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# Cullman foster home Pilot Light Home currently in search of live-in foster family

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The beds at the Pilot Light Home in Cullman currently stand empty and the search is on by the Pilot Light Home Board to find a foster family for the home. The Pilot Light Home is a 24/7 foster home in the city limits of Cullman that is crucial to helping local foster children remain local when they need it most.

The Pilot Light Board of Directors is seeking a foster family with the goal of "providing for the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of the children." The salaried position includes non-cash compensation for housing, utilities, » PAGE 8



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*Individuals and their family must move into and live full time in the completely furnished home located on the east side of Cullman.*

# Westminster Assisted Living experiences farm living with a visit from Step-by-Step Petting Zoo



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*Prince the llama greets a Westminster resident.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The "gobble gobble" of a fat turkey could be heard all-around as the courtyard as Westminster Assisted Living was transformed Thursday afternoon to the Westminster barnyard. Residents of the assisted living and memory care were visited by the furry and feathered friends from Step-by-Step Petting Zoo. Thursday's petting zoo put a smile on everyone's face and was a step toward a return to pre-COVID-19 activities.

After seeing a social media post from Step-by-Step Petting Zoo of their visit to the Westminster Assisted Living in Decatur, staff immediately arranged to have the animals visit the residents here in Cullman.

The Williams family from New Market brought their trailer full of friendly critters that reminded several of the residents of being youngsters growing up on the farm.

They laughed as Prince the llama made his rounds and joyfully reminisced about the other more familiar visitors.

One resident giggled, "Well, we didn't have any llamas! That's for sure!"

A miniature horse named Old Man, mother and son goats, Tulip and Cocoa and a bunny named Caramel were just a few of the animals featured in the petting zoo.

After petting all the animals, staff treated residents to popcorn, Popsicles and soda.

The popcorn piqued the goats' interest as well and the residents generously shared theirs with the goats.

Some residents kept a watchful eye on » PAGE 8

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# Registration now open for Cullman City Head Start in 2021-2022 school year




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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported July 1

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 1, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**June 28**

- criminal mischief; CR 1223
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 576
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 109
- harassment; CR 1273
- attempt to elude law enforcement; reckless endangerment; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1435
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 314

**June 29**

- assault; 1900 Beech Ave. SE
- theft of property; CR 920
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 31
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; Hwy. 278 W
- harassment; CR 52
- theft of property; CR 1525
- harassment; 1660
- burglary; CR 1141
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 545
- harassment; CR 1660
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1447
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1807

**June 30**

- criminal mischief; CR 222
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 420

**ARRESTS**

**June 28**

**Baker, Bethany Paige; 27**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**McCarley, Briana Savannah; 33**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**McLeod, Natalie Nacole; 40**
- FTA- sex offense-juvenile sex offender-harboring, assisting, concealing

**Meyer, Paul Steven; 43**
- Probation Violation- obstruction-parole violation

**Mickle, Danny Joe; 63**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- driving while license suspended

**Morton, Jon Waylon; 32**
- FTA- receiving stolen property

**Mosley, Brandon Chase; 21**
- Probation Violation- assault-domestic violation-strangulation or suffocation

**Shedd, Corey Tyler; 27**
- reckless endangerment
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- attempting to elude police officer
- public intoxication
- operating vehicle without insurance

**Terrell, Pashinz Danielle; 20**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication

**June 29**

**Bishop, Jonathan Robert; 30**
- family offense- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

**Edmondson, James Cody; 29**
- family offense- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

**Gerst, Levi Joseph; 39**
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Gilbreath, Justin Bernard; 36**
- FTA- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Hasenbein, Sherre Elizabeth; 46**
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- improper brakes

**Hopper, Natalie Grace; 19**
- obstruction of governmental operations
- receiving stolen vehicles
- sale of stolen property less than $500

**Jackson, Ethan Lee; 22**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- obstruction of governmental operations
- receiving stolen vehicle
- sale of stolen property less than $500

**James, Carie Renea; 41**
- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

**Mylott, Taeler Jordan; 21**
- Probation Violation

**Rhodes, Mark Anthony; 52**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Villa, Patricia Dee; 40**
- assault-child abuse-simple- non-family
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine

**Whitehead, April Rena; 49**
- possession of barbiturate

**Wood, Garret Leon; 29**
- possession of methamphetamine

**June 30**

**Browning, Timothy Daniel; 40**
- sex offense- possession of child pornography (2 counts)

**Carter, Faith Loggins; 54**
- burglary-residence-force

**Cole, Nicholas James; 37**
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Freeland Jr., Tony Blake; 30**
- burglary-residence-force (2 counts)

**Guthrie, Roy David; 42**
- family offense- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

**Higginbotham, Jarrett Thomas; 23**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possessing stolen property
- FTA- altering firearm identification or possession of altered firearm
- FTA- ex-felon in possession of firearm
- FTA- possession of sawed off rifle/shotgun

**Lucas, Richard Alexander; 31**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Mikel, Jeremy William; 30**
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- criminal trespass

**Miles, Jeffery Robert; 42**
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)
- FTA- open container-alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Powell, Brittany Leigh; 31**
- public intoxication

Prudhome, Melissa Melene; 42
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

**Weeks, Christopher Jerome; 43**
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous less than $500

**York, John Allen; 30**
- second-degree bail jumping-reckless endangerment (2 counts)
- second-degree bail jumping-larceny/theft-shoplifting
- second-degree bail jumping-attempting to elude a police officer
- second-degree bail jumping-resisting arrest
- second-degree bail jumping-public order crimes-failure to register (2 times)
- second-degree bail jumping-DUI
- second-degree bail jumping-reckless driving
- second-degree bail jumping-ex-felon I possession of concealed weapon

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents reported

**ARRESTS**

**June 29**

**Wisener, Kristen C.; 35**
- reckless endangerment

**June 30**

**Moore, David J.; 39**
- FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- switched tag (3 counts)
- FTA- improper lane usage (2 counts)
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- running stop sign
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- no seat belt

**Mathis, Jeremy B.; 49**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal littering
- FTA- carrying brass knuckles
- FTA- tampering with evidence

**Coots, Tyler S.; 26**
- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- no tag light
- FTA- driving while license suspended

**Coots, Christopher J.; 50**
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- improper tag

**James, Joseph M.; 36**
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

**Cole, Nicholas J.; 37**
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- driving while license revoked
- FTA- no seat belt

**Gilland, Katee C.; 19**
- DUI (controlled substance)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

# Diesel (from Front)

**Russell Moore**
WSCC

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** – Wallace State Community College's Diesel by Distance program is hosting multiple Open House events during July and August on select dates at the Diesel Technology building.

