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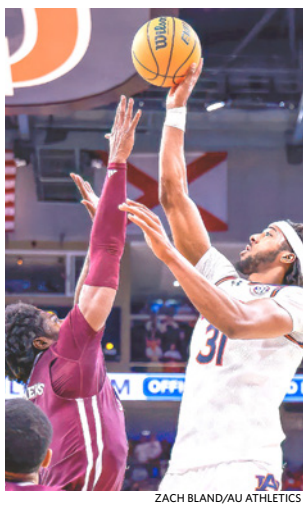
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Cullman City Council celebrates police promotions, commits funds to library

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening recognized four promotions by the Cullman Police Department. Chief Joey Duncan and Patrol Major John Mahler presented certificates to new Lieutenant Trey Higginbotham and new Sergeants Jonathan England, Zane Pounders and Rob Long.

The council also approved a letter of support and $350,000 in funding for the main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System , with the same amount coming from the Cullman County Commission as matching funds for a grant for which the library applied. According to Council President Jenny Folsom the grant, if received, will provide "much needed repair and improvements" to the library.

Mayor Woody Jacobs said of CCPLS Direc- » PAGE 8



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At its meeting on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, the Cullman City Council recognized Cullman Police Department promotions. Left to right are Patrol Major John Mahler, Chief Joey Duncan, Lt. Trey Higginbotham, Sgt. Jonathan England, Sgt. Zane Pounders, Sgt. Rob Long and Councilman Brad Smith.

Dripping Springs Chapter honors DAR Good Citizens



ATHELIA GIBBS

DAR Good Citizens School Winners include, left to right, Cold Springs – Adriana Nicole Young, Cullman – Nevaeh Grace Green, Cullman Christian – Evelyn Griffin, Fairview – Alex Ryan England, Good Hope – Gracie Marie Thomas, St. Bernard Prep – Noble Joseph Shadowens, Vinemont – Christopher Wayne Abbott and West Point – Kira Kuznyetsova. Not present were Hanceville – Dalton Heath Pirkle and Holly Pond – Lana Abigail Todd.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — Students from 10 area high schools who were chosen as Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens were recognized at the Dripping Springs Chapter of the DAR meeting on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025. They were selected by their schools' senior faculty and judged according to recommendation letters and school and community activities, as well as volunteer activities. The overall DAR Good Citizen was Lana Abigail Todd from Holly Pond High School.

Those who opted to compete in the DAR Good Citizens Essay contest were judged based on the topic of "How can service to my community lead to a better America." Three judges » PAGE 8



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Dr. Nancy Horton, chair of the DAR Good Citizens committee, with Adriana Nicole Young, winner of the Good Citizens Essay contest.

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Cullman Caring for Kids gives year-end report



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Cullman Caring for Kids' Mobile Food Bank visited four Cullman County communities each month throughout 2024. » PAGE 8

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Stiff steps down as Cullman High School's Head Football Coach



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Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 15

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 15, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 9

• retail theft of property-3rd degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $83; Olive St. SW
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $33; Olive St. SW

Jan. 13

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash
• leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '19 Jeep Wrangler; 2nd Ave. SW / 3rd St. SW
• theft of property-4th degree; person; watch; Hoehn Dr. NE
• theft of property-4th degree; person; tag; Ridge St. NW
• theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $2,197; Hwy. 157
• criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
• harassment; person

Jan. 14

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Katie Ln. SW
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $70; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Jan. 13-14

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 56

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA – fail to register vehicle
• FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA – fail to signal

Freeman, Logan L.; 35

• criminal trespass-2nd degree

Jones, Kevin D.; 39

• unlawful possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• theft of property-3rd degree

Copeland, Cameron K.; 26

• FTA – disorderly conduct (2 counts)
• FTA – attempting to elude (2 counts)
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree
• FTA – receiving stolen property-4th degree
• FTA – criminal mischief-3rd degree
• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
• FTA – assault with bodily fluids
• FTA – driving without license (4 counts)
• FTA – insurance violation (3 counts)

Beckum, Bryant A.; 31

• attempting to elude
• resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

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

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, Jan. 17 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Jan. 18 - 11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Jan. 19 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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

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

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

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

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

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. with Sonlife Quartet from Chattanooga. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

Southern Miss Wonderland Pageant
Sunday, Jan. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Benefits the Vinemont High School color guard; 25% of registration fees will go to the team. Register at https://tinyurl.com/vinemont.

Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at WildWater and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Two names will be drawn from the participants who take the plunge! One winner will receive a one-year family membership CWAC and one winner will receive a four-pack of 2025 season passes to WildWater! You MUST be present to win! The event is FREE to enter, and we are accepting optional donations for our partner, Special Olympics! Register at www.waiverfile.com/b/CullmanCityParks-Recreation/Waiver.aspx.

Youth Rally
Sunday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. At the Foot of the Cross Church, 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. Tyler Williams and Ryan Wilburn preaching. Please join us for a great time in the Lord.

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Stiff (from Front)

Nick Griffin
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman High School announced Tuesday morning that Head Football Coach Danny Stiff is stepping down from his position.

Stiff was hired in January 2023 and in two years as head coach, the Bearcats posted a record of 10-12, falling in the first round of the 6A state playoffs in both seasons.

Cullman City Schools shared the following statement regarding Stiff's departure,

"Cullman High School announces Danny Stiff has stepped down as varsity head football coach.

"Over the past two years, Coach Stiff has played an essential role in our football program, demonstrating dedication and commitment to our student-athletes.

We appreciate everything Coach Stiff has done for both the student-athletes and the football program during his tenure. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

To ensure a smooth transition, Principal Mrs. Allison Tuggle and Athletic Director Coach Mike Dean will begin the process of identifying the next head coach for Cullman High School immediately.

We are committed to finding a leader who will build on our strong foundation and foster success for our student-athletes both on and off the field.

"The school anticipates making a recommendation for the new head coach by February or early March, and we will provide further updates as the process progresses."

