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Turn & Burn Bungee & Dance Fitness officially open

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Turn & Burn Bungee & Dance Fitness hosted an open house Dec. 28, featuring bungee fitness class demonstrations, the opportunity to shop its new fitness apparel line and the opening of its beverage bar, "Warehouse Nutrition." The new facility is located in the downtown Cullman Warehouse District at 110 First Ave. NE.

Owner Rhonda Hagemore welcomed guests to the open house and introduced the instructors. Hagemore, with a background in health care, said she has studied bungee fitness for several years prior to opening the business.

"Bungee fitness offers a variety of benefits, making it an exciting and effective workout for people of all fitness levels," she said.

An informational packet offered to guests listed some of the advantages » PAGE 5



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Instructors assist participants at the Turn & Burn Bungee & Dance Fitness open house on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024.

Remembering Ms. Robin





JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Robin Winton

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The passing of Robin Elaine Winton has left a void at The Cullman Tribune and in the hearts of all who knew her. For over 30 years, Robin served this newspaper with dedication, expertise and an unmatched work ethic. She single-handedly kept The Tribune running during a critical five-year period before Dustin Isom and I purchased it in 2016.

Robin was more than just part of The Tribune; she was the backbone of this operation. She had a remarkable ability to build relationships with people from all walks of life, earning her the respect and admiration of everyone she encountered. "Ms. Robin," as we all called her, was a title she truly earned. Her presence commanded respect, not because she demanded it, but because she lived it.

In her absence over the last six weeks, we've come to realize just how much she did behind the scenes.

The tasks she made look effortless have required all of us to step in and share the workload. Despite our collective efforts, it has been a daunting challenge to fill her shoes. She had a system — a way of keeping everything running smoothly that was uniquely her own.

On a personal note, not having Robin around has been incredibly difficult for me. I am deeply saddened by her passing and hold her daughter in my thoughts during this challenging time.

My partner Dustin Isom, co-owner and associate publisher, summed up her impact perfectly: "Losing Robin is like losing part of the soul of The Cullman Tribune. For over 30 years Robin kept the paper running nearly by herself with unmatched dedication and without a » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 30

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 30, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 26

- harassment; trespassing; CR 1156
- trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1865
- harassment; trespassing; CR 1859

Dec. 27

- domestic violence; CR 161
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 385
- trespassing; Lee Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 984

Dec. 28

- violation of protection order; CR 1170
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1598
- domestic violence; CR 1711
- theft of property; CR 1568
- violation of protection order; CR 590
- domestic violence; CR 1467
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S

Dec. 29

- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 69S
- possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 278E
- theft of property; CR 1204
- burglary; theft of property; CR 818
- domestic violence; CR 216
- domestic violence; CR 7001
- domestic violence; 3rd St. SE Garden City

ARRESTS

Dec. 26-29

Barnett, Richard S.; 25
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Black, Christy L.; 52
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Blair, Austin F.; 18
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Champion, Jennifer L.; 40
- obstructing justice using a false identity

Chandler, James N.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Chitwood, Terry E.; 46
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Collins, Cody W.; 36
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Couch, Brandon S.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Edwards, Rickey L.; 58
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Gamble, Billy D.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Gold, Thomas A.; 56
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hines, Timothy W.; 53
- possession of methamphetamine
- criminal trespass

Jay, Adam P.; 37
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Johnson, Tanya L.; 49
- PROBATION REVOKED – sell/distribute methamphetamine

Parris, Ethan B.; 32
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Patterson, Christopher F.; 56
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Price, Scottie W.; 40
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pugh, Donna G.; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Scott, James T.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Springer, David B.; 50
- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Stillwell, Natasha M.; 33
- possession of methamphetamine

Thomas, Alexander A.; 39
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

Watson, Sarah O.; 26
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Weatherby, Christopher W.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Willoughby, Christy W.; 47
- DIVERSION VIOLATION – arson-residence

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 23
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '14 Chev. Silverado; $400; 2nd Ave. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW

Dec. 24
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $189; Olive St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '22 Toyota Camry; $400; Main Ave. NE
- harassing communications; person

Dec. 27
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $3; Olive St. SW

Dec. 28
- theft of property-4th degree; Glover's Plants & Produce; hay bales; $320; Main Ave. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $59; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $130; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Dec. 27-29

Pricer, Shelly L.; 51
- FTA - insurance violation

Jones, Terry N.; 68
- DUI

Johnson, Danielle N.; 39
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Thompson, Jonah A.; 26
- false reporting to law enforcement

Mead, Tanya L.; 49
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Cornelius, Melanie D.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree

Pilgrim, Nathaniel S.; 33
- theft of property-4th degree

Barnett, Richard S.; 25
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Hudson, Bobby R.; 33
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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2nd annual Vitals for Victims drive launches Jan. 2 to support Victim Services

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The second annual Vitals for Victims drive will begin collecting laundry products on Jan. 2 and continue through Jan. 31. This drive will directly benefit Victim Services of Cullman and Winston counties. This year's focus is on providing essential laundry items for women and children in need, but all donations are welcome.

Dynea Boyd, organizer of the drive, was inspired by her client Gwen Parker's involvement with Victim Services. Boyd started the drive last year after seeing the breadth of needs of women and children supported by the organization.

"Since the first drive we did a year ago, various people have dropped off numerous items all last year for me to pass on to Victim Services," Boyd shared.

Boyd is encouraging the community to donate products such as laundry detergent for sensitive skin, baby detergents and laundry baskets while emphasizing that any donations will be greatly appreciated.

"There are so many needs at Victim Services. And since I want to make this an annual drive, I randomly chose laundry items as the focus this year. But we will accept any items."

To Boyd, helping those in need is a way to make a profound impact in the community, a purpose she has witnessed through Vitals for Victims: "A quote from another foundation, Tunnel to Towers, paraphrases the Word: 'Let us do good.' It is such a simple idea, but one that can positively impact so many. Thank you to all who are helping our community."

Community members interested in contributing to this year's drive are encouraged to contact Dynea Boyd at 256-531-2055. All drop-offs can be made at The Legacy Salon on Monday, Thursday or Friday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday drop-offs can be made from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Legacy Salon is located at 1640 Town Square SW in Cullman.

Cold weather tips from Cullman County EMA

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cold weather is on the way! Temperatures will begin dropping this week, with Wednesday afternoon bringing the lows in the mid-20s. Now is the time to make sure you're prepared.