The first Open House was Thursday, July 1 which included a presentation by program graduate Blake Bryant, a Moulton native and owner of Hometown Diesel Repair in his hometown.

Other Open House dates are July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19, each from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

"These events are for anyone looking for a new and exciting career, from dual enrollment students to those interested in a career change. Interested individuals will have the opportunity to meet Jeremy Smith, our Diesel by Distance instructor, speak to alumni, test the virtual reality components and discover the different careers one can pursue in this field," said Anna Parrish Beard, Wallace State's Diesel by Distance Project Coordinator.

Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program was launched during the fall 2020 semester. It gives students the flexibility to learn the program's course objectives and theory online in addition to watching live lab sessions. Instruction occurs in an online format, complemented by virtual reality labs and periodic competency demonstrations on campus scheduled at the student's convenience, such as on weekends or evenings. While enrolled in the Diesel by Distance program, students must be employed and engaged in work-based learning through an industry recognized or registered apprenticeship program in partnership with a participating company.

For more information about the program, visit https://www.wallacestate.edu/dieselbydistance.

## COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, July 1 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

**ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes**

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

**Case details (Updated Mon, Wed, Fri)**

- Total confirmed cases in Alabama: 424,212 (+ 532 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Alabama: 126,771 (+ 2 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama: 9,054 (+ 24 since Friday)
- Probable deaths in Alabama: 2,298
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,805 (+ 3 since Friday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 3,203 (+ 4 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 139
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 43,431
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co: 1,556
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 47
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,680,768
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 2,055
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 75,349
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 198
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): no update available

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 4,618,925
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,154,965
- Doses administered: 3,246,997
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 1,839,512
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,516,263
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 1,463,960

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

**Texting and WhatsApp resources for locating COVID-19 vaccine**

Finding a COVID-19 vaccination location near you is easy and available on multiple platforms. Text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233. Another exciting effort is underway to help connect people with vaccine resources and information: the CDC's new Spanish-language vaccine finder on WhatsApp. You can try it by texting the word "hola" as a WhatsApp message to the CDC at 1-833-636-1122.

**COVID-19 vaccine incentives**

Companies across the United States are offering rewards to their vaccinated customers and employees. These include free rides to and from your vaccine appointments and free child care for parents and caregivers to get vaccinated and recuperate. Visit the COVID-19 vaccine incentives page at www.vaccines.gov/incentives.html to read about these and other incentives offered by companies across the country. ADPH encourages businesses throughout the state to help improve the vaccination rate by being vaccinated yourself and offering incentives to your employees, customers and others in your area to be vaccinated.

**Vaccine scheduling assistance for close contacts of someone positively diagnosed with COVID-19**

In collaboration with the Alabama Department of Public Health, the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham is providing assistance to many in our state seeking vaccine appointments or locations. If you are a close contact of someone who was positively diagnosed with COVID-19, you may receive a telephone call from a UAB representative. The caller will be able to provide assistance in finding a vaccination location nearby.

**Delta variant B.1.617.2**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has designated the Delta variant, which is also known as B.1.617.2, as a variant of concern. This means the CDC officially recognizes that the variant may carry a risk of more severe illness and transmissibility. The Delta variant, which first emerged in India, now accounts for about 20% of new U.S. cases. The number of cases of Delta in the U.S are likely to be higher, as not all SARS-CoV-2 specimens are sequenced. The variant is highly contagious and has the potential to infect more persons, resulting in more hospitalizations and deaths. At the moment, data indicates that two doses of Pfizer vaccine are 88% protective against the virus. The two other COVID 19 vaccines, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, are likely to be effective against this variant as well. The message about this variant, as well as other variants, is that the more persons who are vaccinated, the less likely the opportunity for variants to emerge. Now is a critical time for persons in Alabama to take advantage of the multiple opportunities to be vaccinated.

**National Month of Action continues through July 4**

The Alabama Department of Public Health joins in encouraging everyone in the state to work toward the goal of having 70% of U.S. adults getting at least one COVID-19 vaccination by July 4. President Biden announced the National Month of Action initiative which encourages national organizations, local government leaders, community-based and faith-based partners, businesses, employers, social media influencers, celebrities, athletes, colleges, young people and thousands of volunteers across the nation to work together to get their communities vaccinated. Decreasing numbers of Alabama residents are being vaccinated even though vaccines are available, so promotions and actions are needed now to defeat COVID-19. Visit www.alcovidvaccine.govto find a place to get vaccinated nearby.

# Registration (from Front)

**Trent Moore**
Cullman City Schools

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Registration is open now for Cullman City Head Start's 2021-2022 school year, hosted at the Cullman City Primary School campus in Cullman.

The program serves children 3-4 years of age, and is available at no cost for income-eligible families that live within the Cullman city limits. As part of the program, the prekindergarten students attend school a full day and receive breakfast and lunch. Teachers and staff are highly trained in early childhood learning to make every day fun and engaging.