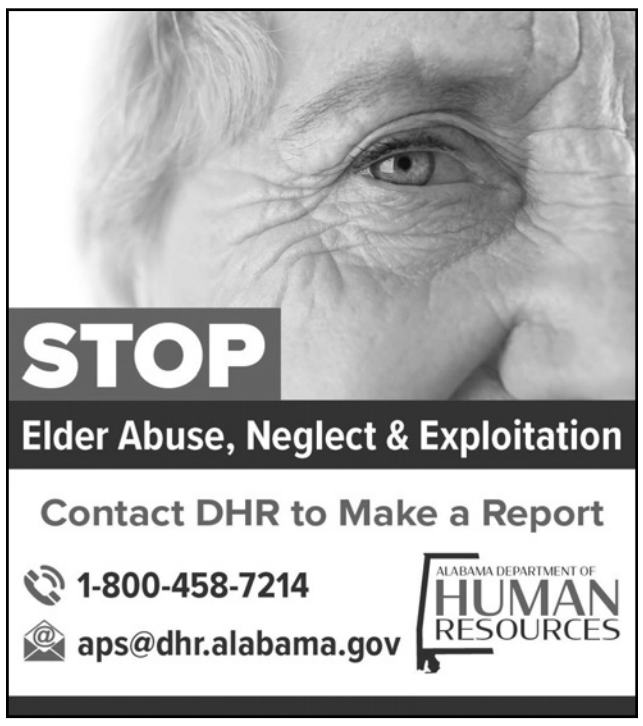
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Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by those certain mortgage executed by **AMY SIGOUIN** to **WALKER BROTHERS, LTD.**, dated the 12th day of July, 2006, recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 1480, Page 824, which default continues;

The undersigned Michael J. Baggett, as Attorney for Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama on the 7th day of February, 2025, between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama:

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Pamela Marie Stead as the Administrator of the Estate of Anna M. Maddox, deceased, on the 14th day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

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

Pamela Marie Stead
Administrator of the Estate of
Anna M. Maddox, deceased

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

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No. 1 Auburn blasts No. 15 Mississippi State 88-66

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Even without All-American Johni Broome, No. 1 Auburn looked every bit like the nation's top-ranked team, hammering No. 15 Mississippi State 88-66 Tuesday at sold-out Neville Arena, the Tigers' ninth straight victory.

"You can't be anything but impressed," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "The crowd was amazing. Our guys felt the energy in the building."

Chad Baker-Mazara led Auburn with 20 points while Chaney Johnson scored 17 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked four shots in his first start of the season.

"That was an amazing feeling," Johnson said. "I'm grateful. We feed off The Jungle (student section); it gives us energy and allows us to lock in and be more focused."

Denver Jones scored 13 points and had three assists with no turnovers. Tahaad Pettiford added 12 points.

"Denver Jones continues to amaze me for a combo guard playing point," Pearl said.

"He's done an incredible job. To not turn the ball over, against a team that forces as many turnovers as Mississippi State does."

Auburn played exceptional defense, holding the Bulldogs to three 3-pointers on 24 attempts (12.5 percent) and forcing 15 combined errant shots from Mississippi State leaders Josh Hubbard and Cameron Matthews before their first bucket with 8:09 left in the game.

"At halftime, when those two are 0 for 11, that's not the recipe for success," Mississippi State coach Chris Jans said.

"They did an excellent job on both of those guys."

"Our first-shot defense was elite tonight," Pearl said. "Chaney, Dylan and Denver are elite defenders.

"That starting five is as good a defensive unit as you can put on the floor. They locked in and bought in."

The Tigers made 11 steals and blocked 10 shots while limiting Mississippi State to five assists against 16 turnovers.

"Chaney and Dylan (Cardwell), their ability to stay down, be second off the floor, blocked all those shots, really worked hard at defending without fouling," Pearl said.

"That was the difference in the game."

In Broome's absence, Miles Kelly picked up the rebounding slack, recording a double-double with a game-high 10 rebounds and 13 points.

"It was a huge emphasis," Kelly said. "I took it upon myself to stick my nose in there and go get some of those boards. I knew it was needed for this game."

Leading by 19 at the half, Pettiford made a steal and drove for a Jungle-jolting windmill slam, the beginning of nine consecutive Auburn points by the freshman, who led the Tigers with four steals.

The Bulldogs cut Auburn's 26-point lead in half with 5:18 to play before the Tigers regained momentum with a 15-2 run.

Baker-Mazara set the tone early, scoring eight straight points including a pair of 3-pointers to give Auburn a 10-0 lead, forcing an Ole Miss timeout after 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

Pettiford beat the shot clock by banking in a 3-pointer to put Auburn ahead 17-9.

After State pulled within three, Auburn used a 7-0 run to lead by double digits after Johnson's blocked shot led to Kelly's 3-pointer.

Jones and Johnson followed with 3-pointers in a 13-1 run that put the Tigers on top by 15.

Dylan Cardwell passed to a cutting Johnson for a baseline slam that brought Broome to his feet on the Auburn bench.

Baker-Mazara ended the half with his third 3-pointer to give Auburn a 48-27 halftime lead.

Auburn (16-1, 4-0) returns to the road Saturday in Athens, Georgia, tipping off at noon against the Bulldogs on SEC Network and the Auburn Sports Network.

"Let's get to the next one and see if we can keep getting better," Pearl said.



ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

Chaney Johnson posted 17 points, eight rebounds and four shots in his first start of the season against Mississippi State Tuesday night.

No. 4 Alabama falls to No. 21 Ole Miss for 1st conference loss

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 4/5 Alabama men's basketball team fell to No. 21/21 Ole Miss Tuesday night, 74-64, inside Coleman Coliseum. The Crimson Tide held a four-point lead at halftime (36-32) but was outscored 42-28 over the final 20 minutes to result in the first home loss.

Alabama (14-3, 3-1 SEC) had a pair of players in double figures, including Aden Holloway (15) who led a 31-point effort from the bench, and Mark Sears (11).

The Rebels (15-2, 4-0 SEC) were led by Malik Dia with 23 points and 19 rebounds.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"Obviously not one of our better showings, I have to give Ole Miss credit. They came ready on the road and we did not come ready. I've got to figure out how to do a better job making sure our guys are ready to go. Our first 10 possessions, we had seven turnovers. We've had some issues with turnovers throughout the year, this defense turns people over and we didn't have our guys ready to go. Maybe the most disappointing thing throughout the night was our lack of effort on the offensive glass. Our guys didn't realize that's what's been keeping our offense going. Our offense hasn't been great this year, but our offensive rebounding rate has been saving us in some of these games.

