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Cullman courts are going to the dogs!

Alabama a national leader in use of facility dogs to ease stress in courts; coming to Cullman soon

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Contributors

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama's courts are going to the dogs at an ever-increasing rate, and it's a great thing! Referred to as "facility dogs," these specially trained canine court officers can lower stress levels and make it easier for people brought to court by traumatic events--from child abuse victims to veteran offenders suffering from PTSD--to relax, focus, give sensitive testimony, and get through the rigors of a day in court. And they're coming to Cullman.

On Monday, Alabama District At- **» PAGE 4**

MYSTERY DEEPENS AROUND CULLMAN CASTING ACCIDENT

Contractors fail to appear for meetings with Department of Labor and investigators »PAGE 7

Holly Pond community sending local team to World Series



EMILY RYAN

Holly Pond's 12-and-under baseball team is headed to the world series after an invitation from the state director and help from the Holly Pond community.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Holly Pond's 12-and-under baseball team is heading to the Dizzy Dean Baseball World Series in Southaven, Mississippi. The Broncos qualified for the state tournament after making it through the Dizzy Dean Baseball Tournament but were eliminated early on. The state director, though, approached Holly Pond head coach Erik Ryan and complimented his team's playing skills, saying how they could really stand up to the other teams and that they represented their town well, and ended up extending an invitation for the team to play in the World Series.

Ryan is happy to see his team get a chance to play on a very big stage.

"These boys are very excited," Ryan said. "None of them have ever been to a World Series and don't know what to expect, but they are starting to realize how special it is."

Ryan gave a huge thanks to Holly Pond and their town council for how much they've helped out during this whole process.

"Holly Pond is a special place," Ryan said. "Everyone supports the kids in everything they do. It did not surprise me that they helped the way they did. I left the meeting amazed at how every member spoke words of encouragement to the boys and without hesitation supported the boys. We are very thankful and blessed for them to support us the way they did."

Seeing his team get a chance to play in Mississippi made coach Ryan one of the happiest coaches in the world and he is excited to see his team hit the field in less than two weeks.

"Our boys are super excited," Ryan said. "They have played with a lot of heart and class and they deserve this opportunity and get to experience this. Us coaches have been talking to them about how special this opportunity is and that they will remember for a very long time. I have been with most of the boys for about three years and they are great kids. They deserve this. Our parents are great as well and with the town and community support, they are beginning to see how special this is."

In his three years of coaching, Ryan's had a great bit of help coaching this team and they've taught them a lot more than just baseball. He'll look to go out with a World Series championship in his final year.

"It is a blessing. I have great coaches helping with this team; my wife, Emily, Thomas Bell, and Mark Bell. Each one of them have given of themselves to coach these boys. I consider myself an old school coach. We try to teach more than just baseball and I expect a lot from them. We try to teach life lessons as well as baseball. These kids are special, and they love the game and each other. They have great attitudes and work hard, everything a coach could ask for. So, I consider it a blessing from God to be able to be a part of these young men's lives," Ryan said.

"The fact that these boys are a true Park and Rec team and are competing against teams that are able to pull the best players from multiple teams to make one team, I think is a testament to their drive and love for the game," Ryan said.

"We also had some younger players that didn't get to have the opportunity these players did. I hope the boys that will be back next year and the ones that didn't go this year will have this opportunity again. This will be my final year with these boys, which makes it that much more special."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Municipality Closings for July 4th

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The following list provides what Municipality offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

- **Baileyton** – Closed from July 4 to July 7
- **Berlin** – Closed July 4, only open on Monday afternoons.
- **Cullman** – Closed July 4, open again on July 5.
- **Colony** – Closed July 4 and 5
- **Dodge City** – Closed July 3 through July 5
- **Fairview** – Closed July 4, open on July 5
- **Garden City** – Closed July 4
- **Good Hope** – Closed July 4
- **Hanceville** – Closed July 4
- **Holly Pond** – Closed July 4 through July 7
- **South Vinemont** – Closed July 4 and July 5
- **West Point** – Closed July 4 and July 5

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony does not renew NARCOG contract for town librarian, library faces possible temporary closure



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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COLONY, Ala. – After a special called meeting last Friday, on Monday the Town Council of Colony delivered to North Central Alabama Council of Governments (NARCOG) Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Director Kimberly Dove a letter stating that the town will not renew its contract for a town librarian. As Colony's library has **» PAGE 7**



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Arrests and incidents reported July 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 3, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 1

- burglary; CR 1338
- harassment; CR 202
- domestic violence; CR 1403
- burglary; Reid Rd.
- unlawful possession of marijuana, resisting arrest; CR 310
- theft of property; Hwy 69S
- theft of property; CR 1641
- harassment; CR 1338
- burglary; CR 1595
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 439

July 2

- domestic violence; Hwy 278W
- harassment, criminal mischief; CR 317
- harassment; Hwy 69S
- domestic violence; Hwy 69N
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 771
- domestic violence; Bower Dr. SE
- harassment; CR 1338
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 747
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB, 291 MM

ARRESTS

July 1

Billings, Kevin Dwayne, 46
- FTA- third-degree burglary

Capps, James Ronald Lee, 48
- FTA- DUI – influence of alcohol
- driving while suspended
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Chumley, Eric Reese, 20
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Drake, Thomas Walton, 33
- third-degree burglary (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Fanning, Warren Dewayne, 32
- FTA- negotiating worthless negotiable instrument

Farr, Jason Eric, 32
- home repair fraud

Fowler, Dawson Chance, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hancock, James Edward Jr., 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of a marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McGriff, Derek Scott, 34
- writ of arrest – child support

Speakman, Tyler Lamont, 24
- second-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- first-degree theft of property

Stewart, Anthony Chawn, 38
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- first-degree bail jumping – first-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- first-degree receiving stolen property

Thomas, Tracey, 54
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

July 2

Harris, Sarah Elizabeth, 42
- negotiating worthless negotiable instrument
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- fourth-degree theft of property
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Jones, Melanie Renee, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Patrick Eric, 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McCay, Fallon Lynn, 38
- public intoxication

Pace, Hunter Lane, 20
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Swan, Adam Edwin, 47
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

Washington, Kennith William, 35
- FTA- switched tag

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 1

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Morgan Ave NW; miscellaneous; $200

July 2

- domestic violence; person; Ward Ave SW
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Walker St. SW
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal mischief; person; Cherokee Ave SW; tag, damaged tire; $130
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $78

ARRESTS

July 2

Klosinski, Mary E., 30
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- disorderly conduct

Lay, Zackary J., 31
- third-degree domestic violence

Bevington, Ronald E., 50
- fourth-degree theft of property

Dahlke, Melisa D., 43
- FTA- speeding

Harris, Sarah E., 42
- fourth-degree theft of property

Dinkel, Wesley K., 38
- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Preview: Addison Annual 4th of July Celebration

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ADDISON, Ala. – The annual Independence Day celebration in Addison kicks off Thursday, July 4 at 10 a.m. Several activities are planned throughout the day. The festivities begin with a parade to go through the town at 10 a.m.

Following the parade, event goers will enjoy the musical stylings from the stage at Alexander Park. Alexander Park is located at CR 41 Addison, Alabama 35540.

Following all the performances a large fireworks display is planned to begin promptly at 9 p.m.

The Addison Volunteer Fire Department is encouraging everyone brings their lawn chairs so you will be able to sit down, relax, and see the fireworks show!