"Our job at Cullman City Head Start is to work with the entire family so students will be successful in their educational career," CCPS Principal Tricia Culpepper said. "This is an outstanding opportunity for our families, and we are excited to serve a whole new class of our city's youngest learners."

School starts Aug. 11, and the application period is open now. Lois Bice, the school's family service worker, will be available to help guide families through the enrollment process and determine eligibility. If slots become available during the school year, additional students may be added at that time as space permits.

Cullman City Head Start and pre-K classes are a wonderful opportunity for families who would like to provide their children with a solid early childhood foundation. Culpepper notes students who participate in Head Start and pre-K classes are traditionally successful in kindergarten and first grade.

"The benefits and support Head Start provides for families are amazing," Culpepper said. "They include parent involvement activities, counseling, parent education opportunities and of course, the chance to forge friendships with other families with children. I am so happy to have this wonderful program to serve the needs of our youngest students in the community."

Anyone interested in enrollment or learning more information is encouraged to contact Cullman City Primary School at 256-775-0234, ext. 7000 for more information.

Cullman City Head Start has been serving the families of Cullman City for over 49 years. Cullman City Head Start operates under the umbrella of Cullman City Schools and has a funded enrollment of around 100 students.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study**
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

**Baileyton Bargain Days**
• First and third 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) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

**Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD**
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle S.W. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Sundays-9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and Worship and message at 11 a.m.

**Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church**
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

**Miércoles de Despensas**
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

**Festhalle Farmers Market**
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

**Guy Hunt Library Summer Children's Programs**
• July 8 – Mrs. Nance's Painting Party
• July 15 – McWane Science Center
• July 22 – Soil and Water, Animal Tracks
• All programs start at 1 p.m. For more information, send an email to guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com or call 256-796-5226.

**Agriplex Children's Summer Camp Programs**
Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

**Agriplex Adult Programs**
Thursdays: noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5.00 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

**Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition**
• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.
• Through Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Antioch Baptist Church Revival**
• June 27 – July 2 - Antioch Baptist Church (located at Bug Tussle, Alabama Highway 69 South, County Road 18), will hold revival services Sunday, June 27 - Friday, July 2.
• On Sunday, at 5 p.m. the. Evangelist Brother Gabe Hallmark will speak Sunday. Monday-Friday at 7 p.m., the evangelist will be Brother Bobby Waddle, who is the pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church at Bremen.
• There will be a special singing each service. Steve Hogland is music director and Daniel Barnett is pastor. Everyone is welcome.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church "Beer, Bands & Bingo"**
July 3 - St. Paul's 3rd Annual Beer, Bands & Bingo will take place Saturday, July 3 beginning at 4 p.m. - close at Goat Island Brewery, featuring live music by Jason Willingham, Antonio Woodruff and BREZ , games and prizes, food trucks, Goat Island Brewery beer and a lot of fun! All proceeds go directly to benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School.

**Burden Family Reunion**
July 10 - The Burden family reunion will be July 10 at the West Point Town Hall. It will begin around 10 a.m. Please bring a covered dish and prize for Bingo. Hope to see you there!

**Let's go to Italy!**
July 10 - Join us 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, to learn about Red Door Travel's Spring Break's Italian Adventure March 25 - April 3, 2022. There is no cost or obligation to attend. We will enjoy some Italian snacks, stroll through Italy for a time, talk about what you can expect, and answer any questions you might have. This affordable, small group trip includes round-trip airfare from Birmingham, hotel, most meals and guided tours in Florence, Venice, Cinque Terra, Tuscany and an optional Rome extension. If you plan to attend, please contact us at Bill@TheRedDoorCullman.com or call 256-338-3074 so we will know how many to plan for. If you can't come, but want to know more, we'll be happy to send you a brochure. Meeting at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold Street, Cullman, 256-734-0599.

**David Speegle Family Reunion**
July 11 - The annual reunion of the David Speegle family will be held Sunday, July 11, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon at 256-734-3460 or Norman Calvert at 256-734-0389 if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us!

**Davenport Reunion**
July 11 - The Davenport reunion will be held Sunday, July 11, at the Moody Center in Hanceville. All relatives come and bring a covered dish. Meal will be served at noon.

**Pleasant View Revival and Singing**
July 18 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their summer revival the third week in July beginning with a singing Sunday night, July 18 at 5 p.m. "The Williamsons" from Wetumpka, Oklahoma will be the guest singers. Services will be day and night, Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23. Morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. and evening services at 7 p.m., with Brother Jack Thomason as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have prayer band at 6:45 p.m. before each evening service. On Sunday night, Aug. 1, we will have a singing with "New Ground" from Scottsboro at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

**Wallace State Diesel by Distance Open House**
July-Aug. - Wallace State's Diesel by Distance program will host a series of open house events to learn more about the program, experience virtual reality lessons and more. Open house will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Diesel Technology building on the Hanceville campus on the following dates: July 1, July 8, July 29, Aug. 5, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19. For more information, contact Anna Parrish Beard at 256-352-8356 or anna.parrish@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/dieselbydistance.

**Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame**
Aug. 14 - The Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual banquet and induction ceremony Aug. 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Stonebridge Farms. Tickets can be obtained at First Southern Financial and are $20 each. For more information call 256-737-5120 or 256-736-4445.

**Free Community Movie Night at Vinemont Community Center**
Aug. 21 – Bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy "Toy Story 4!" Start time will be announced at a later date. Vinemont Community Center – 88 Ridgeway Street, Cullman, AL 35058

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# FINALLY! Bulldogs topple Vanderbilt to win 1st national title

**Joel Coleman**
MSU Athletics




MSU ATHLETICS

***Mississippi State defeated Vanderbilt 9-0 in game three to win its first national championship in school history.***

**OMAHA, Neb.** – A total of 136 years have passed since the Mississippi State baseball program played its first season. There have been 4,381 games, 11 Southeastern Conference championships, seven SEC Tournament titles, 39 NCAA Tournament appearances and 12 trips to the College World Series. There's been heartbreak. There's been triumph. It's been a never-ending roller-coaster ride of emotion for generations. Only one thing has been missing through it all....Until now. Finally, the Mississippi State Bulldogs are national champions.

MSU topped Vanderbilt 9-0 on Wednesday night in Omaha to ascend to the top of the college baseball world. In a decorated history where the only blemish has been the numerous almosts, could-have-beens and near-ly-did-its, the dam has burst. Long college baseball royalty, the Diamond Dawgs now have the crown to prove it.

In a house built by a host of icons too numerous to count, it was a new group of legends putting on the final maroon and white coat of paint Wednesday night. As they did, it was hard not to hearken back to the heroes of the past.

There was starting pitcher Will Bednar and closer Landon Sims doing names like Jeff Brantley and Jonathan Holder proud. The duo combined for a one-hitter with Bednar shutting down Vanderbilt over the first six innings and Sims silencing the Commodores over the remaining three frames.

Leadoff man Rowdey Jordan had a night that surely had Jake Mangum smiling somewhere. Jordan had three hits at the top of the Bulldog order. There was Tanner Allen doing what Tanner Allen does, coming through with a couple of hits and doing right-field names like Hunter Renfroe proud. Remember all the runs produced by Brent Rooker in his day? Well fellow first baseman Luke Hancock gave a figurative nod as he drove in a pair.

And oh yes, you better believe there was a little thunder and lightning as well. A quarter century after Will Clark and Rafael Palmeiro, Logan Tanner and a different Clark – Kellum – provided the boom and the electricity. Tanner drilled a solo home run in the sixth. Later in the frame, Kellum Clark drilled a no-doubt three-run shot over the right-centerfield wall to build the lead to nine. It was in that moment, it all seemed to start to sink in. Right here, right now, this was indeed finally Mississippi State's time.

None of this is to forget the earlier heroics the last two weeks in Omaha. Brayland Skinner's steal in the vein of Mike Kelley, setting up a Big Hit Mac Elijah MacNamee-like, clutch walk-off hit from Tanner Leggett.

There was Houston Harding and Preston Johnson's gritty, gutsy pitching effort in Game 2 of the Finals. No one will forget Kamren James' tumbling into the camera well with a highlight-reel catch that helped swing momentum for the comeback win against Virginia. Josh Hatcher was an unsung hero with his pinch-hit infield single that helped fuel the late rally versus the Cavaliers.

How about the middle infield? Lane Forsythe and Scotty Dubrule provided multiple quality at-bats and played strong defense over the entirety of the College World Series. Brad Cumbest didn't get to start on Wednesday after getting drilled by a pitch Tuesday, but made his presence felt earlier in the CWS with memorable knocks against Texas.

The list goes on and on. Almost certainly, there were former Bulldogs around the country figuratively in the shoes of the current heroes. This was a team that represented the past by doing something in the present that'll live for all of the future.

And when that final out settled into Hancock's glove at first after a slow roller to James at third, at long last, the peak of the mountain was reached. The rejoicing could commence, from the thousands of Bulldog fans in Omaha to those back home in Starkville and beyond.

In that moment, fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends and more could finally embrace and know the feeling no MSU supporter had ever known. There is no more wondering when. The days of longing are done. The 2021 Mississippi State Bulldogs are national champions. Oh, how sweet it is.

# Alabama Guard Joshua Primo to remain in 2021 NBA Draft

**Aaron Jordan**
UA Athletics

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** – Alabama men's basketball player Joshua Primo announced his intentions to forego his remaining collegiate eligibility and officially enter his name in the 2021 NBA Draft, he announced Thursday morning. Primo is coming off a freshman season in which he made 19 starts across his 30 games played and averaged 8.1 points, 3.9 rebounds and 22.4 minutes per game. The 18-year-old Toronto, Ontario, native earned SEC All-Freshman honors and was recently named to the SEC First Year Academic Honor Roll.

**Head Coach Nate Oats comments**

"This has been a lifelong dream for Josh, and I am extremely excited for him and his family. He's been great to coach, and I am grateful that they trusted our staff to help prepare him for this moment. Our team had a successful season last year and Josh played a big part in that success. We couldn't be happier that his hard work is paying off. He is a terrific young man who has been an incredible representative of our program."

**Joshua Primo bio**

- Became fifth consecutive Alabama rookie to be named to the SEC All-Freshman Team
- Played in 30 contests on the season, missing three games with an MCL sprain, making 19 starts
- Averaged 8.1 points and 3.4 rebounds per game while shooting 43.1 percent from the field and 38.1 percent from beyond the arc
- Ranked third on the team in three-point field goal percentage, second in free throw percentage and fifth in scoring
- Named SEC Freshman of the Week for the week of Jan. 25, earning the accolade after averaging 19.0 points, 5.0 threes made and 3.5 rebounds per game in contests at LSU and vs. Mississippi State, while shooting 73.7 percent (14-of-19) from the floor and 76.9 percent (10-of-13) from beyond the arc
- Finished with 12 games in double figures including eight games of making three or more three-pointers which ranked second-best on the team
- Had season high 22 points including career-best marks of 4-of-8 from beyond the arc and 8-of-8 from the free throw line, to go along with five boards and three assists in the win at Auburn (1/9)
- Matched that with 22 points at LSU (1/19), knocking down a career-best six three-pointers in the victory
- Scored 19 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the field and 4-of-5 from beyond the arc in the win over Mississippi State (1/23)
- Had 19 points, all coming in the second half, in the win over Georgia (2/15)
- SEC First Year Academic Honor Roll

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.



UA ATHLETICS

***Alabama Guard Joshua Primo.***

# Carlton Martial named to PFF Preseason All-America Team

**Adam Prendergast**
Troy Athletics

**TROY, Ala.** – Already named the No. 3 returning linebacker in the country by Pro Football Focus, the industry leader announced Wednesday that Troy junior linebacker Carlton Martial has been named to its Preseason All-America Second Team. Martial led the country in tackles last season and his combined tackle total for the 2019 and 2020 seasons are the most in the country.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Martial, who checks in at 5-foot-9, recorded 113 tackles in 2020 and has 239 tackles since the start of the 2019 season. He finished 2020 with 10.0 tackles for loss and was one of just nine players nationally to rank in the top 50 in both tackles and tackles for loss following the regular season. Martial broke up a trio of passes and intercepted Coastal Carolina's Grayson McCall (one of just two on the year) to set up a late go-ahead score for the Trojans in the season finale.

In 2019, he was named to the PFF All-America Second Team and became just the 12th player and first underclassman in the last 20 years at the FBS level to finish a season with at least 100 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and three interceptions. He closed the year with 126 tackles, the most by a Troy player since 2000, and 18.5 tackles for loss, the fifth most in a season in Troy history, and three picks. Martial was the only player in the country to rank in the top eight nationally in tackles (10.5) and tackles for loss per game (1.54).

Martial has twice been named to the All-Sun Belt First Team and was a semi-finalist for the Burlsworth Trophy in 2020, which is presented to the nation's top player who began his career as a walk-on.

**PFF on Carlton Martial**

Martial walked on for the Troy Trojans in 2017, made his first start in 2018 and has since been in the conversation for the best off-ball linebacker in the Group of Five. He's on the smaller end, standing at 5-foot-9 and 216 pounds, but that hasn't held him back. Martial posted PFF grades of 90.9, 91.3 and 82.4 in his three years on the field. He has accumulated 159 defensive stops in that span, the most among all FBS off-ball linebackers.

While the lowest-graded season of his career came in 2020, that 82.4 mark was still good enough to rank 12th in the FBS. And over his last six games, he was college football's highest-graded off-ball linebacker.

***Troy Linebacker Carlton Martial, left »***



TROY ATHLETICS



# Theatre (from Front)

**W.C. Mann**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – After the 2020 hiatus, Cullman Community Theatre returns later this month with a production of the Tony Award-winning Broadway classic "Hello, Dolly!"

Licensing agency Concord Theatricals said that the show "bursts with humor, romance, energetic dance and some of the greatest songs in musical theater history. The romantic and comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and 'woman who arranges things,' are certain to thrill and entertain audiences again and again.

The show's unforgettable songs include 'Put On Your Sunday Clothes,' 'Ribbons Down My Back,' 'Before the Parade Passes By,' 'Hello, Dolly!,' 'Elegance' and 'It Only Takes a Moment.'"

Cullman Community Theatre production director Noah Carpenter told The Tribune, "This is, number one, our best cast we've ever had — for community theater, especially — the biggest cast we've ever had.

"And I would hazard to say that we are far beyond where we've ever been at this point. We're running through this thing like wildfire.

"And it just goes to show how excited everybody is to be back onstage, to be back with the community theater.

"We would normally start full run-throughs next week, the week before the show, and we've started full run-throughs already this week. So we are doing incredibly well.

"A lot of that also has to do with East Elementary. They've allowed us to use their facility, which has given us a little more room to spread out, and we've been able to work on a lot more at a time where, in the past, each night was kind of focused on one scene or one set of scenes.

"We can split up--we can do this scene's music, this scene's choreography, this scene's blocking.

"We can work on anywhere from three to six scenes a night since we've had that space to utilize in this show.

"So it's been a huge help, to help get us ready for what is normally an 8-12 week production process, for us doing it in six weeks."

**Creative team**

- Director/Creative Director: Wayne Cook
- Assistant Director: Nick Shabel
- Production Director: Noah Carpenter
- Music Director: Cindy Pass
- Choreographer: Sarah Jane Skinner
- Stage Manager: Linda Foley

**Lead cast**

- Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi: Kim Trelles
- Ernestina Money: Sarah Glover
- Ermengarde: Mary Claire Paige
- Ambrose Kemper: Levi Stricklin
- Horace Vandgelder: Rodney Basenburg
- Mrs. Irene Molloy: Paige Clabo, Understudy Misty Waldrop
- Cornelius Hackl: Nick Shabel, Understudy Sam Jones
- Miss Minnie Fay: Laci New, Understudy Reagan Martin
- Barnaby Tucker: Graham Waldrop
- Mrs. Rose: Misty Walldrop
- Rudolph Reisenweber: Justin Weygand, Understudy Grant Holland
- Judge: Brent Smith
- Clerk: Sam Jones

**Chorus/ensemble**

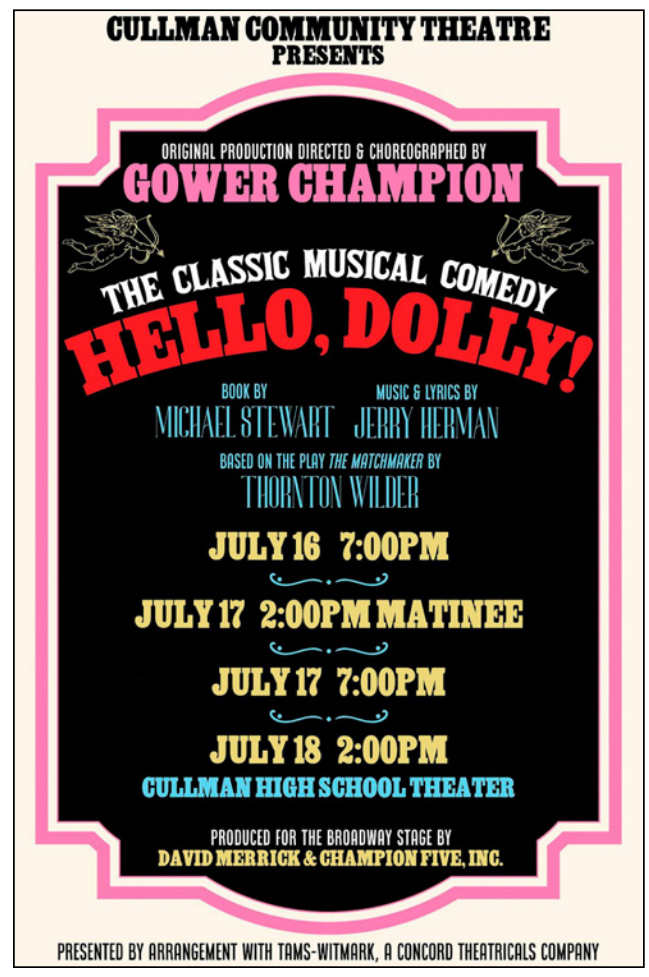
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**At a glance**

