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Cullman City Council moves on airport improvements, celebrates local athletes

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday opened its meeting by welcoming athletes from Cullman Gymnastics, to celebrate their recent victory at the 2025 Alabama Optional/Xcel State Meet, where they were named Alabama Silver Team State Champions.

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Councilman Clint Hollingsworth congratulates members of Cullman Gymnastics for their recent performance at the 2025 Alabama Optional/Xcel State Meet, where they were named Alabama Silver Team State Champions. Left to right are Hollingsworth, Mary Beth Moody, Avery Adams, Sabrina Schuster, Ella Anderson, Lily McEachern, Harper Williams, Zoe Burks and Skylar Livengood. Not pictured is Willa Miner.»



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Alabama Strawberry Festival set to celebrate 86 years of tradition and community spirit



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The Alabama Strawberry Festival will take place April 25-26, 2025, at Depot Park, with free admission for all ages.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama Strawberry Festival is back for its 86th year, promising an even bigger and better celebration of community, agriculture and the arts. Hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST), the two-day event will take place April 25-26, 2025, at Depot Park, with free admission for all ages.

The festival, rebranded last year from the Cullman Strawberry Festival to the Alabama Strawberry Festival, drew nearly 50,000 attendees in 2024. Organizers are anticipating another record-breaking turnout.

"This year marks the 86th anniversary of the inaugural Cullman Strawberry Festival, now celebrated as the Alabama Strawberry Festival for its second year," said Nathan Anderson, CPRST executive director. "Visitors can anticipate an expanded lineup of live music, the largest variety of food vendors to date and an impressive selection of arts and crafts vendors."



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Festival hours are Friday, April 25, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Coca-Cola Stage will feature performances by Russell Dickerson, Lauren Alaina, Chase Matthew, Kidd G and more. While general admission is free, Anderson recommends purchasing tickets online for the best seating options.

In addition to music, the festival offers a blend of old and new traditions. Events include the Strawberry Queen Pageant, strawberry baking competitions, a lively carnival and a large-scale arts and crafts show.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 23

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 23, 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

April 17

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $69; Olive St. SW

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $134; Hwy. 157

April 21

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $159; Hwy. 157

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $39; Olive St. SW

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $98; Hwy. 157

April 22

• theft of property-2nd degree; Security Finance; cash

ARRESTS

April 21-22

Wingo, Joshua E.; 33

• FTA – expired tag

• FTA – improper lane usage

Turner, Jeremy N.; 43

• public intoxication

McKelvey, Michelle T.; 42

• theft of property-4th degree

Dacera, Catherine S.; 47

• theft of property-4th degree

• obstructing governmental operations

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 31

• FTA – driving without license

Drake, Kimberly H.; 57

• DUI

Jones, Kevin W.; 19

• theft of property-4th degree

Reynolds, David J.; 44

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Hobbs, Joseph M.; 37

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Akers, Isaiah L.; 25

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Dutton, Selina C.; 36

• theft of property-4th degree

• criminal trespass-3rd degree

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Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend clean-up announcement
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4. Please have all old worn flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 27. Any flowers and decorations remaining after April 27, will be subject to removal by cemetery maintenance with respect to condition. We ask that all new flowers and decorations be kept as close to the monuments as possible to aid in mowing. Solar lights are not allowed unless they are directly in a flower arrangement. Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Good Hope Public Cemetery, P.O. Box 355 Cullman, AL 35056 or placed in the donation box on site. Donations are tax deductible and are essential to pay for cemetery upkeep.

SAVE THE DATE! Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Table for eight for $450. Tickets available from Jennifer Limerick (256-201-2521 or jenniferalrealtor@gmail.com) or Judy Grissom (256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com) or www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com. Benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

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: Broken Heart for Repair
For more information, 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, April 25 - 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! Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, April 27 - 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.

Jim Phillips at the Cullman Senior Center
Thursday, May 8, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Jim Phillips will talk about Old American currency, coins, bottles and Bibles, offering FREE appraisals on those items. A donation to the senior center is appreciated for hosting.

Shibori Dyeing Class
Monday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. $32 per person. Space is limited. Sign up today. Call 256-734-0145 M-F 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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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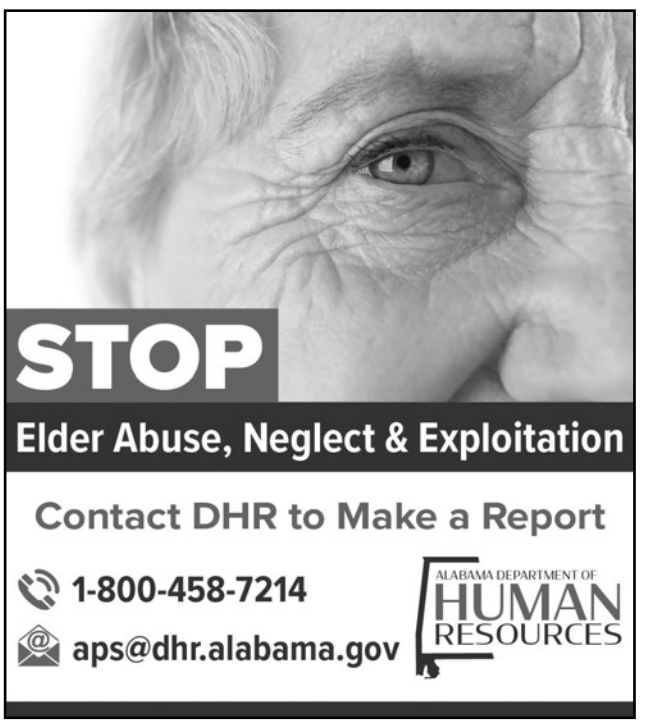


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PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Vinemont, Cullman, Addison preparing for round 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With round one of this year's state baseball playoffs in the books, we have three local teams remaining in the field with round two coming up later this week. After sweeping past Hazel Green in the opening round, Cullman will be back home at Bill Shelton Field to host Pell City on Friday. Vinemont took a three-game series over Randolph County at home in round one and will head to Phil Campbell on Friday for round two. Addison dominated its first round series with Skyline and now the Bulldogs will travel to Pickens Academy on Friday with a chance to advance to round three.

All three teams are spending this week preparing for their round two matchups and all three coaches shared some of what they're focusing on as they get ready.

Cullman v. Pell City (6A)

- Game One – Friday at 5 p.m.
- Game Two – Friday at 7:30 p.m.
- Game Three – Saturday at 2 p.m. (If Necessary)

Cullman Head Coach Brent Patterson

On the Bearcats' dominant performance in round one,
"One of the most impressive things about this team all year has been their ability to separate yesterday from today. They've showed up to work every day regardless of how yesterday went. To be completely honest, it's been the most impressive thing about this bunch the entire year," Patterson said.

"We've had a whole lot of disappointing games and stretches where we didn't perform up to our capabilities. However, they'd show up with great energy and focus the next day.

"No matter what, they've been very consistent in their approach, whether we were playing well or struggling. It's a testament to the leadership in the locker room and their desire to play well for each other."

On Pell City's strengths,
"As of right now, we don't know a lot about Pell City. Overwhelmingly the biggest thing I hear about them is how competitive they are. They seem to have a good thing going and really understand what type of team they are," Patterson said. "They've been extremely solid on the mound and defensively and they have some threats in the lineup. It's a program that's not unfamiliar with the playoffs so they'll be ready for us, no doubt. They're always well coached and prepared."

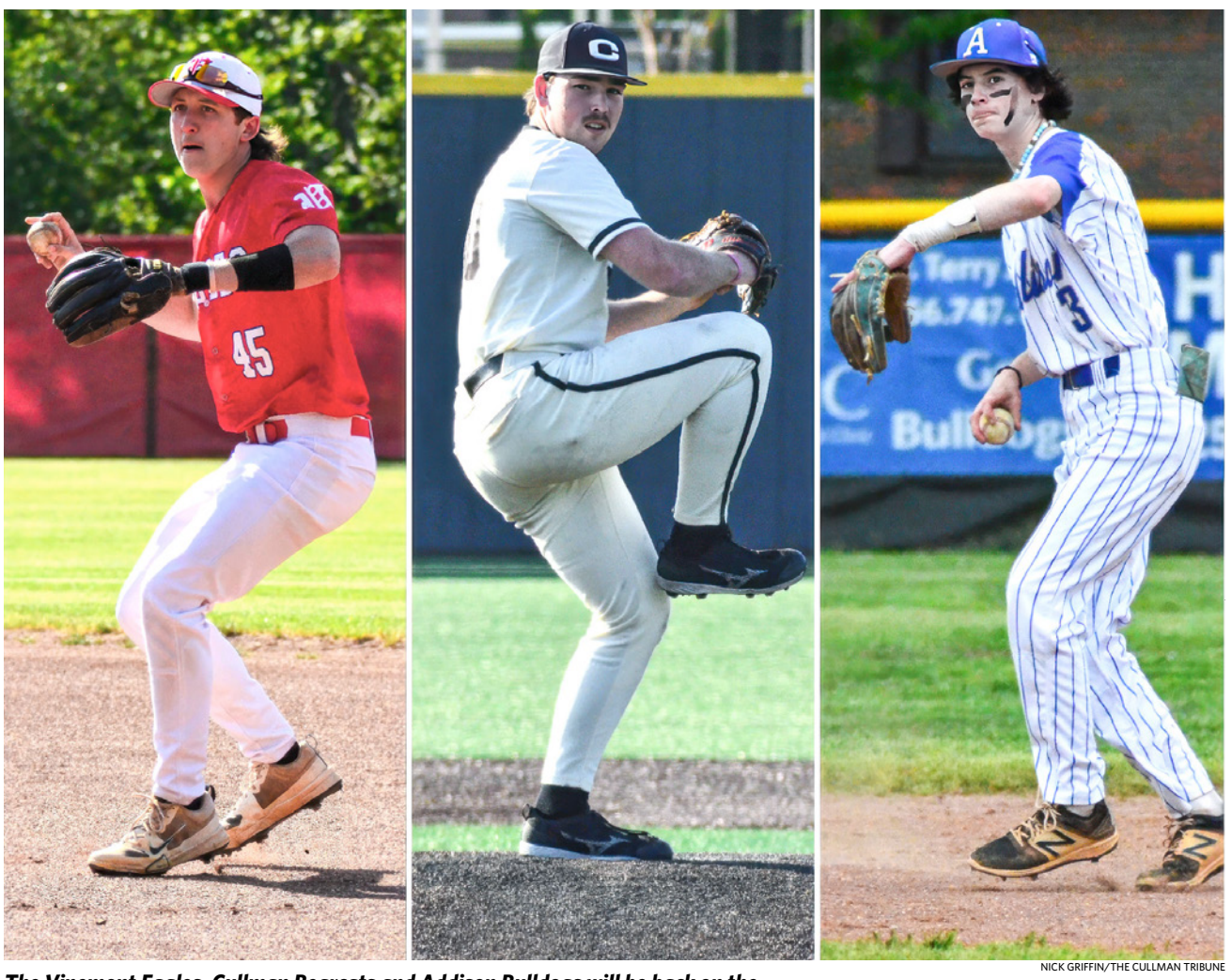
On what the 'Cats will need to improve on to advance,
"We just need to build on the momentum of the last few games and use that in our favor...all the while balancing that out with the understanding that each week and each series has a life of its own. Ultimately, we just need to worry about the things we can control," Patterson said. "We feel good about our chances if we pitch it and defend it. Offense is unpredictable. You may show up and hit balls right at them or just find it hard to score for one reason or another. But you can always pitch and defend. That's pretty much the main thing we remind our guys all the time. It's awfully fun when you show up and bang it around, but good teams win on days when runs are hard to come by."

Addison at Pickens Academy (1A)

- Game One – Friday at 4:30 p.m.
- Game Two – Friday at 6:30 p.m.
- Game Three – Saturday at 1 p.m. (If Necessary)

Addison Head Coach Lee Williams

On how his team is playing coming into the postseason,
"Our team is doing all the small things right. Little to no errors, no walks, hitting the ball and not leaving runners stranded," Willaims said. "They are playing with confidence and making the routines be routine and not playing above the game. Playing within the game and enjoying themselves. They are having fun."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Vinemont Eagles, Cullman Bearcats and Addison Bulldogs will be back on the field for the second round of the state baseball playoffs this Friday.

On what Pickens Academy brings to the table,
"I had the opportunity to go watch them play Spring Garden last week. The challenge first of all is more about is our team and us playing at the level we feel we can," Williams said. "Pickens Academy does a real good job of putting the ball in playing and making you play defense. So, making sure we play error free ball is the most important aspect. They have some good pitching so we as a team need to make sure we are putting the ball in play and scoring runs to keep our pitchers out of having to pitch perfect games."

On what the Bulldogs will need to do to advance,
"We are going to have to make sure we come out playing loose but not flat. We will be having to travel for a couple hours to get there, so having them prepared is important," Williams said. "We are going to have to make sure we aren't leaving guys on base and when we do get on base make sure we are smart on the base path. We have to be patient at the plate and not chase balls out of the zone and make sure we stay away from strikeouts looking. Our pitchers are going to have to continue to throw strikes and let our defense play behind them. Most of all just be focused on the fact that it's the second round and if you want to advance you must play great baseball."

Vinemont at Phil Campbell (3A)

- Game One – Friday at 4:30 p.m.
- Game Two – Friday at 7 p.m.
- Game Three – Saturday at 1 p.m. (If Necessary)

Vinemont Head Coach Hunter Cornelius

On rallying to win the series over Randolph County and advance,
"Our guys did a great job of responding when their backs were against the wall after game one. We were in a similar situation earlier this season after dropping the first area game to Pennington. We had to go on the road and win two straight, and our boys stepped up and did just that against a really good baseball team," Cornelius said. "After Thursday's loss, I told them we couldn't hang our heads or feel sorry for ourselves, we had to respond the right way and be ready to compete. They showed a lot of maturity, and it was a complete team effort to come back and win those next two games."

On Phil Campbell's strengths,
"I've had a chance to check out some stats and talk with a few coaches, and it's clear they're a well-coached team. They execute, they play hard, and they don't beat themselves," Cornelius said. "The biggest challenge in facing them is that it's going to be a grind from the first pitch. You can't take an inning, or even a pitch, off. They've got guys who can make plays on both sides of the ball, so we've got to stay disciplined, stick to our game plan, and compete for all seven innings."

On his team's focus going into round two,
"For us, it's really about playing consistent, clean baseball. We've got to be ready to go the moment we step off the bus. The mentality in practice this past week has been where it needs to be. The boys are locked in, focused, and I feel like they're in a great place mentally," Cornelius said.

"Now it's just about going out, executing, and doing the little things right. It all comes down to intentionality. Every rep and every moment matters. We've got to take care of the little things like situational hitting, staying aggressive on the bases, and not giving away extra outs. If we stay connected and play for the guy next to us, we'll give ourselves a chance to move on."

PREP SOFTBALL

Good Hope downs Cordova 8-2

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Lady Raiders were back home hosting a senior night matchup against Cordova on Monday and after Good Hope jumped out to an early lead, they stayed in front throughout the rest of the contest, defeating Cordova, 8-2.

Starter Addyson Burgess gave up a one-out single, but two pitches later, she got the next batter to line out into a double play to end the inning. The Lady Raiders gave Burgess some early run support in their half. Lizzy Steed led off the inning with a single, then a sacrifice bunt, followed by a single by Campbell Koch, put runners on the corners with one out. Haley Lay's sacrifice fly brought home Steed, as that gave them the early 1-0 lead.

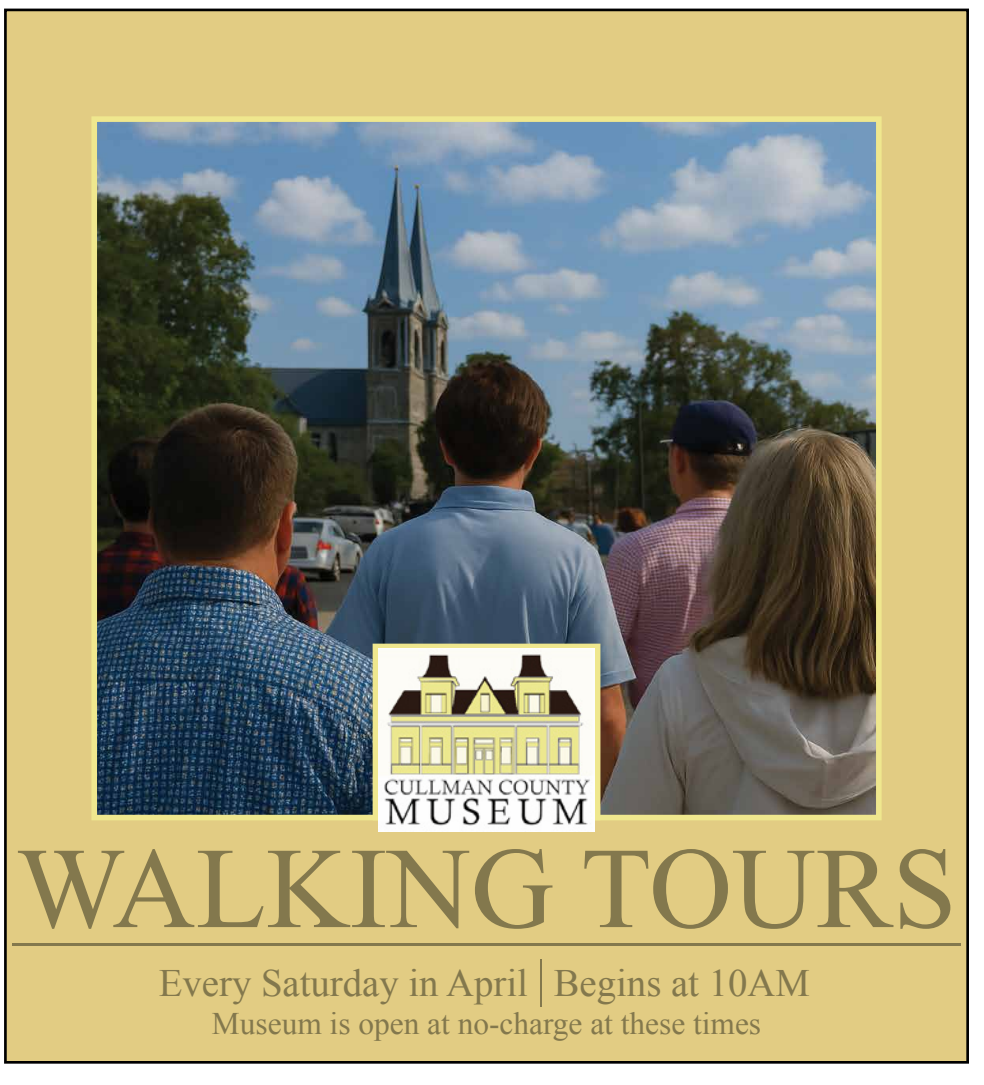
The score would remain the same until the top of the fourth inning. Cordova scored on an error to tie the game up at one, but Good Hope quickly broke the tie in their half. Natalie Miller and Burgess hit back-to-back singles to lead off the inning, then an error on a sacrifice bunt allowed Miller to score to give the Lady Raiders a 2-1 lead. Later that inning, Steed drew a two-out walk to put runners on the corners, then back-to-back RBI singles by Kylee Smith and Koch stretched their lead to 4-1. Koch moved up to second on a passed ball, and two pitches later, Lay ripped a two-run triple to center field to put Good Hope ahead 6-1.

Cordova hit an RBI double in the top of the sixth to trim the deficit to 6-2, but the Lady Raiders responded in their half. Steed hit a one-out single, and Smith drew a walk to put runners on first and second. Steed advanced to third on a fly ball, and Lay hit a two-run single to right field to increase their lead to 8-2. Burgess retired the Lady Blue Devils in order in the seventh to help seal the 8-2 win for Good Hope.

Lay led the way for the Lady Raiders with a pair of hits and a game-high five RBIs, while Koch (two hits) and Smith (one hit) each drove in a run in the win. Burgess went all seven innings to collect the win for Good Hope, as she gave up just four hits and one earned run, walked two, and struck out two.

The Lady Raiders will host the 4A, Area 13 Tournament on Saturday.





Cullman library curating 'Tiny Art Gallery'

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — All month, the main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System (CCPLS) has been providing tiny canvases for patrons to take home, decorate as they please, and return by April 30. These canvases will be displayed in the library's first-ever Tiny Art Gallery during its summer reading program.

Tied to the summer reading program's theme, "Color Our World," the project is part of the library's aim to celebrate local creativity through small-scale art projects.

"Our main goal is to make the library vibrant," CCPLS Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore explained. "Because of the theme, 'Color Our World,' we want to explore different ways to color our world — through food, art and activities — and allow kids and adults to practice that creativity before summer starts."

The library has a full schedule of activities for the season, with events every Tuesday and Thursday, suitable for all ages. These include art workshops and culinary-themed programs, with a community block party on June 10, marking the program's official launch.

The "Color Our World" summer program will explore all the different ways to "color" the world in an educational and fun way. Creekmore said it's more than just exploring color; it's also about human experience.

"'Color Our World' is a great summer program because it emphasizes how our world is different, all the variety in our world and all the cultural differences – and the library is the perfect place to explore that," she said.

If you or someone you know would like to participate, the library will distribute free canvases and art supplies while supplies last. No library card is required to participate, and finished artwork must be returned by April 30 to be displayed.

Creekmore encouraged everyone in the community to get involved and try something new. "(It's about) just openness to allow yourself to try something new, and even if you're not good at it, things can still be beautiful."

The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman. Get more info at www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman.

Misty Steele (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet the beautiful and sweet Misty Steele, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. She's a domestic shorthair who is approximately 1-year-old.

This beautiful girl is friendly, curious and outgoing. If you love comfort then get ready, because she enjoys a good cuddle. Her personality blossoms anytime she is with you, which makes her a perfect choice for a companion/therapy cat.

Misty Steele's adoption fee is just $100 which includes spaying, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If she's not there, be sure to meet her friends! They're all waiting for their forever homes! Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

MarLee Whitehead of Cullman County was honored for earning fourth place in the Alabama Farm-City Fourth-Sixth Grade Poster Contest April 17 during an annual awards luncheon in Auburn. Whitehead is a student at Holly Pond K-8. They received $60 from Alabama Ag in the Classroom (AITC) for their poster, which showcased the theme of "Our Community Counts on Farmers." From left are Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms, Whitehead and Alabama AITC Steering Committee Chair Kim Earwood.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Reason Rutherford of Cullman County was honored for earning fourth place in the Alabama Farm-City Kindergarten-Third Grade Poster Contest April 17 during an annual awards luncheon in Auburn. Rutherford is a student at Holly Pond K-8. They received $60 from Alabama Ag in the Classroom (AITC) for their poster, which showcased the theme of "Our Community Counts on Farmers." From left are Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms, Rutherford and Alabama AITC Steering Committee Chair Kim Earwood.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Cullman County was honored for coordinating the Best Special Activities for larger-population counties during the Alabama Farm-City annual awards luncheon in Auburn April 17. The committee participated in six unique events connecting local students to farms and received a cash prize from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation (AFAF) for their work, which showcased the theme of "Our Community Counts on Farmers." From left are Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms, Cullman County Farm-City Committee Chair Oakleigh Calahan and AFAF board member Mahlon Richburg.

Honors (from Front)

Marlee Jackson
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Farm-City celebrated the multiplying effect of county committees' work in schools and communities during its annual awards luncheon April 17 in Auburn. The program concluded the yearlong theme "Our Community Counts on Farmers," a nod to the most recent Census of Agriculture.

Over 350 students, county leaders and industry representatives attended the event, held in conjunction with the Alabama Farmers Federation Women's Leadership Conference.

Alabama Farm-City Committee Chair Jeff Helms hailed volunteers' work to connect rural and urban dwellers. "Volunteers are the lifeblood of Alabama Farm-City," said Helms, also the Federation Communications Department director. "Their generous gifts of time, talent and creativity have an immeasurable impact on their communities. They understand that it is vital to show citizens of all ages just how important agriculture is to our state. Every year, I'm amazed at their ability to rally around a common cause and cultivate connections with neighbors."

Award-winning students

Eighteen students who harnessed bright colors, vivid text or creative digital media were honored for placing in poster, essay and video contests. Those Kindergarten through 12th grade competitors represented 14 counties.

Winners and runners-up in poster and essay contests received cash prizes from Alabama Ag in the Classroom, while Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC) sponsored the video contest. Schools of first- and second-place scorers received matching cash prizes.

Winning works will be featured in the 2026 Alabama Farm-City Calendar.

Poster Contest, Kindergarten-Third Grade

- First and $200: Lincoln Moore, Southside Elementary School, Etowah County
- Second and $100: Savannah Salter, The Lakeside School, Barbour County
- Third and $75: Jackson Belcher, Bagley Elementary School, Jefferson County
- Fourth and $60: Reason Rutherford, Holly Pond K8, Cullman County
- Fifth and $40: Everlie Harrison, Clanton Elementary School, Chilton County
- Sixth and $25: Canaan Murphy, Sand Rock School, Cherokee County

Poster Contest, Fourth-Sixth Grade

- First and $200: Addi Waldrop, Bagley Elementary School, Jefferson County
- Second and $100: Ariana Sullivan Le, Prattville Intermediate School, Autauga County
- Third and $75: Corbitt Dyess, Mulkey Elementary School, Geneva County
- Fourth and $60: MarLee Whitehead, Holly Pond K8, Cullman County
- Fifth and $40: Skylynn Smith, Sulligent Elementary School, Lamar County
- Sixth and $25: Millie Henderson, Ohatchee Elementary School, Calhoun County

Essay Contest, Seventh-Ninth Grade

- First and $300: Olivia Gregory, Pike Liberal Arts School, Pike County
- Second and $200: Cheyanne Johnson, Billingsley School, Autauga County

Essay Contest, 10th-12th Grade

- First and $300: Maeleigh Gray, Geneva High School, Geneva County
- Second and $200: Emma Rambo, Phil Campbell High School, Franklin County

Video Contest, Ninth-12th Grade

- First and $300: Isabel Arriaga, Lawrence County High School, Lawrence County
- Second and $200: Jake Webb, Hamilton High School, Marion County

Exceptional counties

In addition to selecting student winners, judges pored over exceptional entries from county Farm-City committees.

Division winners scored $300 from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation, while runners-up received $200. Each category win netted the committee $100.

Division I

- Dale County: Best Farm-City Committee; Innovative Idea Award
- Lee County: Runner-up Best Farm-City Committee; Scrapbook Award
- Coffee County: Best Farm-City Tour
- Houston County: Best Farm-City Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- Chilton County: Best Media Coverage/Proclamation
- St. Clair County: Best Civic Club Programs
- Cullman County: Best Special Activities
- Walker County: Target Award

Division II

- Geneva County: Best Farm-City Committee; Scrapbook Award; Best Civic Club Activities; Target Award
- Franklin County: Runner-up Best Farm-City Committee; Best Farm-City Tour
- Clay County: Innovative Idea Award
- Fayette County: Best Farm-City Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- Randolph County: Best Media Coverage/Proclamation
- Cherokee County: Best Special Activities

Additionally, Dan and Pat Presley of Coffee County were honored as the Volunteers of the Year, while Landon Marks of Cherokee County received the Service Award.

Farm of Distinction

During the program, Bar Neal Farms was named the 2025 Farm of Distinction for its commitment to stewardship, support of young farmers and community impact.

Nealy and Jennie Barrett manage the decades-old cow-calf and stocker operation in Elmore County alongside their son, Justin, and daughter-in-law, Jordan.

As Farm of Distinction winners, the Barretts will receive an engraved farm sign from Alfa Insurance and the Federation; a John Deere Gator from John Deere, SunSouth and TriGreen; $1,000 from First South Farm Credit; and a $1,000 gift card from AFC.

Additionally, Nealy will represent Alabama during the Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest this fall.

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Barbee Truck Sales, LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. DV 24-900515
Linda G. Isbell,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

To: Linda G. Isbell, Defendant, whose address is unknown.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

A Complaint for damages has been filed against you for breach of contract in the sum of $7,055.83, plus attorney fees of $250.00, plus all costs of court in this case. You must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer, either admitting or denying the allegation in the Complaint, to G. Edward Coey, the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 834, Hanceville, AL 35077. YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN (14) FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE FINAL PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE newspaper OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Answer with the Clerk of Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Dated 4-8-25

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court
Cullman County, Alabama

Service by Publication:

To the Editor, The Cullman Tribune
Please publish this Notice for once a week for four successive weeks.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court
Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JAMES LAROY GARNER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900219.00**

RACHEL RENEE GARNER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Rachel Renee Garner, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer James Laroy Garner's Complaint for Divorce by May 31, 2025 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900219.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of April, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JERRY KILGO
413 FIRST ST SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

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 Wendell Dale Seals ,A Married Man And Michelle Seals ,His Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns dated May 16, 2018; said mortgage being recorded on May 29, 2018, in Book 1850, Page 19 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Quicken Loans Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 345, Page 143 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., 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 29th day of May, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SEC. 13, T9S, R2W; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55' WEST A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 14' EAST A DISTANCE OF 219 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 58' EAST A DISTANCE OF 40 FEET TO A POINT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 02' EAST A DISTANCE OF 125 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO A POINT IN THE MIDDLE OF A COUNTY DIRT ROAD; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY DIRT ROAD A DISTANCE OF 160 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO A POINT; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 165 FEET, MORE OR LESS, BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 SEC. 13, T9S, R2W, AND THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SEC. 18, T9S, R1W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

Said property is commonly known as 75 Boyd Rd, Cullman, AL 35058.
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.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
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. 25-06859AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11 VOTERS

There will be a PUBLIC TEST held for the Precinct Ballot Counter for the May 13, 2025, Special Republican Primary Election.

The public test will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Cullman County Court Referral Building, 2051 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11 VOTERS

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Special Republican Primary Election will be held for House District (HD) 11, Cullman County, Alabama, on TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025. The following office will be on the ballot:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 11

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11

State of Alabama Cullman County Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11 VOTERS

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in House District (HD) 11, Cullman County, Alabama, on May 1st, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Pursuant to *Ala. Code* §17-8-9 *(a)* all election workers selected by the Appointing Board to work in the Special Republican Primary Election are required to attend.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that mortgage dated February 11, 2025, in favor of **Brent Thomson**, and executed by **Robert Lee Kimbrough**, which mortgage was recorded February 14, 2025, in Mortgage Book 2112, Page 202, in the probate records of Cullman County, Alabama; the mortgagee **Brent Thomson** has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given that pursuant to the law and power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman County Alabama, during the legal hours of sale,(between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) on May 7, 2025, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence where the West right of way line of County Road crosses the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 2 West; thence North 540 feet, more or less, along the West right of way line of said road to a marked corner, which is the Northeast corner of Lois A. Robinson property, and which is the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence North along the West right of way line of said road a distance of 186 feet; thence in a southwesterly direction in a straight line between two wells a distance of 142 feet to a marked corner; thence South 145 feet; thence in a southeasterly direction 113 feet to the point of beginning, containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

Better described as follows:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 88 degrees 41 minutes 39 seconds East 354.98 feet to a point on the West right of way of County Road No. 1635; thence North 0 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West 343.09 feet to an existing iron on said right of way; thence North 0 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West 149.70 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on said right of way; thence North 0 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West 107.00 feet to a marked corner being the Northeast corner of the "Lois A. Robinson property" and the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence North along the West right of way of said road a distance of 186 feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a Southwesterly direction in a straight line between two wells a distance of 142 feet to a marked corner; thence in a Southerly direction 145 feet to an existing iron; thence in an Easterly direction 113 feet back to the point of beginning, containing .5 acre, more or less.

Property Address: 2501 County Road 1635, Cullman, AL 35058

Said property is commonly known as 2501 County Road 1635, Cullman, AL 35058. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said sale is being made for the purpose of applying the proceeds to the debt secured by the mortgage and the expenses of foreclosure. The auctioneer will give to the purchaser an Auctioneer's deed subject to ad valorem taxes due October 1, 2025, 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 sale will also be subject to any Federal Tax Liens and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. 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. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid on the property.

Pursuant to Section 6-5-248 of the Code of Alabama of 1975, as last amended, I submit the following legally required notice, to-wit: 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 people 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.

