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Cullman City Council releases 1st quarter financial report

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday shared the City's financial report for the first quarter of FY 2025, October through December 2024, noting a slight decrease in revenues but a substantial decrease in expenses. Revenues dropped by $179,201 or 1.2%, while decreased capital spending brought expenses down by $3,045,603, or 18.7%.

City revenues from sales tax, property tax, sanitation charges, business licenses, internet sales tax, beer/wine tax and tobacco tax increased. Revenues from liquor tax, rental tax and court fines decreased.

Council President Jenny Folsom noted that final financial numbers from the 2024 Christkindlmarkt have not come in yet, and are expected to offer a big boost to the revenue totals for December and the first quarter. Those numbers should be available at the council's next meeting. Additionally, City Clerk Wes Moore reported that the first month of 2025 saw an increase in revenues. The report also showed that, as of December, Cullman County's unemployment rate was 2.7%, tied for fourth lowest in the state, and the city's consumer price index was 2.8%.

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

$2K Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship now available for Cullman County seniors



LONI HELMS

A new $2,000 scholarship is now available for a deserving Cullman County high school senior on behalf of the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund. Eligibility requirements are provided in the article with a contact to apply.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Thanks to the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund, a new $2,000 scholarship is now available for one deserving Cullman County high school senior. This scholarship, created in honor of Sydni Helms-Hipp, is open to students pursuing careers in the medical field or first responder programs.

The scholarship, offered for the first time in Cullman County, is a way of giving back to a community that has embraced Helms-Hipp's legacy. Angie Payne, co-founder of the fund, shared why they felt inspired to add this scholarship to their growing list of awards.

"When our committee met last month, we began discussing the third scholarship. In this discussion, it was brought up at how much support, financially and publicly, Cullman County gives to our Sydni who was only a resident there for a short time," Payne said. "The Cullman County community ac-

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Gudger announces Shedd to serve as director of constituent affairs



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Randall Shedd, left, and Garlan Gudger, right

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Celebration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing will host a special Valentine's Celebration for beer lovers and sweethearts alike.

"Join us on Feb. 14 for an evening of great brews, live music and delicious treats, all set in a romantic yet laid-back brewery atmosphere," said a media release from the Goat Island.

"Couples and friends can enjoy exclusive beer pairings with decadent desserts, a special Valentine's Day brew release and live entertainment to set the mood. Whether you're raising a pint with your significant other or celebrating with friends, Goat Island Brewing is the perfect place to share the love and good times."

Event highlights:

- Happy Hour from 1-4 p.m.
- Live music by Natchez Trace Band
- Dinner catered by Smokin' Joes:
  - Prime rib plate for $35
  - Chicken leg quarter plate for $25
  - Sides: Green beans and loaded mashed potatoes
  - Dessert: Choice of Strawberry or Cherry Cheesecake
- Pre-order your meal by calling the tap room at 256-747-5556 or visiting in person

"We wanted to create a unique and fun Valentine's experience for those who love craft beer as much as we do," said Mike Mullaney, one of the owners at Goat Island Brewing. "This event is all about bringing people together to enjoy great beer, great company and a relaxed, festive atmosphere."

The celebration will take place at Goat Island Brewing, located at 1646 John Cooper Drive in Cullman, on Feb. 14.

"Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind Valentine's event — because nothing says "I love you" like a perfectly poured pint!"

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Music Every Thursday Night in February at the Bethel Community Center
4-8 p.m. at the center, just off U.S. Highway 278, west of Cullman on County Road 1117. Bluegrass, gospel and country music. Musicians are welcome with acoustic instruments only. Covered dish supper and everyone is invited. Please join us! No entry fee, but donations are appreciated for building upkeep.

Grief Support Group
Every Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 615 Third Ave. SE. Contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962 2521.

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

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.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Friday, Feb. 14 - 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, Feb. 15 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
- Sunday, Feb. 16 - 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

29th Annual Cullman High School Jazz Band Big Band Dance
Friday, Feb. 14, from 7-9 p.m. at Loft 212, 212 Fourth St. SW. Admission is $10. All ages welcome. Not a chaperoned event. Supervision recommended for ages 14 and younger.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Sunday Night Singing
Sunday, Feb. 16, at 5 p.m. with Bama Blu-Grace. 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 256-338-9202.

20th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner
Monday, Feb. 17, from 4-6:30 p.m. in Hearin Hall at First United Methodist Church. The price includes an evening of Southern gospel music, performances by Brian Westbrook & The Misfits and Enell Baker, a keepsake pottery bowl, chili and a grilled cheese sandwich. Tickets are $15 and are available at Cullman Caring for Kids and First United Methodist Church. Carry outs will also be available. For more information, please call Cullman Caring for Kids at 739-1111 or First United Methodist Church at 734-6690.

Frame Loom Weaving Class
Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. $42 per person, which includes all supplies. Seating is limited, so those interested are encouraged to sign up soon. The class will be taught by Emily Wallace with Handwoven Designs. Sign up at https://square.link/u/XjtHP68k or by stopping by the center. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Get more info by calling 256-734-0145 or visiting Cullman Senior Center and Travel on Facebook.

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.

At the Foot of the Cross Church 4th Annual Homecoming
Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m. at the church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Joyful Hearts, Short Creek Gospel Trio and Family Tradition will be bringing music! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided! Come join us for a wonderful day in the Lord!

Holly Pond Lions Club Annual Beans and Greens Dinner
Saturday, March 8, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club. Donations only. Proceeds will benefit our community service projects. We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for your support. We will accept donated canned and non-perishable food items to benefit the food pantry located between Holly Pond Town Hall and the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. Drop them off at the food pantry or when you join us at the Beans and Greens Dinner on March 8.

United Way of Cullman County Crawfish Boil 2025
Friday, March 14, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. $50 all you can eat. Join us for an evening of fun, food and giving back! The bayou-bred team from Hank's Sports Bar will be boiling up fresh crawfish and veggies right on-site! Goat Island Brewing will be serving the perfect drafts to pair with your meal. Featuring the Rally Stripe Band! Get tickets at https://tinyurl.com/crawfishtix.

Fused Glass Art Class
Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. For $22 per person, participants can make a fused glass flowerpot magnet to take home. Seating for the class, taught by Kimberly Love, is limited, so sign up soon. Sign up at https://square.link/u/mdLS2ZtL or by stopping by the center. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Get more info by calling 256-734-0145 or visiting Cullman Senior Center and Travel on Facebook.

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Shedd (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, announced on Wednesday that Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, has been hired to serve as his office's director of constituent affairs beginning next week.

Shedd will resign from the House seat he has held since winning a special election in 2013.

"Rep. Shedd has a reputation as one of the most responsive, hardest working and tenacious members of the Alabama House, and I know he will bring that same dedication to his new position in the pro tem's office," Gudger said. "He has a long and distinguished record in elected office, and this job will allow him to continue serving the needs of his fellow Alabamians."

Shedd said deciding to step away from the House was difficult, but he looks forward to joining Gudger's team in working to make an already great state even better.

"Serving in the Alabama Legislature has been a boyhood dream of mine since I was 12 years old, and I am very thankful that God blessed me with that opportunity," Shedd said. "Leaving the House is bittersweet, but continuing my public service with a strong and energetic young leader like Pro Tem Gudger is a welcome offer that I am most happy to accept."

Elected to his first public office almost a half-century ago, Shedd is a former chairman of the Cullman County Commission and was mayor of Fairview, his hometown, from 1996 until 2012.

He currently serves as House Majority Whip, which is the third highest position in the Republican Caucus' leadership structure, and chairs the House Transportation, Utilities, and Infrastructure Committee.

A former chair of the House Urban and Rural Development Committee, Shedd largely spearheaded the body's years-long efforts to expand high-speed broadband access throughout rural areas of Alabama.

As a retired director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging, he has also been a consistent and strong voice for senior citizens and their needs while serving the Legislature.

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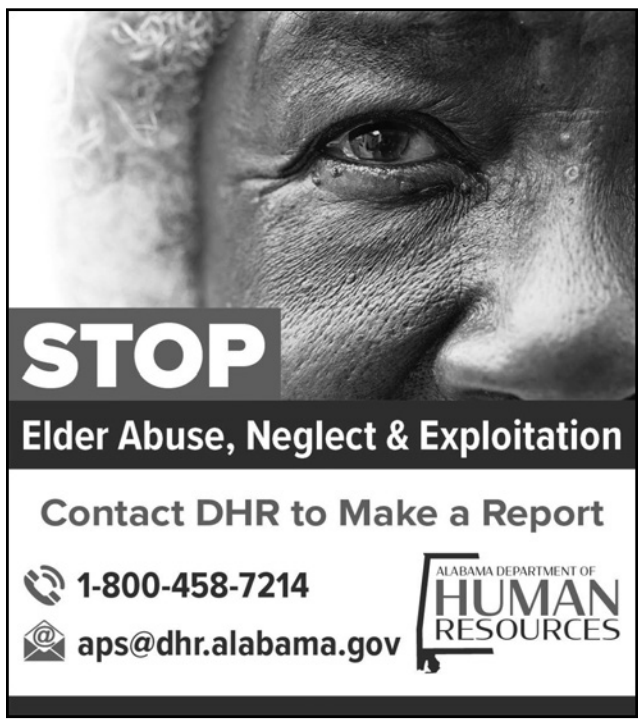
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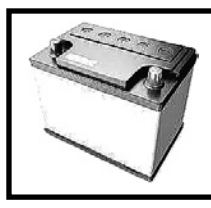
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NORTHWEST REGIONAL

Holly Pond advances to Elite 8 with 40-37 win over Phil Campbell

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After downing Colbert County in the Sub-Regional, the Holly Pond Lady Broncos were back on the court competing in the Northwest Regional semifinals at Wallace State Wednesday morning. The Broncos trailed the Bobcats late in the fourth quarter, but Madison Butts scored seven points in the final two minutes, including a pair of free throws with 13 seconds on the clock, to help lead Holly Pond to a 40-37 win and a spot in the Northwest Regional finals.

With her leading scorer unavailable today, Lady Broncos Head Coach Mary Lauren Hartline was proud of the way her team battled back after a slow start in the first half.

"We were here two years ago but on the other end of it and both these girls (Madison Butts and Maggie Nail) were there two sitting here literally in these exact same spots two years ago so I'm happy to be back here, especially with these two, that means something to me," Hartline said. "I'm so proud of these girls. We've got a young team and y'all know we lost Ava Thomas Friday night and she's been our leading scorer all year. We all depend on each other, but I know she's someone the girls really depend on and look up to. The fact that we could overcome that adversity today, especially down the stretch, I just cannot say how proud I am of these kids. We practice for tough situations, but you can't practice for what we did today."

Maggie Nail and Madison Butts each knocked down three-pointers to give Holly Pond an early, 6-3 lead and Nail split a pair of free throws later in the period to keep the Broncos in front 7-5. Milly Huddleston scored to make it a 9-5 game with two minutes to play in the opening period. Millie McBee laid one in to give Holly Pond an 11-7 lead late in the first quarter, but Phil Campbell responded with a 6-0 run to finish the first and take a 13-11 lead into the second.

Points were hard to come by for both teams in the second quarter. The Bobcats pulled ahead 15-11 but Butts drove to the basket and scored with just over a minute remaining to trim the lead to 15-13.

However, Phil Campbell was able to add one more basket in the final seconds of the half to take a 17-13 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Broncos came out firing early in the third quarter, taking a 23-17 lead with a pair of McBee baskets and a pair of three-pointers from Butts. Nail laid one in to keep Holly Pond ahead 25-20 with two minutes to play in the period but the Bobcats capped the third with a 7-0 run to take a 27-25 lead into the fourth.

Nail knocked down a three to give the Broncos a 28-27 lead early in the fourth quarter and after McBee split a pair of free throws, Sadie Nail scored inside to tie the game at 31 with just over four minutes remaining.

After Phil Campbell retook the lead, Sadie Nail hit a couple free throws later in the period to cut the deficit to 35-33.

That's when Butts took over on the offensive end, draining a three with two minutes to play to bring the lead down to 37-36. Butts sank a pair of free throws with 41 seconds remaining to give the Broncos a 1-point lead and with just 13 seconds on the clock, Butts buried two more from the line to make it a 3-point game. Holly Pond held up on the defensive end to get the last stop it needed and secured its spot in the Elite Eight with a 40-37 win over the Bobcats.

Hartline was proud but not surprised to see Butts step up in the final minutes of the game to help lead the Lady Broncos to the win.

"Even though she's only a sophomore, this is her third year on varsity and when I talk about Madison, I say she is a floor general, I told her that in eighth grade. She was me on the court.

"She can read my mind as well as any player I've ever coached and that's really special," Hartline said. "Madison and Maggie both have put in a lot of work from May on and sometimes you have to struggle so we've had some up and down moments, but Madison did what she needed to do today and I'm just so proud of her."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Madison Butts (0) led the Lady Broncos with 18 points in their 40-37 win over Phil Campbell on Wednesday.

Butts led the Broncos with 18 points in the win and pulled down five rebounds. Maggie Nail finished with nine points and eight rebounds and McBee added seven points and seven boards.

Holly Pond will be back on the court Friday to play either Mars Hill or Lauderdale County in the Northwest Regional finals.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL

Cold Springs holds on to top Sulligent 46-38, advances to Elite 8

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cold Springs Lady Eagles dominated Lexington in the Sub-Regional to punch their ticket to the Sweet 16 and their postseason run continued with a matchup against Sulligent at the Northwest Regional Tuesday afternoon. Cold Springs couldn't have gotten off to a better start in the opening period, but the Lady Eagles had to fend off a huge rally from Sulligent in the second half to advance to the Northwest Regional Finals.

Cold Springs Head Coach Tammy West was proud of the mental toughness her team showed as Sulligent chipped away at the lead in the second half. The Eagles smothered Sulligent on the defensive end and were able to make the plays they needed to down the stretch to hold off the Blue Devils and punch their ticket to the Elite Eight.

"It was definitely a team effort on defense. Every time the ball was on the floor there were blue jerseys on the floor," West said. "I was very proud that they held their composure because we haven't had a lot of games like that this year. Being a young team like we are, I was kind of worried about how we would respond. I know that Sulligent has a lot of seniors, so I was super proud of them for continuing to do what we had done the whole game. They kept their composure, and we hit our free throws at the end and got the rebounds when we needed them and the stops when we needed them. I'm very proud of these girls."

Cold Springs got out to a quick start to the game. A quick basket by Ella Dickerson put the Lady Eagles on the scoreboard first. Hollyn Bruer drilled a trey from the right wing to give the Lady Eagles an early 5-0 lead with less than five minutes to go in the opening period. Macie Huffstutler found Dickerson for a basket down low to make it 7-0 and then Kenady Graves laid one in to extend the lead to 9-0 late in the first quarter. Paizley Whitlow buried a three from the left wing, then Huffstutler scored off a Sulligent turnover to make it a 14-0 game. Dickerson added another basket in the paint, then Whitlow hit her second three of the quarter from the left wing to stretch Cold Springs' lead to 20-0 going into the second quarter.

Whitlow's three from the left corner put the Lady Eagles ahead 23-2. The Lady Blue Devils hit a trio of late baskets to cut it to 23-8. Dickerson hit a basket just before the buzzer to put Cold Springs ahead 25-8 at the half.

Bruer found Whitlow for a basket down low, then Graves laid it in to give the Lady Eagles a 29-8 lead early in the third quarter. Sulligent scored the next eight points to trim the deficit to 29-16. Graves scored through a foul and completed the three-point play at the free-throw line to increase Cold Springs's lead to 32-16 almost midway through the third quarter. Huffstutler hit a late basket to give the Lady Eagles a 34-19 lead, and they would take a 34-21 lead into the final period.

A 7-2 run from the Lady Blue Devils made it a 36-28 game. Both teams traded baskets to keep it at an eight-point game at 38-30. After Graves laid it in, Sulligent scored the next five points, including a three-point play, to cut it to 40-36 with a little over three minutes to go in the contest. The Lady Blue Devils trimmed it to 40-38 with a little over two minutes to play in the game. Graves, Whitlow and Bruer each hit a pair of free throws to help seal a 46-38 win for Cold Springs and secure a spot in the Elite Eight.

Graves led Cold Springs with 14 points in the win. Whitlow added 13 points and Dickerson finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

Graves, Dickerson and Whitlow credited the team's effort on the defensive end and Coach West's words at halftime for being able to pull out the Sweet 16 victory.

Kenady Graves,
"Coach West told us at halftime that they were going to eventually start scoring so we just had to keep things up on defense. Coach West told us we had to be dogs on defense and that's what we tried to do for the entire game."

Ella Dickerson,
"We just told ourselves that we can't run out of gas and Coach West told us at halftime that if we could just hold on and play 16 minutes of solid defense that we would win the ball game and that's what we did. We struggled scoring in the second and third quarter, but we held on the defensive end and played with grit and we know that's what it was going to take to win the game."

Paizley Whitlow,
"We played really hard, played together and played lights out on defense. That just shows how well we can play together."

Cold Springs will be back on the court on Monday at 9 a.m. to face Decatur Heritage.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kenady Graves (35) led Cold Springs with 14 points in its 46-38 win over Sulligent on Tuesday.

CHS cheerleaders earn high marks at national competition

Staff Reports
Contributor

ORLANDO, Fla. — Cullman High School's cheerleading teams performed and finished incredibly high at the recent National High School Cheer Competition (NHSCC), hosted at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida earlier this month.

The varsity cheerleading team finished 3rd in Large D2 Traditional and 11th in Super Varsity D2 Gameday at the competition.

The junior varsity Gameday and Traditional cheerleading teams finished 2nd in D2.

Speaking of the varsity, cheer coach Elizabeth Pylant noted the team made an impressive showing and leave a powerful legacy with the program.

"They competed with heart, strength, and integrity, leaving it all on the mat. This season, the coaches asked the girls to – Pour Your Cup Out—give everything for your teammates, love each other, and build each other up," Pylant said.

"These girls embodied that spirit, and we know the Lord will bless their efforts. 'Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.' — Proverbs 11:25 They poured it all out, and in return, they gained something even greater. What a season to celebrate! What an amazing group to celebrate. We are so proud!"

Looking to the junior varsity, Pylant noted the next generation of Cullman High cheerleaders seem poised to continue and build on their success in years to come.

"Watching them compete with such heart was truly inspiring for everyone who watched them do what they do best!

"This season has been one of growth — not just in skills but in their love for the sport and each other," she said.

"Their dedication to Cullman Cheer and enthusiasm for Cullman Cheer are contagious, and we are so excited to see what the future holds for these incredible athletes! Spoiler alert: It is bright!"

The coaches for Cullman Cheer include Pylant, Savanna Ball, Kristy Patterson and Ashley Wilbanks.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman High School varsity cheer team.

Good Hope Council gives notice of municipal election, approves wastewater treatment plant equipment upgrade

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its first February meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and in addition to passing a pair of new resolutions, the council gave public notice of this year's upcoming municipal election.

Ordinance No: 005-2025
"An ordinance providing for the election of municipal officers

Section 1. Pursuant to 11-46-21 of the Code of Alabama (1975), a municipal election shall be on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council Place Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Section 2. All registered and qualified electors of the state who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and have resided therein for thirty (30) days or more immediately preceding the date of such election and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in said election.

Section 3. That the polls shall be opened on the day of said election from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the voting places in the City of Good Hope, Alabama, designated as follows to wit:

Location of voting place: City Clerk's Office, Municipal Building. 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35057.

Section 5. Candidates may begin qualifying for office on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The last day on which a candidate may qualify by filing a statement of candidacy with the City Clerk shall be Tuesday, June 24, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

The council also approved a change order for a modification to its contract regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project.

The change is for an equipment upgrade, described as an "Addition of post EQ effluent pumps, controls, piping and deletion of post EQ control valve." At the cost of $22,671.25.

Other council business items from Monday night,

Resolution No: 004-2025
For the use of electronic vote counting devices

"Now therefore, be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Good Hope that for all election held subsequent to the passage of this resolution, the use of DS200 Voting Machine Tabulator and Express Vote Machine, a system which complies with Section 17-7-21 of the Code of Alabama and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, is hereby authorized for the reporting, counting, and tabulating of any and all election results."

Resolution No: 006-2025
Professional services from Waggoner Engineering for bid phase on Multi-Use Storm Shelter project

"Whereas, the City of Good Hope is seeking professional services for the bid phase of the Multi-Use Storm Shelter/Community Center.

Therefore, in accordance with federal procurement guidelines the City of Good Hope intends to go into Professional Service Agreement for services related to the bid process for the Multi-Use Storm Shelter Community Center;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the city council of the City of Good Hope states that Jerry Bartlett, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute the contract documents related to this project for the amount of $5,000."

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next meeting at Good Hope City Hall on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope City Council gave public notice of this year's upcoming municipal election at Monday night's council meeting.

Count (from Front)

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The 28th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is slated for Feb. 14-17. In conjunction with National Bird Feeding Month, the GBBC unites bird enthusiasts as they feed, observe and report bird sightings. Through the GBBC, participants contribute valuable data to aid scientists in understanding avian populations and their distributions.

Wesley Anderson, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System wildlife specialist, said it is important to get people invested in the GBBC and help them see how easy it is to get involved.

"Bird populations have had a significant decline in the last couple of decades," Anderson said. "Having hundreds of thousands of people make a concerted effort to identify birds during the GBBC really helps researchers get a better understanding of the species that are in your area during this time of the year."

The GBBC is a valuable citizen-science project that has continued for almost 30 years. This worldwide initiative had participants from more than 200 countries report almost 8,000 bird species during the 2024 count. Anderson said there are many ways researchers can use data that are collected during the GBBC.

"The selected dates are still during Alabama's winter, so participants help researchers confirm the presence of species that they expect to see in Alabama, as well as identify birds that should be present but are not," Anderson said.

Logging observations
Find a GBBC event in Alabama near you by visiting the website at www.birdcount.org/community-map. Individuals and groups are encouraged to spend 15 minutes observing birds in backyards, parks and other places. Observations can be submitted through one of two platform options — Merlin or eBird.

Merlin is geared toward novice bird watchers who may have less experience identifying and recording a species. Simply open the app and allow it to record for 15 minutes.

Anderson said the app will identify every bird that can be heard during the recording. In addition, recordings made during the GBBC will automatically be uploaded and count toward the GBBC observations.

"One of the neat things about the Merlin app is that it shows a photo of the birds that are heard in the background as it is recording," Anderson said. "You can watch the identification images pop up in real time or go back and listen to the recording and watch the bird species pop up. This makes it a great teaching tool and helps people sharpen their bird identification skills."

The other platform option is eBird, through the mobile app or website. Anderson said this platform is ideal for seasoned birders who are well-versed in spotting and identifying birds.

Data collected by citizen scientists are important, as they provide valuable snapshots of bird populations before their migrations. Data helps scientists track changes in species distribution and population numbers over time.

Karnita Garner, an Alabama Extension environmental specialist said it is important to log bird observations.

"This is an excellent time to experience the great outdoors from your backyard, a local park, a forest or even a hilltop," Garner said.

Feeding birds
Anderson said winter is a difficult time for birds to find food. Keeping bird feeders stocked is a great way to help bird during this time of year.

"If you have bird populations that hang around your backyard, winter is a good time to keep the feeders stocked," Anderson said. "Most birds migrate farther south for warmth, as well as abundant food sources. Those who stick around will appreciate the feeder staying full. On warm days, it is OK to let the feeder get empty. However, when it is cold, it is important to refill the feeder daily."

It is also important to protect birds from illnesses by keeping the feeder clean.

"When people are feeding birds, there is the potential to draw in large numbers of birds," Anderson said. "Like humans, birds can spread diseases more easily when they are congregating in large numbers."

Anderson recommends cleaning the feeder every two weeks when possible. While the National Audubon Society recommends cleaning feeders with a cleaning solution of one part bleach to nine parts water, Anderson said a dish washer run on a hot cycle will also do the trick.

More information
Take advantage of National Bird Feeding Month and hang a feeder to prepare for the GBBC. Whether you are a seasoned birder or a budding enthusiast, the GBBC offers an opportunity to connect with nature and fellow birders to contribute to an impactful citizen-science project.

For more bird-watching information, check out this archived Eco-Friendly Friday Series session featuring Alabama Wildlife Foundation's Allison Mathis. Watch the session on Facebook or Panopto.

Learn more about the GBBC by visiting www.aces.edu or www.birdcount.org.



LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on November 19, 2021 by Daniel Howard, a single individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1992, Page 154 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 March 7, 2025:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 4 West and more particularly described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes West 1330.63 feet to the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning continue North 89 degrees 00 minutes West 131.66 feet; thence South 26 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds West 260.44 feet to a point on the North right-of-way of Alabama Highway 157; thence South 67 degrees 45 minutes 05 seconds East along said right-of-way 167.97 feet; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes East along said right-of-way 9 feet; thence North 15 degrees 48 minutes 02 seconds East 308.94 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 1.0 acre, more or less, in Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS & EXCEPT:
A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, identified as Tract No. 19 on Project No. NHF-398(43) in Cullman County, Alabama and being more fully described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence westerly along the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 1 meter, more or less, to the southeast property line; thence southwesterly along said southeast property line a distance of 63 meters, more or less, to a point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project and the point of beginning of the property herein to be conveyed; thence continuing southwesterly along said southeast property line a distance of 30 meters, more or less, to the present northeast right-of-way tine of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence northwesterly along said present northeast right-of-way line a distance of 54 meters, more or less, to the northwest property line; thence northeasterly along said northwest property line a distance of 35 meters, more or less, to a point on a line which extends from a point that is 45 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 44+60 to a point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said centerline at Station 44+20; thence Southeasterly along said line a distance of 9 meters, more or less, to said point that is 20 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to said less, to said point that is 20 meters northeasterly or along a curve to the left centerline at Station 44+20; thence southeasterly along a curve to the left (concave northeasterly) having a radius of 930 meters, parallel with said centerline, a distance of 40 meters, more or less, to the point of beginning and containing 0.156 hectare, more or less.

ALSO LESS & EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY THAT OVERLAPS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY: A tract of land being in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 21 and the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼; thence westerly along said quarter-quarter section line 1212.63 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue westerly along said line 120 feet; thence S 15°48'02" W 308.94 feet to the northerly right of way of Alabama No. 157 highway; thence southeasterly along said right of way 154 feet; thence N 09°36' E 346 feet to the point of beginning.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-February 13, 20, 27, 2025

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 Delishie A Lockamy Marriedrandy D Hill to Household Finance Corporation of Alabama dated November 21, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on November 29, 2007, in Book 1545, Page 550 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 339, Page 989 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., 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 10th day of March, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
ALL OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, LYING NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391 (ALSO KNOWN AS GRANT ROAD).

LESS AND EXCEPT: A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 AND THENCE S 2 DEG. 01 MIN. E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW ' OF NW 1/4, 372.12 FEET TO A POINT THAT IS 210 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN WHICH IS N 28 DEG, 51 MIN. W 238.40 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE S 28 DEG. 51 MIN. E 218.40 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUE S 28 DEG. 51 MIN. E 20.00 FEET TO THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD HAVING A CHORD OF N 45 DEG. 55 MIN. 30 SEC. E. 223.95 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4; THENCE N 2 DEG. 01 MIN. W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 27.05 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PINS ARE MARKED "GURNEY L.S. #11083.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 4.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE W 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33 AND THENCE S 2 DEG. 01 MIN. E. ALONG THE SECTION LINE, 987.03 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 2 DEG. 01 MIN. E ALONG SAID SECTION LINE, 565.97 FEET TO THE CENTER OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1391; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD, 570 FEET, MORE OR LESS. AND HAVING A CHORD OF N 55 DEG. 12 MIN. 19 SEC. E 567.21 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE N 25 DEG. 38 MIN. W 257.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE N 88 DEG. 26 MIN. W 374.67 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PINS ARE MARKED "GURNEY L.S. #11083".

ALSO CONTAINING A TRACT OF LAND: BOOK 450 PAGE 354 CONTAINING 1.56 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33 AND THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SECTION LINE, 1500 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER OF GRANT ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD, 730 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND HAVING A CHORD OF N 53 DEG. 27 MIN. E 724.0 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD, 135 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND HAVING A CHORD OF N 43 DEG. 12 MIN. E 134.04 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE N 25 DEG. 38 MIN. W 523.48 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE S 64 DEG. 22 MIN. W 125.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE S 25 DEG. 38 MIN. E 571.88 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CAPPED 1/2 INCH IRON PINS ARE MARKED "GURNEY L.S. #11083.
SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR GRANT ROAD ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY.
DESCRIPTION IS THAT CONTAINED IN A SURVEY BY FRANKLIN W. GURNEY, AL REG. #11083, DATED AUGUST 30, 1996.

Said property is commonly known as 320 County Road #1391, Falkville, AL 35622.
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.

J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street North, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 9249220
www.foreclosurehotline.net

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
HORACE COLLINS BROWN,) CASE NO.: PC-2024-406
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: SHERRI CHISM, SCOTT A. BROWN and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* has been filed by Martha Brown, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* has been **re-scheduled for the 25th day of February, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 28th day of January, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

STATE OF ALABAMA) IN THE PROBATE COURT
) IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JUDY MCCUTCHEON, DECEASED
CULLMAN COUNTY) Case Number PC2025-017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to James McCutcheon as Personal Representative of the Estate of Judy McCutcheon, deceased, on the 3rd day of February 2025, 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 will be barred.

Jeffrey S. Brown
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 2688
Decatur, Alabama 35602-2688

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

THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BARBARA LANEY, * CASE NO.: PC2024-445
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary for Barbara Laney, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

C. Blake West
Personal Representative

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ROBERT LEE HARE, SR., * CASE NO. PC 2024 – 182
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary, having been granted to Melba Murphree Harris as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Lee Hare, Sr., deceased, on the 11th day of February, 2025, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Melba Murphree
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Personal Representative

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
TIMOTHY PAUL KIMBRELL) Case No.: PC-2024-315
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Glenda Kay Waid as Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy Paul Kimbrell, deceased, on the 11th day of February, 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.

Glenda Kay Waid
Glenda Kay Waid
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Timothy Paul Kimbrell, deceased

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

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

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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 07
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, N31, LLC, have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PIN: 21598. PARCEL NUMBER: 09-08-33-0-001-001.005. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 0 US Highway 31 N.

A tract or parcel of land containing 20.83 acres of land, more or less, and being all that part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama that is West of L & N Railroad and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found pipe marking the accepted Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 33 having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N. 1533445.20', E. 2164550.28' and run thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East (bearing based on Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, Grid), a distance of 2,551.95 feet to a 3 inch pipe marking the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds East and run along the North line, a distance of 342.80 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of L & N Railroad; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East and run along said right-of-way line, a distance of 2,556.46 feet to a found capped corner (Conn-17831) marking the South line of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 367.64 feet to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-4 Residential District.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law. ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 27th day of January, 2025. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 27th day of January, 2025. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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Economic contribution totals support ag and forestry as a top Alabama industry

Mary Wilson
Alabama Farmers Federation

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Agriculture and forestry provide the building blocks of society — food, fiber and timber. They also contribute a massive amount to Alabama's economy to the tune of $77.3 billion annually, making agriculture and forestry one of the top industries in the state.

That number was among data included in the "Agriculture & Forestry Grow Alabama: An Economic Contribution Study," released Tuesday, Feb. 11, during a press conference hosted by the Alabama Agribusiness Council at the RSA Plaza Terrace in downtown Montgomery.

The report also found agriculture and forestry account for 273,271 jobs, or 10% of Alabama's workforce.

"The prosperity and sustainability of Alabama's economy is heavily influenced by agriculture and these allied industries, and I'm proud to represent the hard-working people employed in those endeavors," said Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate. "Commodities produced in our state help feed and clothe people across the globe. They also add beauty to our environment and protect our natural resources."

The economic numbers include production of goods and services, costs of inputs to production and additional expenditures from household income.

"Agriculture and forestry have been in the past and continue to be an extremely important part of Alabama's economy, but to know that we are contributing $77.3 billion to our state's economy each year is extremely valuable," said Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell as he addressed the crowd during the press conference.

"What's really exciting is to think about how much this number could grow in the future if our state would focus on more economic development that supports these industries."

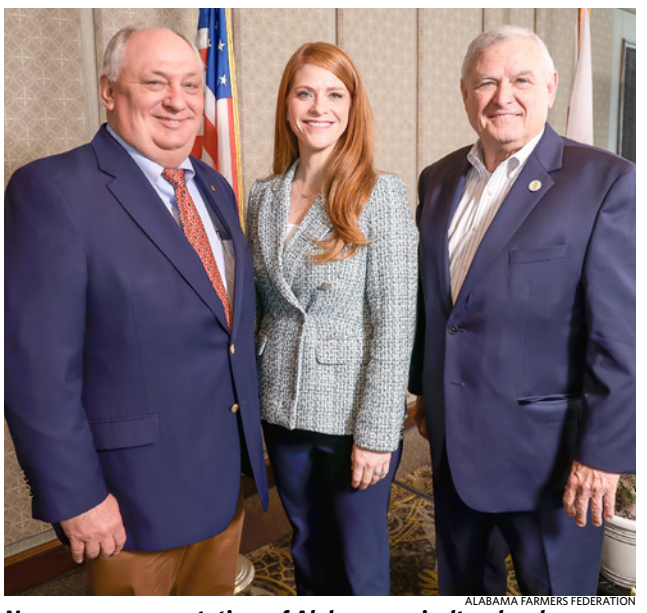
The full report breaks down data by commodities as well as 10 geographic regions based on U.S. Department of Agriculture definitions. Researchers plan to review, update and release new economic contribution totals every two years.

The report was commissioned by the Alabama Agribusiness Council and conducted by researchers of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Auburn University. Support from 20 agricultural and economic organizations helped fund the current study as well as future updates.

To learn more, visit www.GrowAlabama.org.

Commodity Information for Economic Contribution and Jobs

- Timber production and processing — $30.6 billion and 91,372 jobs
- Poultry & egg processing & production — $19 billion and 47,205 jobs
- Soybean, corn & wheat production — $812.4 million and 4,736 jobs
- Beef production — $703.6 million and 10,063 jobs
- Cotton production — $566.9 million and 4,797 jobs
- Greenhouse, nursery & floriculture production — $510.6 million and 4,360 jobs
- Peanut production — $238 million and 1,940 jobs
- Catfish production — $161.3 million and 676 jobs



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Numerous representatives of Alabama agricultural and economic development groups gathered in downtown Montgomery Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, for the "Agriculture and Forestry Grow Alabama" announcement. Numbers revealed agriculture and forestry contribute $77.3 billion to Alabama's economy and the industries employ 273,271 people. Those making the announcement included, from left, Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell, Alabama Agribusiness Council Executive Director Grace Ellis and Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

Snow Crystal (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Snow Crystal, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is a low-energy, 1-year-old Great Pyrenees who is ready for a new home.

She's a gorgeous girl, as her tail reminds one of ostrich plumage - light and feathery.

Snow Crystal has a peaceful soul and exhibits joy wherever she goes. She is respectful on her leash and your personal space. She's an unassuming girl and the perfect reading/companion/therapy dog.

Her caretaker shared, "She gently touched my heart with her soft eyes. I love her!"

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. And don't fret, if Snow Crystal is already adopted she has a lot of friends waiting and ready to find their new homes.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 11-12

Geana Panter Bailey, 71 Geana Panter Bailey, age 71, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025. She was born to the late James and Essie Panter, on Feb. 8, 1954. Geana was a loving mother and grandmother. She dedicated her life to education by serving those with learning challenges and special learning needs. She will be sorely miss and was loved by all who knew her. Geana is survived by her daughter Karla Bailey Farrell (Richard); her grandchildren Emmalana and Hagan Comeaux. Geana was preceded in death by her mother Essie Panter Phillips (George) and her father James Panter. Memorial Services will be announced at a later time. To leave condolences for Panter-Bailey family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Chad Wayne Smith, 51 Memorial Service for Chad Wayne Smith, age 51 of Hartselle, will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Larry Guthrie officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Smith passed away on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025. He was born, July 28, 1973, to Jerry Wayne Smith and Marilyn Earwood. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Miller Earwood; sister, Anna Holcomb; stepmother, Kim Smith; grandparents, Guy and Faye Miller. Survivors include his daughter, Alexas (Thomas) Davis, grandson, Samuel Davis; father, Jerry Wayne Smith; brothers, Scott Smith and D.J. (Lori) Smith; nephew, Jesse Smith and a host of family and friends.

Avery Derrel Calvert, 84 Funeral services for Avery Derrel Calvert, 84, of the Jones Chapel community will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church, with burial in Jones Chapel Cemetery, Bro. Joe Calvert officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 12-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Born to William Riley and Edna Stricklin Calvert on March 27, 1940. He passed at home peacefully on Feb. 10, 2025. Avery was married to Doris Louise Glover Calvert for 63 years. Avery was a man of God and lived life showing his love and dedication to the Lord. He was a member of Jones Chapel First Baptist Church. He became an ordained deacon in March 1974 and taught Sunday School for many years. He was an avid fisherman. He loved to fish. He had a special fishing buddy ready to greet him when he arrived in Heaven, his grandson, Joshua, with a great big smile. He was an electrician by trade. He taught his son and grandsons that trade knowledge, along with a great work ethic. Survivors include his wife; son, Timmy (Constance) Calvert; daughter, Robin Calvert; brother, Rev. Joe (Edith) Calvert; grandchildren, Jessicca (Jay) Carter, Luke (Sarah) Jacobs, Jerricca (Eddie) Pratt, Misty (Zac) Freeman, Cassie (Victor) Grant; 27 great- grandchildren plus one on the way; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Our daily walk is our witness to this world. Avery lived it well. Today he would say "Make sure Jesus lives in your heart every day."

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Scholarship (from Front)

cepted Sydni as one of their own.

"Her family sees that in all the ways this community gives to her fund and the way they have honored our sweet Sydni since her passing, like the Hanceville Fire Department that has a bench in her honor outside the firehouse."

"This scholarship for a Cullman County senior is our way to give back to the Cullman community."

The Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Helms-Hipp's mother, Loni Helms, and Payne to honor her name and continue her legacy of generosity and ambition.

The idea originally stemmed from a family friend, Leanna O'Gwin Williams, who wanted to host a barrel race to support the Helms family after Helms-Hipp's passing.

Instead of using the funds for personal expenses, Helms and Payne saw an opportunity to create something lasting — something that would reflect Helms-Hipp's passion for helping others.

With the help of Shelia Baxter (Helms' mother), Kristie Martin, Sheila Guthrie, Andi Adkins and others, they formed a committee dedicated to helping students achieve their dreams, just as Helms-Hipp would have wanted.

That spirit of giving was at the very core of who Helms-Hipp was. For those who knew her, she was known for her big heart and relentless drive, always looking for ways to help others, even at a young age.

"If you ever met Sydni, you know no one had a bigger heart than her," Payne added. "She dreamed big and she still had many dreams she never got to fulfill.

"Creating the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship allows us to see others fulfill the dreams our Sydni never got to complete and allows us to continue her generosity to others."

This scholarship, along with two others awarded annually — one to a Curry High School senior (her alma mater) and another to a barrel race participant — ensures that her legacy continues by helping students pursue their own dreams.

For those interested in applying, students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a Cullman County high school senior (attending Cold Springs, Fairview, Good Hope, Hanceville, Holly Pond, Vinemont or West Point High School)
- Plan to pursue a career in the medical field or a first responder program
- Have a minimum 2.75 GPA (though academic performance is the least important factor)
- Submit a paragraph explaining why they should be awarded the scholarship
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a business, organization or individual they have volunteered within the past year
- Include a resume highlighting leadership, clubs, activities and volunteer work

Applications are currently being accepted and Cullman County seniors are encouraged to apply. For more information, students should contact their school counselor or Angie Payne at 205-522-3409. The next Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race will take place on Nov.1, 2025.



Aderholt highlights Karolewics' testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee

Staff Reports
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education, on Wednesday, Feb. 12, recognized the testimony of Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics during a hearing focused on workforce development.

The hearing, titled "Career Ready Students: Innovations from Community Colleges and the Private Sector," examined how community colleges and industry partners are preparing students for high-demand careers.

Karolewics provided valuable insight into Wallace State's workforce training initiatives, highlighting the college's success in equipping students with the skills needed to thrive in today's job market.

"Dr. Karolewics' testimony underscored the critical role community colleges play in strengthening our workforce and preparing students for successful careers," said Aderholt.

"Wallace State is a shining example of how institutions can partner with business and industry to develop programs that meet real-world demands.

"I appreciate her leadership and commitment to workforce education."

A video of Karolewics' opening statement can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsFExrsY-jDM. See the entire hearing at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnkppvqUnuk.



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT ADERHOLT

Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics speaks before the the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education.

Wallace State contributes $276M to area economy

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — A new economic impact study released Wednesday, Feb. 12, shows Wallace State Community College contributed $276.1 million in income to the WSCC service area economy, representing approximately 2.1% of the region's total gross regional product (GRP). This economic activity supported 4,106 jobs, meaning that one out of every 35 jobs in its service area is supported by the college and its students.

"Wallace State Community College is proud to be a cornerstone of economic growth and educational excellence in our region," said WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "The results of this study highlight the profound impact our institution has on the community, our students, and the state of Alabama. We remain committed to providing high-quality education and fostering economic development for years to come."

Breaking down the numbers, the study shows how Wallace State impacts in various areas, from operations, construction spending, student spending, alumni impact and return on invest for students and the community.

Operations spending impact

WSCC employed 636 full-time and part-time faculty and staff, with a payroll totaling $31.4 million. Much of this income was spent locally on groceries, mortgage and rent payments, dining out and other household expenses. Additionally, the college spent $26.8 million on facilities, supplies and professional services. The net impact of WSCC's operations spending added $39.4 million in income to the regional economy in FY 2023-24.

Construction spending impact

WSCC's investment in capital projects each year helps maintain its facilities, create additional capacities and meet growing educational demands. In FY 2023-24, the net impact of WSCC's construction spending was $3.4 million in added income for the WSCC service area. Efforts are currently underway to begin construction on three new buildings on the main campus, including an almost $50 million STEM Gateway building and new facilities for Advanced Automotive and Machine Tool Technology programs.

Student spending impact

Approximately 37% of credit students at WSCC originated from outside the region, with many relocating to the WSCC service area. Additionally, some in-region students, referred to as retained students, would have left the area for other educational opportunities if not for WSCC. The expenditures of these relocated and retained students added $9.0 million in income to the WSCC service area economy in FY 2023-24.

Alumni impact

Thousands of former WSCC students are currently employed in the WSCC service area, contributing significantly to the local economy. The net impact of WSCC's alumni in the regional workforce amounted to $224.3 million in added income in FY 2023-24.

Student perspective

WSCC's students paid a present value of $16.3 million for tuition, fees, supplies and interest on student loans in FY 2023-24. They also forwent $25.2 million in potential earnings by attending college instead of working.

In return, students will receive a cumulative present value of $218.3 million in increased earnings over their working lives, translating to a return of $5.30 in higher future earnings for every dollar invested in their education. The average annual rate of return for students is 23.4%.

Taxpayer perspective

Taxpayers provided WSCC with $36.2 million in funding for FY 2023-24. In return, they will benefit from $65.6 million in added tax revenue from students' higher lifetime earnings and increased business output, along with $5.5 million in reduced demand for government-funded services in Alabama. Total taxpayer benefits amount to $71.2 million, yielding a return of $2 for every dollar of public money invested in WSCC. The average annual rate of return for taxpayers is 5.1%.

Social perspective

In FY 2023-24, Alabama invested $100.6 million to support WSCC. This investment is expected to grow the Alabama economy by $786.6 million over the course of students' working lives. Additionally, society will benefit from $22.9 million in public and private sector savings. For every dollar invested in WSCC, people in Alabama will receive $8 in return.

Wallace State's service area includes the counties of Blount, Cullman, Morgan and Winston counties.

The economic impact study was initiated by the Alabama Community College System and conducted by Lightcast using information from the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Alabama Community College System has a $8.1 billion impact on the state, supporting the equivalent of more than 114,000 jobs.