The Bands to take the stage throughout the day are as follows:

- 2 p.m. – Hickory Alter
- 3 p.m. – Bama Blue Grace
- 4 p.m. – Lost Creek
- 5 p.m. – Julie Preuitt Nix and Shelby Z.
- 6 p.m. – Judge Talford Band
- 7:30 p.m. – Handshake Promise

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
July 4 - 6

JULY 4

Smith Lake Park Fireworks & Music Festival
- July 4, 9 a.m. Admission $5 per person.
- Live music, art and food vendors, putt-putt golf ($3), and boat rentals (prices for two hours - $15 for kayaks and canoes, $25 for paddle boats)

Entertainment schedule
- 9:30 a.m. Donny James
- 11 a.m. Ben Myrick
- 1 p.m. Justin Holt
- 3 p.m. Golf cart parade & Pepsi chugging contest
- 3:30 p.m. Christian Gann
- 5:30 p.m. Matt Bennet
- 7:30 p.m. Trey Lewis
- 9 p.m. Fireworks

Cullman Fireworks Festival
- July 4, 5-9:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, 705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
- Fireworks Festival presented by Desperation Church and Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm
- Admission is free thanks to our sponsors: Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm, Ashley Mercantile and Metal Central.
- Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be food, games, music and more! Listen live on WKUL 92.1 & Praise 97.9 for the fireworks show beginning at dark!

Food will be available for purchase from these vendors:
-Chick-Fil-A
-Devil Dawgs: Funnel cakes, fried oreos, gourmet fries, lemonade, and sweet tea.

Annual Fairview Freedom Celebration (Randall Shedd Community Park)
July 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park. Free admission. Sponsored by area churches and the Fairview Lions Club. Food, games and live music until sundown, followed by a fireworks show.

JULY 6

American Legion Post 4 Community Cookout
American Legion Post 4 together with the Woodmen will host a community cookout at the post on July 6 beginning at 4 p.m. Free hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and desserts will be provided. Regular bingo games at 6 p.m. and fireworks display to follow. Everyone is invited! Address: 181 Reid Road Cullman

UPCOMING....

Blair Church Yard Sale
Friday, July 5 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 6 from 7 a.m.-noon; 5131 County Road 1082 in Vinemont; children's clothes, men's and women's clothes; toys, household items, baby items, etc. Free blood pressure check on Saturday.

Grace Episcopal Church VBS
Grace Episcopal Church VBS invites all pre-K through 5th grade to join us as we learn, create, play, and sing about God's love shown to us through the story of Joseph "The Merciful Dreamer." Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm each evening. There is no cost and no strings for your children to participate. To register, go to www.GraceChurchCullman.org and click on the VBS link at the bottom of the front page. Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street NE, Cullman, 256-734-6212.

Vinemont High School Class of 1972 47-Year Reunion
The Vinemont High School Class of 1972 will hold its 47-year reunion Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. in the Florida Room at The Shrimp Basket in Cullman. Call Jolene Gamble Bethke at 256-612-7201 or Linda Williams Skinner at 256-595-7808 for more information.

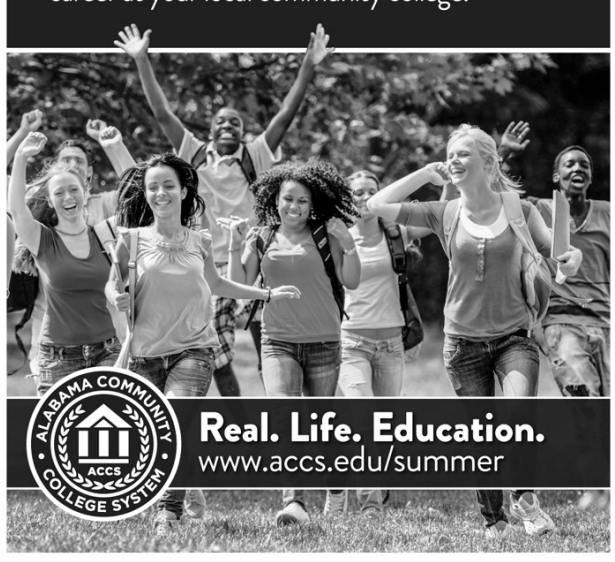
85th Annual Sandlin Reunion
- Cold Springs Community Center; 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033
- Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Bring covered dish and drinks; plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided.
- Invite your Sandlin relatives.
- Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock
- Contact: Anita Sandlin Glover, 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242, patsymedlock@bellsouth.net, 205-995-7988 (home), 205-915-1870 (cell)
- Let's conserve postage! Please email me your email address. If you don't have an email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
- Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approximately 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At 1st STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than ¼ mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT!
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Fairview Town Council July 1 Meeting

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Several items were on the Fairview Town Council's agenda for its July meeting Monday night and they began by discussing a matter at the Senior Center.

The Council first addressed paving the parking lot at the Senior Center with asphalt instead of concrete. Fairview Mayor Keith Henry estimated the cost for the job to be around $10,000-$14,000 and the Council voted to go ahead with the pavement job.

Among the guests for Monday's meeting were Fairview Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Williams and Assistant Chief Dr. Josiah Dailey, who attended the meeting in response to receiving a letter from the Council concerning a bus that was behind Station 1, located along State Hwy 69. The Council sent a letter to the department concerning a bus behind the building, that currently has a pole. The Council has received several complaints concerning the bus, which is why they reached out to Williams and Dailey.

Williams notified the Council that the bus is occupied by a volunteer fireman that resides at the Department, stating "The bus belongs to a firefighter that is now a full-time resident, if you will, which provides an extreme amount of ability to respond at least 24 hours a day with at least one person with a truck, whether it's medical or fire. That's home. He put it there to live in so he could be here all the time. It helps on your insurance rate."

Mayor Henry then asked Williams about the living quarters and Williams responded that they're being used for storing medical records from previous medical runs the department has had to make, and that the showers needed to be pulled out and redone. Councilman Robert Johnson told Williams that in the original lease agreement between the Council and the Fire Department, the upkeep and maintenance of the living quarters and showers must be handled.

"Was it not understood in the contract with yall, that yall would maintain the building and keep all that stuff updated?" Johnson said. "I believe it was."

Mayor Henry also noted that every visitor at the meeting, except for Dailey and Williams, were in attendance because of the bus and Williams told the Council that Fairview's Fire Station Two is being remodeled and that when it's done, the fireman with the bus will move to Station Two, since it currently does not have the ability to be plugged into the utilities for the bus to have power and water.

To resolve it, the Council asked Williams to get an estimate to be able to plug the utilities to the bus at Fire Station Two. Williams said that he'd be able to get an estimate to the Council within the next few days.

In other business, three different organizations sent in letters discussing possible donations from the Council, the organizations being Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Brooks' Place, and the Cullman County Child Development Center.

With Good Samaritan and Brooks' Place, the Council decided to get in contact with representatives from the organizations to hear further and the Council decided to see what further style of donations they could do on the Child Development Center with its plan to build a playground, "We'll try to get more information on that," said Henry.

The Fairview Town Council meets every first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 5.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Holly Pond town council helps send local summer baseball team to World Series

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HOLLY POND, Ala. - The Guy Hunt library sat packed full of young athletes as the Holly Pond town council heard history-making news from Erik Ryan, a coach for Holly Pond's summer All Star baseball team. The team has been invited to attend the World Series in Mississippi.

After making it through the Dizzy Dean Baseball Tournament, the team qualified for the state tournament, but ultimately was eliminated early on.

However, Ryan stated that as he was filling out the final paperwork, he was approached by the state director, who was also a national board member for the Dizzy Dean Baseball Association.

He recounted how the director complimented the team's playing skills, saying how they could really stand up to the other teams and that they represented their town well, and ended up extending an invitation for the team to play in the World Series based on the character and integrity that he saw.

"I'm not an emotional guy. Everybody knows what I do for a living and it's hard to get me upset, but I couldn't help but tear up," Ryan said.

"Immediately I had community members coming up to me and asking, 'What do you need? How can we help?'

"This has all been so rapid-fire; this was just two days ago, and we're trying to figure out what we need to do to carry these boys out to represent the town of Holly Pond."

The rough outline for costs included transportation to Southaven, MS, new uniforms (though Ryan stated that he had been approached by a business that offered to pay the invoice for the new uniforms), and hotel rooms for the players and coaches for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (one room per player for 13 players, coaches have to arrive a day early for important meetings and the team would play on Sunday if they advance far enough).

Councilor Michelle Bell estimated that the hotel rooms would make up the bulk of the cost, totaling at almost $6,000 even with the donations the team had received throughout the day.

After ensuring that there would be no legal issues and that they had enough money in the park fund after paying their bills, the council voted to fund the lodging expense completely for the trip, and was met with applause from the entire team and the parents who came.

Other business

• approved purchase of three flashing "School Zone" signs for $1200 each

• accepted an offer from the Civitan Club to install a sun shelter at the Lions Club Park playground

• donated $1000 to the Good Samaritan Clinic, with discussion on how the clinic benefits Holly Pond residents directly - roughly 3% of individual visitors to the clinic come from Holly Pond, and many of them make repeat visits

• passed a motion to repair and weatherproof the Dale Estes monument in Governors Park for an estimate of almost $70,000

• adjusted the council and mayoral salaries for the next term - mayor stayed the same, but council increased to $200 per month

• adjusted the town employee salary for the next fiscal year - 4% raise

The Holly Pond Town Council meets on every first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 5.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Baileyton Council adding new security measures for community

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – The Baileyton Town Council considered adding security cameras to the town's facilities to help reduce theft, vandalism and drug use. Harold Nelson, owner of Sweetwater Security Systems, addressed the council about their services and costs.

Mayor Dyar explained, "Three times we have found needles in the women's bathroom (at the park) and once in a suitcase on the side of the road."

The council members agreed that the need for security cameras was long overdue. Nelson brought equipment to show the council.

"We use high definition cameras at and all 5 megapixels, which is the latest technology. It's good equipment.

"We maintain it and if you have an issue, we take care of it, "Nelson said.

Sweetwater Security System offered a 48-month lease with no down payment.

Each camera cost $30 per month to maintain.

The town was unsure of the number of cameras would be needed to adequately cover the ballpark, townhall, the senior center, the storm shelters and other municipal properties so they asked Nelson to come back on Wednesday morning to visit the different locations.

The council approved entering into a contract with Sweetwater Security.

Mayor Dyar and the council continued their discussion regarding creating a list of improvements they would like to see in the town of Baileyton. Representative Randall Shedd and Senator Garlan Gudger had requested a list of improvements.

Among the items discussed were roads, a veteran's memorial in the park and an ambulance service.

Community members discussed some concerns about the town's ballfields. They asked the mayor to treat the infields with weed killer to keep the grass from growing there. Mayor Dyar agreed to address the issue Tuesday morning.

The council also set prices for renting the ballfields for tournaments.

The price is $150 per field per day and an additional $100 for use of the lights.

In the event of a rainout, the town will reschedule the tournament. Tournament organizers would be responsible for providing their own booth for concessions.

The Baileyton Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.



Fish oil supplement in the later stages of pregnancy is associated with a higher body mass index (BMI) in children in the first six years of life, which is explained by an increase in total lean and bone mass at six years of age, but with no increase in fat mass, suggest the findings of a large randomized controlled trial published by *The BMJ*.

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Use of probiotics is linked to reduced need for antibiotic treatment in infants and children, according to a review of studies, published in the *European Journal of Public Health* that probed the benefits of probiotics. The study found that when the results from twelve studies were pooled together, infants and children were 29 percent less likely to have been prescribed antibiotics if they received probiotics as a daily health supplement. When the analysis was repeated with only the highest quality studies, this percentage increased to 53 percent. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are about two million cases of antibiotic-resistant infections yearly in the United States, resulting in 23,000 deaths. Reducing the use of antibiotics is one strategy in combating resistance. Previous studies have provided evidence that consuming probiotics reduces the incidence, duration and severity of certain types of common acute respiratory and gastrointestinal infections.

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Vitamin D supplements may promote weight loss and reduce risk factors for future heart and metabolic disease in overweight and obese children, according to research presented recently at the 57th Annual European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology Meeting. These findings indicate that simple vitamin D supplementation may be part of an effective strategy to tackle childhood obesity and reduce the risk of serious health problems, such as heart disease, in adulthood.

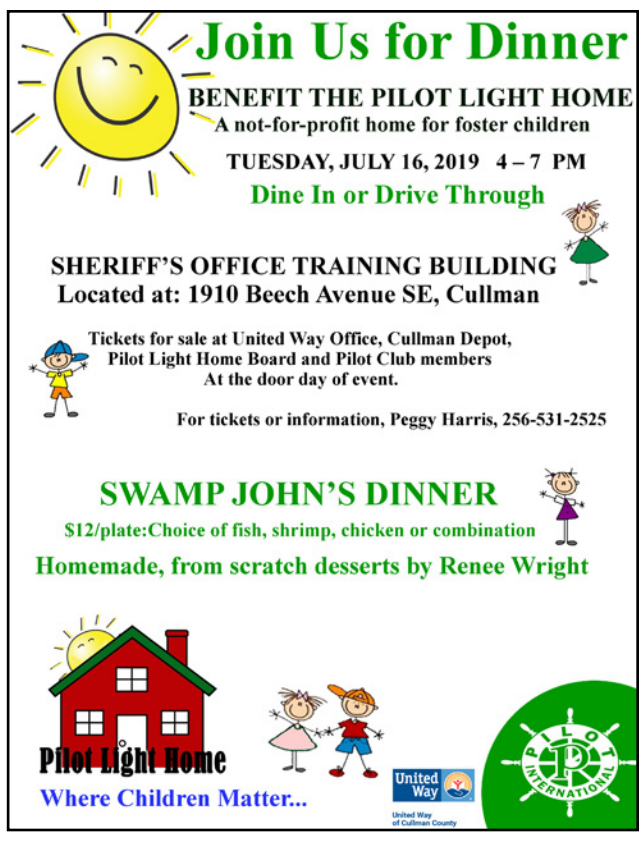
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Dogs (from Front)

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For those qualities, she spends a lot of her time each week in court or interview rooms. Willow, though, is not a crime dog – at least not in the sense of McGruff the TV crime dog. But Willow is, you might say, an officer of the court, and she plays a critical role in bringing justice to crime victims and their offenders.

Willow is a facility dog, well-trained to be a calming presence for traumatized victims. She is at their feet when they must replay to the court or investigators the painful, heartbreaking stories of their physical or sexual assault. Most often, these are children who need a friendly, furry companion to feel (relaxed) enough to open up about the horrors they experienced.

And Willow is a first – the first dog in Alabama entrusted with and trained to handle such responsibility.

"The training starts at birth," Tamara Martin, special projects coordinator for the state's Office of Prosecution Services and Willow's five-year pal and handler, said of the process facility dogs go through before being certified for court. "They are conditioned to handle the stress, loud noises and things other dogs would consider threatening. They are trained to associate certain sounds with pleasure rather than sounds they should be afraid of."

Willow is no longer alone as the only dog certified to work with crime victims in Alabama. Four other facility dogs are now on the job. They will be joined by two additional dogs in August. Within a year, there could be as many as 12 trained and certified dogs assisting crime victims, spread throughout the state, the ADAA and OPS announced at a press conference at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

What started as a one-person mission, with Martin self-funding the care and handling of Willow, got a major boost this year when OPS was awarded a $700,00 Victims of Crime Act grant through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The grant is for one year, but is renewable.

Another big contributor to the success of the program is Canine Companions for Independence, a national nonprofit that provides the dogs and trains them. Training for each dog costs about $50,000, according to Martin. Canine Companions places the dogs free of charge.

In addition to Willow, who is based in Montgomery, facility dogs are currently operating out of Dothan, Clanton, Phenix City and Huntsville. Next month, Lauderdale County and Shelby County will get dogs. Etowah, Covington, Baldwin, Tallapoosa and Morgan counties could get dogs within a year, according to Trisha Mellberg, deputy executive for the OPS and the DA Association.

"These dogs are amazing," Mellberg said. "We applied for the ADECA grant because we have seen how these dogs help victims as they have to relive the very worst moments of their lives. It's hard especially for children to talk about what happened to them to strangers. These dogs put them at ease so they are comfortable enough to tell about their experiences."

ADAA and OPS Executive Barry Matson applauds Martin, Mellberg, Canine Companions and Gov. Kay Ivey, whose office presented the grant, for making the program and its expansion possible.

"This puts Alabama at the very forefront when it comes to assisting visitors in the courtroom as well as when they are interviewed by police and prosecutors," Matson said. "Other states have looked at what we are doing with the dogs and want to copy it. We even had a visitor from Australia who came here last year to see what we are doing in order to help them with their start-up program."

Shelby County District Attorney Jill Lee, president of the Alabama District Attorneys Association, is one of the DAs whose circuit is getting a dog next month.

"We are just thrilled," Lee said. "We've seen Willow in action in Shelby County and witnessed firsthand what a difference she made with the victims. This grant means not only our circuit, but others across Alabama as well, will have these wonderful friends of the court available when needed."

Coming soon to a court near you!

Cullman County Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas has requested a facility dog for our courthouse, and trainers hope to be able to deliver later this year.

Alabama's court dogs are trained by Service Dogs Alabama (SDA), based in Hope Hull near Montgomery. Co-founder and head trainer Ashley Taylor supervises a two-year program to develop dogs for various forms of work, including diabetic service, seizure alert, stability/balance, wheelchair assistance, autism anxiety interception, and PTSD episode response.

The dogs are trained to sense increasing heart rate, blood pressure, and other indicators that their assigned human's stress levels are getting out of control, and respond with subtle distraction techniques like nose nudges or putting their heads in the human's lap to help ground them and pull them out of panic attacks and other negative stress reactions.

What do dogs do in court?

As trauma victims prepare to testify, usually in front of the people who made them victims, they are introduced to the dogs, who can accompany them to the witness stand.

There, according to Taylor, "The dog's laying their head in their lap and letting them pet the dog helps them. You know, it doesn't feel like someone's staring at you when you're having to retell all these things. They, a lot of times, will say the person is looking down the whole time at the dog, stroking the dog, and it's a little bit easier for them to get the words out.

"You do not get them having panic attacks as much. They typically are giving way more details because they feel at ease; you know, their anxiety is being relieved, and it's easier for them. They feel like they're talking to the dog, and obviously a dog is not judgmental."

Trainers teach the dogs to respond to 40-55 specific commands, but they also evaluate the animals' individual personalities to determine how they can best serve. Judge Gregory Nicholas told The Tribune that Cullman County was slated to get a court dog in June of this year, but "Bailey," the helper in training, showed a higher level of skill in aiding children with autism; so she received a last-minute reassignment as a kid companion in a north Cullman County family.

Other dogs are in training, and Cullman will still get its canine court officer, possibly within the next few months. According to Taylor, most of SDA's dogs are Labrador Retrievers, but the service does train certain other dogs; and Cullman is getting a special order.

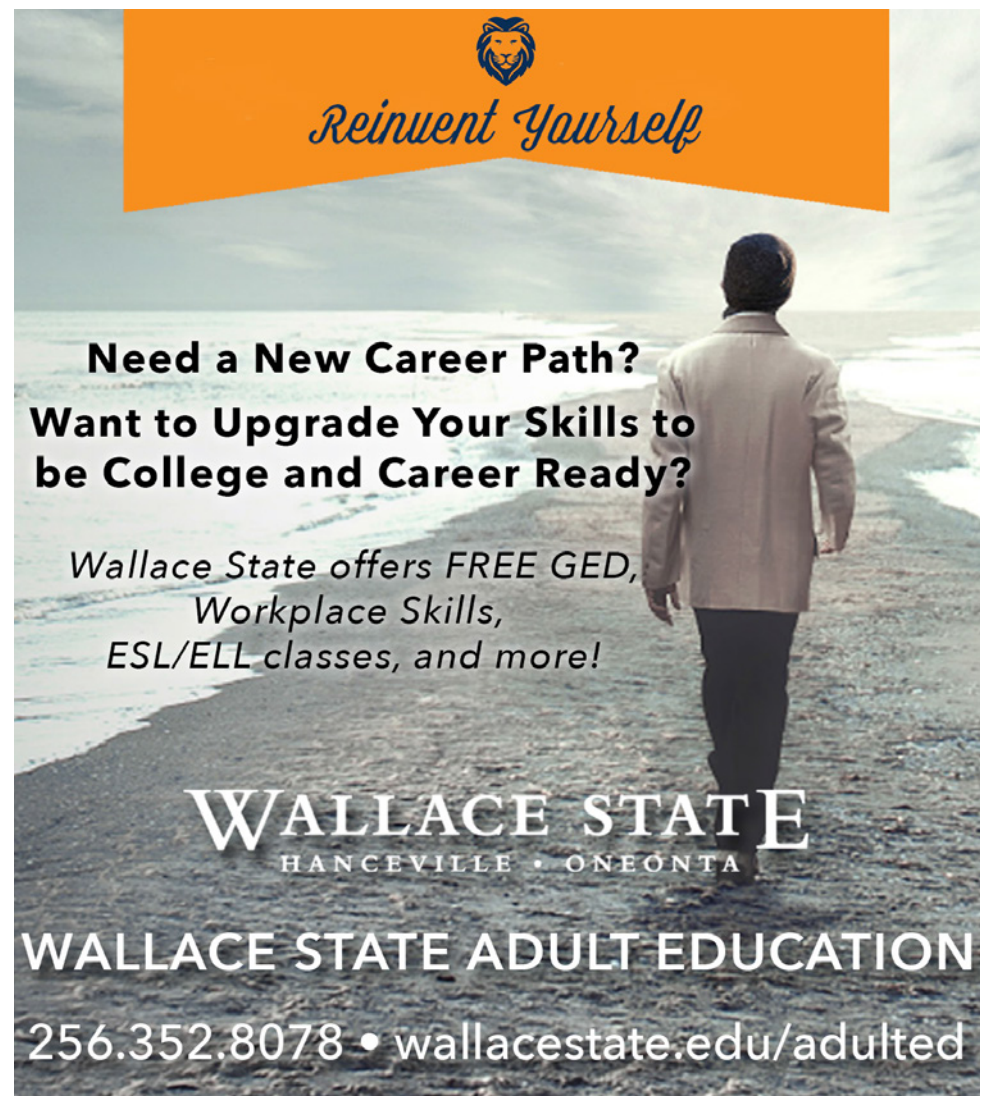
Taylor reported, "(Judge Nicholas) requested a "labradoodle" (Labrador Retriever/Poodle hybrid) for his court system. So, we run about probably 85% of our dogs are full-blooded Labrador Retrievers; but he just thought, especially for the kids, a labradoodle would look a little less imposing. So we're waiting for a labradoodle for a placement for him, so we may still be a couple of months out."

Judge Nicholas told us that Cullman's dog will be used for many different types of cases, especially those in which children have to appear as witnesses: child abuse, sexual abuse, dependency, divorce/custody and others. The dog's ability to lower stress levels could even be put to use for certain defendants like veterans in the county's new Veterans' Court, who might suffer from emotional disorders like PTSD.

Taylor told us that her program has four male labradoodles who will be ready for placement by early fall, and she hopes that one of them will have the necessary personality and skill set to become Cullman's newest court officer.

For more on court dogs and the work of Service Dogs Alabama, visit https://www.servicedogsalabama.org.



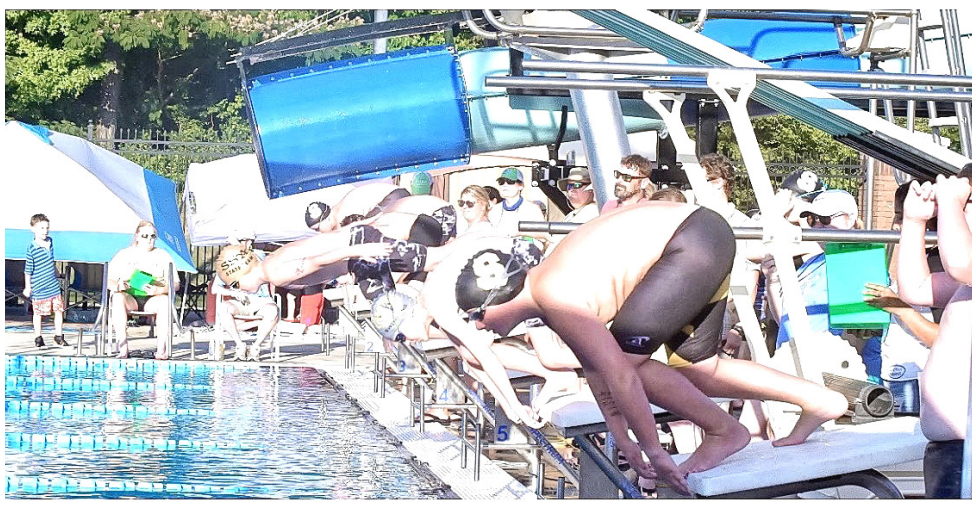














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The Cullman Swim Team defeated Scottsboro 374-334 Tuesday night.

SWIMMING

Tritons knock off Scottsboro at home

Nick Griffin
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Tritons were back home to host Scottsboro Tuesday night and Cullman was able to pull away with the win after the boys finished ahead of Scottsboro by 40 points and the girls secured a tie with 179 points. The Cullman Swim Team will be back in action July 12th to host this year's ARPA District 2 Meet.

Girls 1st place winners:

- Peyton Arnold (11-12) 50-Yard Fly
- Georgia Dowdy (6-U) 25-Yard Free, 25-Yard Back
- Madeline Dowdy (9-10) 50-Yard Fly
- Kenley Dye (9-10) 100-Yard Free
- Lacey Fischer 15-18) 50-Yard Back
- Edie Hudson (8-U) 100-Yard IM, 25-Yard Breast, 25-Yard Fly
- Ruby Hudson (13-14) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Breast, 100-Yard Free
- Reese Mcneel (15-18) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Back, 50-Yard Fly
- Anna Page (13-14) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Fly
- Lauren Windham (9-10) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Breast
- Maria Windham (15-18) 50-Yard Breast

Boys 1st place winners

- CJ Arnold (13-14) 50-Yard Back
- Griffin Berryhill (6&U) 25-Yard Back
- Harris Crow (8-U) 25-Yard Free
- Chase Duncan (11-12) 50-Yard Back, 100-Yard Free
- Mason Fuller (9-10) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Back, 100-Yard Free
- Aubrey Helms (13-14) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Fly, 100-Yard Free
- Jonah Hilb (13-14) 50-Yard Fly, 100-Yard Free
- Camp Smith (9-10) 50-Yard Breast, 50-Yard Fly
- Parker Wight (11-12) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Breast
- Andrew Windham (8&U) 25-Yard Breast

Relay Teams 1st Place winners:

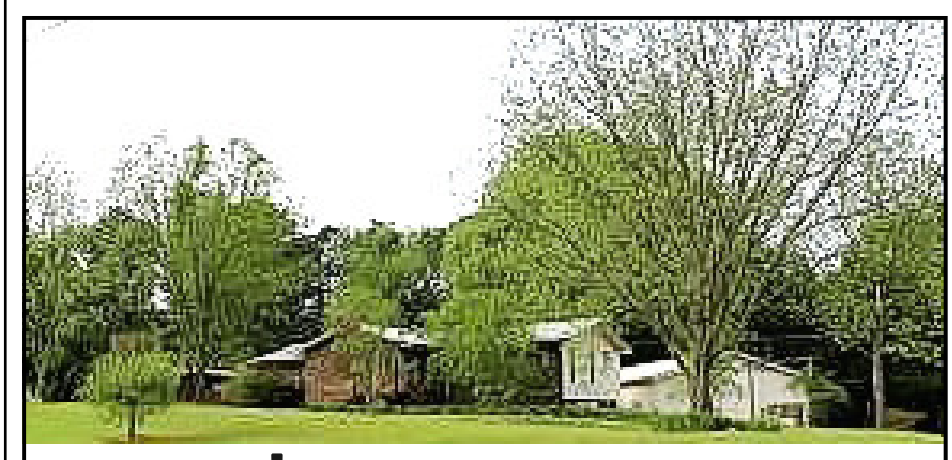
- Boys (9-10) 200-Yard Medley Relay - Spencer Freeman, Camp Smith, Griffen Wight, Collin Hyde
- Girls (9-10) 200-Yard Medley Relay - Ella Cupp, Ace Boggan, Madeline Dowdy, Lauren Windham
- Boys (11-12) 200-Yard Medley Relay - Chase Duncan, Grayson Randall, Parker Wight, Cameron Martin
- Boys (13-14) 200-Yard Medley Relay - CJ Arnold, Jacob Hilb, Aubrey Helms, Carsen Wight
- Girls (13-14) 200-Yard Medley Relay - Lane McLeod, Ruby Hudson, Anna Page, Ari Randall
- Boys (6&U) 100-Yard Free Relay - Griffin Berryhill, Ford Hagan, Walker Watts, Harris Crow
- Girls (6&U) 100-Yard Free Relay - Azlynn Florence, Evie Williams, Emma Millican, Georgia Dowdy
- Boys (8&U) 100-Yard Free Relay - Jacob Dunn, Andrew Windham, Aiden Sanchez, Fuller Williams
- Boys (9-10) 200-Yard Free Relay - Griffin Wight, Spencer Freeman, Colin Hyde, Camp Smith
- Girls (9-10) 200-Yard Free Relay - Lauren Windham, Claire McPhillips, Ella Cupp, Madeline Dowdy
- Boys (11-12) 200-Yard Free Relay - Parker Wight, Grayson Randall, Cameron Martin, Chase Duncan
- Boys (13-14) 200-Yard Free Relay - Brody Schaefer, Jacob Hilb, Aubrey Helms, CJ Arnold
- Girls (13-14) 200-Yard Free Relay - Anna Page, Ari Randall, Lane McLeod, Ruby Hudson

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LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY SHANE PUCKETT, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2019-176

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Kim Puckett, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy Shane Puckett, Deceased, on the 2nd day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kim Puckett
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on July 22nd, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-21 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 21

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 34 REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS IN SUBDIVISIONS

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

Section I. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify or amend Section IV, paragraph 4 of Ordinance No. 2018 - 34.