BRENT THOMSON, Mortgagee
BY SETH B. THOMPSON, ATTORNEY AND AUCTIONEER
THOMPSON LAW FIRM, LLC
201 SECOND AVENUE SOUTHEAST
CULLMAN, AL 35055.
TELEPHONE (256) 734-4591

NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Special Republican Primary Election, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in House District (HD) 11, Cullman County, Alabama.

Absentee Box	
Susan Richardson	Inspector
Lisa Andrews	Chief Clerk
Debbie Nelson	Clerk
Debra Strickland	Clerk
Baileyton Senior Center	**Precinct 20 Box 1**
Greg Hendrix	Inspector
Pat Gilbert	Chief Clerk
James Fisher	Clerk
Bobby Martin	Clerk
Joan Weaver	Clerk
Berlin Community Center	**Precinct 23**
Jim Barnett	Inspector
Jennifer Lambert	Chief Clerk
Emily Lambert	Clerk
Marie Sanford	Clerk
Brooklyn Community Center	**Precinct 20 Box 2**
Clarence Benefield	Inspector
Anita Batemon	Chief Clerk
Lucy Benefield	Clerk
Earl Porters	Clerk
Paulette Porters	Clerk
Center Hill Community Center	**Precinct 31**
Keith Burns	Inspector
Sherry Bradford	Chief Clerk
Wendy Jenkins	Clerk
Tara Meharg	Clerk
Cullman Office Bldg (Basement)	**Precinct 1 Box 4**
Michael Sullins	Inspector
Judy Boike	Chief Clerk
Joan Calvert	Clerk
Elizabeth Collicott	Clerk
Susy Stokes	Clerk
East Point Community Center	**Precinct 35**
Leslie Calloway	Inspector
Ronald Barnes	Chief Clerk
Virginia Pattillo	Clerk
Tim Sellers	Clerk
Fairview Fire Dept A-K	**Precinct 28 Box 1**
Darrell Bailey	Inspector
Sherry Bailey	Chief Clerk
Jason Bryan	Clerk
Jimmie Grimes	Clerk
Fairview Town Hall L-Z	**Precinct 28 Box 2**
Amy Haynes	Inspector
Doris Pinkard	Chief Clerk
Hugh Harris	Clerk
Diana Waldrop	Clerk
Gold Ridge Community Center	**Precinct 19**
Anthony Graham	Inspector
Jody Graham	Chief Clerk
Rick Davis	Clerk
Charles Pinkston	Clerk
Hanceville City Hall	**Precinct 3 Box 1**
Christine Larkins	Inspector
Anna Gotch	Chief Clerk
Latrice Colvin	Clerk
Yvonne Grund	Clerk
Hanceville Civic Center	**Precinct 3 Box 2**
Brenda Carter	Inspector
Patricia Tucker	Chief Clerk
Herman Nail	Clerk
Larry Tucker	Clerk
Holly Pond Fire Department	**Precinct 22**
Danny Alldredge	Inspector
Vickie Alldredge	Chief Clerk
Tanya Hays	Clerk
Tina Holcombe	Clerk
Robbi Kimberly	Clerk
Joppa Fire Department	**Precinct 21 Box 1**
Joan Creel Harper	Inspector
Brenda Creel	Chief Clerk
Caroletta Scofield	Clerk
Allie Scott	Clerk
Kelley Community Center	**Precinct 30**
Dennis Swafford	Inspector
Jan Alldredge	Chief Clerk
Jimmy Alldredge	Clerk
Deborah Davis-Hood	Clerk
Gail Swafford	Clerk
New Canaan Senior Center	**Precinct 21 Box 2**
Angel Casey	Inspector
John Casey	Chief Clerk
Dori Poole	Clerk
Dorinda Poole	Clerk
Providence Fire Department	**Precinct 18 Box 2**
Andy Dyer	Inspector
Edward Green	Chief Clerk
Bridgett Rodgers	Clerk
Heath Rodgers	Clerk
Stacey Smith	Clerk
Simcoe Community Center	**Precinct 32**
E.J. Carter	Inspector
Sherry England	Chief Clerk
Edwin Dixon	Clerk
Madison Kovar	Clerk
Brenda Maynard	Clerk
Vinemont Community Center	**Precinct 18 Box 1**
Kathy Waddell	Inspector
Gary Waddell	Chief Clerk
Frank Gingrich	Clerk
Nina Justice	Clerk
Joann Oakley	Clerk
Walter Community Center	**Precinct 24**
Phillip Hicks	Inspector
Angela Robertson	Chief Clerk
Debra Delamont	Clerk
William Sinyard	Clerk
Welti Mt. Zion Church	**Precinct 25**
Vanessa McDaniel	Inspector
Joyce Allen	Chief Clerk
Kristi Baker	Clerk
Deborah McNeal	Clerk

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

Matt Gentry, Sheriff

Signatures on file in the Probate Office.

Registration (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Parents with young students outside the Cullman City Schools district who are interested in enrolling their children as out-of-district students will have an opportunity soon — though space is limited.

Out-of-district registration for kindergarten students will begin on May 8 for the 2025-2026 school year.

This registration is for prospective kindergarten students whose families live outside the city limits and are interested in having their children attend Cullman City Primary School (CCPS).

Registration will be conducted online through the Cullman City Schools website.

Interested families can visit this website for details: www.cullmancats.net/k-12-registration/ccps-out-of-district-registration.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 8, 2025, a link to the Out of District Pre-Registration Form will be available at the website listed above.

The online form does not guarantee placement in Cullman City Schools, but is used for pre-registration and allows school officials to create a timestamped list for available out-of-district slots.

Those who are able to obtain a slot will be notified to complete the full registration process.

The following documents will be needed if you are notified for final CCPS registration: original birth certificate (preferred but not required); original Social Security card (preferred but not required); current Alabama Immunization Record (aka blue card); two proofs of residency (e.g., current home ownership title or a lease/rent agreement, utility bill, etc.); drivers licenses of parent or legal guardian; and custody documents, if applicable.

Cullman City Primary School is a state and national award-winning school in the areas of literacy and school safety, and Cullman City Schools is among the highest-performing districts in the state of Alabama.

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Attorney (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A local attorney has been charged with driving under the influence (DUI).

According to the Cullman Police Department, Kimberly Drake, 57, of Cullman, was arrested during a traffic stop on April 21, on Third Avenue Northwest near Arnold Street Northwest in the city of Cullman. Drake was also issued traffic citations for running a red light, failure to yield and improper lane change.

Drake is an attorney at The Drake Law Firm in Cullman.

Festival (from Front)

Strawberry Festival continues to honor its rich history, beginning with the celebration of local farmers," Anderson said. "This blend of the old and new ensures that we maintain our cherished history while keeping the festival vibrant and relevant for today's audiences."

To accommodate the growing crowds, the City of Cullman has added more than 150 new parking spaces since last year's event, including additional accessible parking for guests with disabilities at the north end of the festival grounds near the police station.

Two accessible parking areas will now be available near the north and south entrances, with signage and a festival map to guide attendees. A rideshare drop-off point will be located at Second Avenue and Arnold Street, near the festival entrance.

Although there will be no shuttle service this year, organizers aim to make the festival grounds accessible and convenient for everyone, Anderson said.

Carnival ride prices will range from $3-$5. A QR code with a current festival map will also be available for attendees.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs praised the event's impact on community spirit.

"The city council and I always look forward to this festival as it provides a wonderful opportunity to see our community unite, celebrating our farmers and local businesses while creating lasting memories," Jacobs said. "The community's enthusiasm and participation truly make this event special."

Anderson credited the event's success to the support of sponsors, City leadership, vendors and volunteers.

"Our goal is for this year's Alabama Strawberry Festival to be memorable not only for its celebration of Cullman's rich agricultural heritage, but also for fostering a sense of community and togetherness," he said.

"We strive for every guest to leave the event with lasting memories filled with joy and a profound sense of community pride."

Get more detailed information at www.alabamastrawberryfest.com. Depot Park is located at 309 First Ave. NE in Cullman.

Council (from Front)

team, Councilman Clint Hollingsworth presented individual certificates to:

- Avery Adams - level XB div. F first place floor, third place beam, second place All-Around
- Ella Anderson - level XB div. K first place bars, beam and All-Around; second place floor
- Zoe Burks - level XS div. B first place vault, bars, floor and All-Around, second place beam
- Skylar Livengood - level XS div. F second place beam, third place vault
- Lily McEachern - level XS div. H second place bars, third place beam and All-Around
- Willa Miner - level XS div. C first place vault
- Mary Beth Moody - level 7 div. F first place vault, third place floor
- Sabrina Schuster - level XB div. K first place beam; second place vault, bars and floor, second place All-Around
- Harper Williams - level XS div. B first place beam; second place vault, bars, floor and All-Around

Airport improvements continue

The council approved resolutions to award bids for multiple projects at Cullman Regional Airport:

- A bid for a towbarless tug to MayDay Aero, LLC, in the amount of $50,999. Airport Director Ben Harrison told the council that the new equipment will allow crews to move larger and heavier aircraft on the ground as the airport seeks to draw in such business.
- A bid for general aviation reconstruction and terminal apron rehabilitation to Wiregrass Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of $4,134,155.59. This priority project will allow the parking of more and heavier aircraft. Harrison said that 95% of this project will be paid for through federal grants, and that the City and County will split the 5% local funding commitment.
- A bid for midfield development to Wiregrass Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of $1,259,806.27. Harrison said that this later project will develop another 20 acres of available land at the airport, and again that the City and County will share only 5% of the bill. According to Harrison the two construction projects, totaling over $5.4 million, will cost the City only around $67,000.

Rock the South back on the agenda, approved

Rock the South organizers, whose event permit had been tabled at the last meeting due to missing reports from the police and fire departments, saw their permit come back to the council. The permit was approved without issue.

Other council business

The council approved resolutions to:

- Donate a surplus Humvee to Cullman County EMA
- Adopt the annual municipal water pollution prevention resolution
- Award the bid for a motorized boom lift for the OmniPlex sports center to the lowest responsible bidder, Lift One, in the amount of $65,950
- Enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the Broglen River Watershed Implementation Project at Heritage Park

The council also scheduled public hearings on June 2, 2025, at 7 p.m. for:

- Ordinance 2025-11 to rezone the Nguyen and Ha property located on Miller Street from R-2 to B-2 Business District
- Ordinance 2025-12 to rezone the Industrial Development Board property located at Alabama Highway 69 and Alabama Highway 157 from M-1 to B-2 Business District

The council held first readings without taking action on:

- Ordinance 2025-09 to rezone the Coots property located on Marie Street Northwest from R-3 to R-4 Residential District
- Ordinance 2025-10 to annex the Blackwood property on County Road 499 as R-1 Residential District

The council can vote on those ordinances after their second reading at the next meeting.

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Obituary Announcements: April 22-23

Brenda Sue Jones Bonds, 64

Funeral service for Brenda Sue Jones Bonds, 64 of Joppa, will be at 2 p.m., Friday, April 25, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends from noon-2 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Bonds was born on June 8, 1960, to parents, Homer and Alvee Louise Dover Jones. Brenda loved going to auctions and thrift stores. She was also a big fan of wrestling. Mrs. Bonds was preceded in death by her parents; son, Billy Ray Martin; sisters, Wanda, Francis and Helen; fiancé, Richard Millwood. Survivors include her daughter, Melissa (Joe) Fulenwider; brother, Ricky Jones; sister, Shirley (Tom) Burch; grandchildren, James Ray Martin, Brittany Martin, Anna Chambers, Dakota Holladay, Jordan Fulenwider; great-grandchildren, Liam Chambers and Hudson Chambers; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Kathryn Lin Denny, 30

Kathryn Lin Denny, age 30, of Lacey Springs, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2025. Kathryn is survived by her parents David and Ronda Denny; her sons Isaiah and Braxton, her grandmother Brenda Lange, her siblings Seth, Jessica and Gabriel Denny and her niece Abby. As well as host of aunts, uncles and cousins To leave condolences for the Denny family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Urologist Leor Arbel joins Cullman Regional Medical Group

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional recently welcomed Leor Arbel, MD, to Cullman Regional Medical Group. Arbel is the fourth urologist to join the hospital's employed provider group in two years. She also has the distinction of being the only female urologist in the hospital's seven-county service area, according to Cullman Regional.

Arbel earned her medical degree from the University of Central Florida College of Medicine in Orlando, and completed her general surgery and urology residencies at Saint Louis University.

As a urologist, she offers comprehensive care for both women and men, specializing in kidney stones, incontinence, erectile dysfunction, urologic cancer treatment and more.

She is also trained in robotic-assisted surgery, offering patients minimally invasive treatment options.

"Adding a female urologist is a significant step in expanding local urology care," said Lisa Courtney, chief operating officer at Cullman Regional.

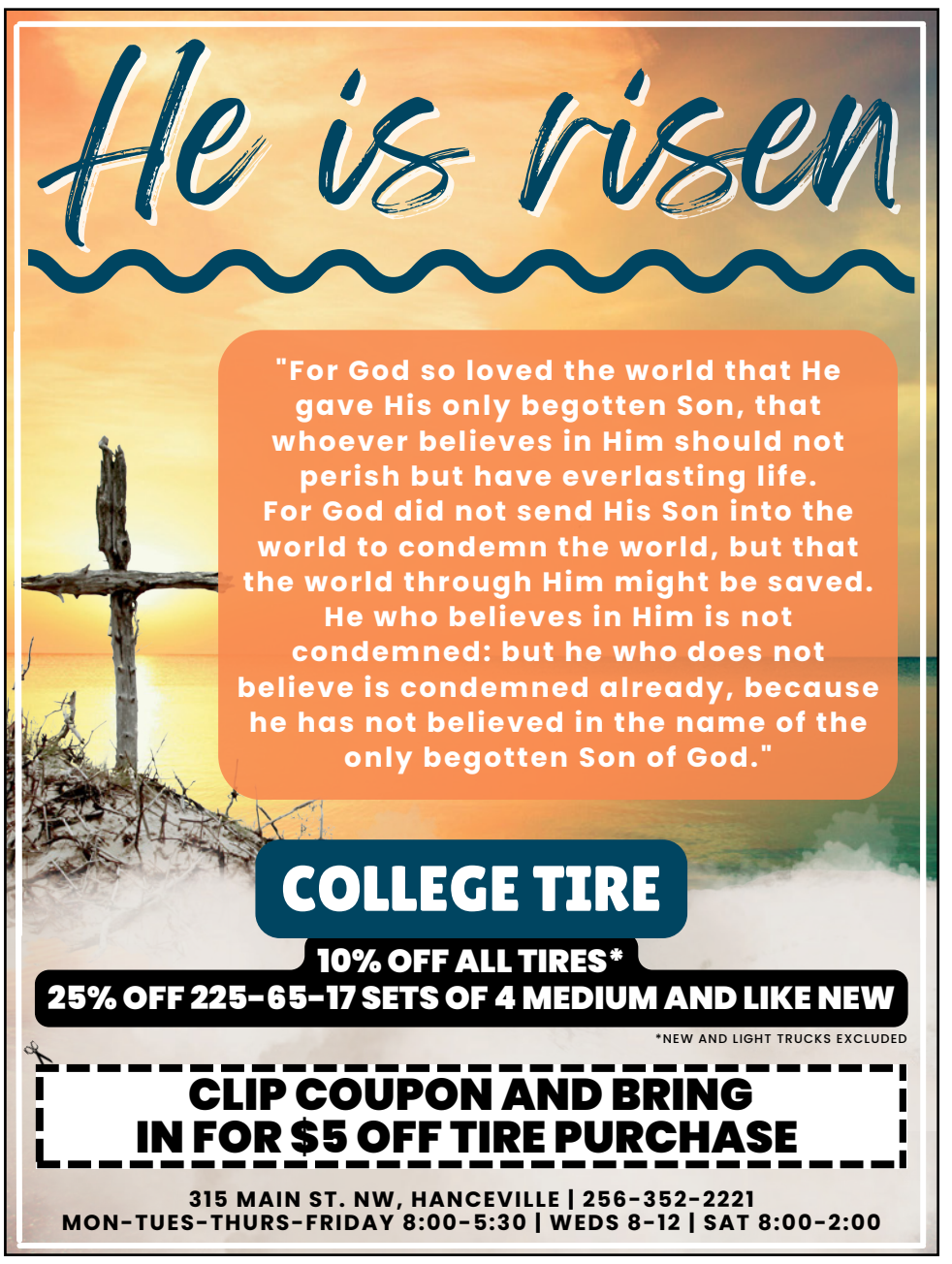


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Dr. Leor Arbel

"Her perspective strengthens our team and helps us provide more personalized care, particularly for patients who may feel more comfortable with a female provider."

For more information, visit www.CullmanRegionalMedicalGroup.com.



LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on June 2, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-11 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 11
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, Nguyen & Ha Properties, LLC, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:
Property Address: 1010 Miller Street. PPIN: 18022. Parcel No. : 17-05-21-4-009-002.000.

Legal Description: Lot 1 of Persall Subdivision as recorded in Map Book B, Page 348D, Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to utility and drainage easement as shown on the plat of Persall Subdivision as recorded in Slide B348D in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Property Address: 0 Miller Street. PPIN: 65859. Parcel No. : 17-05-21-4-009-002.001.

Legal Description: Lot No 2. According to the Plat of Persall Subdivision to the City of Cullman, Alabama, located in the SE quarter of the SE quarter, Section 21, Township 10, South, Range 3 West and being recorded in B-348-D in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to utility and drainage easements as shown on the plat of Persall Subdivision recorded in Map Slide B348D in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 744, Page 923.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-2 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-2 Residential District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.
SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 2nd day of June, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.
SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.
SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
T.C.T
a minor child, DOB: 05-04-2024

CASE NO: JU-2024-441.03

NOTICE

The Petitioners having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Parents in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that any unknown father of T.C.T., born on 05-04-2024, respond to the Petition by the 15 day of May, 2025 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, 256-775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 2nd day of April, 2025.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 2nd Day of April, 2025
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 12
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owners, Industrial Development Board of the City of Cullman, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:
Property Address: Hwy 69 NE & Hwy 157 NE. PPIN: 67974. Parcel No. : 16-03-06-0-001-029.001

Legal Description: Tract 1. Lot 1 of the preliminary Plat, City of Cullman, Industrial Park No. 5 as recorded in Map Book 2006, Page 35 in the office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama and containing 10.98 acres of land, more or less.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-3 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from M-1 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.
SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 2nd day of June, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.
SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.
SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LYLA MORRIS CRAFTON,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2025-900084.00**

COREY ALLEN SNELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Corey Allen Snell, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Lyla Morris Crafton's Complaint for Divorce by June 9, 2025 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2025-900084.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 15th day of April, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANDRIA SIMS
300 FIRST ST SE, SUITE 104
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
T.C.T
a minor child, DOB: 05-04-2024

CASE NO: JU-2024-441.03

NOTICE

The Petitioners having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Parents in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Biological Mother, Erin Kay Tackett, of T.C.T., born on 05-04-2024, respond to the Petition by the 15 day of May, 2025 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, 256-775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 2nd day of April, 2025.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 2nd Day of April, 2025
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
WILLIAM JEFFREY BROTZGE, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2024-258**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BARBARA J. BROTZGE, as Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM JEFFREY BROTZGE, Deceased, on the 8th day of April, 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.

Barbara J. Brotzge
BARBARA J. BROTZGE,
Executor for the Estate of
William Jeffrey Brotzge, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
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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, Cullman, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA