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Local farmers advocate on Capitol Hill

Farmers put boots down in D.C.

Tanner Hood
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As federal lawmakers tackle tough decisions that impact the future of American agriculture, over 150 Alabama farmers spent March 4-7 in the shadow of Capitol Hill sharing their stories and concerns.

Alabama Farmers Federation members visited with legislators and agriculture industry leaders to discuss issues such as a new farm bill with updated reference prices. Other conversations centered around taxes, labor, farm land development, input costs and young farmers during the Washington Legislative Conference.

The conference began with encouraging messages from Farm Bureau presidents of Idaho, Mississippi and New York as Federation President Jimmy Parnell hosted a panel discussion.

"I don't think any organization can do » PAGE 5



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Cullman County farmers visited with U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, during a recent meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss timely topics, including farm bill reform, labor needs, increasing agricultural exports and budget resolutions. From left are Kyle Morris, Paul Pinyan, Aderholt and Whitney and Ben Haynes.

Fashion star

CSHS senior Savannah Bischoff wins 1st place fashion award at state FCCLA competition



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Cold Springs High School Senior Savannah Bischoff placed first in the Fashion Design, Level 3 Category in the FCCLA STAR Events Competition at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, which took place in Montgomery March 6-7, 2025.

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BREMEN, Ala. — Earlier this month, Cold Springs High School students attended the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Montgomery. The students heard guest speakers, attended breakout sessions and competed in the FCCLA STAR Events Competition. A few of those students placed first in their respective categories. One of them is Savannah Bischoff, who placed first in the Fashion Design, Level 3 Category. » PAGE 5



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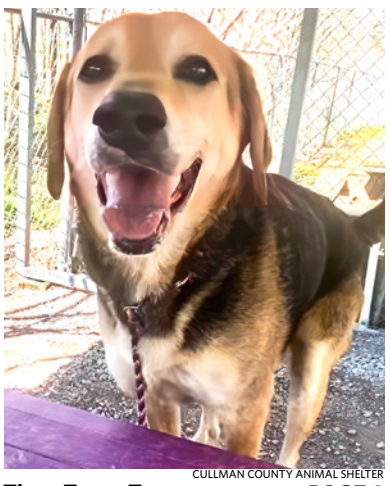
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Tippy Tappy Toes

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 12, 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

March 6

• retail theft of property-2nd degree; Hobby Lobby; general merchandise; $548; Town Square SW

March 10

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication; Kress St. NE

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; 16th St. SE

March 11

• organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $398; Hwy. 157

• theft of property-4th degree; person; cash; $100

ARRESTS

March 10-11

Parsons, Christy L.; 48

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Teasley, Amy M.; 47

• theft of property-2nd degree

Eddy, Noel J.; 54

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Eddy Jr., Noel J.; 23

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Berry, Caitlin M.; 32

• theft of property-4th degree

Cruce, Jeffrey B.; 55

• FTA – driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Tippy Tappy Toes (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet the wonderfully graceful Tippy Tappy Toes, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

This 2-year-old German Shepherd has medium energy and a special skill: his tippy tap toe dance, particularly when getting ready to go outside! There's no doubt when he's in great mood!

This sweet and loving fellow is coming along nicely learning about leash etiquette. He enjoys the enrichment activity of going over hurdles and he makes the wind whistle, as the ground moves under his enormous stride.

Triple T has a tremendous soul with an extra-large heart. Those taking care of him said, "I love this boy!"

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Tippy Tappy Toes has been adopted, please visit with his many feline and canine friends, all looking for their human to take them home!

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

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Festival (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville's eighth annual Irish Festival has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Hanceville. Originally set for March 15, the festival was moved due to weather concerns but will still bring a full day of live entertainment, food and fun for the whole family to celebrate Irish culture.

Festivalgoers can expect a Celtic-themed atmosphere with traditional Irish music, bagpipers and cloggers taking the stage throughout the day. A variety of local food truck favorites will be on-site, while local vendors will offer a diverse selection of handcrafted goods and unique finds.

For more information, visit the Hanceville Irish Festival Facebook page.

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.
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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, March 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, March 15 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, March 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, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

St. Bernard Prep Open House
St. Bernard Preparatory School invites prospective students and families to attend its Open House on Friday, March 14, 2025. Tours will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment. Come experience the St. Bernard difference! Visit classes, meet dedicated faculty and explore the welcoming campus that fosters academic excellence, faith, and community. Interested in a personal shadow day? Contact the Admissions Office at 256-739-6682 to schedule a visit.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, March 16, at 5 p.m. with The Taylor Family. Everyone is welcome. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

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.

41st Annual Bloomin' Festival
April 5-6, held adjacent to the beautiful Ave Maria Grotto. Over 150 arts and crafts vendors, delicious specialty foods and a welcoming community atmosphere. Gate donation: $10 per person (Children 12 and younger – FREE!) Grand Prize Giveaway: 2025 Buick Encore GX – Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. (You do not have to be present to win!) NO PETS ALLOWED. All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. For more information, visit www.bloominfestival.com.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Spring Revival
Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, April 7-9, at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Bro. Jared Dixon. The Dixons" will be singing Sunday. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

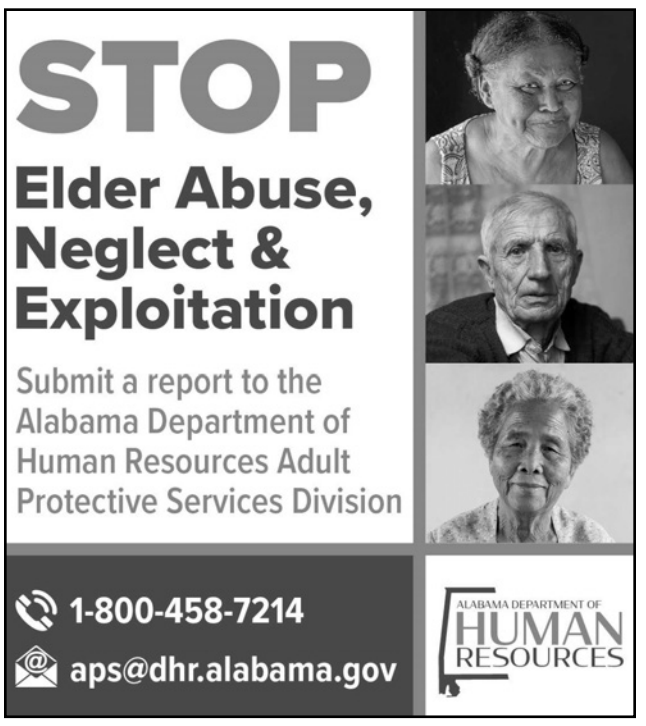
Ladies' Conference
Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch at noon. At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Guest speaker Kristy Garrison Harris: Trusting God through every season. There will be games and door prizes. Please join us.

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PREP BASEBALL

Fairview drops midweek matchup with Albertville

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — After picking up a win against Good Hope on Saturday, the Fairview Aggies were back home at Mark Moore Field Tuesday night to host the Aggies of 7A Albertville. Albertville jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first two innings, but Fairview rallied to make it a 1-run game in the third. However, Albertville responded with six unanswered runs to pull ahead 12-5 in the sixth and went on to take the midweek matchup 12-6.

Albertville strung together four hits and put four runs on the board in the top of the first. A sacrifice fly and an error allowed two more runs to score in the top of the second, stretching the lead to 6-0 but Fairview was able to get on the board in the bottom half of the inning. Nicolas Gregory led things off with a single and an error allowed him to advance to second base. One pitch later, Barrett York barreled up a double into center field to plate Gregory and make it a 6-1 game going into the third.

Fairview continued to chip away in the bottom of the third. Jaxon Robertson was hit by a pitch and Jackson Earnest knocked a double into center field to put runners on second and third. Colton Jennings lifted a sac fly into center field to bring Robertson home and trim the lead to 6-2.

After Gregory was hit by a pitch, York drove a single back up the middle to score Collin Nelson and make it 6-3. Camden Cullen drew a walk to load the bases and Conner Scott singled to left field to plate Gregory and cut the lead to 6-4. Fairview tacked on one more run when a sacrifice fly from Carson Jones allowed York to score and make it a 6-5 game going into the fourth.

Albertville drew four walks in the top of the fourth to push another run across the plate and extend its lead to 7-5 and in the top of the fifth, Albertville put two more runs on the board to make it 9-5.

A 2-run double and a wild pitch stretched the lead to 12-5 in the top of the sixth. In the bottom half of the sixth, Robertson ripped a double into left field and after stealing third, he scored on a wild pitch to make it a 12-6 game. Unfortunately, Fairview couldn't chip away any more of the lead than that and Albertville went on to collect a 12-6 win.

York finished 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs in the loss. Earnest added a pair of hits and Scott (one RBI), Gregory and Robertson each posted hits as well.



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The Fairview Aggies fell to Albertville at home 12-6 on Tuesday night.

PREP SOFTBALL

West Point pulls away from Cold Springs 13-3, Monday scoring recap

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BREMEN, Ala. — The West Point Lady Warriors traveled to Bremen to take on the Cold Springs Lady Eagles in Monday afternoon softball action. It was a low-scoring affair for most of the contest, but a big sixth inning by West Point helped propel them to a 13-3 win over Cold Springs.

West Point got the scoring started in its opening at-bats. Lauren Windham led off the game with a single, stole second, and later scored on an error to give them the early lead. Wyndham hit a two-out triple in the top of the second, and two pitches later, Katie Beth Yovino lined an RBI single to center field to make it a 2-0 game. Windham's one-out double in the fourth had the Lady Warriors in business once again, and on the first pitch, Macie Brown hit an RBI single to give them a 3-0 lead.

After being held scoreless through four innings, Cold Springs looked to crack the scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth. Back-to-back singles put runners on the corners with one out, and Aleah Addison hit the first pitch she saw to left field for an RBI double, as that made it a 3-1 game. Maddie Davis's suicide squeeze play on the first pitch cut it to 3-2. West Point quickly broke the game wide open in the top of the sixth.

Kylie Burks led off the inning with a double, then one out later, Windham continued her strong game with an RBI double to give them a 4-2 lead.

Brown later added a two-run single to make it 6-2. Later that inning, Brayley Phillips hit an RBI double, Averee Folds drove in a run on a groundball, and Cabri Blackwood and Burks each added RBI doubles of their own, as the Lady Warriors quickly extended their lead to 10-2.

West Point added three more runs in the top of the seventh, as Windham scored on an error, and Folds hit a two-run double, as that stretched their lead to 13-2. Brooklyn Ingram hit an RBI single in the Lady Eagle half, but the deficit proved to be too much for Cold Springs in the end, as the Lady Warriors would go on to defeat the Lady Eagles 13-3.

Brown (three hits), Phillips (one hit), and Folds (one hit) each drove in three runs for West Point. Windham and Yovino each finished with four hits and an RBI, while Burks (two hits), and Blackwood (one hit) each had an RBI in the game. For Cold Springs, Addison finished with a trio of hits and an RBI, while Ingram and Davis each collected an RBI in the game.

Good Hope 9 - Cordova 2 (Softball)

Good Hope quickly got things going offensively in its opening at-bats. Lizzy Steed hit a leadoff single and later scored on an RBI single by Campbell Koch to give the Lady Raiders a 1-0 lead. They quickly loaded the bases, and Natalie Miller hit an RBI single to make it 2-0. Kylee Smith drove in a run on a fielder's choice, and Addyson Burgess followed that up with an RBI single of her own, as that extended their lead to 4-0.

Cordova hit an RBI single in their half to cut it to 4-1. The top of the third saw Good Hope add to their lead, as Smith scored on an error to make it a 5-1 game. Back-to-back RBI singles by Miller and Smith stretched their lead to 7-1 in the top of the fourth, then Miller later scored on a passed ball to give them an 8-1 lead. The Lady Raiders put up their final run in the top of the seventh, as an RBI double by Haley Lay put the final score at 9-2.

Miller and Smith each finished with two hits and two RBIs for Good Hope, while Lay (two hits), Koch (one hit), and Burgess (one hit) each collected an RBI of their own in the win. Molly Benefield went the distance for the Lady Raiders, as she allowed just four hits and one earned run, walked two, and struck out nine.

Locust Fork 8 - Hanceville 1 (Softball)

Hanceville got on the scoreboard first in the bottom of the second on an RBI single by Aaliyah Twitty. Locust Fork, though, put up five runs in the top of the third and three more in the fifth, and the Lady Bulldogs couldn't recover after that, as they ended up dropping their game to the Lady Hornets 8-1.

Twitty (one RBI) and Karrigan Pipkin each finished with a hit for Hanceville.

Holly Pond 15 - J.B. Pennington 14 (Softball)

There was no shortage of offense in this game, as J.B. Pennington took a 7-5 lead into the fourth inning. Holly Pond loaded up the bases in the bottom of the fourth, and Jaycee Hankins lined a two-run single to left field to tie the game up at seven. The Lady Tigers broke the tie with five runs in the top of the fifth to take a 12-7 lead. The Lady Broncos, though, had a huge bottom of the fifth inning.

Libby Stallings scored on an error, Clara Spitzer drew a bases-loaded walk, Morgan Campbell scored on a passed ball, and Maggie Nail drove in a run on a fielder's choice to trim the deficit to 12-11. With the bases loaded and two outs, Stallings drew a walk to tie the game up at 12, then Nail scored on a passed ball to give Holly Pond their first lead of the game at 13-12. Hankins and Stallings both scored on an error to extend their lead to 15-12.

An error and an RBI triple made it a one-run game in the top of the sixth, but the Lady Broncos kept them at arm's length for the rest of the game, as they would go on to hold off J.B. Pennington 15-14.

Stallings (three hits) and Hankins (two hits) each drove in three runs in the win for Holly Pond. Nail added a pair of hits and two RBIs, while Spitzer collected an RBI of her own in the game.

J.B. Pennington 7 - Vinemont 4 (Baseball)

Offense was hard to come by for both teams early on. J.B. Pennington struck first in the top of the third, as an error gave them a 1-0 lead. Vinemont loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the fourth, and Tucker Mauter drew a walk to tie the game up at one. The Eagles broke the tie in the bottom of the fifth. Back-to-back walks had them in business to start out the inning. Later on, Kayden Henderson hit an RBI single to give them a 2-1 lead, then one out later, Owen McKinney added a two-run single to extend their lead to 4-1.



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West Point defeated Cold Springs on the road 13-3 Monday night.

The Tigers cut it to 4-3 in the top of the sixth on an RBI triple and an RBI single. They loaded the bases with one out in the top of the seventh, then a walk, a hit by pitch, and a two-run single gave them a 7-4 lead.

Vinemont got a mini-rally going in its final at-bats, but they couldn't cut into the deficit, as they ended up dropping their game to J.B. Pennington 7-4.

McKinney led the way for the Eagles with a pair of hits and two RBIs. while Henderson (one hit) and Mauter each drove in a run in the loss.

Cold Springs 7 - Cleveland 6 (Baseball)

Cold Springs looked to get on the scoreboard first in its opening at-bats. A single, a walk, and an error saw them load up the bases with one out, and Boston Archer promptly cleared them with a double to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Cleveland scored on an error in their half to cut it to 3-1, but Cold Springs made it 4-1 in the top of the second on a solo home run by Brady Phillips.

An error and a pair of RBI groundouts in the bottom of the second gave the Panthers a 5-4 lead. Brandon Chasteen's RBI groundout in the top of the third tied the game up at five. The Eagles broke the tie in the top of the fourth. Cooper Johnson reached on a dropped third strike and later stole second and third.

Lindan Hill hit an RBI single to give them a 6-5 lead, but Cleveland tied the game up at six on an RBI single in their half. Blake Belcher scored on a Panther error in the top of the fifth to give Cold Springs a 7-6 lead. The Eagles kept the lead for the rest of the game, as they would go on to knock off Cleveland 7-6.

Archer finished with the three-run double for Cold Springs. Phillips added a solo home run, while Hill and Chasteen each drove in a run in the win for the Eagles.

LEGALS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until **12:00 p.m.**, Local Time, **April 7, 2025,** and then publicly opened and read at **1:00 p.m.** at the Board meeting located at the C.C. Williams WWTF, located at 1600 Yeend Street, Mobile, AL 36603, for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: Contract No:D3521300, Project Name: **Myers WTP SCADA Upgrades**.

The project is funded by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. The selected bidder shall comply with all conditions and requirements of the program as they pertain to this Project.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at the office of Jacobs Engineering (Jacobs), Consulting Engineers, 25 W. Cedar Street, Suite 350, Pensacola FL. 32502 (by appointment).

A complete set of electronic contract documents including Drawings, Specifications, and referenced documents, and a modeled bid package may be obtained from Charley Golden via e-mail from Charley Golden at charley.golden@jacobs.com. No Contract documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

Questions regarding the Contract Documents must be submitted in writing or electronically to Jacobs no later than **April 1, 2025**, in order for responses to be provided via addendum prior to the bid date.

A **mandatory** Pre-bid Conference will be held at the Myers Water Treatment Plant, 1475 Hubert Pierce Road, Mobile, AL 36608, on **March 20, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective bidders required to attend, and subcontractors are encouraged to attend.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents in the tabbed and color-coded format as indicated.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing Project # D3521300 - **Myers WTP SCADA Upgrades** to be opened at **1:00 p.m., Local Time, April 7, 2025**". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope. Hand-delivered bid packages shall be delivered to the receptionist at the main entrance of the MAWSS office complex, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile AL 36618.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, **not to exceed $10,000.**

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA



ALEA: 'Think Smart Before You Start Spring Break'

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is kicking off its fifth annual "Think Smart Before You Start Spring Break" campaign, a statewide initiative aimed at promoting safety and smart decision-making for all residents during the popular spring break season. This proactive campaign is especially focused on teens and college students, reminding them to make responsible choices that prioritize safety.

As part of the campaign, ALEA will be increasing patrols throughout Alabama's roadways to ensure safe travel. With many heading to Alabama's beaches and vacation destinations, ALEA Troopers will focus on the enforcement of traffic laws, seat belt usage and deterrence of dangerous driving behaviors, such as speeding, distracted driving and driving while impaired.

"Spring break is a time for fun and relaxation, but it is crucial that we remember safety should always be a top priority," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor.

"We are reminding drivers, especially young drivers, to think smart before they hit the road. Whether you're traveling to your destination or spending time at the beach, we want to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable spring break."

For the fourth year, ALEA is assisting with beach safety. ALEA's Aviation Unit will once again conduct the "Rescue Swimmer Detail," utilizing the Agency's helicopter to rapidly deploy lifeguards from the cities of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores to swimmers in distress in the Gulf.

Thanks to additional funding secured by Senator Chris Elliott in 2024, the detail will not only operate during peak spring break periods, but also when strong rip currents are forecasted throughout the spring and summer months.

This added measure ensures that help is just a moment away for those enjoying Alabama's beautiful coastline.

"Rescue swimmers, along with our Aviation Unit, are ready to act quickly in the event of an emergency," said Lt. Jeremy Burkett, director of ALEA's Administrative Bureau.

"With the Gulf Coast's beautiful but sometimes unpredictable waters, we encourage everyone to swim safely, and heed all posted warnings. However, if you find yourself in trouble, we'll be there as fast as we can."

Safety rules for spring break 2025

• Buckle up for safety: Don't forget to click it before you hit the road on your way to the beach! Seat belts save lives, no matter how short the trip.

• Speeding isn't worth the risk: Keep the pedal to the speed limit — faster doesn't mean better.

• Distracted driving destroys lives: Put the phone down and focus on the road. Your text can wait, but your safety can't.

• Impaired driving is never okay: Whether it's alcohol or other substances that impair, don't drive under the influence. Plan a safe ride home.

• Plan ahead, stay safe: Have a designated driver or use a ride-share service when going out, and always let someone know where you'll be.

• Know your limits at the beach: Stay hydrated, swim with a buddy and always follow lifeguard instructions. Check surf and swimming conditions and know the different flag warnings while visiting the beach.

• ALEA urges everyone to take responsibility for their actions — both on the road and at the beach. With a little planning and smart choices, everyone can enjoy a fun and safe spring break.

Reptile Adventure class brings live animal experience to Cullman April 8

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Families and reptile fans will have the chance to get up close and personal with some fascinating cold-blooded creatures at the upcoming Reptile Adventure class on Tuesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. The class, hosted by the North Alabama Agriplex, will feature a live animal show led by herpetologist Jay Eubanks of Green Snake Education and will last approximately two hours.

The class is part of the Living Landscapes educational series, which focuses on sustainability and environmental education.

As part of Earth Month celebrations, attendees will have the opportunity to observe and learn about various reptiles, including snakes, turtles and more.

Eubanks, a well-known expert in reptile education, will provide insights into the natural history of each animal and their role in the ecosystem

"Jay does an excellent job presenting the natural history of each animal and telling their importance in nature," said Rachel Dawsey, director of the North Alabama Agriplex.

"This will be a class for reptile enthusiasts or people trying to overcome a fear of cold-blooded animals."

The cost is $20 per family, and registration is required.

To sign up, visit https://agriplex.org/WPtest/living-landscapes/ or call 256-297-1044 for more details.

For more information on Green Snake Education and Jay Eubanks' work, visit www.greensnakeeducation.com.

North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. in Cullman.

Star (from Front)

CSHS FCCLA Sponsor Stephanie Blair recently told The Tribune that she and her students have been working on the FCCLA STAR Events Competition since October. She said that Cold Springs FCCLA students returned with five gold and four silver medals this year.

Five students qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Conference in Orlando this summer. The top two highest scores from each category won a bid to attend Nationals.

Senior Bischoff, 17, said, "I had to create a fashion label — Savvy Styles — with a collection 'Shine' of four designs. I had to construct a sample garment, put together a portfolio documenting the process including information such as fabric swatches, inspiration, marketing, etc., and present my work to judges."

Bischoff's design is a floor-length, three-tier ballgown made of satin, chiffon, tulle and cotton.

"It is inspired by the dress worn by Taylor Swift on her Eras Tour, altering elements to make it more practical for a formal event such as prom," she said. "I won first place in my category, allowing me to advance to Nationals. I won a gold medal by earning a perfect score of 100."

On July 4, she will leave for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, where she will compete against the top two in her category from each state.

"This is a week-long trip that I will go on with my FCCLA chapter and advisor," Bischoff said.

"I have been sewing ever since I was little. My grandmother on my dad's side taught me how to sew and instilled this love for fashion in me.

"We would make simple projects such as pillowcases and doll dresses.

"When I joined FCCLA in ninth grade, I knew that I wanted to compete in the Fashion Design Category. I first competed in Fashion Design in 10th grade and my skills have advanced greatly since then.

"My grandmother on my mom's side has helped me to sew as well."

Bischoff said she wanted to thank Blair for her dedication to FCCLA and all the help she provides her and other students.

Farmers (from Front)

what we can with the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) in all 50 states," said Mississippi Farm Bureau President Mike McCormick.

"We can't have these important conversations without the grassroots efforts. I thank you for your involvement, for being part of your county boards and for what you do."

Legislative meetings kicked off the next day as farmers visited with U.S. House Committee on Agriculture Chairman Glenn G.T. Thompson, R-Pennsylvania. He communicated the desire to pass a new farm bill this year — and the challenges that entails.

"We're going to need your help with getting a new farm bill across the line," Thompson said.

"Farmers were initially written out of the end-of-the-year spending bill last year. By the time it passed, you were a priority only because y'all stood up and flexed the muscle of American agriculture.

"Do what y'all did in December, but all I ask you is to stay limber."

Farmers also sat down with other lawmakers, staff members and ag industry leaders.

Those included Auburn University, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), JBS America, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, AmericanHort, National Cotton Council and others.

Escambia County row crop farmers Jacob Scott and Gaylan Shelly said this trip allowed them an opportunity to share their stories firsthand with decision-makers.

"We'd love to see better prices so we can make our own money and not be in a bind like the last few years," Shelly said.

"We met with legislators who were very receptive, some who had their cost-estimates wrong, and some who didn't like what we had to say. We're grassroots, and we understand we need to speak up. This is the only for-sure way to get our voices heard."

Scott echoed Shelly.

"We hope this new administration can get things going our way, because if not, farming for myself won't be around much longer," Scott said.

"It was good to hear what's being done to build better trade agreements. There's no way we would have been able to share our stories and issues directly with legislators and industry professionals without coming on this trip.

"We're very blessed to have this opportunity to promote Alabama agriculture."

Wednesday night closed with a congressional barbecue featuring Colbert County's Bishop's BBQ and Priester's Pecans from Lowndes County.

Alabama Republican U.S. Sens. Tommy Tuberville and Katie Britt stopped by to visit with farmers for photos and food. Britt was also honored as AFBF's Outstanding New Member of Congress.

Farmers were back at it Thursday for breakfast meetings with their U.S. representatives before attending additional small group gatherings. The day closed with a tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon, which highlighted the agriculture lifestyle of America's first president.

Before heading back to their Cullman County farm, Ben and Whitney Haynes reflected on the importance of the conference and letting their voices be heard.

"The things that affect Alabama farmers are not that dissimilar from Kansas or Mississippi or Arkansas farmers," Ben Haynes said.

"The fact that we have friends in all those states makes me feel good about our chances of getting things done and making a real positive impact for farmers not just in Alabama but all over the country."

Whitney Haynes agreed.

"We read that George Washington said he was called to be a statesman, but in his heart, he was a farmer," Whitney said.

"That's something that is engrained with a lot of men and women in our group, and I hope that's something we can pass on to our children. I hope they can come to D.C. and continue the fight for farming."

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — It's been nearly a month since five Hanceville Police Department officers, including the police chief, were arrested following an investigation of the department, and at Monday night's special-called Hanceville City Council meeting at the Hanceville Civic Center, a crowd of locals gathered to voice their concerns and recommendations for the department's future.

After the council heard public comments from several upset residents, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry took questions from both council members and residents in attendance.

"We took a deputy that's off duty and we're paying them overtime to be solely in Hanceville. Just so you know how your deputies work, when our deputies come on duty, they're not dispatched from the sheriff's office in the middle of Cullman, they're down here," Gentry said.

"So, when calls come out, they're already in your area. Response time is a question we've gotten a lot during this. We've checked the numbers and right now our response time is the same or similar to what the Hanceville Police Department was providing and so far, it's been a very smooth process."

Gentry continued, "Right now, we're providing 24-hour law enforcement paying overtime and we can do it, but we can't sustain that forever because our guys are working here on their off days, and we all know you can only work so much before you're just wore slap out.

"So right now, it's averaging about $25,000 per month just in salaries to provide 24-hour law enforcement. That doesn't count vehicles, fuel or anything else, that's just for the coverage with deputies assigned that are working in this area. That is something I would ask if the mayor and council could talk about is possibly reimbursing us. It would really help because just like y'all, this was not something that we had prepared for."

Gentry reiterated that he and the sheriff's office will be more than willing to assist with Hanceville's law enforcement needs in whatever way they can regardless of the decision made by the council.

"I'm here to help the mayor and the council, whatever y'all decide. We'll work with you through that process, whatever it takes to make it good for the community," he said. "This is a great community. If it wasn't a great community, we wouldn't have all these citizens here. You can tell that these citizens love their community, they want good law enforcement and they want good leadership so we're here to help."

After speaking with Gentry and several Hanceville residents in attendance, the council members gave their opinions on what would be the best course of action. Councilman Kenneth Cornelius' motion to suspend the operations of the police department and immediately form a committee to begin the search for a new police chief was approved by the council.

At this time, a decision has not been made regarding HPD employees currently on administrative leave. Before making his motion, Cornelius shared his thoughts on the situation and what he thinks would be the best course of action for the City at this point.

"I think that the main concern here after hearing a lot of people voice their opinions is that a police department is something that this community wants. The one thing I want more than anything is to make sure that police department performs and does exactly what it's supposed to do and have the integrity and the skill set to do it at a high level that we can all be proud of.

"We've heard you and we definitely want that, too. I don't think there's a person up here that doesn't. In my opinion, we would need to take time to evaluate and get a chief hired and bring in an organization to evaluate what it would take to build that infrastructure and what that cost would be," Cornelius said.

"I think it's going to be a longer period, at least six months. I'm good with a committee finding the right individual that could come in and build the department from the ground up. Start completely fresh.

"I do hate it for the individuals that had nothing to do with this because it is terrible. There's no way that this is fair for those individuals, but there's really nothing we can do as far as being able to afford to keep paying them and pay the sheriff's department $25,000 per month for deputies. If that's six months then great, if that's a year then great, as long as we do it right."

Earlier Monday, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker released a statement detailing what was missing from the Hanceville Police Department's evidence room. You can see Crocker's full report at www.cullmantribune.com/2025/03/10/hanceville-council-votes-to-suspend-police-department.

The Tribune will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.



STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-063

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICKIE ALLEN SCHMALE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Leslie Michelle Schmale on the 11th day of March, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate 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.

Leslie Michelle Schmale
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JEFFERY BOYD, * CASE NO PC 2019-034
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO SEAL REAL PROPERTY and 2nd MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

TO: LUCAS BOYD AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS OF JEFFERY BOYD, DECEASED

Motion for Authority to Sell Real Property and 2nd Motion for Authority to Sell Real Property filed by Andy M. Sieja, Attorney for Personal Representative Randy Nix, has been filed with the Court. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the 22nd day of May, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 11th day of March, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * **CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02**
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Angel Kay Lamey on February 11, 2022, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 27 day of March, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
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Cullman, AL 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIAM ALEXANDER SUTTON, * CASE NO.: PC2024-457
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Matthew Rutherford
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 JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * **CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02**
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KEVIN PAUL WINSLOW, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on February 11, 2022, to Angel Kay Lamey by the 27 day of March, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GARRELL RAYBURN WHITE * CASE NO.: PC2025-001
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said estate having been granted to JOY CARTRON by the HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of CULLMAN County, Alabama on the 4th day of March, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all parties having any claims against the estate must present the same within the time required by law or they will be barred. This notice in no way acknowledges the validity of any claim filed, and the Estate reserves the right to contest any claim filed.

JOY CARTRON
Personal Representative

A copy of said claim shall also be served upon Petitioner's counsel of record.

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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 *
DAVID TIMOTHY SMITH, * CASE NO.: PC2024-405
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CECELIA ELOUISE SMITH, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF DAVID TIMOTHY SMITH, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

Cecelia Elouise Smith
Administrator of the Estate of
David Timothy Smith, deceased

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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 4th day of March, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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 David Bryan Morrow An Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Royal Pacific Funding Corp., its successors and assigns dated October 20, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on October 24, 2023, in Book 2066, Page 394 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Royal Pacific Funding Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2112, Page 727 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, Royal Pacific Funding Corporation, 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 1st day of May, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commencing at a 5/8 inch rebar at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, T10S, R1W of the Huntsville Meridian; thence North a distance of 315.91 feet; thence West a distance of 188.18 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar, Cap #CA-0078 in Community Center Road at the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 44' 57" West a distance of 118.14 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 01 degrees 13' 07" East a distance of 210.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar capped #5742; thence South 88 degrees 46' 52" East a distance of 253.06 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar Cap #CA-0078 in Community Center Road; thence South 33 degrees 55' 55" West a distance of 249.67 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to right of way for Community Center Road and all existing rights of ways and or easements of record.

Said property is commonly known as 173 County Road 663, 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.

ROYAL PACIFIC FUNDING CORPORATION
as holder of said mortgage
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CLETUS SIMS, * CASE NO.: PC2025-022
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Janet Turner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Cletus Sims, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County.

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

Janet Turner
Personal Representative

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

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 JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * **CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02**
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

ANGEL KAY LAMEY, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on February 11, 2022, by the 17th day of April, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 6 day of March, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 31, 2007 by Christopher Peed, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1533, Page 207 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 21, 2025:

Parcel 1 (31-09-30-0-000-004.000 and -004.001):
All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Range 4 West, lying and being South of public road running East and West across said forty and being 20 acres, more or less.

Less and Except: A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Range 4 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point where the South line of a county road intersects the West line of said forty; thence South along the West line to the Southwest corner of said forty; thence East along the South line 150 feet, more or less, to a stake; thence Northwesterly 539 feet, more or less, to a stake on the South right of way of said County Road being a point 85 feet from the point of beginning; thence Westerly along the South right of way of said road 85 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning an containing 1.45 acres, more or less.

Also Less and Except: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as; Commencing at a found 3 inch capped pipe marking the Southwest corner of Section 30; thence due East along the South line of said Section a distance of 764.97 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run North 8 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 640.17 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South right of way County Road 4; thence North 80 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East along said South right of way a distance of 304.94 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on an agreed fence line; thence leaving said right of way run South 01 degree 43 minutes 31 seconds East along said agreed fence line a distance of 683.68 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South line of said Section 30; thence due West along said South line a distance of 227.73 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 4.00 acres, more or less.

Also Less and Except: A parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30; Township 13 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the East line of the forty and the South right of way of County Road # 4 (Wolf Road); thence Southerly along the East forty line to the Southeast corner of said forty; thence West along the South line of the forty 315 feet; thence North to the South line of County Road # 4; thence Easterly along the South line of County Road # 4 315 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

The property conveyed hereby is subject to the following: Right of way for public road extending 30 feet from the centerline of County Road #4 granted to Cullman County, Alabama, as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 527 Page 240 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Utility Easement granted to South Central Bell Telephone Company by instruments recorded in Deed Book 331 Page 439 and Deed Book 331 Page 443 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Parcel 2 (3 l-09-31-0-000-003.001):
A tract of land being the East Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 13, Range 4 West, being 40 acres more or less, Cullman County, Alabama.

Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 556 Page 252

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Sale (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Master Gardeners will host their third annual Native Azalea and Wildflower Sale on Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

Cullman County Extension Director Kira Sims, who also advises and manages the local Cullman County Master Gardeners volunteers, said this particular sale is held annually in March.

"The feature plant for this sale is the native azalea, but they also offer perennial and annual wildflowers," Sims said.

"They will offer over 15 types of flowers including purple coneflower, butterfly milkweed and blanket flower. There will also be five fern species for sale."

Sims said the Master Gardeners host three plant sales during the year.

"This one (featuring the native azaleas and wildflowers specifically), and two general plant sales (April and October)," Sims said.

"The general plant sales feature plants propagated or harvested from plants out of the Master Gardeners' own landscapes or demonstration gardens they maintain around Cullman.

"The rest of their activities consist of volunteering across the county by maintaining the demonstration gardens and assisting with youth and adult education programs."

Sims shared the Master Gardeners are Extension-trained volunteers who connect Alabamians to gardening information and educational opportunities.

"They assist the local county office with various horticulture-related events and promote gardening to other homeowners using research-based information," she explained.

"They are a valuable asset to the county through their various volunteer activities with both youth and adults."

To become a Master Gardener volunteer, a person must complete the Master Gardener training course and obtain 50 hours of volunteer service.

"The training is offered in Cullman County during the fall (August-November)," Sims said.

"Anyone interested in the program can contact me directly (kira.sims@auburn.edu), and I will add them to the interest list. When registration opens in June, those on the interest list will be notified."

The Cullman County Fairgrounds are located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

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Obituary Announcements: March 11-12

Wazanta Posey Johnson, 68
Funeral service for Wazanta Posey Johnson, 68, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Ole Time Way Baptist Church, with interment in Walker Cemetery, assistant Pastor Stephen Jenkins, Bro. Stanley Reeves and Pastor Richard Roberts will be officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. before the service. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 5:30-8 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Johnson was born on Aug. 6,1957, to Wenzel and Barlice Posey. Wazanta was a member of Ole Time Way Baptist Church. She loved crafts, crocheting, and circle books. She loved her grandchildren especially. She was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include her husband Dennis Lee Johnson; children, Heith (Melissa) Johnson, Denell Johnson, Tawanta (Stephen) Jenkins; grandchildren, Kaden Johnson, Levi Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Isaiah Jenkins, Lilyanna Jenkins and Brantlee Jenkins; brothers, Quinton (Janice) Posey, Warren (Shirley) Posey; beloved puppy, Mr. Whiskers; special friends (honorary children) Adam and Amanda Woods, Josh Mann; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Kaden Johnson, Levi Johnson, Isaiah Jenkins, Adam Woods, Josh Mann, Matt Hill and honorary pallbearer Brantlee Jenkins. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Teresa Ann Cobbs, 59
Memorial service for Teresa Ann Cobbs, 59, of Cullman is incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Teresa was born Aug. 4, 1965. She passed from this life March 9, 2025, at CRMC. She was a poultry farmer for many years. She loved her family and especially her grandson. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her in-laws, J.P. and Juanita Cobbs; brother, Tim Ford. Survivors include her son, Dusty Cobbs (Sue Shubert); daughter, Ashley Cobbs; brothers, Brad (Lindsay) Ford, Tony (Myra) Ford; grandson, Brodie Cobbs (Anna Grace Parks "A.G."); family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Debra Kay Morton, 63
Funeral service for Debra Kay Morton, 63, of Vinemont will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Missionary Grove Baptist Cemetery, Bro. Rick Nesbitt officiating. Visitation will be Friday evening at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Morton passed away Monday, March 10, 2025, at Huntsville Hospital. She was born July 10, 1961, to Hovie and Inez Kilgo Thornton. She was a member of Missionary Grove Baptist Church and loved going to church. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and a daughter, Melissa Bowers. Survivors include her mother, Inez Twilley; husband of 43 years, David Morton; brother, Casey (Melissa) Twilley; sisters, Julia (Ronald) Pevahouse, Dean Twilley, Annette Burnett; grandchildren, Brooke Bowers, Sheridan Bowers, Caleb Bowers; great-grandchildren, Tatum Bowers, Ayla Chambers; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James Arnold Bates, 86
Graveside service for James Arnold Bates, 86, of Gardendale, will be at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2025, at Bowman's Chapel Cemetery, Bro. Delbert Freeman officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Bates was born on Dec. 7, 1938, to Coy and Bessie Leona Blackwood Bates. He married his wife Geraldine on Dec. 2, 1967. Mr. Bates served as military police in the U.S. Army and was a sales rep for Harvey Ragland Wholesale. He retired from W.L. Petrey Company. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, W.C. Buddy Bates. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Geraldine Bates; sister, Linda (Paul) Silvers; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Paul Silvers, Randy Bates and Jeff Griffin.

Jack Wayne Still, 80
Reverend Jack Wayne Still, 80, of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, March 9, surrounded by family. He was born on Dec. 20, 1944, in Tampa, Florida, to James Kermit and Ivalene Tidwell Still. Jack was raised in Cullman County and felt called into ministry as a young adult. Over the years, he and his wife, Shirley faithfully served as he pastored Mt. Joy Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cullman County, Fairfield First Baptist, and Elkton Road Baptist in Athens, Alabama. He also conducted training in Sunday School growth for the Alabama Baptist Board of Missions. He and Shirley ministered to countless people throughout his life. Jack earned his Bachelors degree in religious studies from Samford University and went on to obtain his Master's of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Jack was a devoted husband, dad, "PaPa Jack", brother, and friend. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife and mother of his children, Shirley Jones Still; his brother, Ray Still; his sister, Peggy (Ernie) McClendon; and his daughter, Meleah Carlisle. He leaves behind his loving wife, Sharon Campbell Still, who brought him love and companionship in his later years. He is also survived by his children: Clark Still, Chris Still, Gina (Nathan) Drake, and Crystal (Buz) Boyd; his grandchildren: Jackson (Emma) Drake, Harrison Drake, and Carli Boyd; his sister, Linda (Gary) Parker; his sister-in-law, Barbara Still; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Jack's unwavering faith and dedication to his ministry touched the lives of many, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved him. Funeral service will be Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 3 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Cook, officiating. Interment will be at Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the International Mission Board or the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries. Give To The International Mission Board - www.imb.org https://www.alabamachild.org/give

Mary Jo Butts, 94
Funeral services for Mary Jo Butts, 94, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Good Hope Cemetery. Barbara Trussell and Buddy Perkins will be officiating services. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 11, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Butts was born July 6, 1930, in Cullman, Alabama, to the late Leacille Griffin and Alma Foust-Griffin. She passed away March 10, 2025, in Hanceville, Alabama. Jo was a woman of unwavering faith, a devout Christian whose love for the Lord guided her every step. Her life was a testament to kindness, grace, and quiet strength. She worked tirelessly throughout her life, never shying away from hard work and always putting others before herself. A lover of all flowers, Jo found joy in the simple beauty of nature — from the first bloom of spring to the last rose of summer. Her garden was a reflection of her soul: colorful, nurturing, and filled with life. Above all, Jo cherished her family. She was the heart and glue of her family, always ready with a warm embrace, gentle wisdom, and unconditional love. Her legacy of love, faith, and perseverance lives on in the hearts of all who knew her. Survivors include her children, Barbara Perkins and James Laney (Pat); nine grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; son-in-law, Terry Davis; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Butts was preceded in death by her husband, Roy A. Butts; daughter, Anita Davis; parents, Leacille Griffin & Alma Foust-Griffin; two sisters; and three brothers. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Butts family.

Gene S. Sutherlin, 85
Gene Selken Sutherlin, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on March 6, 2025, at the age of 85. Mr. Sutherlin was born in Missouri, to Clarence Wilburn and Mary Louise Selken Sutherlin on May 6, 1939. Gene was a kind and gentle man who was always willing to help others. His commitment and sacrifice for others was seen in his honorable service to our nation as he served two terms in the United States Army. He selflessly offered to reinstate when the Vietnam War began but he was not called to action. Although he did not serve during the war, he was willing to do so if needed. Mr. Sutherlin enjoyed farming, both vegetables and flowers, and everything he planted thrived under his tender and knowledgeable care. Gene also enjoyed caring for his farm animals which often included goats, donkeys, geese, and chickens. He always had a dog as well. Gene enjoyed the outdoors and found joy working alongside the land and animals. Mr. Sutherlin was a loving and devoted husband and father. His daughters recall being brought up in a loving and happy home where they knew they were cherished by their parents. Gene enjoyed being at home with his family and their time spent together will always hold a special place in the hearts of his children. Mr. Sutherlin is preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Carolyn Jean Moser Sutherlin; son, Gene Sutherlin, Jr.; daughter, Sheryl Ann White (Greg); and brother, William Dean Sutherlin (Ruth). Those left to cherish Gene's memory includes his daughters, Alice Newby (Gary), Kimberly Thurmond (Darren); grandchildren, Chris Waldrip (Micaela), Lauren Symms (Chris), Abigail Waldrip; great-grandchildren, Harrison and Hallie; brother, Richard Sutherlin (Harriet); sister, Jane Kay Scoggins; and nieces and nephews, Julie Lawsen (Tod), Shelly Sutherlin, Caitlin Scoggins, Casey Scoggins, Bill Sutherlin (Karen), Chris Sutherlin (Meri), and Mary Beth Trochek (Alex). Mr. Sutherlin leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and generosity and he will be missed greatly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The Sutherlin family will honor Mr. Sutherlin's life with a Celebration of Life at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sutherlin family.

Jimmy Morrow, 81
Jimmy W.L. Morrow, age 81, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents: Lucille and Luther Hopper; father, Raymond Morrow; Sisters: Janice Morrow and Ray Morrow. Jimmy is survived by his four (4) sons: Nathan (Ann) Morrow, Brian (Maranda) Morrow, Kenneth (Jessica) Morrow, and Walter Morrow; Sister, Judy (Richard) Dye; 13 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and a friend and caretaker, Sarah LeAnn Burks. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the celebration of Jimmy's life which will begin at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Jones' Chapel Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Lanny "Rodger" Shabel, 73
Lanny "Rodger" Shabel, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and community leader, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2025, at the age of 73. Rodger was born on April 16, 1951, in McGee, Mississippi, to Jim and Gussie Shabel. As the eldest of seven children, he learned the values of hard work, leadership, and family devotion early in life. On Feb. 14, 1973, Rodger married the love of his life, Vickie Shabel. Together, they raised four children: twin sons Leh (Allyson) and Todd, daughter Casey Davidson (Brian), and youngest son Kyle. Rodger was a proud and devoted father. Rodger made a lasting impact in the business community as the owner of Pepsi Cola Decatur. His leadership extended beyond the business as he was dedicated to supporting and uplifting the communities his business served. His generosity and unwavering commitment left a lasting mark on countless lives. Outside of his professional achievements, Rodger was an avid coon hunter and golfer. His hobby, however, came from spending time with his friends. He especially enjoyed lunch gatherings with his lifelong buddies, Elvis Larkin and William Fred Pepper. He is survived by his devoted wife, Vickie Shabel; his children Leh (Allyson), Todd, Casey Davidson (Brian), and Kyle; his grandchildren Megan Jane, Demi Dianne, and Evi Elizabeth; and his siblings Debbie Shabel, Terry Shabel, Scotty Shabel, and Jason Shabel. He is also survived by a host of extended family and dear friends who will miss him deeply. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Gussie Shabel, and his brothers, Tommy and Kevin Shabel. A celebration of Rodger's life was at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman on Wednesday, March 12. The viewing was at 1 p.m.; funeral at 3 p.m.; graveside at 4:30 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Gerald 'Jerry' Dan Collins, 69
Funeral Service for Gerald "Jerry" Dan Collins, age 69 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at Cullman Church of Christ; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at Cullman Church of Christ. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Gail Vest, 76
Donna Gail Vest, age 76, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, March 10, 2025. Donna is survived by her son Jimmy Turner (Michele), sisters Carol Scott and Linda Rayburn, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. Donna was preceded in death by her son Jeff Turner, her parents Erwin Black and Opal Black, and brothers Darrell and David Black. A celebration of life visitation for Donna will be held Friday, March 14, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 1 p.m. Donna will be laid to rest in Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055-4812. To leave condolences for the Vest family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Carlton Ellis Pitts, 76
Carlton Ellis Pitts, age 76 of Falkville, Alabama. died Tuesday, March 11, 2025. He was preceded in death by his mother, Velma Pitts; father, James Herbert Pitts; brothers: Ricky (Nancy) Pitts, Daniel (Barbara) Pitts, and Hubert (Helen) Pitts; and a granddaughter, Alyssa Pitts. Carlton is survived by his wife of 53 years, Vicky Pitts; sons: Chris (Shannon) Pitts and Jason Pitts; sister, Darlene (Randy) Pate, brothers: Robert (Verna) Pitts and Jeff (Becky) Pitts; grandchildren: Austin (Savanah) Burwell, Hannah (Dean) Gernon and Andrew Pitts, great grandchildren: Isabelle and Matthew and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The celebration of Mr. Pitts' life will be Friday, March 14, 2025, beginning at 4 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Burial to follow at Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Cullman City Schools Summer STEM Camp set for July

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Just because summer is on the way, it doesn't mean learning needs to stop — and that's exactly why Cullman City Schools is hosting its annual Summer STEM Camp for students this July.

Summer STEM Camp is for students in grades K-8. It will be held from 8 a.m.-noon on July 7-10 and July 14-17. It will be hosted at East Elementary School. July 10 will be a STEM water play day (so dress accordingly!), while July 17 will include a field trip to the Cook Museum of Natural Sciences.

The deadline to submit an application to attend is Thursday, May 1. Apply online at https://forms.gle/8MQsNuvmqTYavi7ZA.

The program returns for its second year as part of a partnership between Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism and Cullman City Schools.

The camp is free to students in the city of Cullman, Cullman County, area private schools and homeschool programs.

The goal of the STEM camp is to expand students' knowledge of STEM and career development skills, emphasizing teamwork, collaboration, leadership, critical thinking, problem-solving and communication.

"Through hands-on experiments, projects and exploration of robotics, coding and engineering concepts, the camp seeks to inspire and engage students in STEM," Camp Director Courtney Waters explained.

"Now in its second year, this camp continues to provide an exciting opportunity for students to learn new skills, make friends and have fun."

Some things students will learn during the camp include a robotics exploration, with students actually able to build their own robots and write code for them to perform tasks like shooting a basketball into a hoop.

The STEM water challenges will have students work together and explore forces and motion, with a focus on gravity.

Activities include racing to transport water between buckets, creating water slides and launching water rockets.

Engineering portions of the camp will allow students to explore the engineering design process to design and build their own roller coasters.

There will also be gardening activities, with students learning the basics of decomposition and ecosystems to build compost bins and promote recycling and resource sustainability.



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