- Check insulation - Ensure windows, doors and pipes are properly insulated to prevent heat loss and freezing.
- Service heating systems - Have furnaces and space heaters inspected to ensure they're working efficiently.
- Seal drafts - Use weatherstripping or caulk to seal any gaps around windows and doors.
- Protect outdoor plumbing - Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Stock up on supplies - Have blankets, warm clothing and emergency essentials like food and water on hand.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors - Make sure they're working properly for safety during heating.

Robin (from Front)

single complaint. Her dedication is unsurpassed, and she will be dearly missed by all of us at The Tribune."

Robin's influence extended far beyond the walls of our office.

Tribune reporter Craig Mann wrote a heartfelt tribute: "Ms. Robin was calm amidst our hyperactivity, organized amidst our chaos, refined amidst our baseness and profanity, courteous to all who entered or called our office (including the complainers). Her kind is rare in this day and, while her empty seat will be filled and her tasks passed on, she will not be replaced."

Former Tribune reporter Cayla Grace Murphy-Carnes shared, "Ms. Robin was the best. Praying for her rest and her daughter."

Robin Elaine Winton, 67, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Dec. 24, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Born on Jan. 9, 1957, in Anchorage, Alaska, to Dorothy Smith and Air Force Sergeant James Harold Winton, Robin made Cullman her home, graduating from Cullman High School and Wallace State Community College. She devoted decades to the newspaper business, working with both The Cullman Times and The Cullman Tribune.

Robin was an avid reader, loved animals and cherished time spent with her family and friends. She was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church, where her faith was a cornerstone of her life.

She is survived by her daughter Samantha Vest, brother Byron Winton, nephew Tyler Earwood and wife Katherine, nephews Trenton Earwood and Adam Neatherton, niece Trinity Earwood, great-niece Harper Grace Earwood and former brother-in-law Tim Earwood.

The family will hold a service to honor Robin on Jan. 2, 2025, at Calvary Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama. Visitation will begin at noon, with the service to follow at 2 p.m.

Robin's absence will be deeply felt, but her legacy of dedication, kindness and grace will continue to inspire those of us fortunate enough to have worked with her.

Rest in peace, Ms. Robin. You were truly one of a kind.

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ALEA: Make sure you are well rested before leaving the driveway

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Just like drunk, drugged and distracted driving, drowsy driving is a real public health issue, causing thousands of car crashes each year and killing an estimated 6,400 people in the U.S. alone, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports an estimated 100,000 crashes each year are caused primarily by drowsy driving, resulting in more than 71,000 injuries and $12.5 million in damages.

Tips to drive alert:

• Getting adequate sleep on a daily basis is the only true way to protect yourself against the risks of driving when you're drowsy.

• Before the start of a long family car trip, get a good night's sleep, or you could put your entire family and others at risk.

• Many teens do not get enough sleep at a stage in life when their biological need for sleep increases, which makes them vulnerable to the risk of drowsy-driving crashes, especially on longer trips. Advise your teens to delay driving until they're well rested.

• Avoid drinking any alcohol before driving. Consumption of alcohol interacts with sleepiness to increase drowsiness and impairment.

• Always check your prescription and over-the-counter medication labels to see if drowsiness could result from their use. If you take medications that could cause drowsiness as a side effect, use public transportation when possible.

• If you drive, avoid driving during the peak sleepiness periods (midnight-6 a.m. and late afternoon). If you must drive during the peak sleepiness periods, stay vigilant for signs of drowsiness, such as crossing over roadway lines or hitting a rumble strip, especially if you're driving alone.



Cullman Senior Center hosting frame loom weaving class Jan. 7

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Senior Center will be hosting an introduction to frame loom Weaving class on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at noon.

Cullman Senior Center Manager Kristie Young said the event costs $40 per person and includes all supplies for the class.

"The event will be at the center," Young said.

"This is the first time we have offered this class. The instructor is Emily Wallace with Handwoven Designs.

"This class is offered to those 60 and over and space is limited.

"We do hope to make this a regular class."

Young said she is looking forward to bringing more unique classes for active adults with the expansion of the center.

"In searching for new ideas, we looked at other larger centers' activities and took ideas from there," she said.

"Ours may just be on a smaller scale for now. We have the sign-up link included on the post.

"The payments are accepted at the center."

The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

For more information, call 256-734-0145, or sign up for the class at https://tinyurl.com/frameloomweavingclass.

Action (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County recently issued a community call to action. You can read it below:

Looking into the coming days, as the temperatures drop and winter weather sets in, we need your help! We're creating warming stations to support those in need during extremely cold and icy conditions, but we cannot do it without YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to help staff these stations overnight during times of extreme cold.

If you're able to donate your time to help keep others safe, please consider joining our volunteer team. Together, we can make sure everyone has a warm place to stay when the temperatures drop too low.

How you can help:

• Volunteer for overnight shifts during extreme cold and ice conditions

• Locations will be shared soon, and we need YOU to be a part of this effort!

If you are interested in helping, please email tjohnson@uwaycc.org for more details or to sign up.

We cannot do this without you — let's come together and make a difference for our community!

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 (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
• Tuesday, Dec. 31 - 6 p.m. New Year's Eve Candlelight Celebration. Youth party from 8 p.m.-midnight
• Wednesday, Jan. 1 - No service or classes! Have a blessed and happy New Year!
• Friday, Jan. 3 - 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, Jan. 5 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast and Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, Jan. 5 - 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, Jan. 5 - 2 p.m. Prayer service

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

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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.

Traditions Bank New Year's Eve Celebration
Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 6 p.m.-midnight. The festivities will take place in the parking lot of the bank's main branch at 109 Second Ave. NW (U.S. Highway 31) in downtown Cullman. Guests can use free vouchers at six local food trucks that will be on-site. There will also be live music, bounce houses and more.

The Foot of the Cross Church Revival
Jan. 12-15. Sunday at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157, on Eva Road. Evangelist Ryan Wilburn.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ANNA M. MADDOX, * CASE NO: PC2024-344
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: PHILLIP ANDREW HOENIG, JOSEPH GEORGE HOENIG, JOSEPH SCHMUCK, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF ANNA M. MADDOX, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will filed for the Estate of Anna M. Maddox, deceased, by Pamela Marie Stead, Petitioner, through Attorney Beverly Paschal Poston, *Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed by Beverly Paschal Poston, Attorney for Petitioner, Pamela Marie Stead. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **14th day of January, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, 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 13th 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.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Warriors pull away to top Decatur Heritage 68-52, win Christmas Tournament Championship

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WEST POINT, Ala. — After defeating East Lawrence and Corner on Thursday and Friday, West Point was back on the court to play Decatur Heritage in its Christmas Tournament finals Saturday afternoon. The Warriors trailed by 3 at halftime but outscored the Eagles 27-8 in the third quarter to come from behind and collect a 68-52 win.