Section II. Definitions:

1. Section IV paragraph 4 of Ordinance No, 2018 - 34, is hereby deleted in its entirety.
2. The following paragraph is hereby substituted in place of the above deleted paragraph.
   A. The Owner/Developer will be responsible for the installation of all components of the street lighting system approved by the utility provider and required and approved by the Planning Commission. The City of Cullman shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of all components of the street lighting system upon its approval by the utility provider and completion by the Owner/Developer in accordance with the plans and specifications as approved by the Planning Commission and City of Cullman Engineering Department or said departments designated by the Mayor.
3. Once installed the lighting system shall be the property of the city or utility providing power to the system as the City of Cullman directs.
4. The installation shall be in accordance with the then existing regulations as adopted at the time of the installation.

Section III. Severability Clause. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void or invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provisions which might have been invalid.

Section IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY RAY PATTERSON, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2019-175

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Michelle Lynn Caples, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bradley Ray Patterson, Deceased, on the 24th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michelle Lynn Caples
Personal Representative

James B. Griffin
Attorney for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 911
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD2019-036**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF D.O.C.
D.O.B. 06-04-2012
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **HECTOR CUEAVAS RODRIGUEZ**

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY CRYSTAL GAIL ROYSTER AND JACK WESLEY ROYSTER, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF June, 2019.

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

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ALEXIS HARLACH
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2019-900061.00**

CHARLES HARLACH
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Charles Harlach, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Alexis Harlach's Complaint for Divorce by August 12th, 2019 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2019-900061.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 12th day of June, 2019.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Nathan Brock.
223 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 4, 2012 by Valerie J. Levi, unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1676, Page 476 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 July 18, 2019:

A parcel or tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at an existing half inch rebar, capped W.H.O. marking the locally accepted Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 24; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West as basis of bearing along the South Line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 660.97 feet (deed 667.70 feet) to an existing half inch iron capped W.H.O. to the point of beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West 387.00 feet to an existing railroad spike in the center of County Road 62; thence North 19 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds East 119.75 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar in the center of said County Road 62; thence leaving said road run South 89 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds East 381.17 feet to the Westerly line of the land described in Deed Book 480, Page 68 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 16 degrees 34 minutes 15 seconds West along said westerly line a distance of 118.00 feet back to the point of beginning containing 1.00 acres, more or less, less and except that now taken by road..

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
Commence at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, thence North 89° 28' 00" West 660.79 feet to an existing capped iron and the point of beginning, thence North 89° 28' 00" West 387.00 feet to an iron set in a paved County road, thence North 19° 15' 09" East 119.75 feet to an Iron set in said road, thence South 89° 28' 00" East 381.17 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set, thence South 16° 34' 14" West 118.01 feet
back to the point of beginning, containing I acre, more or less. Said land lying in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
According to survey dated May 17, 2004 performed by James W. Baldy, Al. PLC. Lic. No. 11845.

Subject to easements, restrictions and ad valorem taxes of record.

This conveyance is made subject to matters of survey and other matters of record, if any.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate: 2000 Southern Homes, VIN DSDAl29844A and DSDAl29844B.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-June 27, July 4, 11, 2019

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF TONY JAMES BROWN and PATRICIA LYNN BROWN FOR THE ADOPTION OF C.K.B., A MINOR. CASE NO: AD2019-039

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JEREMY LANEY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.K.B., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO CANDACE LORRAINE BROWN

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Tony James Brown and Patricia Lynn Brown. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF June, 2019.

Tony James Brown
Patricia Lynn Brown
Petitioners

Andria D. Sims
Attorney for Petitioners
300 10st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEFFERSON BAILEY, Deceased * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA * CASE NO. PC 2017-239

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Valarie Brady
Address - Unknown

You will please take notice that the 30th day of July, 2019, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. has been appointed the day and time for hearing the Petition For Final Discharge filed by J. Bradley Wilson at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court this 18th day of June, 2019.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

Attorneys for Petitioner:
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BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
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Mystery deepens around Cullman Casting accident as contractors fail to appear for meetings with Department of Labor and investigators

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Two days after an underage worker died in a fall from the roof of Cullman Casting, the primary roofing contractor still cannot name two subcontractors allegedly involved in the project; and the victim's coworkers, who were witnesses to the 15-year-old's fall, have vanished, according to a spokesman.

Apex Roofing referred us to attorney Ed Merrell who told us on Tuesday, "From what I understand, the young man that was killed actually worked for a sub-sub (contractor). So W and W had subbed to a crew, and that's where he was hired, was by that crew. Wasn't even a W and W employee."

In a video statement sent to multiple media outlets, Merrell said that Apex Roofing does not hire workers under 19 years of age.

Merrell said that he did not know who the youth's actual employer is, nor which of several "W & W" roofing companies around the southeast was Apex's subcontractor, but was waiting on information from a Tuesday afternoon meeting between a company representative and federal agencies.

"The meeting was supposed to include our folks with Apex, the folks from W and W, and the subcontractor that was hired by W and W; and neither W and W nor the subcontractors appeared at the meeting."

Information provided by Merrell on Wednesday, which he warned us had not been confirmed, indicated that the youth was part of a five-person crew of hispanic workers.

Merrell told us, "They interviewed those folks the day of, like on Monday afternoon, I guess; and they have been unable to reach any of those people since then."

The question about the contractors became more confusing Wednesday afternoon as Cullman Police Department (CPD) Investigator Adam Clark told us, "I'm not sure about the sub-sub-contract. The only two companies that we knew were involved were Apex and W and W."

CPD investigators are still meeting with Department of Labor staff and company representatives, and are still in the process of gathering evidence.

According to Clark, authorities are considering a range of responses, including civil and criminal charges. This is a developing story.

Colony (from Front)

only one staff person, Brenda Johnson, wife of Councilman Curtis Johnson, the town's ability to keep the library open is under question, at least for now.

Colony's librarian is not employed by the town, but is paid by NARCOG.

The town was required to pay an annual fee to NARCOG for the contract that provided the staff person, though, and the council faced questions about whether or not keeping Johnson as librarian was worth the continued expense. Details of the issue were not available.

The old contract expired on June 30, but the library was open on Monday, July 1, with Johnson present.

Cullman County Public Library system director Sharon Townson told The Tribune that local branches do their own staffing, and that the main branch does not send staff out to fill gaps at branches.

She added, though, that the system will do what it can to help Colony keep its library open.

Obituary Announcements: June 28 - July 2

Claude Edward Godwin, Jr., 80, of Oneonta, AL., was born on June 13, 1959 and died on June 28, 2019. Preceding him in death were his father and mother Claude, Sr., and Sarah Godwin and brother John Godwin. Survivors include his wife Peggy Dickie Godwin; daughter Vaness (Gavin) Parks; granddaughter Abby Parks; sister Cynthia (Therman) Mills; nephew Bo (Chantell) Mills and niece Rhonda (Clif) Martin. A private funeral service was held by the family with Dr. Larry Gipson officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Dr. Jack C. Avery was born on January 31, 1929 and passed away on June 30, 2019. He was a resident at TLC Nursing Center in Oneonta. Dr. Avery was a member of First Baptist Church where he was a member of the Choir. He graduated from Susan Moore High School, Snead State Community College, Samford University, Vanderbilt University (Master Degree in Education Science) and Nova Southeastern University where he received his Doctorate Degree in Cardiovascular Physiology. He retired from Gadsden State Commuinty College. He is preceded in death by his parents, Tugalo and Isa Yarbrough Avery; sisters Ruth Lattie and Mary W. Ford; brothers Glenn Avery, Clarence Avery and Russell Avery. He is survived by his son Joe Avery (Julie); granddaughters Kyra Tidmore (Luke) and Abby Crigger; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be family and friends. The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of the Olive Home, TLC Nursing Center in Oneonta and New Beacon Hospice. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimers Research Center of the American Cancer Society in memory of Dr. Jack C. Avery.

Betty Rider, 77, of Hanceville passed away July 1. Mrs. Rider is survived by her husband William Rider, three children Sharon (Doug) Davenport, Ronda (Chris) Callaway and Dewayne Rider, grandchildren Justin Davenport, Kyle (Lynsey) Davenport, Blake Callaway, Deanna Rider and Reenon Rider, great grandchildren Kylee McNeeley, Lincoln Davenport and Gavin Davenport, her brother Holmer (Dolly) Davis and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Betty Rider is preceded in death by her parents Ephron and Kate (Powers) Davis, two brothers James Davis and Richard Davis and her sisters Ruth Nail, Nellie Armstrong and Linnie Quick.

Anne DeLellis Dimond, 70, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, formerly of Haleyville, Alabama, died July 1, 2019 at Jefferson Hospital in Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania. Miss Dimond is survived by her sister, Patricia Marie Dimond, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; brother, Donald C. Dimond II and his wife Kitty of Double Springs, Alabama; nephews, Donald "DJ" Dimond III and his wife Loni of Addison, Alabama, Kenneth Dimond of Medina, Ohio, and great niece Kendall Marin Dimond of Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents Donald C. Dimond and H. Anne (Litzinger) Dimond. A service will be conducted in Pittsburgh at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home in South Fork, PA.

Mr. Gerald Eugene Harris, 81, of Cullman passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. No services are planned at this time.

Funeral Service for Melvin Sams, age 82, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dudly Brock officiating; interment in Fairview Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Sams passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at his residence. He was born December 11, 1936, to Noah and Opal Sams. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirley Sams; sister, Ruth Sams; and brother, James Sams. Survivors include his son, Keith Sams; daughter, Kathy (Doug) Pugh; son, Chris (Darlene) Sams; grandchildren, Jamie Pugh, Mark Jordan, Ryan Sams, and Mason Sams; brother, Felton Sams; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral Service for Betty Sue Stringer, age 79, of Hartselle, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Mac Buttram officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Stringer passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at her residence. She was born June 23, 1940, to William Paul and Nellie Ellen Dawson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Stringer; parents; and siblings, Bobby Dawson, Frances Whitehead, and Pauline Douglas. Survivors include her daughter, Suellen Stringer (Tim) Guthrie; sons, Scott (Leslie) Stringer and Herman Paul (Pam) Stringer; brothers, Harold (Peggy) Dawson and Thomas (Claudia) Dawson; sister-in-law, Ellen Dawson; grandchildren, Justin Stringer, Alex (Chris) Jones, Magan (Ryan) Culler, Sara Katherine Guthrie, Seth Douglas (Jennifer) Guthrie, Zac Stringer, and Brant Stringer; and six great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Funeral services for Mary Cook Hoffman, 71, of Vinemont are Saturday, July 6 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Greg Aldridge and Rev. Larry Duke officiating, with interment in Panama Baptist Cemetery. Visitation on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Hoffman passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Cook and Mandy Smith Cook; her husband, Raymond Hoffman; grandson, Hunter Hoffman; brothers, Junior Bailey, William Bailey and Charlie Bailey and sister, Peggy Hoffman. She is survived by her sons, Roger (Christy) Hoffman, Robert (Sonya) Hoffman, Randy (Renee) Hoffman and Richard (Jessica) Hoffman; daughter, Kathy (Roger) Bowen; brothers, Johnny (Patricia) Cook and Hassell Cook; sister, Carolyn Bailey; grandchildren, Blake (Chandler) Hoffman, Brandon Hoffman, Brandy Hoffman, Trey Hoffman, Austin Hoffman, Lauryn Hoffman, Justin Hoffman, Emilie Hoffman, Madison Hoffman, Connor Hoffman, Michael Culwell and Kaylee Culwell and a host of other family and friends.

Robert Franklin "Doug" Hodge, age 77 of Vinemont, entered into rest on July 2, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 12, 1942 in Winston County. Robert had the mind of a child, and a generous heart of gold. He enjoyed attention and appreciated anything anyone did special for him. He enjoyed family cookouts, road trips of any kind, trips to the Zoo, and visits to the Tennessee Aquarium. He loved to draw and color things from his memory. Robert loved God and was ready to fly with the angels. Family will receive friends Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Brother Travis Allred and Brother Scotty Griffin will officiate. Robert is survived by his brothers, David Harlan (Lenora) Hodge, Charles Edward Hodge, and Roger Dale Hodge; sisters, Margaret Hodge Smothers and Judy Hodge Overton; six nephews; and five nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Harley Hodge and Lola Mae Duke-Hodge and brothers, Joe Wallace Hodge and Donald Keith Hodge. Friends may sign the guestbook online at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral Service for Frank Edward Moore, age 74, of Holly Pond, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Charlie Alldredge officiating; interment in Brooklyn Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Moore passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at Brookwood Medical Center. He was born January 5, 1945, to Luther and Jewel Moore. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Marie Moore. Survivors include his son, Frankie (Connie) Moore; daughter, Tammy (Tim) Collier; granddaughters, Skylar York, Savannah (Wesley) Nunnelley, and Kendra (Hunter) Townson; great-grandchildren, Emersyn York and S.J. Townson; sisters, Fay Haynes and Brenda (Billy) Shedd; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nora Lea Phillips, 72, of Cullman passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. No services are planned at this time.

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Child labor: what are the rules?

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Shorty after news of the death of a 15-year old worker in Cullman broke on Monday, commenters on The Tribune's social media platforms began debating the details of Alabama's laws governing the employment a youth the age of the victim. Tara Hutchison of the Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL) reached out to The Tribune Monday afternoon with some information on child labor laws. The Tribune received this release:

Ensuring Businesses Comply with Child Labor Laws for Seasonal Hires

MONTGOMERY, Ala. *– Now that summer is in full swing, many businesses may be hiring teens for seasonal employment. Hiring teens can be beneficial for both the employer and the worker. Part-time or summer jobs can provide teens with great opportunities for learning important life skills and acquiring hands-on experience, while at the same time earning spending money. Businesses can fill short-time seasonal jobs with workers who are only available for a limited period, and can provide training to workers.*

"Now that school is out for the summer, a lot of teens are looking for summer jobs, and many employers need seasonal employees," said Fitzgerald Washington, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Labor.

"There are sometimes misperceptions as to what sorts of jobs teens can legally do, and we'd like to make sure that employers are aware of Alabama's Child Labor laws. Teens can work as lifeguards, in childcare, in retail and clerical positions, and those 16 and over can even work in welding."

Teens are allowed to work at age 14 in Alabama. Employers who want to hire teens aged 14-17 must obtain a Child Labor Certificate from the Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL). The certificates can be obtained online at: https://www.labor.alabama.gov/uc/ChildLabor/forms.aspx. One certificate allows a business to employ as many teens as they need for an entire year.

The employer should have ready access to a government issued proof of age (driver's license, learner's permit, birth certificate, student ID, or any other city, county, state, or federal document). The employer should also document where the teen goes to school.

This information may be kept on a computer, smart phone, or in printed format. If not listed on the identification, please document the worker's address, telephone number, and date of hire. ADOL has a one- page Employee Information Form that can be helpful in maintaining this information.

Teens aged 14 or 15 are required to have been in regular attendance and making satisfactory grades in school. They may obtain a statement of Eligibility to Work from their public school. Private and homeschool students may print the form from the ADOL website.

Agricultural work is exempt from the Alabama Child Labor Law. Minors of any age may engage in work outside of formal employment such as babysitting, lawn mowing, tutoring, computer programming, and even lemonade stands. ADOL does not cover work that a teen performs at their own home.

