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Maddux sentenced to 99 years in murder of stepfather

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CULLMAN, Ala. — William Thomas Maddux, 34, of Cullman County, on Sept. 3, 2024, was sentenced to 99 years in prison for the Nov. 12, 2017, shooting death of his stepfather, Perry Shoemake, according to Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker. A Cullman County jury found Maddux guilty of murder on June 28, 2024.

Following the four-day trial back in June, Crocker thanked the jury for their service and also thanked the Cullman Police Department, which he said did a great job on the case, from the first officer on scene to the investigators.

"Our law enforcement was under constant attack in this trial, but their professionalism prevailed," Crocker said.

"It was an honor to work with Mr. Shoemake's family to achieve justice. I didn't know Perry Shoemake, but I will never forget him."

Shoemake, 56, of Cullman, was pro- » PAGE 3

William Thomas Maddux in 2017 »



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Suspect identified in shooting



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Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker (left) and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry (right) are seen at a press conference on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman County District Attorney's Office in a press conference on Wednesday, Sept. 4, identified the suspect in a shooting that occurred Sunday, Sept. 1.

Sheriff Matt Gentry identified the suspect as a man who is in the country illegally. Abel Medardo Sacrab-Chen, 21, of Guatemala, has been charged with first-degree robbery, with the possibility of additional charges.

According to District Attorney Champ Crocker, Sacrab-Chen stabbed the unnamed victim, a 36-year veteran, who was meeting the suspect to purchase a trailer. Crocker said it turned into a shooting and carjacking incident.

"The American veteran, a law-abiding citizen, was attempting to purchase something online and traveled to Brunner Street in Cullman to meet the seller," Gentry said. "Thankfully he was carrying a firearm on Sunday and that was what saved his life. The bad guy told him to give him his money and put a knife to his throat. The victim was a veteran and tactically aware, so he shot him. The bad guy was an illegal alien and had only been in Cullman for a few months. He » PAGE 2

Empty Bowls 2025 seeking volunteers with full hearts



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Before a previous Empty Bowls event, local potters create hand-crafted bowls; left to right are Sandra Heaven, Lynn Jetton, Gil Bachmann, Mae Dawsey, Lucy Williamson and Marie Rhodes. » PAGE 5

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Meet Clifford, not quite the big red dog



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 4, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

ARRESTS
Aug. 29 – Sept. 1

Baccus, Mary J.; 62
- negotiating worthless instrument

Bailey, Nathan P.; 50
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Barnett, Sonja R.; 55
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Bloodworth, Crystal S.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- promote prison contraband (other)

Brannon, Donna R.; 62
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Crabtree, Natosha D.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Crowe, James W.; 45
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Ellis, Stephanie J.; 42
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs
- public intoxication
- FTA – not in possession of drivers license

Hunt Jr., Jimmie R.; 48
- FTA – criminal trespass

Jackson, Clark A.; 36
- assault-harassment

Marlin, Kelly E.; 45
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Mikel, James W.; 24
- PROBATION REVOKED – burglary-residence-force
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore Jr., Bobby L.; 35
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- burglary-residence-force
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – obstructed windshield
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Oliver, Amanda E.; 42
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pack, Heath S.; 39
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Parker, Phillip D.; 56
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Pruitt, Daniel L.; 43
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Sims, Everette E.; 51
- drug trafficking

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

Steele Jr., Timothy G.; 27
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- drunk/addict in possession of a firearm

Stewart, Brian W.; 40
- FTA – criminal trespass

Weaver, Donnie R.; 34
- counterfeiting

Widner, Tina M.; 44
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Wilkins, Toby A.; 50
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity
- FTA – possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Williams, Shayla C.; 30
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-theft of lost property
- PROBATION VIOLATION – public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS
Aug. 29
- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW

Aug. 30
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '24 Volkswagen; $200; 2nd Ave. NE
- theft of property-1st degree; DHR
- identity theft; person
- harassing communications; person

Aug. 31
- assault-3rd degree; person; 13th St. NE
- theft of property-4th degree; Sonic; hand trucks; $75; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-2nd degree; Mobil; cash; Hwy. 157

Sept. 1
- theft of property-3rd degree; Cricket Wireless; phones; $830; St. Joseph Dr. NW

Sept. 2
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $2,279
- theft of property-1st degree; Doozy Smoke & Vape; cash, general merchandise; $6,000; 2nd Ave. NW

Sept. 3
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $2; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS
Aug. 30 – Sept. 3

Schreckengost, Jayden A.; 22
- assault-2nd degree

Weaver, Donnie R.; 34
- possession of a forged instrument-3rd degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – theft by deception
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree

Oates, John D.; 32
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - no tag
- FTA - domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA - failure to obey lawful order
- FTA - possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Ellis, Stephanie J.; 42
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Barnett, Richard S.; 24
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- tampering with physical evidence
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Mead, Savannah T.; 31
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Sitzes, Jessica R.; 40
- theft of property-4th degree

Williams, Joshua L.; 42
- public intoxication

Bentley, Austyn D.; 30
- FTA - insurance violation

Beasley, Anthony R.; 52
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (4 counts)
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – receiving stolen property-4th degree

Williams, Shayla C.; 30
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - leaving the scene of an accident

Stagner, Tabitha A.; 38
- FTA – DUI
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – improper lights

Williams, Jeremy O.; 38
- theft of property-1st degree

Todd, Hunter J.; 22
- violation of protection order

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Motorcycle ride benefiting Eldridge Children's Home Sept. 7

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Alabama Sons of Liberty Riders (SOLR) will be hosting a motorcycle ride on Saturday, Sept. 7, to benefit the Eldridge Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. All funds raised from the ride will be donated during the Eldridge Toy Run in December, which helps sustain the Children's Home for the entire year.

The ride will begin and end at Freddie Day Catering, located at 1628 Second Ave. NW in Cullman. Registration will take place from 7:30 a.m.-9:20 a.m., with a driver's meeting at 9:20. Kickstands will go up at 9:30 sharp. The route is yet to be determined, pending the availability of an escort.

Contributions are $25 for riders and $15 for passengers, which includes a meal, water, crackers and entry into the door prize drawing. The event will also feature a 50/50 raffle for $20 an arm's length of tickets, along with a separate raffle where tickets can be purchased individually or by the book (cash only).

"If you've participated in previous rides with the SOLR, you know the meal is worth the price of the ride alone," shared a representative from SOLR.

For more information, please contact any Alabama Sons of Liberty Riders member:
- Joseph Alverson - 256-636-2490
- Gary Day - 205-999-7410
- Kevin Glaze - 256-200-2774
- Jose Sanchez - 205-500-0153
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Shooting (from Front)

posed as a seller online and then tried to murder and rob not only a victim, but a veteran."

Gentry said the suspect was caught a short time later in the victim's truck, after the victim – shot and lying on a county road – was discovered by a good Samaritan. The victim was able to identify the suspect and his vehicle in order for law enforcement to quickly track it down.

Sacrab-Chen and the victim are both being treated for their injuries. They both sustained gunshot wounds.

"For me, it is ridiculous that we see leadership today allowing criminals to come across our border and commit crimes on our citizens.

"The citizen just wanted to buy a trailer to do work. Work that he has done every day for the past 60 years – going to work, serving our country – doing the things we do every day," Gentry said.

"Then you take an illegal alien, who we would have never known if our victim had never shot him, to come in and commit a violent act. We worked with Homeland Security to identify him. I'm pissed off. I am angry. At some point we have to stand up as Americans, that we will not tolerate criminals coming into our communities and committing violent crimes," he continued. "Our citizens and law enforcement work shoulder to shoulder to take action to protect our community."

Crocker said the quick response to the incident helped in this case, as well as the good Samaritans who assisted the victim and the media for getting the word out.

"I can confirm that my office has approved warrants for robbery in the first degree, and we also expect there will be more to come – at some point a grand jury will hear these changes and they have the power to add to or sustain the charges," Crocker said. "Being in the country illegally may get you a free house in California, but it does not entitle you to immunity from prosecution in Cullman County."

Answering a question regarding if Chen would be deported, Crocker said, "We will not tolerate you coming into our city and committing a crime. If you commit a crime in Cullman County, legally or illegally, we will prosecute you."

Added Gentry, "And afterward, we will happily give him a ride to prison where he will go."

Authorities on Sunday said the incident ended at the intersection of U.S. Highway 278 and U.S. Highway 31 and began on County Road 463.

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The Crossing Food Bank
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Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, Sept. 6 Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Sept. 7 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast and 10 a.m. Foundry Outreach Ministry
• Sunday, Sept. 8 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-930-9680 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Sept. 8 - 5 p.m. Healing Service

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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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.

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Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Baileyton Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 7. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk or juice for the children. Serving will begin at 6:30 a.m. and continue until 9. Donations only. Proceeds will be used on community projects. Thank you for your support.

Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Sept. 9, at The Golden Corral Buffet. Dutch lunch at 11 a.m. and meeting at noon. Guest speaker will be the director of Victim Services, Jessica Atchley. Members and nonmembers welcome.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

"Christmas In September" Sale
Sacred Heart Altar Society and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Christmas In September" Sale on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 7 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Life Center. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Cullman. Currently, the groups are taking donations of gently used decorations for the sale. They will accept any items used to decorate homes for any season or holiday. Deadline to donate is Thursday, Sept. 19. Donations may dropped off at the Sacred Heart Church Office in the Altar Society Office. If you have a larger contribution, please call or text Vevyette Crane at 256-682-6960 to make arrangements. For more information, contact Vevyette Crane, Altar Society coordinator at the number listed above, or Dan Crane, K of C coordinator at 256-520-6095.

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

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
This year's dinner will be held in the church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Oct. 2, beginning at 4 p.m. The dinners are available for dining in or drive through/take out and the cost of the dinner is $15. The dinner features a traditional German menu of bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and a homemade dessert. The meat used in the dinner comes from Brickyard Meats in Cullman, which is owned by a family of parishioners.

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Maddux (from Front)

nounced dead at the scene of 2017's deadly incident, which occurred at 1829 Cottonwood Dr. SE in the Carrol Acres subdivision in Cullman.

A day later, Police Chief (then Lead Investigator) David Nassetta told The Tribune, "What we believe is that the suspect, who is also the stepson of the man who is deceased, attempted to come into the house. He was not let in. The suspect ended up coming back and breaking in the back door of the house. He came in and there was an exchange of gunfire. The suspect then attempted to commit suicide. He suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head."

Walker County Circuit Court Judge Greg Williams presided over the trial in June, as well as the sentencing hearing.

"As I stated in June it was an honor to work with Perry Shoemake's family to bring justice. Several members of his family spoke today at the sentencing hearing," Crocker said in a statement posted to social media on Sept. 3. "We will continue to do what we promised to do and clear the backlog of older cases and bring justice to victims' families."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

West Point hosts tri-match with Cullman, Addison

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WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point was back home Tuesday night hosting a tri-match with Cullman and Addison and all three teams left the gym with a win. The Lady Warriors took the first match over Cullman 2-0, the Lady Bearcats bounced back with a 2-1 win over Addison in the second match and the Lady Bulldogs capped the night with a 2-1 win over West Point in the third match.

West Point 2 - Cullman 0 (Match One)

West Point jumped out to an early 3-1 lead in the first set and quickly pushed their lead to 8-2 behind a point by Kelsye Will and an ace by Charli Aris. A point by Karina Harris cut it to 9-4, but later on in the set, Patton Fell's ace made it a 14-7 game. The Lady Bearcats cut it to 16-11, and later on, to 18-13 on a point by Harris.

The Lady Warriors stretched their lead to 21-13 on a kill by Macie Brown, but Cullman kept trying to claw their way back into the contest. A kill by Lily Nixon made it a 22-17 game, and later on, a point by Jerriesue Godbee cut it to 24-20. West Point, though, collected the final point of the game and ended up taking the first set, 25-20.

The second set was close early on. A kill by Harris tied things up at three, but three straight points by the Lady Warriors, including an ace from Aris, gave them a 6-3 lead.

Cullman took an 8-7 lead on a kill by Blakely Brannon, but West Point got the lead right back at 12-9 on an ace by Laklin Shadix, and a point and a kill by Adrianna Owens.

A point and a kill by Shadix helped the Lady Warriors pushed their lead to 20-13. Cullman made a push to get back into the game. A point by Brannon cut it to 22-18 and later on in the set, a point by Ainsley Cameron and a kill by Nixon trimmed it to just one at 24-23.

Owens collected the final point of the game for West Point, as that helped them get the 25-23 win in the second set.

In the first set, Brown led the way for West Point with a trio of kills and an ace, and Will collected a pair of points in the win. For Cullman, Harris finished with a pair of points and a kill, and Brannon added an ace, a kill, and a point in the loss.

In the second set, Owens finished with six points and a kill, while Shadix put up a pair of kills, a pair of points and an ace in the win for the Lady Warriors. For the Lady Bearcats, Harris finished with an ace, a kill, and a point, while Godbee collected a kill and a point in the loss.

Cullman 2 - Addison 1 (Match Two)

Cullman got out to a 3-1 lead behind a point by Cameron and an ace by Brannon, but Addison collected the next three points to take a 4-3 lead. A pair of points and a kill by Harris, plus an ace by Millie Jenkins, helped give the Lady Bearcats a 9-5 lead. An ace by Katie Barrett cut it to 9-7, but Cullman quickly created some distance between them and the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Bearcats swelled their lead to 16-10, but Addison cut it to 16-12 on a kill by Ava Bartlett and an ace by Brystil Moser. It was all Cullman after that, though, as they quickly pushed their lead to 19-12 behind points by Nixon and Harris.

Despite Addison cutting it to 19-15, Cullman didn't let them get any closer after that, as they scored the final six points of the set, and Jenkins scored the final five points on aces, to give them a 25-15 win in the first set.

The Lady Bearcats jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the second set and quickly pushed their lead to 10-5. Addison, though, responded in a big way, as they scored the next 14 points, which included a pair of points by Lauryn Cunningham, and a kill by Bartlett, to take a 19-10 lead. Cullman, though, went on a run of their own to cut it to 20-15. A kill by Barrett gave the Lady Bulldogs a 24-18 lead, but Cullman made things a little interesting in the end. A kill by Clementine Hollingsworth and a point by Brannon cut it to 24-21, but Addison ended up getting the final point of the second set and ended up taking it, 25-21.

Just like the second set, Cullman got out to an early lead. The Lady Bearcats broke an early tie by scoring the next four points to take a 5-1 lead. Back-to-back aces by Nixon pushed their lead to 8-2, but a point by Barrett cut it to 8-4. Cullman took over after that, as they went on a 7-1 run, which ended with a kill by Godbee, and they took the third set, 15-5.

In the first set, Jenkins went crazy as she finished with six aces, and Harris put up a trio of points and a kill in the win for Cullman. For Addison, Barrett finished with a pair of kills and an ace in the loss. In the second set, Barrett finished with a pair of kills, an ace, and a point.

Bartlett added a pair of kills and a point, while Cunningham collected a pair of points in the win for the Lady Bulldogs. For Cullman, Brannon led the way with a pair of points and an ace. L.K. Granger put up a kill and a point, while Harris and Cameron each collected a pair of points in the loss.

In the third set, Harris finished with a pair of kills, an ace, and a point for Cullman. Godbee put up a pair of kills, while Nixon collected a pair of aces in the win. Barrett finished with a point in the loss for Addison.

Addison 2 – West Point 1 (Match Three)

West Point and Addison squared off in the final match of the night and it was a well-fought battle between the Warriors and Bulldogs. The first set was tied at 6 early on but Addison was able to pull ahead 12-9 as the match progressed.

West Point was able to trim the lead to 16-14 at one point but couldn't come any closer than that and the Bulldogs pulled away to take the first set 25-19.

The second set started off even tighter than the first. The score was knotted at 6 early on but a 3-1 run from the Warriors gave them a 9-7 lead. Addison responded with a scoring run of its own to move ahead 12-10 midway through the set.

West Point responded with a 5-1 run later in the set to take a 19-18 lead and just a few serves later we were tied up at 20. The Warriors scored three straight points to pull ahead 23-20 and went on to take the second set 25-21.

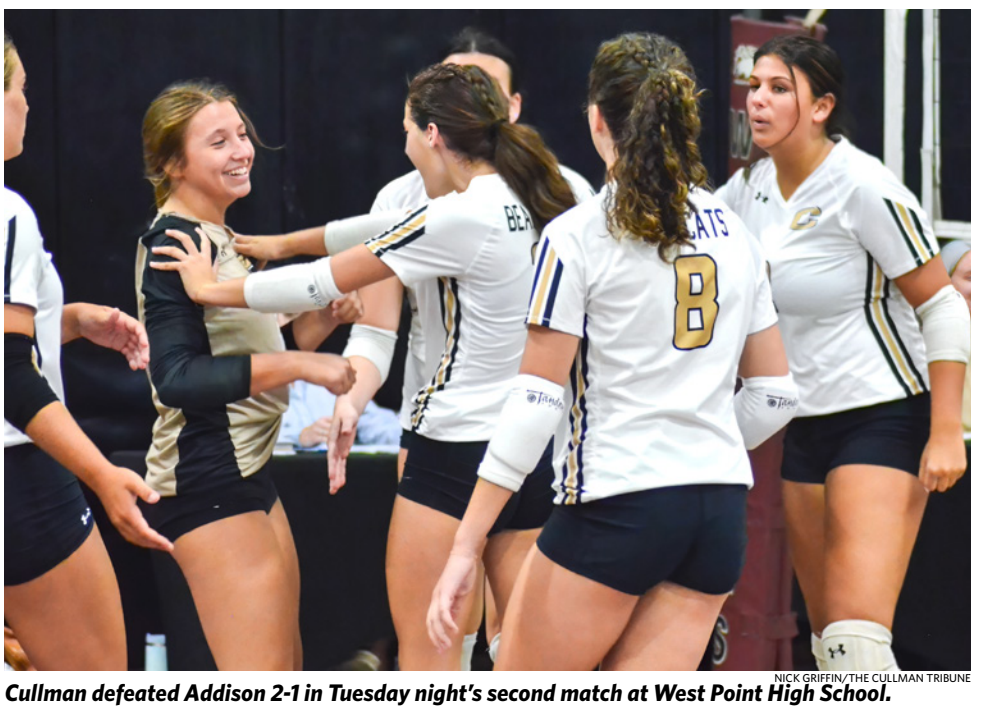
Addison got off to a 3-0 start in the third set and stretched that lead to 7-2 as play went on.

West Point continued to battle, cutting the lead down to 11-8 at one point but the Warriors were unable to complete the comeback, and the Bulldogs took the third set 15-10 to win the match.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Lady Warriors defeated Cullman 2-0 in Tuesday night's first match at West Point High School.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman defeated Addison 2-1 in Tuesday night's second match at West Point High School.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Lady Bulldogs defeated West Point 2-1 in Tuesday night's final match at West Point High School.

Plans for Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium dedication announced

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — On Saturday, September 7, The University of Alabama will formally dedicate Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium with pregame and halftime ceremonies in addition to several commemorative items celebrating the occasion.

The Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee of the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution on July 19 approving the naming honor, and the Board of Trustees will formally adopt the resolution and present it to Saban at its September meeting later this week.

Saturday's first ceremony, scheduled for approximately 2:30 p.m. CT, will take place at the head of the Walk of Champions on University Blvd., where the stadium signage will be unveiled following remarks from University President Dr. Stuart R. Bell, Director of Athletics Greg Byrne and former head football coach Nick Saban.

From there, the Sabans will walk the Walk of Champions and take their first trip into Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

At halftime of Saturday's game vs. South Florida, there will be an on-field recognition for the Sabans at the conclusion of the Million Dollar Band performance.

Vector Security Champions Lane, located on the northwest side of the stadium, will have commemorative gameday posters, while supplies last, beginning at 1:30 p.m. CT. Saban's national and SEC championship trophies will also be on display in Champions Lane.

A limited number of Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium Yeti cups will be on sale in Champions Lane and at game program stands outside the stadium.

A newly designed Walk of Champions T-shirt, featuring the Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium signage will be on sale at merchandise stands.

Additionally, commemorative game programs will be on sale throughout the perimeter and inside the stadium, and commemorative game tickets will be available for purchase following the game.



UA ATHLETICS

The University of Alabama will formally dedicate Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Volunteers (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Empty Bowls of Cullman County is one of the largest annual fundraisers for Cullman Caring for Kids. The annual dinner of savory chili and gooey grilled-cheese is hosted at First United Methodist Church of Cullman and each year, the demand for homemade chili served in hand-thrown pottery bowls increases, along with the need for volunteers to craft the bowls.

Local potters and volunteers gather together beginning in September to start the long and arduous process of throwing and firing the more than 1,000 pottery bowls for the event, which sees hundreds of dine-in guests and the same number of meals and bowls carried out every year.

Whether at a master potter skill level or a novice thrower, all volunteers are welcome to add a personal and community touch to the bowls that will go on to feed the hungry through ticket sales and other proceeds.

"This will mark the 20th year for the Empty Bowls event. We are in need of volunteers; no experience required! So many families will benefit from this event," smiled Empty Bowls volunteer Jeanie Rhodes. "Let's keep the tradition going!"

Empty Bowls of Cullman County will be Monday, Feb. 17, 2024, at First United Methodist Church. Ticket prices will be announced closer to the event and all proceeds will benefit Cullman Caring for Kids. Attendees will be able to bring home their hand-crafted empty bowls as souvenirs from the occasion, while supplies last.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Jeanie Rhodes at 205-382-0739.





B.A.S.S. announces technology standardization for Elite Series, Classic

Staff Reports
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Bassmaster Elite Series and the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Classic presented by Jockey Outdoors are the pinnacles of competitive bass fishing. B.A.S.S. has created unwavering standards of excellence and expectations for the anglers who fish under these banners. On Sept. 4, the organization announced the creation of equipment standards related to new technologies that will impact anglers competing on the biggest stage in bass fishing.

It is important to understand that these new standardization practices are the result of the B.A.S.S. technology committee's year-long collection of data, review of tournament results, consultations with conservation partners, discussions with industry leaders and communications with every Elite Series pro multiple times throughout the 2024 season. Voices from every corner of the fishing industry were heard and considered. After extensive debate and consideration, the committee made its final recommendation to B.A.S.S. CEO Chase Anderson. Once the 2025 Elite Series schedule was finalized earlier this week, Anderson approved the following standardization practices.

First, the number of live sonar transducers will be regulated to one and it must be mounted to the trolling motor at the bow of the boat. Until now, Elite Series and Classic competitors could have an unlimited number of live transducers mounted on their boats in any location. B.A.S.S. will also provide a list of acceptable live transducers from all major electronics manufacturers.

Equipment not on this list is banned from usage in Elite Series and Classic competition. This equipment list will be vetted and updated annually.

Secondly, Elite Series and Classic competitors will be limited to a total of 55 inches of screen, including bow and dash head units. The trend to add more and bigger head units to boats is becoming a safety concern, as the bigger screens may create blind spots impacting the safe piloting of boats.

Thirdly, Elite Series and Classic competitors may now have only one electric motor mounted to their boats. There has been a rise in the use of electric motors mounted to shallow water anchors, which makes the enforcement of current rules (like long-lining and trolling) very difficult.

Lastly, B.A.S.S. will focus on a more diverse Elite Series schedule, creating a wide variety of fishing styles demanded for success. While live sonar technology will remain a consistent tool used at the very highest level of competitive bass fishing, experience and a deep-seeded understanding of fish behavior, movement and patterns will also be needed for success moving forward on the fisheries scheduled.

"The use of live sonar at the Elite level has sparked tremendous debate," said Chase Anderson. "Our technology committee spent a tremendous amount of time reviewing post-event surveys, comparing equipment on Elite boats to success rates and considering both fan engagement and bass community feedback related to the use of new technology.

"As the leading tournament organization in sportfishing, our goal was to ensure a level playing field that both embraces the value of hard work and experience on the water as well as new technologies that will continue to improve angler success. B.A.S.S. has always been, and will continue to be, dedicated to teaching our members, fans and the bass fishing community how to catch more and bigger bass. Educating anglers on both the fundamentals of fishing as well as new technology aligns with this principle. B.A.S.S. is, and always has been, the keeper of the culture of our sport.

"We believe these new standards will ensure that both the present and future competitive landscape of the Elite Series will remain above reproach. We remain committed to being the leaders in our industry and making decisions that we believe are in the best interest of our sport."

These new standardization practices will go into effect with the start of the 2025 Elite Series season. The B.A.S.S. technology committee will continue to monitor the impacts of new technology on bass fishing's biggest stage.

'Roost out Childhood Cancer' race set for Sept. 28-29 at Dodge City MX Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The inaugural "Roost out Childhood Cancer" motocross race will be held Sept. 28-29, at Dodge City MX Park. This exciting weekend event will raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and A-Team Ministries, two foundations focused on providing support for families affected by pediatric cancer.

"We are a group of caring individuals committed to offering spiritual, financial and emotional support to children and their families coping with pediatric cancer. We support these families through a variety of programs including prayer teams, Home Away from Home lodging, financial grants and numerous events and activities," stated A-Team Ministries on its website. The weekend event kicks off on Friday, Sept. 28, with gates opening at 2 p.m. and karaoke from 7-9. Saturday's MX practice will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., followed by the Hot Summer Night Race at 4. On Sunday, Sept. 29, the Sweet Home Alabama Race begins at 8 a.m., and the silent auction will start at noon. All proceeds from the auction will go to St. Jude and A-Team Ministries.

Danielle DeVaney, owner of Dodge City MX Park, shared her passion for this cause, "We love St. Jude and A-Team Ministries because they allow parents to not have to worry about medical bills while dealing with their child's sickness. I am still praying for a cancer cure, but in the meantime, we want to help all the kids that we can."

Local businesses are encouraged to donate items for the silent auction to support this important cause. The auction preview will take place on Saturday, with bidding officially closing during intermission on Sunday.

For more information on how to participate or donate, visit Dodge City MX Park's website at www.dodgecitymxpark.com or contact Dodge City MX at 256-759-0072. Dodge City MX Park is located at 10070 Alabama Highway 69 South, Bremen, AL, 35033.

Clifford (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Clifford, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is a beautiful, 2-year-old shepherd mix. He is a low-energy, unassuming fellow who wants nothing more than to be with you.

Clifford has a gentle and polite nature, especially when taking food from your hands. Ever so quiet and patient in his kennel, Clifford is just waiting for his new home to share his love.

His trusting stare melts your heart, and he is a wonderful example of a therapy/companion/hiking dog!

Come see Clifford today! If he's not there, don't worry as he has many friends just waiting for you to take them home!

Are you ready to meet Clifford? Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

His adoption fee includes a neuter, 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.





LEGALS

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
REGISTRATION AND VOTING AIDS

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

Town of Dodge City
Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids for the Town of Dodge City will be received until 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024, at the Dodge City Town Hall, 130 Howard Circle, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

Project for repaving County Road 223 which includes asphalt paving, binder, tack coat, striping, traffic control, milling and removing. Project covers 2 miles of asphalt for 112,980 sq. ft., along with 2 inches of binder for 10,000 sq. ft.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Town of Dodge City in an amount not less than 5% of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of contract.

Bid documents may be obtained at the Town Hall of the Town of Dodge City, Alabama.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Town of Dodge City or copies thereof. All bidders must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Sec. 8, Code of Alabama 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Town of Dodge City; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Town of Dodge City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Town's judgment, the best interests of the Town will thereby be promoted. All bidders must submit with his or her bid, a statement identifying the drawings and/or addendums encompassed by the bid amount.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FREDDIE JOE STALLINGS, SR. Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC 2023-384**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Liudmila Stallings, Personal Representative of the Estate of Freddie Joe Stallins, Sr., deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Liudmila Stallings
Personal Representative

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE,
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-204

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY FAYE ROBINSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Brian Keith Lodge on the 27th day of August, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Brian Keith Lodge
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **Travis Wayne Johnson** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said mortgage dated June 18, 2021, and recorded on June 21, 2021, in Mortgage Book 1969 Page 473 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman County, Alabama, on the **23rd day of September, 2024,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commencing at a 3 INCH METAL PIPE AT THE N. W. CORNER OF SECTION 29, T12-S, R-4-W OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN; thence South 44 degrees 17 minutes 53 seconds East, a distance of 711.29 feet to a ½ inch re-bar, Cap # 17828; thence South 46 degrees 18 minutes 49 seconds West a distance of 159.98 feet; thence South 43 degrees 38 minutes 09 seconds East, a distance of 38.78 feet to a ½ inch re-bar, Cap # 17828 at the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 44 degrees 07 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 195.00 feet to a ½ Inch re-bar, Cap # CA-0078, thence South 46 degrees 46 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 119.84 feet to a ½ inch re-bar, Cap # CA-0078; thence North 39 degrees 42 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 194.75 feet to a ½ inch re-bar, Cap # CA-0078; thence North 46 degrees 27 minutes 40 seconds East, a distance of 104.83 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Property being in Cullman County, Alabama and containing 0.50 acres, more or less. Property subject to all existing rights of way and/or easements that are recorded or unrecorded.

Description according to the survey of RC Burgett, Al. Reg. No 10093, dated December 10, 2020, Job No. 19-489-1.

One (1) 2000 Fleetwood 4403B Mobile Home with Serial# TNFLX27B53973SR12; whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including all attachments, accessions, accessories, fittings, increases, tools, parts, repairs, supplies, additions, replacements of and substitutions for all or any part of the foregoing property, and proceeds thereof, wherever located. Any and all insurance refunds relating to the foregoing property

Property address: 9544 Alabama Highway 69 South, Bremen, AL 35033

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SYBIL WILLIAMS Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC 2024-207**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Morris Williams, Personal Representative of the Estate of Sybil Williams, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Sybil Williams
Personal Representative

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE,
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
ANNIE JOYCE NIBBLETT, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2024-228

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MASON E. NIBBLETT, JR., as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF ANNIE JOYCE NIBBLETT a/k/a JOYCE M. NIBBLETT, deceased, on the 27th day of August, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Mason E. Nibblett, Jr.
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 27th day of August, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Eddie M Forster And Spouse Glenda A Forster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AHL Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 14, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on September 7, 2007, in Book 1536, Page 419 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 290 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 3rd day of October, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23,Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 2014.18 feet to a found iron at the Southeast Corner of Lot 9 of Richmond Estates Subdivision (Plat Book B, Page 323 A); thence South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along the accepted east line of said forty a distance of 347.32 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning, continue South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along said accepted east line a distance of 313.01 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the accepted Southeast Corner of the above described forty; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds West the accepted south line of said forty a distance of 153.55 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 313.95 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 153.55 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 741 County Road 695, Holly Pond, AL 35083.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
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NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

The representative for the Estate of Stephen Craig Lindsey, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.'s First Amended Complaint and other relief by October 14, 2024, or thereafter, a judgement by default may be entered against them in Case No.: CV-2023-900343.00, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done the 15th day of August, 2024.

