department to check out persons offering investment opportunities, investment advice for a fee and any products they offer.

Contact the ASC to report suspected fraud, inappropriate securities business practices or to obtain consumer information.

Free investor education and fraud prevention materials are available at www.asc.alabama.gov.



Learning never stops: West Elementary hosts summer reading camp

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — West Elementary School has spent recent weeks hosting its three-week summer reading camp, offering kindergarten to third-grade students a chance to refine their reading and writing skills while they prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.

Around 100 students have participated in the camp, arriving on campus at 7:45 a.m. and dismissing at 2 p.m. While there, Cullman teachers provide intensive reading intervention instruction for the bulk of the day. Then the last few hours are spent in math intervention and incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects with writing activities. The program is designed to help students performing below grade level in reading as identified during in-school standards and testing.

"The benefits of hosting summer reading camp are to continue the forward progress already established in remediating reading deficiencies to prepare students for the next grade level, provide more intensive instruction to remediate weaknesses identified through ACAP, and an added bonus is that it reduces the summer slide," Lindsay Harris, ARI reading specialist at West Elementary, said. "During summer camp, teachers are able to devote a little more time to allow campers to explore STEM activities."

Though the summer camp is designed to equip students to succeed at the next grade level, there's no reason it can't also be a whole lot of fun, too.

"In an effort to make camp more engaging, we have invited guests to come speak to our students each week. To kick off our summer camp, we had Miss Leeds Area (2023) Emma Wright, who will be competing in Miss Alabama this month, come to share the book she recently wrote," Harris said.

"She encouraged our students to read, and talked about the doors that they could open through a book. We also had the Cullman Power Board come to educate our campers on the importance of electricity and safety around downed power lines.

"Finally, we had local author Caris Snider come to present her new picture book to our campers. She explained her journey as an author, and encouraged students to become authors themselves."

The camp has even had student-athletes from Cullman High School help out, with members of the tennis team, CHS cheerleaders and dance team helping welcome students in the morning.

"As the campers are pulling up, it is all they can do to keep from jumping out of their cars to run through the spirit line. Many, many mornings campers jump out of their vehicles shouting about how excited they are to be there," Harris said.

"Campers have seemed excited to be at camp each morning, and are eager to participate."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

School might be out for summer, but the learning never really stops for Cullman City Schools students.

Community yard sale at Agriplex July 29

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex will host a community yard sale on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 8 a.m.-noon around the Agriplex pavilion area at the back of the parking lot located at 1714 Tally Ho St. This fundraising event is open to all vendors and local people who have previously owned items to sell, excluding the sale of animals. Fourteen spaces under the covered pavilion are $20. Fourteen spaces in the grassy area in front of the pavilion are $10.

This fundraising event is a continued opportunity to share the Agriplex's summer mission to have a "Sustainable Summer."

"What a great way to recycle, purchase items you want or need and raise money for a wonderful cause!" said Samantha Catland of the Agriplex.

"We are excited to provide this opportunity."

Vendors will be provided with a 10x10 space, one 6-foot table and two chairs. Spaces are on sale now at www.agriplex.org. or https://cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=995

The community yard sale is open to everyone who would like to shop sustainably and help provide funds for the Agriplex's expansion project.

All booth rental proceeds from the sale will go to support the North Alabama Agriplex Community Hub and its programs throughout north Alabama.

For more information, contact Samantha Catland or Sonya Boyd, outdoor educators at the North Alabama Agriplex, at 256-297-1044 or email them at agriplexschoolgardens@gmail.com.

Vinemont (from Front)

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. — The Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church will host the second annual 4th of July Celebration Sunday, July 2, at the Vinemont Sports Complex.

There will be food, drinks, inflatables for the kids and a fireworks show.

This is a free event, and all are welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and the fireworks show will start at 9.

The Vinemont Sports Complex is located at 266 Park Drive, Cullman, AL 35058.

Camp (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County is gearing up to host another year of kindergarten readiness camps, this year in seven different locations to better serve those incoming students who may not have had the opportunity of attending a preschool or Head Start program.

Dakota Trammell, literacy coordinator at The Link, said that while those "hard" skills such as potty training, colors and counting are usually well developed for incoming students, there are certain soft skills some students may not have learned yet.

"The kindergarten readiness camp was designed to help with some skills that some students may be lacking on that first day of school," she explained, "like pencil grip, opening packaged food, even sitting for a book to be read."

Trammell said that for many children of stay-at-home parents or those who do not attend formalized daycare or preschool, the simple shock of being away from their grownups can be a challenge; the camp gently eases these children into that experience.

"Sometimes, kids have never been away from mom or dad or guardians, so it can leave them shell-shocked!" she said.

The camp has steadily grown over the last near-decade of serving students; with seven locations, The Link expects to see a great turnout.

Enrollment depends on the camp location, with each location having 30 spots allotted.

"We usually get at least 20 at each site, but some will max out for sure," Trammell shared.

The camp is equal parts work and play, with students homing in on those soft skills, building friendships and even receiving books to build up their home libraries.

Kindergarten readiness camps will take place July 17-21, from 10 a.m.-noon, at Cold Springs Elementary School, Cullman First Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Fairview, Good Hope Baptist Church, Longview Church of God, Parkside School and Welti Elementary School.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Dakota Trammell at dakotatrammell@linkingcullman.org.