Here are some basic rules for employing teens:

- *16 and 17-year-olds have no hour restrictions when school is not in session. There is no maximum number of hours. There is no break law for this age group.*
- *14 and 15-year-olds may work between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. during months that school is not in session. They may work no more than eight hours per day or 40 hours per week, and no more than six days per week. This age group is required to have a 30-minute break if they work more than five hours.*
- *14 and 15-year-olds should not work in connection within any manufacturing or mechanical establishment, cannery, mill, workshop, warehouse, or machine shop.*
- *14 and 15-year-olds should not work in the building trades, unless they are the immediate family of the contractor and their work involves nonhazardous duties.*
- *14 and 15-year-olds should not work where alcohol is consumed on premises unless they are the children of the owner or operator.*
- *No one under 18 should work on or in connection with roofing operations.*
- *No one under 18 should operate power driven woodworking, metal cutting, or industrial bakery equipment. There are exceptions for this if the student is involved in a Career Tech program, contact ADOL for further info.*
- *No person under 18 should work in slaughtering, butchering, or meat cutting.*

If the employment is dangerous to life or limb or injurious to the health or morals of teen, then it is probably prohibited. For a complete list of prohibited occupations, please consult the ADOL website.

ADOL staff are available to assist employers in making sure that they are safely employing teens. Child Labor personnel are also available at no cost for training any individual, organization, or employer.

For more information, please visit: https://www.labor.alabama.gov/uc/Child-Labor/child-labor.aspx or contact the Child Labor Division at 334-956-7390 or child.labor@labor.alabama.gov.

Child labor law: from the Code of Alabama

The Tribune reviewed child labor regulations in current Alabama law, and presents selected portions here. A complete presentation of the state's child labor statutes can be found at https://labor.alabama.gov/docs/law/UC_ChildLabor_ChildLaborStatutes2012.pdf.

Code of Alabama 25-8-35

No person under 16 years of age shall be employed, permitted, or suffered to work at any of the following occupations, positions, or places:

(1) Operating or assisting in operating any sandpaper or wood polishing machinery, any washing, grinding, or mixing machinery, or commercial laundry equipment.

(2) Operating or assisting in operating any machines used in picking wool, cotton, hair, or any other material.

(3) In any work in or about a rolling mill, machine shop, or manufacturing establishment which is hazardous or dangerous to health, limb, or life.

(4) In proximity to any hazardous or unguarded gearing.

(5) Upon any vessel or boat engaged in navigation or commerce within the jurisdiction of this state.

(6) In the manufacture or packing of paints, colors, or white or red lead.

(7) In occupations causing dust in injurious quantities.

(8) In soldering, brazing, heat treating, or welding.

(9) In the building trades, except that persons 14 or 15 years of age who are members of the immediate family of the contractor may be employed in trades involving nonhazardous duties or occupations.

(10) Repairing, painting, or cleaning buildings or structures while working at the top of ladders, lifts, or scaffolds exceeding a height of six feet.

(11) In connection with a junk or scrap metal yard.

(12) Assorting, manufacturing, or packing tobacco.

(13) Operating any automobile, truck, or motor vehicle, or flagging or directing traffic.

(14) In airport hangars or landing strips or taxi and maintenance aprons.

(15) In connection with any lumberyard.

(16) In any place or occupation which the department declares dangerous to life or limb or injurious to the health or morals of persons under 16 years of age.

(17) Selling of fireworks, unless under the direct supervision of an individual at least 18 years of age.

Code of Alabama 25-8-43

(a) No person under 18 years of age shall be employed or permitted or suffered to work at any of the following occupations, positions, or places:

(1) In or about or in connection with any mine, coke breaker, coke oven, or quarry in any capacity.

(2) In wrecking, demolition, and shipbreaking.

(3) In any tunnel or excavation with a depth of four feet or more.

(4) In any roofing, scaffolding, or sandblasting operations.

(5) Operating or driving any truck or heavy equipment over three tons gross weight.

(6) In logging or around any sawmill, lath mill, shingle, or cooperage-stock mill.

(7) Operating any power-driven woodworking, bakery, or paper-products machinery.

(8) Upon any steam, electric, diesel, hydraulic, or other railroad.

(9) As firefighters.

(10) Operating any stamping machines used in sheet metal or tin ware, or in paper or leather manufacturing, or washer or nut factories.

(11) In or around any steam boiler or rolling mill machinery.

(12) Operating any power-driven metal forming, cutting, straightening, drawing, punching, or shearing machines.

(13) Operating or assisting in operating any elevators, open-freight elevators, cranes, derricks, or other power-driven hoisting apparatus, with the exception of an unattended automatic passenger elevator.

(14) Operating any paper cutting, stapling, corrugating, or punching machines.

(15) Assembling, adjusting, cleaning, oiling, or servicing machinery in motion.

(16) Operating any circular saws, band saws, or guillotine shears.

(17) In or around any distillery where alcoholic beverages are manufactured, bottled, wrapped, or packed.

(18) In the manufacture, storage, or transportation of explosive components.

(19) In the manufacturing of brick, tile, or similar products.

(20) In the manufacture or transportation of dangerous or toxic chemicals or compounds.

(21) In, about, or in connection with, poisonous dyes, dangerous or poisonous gases, compositions of lye in dangerous quantities, dangerous or poisonous acids, or pesticides.

(22) In any activity involving exposure to radioactive substances or ionizing radiation.

(23) Around asbestos or any other cancer-causing agents.

(24) Operating or assisting in operating any job, cylinder, or offset printing presses.

(25) In any activity involving slaughtering, butchering, and meat cutting.

(26) In any place or occupation which the department may declare dangerous to life or limb or injurious to the health or morals of persons under 18 years of age.

(b) This section shall not apply to persons 16 or 17 years of age enrolled in work-study, student-learner, cooperative education, or similar programs in which the employment is an integral part of the course of study and is registered by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor or to employment procured and supervised through the Alabama Department of Education and approved by the Alabama Department of Labor.

Code of Alabama 25-8-45 (in part)

(b) No person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation shall employ, permit, or suffer to work any person 14 or 15 years of age in any occupation, except in agricultural service, unless the person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation procures and keeps on file for the inspection by the officials charged with the enforcement of this chapter, an eligibility to work form for every person 14 or 15 years of age and a complete list of those persons 14 or 15 years of age employed therein.

(c) Any person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation that wishes to employ, permit, or suffer to work any minor 14 or 15 years of age in any occupation, except in agricultural service, shall obtain a Class I Child Labor Certificate from the department for each location where a person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation wishes to employ a minor 14 or 15 years of age. Such employment shall be in accordance with all other sections of this chapter.

(d) The certificate shall allow the employment of minors 14 or 15 years of age to work only outside of school hours or during vacation periods and only in occupations not prohibited by this chapter for persons of these ages.

(e) The employment of a minor 14 or 15 years of age shall be revoked or suspended by the department if the minor's regular school attendance and performance record is not satisfactory to the head administrator or, if home schooled an instructor, of the school which the minor attends. The revocation or suspension shall be processed by the department upon notification by the school.

(f) Any person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation that wishes to employ, permit, or suffer to work any minor 16 or 17 years of age in any occupation, except in agricultural service, shall obtain a Class II Child Labor Certificate from the department for each location where a person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation wishes to employ a minor 16 or 17 years of age. Such employment shall be in accordance with all other sections of this chapter.

Code of Alabama 25-8-46

(a) The head administrator, counselor, or, if home schooled an instructor, of the school which the minor attends, shall issue eligibility to work forms. No person employed by any person, entity, franchise, corporation, or division of a corporation employing minors may issue an eligibility to work form.

(b) An eligibility to work form shall allow the employment of a person 14 or 15 years of age who is doing satisfactory school work to work only outside school hours or during vacation periods, and only in occupations not prohibited by this chapter for persons of these ages.