Both teams traded scores for most of the first quarter. Decatur Heritage held a slim 8-6 lead, but Cade Welborn buried a trey from the left wing to give West Point a 9-8 lead. Maddox Chapman and Kaden Vincent followed that up with treys of their own, as the Warriors stretched their lead to 15-11 with a little over three minutes to go in the opening period. Five straight points by the Eagles gave them the lead right back at 16-15. Vincent drained another three to give the Warriors an 18-16 lead, but Decatur Heritage scored the final five points of the quarter, as that made it a 21-18 game going into the second.

The Eagles increased their lead to 25-20 early in the second quarter, but later in the period, baskets in the paint by Jaxon Shelton and Jay Lamar cut it to 29-25. Decatur Heritage quickly pushed their lead to 34-25, but the Warriors finished the first half out strong. Shelton drained a trey from the left wing to make it a 34-28 game, then a pair of short jumpers by Lamar and Chapman trimmed it to just a three-point deficit at 36-33 at the half.

A trey from the Eagles gave them a 39-35 lead early in the third, but Lamar drilled a pair of threes to give West Point a 41-39 lead. Five straight points by Decatur Heritage gave them the lead right back at 44-41. That's when the Warriors completely took over the ball game. Lamar started things off with a short jumper, then Nolan Franklin knocked down a driving layup to give West Point a 45-44 lead. Chapman drilled a jumper from the free throw line, then Lamar added a layup, and Shelton put in a short jumper of his own to make it 52-44. Franklin collected a steal and put it up and in, then Lamar knocked down a three and later added a pair of technical free throws. The Warriors ended up outscoring the Eagles 27-8 and they took a 60-44 lead into the final period.



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The West Point Warriors defeated Decatur Heritage 68-52 Saturday to win this year's West Point Christmas Tournament.

Shelton added two more baskets in the paint, as the lead widened to 64-47. Chapman added a layup, then another steal and layup by Franklin helped seal the 68-52 win for the Warriors and the championship.

Lamar led West Point (15-4) with 21 points in the win. Shelton added 19 points and Chapman posted 12.

Both of West Point's varsity teams will be back in action against Clements at Wallace State on Jan. 2.

No. 5 Alabama buries season-high 19 three-pointers to defeat South Dakota State 105-82

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 5/6 Alabama men's basketball team picked up its first win after Christmas with a 105-82 win over the South Dakota State Jackrabbits, Sunday afternoon inside Coleman Coliseum.

The Crimson Tide (11-2) had its most successful outing from beyond the arc this season, burying a season-high 19 three-pointers, led by Aden Holloway with eight of his own, marking a new career-high.

Nate Oats' squad had three others in double figures, including Labaron Philon (21), Mark Sears (20) and Grant Nelson (17).

South Dakota State was led by Oscar Cluff's 21 points off 9-for-17 shooting from the field, along with 15 rebounds.

Head Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"That wraps up the non-conference, I thought it was a good one for us to get some confidence with some shooters. Our defensive intensity, I thought was pretty good for most of the first 20 minutes. I did not like the start of the second half. Matter of fact, the second half period, we gave up 49 points. This is a good offensive team, I thought defensively we were locked in and we built the big lead at the half, we were up over 20. We just didn't play as hard as we needed to, to start that second half. So, little disappointed with our focus being locked in on the defensive end to start the second half.

All in all, we made 19 threes, would be nice if Grant (Nelson) had a couple or Aden on the one with his foot on the line. I like the aggressiveness that Sears and Holloway were taking them. Mo Dioubate, you know what you're going to get out of him. Seven offensive boards in seventeen and a half minutes.

So, we need some other guys to bring the effort that he brings. I thought particularly there in the second half, we needed some energy and effort and he gave it to us. Grant had a really good start, almost a double-double again and then we had 3 guys with over 20 points. I thought the ball moved from backcourt between Sears, Labaron and Holloway. Those guys were really scoring it. And we did a great job with the turnovers, season low in turnovers. I've been stressing that and I think our guys did a good job with that."

Team Stats

- Alabama led the matchup for 38:55, dominating the offensive end of the floor and holding its biggest lead of 29 (105-76) with 1:54 remaining in the second half
- The Crimson Tide hit a new season-high for three-pointers made in a game with 19
- Aden Holloway ended his afternoon with multiple career-highs, including points (26), field goals made (9) and three-pointers made (8)
- Mark Sears reached the 20-point mark for the seventh time this season, along with hitting a season-high eight three-pointers
- Alabama's bench tallied 43 points, its second highest total of the season so far
- The victory marked the Crimson Tide's third 100-point game of the season and the 24th under head coach Nate Oats
- Alabama's defense forced 14 turnovers from the Jackrabbits, while only giving up six
- The defensive effort resulted in the Crimson Tide's most points off turnovers this season with 24

First Half

- Grant Nelson got everything started for Alabama as he scored the first eight points by himself, featuring a pair of three-pointers to take an early 8-0 lead
- South Dakota State was able to claw its way back and make it a two-point game after a 14-8 run (16-14)
- Following the first media timeout, the Crimson Tide surged offensively, going on a 14-0 run to take a 20-point lead with just under eight minutes remaining in the half (37-17)
- Alabama's early three-point barrage resulted in 21 of its first 40 points coming from beyond the arc
- The Crimson Tide lead only continued to grow after two more three-pointers by Mark Sears concluded the first half with Alabama on top (57-33)
- Nate Oats' squad tied its season-high for three-pointers made in a game with 12 in the first half
- Aden Holloway led the team at the break with 14 points off his four threes
- Labaron Philon, Mark Sears, and Grant Nelson had 12 points each in the first half, shooting a combined 14-for-22 from the field
- As a team, Alabama shot 22-for-42 (52 percent) from the field, 12-for-29 (41 percent) from deep and sank its one and only try from the free throw line

Second Half

- South Dakota State opened the second half on an 11-4 run, scoring six of those points in the paint
- Both squads traded baskets throughout the latter part of the half, but the Crimson Tide kept its lead at the second media timeout (68-52)
- After the break, Nate Oats' squad went on a 9-0 run to extend the lead back to a 20-point margin once again (79-56)
- The Crimson Tide bench came alive in the second half as well, with Holloway, Youngblood, Dioubate and Sherrell totaling 16 of Alabama's first 27 points of the period
- Continuing the offensive onslaught, Holloway pushed Alabama past the century mark with his seventh three-pointer of the afternoon
- Nate Oats' squad shot 37-for-78 (47 percent) from the field, 19-for-55 (35 percent) from three, and sank 12-of-16 from the charity stripe in the half



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Aden Holloway (2) knocked down 8 three-pointers in the Crimson Tide's 105-82 win over South Dakota State Sunday night.

Up Next

- Alabama opens its Southeastern Conference slate on Saturday, Jan. 4 against Oklahoma
- The contest between the Crimson Tide and the Sooners tips off at 5 p.m. and will air on the SEC Network

Giveaway (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Flying Fifty Hotel and other tenants of the building recently shared on social media a buildingwide giveaway.

Flying Fifty Owner Challie Knetter said Jubilee Coffee and Wine Bar, The Flying Fifty Hotel, Seven Daughters Scoops and Sipsey Vineyard and Winery will each provide a gift card in the giveaway that is posted on The Flying Fifty Facebook page.

"You can enter by going to our Facebook page," Knetter said.

"There is a link to enter there with full details.

"We really wanted to get the word out that the businesses in our building are ready or almost ready for business!

"It's a great mix of local businesses to support."

The contest winner will receive a one-night stay at The Flying Fifty Hotel, a $100 gift card to Sipsey Vineyard and Winery, a $100 gift card to Jubilee Coffee and Wine Bar and a $50 gift card to Seven Daughters Scoops.

To enter, go to https://tinyurl.com/50contest. The winner will be announced on The Flying Fifty Facebook page at www.facebook.com/theflyingfifty on Jan. 10.

You must be 21 or older to enter the contest.

Goat Island (from Front)

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing invites the community to ring in 2025 at its New Year's Eve party on Tuesday, Dec. 31. The festivities will kick off with a happy hour from 1-4 p.m., featuring specials on all regular draft beer and select wines. The night will culminate in a champagne toast at midnight to welcome the new year.

Freddie Day Catering will cater the dinner for attendees, offering two plate options: a prime rib plate for $30 or a chicken plate for $20.

Both meals include garlic mashed potatoes, green beans and a choice of cheesecake or banana pudding for dessert. Reservations for plates are required in advance. Live entertainment will begin at 8 with the Avenue G Band. "The Avenue G Band has been performing a combination of rich classic rock, country, dance and recent hits since 2008. Based in north-central Alabama, the band performs songs that are appealing to all ages," states its official website. For more information or to reserve your meal, contact Goat Island Brewing at 256-747-5556. Goat Island Brewing is located at 1646 John Cooper Dr. in Cullman.

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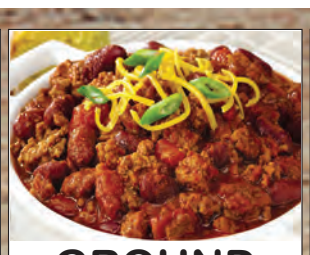
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16 Oz. Lemon, Marble,
Butter or Blueberry
2 for $10

The Plains to The Show: 4 Auburn alums recall '24 MLB debuts

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — The pipeline from the Plains to Major League Baseball worked overtime in 2024, with four Auburn alums making their big league debuts this year.

RYAN BLISS

From the time he arrived at Auburn in the summer of 2018, Ryan Bliss dreamed of and worked toward a major league future.

The work – and the dream – collided in June when Bliss recorded his first hit for the Seattle Mariners.

"It's something I wish everybody could feel," said Bliss, who starred for the Tigers from 2019-21. "To know that all the hard work has paid off, saying this is where I want to be and I'm actually there and able to do it, it's the best blessing."

After leading the Triple-A Pacific Coast League with 50 stolen bases last season, Bliss' second straight year with at least 50 steals, Bliss is training in Peoria, Arizona, for a second consecutive offseason, hoping to thrive in '25 by earning a starting position the Mariners.

"I want to be consistent," said Bliss, who has six extra-base hits among his 14 MLB hits. "That's what I'm working on right now. I've made it up there, now I want to stick.

"That's what makes the difference up there, the guys up there are more consistent. I'm trying to be like that and help the team out the best way I can."

The former All-American returned to the Plains in November to attend Auburn football's four-overtime win over Texas A&M, noting the ongoing construction at Plainsman Park.

"I was telling (Auburn coach) Butch (Thompson), what I envision Auburn to be and what I visualized it looking like, it's coming to life," Bliss said.

"You see all these other SEC cathedrals and Auburn is about to be one of those. It's definitely a place that deserves it."

In his first week on campus in 2018, Bliss called Auburn a "powerhouse program," saying he chose to play on the Plains so he could further develop and then "have that professional baseball career at a more mature level."

Six years later, his big league dream came true.

"I still wear that Auburn held high on me," Bliss said.

"I tell everybody that, to this day, it was the best decision for me to go to Auburn. The coaching staff: Butch, Karl, Gabe – everybody who was there helping me out, it shows that Auburn is the right place to go.

"They not only teach you the game of baseball, they teach you how to be a man. I give everything to that university and the people there. War Eagle – I still say that every day to everybody. I'm proud to be an Auburn Tiger."

Getting the call: (May 26, 2024): "I remember it like it was yesterday. We had just finished a day game in Tacoma and I think we were heading to Sacramento and the skip, John Russell, called me in and said you're not going to be catching a flight with us to Sacramento, you're going to stay here and meet the team in Seattle. I remember hearing those words. It was something you dream of as a kid."

MLB debut: (May 27, 2024): "I got called up on Sunday. The team was coming back from a road trip. We played on Monday night. I had no time to think about it.

"Running onto that field the first time as a big leaguer, it's everything you dream of. Getting that call, seeing the locker room and the clubhouse, being on a big league field.

"The first play comes to you, it's a popup from Jose Altuve, and it's like, okay, I'm finally here."

Major League moment: (June 7, 2024, first MLB home run vs. Royals) "It was awesome. It was in Kansas City. Running the bases at your leisure is always great, but hitting that first one, it's like a monkey off your back. Seeing my teammates, that was the biggest thing, seeing how excited everyone was for me that I got my first homer. It was almost like, you're here, let's get to work now. It was a great time."

BAILEY HORN

When Auburn advanced to the College World Series in 2019 for the first time in 22 years, Bailey Horn helped make it happen, pitching 6.0 scoreless innings in the Atlanta Regional final vs. Georgia Tech.

"I busted my butt going through college and at Auburn, soaking in everything they were trying to teach me to get to that point," Horn said.

"I couldn't have done it without Auburn University and all of my coaches, especially Butch."

Pitching for Auburn from 2019-20, the left-hander turned in a 7-2 record with a 4.70 ERA in 21 appearances and eight starts for the Tigers, striking out 55 batters in 51.2 innings.