"Ole Miss's defense is very good. Coach (Chris) Beard has always had great defensive teams. Their switching defensively definitely messed with us. As a staff, I thought we had our guys ready to go, we obviously did not; we have to do a better job. For the few times we were able to make them pay, we stayed super stagnant. We only had 11 assists to 21 turnovers. Defensively, we had some mistakes and should've been better, but we lost this game on the offensive end. We lost the game with our turnovers, our lack of effort on the offensive glass, guys that we count on to get offensive rebounds came through with nothing for us tonight. We got to do a better job making sure our guys, mentally, are ready to go and understand how tough these games are every night in the SEC."

Team stats

- The Rebels had 23 more shots on the night than the Crimson Tide (70-47)
- UA had 21 turnovers compared to just seven committed by Ole Miss, helping the Rebels own a 19-10 edge in points off turnovers
- Alabama's bench totaled 31 points, led by Aden Holloway's 15
- Nate Oats' squad scored nearly half of its points in the paint (30), connecting on just five three pointers in the loss
- The Crimson Tide shot 20-47 (43 percent) from the field and 5-20 (25 percent) from three and 19-26 at the charity stripe

First half

- Alabama struggled to find success early on, committing five turnovers in just over three minutes of action
- Points came at a premium to start the matchup as well, with both teams combining for just six points at the first media timeout
- After allowing a small lead by the Rebels, the Crimson Tide fired back with an 9-0 run to retake the lead, featuring a pair of corner threes by Chris Youngblood (15-10)
- Alabama cooled off after the big run, however, going scoreless for nearly two minutes and allowing Ole Miss to tie the game back up at the third media timeout of the half
- Following the break, both teams traded baskets for the remainder of the first period, but the Crimson Tide remained ahead (36-32)
- Aden Holloway led the team in scoring with nine points at the half
- Alabama's defensive effort in the first half caused a 14-40 shooting performance from the field by the Rebels
- The Crimson Tide bench accounted for 21 points in the half, outscoring the 15 points put up by the starting group

Second half

- Alabama struggled offensively to open the second half, scoring just four points in four minutes, meanwhile Ole Miss retook the lead at the first media timeout (41-40)
- Following the break, the Crimson Tide scored just one field goal in five minutes, meanwhile the Rebels' lead bloomed to double digits at the nine-minute mark at 56-46
- After a timeout by Ole Miss, Alabama was able to cut the lead down to a five-point margin with 7:47 to go in the half (56-51)
- However, the momentum was cut short after the Rebels went on a 5-0 run to push the lead back to double digits once again just before the final media timeout
- Despite Alabama's efforts to cut the lead down, Ole Miss sank its final eight foul shots to secure the victory

Up next

- Alabama will close out the week on the road to face No.8/9 Kentucky on Saturday at Rupp Arena
- Tipoff is set for 11 a.m. and will be televised on ESPN.



UA ATHLETICS

The Crimson Tide dropped their first SEC game to Ole Miss 74-64 at Coleman Coliseum Tuesday night.



Good Hope Council renews AirEvac membership, approves severe weather preparedness sales tax holiday

Nick Griffin
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its first meeting of 2025 at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and they had several new business items to discuss. After hearing reports from council members, the council approved a recommendation from the City's Alcohol Review Committee for a new alcohol license for Good Hope Grocery.

Alcohol Review Committee letter

"The Alcohol Review Committee held a public hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm, to review Good Hope Grocery, Inc. retail liquor (package store), off premise beer and wine license application. The application was approved. The ARC would like to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council of the City of Good Hope to approve the license and submit an approval letter to ABC."

The council also passed a resolution and a pair of new ordinances, starting with a resolution to renew its municipal membership with AirMedCare for AirEvac services at an annual cost of $9,424.00. Any individual who resides within the boundaries of City of Good Hope when transported for medical necessity by AirEvac Lifeteam (or any AirMedCare Network Provider) will be covered under the standard terms and conditions for an AirMedCare Network membership.

Transport must be from a pickup location in Cullman County and if the covered individual transported is uninsured at the time of transport, AirEvac Lifeteam will bill the covered individual at the "Medicare Allowable Rate" for the transport.

Resolution No. 001-2025: Municipal Site Plan with Air Evac

"WHEREAS, City of Good Hope has authority to expend certain funds, specifically alcohol funds at will; and

WHEREAS, Good Hope does desire benefits for the citizens inside its city limits;

And

WHEREFORE, Air Evac is submitting a municipal site plan for the citizens of the City of Good Hope

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Good Hope is hereby authorized to execute the Municipal Site Plan already in place, as voted upon in a regular meeting of the city council on Monday, January 26, 2016. Said Municipal Site Plan will be paid for out of alcohol funds and terms and conditions of agreement are made a part of this resolution upon execution."

Up next was an ordinance that approved a maintenance bond for work on the Mize Meadows subdivision being built.

Ordinance No. 002-2025: Accepting Maintenance Bond for Mize Meadows Subdivision Phase 1

"WHEREAS, the Public Works department has inspected and approved roadways in Mize Meadows Subdivision Phase 1 for compliance with the City's roadway and subdivision requirements and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the roadway and public improvements be bonded by Woodward Construction & Design, Inc. as principal and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as surety, of Mize Meadows Subdivision Phase 1, and hereby are accepted for maintenance purposes for one year and attached bond becomes a part of this ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, while in regular session on the 16th day of December 2024 at 6:30 p.m., as follows:

SECTION 1. That roadways and public improvements in Mize Meadows Subdivision Phase 1 are hereby accepted for one year for maintenance purposes.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and posting."

Before adjourning for the night, the council passed an ordinance to approve a "Severe Weather Preparedness" Sales Tax Holiday during the last full weekend of February.

Ordinance No. 003-2025: "Severe Weather Preparedness" Sales Tax Holiday

"An ordinance of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to exempt certain "covered items" from the municipal sales and use tax during the last full weekend of February, as authorized by 40-23-230 through 40- 23-233, Code of Alabama 1975, generally referred to as the state severe weather preparedness sales tax holiday.

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions in 40-23-230 through 40-23-233, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Good Hope, Alabama, exempts "covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the fourth Friday in February and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday. The time period for this ordinance is set to expire in October 31, 2025.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by 40-23-230 through 40-23-233, Code of Alabama 1975, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and to forward said ce11ified copy to the Alabama Depm1ment of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Depm1ment website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on its passage and publication as required by law."

Signups for Good Hope's upcoming parks & rec baseball season are also underway and registration will be open until Feb. 21. You can sign up online at https://goodhope.recdesk.com/Community/Program

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Jan. 27 at Good Hope City Hall at 6:30 p.m.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's City Council held its first meeting of 2025 at Good Hope City Hall Monday night.

$68K in scholarships provided to Wallace State students

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently announced it received $68,0000 provided by the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association (AAMA) and the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) for scholarships for students who want to pursue a technical education or associate degree in the automotive manufacturing industry. The scholarship program is designed to build interest in the exciting and rewarding careers the automotive industry offers.

"These scholarships represent a significant investment in the future of our students and the automotive manufacturing industry," said Jerry Murks, dean of applied technologies at Wallace State.

"We are proud to partner with AAMA and ACCS to provide our students with the resources they need to succeed in high-demand technical fields, and we are confident they will make meaningful contributions to this vital industry."

Seventeen Wallace State student will receive $4,000 each, which will cover tuition, fees and books associated with the approved programs of study in the 2025 fiscal year (spring, summer and fall 2025).

The approved programs of study include Mechatronics, Automated Manufacturing Technology, Industrial Electronics Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Manufacturing Technology, Machining/Machine Tool/CNC, Automotive Service Technology, Engineering Technology, Robotic Welding Technology and Advanced Manufacturing Technology.

Wallace State students receiving an AAMA Scholarship and their program of study include:

- Ryan Parker Davis, Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Johnny Felipe Domingo, Hanceville, Mechatronics
- Chance Xavier Hamby, Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Zoe Nicole Holcomb, Robotic Welding Technology
- Chaden Isom Hill, Mechatronics
- Blake Parker Kelley, Mechatronics
- Thomas Eldon Lane, Mechatronics
- Randall Malik Lewis, Mechatronics
- Hunter Wesley Matthews, Industrial Electronics Technology
- William Justin McCullough, Mechatronics
- Luis Daniel Mendez Mendoza, Mechatronics
- Alex Moreno, Industrial Electronics Technology
- Kenyon Orion Nappier, Industrial Electronics Technology
- Joshua Campbell Quigley, Automated Manufacturing Technology
- Sinaca Laparris Stinson, Machining/Machine Tool/CNC
- Kedrick Tamauze Carmichael, Machining/Machine Tool/CNC
- Crimson Gage Wright, Engineering Technology

Local students named to SNHU fall 2024 President's, Dean's Lists

Siobhan Lopez
Southern New Hampshire University

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2024 President's List.

- David Lindsey of Falkville
- Sue Harris of Vinemont
- Amber Scarvey of Cullman
- Christopher Sharp of Cullman
- Corey Griffin of Cullman
- Christopher Hulsey of Arab
- Kayla McCown of Arab

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

SNHU congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2024 Dean's List.

- Dylan McClure of Cullman

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Jax State announces fall 2024 President's, Dean's Lists

Josh Underwood
Jacksonville State University

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — More than 1,200 students were named to the President's List at Jacksonville State University for their outstanding academic performance in Fall 2024. To be named to the President's List, students must earn a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 hours of GPA course credit.

Area students include:

- Breanna Ballew of Arab
- Drake Bannister of Arab
- Chloe Thompson of Cullman
- Rudi Barnette of Cullman
- Kolton Guthrie of Cullman
- Allie Sartin of Cullman
- Cameron Kretzschmar of Cullman
- Elijah Loyd of Cullman
- Ryan Fannell of Cullman
- Della Hand of Vinemont
- Mckenzie Burden of Vinemont
- Kinley Coots of Falkville
- Heather Sharpe of Falkville

More than 1,400 students have been named to the Dean's List for their outstanding academic performance at Jacksonville State University in fall 2024. To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.5-3.99 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 GPA hours of course credit.

Area students include:

- Josie Puccio of Arab
- Emma Hinote of Arab
- Callie Kirkland of Arab
- Alexia Baughman of Arab
- Haleigh Little of Arab
- Gracie Hopkins of Arab
- Billy Atchley of Arab
- James Thompson of Bremen
- Elizabeth Melvin of Cullman
- Lilly Hudson of Cullman
- Nathan Zills of Cullman
- Benjamin Shedd of Cullman
- Robert Pitts of Holly Pond
- Kennedy Byer of Joppa

About Jacksonville State University

Founded in 1883 as a state teachers college, Jacksonville State University has grown from humble beginnings into the Alabama regional university with the highest percentage of accredited programs. Located in the Appalachian foothills midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, Jax State offers more than 150 courses of study, including over 40 online programs, at the undergraduate and graduate level. To learn more, visit www.jsu.edu, call 1-800-231-JAX1 or e-mail jaxfacts@jsu.edu.

Goyer, Ridgeway named to Samford University Cumberland School of Law Dean's List

Zac Fuller
Cumberland School of Law

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Samford University's Cumberland School of Law named 150 students to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

Cumberland School of Law recognizes excellence in academic achievement each semester by publishing a Dean's List. Included on the list are students whose end-of-semester GPA is 3.3 or higher.