- Cullman Community Theatre's production of "Hello, Dolly!"
- July 16-18, 2021 at the Cullman High School Auditorium
- July 16 at 7 p.m.
- July 17 matinee at 2 p.m., evening at 7 p.m.
- July 18 at 2 p.m.

Online ticket presales will begin next week. For more information and a link to the ticket site, visit https://www.facebook.com/Cullman-Community-Theater-1783955535053828 or https://www.facebook.com/cullmanparksrec.















– VETERAN MEMORIAL –

# James Edward Duckworth

**Christy Perry**
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James Edward Duckworth was born Oct. 24, 1949, in Cullman County. He was drafted into the United States Army with his tour in Vietnam beginning May 19, 1970. Prior to his tour, he married his sweetheart Bonnie in January 1969.

According to an entry posted to vvmf.org titled "Final Mission of Sgt James E. Duckworth":

"At 9:30 a.m. on August 31, 1970, an element of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, engaged an undetermined-size enemy force 7 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the American infantrymen received supporting fire from the U.S. artillery, helicopter gunships and tactical airstrikes. Contact was temporarily lost at 11 a.m. but was regained at noon and continued until 1:20 p.m. Enemy losses are unknown while U.S. casualties were two killed and six wounded. The lost Americans were SGT James E. Duckworth and PFC Gary R. Metz, infantrymen from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Metz was posthumously promoted to Corporal."

Duckworth was just 20 years old and awarded the Bronze Star Medal, 5 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. He is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. on Panel 07w, Line 26. He is buried at Damascus Cemetery in Cullman County. He is also memorialized at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Wall.

***Sgt. James Edward Duckworth is buried at Damascus Cemetery in Cullman County. »***



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# Safety (from Front)

**Michael P. Knight**
Contributor

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives wants the public to be safe during the Fourth of July. Understanding the dangers associated with illegal or improperly used/manufactured fireworks can prevent severe injuries, disfigurement or even death.

Illegal devices are not fireworks, but are often manufactured and used during the fireworks season.

These devices are made up of explosive compositions that are typically extremely sensitive to heat, shock, electrostatic discharge and friction that may initiate unexpectedly causing serious injury or death.

The risks associated with these devices are further compounded, because the persons manufacturing, transporting and using these devices often do not have the knowledge, skills and experience required for such activities.

ATF is the federal law enforcement agency charged with enforcing federal explosives laws and works with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, along with state and local agencies, through their fireworks enforcement/safety programs to provide a safe environment for the public regarding the use of these products.

**Suggested safety tips when using fireworks include:**

• Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

• Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees — hot enough to melt some metals.

• Never place any part of your body directly over a firework device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.

• Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

• Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

• Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire.

• Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them in metal/glass containers.

• After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

• Make sure fireworks are legal in your area. Check your state laws and with your local ordinances before buying or using them.

Many law enforcement agencies consider these explosive devices — commonly referred to as M-80s, M-100s, quarter sticks, cherry bombs and silver salutes — illegal, because they exceed the CPSC's explosive weight limits for consumer fireworks.

Additionally, these devices may also be illegal under similar state laws and local ordinances.

**M-80**

• Average Size: 5/8" diameter, 1 1/2" long.

• Average Load: approximately 3 grams explosive mixture.

• Risk Factor: Damage to fingers, hands and eyes.

**M-100, Silver Salute**

• Average Size: 1" diameter, 2 1/2" long.

• Average Load: approximately 9 grams explosive mixture.

• Risk Factor: Severe damage to face, arms and body.

**M-250**

• Average Size: 1" diameter, 3" long.

• Average Load: approximately 13 grams explosive mixture.

• Risk Factor: Severe crippling, disfiguring injuries.

**M-1000, Quarter Stick**

• Average Size: 1" diameter, 6" long.

• Average Load: approximately 25-30 grams explosive mixture.

• Risk Factor: Extremely severe injuries to body, has caused death.

It should be noted that many legitimate commercial fireworks manufactures advertise and sell products "labeled" like those shown above; but all are limited to 50 milligrams of composition regardless of the cardboard tube size, and they meet the CPSC requirements for consumer fireworks.

ATF cautions the public against handling suspected illegal explosive devices and urges everyone to report the manufacture or sale of such devices to their local ATF office or by calling ATF's toll-free hotline at 1-888-ATF-BOMB (1-888-283-2662).

# 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 )
ROBERT EDWARD BURKE, III, ) CASE NO PC 2021-228
Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

**TO: APRIL KIMBRIL**
**JO KEETON**
**ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES**

The Petition of Lana Lunceford to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Robert Edward Burke, III, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 3rd day of August, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 1st day of July, 2021.

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 is said newspaper

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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 *
DARRELL LEON KRETZSCHMAR * CASE NO.: PC2021-194
Deceased *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DALLAS K. KRETZSCHMAR Personal Representative of the Estate of DARRELL LEON KRETZSCHMAR deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DALLAS K. KRETZSCHMAR
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Al. 35077

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

**Legal Notice**

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, J and G Wrecker, LLC will offer for sale at public auction the below abandoned vehicles at 556 County Road 1621, Cullman, Alabama, 35058, on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.
1997 GMC Sierra, green, Vin. #1GTEK14R7VZ503400.
1999 Ford Escort, red, Vin. #1FAFP10P4XW232235.
2000 Chevrolet Silverado, white, Vin. #1GCEC14V0YZ273164.
2001 Ford Focus, white, Vin. #1FAFP34311W376383.
2001 Honda CBR929RR, red/white, Vin. #JH2SC44041M106163.
2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee, blue, Vin. #1J4GX48S32C103626.
2003 Honda Accord, white, Vin. #3HGCM56323G707456.
2003 Volkswagon Golf, black, Vin. #9BWGP61J934012686.
2005 Chevrolet Aveo, black, Vin. #KLITD52685B358241.

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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
ADOPTION OF J.E.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 05/31/2009 CASE NO.: AD2021-027

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: BILLY J. MADDUX, NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO ARIELLA DAWN DESMEDT**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Robert Karry DeSmedt, Petitioner. 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 petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 16th DAY OF June, 2021.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
105 1st Avenue NW, Suite G
Cullman, AL 35055

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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 *
MARSTON HESTER LANCASTER, * CASE NO.: PC2021-214
*
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MATTHEW LANCASTER as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARSTON HESTER LANCASTER, deceased, on the 16th day of June, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Matthew Lancaster
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Personal Representative
1701 Main Avenue SW, Suite 5
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-0026

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
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

SMITH SAMANTHA PERRY, )
Plaintiff, )
V. ) Case No.: DR-2021-900126.00
PERRY JEFFREY W, )
Defendant. )

**ORDER**

MOTION TO SERVE BY PUBLICATION filed by SMITH SAMANTHA PERRY is hereby GRANTED.

**DONE this 11th day of June, 2021.**

**/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS**
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**

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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
ADOPTION OF N.J. M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/27/2016 CASE NO.: AD2021-028

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: BILLY J. MADDUX, NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO ARIELLA DAWN DESMEDT**

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DONE THIS 16th DAY OF June, 2021.

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
105 1st Avenue NW, Suite G
Cullman, AL 35055

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF** *
**CML,** * **CASE NO.: JU 20-038.04**
**a minor, DOB: 01-02-2020** *

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING**

The unknown father of the above child born to Brittany Cheyenne Loyd on January 2, 2020, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 23 day of July, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 10 day of June 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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# Obituary Announcements: July 1

**James Verbon Stidham, 88, of Vinemont**
Graveside service for James Verbon Stidham, 88, of Vinemont will be 10 a.m., Saturday, July 3, at Flint Creek Baptist Cemetery in Vinemont, AL. Reverend Steve Rodgers will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.Mr. Stidham passed away Tuesday, April 20, at his residence. He was born Aug. 2, 1932, to George Reuben and Laura Gertrude Burks Stidham. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a paratrooper. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Montez Oden Stidham and a brother: Herbert Stidham. Survivors include a son: Jerome (Patti) Stidham; daughter: Cindy Ann Stidham; sisters: Marie, Kathy and Hazel; sister-in-law: Genevieve Steele; grandchildren: Dr. Jeremy (Dr. Katie) Stidham, Dr. Jonathan (Courtney, JD) Stidham, John Stark and Jay Stark; four great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Madeline, Evelyn and Eleanor and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Debra Sue Lawson, 67, of Holly Pond**
Funeral Service for Debra Sue Lawson, 67, of Holly Pond, will be 2 p.m., Monday, July 5, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. prior to the service. Brother Adam Cornelius will officiate the service. The interment will be at Crossroads Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lawson family. Mrs. Lawson was born Sept. 10, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaal. She passed from this life June 30 at UAB Hospital. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Lawson was preceded in death by her parents; husband: William Joseph Lawson and son: Michael Joseph Lawson. She is survived by her sons: Christopher Lee Lawson and Joshua (Kayla) Lawson; daughters: Lou Ann Lawson and Tracy Dobbins; brother: Joe (Jane) Holmes; grandchildren: Kayla Mae Addison, Rylie Nicole Killion, Christopher Gavin Barbee, Brianna Campbell, Aalyah Fae (Michael Zane) Aker, Kinzley Brooke Lawson, Kayden Joshua Lawson and Micheal Dylan Blackwelder and great-grandchildren: Ezra Alexander Blackwelder, and Dawson Michael Aker. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Rondle Black of Hanceville**
Funeral services for Rondle Black of Hanceville, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church in Hanceville. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Survivors include his mother: Estelle (Tolbert) Black; daughter: Heather Black; siblings: Faron Black, Arlin Black, Elaine Campbell and Gala Rice and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Black was preceded in death by his father: Curtis Black. Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church is located at 3561 County Road 8, Hanceville, Alabama 35077

**Alma Ruth Gartman, 90, of Blount County**
Funeral services for Alma Ruth Gartman will be noon Saturday, July 3, at Mount Zion Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Reverend Greg Bailey will be officiating. Visitation will be at the church Saturday prior to the service beginning at 11 a.m. Mount Zion Church is located at 638 County Hwy 10, Blountsville, AL 35031. Mrs. Gartman was born to Vernon and Elsie Holcomb March 26, 1931, in Blount County, Alabama. She died June 30 at the age of 90 in Green Pond, Alabama. Ruth was known as "Granny" to most all who knew and loved her. She gave her life to Christ when she was a teenager and served Him faithfully all her life. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister and friend. Sometimes you meet people that leave footprints on your heart forever; Granny was that person. She taught by example how to overcome disappointments and tragedy by trusting in the Lord and His will for her life. She once said, "After having polio before I even started school, I learned to live every day and hope for tomorrow." Granny was persistent with her strength and determination even during the journey of Alzheimer's. Her motto through it all was, "Today is today and gone, but yesterday still hangs on." Survivors include her daughters: Darlene Franklin (Jack) of McCalla and Becky Englebert (Donnie) of Green Pond; grandchildren: Wesley Key (Kelly), Amanda Hines (Tim), Lara Brewer (Chuck), Brittany Mills (Paul) and Kayla Cornelius (Calan) and great-grandchildren: Carson, Cohen, Eden, Julie, Loralei, Wyatt, Ruthie, Sipsey, Addison and Olivia. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Gartman was preceded in death by her husband: Robert Gartman; children: Rhonda Kay, Anita Birkhimer and Diane Key; grandchildren: Bradley Franklin, Brooke Franklin and Erik Birkhimer and sister: Nadene Hitt, Jewel Hitt, Virginia Little, Mary Elizabeth and Gevena Bailey. The family of Mrs. Gartman would like to send a special 'Thank You' to Amedysis Hospice and caregivers, Terri, Lillie, Fran and Kay for their love, care and support during this difficult time of transition.

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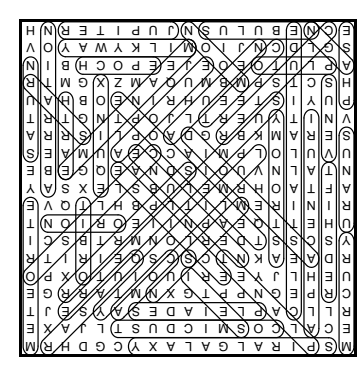
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JULY 2, 2021

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# Zoo (from Front)

their tomato plants as the goats and llama made their rounds, but all-in-all, everyone had a wonderful time.

Westminster Director Wanda Raines said, "It's a small step as we ease back into normal activities.

"This is a big day for us and the residents are having so much fun."

Several staff members spoke of the concerns of residents becoming bored during the shutdown but the residents we spoke to, although they were excited to have visitors, had no complaints regarding their time during the pandemic.

Step-by-Step Petting Zoo is available for on-site visits to various facilities including long-term care and day care facilities. To contact them, email Deborah Williams as trcstepbystep@gmail.com or call 256-457-9064. You can also follow them on Facebook.



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# Home (from Front)

food, household supplies, vehicle, insurance and other needs.

To be eligible, applicants must be/become a Certified Foster Parent with the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

**Other requirements include:**

- Individuals and their family must move into and live full time in the completely furnished home located on the east side of Cullman.
- Must care for six foster children 24/7.
- Must have no more than two children of your own who will be living with you in the home.

Chairman of the Pilot Light Home Board Peggy Harris explained, "Our part, as the Board, is with the home.

"We do pay the house parent, but they are basically under supervision, as far as what they do with the children, of the Department of Human Resources. We provide the facility and keep it up."

She went on to say that the house parents follow the same policies as any other foster parent when it comes to accepting placements by DHR.

The Pilot Light Home has a long history of serving Cullman County children. A written history of the Pilot Light Home by the Pilot Light Home Board states:

"The Pilot Light Home is a 24/7 foster home and emergency care facility licensed by the Department of Human Resources and governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors.

"The home provides care for six foster children and one salaried house parent.

"These children are abused and/or neglected, abandoned or whose parents are incapacitated with no relatives to provide care. Care is provided for an average of 20-25 children yearly.

"Prior to 1982, when law enforcement and DHR case workers would pick up abused, neglected children, sometimes in the middle of the night, many times there was no readily available family, and no emergency place for children to stay.

"There was no foster home in the City of Cullman. The only homes that had vacancies and willing to take emergency placement children were many times located in Bremen, Brushy Pond, so the DHR workers would have to drive there with the children in the middle of the night.

"The DHR staff needed and wanted a home/shelter in the city where children would be taken in these emergency situations or when other homes were full.

"Decatur had a home, Operations Home, supported by the community and approved like a foster family home with house parents.

"Visits were made to the home to gather information used to establish such a home in Cullman.

"Chartered in 1981, the newly formed Pilot Club became interested in helping establish a children's home/shelter and spearheaded the drive, becoming the primary sponsor of the Pilot Light Home.

"Under the leadership of Lorene Scott, the Pilot Club was joined by several Civic Clubs, churches, industries, businesses and concerned citizens and a Cullman home/shelter became a reality.

"This home would be supported by DHR welfare payments, Pilot Club and Cullman community donations from Civic Clubs, churches, businesses, banks, individuals and later, The United Way."

The Pilot Light Home is located on the east side of the City of Cullman. Individuals, businesses, industries, churches and other organizations have worked together to make the home what it is today.

From donating paint to landscaping and furniture--the fully furnished home features five bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, extra-large double garage, cozy living area, dining room, kitchen, office, playroom and a spacious yard with a great swing set.

According to the Pilot Light Home Board, the home is "funded by the State Department of Human Resources child welfare payments, United Way of Cullman County, the Pilot Club of Cullman, with a third of the budget (about $30,000) provided through donations from civic organizations, churches, businesses and individuals, as well as fund raising projects.

"These funds are used to maintain the home inside and out, provide monthly cost of operation--house parent salary, utilities, food, household supplies, clothing, medicine, insurance, gas--as well as the upkeep for the home and van."

"The ability to continue funding the Pilot Light Home is dependent on financial support from the Cullman Community.

"With competition from newer charities which help many, many people, it is more difficult to receive the donations needed to maintain the funds to support the Pilot Light Home. Donations are always put to good use and very much appreciated."

A full list of responsibilities, requirements and applications are available at the Alabama Department of Human Resources, United Way of Cullman County and Pilot Light, Inc. Board of Directors Chairman at gooderharris@gmail.com.

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