"Going to Auburn really helped me out," Horn said. "All the development under Butch, Coach Nonemaker and (former Auburn pitching coach) Steve Smith had a huge impact on my career and how I landed in pro ball."

In June, Horn became Auburn's 60th major leaguer when Boston called him up from Triple-A. He earned his first big-league win against the Yankees on July 26. Horn's final 12 appearances were either scoreless or one-run outings.

Claimed by the Detroit Tigers off waivers from the Red Sox in late November, Horn hopes to team up with former Auburn ace pitcher Casy Mize, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 MLB Draft, the season before Horn arrived on the Plains.

"Same goal, looking forward to meeting those guys. Really looking forward to getting to play with Casey, hopefully that gets to happen. He was a great role model. I didn't get to play with him at Auburn but the legacy he left there at Auburn made a huge impact.

"That'll be cool to hopefully play with Casey, get to know that group of guys and try to win a championship. Keep getting better, keep learning, keep grinding as best I can and try to do my best to help out."

Getting the call: (June 28, 2024): "An unreal moment to finally hear that call and get a chance to play in the big leagues, a childhood dream of mine.

"It was after a night game, we were on the road and my Triple-A manager Chad Tracy called and told me the news and I flew out early the next morning."

MLB debut: (June 29, 2024): "We played a home series against the San Diego Padres. I got in on Friday and threw that Sunday.

"You grow up, that's your dream to play in the big leagues and then it actually happens so there's a ton of emotions.

"My heart rate was definitely going. I probably blacked out a little bit a few times.

"I was trying to soak it in as much as I could and take everything in. It was a big deal for me, being from a smaller town."

Major League moment: (June 29, 2024): "My first punchout was against another Texas kid (San Diego's Bryce Johnson). I ended up figuring out who he was because he was my first strikeout. I did strike out Luis Arraez in my debut. He didn't strike out a lot, probably under 20 times, so I remember that one."

DANIEL ROBERT

From the verge of retirement in 2023 to the major leagues in 2024, Daniel Robert's baseball journey epitomizes perseverance.



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L-R: Ryan Bliss, Richard Fitts, Bailey Horn and Daniel Robert

"My story was kind of different. I didn't sign for any money. Stuck it over for seven years. I was 29 years old, never made a dime playing, kind of scared about life," Robert recalled of his two-week retirement in the spring of 2023. "The second that happened, I sprinted down to Auburn. I think Butch Thompson is the best person in college athletics. The second I retired, the first call I made was to him."

Thompson's pep talk helped convince Robert that life after baseball would be filled with opportunities. Armed with a new perspective, he returned to the pitcher's mound with a vengeance.

"It freed me up to go back to play baseball," said Robert, who earned his MLB promotion to the Texas Rangers in July after a dominant first half pitching for Triple-A Round Rock. "It had felt like a tightrope for a long time."

A member of Butch Thompson's inaugural Auburn team in 2016, Robert played four seasons for the Tigers from 2014-17, primarily has a position player with 33 doubles and 11 home runs.

The Hoover, Alabama, native also showed pitching promise, striking out 15 batters in 15.2 innings over three seasons.

"I never would've pitched if it wasn't for Butch," Robert said.

"It makes me step back and realize how many people truly helped me. It felt like a product of those people."

Robert enters 2025 as a major league veteran, having pitched in four games for the Rangers with six strikeouts in 5.2 innings.

"I'm getting ready for spring training now and will try to earn a job in camp," he said. "It's fun to be a part of."

Getting the call: (July 8, 2024): "I got a call at midnight on the West Coast to catch a 5 a.m. flight to Anaheim. I'm all sped up, kind of scared. My parents are booking flights at 1 a.m."

MLB debut: (July 10, 2024): "I threw the second day. The first day was a blur. The first time pitching was amazing. It kind of brought me back to Auburn.

"There's a big difference between college where you're trying to win every game, then you go play five or six years in the minor leagues where it's much more about player development. Getting a taste of team winning baseball again was so fun."

Major League moment: (Sept. 27, 2024, the winning pitcher in his season finale): "It was cool. It was hard to grasp in the moment. It was nice to have that going into the offseason, my last taste in my mouth from last year. I'm so lucky to have that happen. Hopefully I get another one or two along my career.

RICHARD FITTS

Right-handed pitcher Richard Fitts became Auburn's 62nd major leaguer, the 11th former Tiger to make their MLB debut since 2020, the second most in the Southeastern Conference in this decade.

"It's awesome," Fitts said. "That's something that Coach (Butch) Thompson has done a great job of, one, getting tremendous guys, just as people, to come play for him, but also really good athletes."

With so many former Auburn players wearing big league uniforms, the Tiger alumni frequently find themselves in opposing MLB dugouts.

"I had the opportunity to play against the Twins and Edouard Julien was in the other dugout so that was really cool to have that connection," said Fitts, who pitched for Auburn from 2019-21.

"I've kept up with (former College World Series teammate Ryan) Bliss and a couple other guys and it's awesome to see the success they're having."

Fitts enjoyed success of his own, earning his promotion to the Boston Red Sox in September after a strong season in the minor leagues.

"It's a dream come true," Fitts said. "It felt really good, but I also felt like I had to get back to work at the same time."

Get back to work he did, Fitts became only the second pitcher in MLB history to deliver 5.0 or more innings without allowing an earned run in each of his first three starts.

Getting the call: (Sept. 7, 2024): "We were in Rochester, New York, getting ready for a game and they called me into the office and said it's a possibility that you're pitching tomorrow in Boston and to get up there.

"It was a little bit of a panic trying to get the whole family together and letting them know that it's a possibility that I'm going to pitch. My wife did a great job of coordinating everybody together. Later that night, I found out I was actually pitching. That's when it hit. A cool moment for sure."

MLB debut: (Sept. 8, 2024): "It was awesome. Very surreal to be standing on a big league mound, let alone Fenway Park.

"Being able to look around and see fans who are cheering for you to have success and love the Red Sox. It's really cool to be part of an organization like that.

"To have the dream come true of looking around and seeing all those fans there, and being able to say that I'm one of a few thousand people who have ever pitched in the big leagues.

It was really cool to share that moment. After the game I got to be on the field with them and take some pictures and enjoy the moment that everybody's been building up to.

"It takes a small village to get to where I've gotten and I was happy to be able to share everything with them."

Major League moment: (Second MLB pitcher, and first Red Sox, to allow zero earned runs while pitching at least 5.0 innings in first three career starts): "It was cool to have my name on a record of some sort or any kind of list because it's a historic organization. Any time I can put my mark on it, it's pretty special."

Closings (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County offices and the Cullman County Courthouse will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. Sanitation will run on a one-day delay. City of Cullman offices and Cullman City Hall will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1. City of Cullman commercial and residential sanitation routes will run on the normal schedule this week.

Open (from Front)

of bungee fitness, including low impact on joints, full body engagement, improved balance and coordination and confidence building.

Turn & Burn instructors performed a demonstration led by Bailey Grey, giving guests insight as to what they could expect in a class and the proper way to set up the bungees to ensure a safe and fun experience.

All bungee fitness participants must complete a demo class prior to participating in a full bungee fitness class. Demo classes will be available beginning Jan. 2. Single-class prices start at $20 per visit or packages are available for those interested in making bungee fitness a part of their weekly regimens.

The current way to schedule classes with Turn & Burn is through the Mindbody App. Turn & Burn Fitness expects to have its own app on the Google Play and Apple Store at the beginning of the new year.

Turn & Burn dance fitness and barre classes are projected to be available early in 2025 as well.

Said Hagemore, "We are super excited to bring this to Cullman. It is something that is not offered anywhere near us, and I just want everybody to be able to come out and enjoy themselves."

Get more info on the Turn & Burn Bungee & Dance Fitness Facebook page.





LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-035

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LISA JOHNSON HILL TO ADOPT A.M.W., a minor child.

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: THEODIS D. WADE,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.M.W., a minor child (born March 8, 2018), was filed on the 29th day of July, 2024, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Lisa Johnson Hill. If you intend to contest or support this adoption petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within 30 days of proper service, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
HORACE COLLINS BROWN, * **CASE NO: PC2024-406**
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: SHERRI CHISM, SCOTT A. BROWN, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF HORACE COLLINS BROWN, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON.

Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship filed by Martha Brown, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **22nd day of January, 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 20th 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.

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
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Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s)
PATSY BARBER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-252
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT VANCE as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY BARBER, deceased, on the 12th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Robert Vance
Personal Representative

Attorney for Petitioner
J. Bradley Wilson
BAGGETT & WILSON
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256/737-0740

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TRAVIS DEWAYNE POWE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-267

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Damion Ethan Kane Powe, as Administrator of the Estate of Travis Dewayne Powe, deceased, on the 19th day of December 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
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Attorney for Administrator
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TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge of Cullman County

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-037

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF CHARLOTTE SVENSON SWINDALL AND DANIEL SWINDOLL TO ADOPT C.M.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: CASEY BURTON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER and RUSSELL ALFRED AUSTIN CHAMBERS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* of C.M.C. a minor child (born on May 26, 2023, to Casey Burton) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Charlotte Svenson Swindoll and Daniel Swindoll, 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 20th DAY OF December, 2024.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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J. Bradley Wilson
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206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-033

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LISA JOHNSON HILL TO ADOPT A.A.W., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: THEODIS D. WADE,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.A.W., a minor child (born August 19, 2015), was filed on the 29th day of July, 2024, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Lisa Johnson Hill. If you intend to contest or support this adoption petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within 30 days of proper service, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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256-734-4721 (telephone)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JEROME ANTHONY FLANIGAN,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2024-342

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a *Petition for Summary Distribution* filed the 11th day of September, 2024, made court record the 11th day of September, 2024, by Devon Jerome Hodges, Petitioner, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Devon Jerome Hodges
Petitioner

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER:

Please publish the foregoing notice ONE TIME in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 27th day of December, 2024.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA)
) NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: **Monday, Jan 13 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: **Premier Bank of the South**
vs.
Christopher Boyd
18405 Hwy. 91
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Christopher Boyd, property, described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 – SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West. Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 – SE1/4 of Section 23, said point being a 5/8 " capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE 1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West along said northern right-of-way, a distance of 154.63 feet to the center line of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning: Thence continue South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of-way a distance of 541.97 feet; thence North 11 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 505.44 feet; thence North 87 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 222.71 feet to the centerline of a dirt road; thence along said centerline the following: South 14 degrees 07 minutes 59 second West a distance of 32.30 feet; thence South 19 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 34.41 feet; thence South 14 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 23.21 feet; thence South 02 degrees 51 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 25.65 feet; thence South 16 degrees 49 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 33.48 feet; thence South 28 degrees 47 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 30.14 feet; thence South 35 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 33.08 feet; thence South 25 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 30.06 feet; thence South 15 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 16.99 feet;

thence South 04 degrees 25 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 37.16 feet; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 81.44 feet; thence South 18 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 33.18 feet; thence South 47 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 29.09 feet; thence South 76 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 23.09 feet ; thence North 81 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 26.95 feet; thence North 76 degrees 28 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 98.22 feet; thence North 70 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 42.95 feet; thence North 63 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 34.32 feet; thence North 61 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 59.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 31.59 feet; thence South 77 degrees 03 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 23.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.21 acres, more or less.

ALSO: A 20 feet wide access easement located in the SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West Cullman County, Alabama, being 10 feet on each side of the centerline more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northeast comer of said SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23. said point being a 5/8" capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of- way a distance of 154.63 feel to the centerline of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning:

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Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided by Plaintiff's attorney.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Christopher Boyd, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 10th day of December, 2024.

BY: Sheriff Matt Gentry

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness to Alabama Credit Union, secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Keith Sexton and wife, Linda Sexton, on December 18, 2017, said Mortgage being filed for record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, on December 28, 2015, in Mortgage Book 1837, Page 722. Alabama Credit Union, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that Alabama Credit Union, under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in said Mortgage, will sell at public outcry, at the front door of the Courthouse of Cullman County, in Cullman, Alabama, on January 23, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real property, located in Cullman County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The East Half of Lot #18 in Max Buettner's Subdivision of Block Number 6 in South Park Addition of Cullman, Alabama, as shown and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Plat Book Number 1, Page Number 60, Cullman County, Alabama. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. Title to the above described property shall be conveyed by Mortgage Foreclosure Deed, subject to any ad valorem taxes due, rights of way, restrictions, easements, matters of survey, and existing federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale is to be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, all in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage as heretofore set out.

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.

Alabama Credit Union, Mortgagee
By: Mark C. Nelson, Attorney for Mortgagee
2216 14th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 349-3449

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Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

BY: Sheriff Matt Gentry

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 28-30

Hershel Allen Loyd, 73
Funeral Service for Hershel Allen Loyd, age 73 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating; burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation and a rosary were held on Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Loyd passed away on Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024, at his residence. He was born, May 3, 1951, to Cordie Lester Loyd and Marie Hazel Loyd. He was preceded in death by his son, Matthew Loyd; parents; brother, Steve Loyd; sister-in-law, Sue Loyd; brother-in-law, Art Blaylock; and niece, Amy Loyd. Survivors include wife, Katie Lanette Loyd; son, Justin (Katelyn) Loyd; grandchildren, Lexus White, Jagger (Kortnee) White, Zack Loyd and Merritt Loyd; brothers, Lester (Mary) Loyd, Carl (Libby) Loyd, Dennis (Janna) Loyd and David Loyd; sisters, Kay (Sidney) Yarbrough, Carolyn Blaylock and Judy (Ross) York; brothers-in-law, Randy (Tina) Murphree and Landon Murphree; sisters-in-law, Tammy (Scott) Smothers, Lisa (Joseph) Timbs and Lacey (Durand) Lemley; step-mother-in-law, Leasia Muphree and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

George Wendell Roden, 88
Funeral Service for George Wendell Roden, age 88 of Cullman, was at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Buchanan Jackson officiating, burial was at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Visitation was from 5:30-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Roden passed away on Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born July 11, 1936, to James Lester Roden and Flora "Gladys" Roden. In 1953 Wendell joined the United States Marine Corps where he served his country. Later, he joined the Cullman Police Department where he served as an officer for 13 years and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant over investigations with the Cullman Police Department. In 1978, Wendell ran for Cullman County Sheriff, where he served till 1991. During his three terms as Sheriff, he led the office through many advancements and enjoyed the great men and women that worked for him to serve the community. Protecting the community was his top priority, and his true calling was protecting those who were most vulnerable. After retirement Wendell settled in cattle farming and enjoying his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Wendell will be missed by many friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Mark Roden and Michael Roden; brothers-in-laws, Terry Gambrill, Clint Ellard, and Clifford Ellard. Survivors include his wife, Janice Roden; sons, Robert (Gwen) Roden, Tyler (Sonja) Roden and Jon (Candy) Roden; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; sisters, Wynona Gambrill and Faye (Daryl) Hood.

Bobbie June (Murphree) Duke, 90
Bobbie June (Murphree) Duke, age 90, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024. Bobbie was born in Alabama on June 12, 1934, to John Albert and Clara Ruth Hill Murphree. She is survived by 2 sons: John Duke, Anthony Duke, grandchildren: Mason, Morgan and Mallory Duke, Austin, Jordan, Autumn Danielle and Allison Faith Duke. A Memorial Service for Bobbie will be announced at a later date. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Allan Douglas Maddux, 76
Funeral Service for Allan Douglas Maddux, age 76, of Union Grove, will be at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Union Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Maddux passed away on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, at Diversicare of Arab. He was born Dec. 30, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama, to James and Alene Maddux. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jo Ann Smith; brother, Buddy Maddux; and sister, Kathryn McCullough. Survivors include his sons, Doug (Julie) Maddux, Tony (Dierdra) Maddux, and Nicky Maddux; grandchildren, Derrick Chumley, Felicia Maddux, Kayla Maddux, Ty Maddux, Kiley Maddux, and Kaitlyn; and a host of great grandchildren.

Virginia Sellers Hollis, 83
Funeral services for Virginia S. Hollis, 83, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. The family welcomed friends for visitation on Monday, Dec. 30 at Hanceville Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. Mrs. Hollis, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Dec. 28, 2024, at her residence in Hanceville, Alabama. A devoted Christian, Virginia lived a life rich in faith and full of grace, embodying kindness and love in all she did. Born on March 8, 1941, to the late Millard and Mary Pearson-Sellers in Cullman, Alabama; Virginia's gentle, easy spirit and kind heart endeared her to everyone she met. She adored her family above all else and took immense pride in being a guiding light for them. Her devotion to her late husband, Gordon Hollis, was undeniable, and their love story remains an inspiration to those who knew them. Virginia lived life to the fullest, savoring each moment and finding joy in both the simple and extraordinary. Her warmth, laughter, and steadfast faith will forever remain in the hearts of those she leaves behind. Survivors include her children, Donna Butler (David), Dedra Killough (Charles), Sandy Chapman (Gary) and Randy Hollis (Annette); grandchildren, Christopher Putman, Kyle Putman, Katie Birt, Kristi Butler, Kelsey Butler, Anna Killough (Brittany), Bradley Chapman (Hannah), Derek Chapman (Aaron), Summer Higgins (Jeremy) and Mayci Hollis; great grandchildren, Zane Putman, Jace Putman, Kendra Putman, Reed Putman, Liya Putman, Karson Hollis, Jeremy Higgins, Havayah Higgins and Mateo Beck; brother, Alfred Sellers, Thomas Sellers, and Dolphus Sellers; sister, Altha Oliver; a host of nieces and nephews, and special granddaughters-in-law, Krista Putman and Simret Putman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Edward Hollis; parents, Millard and Mary Sellers; siblings, Clercy Steele, Easter Miller, Christine McBrayer, Imogene Galin, Ola-Mae Shockley, Ocie Banister, Alton Sellers; and an infant brother. Zane Putman, Chris Putman, Jace Putman, Reed Putman, Kyle Putman and Jeremy Higgins will have the honor to carry their grandmother to her final place of rest while serving as her pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Sellers and Karson Hollis. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hollis Family.

Brady Hollis Graves, 90
Funeral services for Brady Hollis Graves, 90, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Graves was born on March 3, 1934, to the late James Vernard and Lieutella Graves in Cullman. He passed away on Dec. 28, 2024, at his residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include his son, Jonathan (April) Graves; grandchildren, Isaac Graves and Adon Graves; and sister, Lieutella Senn. In addition to his parents, Mr. Graves was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Graves; brothers, Thomas Graves, J.V. Graves, A.V. Graves, Grady Graves "Flora, Lora" and Norman Graves; and sisters, Symbol Johnson and Mamel Moehring. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Graves Family.

Irene Patricia Duren, 82
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Irene Patricia Duren, a beloved mother, grandmother, wife, and friend. Irene was born to Willis Dee Gerdy Vance and Gladys E. Boston Vance and was welcomed into the arms of the Lord. Irene was a woman of faith whose life was marked by her love for God and her unwavering devotion to her family. She shared a wonderful life with her husband, Darrell Duren, and was a proud mother and grandmother who cherished her son and grandson deeply. Professionally, Irene was a skilled and dedicated bookkeeper who approached her work with care and precision. Outside of her career, she found joy in the simple, beautiful things in life. She had a passion for plants, a love for country music, and a special talent for cooking, bringing warmth and comfort to her loved ones through her meals. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Hospice of North Alabama for their compassionate care and support during this difficult time. Irene's kindness, faith, and loving spirit left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends. A visitation was held on Monday, Dec. 30th, 2024, at Moss Funeral Home beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. May she rest in peace and find eternal joy in the presence of the Lord. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Trey Micah Whitlock, 36
A memorial service for Trey Micah Whitlock, age 36, of Cullman will be Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Bro. Steve Middlebrooks officiating. Visitation will be held in the chapel from noon-2 p.m. A private family committal service will be held at Sardis Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Trey was born on June 24, 1988, in Birmingham, Alabama to Mike Whitlock and Sheila Laney Whitlock. He passed away too soon on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, L.B. Whitlock and Betty Whitlock; and grandfather, Hollis Royal Laney. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Sheila Whitlock; three sons, Jackson, Werner, and Roman; one sister, Lindsay Haga (Kyle); grandmother, Milda Posey Laney; nieces and nephews, Milly, Wells, and Letty; mother of his sons, Makayla Whitlock; a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Ira Belle Trucks, 96
A Tribute to Grandma Trucks When I think of Grandmother, I'm taken back to a simpler time, a time filled with love, hard work, and faith. She was a woman of tradition, grit, and grace – a blend as warm and comforting as her biscuits and tomato gravy. The aroma alone was enough to make you feel like you were home, no matter where you came from. Her hands, often slick with Crisco or dirt from hoeing the garden, worked tirelessly to provide and nurture. Whether she was canning, cooking, snapping beans, or carefully crafting a crocheted piece or quilt. Everything she did was done with intention and love. I can still see her in the garden, her sun hat tilted just so, determined to make the earth yield its blessings. And oh, how she loved a plate of turnip greens, onion and cornbread, made from those very same garden treasures. It wasn't just a meal – it was a testament to her hard work and resourcefulness. The garden was her sanctuary, a sacred place where she nurtured life, much like she nurtured her family. But Grandmother wasn't just about work – she had a sharp wit and a sass that could cut through the hardest of days. "You are as good as the best and better than the rest," she'd say with pride, lifting your spirits as high as they could go. And if you got out of line, you might hear her signature warning: "I'm going to come up a cloud and rain all over you!" It was always followed by a knowing smile; the kind that let you know you were loved despite your antics. Faith was the cornerstone of her life. Whether she was reading the Bible from a quiet place in a bustling household or whispering a heartfelt "Thank you, Jesus!" after every small victory, her devotion was unwavering. The Bible wasn't just a book to her – it was her roadmap, her strength, and her comfort. She loved with a heart so full it overflowed into everything she touched. "I love you more," she'd say, and you believed it, because she meant it every single time. Her love was in the smallest gestures – like teaching us to swim at Logan Martin or making sure everything in her home was spotless and clean, reflecting her inner peace. I'll always remember her as the woman who made magic in the kitchen with Crisco and White Lilly flour. She worked the earth with her hands, and found joy in the little things, like a plate of cornbread or a jar of pear preserves. She was the anchor of our family; a woman whose faith and love left a mark on us all. So, here's to Grandmother – a woman of biscuits and gravy, gardens and faith, sass and love. Thank you, Jesus, for giving us someone so special. She'll live forever in our hearts, her memory a light that will never fade. In Loving Memory of Ira Belle Trucks Born: June 20, 1928, in Vincent, Alabama. Passed: Dec. 30, 2024, at the age of 96. Ira Belle Trucks, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, lived a life filled with faith, love, and grace. She passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Hospice of North Alabama, especially Michelle, for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of North Alabama. Survived by: Wayne Trucks (Linda), son; Judy McBrayer, daughter : Tommy Trucks (Angela), grandson; Tami Starnes (Steve), granddaughter; Todd Trucks (Angela), grandson; Jason McBrayer (Tammy), grandson; Ashley Prater, granddaughter; Sisters – Dorothy Farmer (Johnny); Dean Dye, and Brenda Ogle – Great-Grandchildren: Taylor Moore (Johnny), Tori Trucks, Tanner Trucks, Tyler Crook, Tiffany Crook, Scott Starnes (Emily), Tessa Trucks, Trevor Trucks, Addison Cordes (Ian), Brooks Prater, Kourtney Knight (Cody), Savannah Woods (Orey) – Great-Great-Grandchildren: Keegan Moore, Knoxleigh Moore, Kohen Moore, Koby Moore, Ryann Trucks, Scarlett Cordes, Mary Klaire Knight, Campbell Knight, Kayden Smith, and Riker Cole - A multitude of nieces and nephews. Preceded in Death By - Parents: Tommy and Nellie Mae Macon, Husband: Billie Trucks Jr., Sisters: Ella Mae Chandler, Mary Macon, Brothers: Ed Macon, Quinn Macon, Bill Macon, J.D. Macon, Orlander Macon, Tommy Macon Jr., Grady Macon, and E.L. Macon. A private family graveside service will be held at Center Point Baptist Church. The obituary was lovingly written by the Trucks family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family at this time.

Jackie "Shotgun" Currington, 77
Jackie "Shotgun" Currington, age 77, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024. Shotgun was born in Alabama in 1947 to William "Rube" and Ida Lee Leggette Currington. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Juanita Currington; brothers: Lee Currington and David Currington; and a grandson, Keaton Lantz Currington. Jackie is survived by his wife, Deborah Currington; daughter, Sherry (Doug) Schwan; sons: Jackie (Sabrina) Currington, Scottie (Brittney) Currington and Shane Currington; grandchildren: Alan (Elise) Bright, Daniel Tucker, Sydney (Kristian) Chappell, Sawyer (Emily Currington, Dylan Currington, Karson Currington, Allysen Currington, Journie Currington, and Kori Currington; great grandchildren: Kadince and Ethan Fortenberry; Abigail Bright; Blakeleigh Tucker, Marshall Tucker, Adelaide Chappell, Aurora Chappell, River Currington and June Currington; and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, from noon until the celebration of "Shotgun's" life which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Crossroads Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Gordon Edward "Ed" Newcomb, 74
Gordon Edward "Ed" Newcomb, age 74 of Jones Chapel, passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at Cullman Medical Center. He was born Dec. 23, 1950. Ed proudly served in the US Army for 13 years. He loved animals and enjoyed helping those in need. Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, Alabama, where a service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Ed is survived by his children, Robert "Robbie" Newcomb, Carie Newcomb, Paul Newcomb and Shawn Newcomb; brothers, David Newcomb and Zahn Newcomb; and his little dog, Susie. He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Annie Higgins Newcomb.

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