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Cullman City Council hears about abandoned property

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday heard from residents of the Arbor East subdivision on the city's southeast side, asking for the City to take charge of an abandoned property containing a severely deteriorated structure at 1509 Bower Dr. in their neighborhood.

Next-door neighbor Bobby Bowden spoke for the group and told the council, "This property has been abandoned and vacant since 2019. The owner of the property walked out and left in 2019 and has not made any effort to maintain the property since."

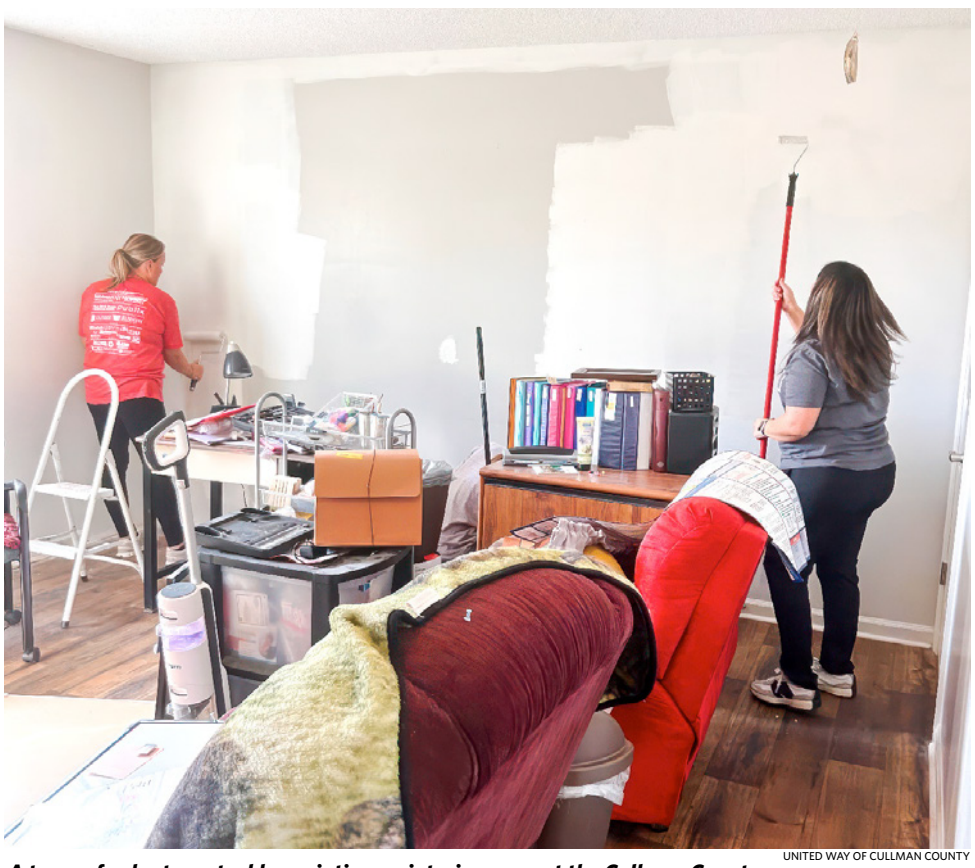
Bowden contended that neighbors have to deal with pests coming from the property, and noted that "on many occasions, juveniles have been seen going in and out of this residence." He said that the property has become a safety issue for the whole neighborhood, » PAGE 5



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Arbor East residents show their support for a request to deal with an abandoned property in their neighborhood.

'The smallest acts of kindness can ignite meaningful and lasting change'



UNITED WAY OF CULLMAN COUNTY

A team of volunteers tackles painting an interior room at the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled Group Home on Tuesday, Sept. 10, as part of the United Way of Cullman County's Day of Caring.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Tuesday, Sept. 10, volunteers from all walks of life participated in the United Way of Cullman County's Day of Caring. The groups of givers gathered at UWCC's partner agencies across the county to lend a hand in completing various tasks, including painting interior rooms at the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCDDD) Group Home, organization and planning at the North Alabama Agriplex and filling treat bags at UWCC headquarters.

Morgan Dingler, UWCC Day of Caring organizer, shared, "Day of Caring was a great success, highlighting the difference we can achieve when our community comes together for a shared purpose. Our volunteers went the extra mile, offering support to our local nonprofits. From painting walls to cleaning trails, each effort reflected the heart of our community."

Many local organizations and businesses took the Day of Caring as an opportunity to give back to the community that allows their businesses and operations to thrive. Volunteer groups from the Cullman City Schools Foundation, EvaBank, Merchants Bank, Payroll Services, Peoples Bank, REHAU and The Cullman County Extension Office all joined in.

Multiple projects were completed on Tuesday, thanks to the help of volunteers. In addition to painting rooms at the CCCDD Group Home, organization at the North Alabama Agriplex, sorting for Victim Services of Cullman and filling treat bags for UWCC, » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 11

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 11, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 9

- theft of property-4th degree; Davidson Homes; lumber; $232; Misty Dr. NE
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; wallet & contents; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; person; tag; $25
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW

Sept. 10

- forgery-2nd degree; person; forged document
- burglary-3rd degree; person; damaged property; $175; Holloway PL. SE

ARRESTS

Sept. 9-10

Barnett, Loyd J.; 48

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Loggins, Joshua D.; 23

- DUI

Gilbreath, Scott M.; 47

- FTA – disorderly conduct

Helring, Michael A.; 35

- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Free electric vehicle showcase set for Saturday in Cullman

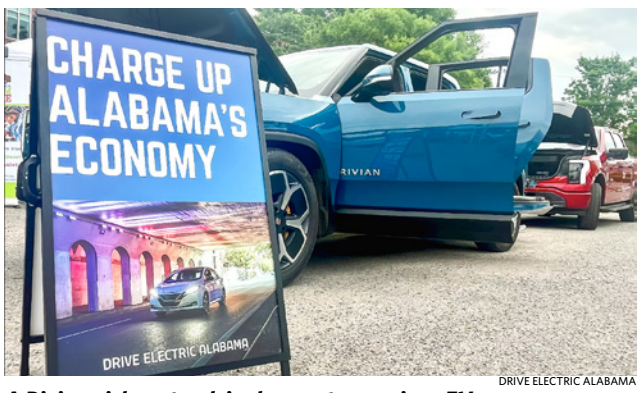
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A free electric vehicle (EV) showcase will take place at Northbrook Baptist Church in Cullman on Saturday, Sept. 14. A variety of EVs will be on display, and EV owners will be on-hand to talk one-on-one with anyone interested in learning more about EVs. The EV showcase will join other vendors outside the annual meeting of the Cullman Electric Cooperative.

The event, which runs from 9-11 a.m., is sponsored by Drive Electric Alabama and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition (ACFC). ACFC President Michael Staley will display his all-electric 2024 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck, along with a tail-gaiting set-up that will show ESPN's "College GameDay."

Other electric trucks scheduled to be at the showcase include a Ford F-150 Lightning, Rivian and Tesla Cybertruck.

"The best way to learn about EVs is to talk to people who are driving them every day," Staley said, "because EV owners offer their personal experience about the cost savings and performance of these vehicles. The Silverado EV is by far the best vehicle I've ever had, and I hope the tail-gating set-up will be a huge hit."



DRIVE ELECTRIC ALABAMA

A Rivian pick-up truck is shown at a previous EV showcase sponsored by Drive Electric Alabama.

Details

- WHAT: EV showcase, sponsored by Drive Electric Alabama and the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition
- WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, 9-11 a.m.
- WHERE: Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman
- COST: Free and open to the public

Huge Estate Sales! September 13, September 14. Two houses on County Road 1082 Vinemont, Al 35179. 7:00 a.m. Follow the signs.. Vintage, antiques, tools, Farmall tractor, old cameras, furniture! So much to see and too much to list. Check out pictures on PKEstateSales FB and on Antiques, primitive, vintage, tools, equipment... starts on 9/13/2024 (estatesales.net)

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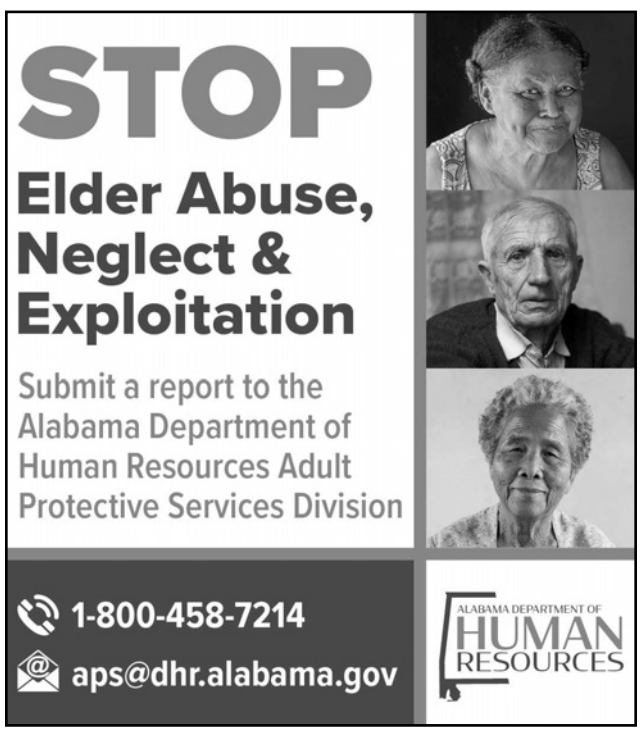
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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

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. 13 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Sept. 15 - 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.
• Saturday, Sept. 21 - Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at 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.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

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

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph St. Everyone welcome.

"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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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Vinemont sweeps tri-match with Hanceville, Falkville

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Lady Eagles hosted a tri-match against Hanceville and Falkville Tuesday night and the Eagles earned wins in both their matches. In the first match, Vinemont knocked off Hanceville in four sets. Falkville swept the Lady Bulldogs in two sets in the second match, and the Lady Eagles finished off the night by sweeping the Lady Blue Devils in two sets in the third match.

Vinemont 3 - Hanceville 1 (Match One) (28-30, 25-12, 25-20, 25-10)

A pair of early aces by Katie Twilley gave Hanceville a 3-1 lead in the first set, but Vinemont tied it up at four on an ace by Addison Holcomb. The Lady Bulldogs went on a big run to take a 12-6 lead and later held a 15-9 lead on a kill by Alex Twitty. The Lady Eagles, though, went on a rally to get back in the game, as a point and a kill by Stephens and an ace by Morgan Flanagan cut it to 15-14. Hanceville held a slim 18-15 lead, but that was the biggest lead that both teams would have the rest of the way. There were several ties, and whenever one team had a chance to clinch the win, the other team came back to tie it up. Vinemont held a 28-27 lead, but the Lady Bulldogs scored the final three points to take the first set in a wild one 30-28.

The Lady Eagles jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second set behind three aces by Mabri Smith. Another ace, this time, by Abby Kuykendall made it 7-1, and one later in the set by Caroline Miller pushed their lead to 10-3. Vinemont continued to add to their lead in the set, as back-to-back points by Stephens and a kill by Flanagan stretched their lead to 19-8. The lead didn't get under double digits after that, as a point by Flanagan helped seal the 25-12 win to tie things up at one.

Back-to-back aces by Twilley gave Hanceville a 3-2 lead in the third set. The Lady Bulldogs held a slim 8-6 lead, but behind back-to-back aces by Flanagan, Vinemont took a 10-8 lead. It was tight for a few serves, but the Lady Eagles broke a 11-11 tie with four straight points, which included a point by Arleigh Thomason, back-to-back aces by Smith, and a kill by Stephens, to take a 15-11 lead. A point by Flanagan made it 20-16, but a point by Alex Twitty and an ace by Karys Henderson helped the Lady Bulldogs cut it to 20-19. Vinemont went on a late run and ended up taking the third set 25-20.

Vinemont got off to a red-hot start in the fourth set, as back-to-back aces by Smith and Stephens gave them a 6-1 lead. The lead continued to grow for the Lady Eagles, as Flanagan put in an ace, and Stephens collected back-to-back points to push their lead to 14-4. Smith added yet another ace, and Stephens and Jayden Friedrich each put in an ace as well, as Vinemont would go on to win the fourth set 25-10.

In the first set, Aaliyah Twitty and Alex Twitty each finished with a pair of kills and two points, and Twilley put in a pair of aces and a point in the win for Hanceville. For Vinemont, Stephens finished with a trio of kills and a pair of points, and Flanagan collected a pair of kills, an ace, and a point in the loss. In the second set, Smith led the way for the Lady Eagles with a trio of aces, while Kuykendall and Miller each added an ace in the win. Alex Twitty put in an ace, and Eden Clements added a kill in the loss for the Lady Bulldogs. In the third set, Smith again led the way for Vinemont with three aces, and Flanagan added a pair of aces and a point in the win. Twilley finished with a trio of aces in the loss for Hanceville. Alex Twitty added an ace and a point, while Henderson collected an ace as well. In the final set, Stephens led the way for the Lady Eagles with a trio of aces and a pair of points, and Smith added three more aces in the win. Zoe Pitts collected an ace in the loss for the Lady Bulldogs.

Falkville 2 - Hanceville 0 (Match Two) (16-25, 20-25)

Hanceville got out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first set against Falkville behind a kill by Alex Twitty and back-to-back aces by Pitts. Falkville came back to tie things up at four. An ace by Alex Twitty gave the Lady Bulldogs a 6-5 lead, but the Lady Blue Devils went on a little run to take a 9-6 lead. The lead would only get bigger and bigger after that for Falkville, as it swelled to 16-8. A kill by Twilley cut it to 17-11, but Falkville ended up scoring five straight points to take a 22-11 lead. The Lady Bulldogs went on a late push to get back in the game. A point by Clements, and four straight aces by Twilley made it a 22-16 game. They didn't get any closer after that, though, as Falkville scored the final three points to take the first set 25-16.

The second set was tight early on. Falkville held a slim 6-5 lead, but Hanceville scored the next four points to take a 9-6 lead. The Lady Blue Devils went on a run of their own and ended up taking an 11-10 lead. The Lady Bulldogs ended up taking a 14-12 lead late in the set, but Falkville went on a 6-0 run to take an 18-14 lead. A point by Bella McAfee and an ace by Clements made it 18-16, and later on, a point by Twilley cut it to 19-18. Falkville, though, quickly pushed their lead to 22-18 and didn't let go of the lead the rest of the way, as they ended up sweeping Hanceville, 25-16, and 25-20.

Twilley had a big game in the first set, as she finished with four aces and a kill. Pitts added a pair of aces, and Twitty collected a kill and an ace in the loss for Hanceville. In the second set, Clements finished with a pair of aces and a kill to lead the way for the Lady Bulldogs in the loss.

Vinemont 2 - Falkville 0 (Match Three) (25-20, 25-8)

Vinemont jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead behind a point by Stephens, a kill by Addison Holcomb, and an ace by Miller. Reagan Robinson's ace made it 7-3, and later on in the set, Flanagan, Stephens, and Holcomb each added a kill to stretch the Lady Eagle lead to 11-5. Falkville went on a run and ended up cutting it to 14-12, but Vinemont went on one of their own after that. Kills by Kuykendall, Flanagan, and another ace by Robinson helped them stretch their lead to 21-13. The Lady Eagles pushed their lead to 24-15 after a Holcomb kill, but Falkville scored the next five points to make it a 24-20 game. Vinemont was able to collect the final point of the set and ended up taking it 25-20.

The second set was all Vinemont. Falkville jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, but behind a point by Stephens, a kill and a point by Kuykendall, and two more aces by Smith, the Lady Eagles grabbed an 8-2 lead. Emma Hathaway got in on the action as well, as she collected back-to-back aces to give Vinemont a 13-5 lead. Thomason added a pair of kills and Stephens collected a point late, as the Lady Eagles finished off the sweep of the Lady Blue Devils 25-20 and 25-8.

In the first set, Holcomb finished with a trio of kills. Flanagan added a pair of kills and a point. Stephens collected a pair of points and a kill, and Robinson put in a pair of aces in the win for Vinemont. Stephens led the way with a trio of points and a kill. Smith and Hathaway each collected a pair of aces. Thomason added a pair of kills, and Kuykendall finished with a kill and a point in the win for the Lady Eagles.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont's Arleigh Thomason goes up for a kill in the Lady Eagles' 2-0 win over Falkville Tuesday night.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison collects wins over Meek, East Lawrence

Todd Walker
Correspondent

ARLEY, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs traveled to Arley to participate in a tri-meet with the 4A East Lawrence Lady Eagles and 1A area foe Meek Lady Tigers Tuesday night. Addison took two of three from the Lady Eagles and swept its match against the Lady Tigers. For Addison, this was Sophomore Ava Bartlett's coming out party. Bartlett dominated both matches and had more kills than a John Wick movie.

Meek opened against East Lawrence and lost a close match, 13-25, 25-18 and 13-15.

Addison 2 - East Lawrence 1 (25-19, 22-25, 15-13)

The first set had the ladies from Addison jumping out, as usual, to a quick 13-4 lead. They were led by the serves of Mattie Johnson and Karson Wyatt. Bartlett, Lauryn Cunningham and Katie Barrett controlled the net. Then as usual, Addison went into a lull and the Lady Eagles took 5 out of 7 points to cut the lead to 15-9. Addison took the next five points as Annabeth Powell dominated with the serve and the Bulldog defense controlled the net.

With Addison up 20-9, the Lady Eagles rolled to 7 straight points and took 9 out of 12 to get right back in the match. Addison led 23-18 and held on for a 25-19 victory. Bartlett was overpowering on defense as she destroyed the ball on several occasions.

The second set was particularly tough on the Lady Bulldogs. Addison jumped out 14-5 and looked to be in cruise control, as Cunningham and Powell continued to serve well. Mattie Johnson stepped up in this game and played outstanding defense.

The next eight points would be split with Addison holding a commanding 18-9 lead. Then the bottom dropped out as the Lady Eagles dominated the Lady Bulldogs for the remainder of the set.

The Lady Eagles took the next 16 out of 20 points to win the set 25-22.

The third and final set was almost a carbon copy of the second set. Addison came out focused and dominated early getting a quick 5-2 lead.

Powell's serves were on point and Brystil Moser continued to pick up digs. East Lawrence, after a timeout, went on a 10-4 run to take a commanding 12-9 lead. It looked like the Lady Bulldogs would lose the match, when Addison Head Coach Kaydi Woodard took a timeout of her own.

Addison came out refocused and determined and they were led by K. Wyatt who took 6 out of 7 points to come away with a 15-13 victory.

Addison 3 – Meek 0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-15)

The first set was a typical Addison match. The Lady Bulldogs dominated early grabbing a 9-4 lead. Bartlett again was strong on defense and Cunningham had an effective serve.

Meek would take the next 4 points to cut the lead to 9-8 and then Barrett served for 8 straight points for a Bulldog lead of 17-8. In this game of runs it continued as Meek took 7 out of 9 points to cut the lead to 19-15 and it looked like the Lady Tigers had all the momentum. The Lady Bulldogs would close the game out by taking 6 of the last 8 points to take a solid 25-17 win.

The second set had Meek jumping out 6-2 as the Lady Tigers won several long volleys against the Lady Dawgs. Cunningham would lead the Addison comeback as she served for 5 straight points to give the Lady Dawgs their first lead of the set, 7-6.

This back-and-forth affair continued as each team would go on mini runs of 2 or 3 points. Meek held a 19-17 lead and had the momentum. That is when Bartlett hit a ball very hard for a spike and picked up the kill. This seemed to change the tide of the game as Addison rolled their way to a 25-20 win, taking the second set. Cunningham had several solid serves to lead the Lady Dawgs to victory.

The final set was never in doubt as Addison jumped out 16-3 and coasted their way to a 25-15 win. Powell and K. Wyatt were again dominant servers while Barrett, Johnson and Bartlett handled the net.

Addison should remain the no. 1 ranked 1A volleyball team in the state after this week's action.

Addison Head Coach Kaydi Woodard said, "This (Meek) is a tough place to play, and we have a very good rivalry with them. We always get the Lady Tigers best when we come here.

"I thought in both matches, we struggled more with our outside sets than the middle. Ava (Bartlett) is really coming into her own and played maybe her best game this year. I think that as this very young team matures, we will be able to quit being so up and down during a match. It will just take time and playing experience, but I am very satisfied with where we are today."

Addison sophomore Ava Bartlett said, "My timing tonight was really good. I was able to get to the ball at the right point and just make really solid hits. Our communication on defense was very good tonight and I believe we are getting better each week. Just happy to be able to come here and get a big area win."

Addison official stats

- Aces: K. Wyatt 7, Cunningham 4, Bartlett 3
- Digs: Moser 34, Barrett 23, Cunningham 12
- Assists: Powell 48
- Kills: Bartlett 24, Barrett 10, Cunningham 9, Powell 8, Johnson 5
- Blocks: Johnson 10, Bartlett 9, Powell 3



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison defeated Meek on the road 3-0 Tuesday night.







Vinemont (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10. The council tackled numerous items, including new fuel and credit card policies, and the termination of health insurance coverage for Town employees.

The council adopted a new fuel card usage policy for employees. Currently, the Town fills a gas receptacle to be used solely for mowers and authorized vehicles. It costs the town around $1 per gallon of ordered fuel more than purchasing fuel at a separate gas station.

The council agreed that each employee responsible for fuel will be assigned a fuel card to be used in approved circumstances to refuel according to the Town's needs. Policy 2024-09-02 was approved unanimously.

Policy 2024-09-01, the Town's credit card use policy was also up for discussion. Currently, the Town does not have or use a credit card; however, council members voiced that they think a credit card is more secure while out on Town business because the debit cards are linked to the bank account.

"We would like to eliminate some of the debit card usage so that there is a barrier between our bank account – a more secure link," Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser said. "With the debit card you have access to the bank; with the credit card, you have access to the credit card."

The council approved and adopted the policy, with the individual limit set at $1,500, which can be adjusted at any time at the council's discretion. Sasser, Public Works Director Mike Graves and Mayor Radginal Dodson were chosen as assigned authorized users. The council reported that 24 vendors and six teams of competitors have been confirmed for the annual Chillin' and Grillin' BBQ Fest, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Vinemont Sportsplex. Interested competitors or vendors should call town hall at 256-737-5411 or email info@townofsouthvinemont.com.

In other business, the council:

• Proclaimed September Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the town of South Vinemont

• Agreed to drop health insurance coverage of local elected officials effective Jan. 1, 2025

• Approved Resolution 2024-09-01, the surplus of a MULE side-by-side vehicle

• Approved Resolution 2024-09-02, allowing the Town to open a CD account for $200,000

• Declined to move forward with TEXTMYGOV Communication Software, citing the cost as prohibitive

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Vinemont Town Hall, located at 35 Patton Dr. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6.



Property (from Front)

and that it is impacting local property values.

City Attorney Luke Satterfield responded, informing the residents and council of steps that have already been taken, including warning letters and a citation to the owner. When the owner did not appear in court, she was tracked down and arrested. Satterfield agreed that the house is in "terrible shape," and laid out a step by step procedure the city is currently undertaking to get the property cleaned by the owner, or to take control of the property.

In other business, the council approved a list of upcoming community events:

• From Blake Harbison of "Blake Photo and Video" to record a music video on Sept. 22, 2024, at the Skate Park

• From Katherine Anderson for a "Les Dames" Witches Ride fundraising parade on Oct. 20, 2024

• From Mary Talley of "The Sanctuary" for a Vendor Fair on Sept. 10, 2024, at Heritage Park

• From April Borden of "Bearcat Buddies" to hold the first annual Pickleball Extravaganza fundraiser on Nov. 2, 2024, at the Cullman Adult Center

• From Kelly Pulliam of CPRST for the annual Oktoberfest event on Oct. 3-5, 2024

• From Summer Shaddix of "3Sixty Jeep Club" for the annual Nightmare at Depot Park event at the Festhalle on Oct. 26, 2024.

• From Karen Speegle of Seventh Street Baptist Church for the annual Fall Fest event on Oct. 30, 2024

The council passed a resolution to award a bid for excavation and utility work to Manning Construction, LLC, and eld a first reading of an ordinance to annex the Cornett property located at 24 County Road 1188 into the city limits as a business district.

The council also set a public hearing on Oct. 21, 2024, at 7 p.m. for an ordinance to rezone property located at 916 Parker Ave. SW from R-3 to R-2 residential district.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Cullman City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

CCBOE (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools and AmFirst recognize a teacher and staff member each month of the school year who go above and beyond in their professions.

Teacher of the Month: Kendra Dowski, PreK, Parkside

Kendra Dowski is a PreK teacher at Parkside.

"She has worked hard over the last two years creating a learning environment that is second to none," said Principal Caleb Elrod.

"Her expertise in Conscious Discipline and teaching procedures has been crucial in helping me with new teachers and she is deserving of this award."

Staff Member of the Month: Linda Chapman, custodian, Good Hope Elementary

Linda Johnson is the custodian at Good Hope Elementary.

"Linda was hired late due to an unexpected opening and has come in and accomplished so many things in a short time," said Beverly Jenkins, Good Hope Elementary principal.

"She works hard each day without wanting to be noticed and is very deserving of this award."

Dowski and Johnson each received a $100 gift card.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured with students, left to right, are Dr. Shane Barnette/Cullman County Schools superintendent, Kendra Dowski/Teacher of the Month, Angie Blair/AmFirst business development, Daniel Boggan/AmFirst Cullman branch manager and Caleb Elrod/Parkside principal.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured left to right are Ashley Uhrig/Good Hope Elementary assistant principal, Beverly Jenkins/Good Hope Elementary principal, Linda Johnson/Staff Member of the Month, Dr. Shane Barnette/Cullman County Schools superintendent, Daniel Boggan/ AmFirst Cullman branch manager and Angie Blair/AmFirst business development.



LEGALS

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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425 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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.
Personal Representative

Attorney for Petitioner:
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BAGGETT AND WILSON, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0740

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

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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.

PUBLICATION DATES: August 29, September 5, September 12, 2024
NEWSPAPER: The Cullman Tribune

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steve@smithandsmithllp.com

ESTATE OF) CASE NO. PC 2024-253
PAMELA R. KEY, DECEASED,) **PROBATE COURT**

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **DONDI SHARPTON,** on the 4th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the 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.

DONDI SHARPTON
Personal Representative

BILLY W. JACKSON
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To: _____
Publisher of THE CULLMAN TIMES

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

Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
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File No. 23-04683AL
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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2005 Ford F-150, Vin:1FTRX12W75NB62826
2011 Honda CR-V, Vin:5J6RE3H74BL040525
2005 Toyota Corolla, Vin.2T1BR32EX5C460613
2007 Ford Mustang, Vin:1ZVFT84N875260873
2005 Chevrolet Tahoe, Vin:1GNEK13TX5R145665

These vehicles will be sold on November 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

Clint L. Maze
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Attorney for Petitioners
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
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CENTRAL ALABAMA ASPHALT & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC

August 20, 2024

robin@cullmantribune.com
The Cullman Tribune

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.

This ad should run for Four weeks.

Sincerely,
Central Alabama Asphalt
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City of Cullman
Downtown Design Review Appeals Board

On Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, at Technology Village at 3:00 P.M., at a scheduled meeting of the City of Cullman Downtown Design Review Appeals Board, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Appeal at 216 1st Avenue SE

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

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, September 16th, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request for setbacks on 2nd Way NE for a duplex

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

Celebrate Magic: The Gathering's DUSKMOURN prerelease on Sept. 20 at Gamer Geeks Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gamer Geeks Cullman will be hosting a prerelease event for Magic: The Gathering's newest set, DUSKMOURN, on Friday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. Inspired by 80s and 90s horror films, this set takes players on a journey through a haunted mansion filled with classic horror movie tropes.

For an entry fee of $30, participants will receive a prerelease kit and a prize pack, with the top three winners splitting an entire box of the DUSKMOURN set.

"Start the spooky season early by having an all-night party as we play Magic: The Gathering's newest horror-themed set.

"Make new friends and try to escape the haunted corridors of the DUSKMOURN Mansion," shared a representative from Gamer Geeks.

For more information on the prerelease event, contact Gamer Geeks Cullman at 256-981-5746 or gamergeekscullman@gmail.com.

Gamer Geeks Cullman is located at 2046 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Suite E, Cullman, AL, 35058.

Mahoney (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — He may not have bagpipes but Paddy Mahoney, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, makes for excellent company. He's a terrier mix who is approximately 1 year old.

Though he's a terrier, Mr. Paddy Mahoney is an unassuming chap displaying a laid back, low-energy demeanor.

He has quickly taken to understanding hand signals, along with learning how to navigate hurdles in the yard.

With common sense being his super power, Mr. Paddy Mahoney is a "Super Dog," as he likes to stay close by while frequently returning to where you are, like a watchman, to ensure all is well.

Without hesitation, Mr. Paddy Mahoney exemplifies what a therapy/companion/reading dog truly is!

Those caring for him stated he's another one who has stolen their hearts!

Come by to meet Mr. Paddy Mahoney today! If he's been placed in his forever home don't fret – there are many of his friends just waiting for you!

Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

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

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS – ELECTRICAL MATERIALS

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for electrical materials for the Depot Park Renewal ARC Project. A bid package may be obtained at Cullman City Hall or requested via email at evork@cullmanal.gov.

The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received. Wesley M. Moore - Cullman City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on October 21, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-23 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 23

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owners, the petitioners, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Richard and Evelyn Dahlke. Property Address: 916 Parker Ave SW.

Legal Description: Lot No. 12 and No. 13 in Block 34 of Musgrove's Second Addition to the Town of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on recorded map or plat, between Parker Avenue and Veigl Avenue. Also, the West Half of Lot No. 14 in Block 34 of Musgrove's Second Addition to the Town of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on the recorded map or plat, between Parker Avenue and Veigl Avenue, commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot No. 14, thence South along the East margin of Parker Avenue a distance of 260 feet, thence East along the South margin of Lot No. 14 a distance of 210 feet, thence North and parallel to Parker Avenue a distance of 260 feet to the North boundary of Lot No. 14, thence West 210 feet to the point of beginning as shown on the plat recorded Book 2008, Page 28, in the office of the Cullman County Probate Judge.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-3 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-3 Residential District to R-2 Residential District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 21st day of October, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — After Mayor Windell Calloway called the monthly Baileyton Town Council meeting to order on Monday, Donna Kent, president of the Baileyton Senior Center, was the first speaker of the night.

Kent expressed her appreciation for the council and its assistance in funding various needs at the center. She brought forth a proposal for the council to consider assisting with hiring help to clean the center once a month.

Kent stated, "My goal is to keep that center clean enough that if you called to rent the center...it would be ready to go the next day. It's not that the seniors won't help me, it's that they can't help me."

The council agreed to consider the proposal and announce a decision at a later time. The main topic of discussion at the meeting was the fourth annual Family Fun Day in the Park on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. near the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department. Admission to the event is free, and vendor spots can be reserved up until the morning of the event. Town leaders said to expect a fun-filled day full of crafts, food, music, bounce houses and more. For vendor information, contact Baileyton Town Hall at 256-796-6447. The council also announced that the Latham Horse Show, originally scheduled for Sept.13-14, was canceled in anticipation of inclement weather. The council said to expect another horse show scheduled in the near future for those looking forward to the event.

The next town council meeting is Monday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Mayor Keith Henry called the Fairview Town Council's monthly meeting to order on Monday, when the council welcomed Clint Hayes of the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department. Hayes shared news about one of the department's latest projects.

Hayes stated that over 70 fire hydrants in the community have been tested and painted to ensure proper function and safety. He said the project was fully funded by the fire department to support and equip the community in the event of an emergency.

Stephine Sprouse was the next speaker of the night. Sprouse proposed the addition of a Little Free Library to the Fairview community. The addition of this resource would provide free reading materials for both children and adults. Sprouse, an educator by trade and current employee of Branch Books, offered to set up and maintain the Little Free Library for the town. The council approved the installation pending funding and attorney approval. Residents interested in donated or helping out with the library can contact Sprouse at sprousehouse777@gmail.com. Sprouse will also be fundraising by selling leather bookmarks at the Cullman location of Branch Books and at a booth at Haynes Market in Fairview.

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2024, at Fairview Town Hall, located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.

Change (from Front)

the Good Samaritan Health Clinic received donations of needed medical supplies to assist in serving Cullman's uninsured population.

"This day serves as a reminder that by working together, even the smallest acts of kindness can ignite meaningful and lasting change," smiled Dingler.

Other organizations have committed to completing projects at a later date, like the team from Cullman's Walmart Distribution Center, who will be giving the Pilot Light Home a nice shining.

The group is set to conquer problem areas at the home like repairing the playground and swing set, washing windows and giving each room and fresh coat of paint.

Wallace State Community College, Under Pressure Pressure Washing and the Cullman Electric Cooperative have also committed to donating time and man-power in the near future to alleviate stress and burden from the UWCC's partners in need.

Individual volunteers included Susan Crane, Lemont Dupree, Arden Crane and Alexis Speakman.

UWCC Executive Director Stephanie Childers said, "This year's Day of Caring was a tremendous success. We are immensely grateful for the 90-plus volunteers who selflessly dedicated their time to support our nonprofits.

"If we were to put a monetary value on their efforts, it would be worth over $20,000! Their contribution has had a lasting impact on our community!"

UWCC and its partner agencies are still searching for volunteers to help in the completion of various tasks. For more information volunteer opportunities, contact mdingler@uwaycc.org.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 10-11

April Marie Buxton, 50
April Marie Buxton, age 50 of Cullman, passed away on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. There will be a memorial service in her honor, on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at 4 p.m. at Seventh Street Church. Visitation will be held at the church prior to the service, from 3-4 p.m. There will be a private graveside service the following week. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. April was born April 2, 1974, to Larry Buxton and Shelia Marlane Jennings Baker, in Decatur, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Buxton; grandparents, Ed and Louise Buxton and Charles and Bessie Jennings. She is survived by her mother, Shelia Jennings Baker; her stepfather, Rick Baker; her brother, Michael Baker; her twin sister, Joy Ellis; and nephew, Ethan Ellis. April's family would like to thank the wonderful and caring nurses and staff with Cullman Regional Hospice, who were there for them during this difficult time. If anyone would like to donate to Cullman Regional Hospice in April's memory, the family would be very grateful and honored.

John Tillman Newman Jr., 80
John Tillman Newman, Jr. passed away on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Newman was born March 15, 1944, to John Tillman Newman, Sr. and Grace Newman. He is preceded in death by his father, his stepfather, Arnold Brown; wife, Grace Brown; and several brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lona Newman; his sons, Heath Newman (Alesia), David Brand, Jr., Donnie Newman, and Scottie Lee Brand; daughters, Lisa Russell (Dustin), and Tamara Rose Brand; grandchildren, Hannah Rae Russell, Augustus Russell, Chase Newman, Braxton Newman, Adonis Hinkle, Bailey David Brand, Christopher Eli Thomason, Ashlyn Jane Thomason. John enjoyed his career as an over the road truck driver and traveled all over the country. After his retirement, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. Family remembers him as a good, kind man.

Sebastian Elias Grant, 1
Celebrating the Joyful Spirit of Sebastian Elias Grant It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Sebastian Elias Grant, the beloved one-year-old son of Alba and Christian Grant, who left us unexpectedly on Sept. 8, 2024, due to an undetected heart condition. Sebastian, affectionately known as "Seba," brought immense joy and love to everyone around him. Known to many as the happiest baby, Sebastian was always smiling and hardly ever cried. His friendly nature and joyful spirit touched the hearts of everyone who met him. He had a tender habit of reaching up to gently touch the face of whomever was holding him, a sweet gesture that made him even more endearing to those around him. Sebastian is survived by his loving parents, Alba and Christian Grant, and his devoted sister, Lilianna Grant. He was cherished by his grandparents, Cecilia and Rafael Holguin, and Marshall Sterling and Victoria Riley. His great-grandmother, Felicia Ortega Gomez, also held a special place in his life. Sebastian's life was enriched by the love of his aunts Liz (Tariq), Saraida (Jalen), and Ananda (Diego), and his uncles Manuel (Christy), Ziras (Emily), Israel (Stefany) and Christopher. He is also survived by several cousins who brought joy and companionship into his short life, and who will forever hold his memory close to their hearts. Though his time with us was far too short, Sebastian left an indelible mark on all who knew him. His giggles, his wide-eyed wonder, and his love for exploring the world around him will be forever remembered by his family and friends. His bright spirit brought endless joy, and we will never forget the warmth and light he brought into our lives. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Cullman Regional Medical Center for their care. Special thanks to Mike Pepple and the staff at Moss Service Funeral Home for their support, and to Ron Faust and the staff of Stone Bridge Farms for their kindness and generosity during this difficult time. We are also deeply grateful to Pastor Andy Heis and the congregation of Desperation Church for their support and comfort. A viewing will be held on Sept. 11, 2024, from noon to 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, with a funeral service following at 2 p.m. to honor Sebastian's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to gofund.me/e7f4944c in Sebastian's memory. "Though his time was brief, his impact on our hearts will last forever." To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Inez Mae McDonald, 99
Inez Mae McDonald, age 99 of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024. A visitation for Inez will be held Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055. A celebration of life graveside service will occur Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Cemetery, Glory Hill Road.

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