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Court Clerk
Court of Cullman County, Alabama

Felicia A. Long
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Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SYBIL MARIE BAKER Deceased. CASE NO.: PC 2024-132

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JAMES DOYLE BAKER as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sybil Marie Baker, deceased, on the 28th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

James Doyle Baker
Personal Representative

Sara Baker
Attorney for the Personal Representative
100 Fifth Street Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-021

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF TYLER CORLEY MORGAN and ALLISON BROOKE MORGAN TO ADOPT C.E.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: TO ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF C.E.C. WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of C.E.C. a minor child (born on April 10, 2024, to Carol Jean Crews) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Tyler Corley Morgan and Allison Brooke Morgan, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF August, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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August 20, 2024

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RE: Advertisement for Completion
Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction, LLC**., has completed the Contract for **Construction of the Town of Colony Road Resurfacing Project (CDBG Project No. SM-CM-PF-22-017)** for the **Town of Colony, Alabama**, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately be filed at P.O. Box 20766, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402 or Call Marcus Barr 205-239-7457.

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Sincerely,
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MELBA WALLING LINDSEY SCOTT, deceased. IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. PC 2024-289

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Randall K. Lindsey, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Melba Walling Lindsey Scott, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 30th day of August, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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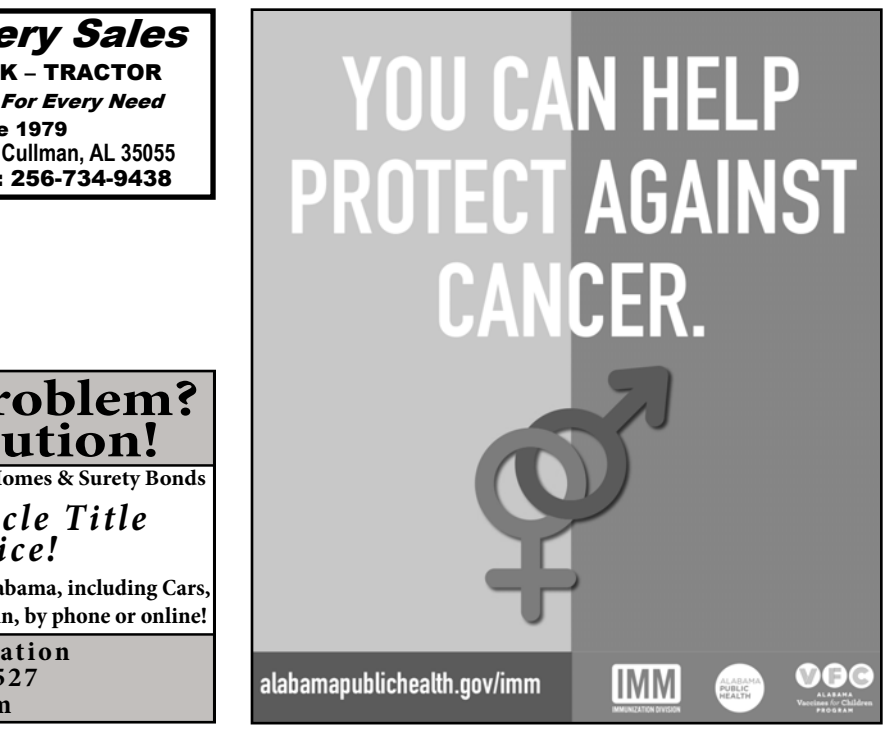
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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 3-4

Sandra Jo Wallace, 77
Funeral Service for Sandra Jo Wallace, age 77 of Hanceville, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Cody McCain officiating; burial at Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Wallace passed away on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, at her residence. She was born Nov. 8, 1946, John T Brown and Mildred Brown. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Little Tommy Wallace; sister, Barbara Hines; and brother, Jimmy Brown. Survivors include her husband, Thomas "Tommy" Wallace; son, Chane Wallace; daughter-in-law, Wendy Wallace; son, Chad Wallace; and son-in-law, Gregory Wallace.

Nellie L. Hawkins, 87
A graveside service for Mrs. Hawkins will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Fairview West Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama. Additional services were held at Bogner Family Funeral Home in North Ridgeville, Ohio on Aug. 29. Nellie L. Hawkins (nee Thomas), age 87 of Grafton, passed away on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Westlake. She was born in Blountsville, Alabama and had been a resident of Grafton since 1998. She previously lived in Cleveland and Brookpark. Nellie worked as a final inspector for Ford Motor Company in Brookpark for 30 years, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Elyria and United Auto Workers Local 1250. Survivors include her daughter, Becky Bradford of Madison, Alabama, son, Ricky (Robbyn) Hawkins of North Ridgeville, grandchildren, Shawn (Joe) Hageman, Amber Bradford, Samuel Hawkins, Dana (Junior) Grellinger, Danielle Hawkins, great-grandchildren, Robyn, Brittney, Brynlee, Carter, Zach, Dylan, Owin, and brother Ray (Kathryn) Thomas of Locus Fork, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cletis Bradford, former husband, James Hawkins, son, David Hawkins, sisters, Norma Faye Bradford, infant Hermasue Thomas, Callie Chamblee, Sara Ann Casion, brothers, baby boy Thomas, Samuel Van Thomas and Edward Simon Thomas, James Felton Thomas, parents, Webster and Olma Thomas. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

Glennis Virginia Kilgo, 68
Funeral services for Glennis Kilgo, 68, of Hanceville will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Mrs. Kilgo was born Dec. 28, 1955, in Okeechobee, Florida. She passed away Sept. 2, 2024, in Hanceville, Alabama. Though Glennis has departed from this world, the joy, laughter, and love she brought to all who knew her will forever remain in our hearts. Glennis was a person who never took life too seriously, always finding the humor in every situation. Her contagious laugh was a beacon of joy, lighting up any room she entered. Whether she was sharing a story, telling a joke, or simply enjoying the company of loved ones, Glennis had an extraordinary ability to make everyone around her feel happy and at ease. Home was where Glennis found true contentment. She cherished the simple pleasures of life, finding peace and happiness surrounded by family. Her love for home was only rivaled by her passion for playing softball. On the field, Glennis was not just a teammate but a source of encouragement and laughter, making the game enjoyable for everyone involved. Family was the cornerstone of Glennis' life. She loved deeply and unconditionally, always putting her loved ones first. Glennis was a devoted mother, and a cherished friend. Her presence brought warmth, comfort, and a sense of belonging to everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. While we mourn the loss of Glennis, we also celebrate the incredible life she lived—a life filled with laughter, love, and a spirit that never faded. Her memory will live on in the stories we share, the laughter we echo, and the love we continue to feel. Mrs. Kilgo was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Alexis York "Lexi," and her parents, Nobel and Ozella Smothers. Mrs. Kilgo is survived by her children, Valerie Hitt (Charles Sandefur), Wesley Kilgo (Amanada); grandchildren, Ashlyn Caesar (Gavin), Caleb Kilgo, Tanner Hitt, Kason Hitt; great granddaughter, Journey; siblings, Ray Smothers, Karen Bennefield, Carolyn Curl; and a host of nieces and nephews. Though Glennis is no longer with us, the joy and laughter she brought into our lives will never be forgotten. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Vetra Daisy Johnson Shoemaker, 81
Vetra Daisy Johnson Shoemaker, age 81 of Vinemont, Alabama, passed away on Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. Vetra was born in Cullman, Alabama on Oct. 3, 1942, to Louis and Velma Godfrey Johnson. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Blackwood and Rev. David Estes officiating. Interment will follow services at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in the Blair community. Survivors are: husband: David E. Shoemaker, sons: David Allen Shoemaker and Michael Joe Shoemaker, sisters: Effie Johnson Gunter and Gayree Johnson Waldrep, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other family. Visitation will be on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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Cullman Community Band to begin rehearsals Sept. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Community Band (CCB) is gearing up to begin its fall season on Monday, Sept. 9, and is looking for participants.

CCB is a community collective of musicians of all ages and abilities; the group comes together to perform concerts regularly and provide entertainment for many of the festivals and community events held locally throughout the year.

"Members range in age from late teens to around 80, sometimes even a bit older. Not only is there a wide range of ages, but also a wide range of ability levels," shared CCB Director Garry Taylor. "There are several band directors and music teachers in the group but also folks from all walks of life who dusted off their instruments from high school and joined the band."

There is no audition or member fee to participate in CCB, only the necessary time to attend rehearsals and performances. Interested musicians need only show up to the first rehearsal to secure their spots in the band.

"Our first rehearsal of this season is Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wallace State College band room," smiled Taylor.

"If you have experience playing a band instrument such as woodwind, brass or percussion, please consider joining the band."

The band's seasons mimic the schedules of local schools. Fall season performances will include Oktoberfest and a Christmas concert. The band will go on a short hiatus until mid-January, when its spring season begins. A spring concert and a performance at the Alabama Strawberry Festival will complete the season. CCB also throws an end-of-year picnic for musicians and their families.

CCB will hold its first rehearsal of the season on Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wallace State band room and continue each Monday evening at the same place and time.

For more information, contact the Cullman Community Band Facebook page or Garry Taylor at garryt51@gmail.com.



CULLMAN COMMUNITY BAND

The Cullman Community Band will begin rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 9, at Wallace State Community College.

National Recovery Month: 'No one is alone in their journey'

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Mental Health and community partners are proud to join the national celebration of Recovery Month this September. This observance honors the strength and resilience of individuals in recovery.

Recovery Month aims to raise awareness about mental illness and substance use disorders, celebrate the achievements of those in recovery and share the message that recovery is possible for everyone.

Throughout the month, ADMH and local communities will unite to promote awareness, share success stories and support those on their recovery journey, with a focus on reducing stigma and ensuring that compassionate care, effective treatment and ongoing support are accessible to all who need them.

"Recovery Month is an opportunity to uplift those who have overcome significant challenges and remind everyone that recovery is possible," said ADMH Commissioner Kimberly Boswell. "We want to share the message that help is available and no one is alone in their journey."

The Alabama Department of Mental Health emphasizes the importance of comprehensive recovery support services. Recognizing that each individual's recovery journey is unique, the Alabama Department of Mental Health is deeply committed to offering a comprehensive range of prevention, treatment and support services through the network of local providers. By prioritizing compassionate care, effective treatment, and continuous support, ADMH strives to enhance access to vital services.

If you are in need of help, the Alabama Department of Public Health, VitAL Alabama and ADMH offer the 988 Lifeline, Connect Alabama, a behavioral health finder app providing instant access to education and information, among other services. The Alabama Department of Mental Health invites everyone in the community to join in celebrating Recovery Month. Together, we can help break stigma and promote a message of hope, resilience and recovery.

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