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Sen. Garlan Gudger elected Alabama Senate president pro tempore

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, a seasoned legislator representing District 4, has taken on one of the most influential roles in the Alabama Senate. On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Senate Republican Caucus elected Gudger senate president pro tempore, a position he describes as both an honor and a tremendous responsibility.

The leadership transition follows news that current Alabama Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Reed, R-Jasper, is stepping down to take a new position in Gov. Kay Ivey's administration, effective Jan 1. Senate Majority Leader Steve Livingston, R-Scottsboro, was also up for consideration.

Gudger's political journey began in 2004 when, at age 27, he won a seat on the Cullman City Council, becoming the youngest alderman in the city's history. Reflecting on his early days in public service, he credits community leaders for mentoring him on effective governance.

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Poinsettia sale happening now at WSCC Agribusiness Center


JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Left to right are students Jose Zatarain and Cooper Nichols, employee Joe Roberts and Agribusiness/Horticulture Program Director Jason Bynum.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's annual poinsettia sale is happening now through Dec. 20, Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Agribusiness Center Nursery on campus. While supplies last, 8-inch pots are $10 and 10-inch pots are $12.

Agribusiness/Horticulture Program Director Jason Bynum shared, "It is poinsettia season. Students are busy getting them ready for the sale. The sale begins now until the 20th when we get out for Christmas. We have different size pots such as 8-inch and 10-inch. Come see us and get as many as you need."


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For more information, call 256-352- 8035. Wallace State Community College is located at 801 Main St. NW, in Hanceville.

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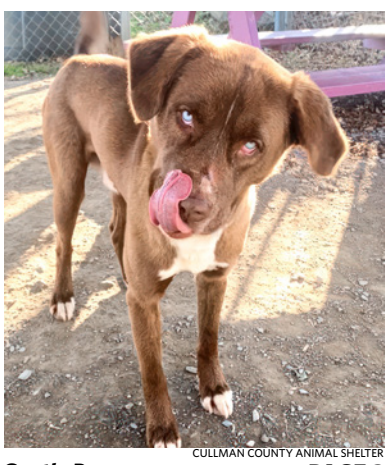


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 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.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 27

• forgery-3rd degree; person; forged check

Nov. 29

• organized retail theft; retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $528; Olive St. SW

Nov. 30

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $154; Olive St. SW

Dec. 2

• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $23; Hwy. 157

• domestic violence; person

Dec. 3

• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

• theft of property-3rd degree; person; medication; Lincoln Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 2-3

Stewart, Deidra S.; 67

• theft of property-4th degree

Jenkins, Seth A.; 44

• theft of property-4th degree

Haynes, Alexis L.; 20

• GJ - organized retail theft

• retail theft of property-2nd degree

Ridgeway, Sherry D.; 53

• driving under the influence

Husted, Lacy H.; 40

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Tatum, Joseph L.; 45

• theft of property-4th degree

Hamby, Debbie B.; 52

• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

• possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)

Rasco, Alex S.; 25

• theft of property-4th degree

Massie, Michael G.; 35

• leaving the scene of an accident

Chambers, Angela G.; 50

• criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Through Dec. 6 - 6:30 p.m. Revival with Dr. Arvind D'Silva
• Friday, Dec. 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, Dec. 7 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10 a.m. Community outreach at Foundry Farm
• Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 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, Dec. 8 - 5 p.m. Healing service - miracles, signs and wonders for those who believe
• Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck and game night

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.

The 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.

21st Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display
Through Dec. 29, 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW. Admission is a cash donation of $10 cash per vehicle. In addition to over one million lights, there will also be a Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and even a few visits from Santa himself.

Specific dates of operation:
• Dec. 5-8, 11-15, 18-22
• Drive-through only Dec. 26-29

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
• Depot Park, 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055
• Through Dec. 23, Thursdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 16 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

6th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Through Dec. 28, 5-9 p.m. at the Ave Maria Grotto, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE. Christmas lights return to the Grotto! Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience to include a Christmas Tunnel at entry and also Santa's Workshop! We've also have added more dates! The weekend of Dec. 13-14 will feature even more to see and do, including musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides and horse-drawn wagon rides around St. Bernard's campus. Plus, Santa Claus will be here! Refreshments will be available every night.

Dates:
• Dec. 5-7
• Dec. 12
• Dec. 13-14 (food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides, Santa Claus)
• Dec. 19-23
• Dec. 26-28

Admission:
• Adults - $10
• Seniors - $8
• Military/Veterans/First responders - $7
• Teens (13-17) - $8
• Children (5-12) - $7
• Children 4 and younger - free
• Wagon rides on Dec. 13-14 - $5
• Kids' rides on Dec. 13,-14 - $3

4th Annual Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Pancakes with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 7, 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278. Breakfast plates and meetings with Santa are for donation only; however, the department encourages the whole community to fellowship and enjoy this fun event, regardless of ability to contribute. The breakfast will also feature a drive-through and all proceeds will benefit the department's Christmas program, serving local children in their service area.

Jones Chapel Merry Market Vendor and Craft Show
Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. Old Jones Chapel School, 192 County Road 940. The Merry Market is a collective of Christmas goods and gifts, conveniently located in one space.

35th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at noon, starting at Wallace State and traveling down U.S. Highway 31 to the fire station west of Hanceville City Hall. Get more information at www.facebook.com/hancevillecivitan.

Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, sno-cones and drinks. Free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a candy bag, a fruit bag and a gift. Everyone welcome! Doors open at 5:30.

Cullman Ballet Theatre School Presents "The Nutcracker"
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Hartselle High School, 1000 Bethel Road. Cullman Ballet Theatre School will present its annual production of "The Nutcracker" at Hartselle High School. Get tickets online at www.cullmanballettheatre.com.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Dec. 9, at The Golden Corral Restaurant. Our program will be our Christmas "dirty Santa" $10-$15 gift exchange. Dutch lunch prior to meeting, which begins at noon. Members and nonmembers welcome. This meeting will be our last meeting until April 2025. More info 256-708-5326.

South Vinemont Free Senior Citizen Christmas Fellowship Event
Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Local seniors are welcome to attend and enjoy lunch and activities. There will be a pie/cake competition, with the winner receiving a $25 Walmart gift card. 88 Ridgeway St.

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Suspect (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Police Department on Tuesday, Dec. 3, announced it made an arrest in the deadly hit-and-run incident that took place Sunday, Dec. 1, leaving one dead. The crash occurred along Alabama Highway 69 near the Cullman Shooting Sports complex.

Michael Garrett Massie, 35, of New Market, Alabama, is facing preliminary charges of felony leaving the scene of an accident. The victim was identified Monday as Mark Alan Johns, 59, of Cullman.

A statement from the City of Cullman on Tuesday read: "On December 3, 2024, at approximately 3:32 PM, the Cullman Police Department quickly responded to a report of a white Nissan Altima linked to a fatal crash on December 1, 2024, that claimed the life of Mr. Mark Alan Johns.

"The vehicle was located at Apel Steel on US-Hwy 31. Michael Garrett Massie, 35, of New Market, Alabama, was identified and arrested for felony leaving the scene of the crash on AL-69 near AL-157. The investigation is ongoing, and further charges may be filed."

Said Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan, "I would like to personally thank the great citizens and wonderful community for their quick action and support in assisting Cullman Police Department with this case I would also like to thank the Cullman County District Attorney's Office and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this case."

Gudger (from Front)

all the people you represent," Gudger said. "I learned a tremendous amount at the local level before deciding to run for the Alabama State Senate in 2018."

Gudger's first term in the Senate saw him rise to the chairmanship of the Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development (FRED) Committee, a role he continues to hold.

Over his tenure, he has championed legislation to protect small businesses, support education and provide tax credits for single parents.

Notable accomplishments, he said, include his efforts to keep churches and businesses open during federal COVID-19 lockdowns.

"I've always been proud to fight for the things that matter most to my constituents and our state," Gudger said.

Now Gudger will step into a top leadership role in the Alabama Senate. The position involves working closely with the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the house to shape the Senate's annual vision.

Gudger will also collaborate with budget chairs, he said, to ensure tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

"This role represents the entire body of 35 senators," Gudger explained.

"I will work to ensure the people of Alabama are heard and come first."

Gudger said his decision to run for the role came after prayerful consideration.

"I wanted to make the biggest impact on the state of Alabama that I could," he said. "Since deciding to run, events each day have only confirmed why I made this choice."

Reflecting on being elected by his Senate peers, Gudger expressed both gratitude and resolve.

"Sometimes God places you near a stage, adds a spotlight and a microphone and just wants you to walk out there in faith and give Him the glory," Gudger said.

"I believe that time is now here for me. I am ready to work hard with my colleagues to give a voice to the people of Alabama."





Gentle Ben (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gentle Ben, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is chocolate Lab mix who is approximately 4 years old.

He is known for his low energy as this remarkable gentleman is quiet and patient.

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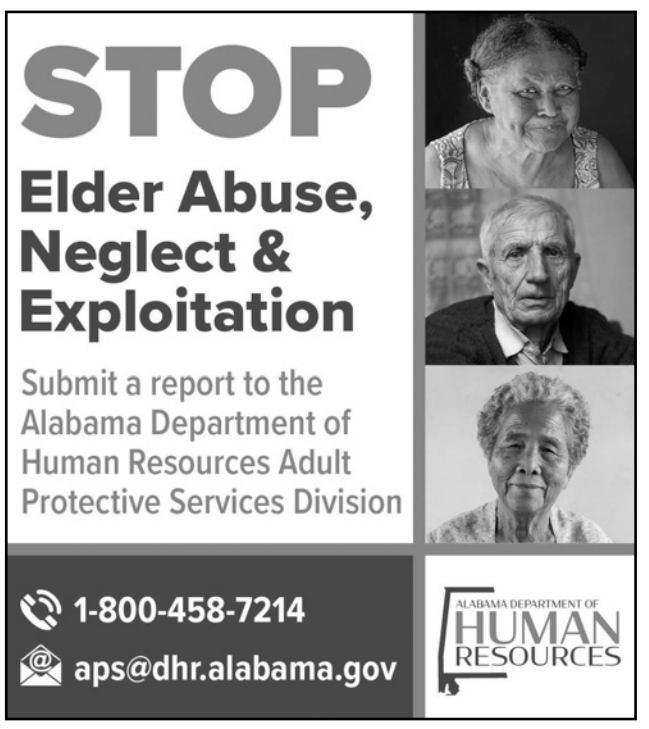
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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs pulls away from Cordova 58-47, Lady Eagles race past Lady Blue Devils 70-45

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs returned home for a pair of varsity matchups against Cordova Tuesday night and both Eagle squads collected wins. The Lady Eagles jumped out to a big lead early and pulled away late to earn a 70-35 win over Cordova and in the boys' game, the Eagles outscored the Blue Devils 36-25 in the second half on their way to a 58-47 win.

Cold Springs 70 – Cordova 35 (Varsity Girls)

Ella Dickerson scored Cold Springs' first eight points the first eight points of the night to give the Lady Eagles an early, 8-1 lead. Paizley Whitlow turned a steal into an easy layup to make it 10-1 and on the next possession, she knocked down a three to stretch the lead to 13-1. Aleah Addison drove to the rim and scored to make it a 15-1 game with three minutes remaining in the first and Kenady Graves scored seven points in the final minutes of the first help build a 24-3 Cold Springs lead at the start of the second.

Graves split a pair of free throws and Baylee Perdue drilled a three-pointer to make it 28-5 early in the second quarter. Graves laid another one in to keep the Lady Eagles in front 30-9 midway through the period but an 8-0 run by Cordova trimmed the lead to 30-17. However, Dickerson knocked down another three and split a pair of free throws in the final minute of the half to give Cold Springs a 34-17 lead at the break.

Williams scored inside and Dickerson drilled a pair of threes to make it 42-17 early in the third quarter. Addison knocked down a pair of threes and Holly Bruer laid one in to keep Cold Springs in front 50-21 but the Lady Blue Devils were able to put together a run and cut the lead to 51-30 by the start of the fourth.

Bruer buried a three and Williams scored inside to make it a 56-34 game early in the fourth quarter. Avery Gerstman nailed a three from the top of the key and Graves drained another trey from the right corner to stretch the lead to 63-34 with four minutes to play. Macie Huffstutler sank a pair of free throws to put the Lady Eagles up 30 with just over three minutes on the clock. Perdue scored the final four points for Cold Springs to put the finishing touches on a 70-35 win.

Dickerson led the Lady Eagles with 19 points in the win, followed by Graves with 14, Addison with eight and Perdue with seven.

Cold Springs 58 – Cordova 47 (Varsity Boys)

Nic Fallin knocked down a three from the right corner to give Cold Springs a 3-2 lead early in the first quarter. Breydon Hallmon tipped one in midway through the period to keep the Eagles in front 5-2 and Fallin drove to the basket and scored to make it 7-2. Later in the first, Ayden Black took a steal the other way for an easy basket to make it a 9-5 game going into the second quarter.

Fallin drained another three and Black laid one in to keep Cold Springs ahead 14-10 midway through the second quarter. Bailey Gann hit a pair of free throws to maintain a 17-15 lead later in the period and after another bucket from Black, Gann buried a three to make it 22-20. Cordova was able to score one more time on the other end to tie things up at 22 going into the halftime break.

Black sank a pair of free throws and Hallmon scored inside to keep the Eagles ahead 26-24 early in the third. Matt Williams drove to the rim for a bucket and Fallin drilled a three to make it 31-29. Black laid one in to give Cold Springs a 33-29 lead midway through the third quarter and another score from Hallmon made it 35-29. After splitting a pair of free throws, Black knocked down a three stretch the lead to 10 with two minutes remaining in the period. Fallin added a late free throw and Ethan Day scored in the final seconds of the third to put Cold Springs in front 42-31 at the start of the fourth.

Black nailed a three from the right corner to get the final frame started and baskets by Fallin, Hallmon and Day extended the lead to 51-38 with five minutes to play. Day hit a pair of free throws to make it a 15-point game midway through the fourth quarter and the Eagles fended off a late push from the Blue Devils to secure a 58-47 win.

Black led Cold Springs with 19 points in the win. Fallin finished just behind him with 17 and Hallmon added eight.

Cold Springs will be back on its home court Friday night to host Cornerstone.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ayden Black led the Eagles with 19 points in their 58-47 win over Cordova Tuesday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ella Dickerson led the Lady Eagles with 19 points in their 70-45 win over Cordova Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

West Point cruises past Vinemont 72-37, Lady Eagles edge Lady Warriors 56-54

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The West Point Warriors traveled a short distance to Vinemont to take on the Eagles in a pair of county matchups Tuesday night and they split their varsity games. In the varsity girls' game, it was an exciting game from the start, and in the end, the Lady Eagles held on to defeat the Lady Warriors 56-54. In the boys' game, West Point dominated from start to finish and ended up cruising past Vinemont 72-37.

Vinemont 56 - West Point 54 (Varsity Girls)

Vayda Yarbrough drilled a pair from the line to put Vinemont on the scoreboard first. A driving layup by Reagan Robinson, a free throw by Carley Stephens, and a three from the left corner by Caroline Miller gave the Lady Eagles an 8-2 lead early in the first quarter. Camryn Faulkner drained a three from the left wing, and a rebound and putback by Kealie Harbison cut West Point's deficit to 10-8. Later in the first, Harbison knocked down a trey from the left wing to make it 12-11, and a pair of free throws by Caitlee Simmons tied the game up at 13. Arleigh Thomason split her free throws, and Morgan Flanagan put in a basket in the paint to give Vinemont a 16-13 lead after one.

A pair of baskets by Thomason and Brooklyn Yarbrough gave the Lady Eagles a 20-16 lead early in the second. A pair of treys by Jaelyn Faulkner and a short jumper by Harbison gave the Lady Warriors a 24-20 lead. Robinson and Simmons each traded threes to keep the score at four at 27-23. Vinemont finished the first half strong, as Addison Holcomb hit a shot down low, then Miller and Flanagan followed that up with a pair of threes to give them the lead right back at 31-27. A late basket by Jaelyn Faulkner cut it to 31-29 going into the locker room.

A basket by Vayda Yarbrough, followed by a pair of Stephens free throws, stretched their lead to 35-31 almost midway through the third quarter. Simmons knocked down a layup, Fell drained a trey, and Laklin Shadix drilled a pair from the line to give West Point the lead once again at 38-37. Robinson hit a pair of late baskets for the Lady Eagles, as they took a 41-38 lead into the final period.

A rebound and putback by Shadix made it a 41-40 game, but Flanagan put in a three from the right corner and Robinson put in a basket in the paint to increase Vinemont's lead to 47-42. Shadix's second rebound and putback of the quarter trimmed it to 47-44, and she later scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to make it 49-47 with 4:25 remaining in the game. Fell scored in the paint to tie the game up at 49, but a pair of baskets by Robinson and Holcomb gave Vinemont a 53-49 lead. Another basket by Shadix made it 53-51 with less than two minutes to go in the contest. A big three by Jaelyn Faulkner cut it to 55-54. After Robinson split her free throws to make it 56-54, West Point's last chance to win the game fell just wide of the basket, Vinemont ended up defeating West Point 56-54.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Reagan Robinson (24) led Vinemont with 18 points in its 56-54 win over West Point Tuesday night.

Robinson led the way for Vinemont (6-2) with 18 points. Flanagan added 10 points, and Miller ended up with eight points. For West Point (8-2), Shadix finished with 16 points. Jaelyn Faulkner posted 11 points. Fell ended up with eight points and Simmons put up seven points.

West Point 72 - Vinemont 37 (Varsity Boys)

Jaxon Shelton drilled a short jumper, Maddox Chapman put in a basket in the paint, and a steal and layup by Jay Lamar gave West Point an early 6-0 lead. Colton Gillis' floater put Vinemont on the board, but Cade Welborn drilled a three from the left corner, and Chapman added another basket in the paint to increase the Warrior lead to 12-2. Baskets by Gillis and Cheston Wilhite made it a 12-6 game, but Lamar put in a floater and a rebound and putback by Asa Sutter gave West Point a 16-6 lead late in the first. Lamar drilled a three from the top of the key, and Welborn added a basket of his own to make it a 21-7 game going into the second.

West Point would continue to add onto their lead. Shelton drained a trey to give them a 24-7 lead, but baskets each by Gillis and Wilhite cut it to 26-11. Shelton knocked down a shot in the paint, then Chapman put in two straight baskets, including a dunk, and a short jumper by Sutter stretched the Warrior lead to 34-11. A rebound and putback by Sutter, a basket in the paint by Nolan Franklin, and a rebound and putback of his own by Welborn made it a 40-16 game. West Point would take a commanding 40-18 lead into the locker room.

Welborn put in a long-range shot, and baskets by Chapman, Shelton, and Franklin gave the Warriors a 49-20 lead. Baskets by Gillis, Banks Borwick, and Gavin Pace made it a 51-26 game, but back-to-back three-point plays by Lamar stretched West Point's lead to 58-26. The Warriors would take a 58-28 lead into the fourth quarter. It was run under a hot clock, and the Warriors would on to cruise past Vinemont, 72-37. Chapman led the way for West Point (7-2) with 18 points. Lamar wasn't too far behind with 16 points. Welborn collected 10 points. Shelton posted nine points, and Franklin finished with eight points. Gillis finished with 13 points for Vinemont (3-6). Wilhite added 10 points and Parr posted seven points.

West Point will head home to take on Boaz Thursday while Vinemont will host J.B. Pennington on Friday.

Wallace State to present annual Christmas Spectacular Dec. 12

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Fine and Performing Arts programs will be hosting the annual Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, Dec. 12. This free event will include performances from all Wallace State performing ensembles.

"The Christmas Spectacular is one of just a few shows where all of our performance groups will share the stage," said Ricky Burks, chair of the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs. "Each ensemble will have at least one performance in the holiday show."

The production will feature performances from the Wallace State Jazz Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Choir, Singers and Allegro Dance Theatre. The programs will present pieces individually and collaboratively to bring the ensembles together while also spotlighting individual programs.

The set list includes a performance of "Dashing Through the Snow" by the Concert Band and "March From the Nutcracker" by the Allegro Dance Theatre. The Choir and Singers will have you singing along with several holiday favorites including "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," "Silent Night" and "Christmas Isn't Cancelled," all accompanied by the Jazz Band or Concert Band.

The performance will be held at 7 p.m. at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre in the Garlan Gudger Student Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Other upcoming performances planned by Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts include:

- Feb. 13: Broadway Night, Burrow Center Recital Hall
- March 7-9: Little Women, Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
- March 14-15: Chaos/Connection, Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
- March 20: Spring Showcase, Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
- April 3: Solo & Chamber Ensemble Recital, Burrow Center Recital Hall
- April 18: Big Band Dance, Burrow Center
- April 24: Spring Under the Stars, Burrow Center

For information about the Christmas Spectacular and other Fine and Performing Arts events, contact Amy Seymore at 256-382-8277 or amy.seymore@wallacestate.edu.

Fairview Council addresses alley, new park, Wesley Avenue parking

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — This month's Fairview Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Henry and opened with an invocation by Councilwoman Julie Grimes on Monday, Dec. 2.

New business opened with Stanley Graham addressing the council in hopes of abolishing the alley located at Butler Street and Welcome Road. Graham made this request in order to be able to install a septic tank on his property and potentially welcome a new business to the community as a result. The pipes for this septic tank would need to cross the alley in order to be installed, thus the request to abolish this unused area of land. The council made and approved a motion to abolish the alley. It was approved unanimously.

In other news, the council discussed progress toward the new town park. A motion was made and approved to accept Community Consultants as the grant writer for the project. Applications for an engineering service for the project were also discussed. The council decided that appointment will be made at the next monthly session once the council has had time to review the resumes of both companies.

Lastly, a motion was made by Councilman Steve Edelman to install "No Parking" signs on Wesley Avenue.

The purpose of this, he said, would be to protect private property from illegal parking, especially during community events held at the park. Grimes recused herself from the vote, having a vested interest as a member of the community that road services.

"As a citizen I would like to say to you I don't want a bunch of signs in my yard, but I do want the Town to do a better job," she said. "As a Town, if we are going to let them have an event there, it needs to be a safe event and people don't need to park there."

The motion did not pass, and deliberation about additional, alternative parking is now under consideration.

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2025, at Fairview Town Hall located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Fairview Town Council is seen on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024.

Baileyton Council welcomes new members, honors outgoing councilmen

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Mayor Windell Calloway called the Baileyton Town Council's monthly meeting to order on Monday evening, Dec. 2, when two new members were sworn in and two recognized for their service.

The meeting began with Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Nicholas swearing in Jack McGee and Donna Kent as new members of the council. McGee took place 3 while Kent took place 2.

McGee has been a member of the community and served as a firefighter for over 25 years. "I'm excited and happy to serve the community any way that I can," he said.

Kent, who is president of the Baileyton Senior Center, echoed McGee's excitement, stating, "I look forward to serving our community!"

Following the swearing in of the new members, Calloway took a moment to honor outgoing councilmen Roy Shedd and Wendell Peterson for their years of dedicated service to the town. Shedd and Peterson were awarded plaques to commemorate their time as councilmen and thank them for the efforts they made to serve Baileyton. Both men's resignations were announced at the council's November meeting.

In other news, the council discussed upcoming town holiday events:

- Bargain Days: Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m.-noon at the Old Fire Hall
- Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas: Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center
- Christmas Drive-Thru: Saturday, Dec 14, from 5-8 p.m. at the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department

The next town council meeting will be Monday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Nicholas swears in Jack McGee and Donna Kent as new members of the Baileyton Town Council on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Outgoing Baileyton Town Councilmen Roy Shedd and Wendell Peterson pose with their plaques on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024.

Fatality (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A New York woman was killed while walking along Alabama Highway 157 between Walmart and Home2Suites in Cullman on Monday, Dec. 2. On Wednesday, Dec. 4, Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Mildred Sanders, 81, of Ithaca, New York.

A statement from the City of Cullman on Monday stated: "The Cullman Police Department Traffic Homicide Unit is currently investigating a fatal vehicle collision that occurred at 6:18 pm involving a pedestrian on AL-157 near the Home2 Suites and Walmart area.

"At this time, limited information is available as the investigation is ongoing. CPD is actively working to determine the circumstances surrounding the crash."

This was the second pedestrian fatality in two days in Cullman.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, Mark Alan Johns, 59, of Cullman, was struck and killed in a hit-and-run incident along Alabama Highway 69 near the Cullman Shooting Sports complex.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the Cullman Police Department arrested Michael Garrett Massie, 35, of New Market, Alabama. Massie is facing preliminary charges of felony leaving the scene of an accident.

Promotions (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday welcomed a crowd of Cullman Police Department officers and families as Chief Joey Duncan and Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson joined the council's Public Safety Committee Chairman Brad Smith to announce two promotions and a new hire.

Administrator Daniel Hunt, a 22-year CPD veteran, and investigator Intae Suh, with 14 years on the force, were promoted to the rank of major.

Duncan then introduced the department's new patrol major, John Mahler.

Mahler served with the CPD as a jailer for a short time before a 20-year career as an Alabama State Trooper.

The council's only other order of business was the approval of a resolution to award a bid for a crew cab truck to Bill Smith Buick GMC, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $46,697.60.

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Daniel Hunt was promoted to major. Left to right are Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson, Ethan Hunt, Sawyer Hunt, Major Daniel Hunt, Chief Joey Duncan and Councilman Brad Smith.



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Intae Suh was promoted to major of investigation. Left to right are Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson, Taisley Suh, Major Intae Suh, Torrin Suh, Chief Joey Duncan and Councilman Brad Smith.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

John Mahler, a former CPD officer and State Trooper, returned to become patrol major. Left to right are Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson, Major John Mahler, Chief Joey Duncan and Councilman Brad Smith.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Great Southern Recreation, has completed the Contract for Shade System for Depot park Renewal ARC Project, at Depot Park, Second Ave, Cullman, AL 35055 for the City of Cullman, AL, 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 notify City of Cullman, AL at 204 Second Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARY SUE BANISTER, * CASE NO. PC2024-322
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: REGINA WIMBERLY, DEBORAH SHASTEEN LONG, HUNTER SHASTEEN, J.J. SHASTEEN a/k/a JAMES S. SHASTEEN, III, DONNA CAGLE, AMANDA JONES, LARRY SEMEVOLOS, JERRY DILWORTH AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF MARY SUE BANISTER, DECEASED.

Petition to Probate Will and for Letters Testamentary filed by William Thomas Blankenship, Petitioner, through Attorney Clint L. Maze. A hearing has been rescheduled on this matter for the **14th day of January, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of December, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice four (4) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Clint L. Maze
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES LONELL ADERHOLD, CASE NO.: PC 2024-375
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MEAGAN ADERHOLD as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES LONELL ADERHOLD deceased, on the 18th day of November, 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.

Meagan Aderhold
Personal Representative

Kristin Waters Sullivan
Waters Sullivan, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
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Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated February 2, 2024 executed by BRIDGETOPIA TOO, LLC MISTY M. GLASS UNKNOWN TENANT (180) UNKNOWN TENANT (2141) , in favor of ENCORE SFR FINANCE, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, said Mortgage being recorded on February 14, 2024 at Official Records Book 2074 Page 634 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of CULLMAN County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, FITNO, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, CULLMAN County, Alabama on December 16, 2024, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in CULLMAN County, Alabama, to-wit: AS TO: 180 COUNTY RD 1701: LOT 45, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF KINGFISHER SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1B, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2021, PAGES 35 AND 36, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. AS TO: 2141 ELLSWORTH LOOP RD: LOT 23, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF ELLSWORTH SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2022, PAGES 17 AND 17A IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. For informational purposes only, the property address is: 2141 ELLSWORTH LOOP RD CULLMAN, AL 35055. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE- DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF FIDELITY and GUARANTY LIFE MORTGAGE TRUST 2018-1 who's address is c/o Selene Finance LP, 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400 South, Houston, TX 77042-4546 Keith Labell De Cubas and Lewis, P.A. P.O. Box 5026 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310 (954) 453-0365A-4829182 11/21/2024, 11/28/2024, 12/05/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LEWIS NATE TERRY, * **CASE NO.: PC2022-053**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ALVIN TERRY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LEWIS NATE TERRY, deceased, on the 20th day of November, 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 be barred.

ALVIN TERRY
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35056

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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARRION KEY, * **CASE NO: PC2023-333**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: JASON KEY AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF MARRION KEY, DECEASED.

Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and *Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge* filed by Rhonda Key, Personal Representative, through Attorney, Pamela E. Nail, has been scheduled for the **13th day of February, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of December, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900394.00
KELLEY JOHN,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the whereabouts and locations of Defendant: John Kelly and any unknown heirs along with the following described real property;

A plot of land described as Being 1 ACRE of land beginning N 244 & E 1000 from SW corner of NE ¼ of the SE ¼ thence continue E 210 N 210 W 210 S 210 to POB

are unknown to the Plaintiff and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill to Quiet Title seeking the entire and undivided fee simple interest in and to the subject lands with no restrictions thereon,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Defendants answer the Complaint by the Plaintiff by the 13th day of January, 2025 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that this ORDER and NOTICE be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County.

DONE this 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by **Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated November 26, 2021, and recorded on November 29, 2021 in Mortgage Book 1991 Page 745 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; and as and secured by that Mortgage executed by Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man and Jennifer Dawn Sharp Hearld, an unmarried woman to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated August 28, 2023, and recorded on September 5, 2023 in Mortgage Book 2061 Page 763 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, as modified by that Mortgage Modification Agreement executed by Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man and Jennifer Dawn Sharp Hearld, an unmarried woman to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage Modification Agreement dated February 13, 2024, and recorded on March 1, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2076 Page 34, 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, Alabama, on the **December 13, 2024,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence S16°56'27"W a distance of 215.02 feet to a metal fence post and the true point of beginning; thence S86°44'14"W a distance of 216.96 feet to a metal fence post; thence S05°20'32'W 87.29 feet to a 1 inch solid bar; thence S05°03'54"W 210.00 feet to a steel fence corner found on the North margin of a road; thence S82°42'40"E a distance of 173.58 feet to a found steel fence post; thence N12°16'16"E a distance of 331.93 feet to the true point of beginning.
Description derived from survey of Joseph C. Hunt, AL Reg No. 17265, dated December 5, 1990.
Property address: 1231 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
RAYMOND G. BARBEE a/k/a *
RAYMOND GLEEN, * CASE NO.: PC2024-391
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to TONYA ROBERSON formally TONYA COKER, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF RAYMOND G. BARBEE a/k/a RAYMOND GLENN BARBEE, deceased, on the 3rd day of December, 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.

Tonya Roberson formally Tonya Coker
Personal Representative

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P.O. Box 1166
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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 3rd day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES M. STEWART, * CASE NO.: PC2024-394
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JACK C. STEWART, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF JAMES M. STEWART, deceased, on the 3rd day of December, 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.

Jack C. Stewart
Personal Representative

Mitchell McNaylor, Esq.
McNaylor Law, LLC
3590-B Pelham, Parkway, #220
Pelham, AL 35124

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SHARRON FAITH GOLDSMITH, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-367**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GRETSCHEN WOODARD as Personal Representative of the Estate of SHARRON FAITH GOLDSMITH, deceased, on the 19th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

GRETSCHEN WOODARD
Administrator

Jeremy P. Summers
Estate Attorney
1275 Center Point Parkway
Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35215

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LISA MCSWAIN, CLER

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No.: JU-2024-000564.01
GREEN EASTON MCCOY)

ORDER

MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION ON THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER filed by MORELAN AMBER is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 8th day of November, 2024.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: *
E.G * CASE NO: JU-2024-564.01
a minor child, DOB: 08-04-2015 *

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Father in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** that the Biological Father, David Green, of E.G., born on 08-04-2015, respond to the Petition by the 19 day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 12th day of November, 2024.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 12th day of November, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 7, 2006 by Max Wayne Starnes, Sr. and Barbara Ann Starnes, husband and wife, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1468, Page 114 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 27, 2024:

Part of the SE 1/3 of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County Alabama described as follows: Begin at the DE corner of said ¼ - ¼ section; thence run northerly along the ¼ - ¼ section line, 160.04 feet to the south line of a 30 foot right of way; thence 89 degrees 54' left along said line, 600.00 feet; thence 90 degrees 06' left, 160.21 feet; thence 89 degrees 55' left, along the south line of said Section 34 a distance of 600.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together:
One (1) 2002 Fleetwood Manufactured Home, VIN #TNFL126A59076SS12

Address of the property (for identification purposes only)
1900 County Road 532, Hanceville, AL 35077

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-December 5, 12, 19, 2024

LEGALS

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On Monday, December 16, 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. 1718 Meadowbrook Drive SE – variance request for garage

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

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEVIE SHARP,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900321.00**

SHANE M. SHARP,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Shane M. Sharp, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Stevie Sharp's Complaint for Divorce by January 27th, 2025 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900321.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 26th day of November, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JASON KNIGHT
210 SECOND ST SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2024-410

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KAREN RUTH JONES, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by David Lee Jones on November 13, 2024

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 2nd day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
STANLEY RAY HARPER, * CASE NO: PC2023-016
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: MICHAEL SHANE HARPER AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF STANLEY RAY HARPER, DECEASED.

Petition for Final Settlement received the 1st day of July, 2024, made Court record the 2nd day of July, 2024, by Toni Jenkins, Personal Representative, through Attorney Dan J. Willingham. has been scheduled for the **13th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of December, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for the Estate of
STANLEY RAY HARPER
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 3-4

Mark Allen Johns, 60
A private family memorial service for Mark Johns, age 60, of Cullman, will be held at a later date. Mr. Johns passed away on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, and was born Monday, Jan. 20, 1964, in Cullman, Alabama to Odus Johns and Mavelene Johns. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his daughters, Taylor Johns and Abbie Johns; son, Cody Johns; grandchildren, Kinsie Glenn, Tynlee Glenn, Madison Johns, and Makensley Johns; brothers, Steven Johns and Kevin Johns; sister, Vicky Johns; and mother.

Nancy Lou Schaefers, 86
Nancy Lou Schaefers, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024. Nancy is proceeded in death by her parents, Ira Hurbert Dunn, Nora Gladys Oaks and her husband of 60 years, James Schaefers. Nancy is survived by her daughters, Becky Weeks and Cindy Givens (Ricky) Son Phillip Schaefers (Sharron) 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. Nancy loved and lived for her family and especially her grandchildren, she also loved to play bingo and watched her Crimson Tide!! A Visitation Service will be held Wednesday Dec. 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055 in the chapel, with a Rosary Service to follow at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Thursday, Dec. 5th, 2024, 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 205 Third Avenue SE Cullman, AL, 35055, with a graveside service to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ninth Street NE, Cullman, AL 35055. Moss Service Funeral directing.

Mrs. Betty Rae Wren, 85
Betty Rae Wren departed peacefully from this world to be with the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 1 from her home in Clanton, Alabama with family at her side. During her long1 and fruitful life, Betty was a joyful person who loved the Lord Jesus Christ, her family, and her friends. She was known as someone who always greeted you with a bright smile and extended her friendship generously. Her delicious biscuits, dumplings, pineapple upside down cake, coconut cake and peanut butter cake were legendary. Her special cakes and dishes were highly coveted through the years as so many who knew her can attest. Betty worked her entire adult life in the medical arena utilizing Her warm personality and her gift of gab. For 25 years she was the office manager for Dr. Vijay Caplash where she became more than an employee but a dear friend of the Caplash family. In her retirement, she served as a Pink Lady at St. Vincent's East in Trussville, Alabama. Betty also served the Lord in many churches through the years teaching Bible classes of all ages and helping in any capacity. Upon her passing, she was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church in Jemison, Alabama where she loved her Women's Sunday School Class and weekly Ladies Bible study as well as her entire church family. She loved studying the Word of God and would spend hours each day reading her Bible or listening and watching inspirational podcasts or sermons. She also enjoyed flowers of all kinds but was especially passionate about her roses. Her delight was her grandchildren and great grandchildren and her sweet dog BB who was a special companion for the past 7 years of her life. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Floy and Bertha Parker, her husband, Bobby Wren and her grandson, Jason Brasher. She leaves behind her three children, Anita Cornelius (Karl) Trussville, Alabama, Kenneth Wren (Connie) Clanton, Alabama and Belinda Boyett (Rudy)Hahira, Georgia. Six Grandchildren, Jeff Cornelius (Carol) Irondale, Alabama, Alan Cornelius, Maumee, Ohio, Katie Hayes (Torey) Clanton, Alabama, Jonathan Brasher (Meredith) Hahira, Georgia and Michael Boyett (Sandi) Las Vegas, Nevada. Six Great Grandchildren, Luke, Kaylee, Emily, Parker, Hannah and Peter. She also leaves behind her two sisters, Noni Woodard, Springfield, Tennessee and Myra Lee (Jerry) Cullman, Alabama as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family along with a host of friends young and old, near and far. Funeral Service will be held at Moss Funeral Home, Cullman, Alabama. Visitation: Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Funeral: Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. To leave condolences for the Wren family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Rebecca Ann Handley, 42
Memorial service for Rebecca Ann Handley, age 42, of Cullman, will be Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Bro. Steven Stringer. A memorial gathering will be held at the chapel noon-2 p.m. for friends and family to have time to visit together before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Rebecca was born Aug. 30, 1982, to Troy Handley and Glenda Ann Banks. She passed from this life too soon on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at Hospice Family Care in Huntsville, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her brother, Joshua Banks; her Mawmaw, Jeline Bryant; her pawpaw, Elbert James. She is survived by her husband, Robert Esco; her mother, Glenda Ann Banks; her father, Troy Handley; two sons, Dalton Handley, and Justin Handley; three daughters, Haley Willingham, Shayla Willingham, and Cheyanne Bibby; brothers, Nick Handley, and Bobby Morris (Hossana Johnson); sisters, Maranda Banks, and Shanta Johnson; nieces and nephews, Raven Handley, Mia Handley, Mack Handley, Mason Morris, Gunner Morris, Kyler Morris, Riverlynn Morris, Liles Bowen, Silas Bowen, and Jolene Bowen. Rebecca was a very loving daughter, sister, and mother. She loved her job at KFC and was a friend to all. She will be very missed and loved. Please visit www.culllmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Mary Kay Leipert, 77
Mary Kay Leipert, a devoted mother, grandmother, and sister, passed from this life on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at the age of 77. Born on April 12, 1947, in Hanceville, Alabama, Mary led a life filled with love, resilience, and dedication to her family. Mary left school in the sixth grade to support her family through sharecropping, yet her determination shone brightly when, at the age of 51, she returned to her studies to earn her Graduate Equivalence Degree (GED). This accomplishment stood as a testament to her unwavering spirit and commitment to personal growth. In 1965, she married Valentine Andrew Leipert, Jr., and they enjoyed ten blissful years together until his passing in 1975. During the last part of his life, Mary became a compassionate caregiver. She dedicated herself to caring for the needs of her husband and her family. Over the years, she became the ultimate caregiver, always putting the needs of others ahead of her own. While initially embarking on a career in retail sales, Mary found her true calling as a homemaker, where she nurtured her family with her exceptional culinary skills. Her son, Darrell, fondly remembers her chicken and dressing as a family favorite, alongside her renowned cornbread, beans, and fried potatoes. Mary was also famous for her delightful chicken and dumplings, a dish that brought warmth and togetherness to family gatherings. Mary possessed a green thumb with an extraordinary ability to cultivate and care for plants, ensuring they thrived for years. In addition to her gardening talents, she cherished time spent engaged in games, whether they be board games or card games. Yahtzee and Farkle were among her favorites, bringing joy and laughter to her home. An avid fisherwoman, Mary particularly enjoyed the thrill of deep-sea fishing, where she found peace and contentment in the embrace of nature. Throughout her life, she remained steadfast in her faith, identifying proudly as a Baptist, and finding strength and community in her beliefs. Mary is survived by her beloved son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Vicki Leipert; grandchildren, Olivia Leipert, Melanie (Basil) Burge, Tamara Wright, Jessica Leipert, and Brandon Leipert; great grandchildren, Jaxon Gramling, Addison Burge, Easton and Eli Richey, Zane Leipert, Angelina Jaimes, and Marcus Brown; brother, Phil (Judy) Hinkle; sisters, Faye (Buddy) Patterson, Pat (John) Knight, and Marsha Hinkle; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins, who will carry her memory forward with love and gratitude. Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Silbert and Ivy Hinkle; husband, Valentine Leipert, Jr.; son, Stanley Christopher Leipert; brothers, Avery, Wayne, and Lawrence Hinkle; and sister, Betty Wingo. Mary Kay Leipert will forever be remembered for her kindness, nurturing nature, and the indelible mark she left on the hearts of all who knew her. The visitation will be Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Cullman-Heritage Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama. The funeral will begin at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens Cemetery..

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Festival of Trees happening at CWAC

Jen Baker
jen@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The second annual Festival of Trees will be presented by the City of Cullman Tree Commission during an invite-only event on Dec. 5. The display will be open to the public Dec. 6-Jan. 2, at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center.

Trees on display were decorated by local schools and the Cullman County Public Library. During the Dec. 5 private event, trees will be judged by the Tree Commission and local artist and Master Gardner Ben Johnson. Awards for "Best Traditional Tree" and "Santa's Choice" will be presented.

Tree Commission Chairman Barry Slatton explained, "We did this (festival) because we want the children to realize the value of the trees, what they mean to us and the many functions that they have - the value that they have to our economy, our environment and the cultural traditions in this city."

Slatton continued, "The sponsors include the Rotary Club of Cullman and Cullman Savings Bank.

"Without them there would not be a festival. We thank them for that. We also thank the Aquatic Center and Sports and Rec Department for allowing us to share this with the community."

The festival display is free to enjoy. The Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center is located at 1636 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, in Cullman.



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ALEA reports 21 traffic fatalities during 9-day holiday enforcement period

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) has concluded its Thanksgiving holiday enforcement period, which took place from Saturday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Dec. 1. This critical initiative aimed to ensure the safety of all residents during one of the busiest travel seasons of the year.

During this nine-day period, ALEA Troopers investigated 473 traffic crashes, resulting in 21 fatalities. Nineteen individuals were traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts; however, 10 individuals did not use them. One of the individuals killed was a pedestrian and another was a passenger on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

The deadly crashes occurred in Baldwin, Cherokee, Clay, Colbert, Coosa, Dekalb, Elmore, Fayette, Geneva, Lee, Madison, Marion, Mobile, Perry, Pike, Tuscaloosa and Washington counties.

Additionally, ALEA Troopers issued 5,264 citations and 2,730 warnings, along with making 60 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests.

The top contributing factors in these tragic events include speeding, driving impaired and the absence of seat belt usage.

"The loss of 21 lives during what is meant to be a joyous holiday season is devastating," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor.

"Our deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of those who lost their lives. Each number represents a loved one whose absence will be felt deeply this Christmas and New Year. As we transition into yet another highly traveled period, please remember that the messages surrounding traffic safety are critical and awareness can help us save lives."

With the holidays fast approaching, ALEA urges all drivers to remain vigilant and practice safe driving behaviors. The potential for increased intoxication and traffic congestion heightens the risk of accidents during this festive time.

"We encourage everyone to prioritize safety by not driving under the influence, obeying speed limits, and ensuring that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up," said ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer.

"Creating a safe environment on our roads is a responsibility we all share. Let us honor those we've lost this season by committing to safer driving practices moving forward."

As we prepare to celebrate with family and friends once again, ALEA invites everyone to join in the annual "12 Days of Safety" campaign by making a commitment to abide by traffic laws and share safety messages with loved ones ahead of the holidays.

We can all play a part in reducing fatalities and ensuring the safety of our roads. The campaign will launch on Saturday, Dec. 21, and run through the New Year on Jan. 1, 2025.

For further information on traffic safety tips and the upcoming campaign, visit www.alea.gov.

Shedd receives 'Iron Award' from Alabama House Republican Caucus

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama House of Representatives Majority Leader Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle, on Wednesday announced that Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, has been presented with the House Republican Caucus' "Iron Award," which is given to GOP representatives whose words, deeds and actions build teamwork and help colleagues reach their full potential.

Voted on by members of the House Republican Caucus, the "Iron Award" is based on the biblical verse in Proverbs 27:17, which reads, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

"Rep. Shedd always stands ready to offer his fellow Republican House members an encouraging word, optimistic advice and a simple, everyday kindness whenever possible," Stadthagen said.

"This award demonstrates that he has earned the trust, confidence and admiration of the House Republican Caucus members, and he provides a strong example for others to follow."

Shedd, who serves as the House majority whip responsible for counting votes on upcoming bills and measures and communicating with Republican members on the chamber floor, said he was touched and humbled by the recognition.

"Some people say grown men aren't supposed to cry, but when I was told I would receive this award, this old man's eyes watered," Shedd said.

"As legislators of a supermajority, we have a rare opportunity to make life better for our neighbors and the people of Alabama, so let's not waste a minute."

Prior to his election to the Alabama House in a 2013 special election,

Shedd served as chairman of the Cullman County Commission and as mayor of Fairview, Alabama. A retired director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging, he currently chairs the House Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure Committee.

Shedd is the second recipient of the "Iron Award," which has become an annual presentation within the House Republican Caucus. Rep. Alan Baker, R-Brewton, received the inaugural award upon its establishment last year.

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