Local students include:

- Synclair Goyer, Bremen, AL
- Tanner Ridgeway, Arab, AL

About Samford University

Samford is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. The Wall Street Journal ranks Samford 1st nationally for student engagement and U.S. News & World Report ranks Samford 37th in the country for best undergraduate teaching and 97th nationally for best value. Samford enrolls 5,758 students from 48 states and 22 countries in its 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Samford fields 17 athletic teams that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference, and ranks 3rd nationally for its Graduation Success Rate among all NCAA Division I schools.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Michael Motherway, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpointe Bank, its successors and assigns dated May 20, 2020; said mortgage being recorded on July 13, 2020 in Deed Book 1920, Page 143, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2107, Page 744, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on February 6, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 11 South, Range 5 West, and run thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 1016.47 feet to the Point of Beginning of tract herein described; thence run North 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds East 167.64 feet to a point on the West right of way line of County Road 222; thence along said right of way line run South 37 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds West, 566.40 feet; thence run South 45 degrees 14 minutes 02 seconds West, 136.81 feet; thence South 65 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds West, 72.04 feet; thence leaving said right of way line run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 58 seconds East, 575.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **15964 County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate
survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to
Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse
against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

24-06523AL The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S.
Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 15, 2010 by Kelly L. Steele, unmarried, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1623, Page 447 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 February 7, 2024:

A tract or parcel of land containing 3.01 acres of land, more or less, and being part of the NE ¼, of the SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 9 South, Rage 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being mort particularly described as follows: Commence at a found rock marking the accepted Southwest comer of said quarter-quarter and run N 00 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds W and run along the accepted West line a distance of 647.43 feet to a found capped rebar; thence run N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 558.33 feet to a found rebar marking the point of beginning thence continue N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 209.91 feet to a found rebar; thence N 85 degrees 11 minutes 48 seconds E a distance of 574.47 feet to a set rebar on the East line of said quarter-quarter; thence N 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds E and run along said East line a distance of 173.81 feet to a set rebar; thence S 73 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds W a distance of 183.37 feet to a set rebar; thence S 83 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds W a distance of 66.04 feet to a set rebar; thence N 88 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds W a distance of 72.52 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds W a distance of 271.80 feet to a set rebar; thence N 87 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds W a distance of 209.43 feet to a set rebar; thence S 03 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds E a distance of 206.51 feet to the point of beginning. Less and except all that part of the above described property that is within the right-of-way of Cullman County Road No. 1194. Subject to any right-of-way and/or easements of record.

Together with a permanent, non-exclusive easement for unlimited and full access, ingress and egress, Said easement runs along and existing gravel road and is described as follows: A tract or parcel of land containing 0.45 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the NE ¼, of the SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found rock marking the accepted Southwest corner of the said quarter-quarter and run N 00 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds W and run along the accepted West line a distance of 647.43 feet to a found capped rebar; thence run N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 558.33 to a found rebar marking the point of beginning, thence continue N 86 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds E a distance of 209.31 feet to a found rebar; thence N 85 degrees 11 minutes 48 seconds E a distance of 574.47 feet to a set rebar on the East line of Said quarter-quarter; thence N 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds E and run along said East line a distance of 173.81 feet to a set rebar marking the point of beginning; thence S 73 degrees 09 minutes 19 seconds W a distance of 183.37 feet to a set rebar; thence S 83 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds W a distance of 66.04 feet to a set rebar; thence N 88 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds W a distance of 72.52 feet to a set rebar; thence N 84 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds W a distance of 271.80 feet to a set rebar; thence N 88 degrees 53 seconds W a distance of 209.43 feet to a set rebar; thence N 03 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds W a distance of 20.07 feet to a found rebar; thence S 88 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds E a distance of 211.05 feet to a found rebar in the center of a ditch; thence run in an easterly direction following the center of said ditch the following 5 courses: S 88 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds E 118.93 feet; S 81 degrees 16 minutes 58 seconds E 162.64 feet; S 88 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds E 61.91 feet; N 83 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds E 62.53 feet; N 70 degrees 59 minutes 16 seconds E 91.91 feet; N 66 degrees 51 minutes 41 seconds E 101.17 feet to a set rebar on the East line of said quarter-quarter; thence S 00 degrees 02 minutes 12 seconds W a distance of 36.19 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights of-way and/or easements of records. lt is agreed and understood that the Grantees shall have the right to use the easement granted and conveyed hereby for roadway purposes, for utility lines and unlimited and full access, and for ingress and egress purposes. This easement shall constitute a covenant running with the land and shall insure to the benefit of the Grantees, their heirs, successors and assigns, as well as the tenants, servants, visitors, licensees, invitees and guests of the Grantees, their heirs, successors and assigns.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
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Agriplex (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex is opening its doors to the community on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1-3 p.m. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to visit the property to discover the past, present and future of all things related to agriculture. There is no registration and the event is free. Just stop in and say hello!

The open house is designed for everyone who wants to know more about:

- This year's programming
- Volunteer opportunities with the Agriplex
- Agriplex animals; gain insight on raising backyard goats, chickens, rabbits, worms or vinegaroons
- Agriplex apiaries and visit our beekeeper

It will also include information on surrounding plant life and operational systems including irrigation, rainwater collection and solar panels, to name a few.

Attendees can participate in a garden make n' take activity, visit Peinhardt Farm's Red Hill Schoolhouse and learn about the Agriplex construction project.

The North Alabama Agriplex's mission statement is "Preserving Agricultural Heritage, Educating and Feeding Our Neighbors Growing a Sustainable Future."

We invite you to join us to find out what that means to us.

For more information, contact Rachel Dawsey at cullmanag@gmail.com or 256-297-1044. Check on Facebook for weather cancellations.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Talley Ho St. Cullman, AL 35055.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 1718 Meadowbrook Drive SE – variance request for garage

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jerry Finley Husband And Victoria Finley Wife to Jim Walter Home, Inc. dated September 28, 2001; said mortgage being recorded on November 6, 2001, in Book 1214, Page 136 in and re-recorded in Book 1210, Page 42 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to First Union Bank, as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust XI by assignment recorded in Deed Book 333, Page 171 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust XI, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 6th day of February, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 786.92' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 150.00'; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 00'00"E, 320.00'; THENCE RUN N 86 DEGREES 44'23"W, 150.00'; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 00'00"E, 320.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT CONTAINS 1.1 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND LIES IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ALSO, A 30' ACCESS EASEMENT, 15' EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, A(N) 1/2" IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 786.92'; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 00'00"W, 320.00'; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 37.92' TO THE POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 57 DEGREES 49'41"W, 166.27; THENCE RUN S 59 DEGREES 11'33"E, 391.93.; THENCE RUN S 66 DEGREES 34'41"E 82.63'; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 38'34"E, 239.96' TO THE POINT OF ENDING IN THE ROAD EASEMENT ACQUIRED BY JOSEPH A. CHAPMAN BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 301, PAGE 827, IN SAID COUNTY.

ALSO, A 30' ACCESS EASEMENT, 30' NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 786.92'; THENCE RUN S 0 DEGREES 00'00"E, 320.0' THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 150.0' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 400' TO THE POINT OF ENDING IN THE ROAD EASEMENT ACQUIRED BY JOSEPH A. CHAPMAN BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 301, PAGE 827, IN SAID COUNTY.

Said property is commonly known as 501 County Rd 588, Hanceville, AL 35077.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Be Ready When the Luck Happens' by Ina Garten

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The Barefoot Contessa (Ina Garten) is the author of 13 bestselling cookbooks, a beloved Food Network personality, an Instagram sensation and a cultural icon. She shares her personal story in her memoir, "Be Ready When the Luck Happens."

Ina survived an difficult childhood. She was physically and psychologically abused by her father. Her mother was cold and aloof. Her father told her she would never succeed at anything. Boy, did she prove him wrong.

After marrying the love of her life, Jeffrey, while she was still in college, she had a government job writing the nuclear energy budget and policy papers under President Gerald Ford and President Jimmy Carter. Looking for something she could be passionate about, she made a low offer to buy a specialty food store (The Barefoot Contessa) in the Hamptons. Ina had no training in the food industry. She had to learn "on the job." While she feels she was lucky, it was actually her hard work and determination that led to her success.

For a time, Jeffrey and Ina were separated while Ina figured out how to be a successful woman and wife during the 60s and 70s (a time when the goal for women was to marry well). Eventually, they were able work through their issues and have been married over 50 years.

In 1999, after 20 years of hard work of running a specialty food store and catering huge parties, she became dissatisfied. She sold her business and floundered for a while. A friend suggested she write a cookbook. "The Barefoot Contessa" cookbook exceeded everyone's expectations. The cookbook sold over 100,000 copies the first year, immediately requiring second and third printings. Ina insisted on being in control of the book's format. She insisted on large color photographs for every recipe, which was very unusual at the time. In the past, cookbooks were boring black and white recipes with no photographs at all. She chose simple but elegant recipes with lots of simple instructions. After much persuasion, Ina agreed to a deal with The Food Network to record 13 episodes of "The Barefoot Contessa." It was amazingly successful and she agreed to a three-year contract. She also had a line of packaged cake mixes, marinades, sauces and preserves.

Ina has received many awards for her work. In 2005 she was nominated for a Daytime Emmy for Best Service Show. In 2009, the show and Garten were once again nominated for Daytime Emmy Awards in the categories of Best Culinary Program and Best Culinary Host. Garten won her first Emmy in the latter category. She was selected for the inaugural 2021 Forbes 50 over 50 list, made up of entrepreneurs, leaders, scientists and creators who are over the age of 50. She has written articles for Martha Stewart Living and O, The Oprah Magazine.

One area of the memoir did not ring true to me. Throughout the book Ina writes about being very poor and always being short on funds. Both Ina and her husband Jeffrey came from wealthy families and went to the finest schools. Ina dabbled in "flipping houses" in Washington, D.C. and they had an apartment on Fifth Avenue in New York, City. Later in life, when Jeffrey was employed in Japan, they traveled monthly and sometimes weekly first class to Japan. When Ina bought a house in Paris, she traveled to first class to Paris weekly to oversee the remodel. Not my idea of poor.

I like Ina Garten. I have enjoyed her cooking shows. She always makes dazzling food look simple to make. Her catch phrase is "How easy was that?" I listened to the audio version of the memoir to hear her tell her story. She certainly is a lot bolder than I am. I do admire her determination and work ethic. I think adage "the harder I work, the luckier I am" definitely applies to Ina Garten!

"Ina Garten is a New York Times bestselling author, the host of Be My Guest on Discovery+, and host of Barefoot Contessa on Food Network, for which she has won five Emmy Awards and a James Beard Award. She lives in East Hampton, New York, with her husband, Jeffrey." (Penguin Random House)

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.



Obituary Announcements: Jan. 14-15

Coy T. Jones, 83
Funeral service for Coy T. Jones, age 83, of Vinemont, is Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Tim Aris officiating. Visitation will be held from noon-2 p.m. at the chapel and interment will be at Crossroads Cemetery in West Point. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Jones was born on May 29, 1941, to Alvah Duncan Jones and Adry Morton Jones. He passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Woodland Village Nursing Home, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers and sisters; the mother of his children, Patricia Jones. He is survived by his wife of twenty-eight years, Anita Reese Jones; sons, Jerome Jones (Jennifer), Coy Timothy Jones, Samuel Paul Jones (Melinda), Derrick Hutson (C.J.); daughter, Sandra Ann Green (Mark); grandchildren, Brandon Jones, Tasha Sargent (P.J.), Nathaniel Green, Felicia Dunnam (Jake), Ian Jones, Hayden Coy Jones, Sheridan Jones, Mackenzie Hudson, Reese Hudson, Cheyenne Vest, James Hale; nine great-grandchildren and two more on the way; a host of nieces and nephews, friends and family. Serving as pallbearers are Coy's sons and grandsons: Paul Jones, Tim Jones, Derrick Hutson, Ian Jones, Brandon Jones, Hayden Jones, and honorary pallbearer, Jerome Jones. Family remembers Coy as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He had many hobbies like fishing, woodworking, especially cabinet making, playing bass in the gospel group he was a part of, singing, and spending time with his family and friends. He treasured his time with his best friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ogles, whom he was very close with. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Robert Henry Whitworth, 95
Robert Henry Whitworth aged 95 years, of Huntsville, Alabama (formerly of Birmingham, Florence, and Enterprise, Alabama), passed into Glory at his home surrounded by family on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. Robert was born in Eva, Alabama, on Oct. 10, 1929, to Thomas Jackson Whitworth and Lela Buckelew Whitworth, the youngest of five children. Growing up in Eva, he worked on his Daddy's farm with his three brothers and sister. He moved his family to Birmingham, Alabama, in the 1950s, where he worked for Foremost Dairies and attended night school where he studied refrigeration and engineering related courses. He worked for Hormel for a brief period while still in Birmingham. In 1964, they moved to Florence, AL, living there for 10 years where he worked as a maintenance engineer for Jessie Jewel, Bama Meats and Green Giant. In 1974 the family moved to Enterprise, Alabama, where Robert rose to the position of Plant Engineer at the ConAgra poultry plant. During his time at ConAgra, he expanded and redesigned the plant, streamlining the existing chicken processing procedures to be more efficient and productive. Despite his many outstanding and innovative achievements, when asked what he did he humbly referred to himself as the Head Chicken Plucker. He retired from ConAgra Poultry in 1991. After 38 years in Enterprise, he moved to Huntsville, Alabama, in 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife of 43 years, Evelyn Fowler Whitworth, brothers Sam, Odis and James and sister Velma Freeman. He is survived by his three daughters, Linda Dale Ellis, Huntsville, Alabama, Patricia Jean Lauro, Killen, AL, and Shelia (Tim) Noel, Huntsville, Alabama; five grandchildren, Kimberlei Key, Robert Allen (Danielle Cameron), Randall Allen (Lesleigh), Denny Ellis, Jr., and Wesley Ellis (Lisa Gray), two step granddaughters, Pam Godboldt and Jennifer Godboldt, 17 great grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Service will be on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, Cullman, AL, with the Reverend Victor Massey, pastor, of Life Church Huntsville, AL, officiating. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. with service following at 12 p.m. Burial will be at Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Eva, Alabama. Serving as Pall Bearers will be grandsons Robert Allen, Randall Allen and Wesley Ellis, great grandsons Tristan Allen, Michael Gray and Atticus Ellis. Honorary Pall Bearer will be great grandson Balian Allen.

John Edward Lancaster, 72
Memorial service for John Edward Lancaster, 72, of Addison is incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Lancaster passed away Jan. 14, 2025, at CRMC. He was born Jan. 5, 1953, to Clyde Lancaster and Shirley Ward Lancaster. He was a truck driver. He was preceded in death by his father; brothers, Larry Lancaster, Gary Lancaster; sisters, Ann Burden, Rhonda Brown. Survivors include his mother, Shirley Sudduth; step-father, Coy Sudduth; son, Johnie Lancaster; daughter, Lucretia (Billy Harville) Lancaster; grandchildren, Caitlin Bolinger, G.T. Bolinger, Luke (Taylor) Bolinger, Elsie Lancaster; great-grandchildren, Khy Webb, Merritt Bolinger, Armonii Phillips; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Daryl O. Lien, 91
Daryl Lien, 91, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Jan. 3, 2025. Mr. Lien served his nation honorably, and per his request, will be laid to rest alongside his wife in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to have cared for Mr. Lien.

Geraldine Duke Freeman, 87
Born in Oak Level, Alabama, on Nov. 9, 1937. Died Jan. 14, 2025, at the age of 87. Jerry is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Thomas "Jack" Freeman, mother and father, Altie and Clifford Duke, brother, Buddy Duke, and sister, Louise Drummond. She is survived by her children: Ricky (Debra) Freeman, Vicki (Ron) Akers, brother, Horace Duke, and sister-in-law, Elsie Garmon, grandchildren: Hollie (Patrick) Taylor, Britt Akers, Brad (Lana) Freeman, and Andrea (Jason) Allen, ten great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Jerry was born in the Oak Level community of Cullman County, Alabama, and grew up in the Welti community. She graduated from Holly Pond High School in 1954. She married Jack Freeman on April 2, 1955. Jerry raised two children as a working mother. She was employed at the King Edward Cigar Plant in Cullman, Alabama, soon after its opening in 1955 until the plant finally closed in 1982. She then worked various jobs, and her last employer was Dunn Right Taxes, before retiring at the age of 78. After retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her family. Jerry attended Oak Level Church for many years and loved her church and church family. Pallbearers are Brad Freeman, Zander Freeman, Kort Freeman, Anthony Mullett, Cody McGriff, and Brody Harris. Services will be held at Oak Level Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 19. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the church with the funeral starting at 2 p.m. Ms. Freeman's obituary was provided by her family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Freeman family.

Martin Joseph 'Joe' Young, 87
Martin Joseph "Joe" Young, a beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at the age of 87 in Roswell, Georgia. Born on May 13, 1937, in Cullman, Alabama, to the late Martin Henry Young and Gertrude Berrens Young, Joe dedicated his life to his family, work and his hobbies (farmer, scratch golfer, handyman, and fisherman). A proud graduate of St. Bernard Preparatory School, Joe went on to earn a bachelor's degree and pursued a fulfilling career as a chemist. He began his career at FDA where he met his future wife, Edna Elizabeth Roquemore Young, who preceded him in death. After commercial experience with Zep and in business for himself, Joe finished his career back in government at the EPA. In addition to Joe's parent's and wife, he was preceded in death by sister, Mary Young Adams; brothers, William Henry Young, James Robert Young, Bernard A. Young. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and James Donovan, and son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Kathy Young. He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren: Emily McCoy, Wesley Young, William Young, Spencer Donovan, and Ryan Donovan. Joe's compassionate spirit and "always willing to helping" demeanor will be sorely missed by all who knew him. A visitation will be held in Joe's honor at Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel on Jan. 17, 2025, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. A family graveside service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. (central time) at Cullman City Cemetery in Cullman, Alabama. Friends and family are invited to gather to celebrate Martin's life, share memories, and find comfort in the presence of those who cherished him. In this time of mourning, we remember a man who lived for his family and embraced life with kindness. May he rest in peace, knowing he touched the hearts of many. On-line condolences may be expressed at www.crowellbrothers.com. Arrangements entrusted to Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes & Crematory, 5051 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. 770-448-5757.

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Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things to host Mother/ Daughter Valentine's Day Craft Party Jan. 21

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things is hosting its Mother/Daughter Valentine's Day Craft Party on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 5-7 p.m. at Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things. This special event promises an evening of crafts, delicious snacks, in-store discounts and Valentine-themed giveaways.

Attendees will be able to craft a charming heart block home décor project, guided step by step by Emily Bussman from Sips N Strokes Cullman.

The craft suits all ages, making it perfect for mothers, daughters, grandmothers and friends.

"My daughters and I have always enjoyed doing crafts and paint projects together, so I thought it would be nice to have a night where ladies, young and old, could gather together to do something creative and fun for Valentine's Day," shared Lindsey Blackwood, owner of Gypsy Soul.

In addition to the crafting activity, guests will enjoy a selection of snacks, including goods from Bailey's Breads, a charcuterie board, chocolates, sweet tea, lemonade and water.

Guests will also receive a 20% storewide discount on all Gypsy Soul items and have the opportunity to purchase custom hats created by Savannah with Collier Custom Hats.

The evening will feature a Valentine-themed giveaway with prizes from local businesses, and each attendee will leave with a complimentary gift along with her handmade craft.

The cost to attend is $20 per person, which includes all craft supplies and the evening's activities.

Registration is required. Participants can register by emailing info@gypsysoulantique.com with the code "VDAY" and the names of attendees or by sending a message through the Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things Facebook page.

Once registered, participants will receive instructions for purchasing their event tickets.

"'The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.' This movie line is one of my favorites, but it encompasses what this evening is about," Blackwood shared. "We want women to know how much they are valued and loved by God, and we want the next generation of young women to know this truth as well. Our goal is to have a space for creativity, fun and great memories that remind us how powerful love truly is in our lives."

For more information about the event, email info@gypsysoulantique.com or visit the Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things Facebook page. Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things is located at 218 First Ave. SE, Cullman, Alabama.

Ida-Mae (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week is Ida-Mae. This loving bulldog is approximately 2.5 years old, and she truly is a quiet girl who is grateful for all she receives.

Ida-Mae has medium energy but is extremely calm in her kennel. She is always up for an adventure, which makes this sweet bulldog perfect for hiking, walking and just being a loving snuggle pup! While she may have a slim build, she has an appetite and is slowly putting on weight. She's a lovely dog with a beautiful attitude toward life. Her adoption fee is $130, which includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you come to the shelter and she's already gone she asked you take a look around at all her friends, both feline and canine, who are searching for their forever homes. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Citizens (from Front)

each scored the essay entries separately. After the scores were averaged only one point separated the winner from the runner-up entries. The Essay contest winner was Adriana Nicole Young from Cold Springs High School. She was asked to read her essay to the group.

DAR is a service-based organization open to any woman 19 years old and older who can prove her lineal descent from an ancestor who aided in the American Revolution. The objectives of DAR are historic preservation, education and patriotism. For more information, text Athelia Gibbs, registrar, 256-502-2040, or email the chapter at drippingsprings.dar@gmail.com.

Cullman Council (from Front)

tor Amber Thornton, who attended Monday's meeting, "She has very methodically gone through the steps of making things like this happen in a positive way . . . I think she's going to pull this off. I really do."

The council also approved resolutions to:

• Enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to maintain a sidewalk along Alabama Highway 157 near the coming Chick-fil-A

• Award the bid for full reclamation on Graham Street to Chilton Contractors, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $218,195.65

• Award the bid for demolition of a derelict structure located at 1509 Bower Dr. SE to Michael's Tree Service, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $18,750

• Award the bid for water materials for the 4th Avenue Southwest project to Ferguson Waterworks, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $113,337.75

• Award the bid for a track type crawler carrier to Cowin Equipment Company, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $149,233

The council gave first readings to an ordinance to annex the property of Darryl Howard on Sharpton Road between Alabama Highway 157 and Lake Catoma as a high-density residential district, and an ordinance to annex property of N31, LLC located on U.S. Highway 31 North in the Noble Ridge area near Alabama Highway 157 as a high-density residential district. No action was taken on the first readings, and the council can vote on the annexations at its next meeting.

The council also voted to appoint:

• Jason Fowler and Edgar Veigl to the Tree Commission

• Parla Walker to the CCCDD Commission

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Report (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Caring for Kids, a child abuse prevention and advocacy organization best known for its very busy food pantry in downtown Cullman, lived through a remarkable year of ups and downs in 2024. On the downside, CCK encountered massive needs across the county; on the upside, the group met needs on a massive scale.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that our mission is not just helping families with food and basic needs, but is the prevention of child abuse and child abuse awareness," said CCK Senior Director Javon Daniel, emphasizing that the food bank is there to alleviate food insecurity, one of the most common contributing factors to household tensions that can explode into violence.

By the numbers

In 2024 CCK:

• Served 10,239 families, 21,979 individuals in those families, 6321 of whom were children under the age of 18

• Processed and distributed 766,671 pounds of food, 359,880 pounds of which were donated. Through financial donations and an agreement with the North Alabama Food Bank, CCK was able to purchase large amounts of food at low cost.

• Took its Mobile Food Bank to Colony, Crane Hill, Baileyton and Wallace State Community College in Hanceville once each month

• Served 183 children involved in legal cases through its Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, with the help of 23 volunteers

The organization has seen tremendous growth in needs over the last few years.

In 2020 CCK served 6,054 families and 11,608 individuals, and processed 490,616 pounds of food.

The CASA program served 93 children in that year, and had a higher number of volunteers to do it.

"We expect to serve more families in 2025," said Daniel, "due to the increase in population and need in the community.

"We hope to increase the number of children in our CASA program and maybe announce some new programs."

Who's helping?

CCK could not do everything it does without substantial community support.

Daniel said, "There are so many that I'm almost afraid to try to list them all. Of course, all of our monetary donors, everyone that donated food, Publix, Walmart store – both stores, Walmart Distribution, Warehouse Grocery – all stores in Cullman, Pepsi, Cullman Lions Club, Merchants Bank, Traditions Bank, Premier Bank, Citizens Bank, Peoples Bank, Cullman County and City Schools, Cullman County and the City of Cullman, and too many more to list.

"We have an amazing board of directors; I can't say enough wonderful things about our staff; Steven Sutter, our director, is awesome.

"We want to thank everyone who has helped make this be a good year at Cullman Caring for Kids.

"Without the community's help we could not help as many folks as we have been able to."

Get involved

CCK works hard to keep its food pantry stocked. The organization can always use monetary donations, and if you're on the way to the grocery store, the pantry's high-volume items regularly include canned beans, canned vegetables, dried beans, cereal and rice. Food donations can be dropped off at CCK's office, 402 Arnold St. NE, #W-1.

To get involved, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com or www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids.