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Gudger pledges support for Kelley Community Center repairs

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TIM HOWE

Before the work repairs and upgrades on the Kelley Community Center could begin, a storm on Saturday, June 7, tore the roof off the building.

Curt's Closet getting back-to-school ready



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A look inside Curt's Closet

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Although school just let out for summer vacation, back-to-school preparation is in full swing at local nonprofit Curt's Closet.

Curt's Closet serves children across the region who face clothing insecurity, providing more than just outfits and shoes, but also self-worth and confidence.

Founder and Executive Director Ashley Wilson said her journey fuels the heart of Curt's Closet's mission.

"I was a single mom," Wilson explained. "I fought to find the best of the best for my kids at thrift stores. I'd wash and iron everything, trying to make it look new – not because they cared about labels, but because I wanted them to feel just as important as anyone else walking the halls at school."

The organization accepts donations of clothing, shoes, backpacks, jewelry and more and redistributes them to kids in need, completely free of charge.

"We don't just serve everyday needs," Wilson added. "We respond to emergency situations, like families affected by house fires or kids going through Victim Services. We're here when families are at their most vulnerable."

One of Curt's Closet's most beloved efforts is its annual back-to-school drive, which has grown significantly over the years.

"We know what it feels like to start a school year with a fresh outfit and a new pair of shoes," said Wilson. "It builds confidence, and confidence can change a child's whole path. It can help them pass that test, make that friend, dream bigger."

This year, Curt's Closet has expanded its back-to-school shopping schedule, offering appointments from early June through the first week of August.

Every child who visits will walk away with 10 clothing items, a brand-new pair of shoes, a backpack and new undergarments. They can receive up to five complete outfits – five tops and five bottoms – helping them start the year with outfits they feel confident in.

"We've added more opportunities, more essentials and more chances to boost these kids' confidence," Wilson said. "Sometimes all it takes is one person who believes in them and one small thing, like a new T-shirt, to remind them they're just as worthy as anyone else."

As W.C. Mann previously reported, Curt's Closet serves children, teens and some adults through a need-based qualification process, plus children referred by school principals or counselors, the Cullman County Department of Human Resources and Victim Services of Cullman. The ministry also makes its resources available in emergency circumstances like house fires. Qualified kids and their parents/caretakers get to come and "shop" in an inviting space that is far more like a shop than a charity clothing closet, and walk out with dignity and a selection of high-quality clothing and accessories – a fair bit of it brand new, thanks to local donors and businesses – at no charge.

To donate, volunteer or seek assistance, visit https://sites.google.com/view/curts-closet or www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset, call 256-735-4557 or email curtscloset20@gmail.com.



Half Shell Oyster House to open in Cullman June 25



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The seafood restaurant is located at 417 Third Ave. SW, Suite 115, inside the Cotton Creek Venue. » PAGE 8

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet the regal Alannah



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Alannah » PAGE 6



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 11

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 10, 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

June 5

• theft of propery-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $605; Hwy. 157
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $40; Olive St. SW

June 6

• theft of property-2nd degree; Dollar General; carts; $2,000; 2nd Ave. NW

June 9

• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
• harassing communications; person

June 10

• harassment; person; Denson Ave. SW
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $57; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

June 9-10

McCurry, Bridget L.; 18
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

McCurry, Michelle K.; 39
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Tomala Jr., Alvin F.; 58
• harassment

Willingham, Tyren S.; 28
• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – driving while suspended
• FTA – insurance violation

Gatlin, Lois V.; 47
• criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Weaver, Jason J.; 33
• criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 50
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hardin, Baylee C.; 20
• FTA – driving while suspended
• FTA – insurance violation

Schommer, Shannon G.; 46
• theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Fun (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Looking for a special way to celebrate the men in your life for Father's Day? Check out one of these fun local events leading up to the big day on Sunday.

2nd Fridays

Friday, June 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. in and around downtown Cullman's Warehouse District. June's 2nd Fridays event is themed "Red, White and Boots." Celebrate summer with stars, stripes and Southern style! This family friendly event will include live music, food, games, rides, shopping and vendors. First Avenue Northeast, Cullman

Will Paustian at Ethos Craft Brewing

Friday, June 13, from 7-10 p.m. Enjoy an evening of great tunes, craft beer and pizza in a relaxed atmosphere. 1849 County Road 222, Cullman

Mopars by the Lake

Saturday, June 14, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. This annual Mopar show benefits Secret Meals for Hungry Children and includes music, food and fellowship. All Mopar-powered vehicles are welcome! For more info, contact Robert at 256-734-1064 or Brenda at 256-962-3601. 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department 50th Anniversary Community Cookout

Saturday, June 14, from 4-7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, and a plaque will be presented to honor the department's founding members. 3309 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman

Crooked Creek Band at Ledger's Steakhouse and Grille Outdoor Stage

Saturday, June 14, from 7-11 p.m. Enjoy a high-energy performance by the Crooked Creek Band. For more info, call 256-734-9765 or email stonebridgefarms@gmail.com. 281 County Road 717, Cullman





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

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 Repair

Sessions at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. 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, June 13 - 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, June 15 - 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. Healing service at 5 p.m.

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program

Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program. Children from ages 2 to 12 are welcome.
• June17: Cullman County Extension Office (ACES)
• June 24: North Alabama Agriplex
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226. Leave a message if needed. We look forward to having you join us for a morning of fun.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting

Thursday, June 12, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman. AL 35055.

Bates Family Reunion

Saturday, June 14, at 11 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center, 7744 County Road 813. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Mt. Nebo VBS – 'Magnified'

June 16-20, 6-8:30 p.m. 11 County Road 1273, Cullman. (See The Tribune's full VBS listing at cullmantribune.com/2025/06/02/list-the-ultimate-cullman-vbs-summer-roadmap.

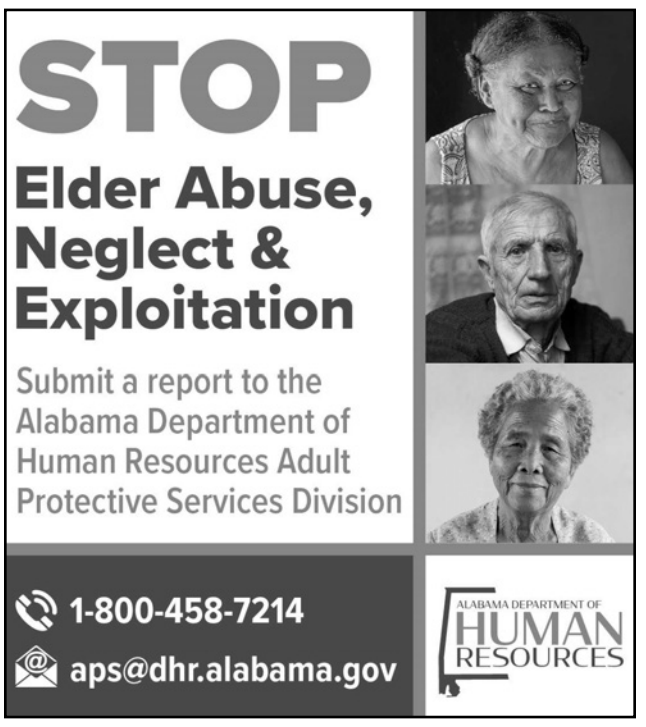
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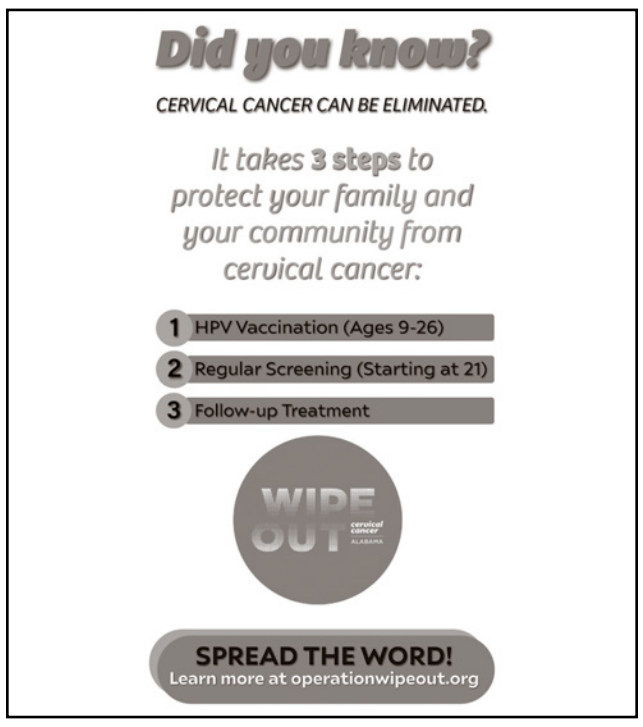
Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21 at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. Headliners include Hank Williams Jr., Kid Rock and Nickelback. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

Fairview High School Class of 1975 Reunion

Saturday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at The Venue, 8575 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman, AL 35058. Cost is $45 per person. Contact Sheila Woods to RSVP at 256-347-6738. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great time.







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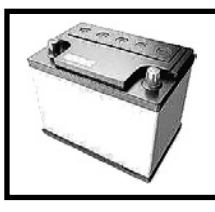
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PREP SPORTS

‘We were all just one big family’: Cold Springs’ Sage Nelson reflects on Eagle years

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs senior Sage Nelson collected his diploma in May, and in this interview, he shared some of his favorite memories from competing in cross country and track alongside his teammates and friends.

"Some of my favorite memories were definitely every moment with my friends, but one of my favorites was at cross-country camp. We had two separate cabins for a group of boys, and we would sneak into the other one and mess with their stuff, and the next day, they would do the same thing to our cabin," Nelson said.

"Being around some great teammates and friends was very motivational. Being around them taught me what it meant to be a leader and a brother. It meant a lot to me to be around some great coaches during my career. They all helped me with the opportunity to be a better athlete and helped me through my recruiting process.

"The reason I've been accepted to a college I'm going to be going into is because of them. They taught me how to pace myself for my runs, how to be committed to my goals, and to always stay optimistic with my head held high, no matter the circumstances."

Sage talked about some of his favorite accolades that he earned during his years with the Eagles and he will deeply miss running at Cold Springs in August.

"My favorite medals that we won was the 4x800 ones. I was never a fan of the 800, but my team made that event so worth running every time. I enjoyed every moment of the 4x800 with them," Nelson said. "I'll definitely miss the team and friends I'll unfortunately be leaving behind. Without them, my experience with running and Cold Springs as a whole would have never been the same. I'm extremely grateful to have met and have become friends with each and every one of them."

He talked about his favorite high school memories that he made at Cold Springs.

"My favorite high school memories were all the conversations at our lunch table. I don't think a single day went by where I wasn't happy to be heading there for the day. It always lifted my mood being around all my friends just talking and enjoying the moment," Nelson said. "It was a really small school full of great people. It wasn't hard to end up knowing everyone there, and I think that was something special, because you don't really get the chance to know almost everyone at your school. I was thankful to have known so many great people. It made life at school more interesting and alive."

Sage will definitely miss being an Eagle this upcoming year. In addition to sports, he enjoyed participating in the 1936 Club as well.

"I'll definitely remember and miss the teachers. They were always happy to see us and made life at school entertaining and fun. Most of the time, it just felt like we were all just one big family that were in a classroom together," he said. "The point of the 1936 Club was to pretty much give to the local community. We were helping for charity, and hosting holidays for the community. I always enjoyed the stuff we did in that club. It was nice to see the whole community gathering together and helping each other. I learned how to put others before myself, and that it doesn't hurt to go spend some of your time helping someone, even if there isn't much you get in return."

Sage earned and accepted an academic and athletic scholarship to go to Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida after enjoying his visit there. He also gave some advice to the students that will be starting high school in August.

"It was great. I grew up on the beach, so being close to it again is a major plus. Southeastern's campus and their connection with God was amazing to see, and I'm beyond stoked to be there. My future team were very welcoming and great people to be around, and I look forward to be running with them soon," he said. "Always stay motivated. There's going to be times where things get hard, but endure the struggles, and keep going until you've reached your goals, no matter what."

God has played a huge role in helping Sage get to this point in his life, and he shared one of his favorite Bible verses.

"He's been there for me my whole life through every fall and every victory. I've always been able to rely on Him for everything, especially with my running career. He's been with me through it all and has always showed me how to stay strong during my practices and races. I knew that with the talent He has gracefully given to me, I had to continue my journey of running into college," he said. "My favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:18. I've always loved this verse, because it lets me know that there are going to be tough times, but at the end of the road, it will be worth it."



SAGE NELSON
Cold Springs' Sage Nelson

Sage wants to be a role model to younger kids in and outside of sports and wants people to remember him as a kind person that looked to help others.

"It means everything to me. I care so much about others that it honestly pains me to see someone hurt or upset. That's why I've always cared for those who I felt like needed to hear what they deserve to hear, because everyone matters, and no one should have to feel down. I hope that I was able to make an impact on them," he said. "I would want nothing more than to be remembered as someone that people could always rely on with what they're going through."

Alabama lands 4 on ABCA/Rawlings All-Southeast Region Team

Nick Cicere
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama's Justin Lebron, Carson Ozmer, Kade Snell and Riley Quick were selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-Southeast Region team, the organization announced Tuesday.

Lebron, Ozmer and Snell received first team distinction while Quick was honored as a second-teamer. The foursome helps make up a collection of 10 ABCA/Rawlings All-Region honors for Alabama over the last five seasons. The Tide's four ABCA/Rawlings All-Region selections are the most since Alabama also produced honorees in 2002.

Justin Lebron
Shortstop, First Team
- Started all 59 games at shortstop as a sophomore
- Garnered Second Team All-SEC honors as well as his second consecutive SEC All-Defensive Team accolade from the conference coaches
- Recognized as a semifinalist for the Golden Spikes Award
- Batted .316 (73-for-231) with 18 doubles, one triple and 18 homers to go with 72 RBI, 60 runs, 35 walks, 10 hit-by-pitch and 17 stolen bases
- His 72 RBI led all SEC players, while his 18 home runs were 10th in the conference

Carson Ozmer
Relief Pitcher, First Team
- A dependable reliever who operated as the closer for the Crimson Tide
- Highlighted as a First Team All-SEC selection
- Appeared in a team-high 29 games, converting a program record 17 saves
- His 17 saves are the most by any player in Division I
- Managed a 3.29 ERA (14 ER/38.1 IP) in his 29 appearances
- Produced 22 scoreless appearances in 29 games
- Held opponents to a .193 batting average (26-for-135), the second-lowest mark among Tide pitchers
- Contributed 48 strikeouts in 38.1 IP, equating to an 11.3 strikeouts per nine innings mark

Kade Snell
Outfielder, First Team
- The Tide's everyday left fielder, starting 58 of 59 games
- Named a First Team All-SEC selection as voted by the league's head coaches
- Managed a .363 average (77-for-212) with 13 doubles, one triple, 10 home runs, 52 RBI and 49 runs, adding 38 walks and six hit-by-pitch
- Led Alabama in batting average, hits and on-base percentage
- His .363 average finished fourth among SEC hitters, while his .464 on-base percentage ranked eighth
- Struck out just 18 times in 261 plate appearances, a rate of just 6.9 percent

Riley Quick
Starting Pitcher, Second Team
- Made 14 starts on the mound a year removed from Tommy John surgery
- Earned Second Team All-SEC accolades
- Responsible for a 3.92 earned run average (27 ER/62.0 IP) to go with 70 strikeouts to just 24 walks
- His 70 strikeouts led all Alabama pitchers, equating to a 10.2 strikeouts per nine innings mark
- Surrendered two earned runs or less in 11 of his 14 starts

Auburn quartet earns ABCA All-Southeast Region honors

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Auburn's quartet of Ike Irish, Samuel Dutton, Cooper McMurray and Chase Fralick earned All-Southeast Region honors announced by the American Baseball Coaches Association Tuesday.

Irish and Dutton earned first-team recognition as an outfielder and starting pitcher, respectively, and will go on the All-America ballot to be voted on by the committee later this week. McMurray and Fralick earned second-team honors at first base and catcher.

The four all-region honorees are the second most in program history, surpassed only by the five honorees in 1995.

Irish was named First Team All-Southeast Region for the second straight year, becoming the first Auburn player since Casey Mize in 2017-18 to earn the distinction in back-to-back seasons.

The junior led the team in multiple offensive categories including average (.364), on-base percentage (.469), slugging percentage (.710), runs (65), hits (78), home runs (19) and total bases (152) while ranking second in RBI (58) and third in stolen bases (11).

After three standout seasons on The Plains, Irish became the fifth player in program history to amass at least 200 hits, 45 doubles, 35 home runs and 150 RBI – joining Frank Thomas (1987-89), Josh Etheredge (1995-98), Todd Faulkner (1998-2001) and Gabe Gross (1999-2001) on the list.

Dutton becomes Auburn first starting pitcher to earn first-team recognition since Mize in 2018 after previously becoming the first starting pitcher to earn first or second team All-SEC honors since that same season.

For much of the regular season, Dutton ranked top 10 in the SEC in ERA, innings pitched and strikeouts while his innings pitched (85.2) and strikeout (95) totals were the most by an Auburn pitcher since 2018 and 2019, respectively.

During a five-start stretch from April 4-May 2, four of which came against top-10 opponents, Dutton went 3-0 with a 1.44 ERA with 36 strikeouts and dive walks in 31.1 innings pitched.

McMurray wrapped up his third season on The Plains with a career-best campaign, registering career highs in nearly every offensive category including average (.326), runs (50), hits (76), doubles (19), RBI (59) and total bases (137) while tying for his career best with 14 home runs.

The redshirt senior became the fourth player in program history to hit 10 or more home runs in three straight seasons and finished the year in the top 10 among active SEC players in career home runs (51), RBI (183) and walks (154).

His 42 home runs in an Auburn uniform are good for sixth in program history, including the most since 2010.

Fralick finished his freshman season ranked third on the team in average (.335) and was one of two true freshmen to earn All-Southeast Region recognition.

He started in 58 of 61 games, including 48 starts behind the plate, and totaled 71 hits, 17 doubles, four home runs and 41 RBI while reaching base at a .426 clip.

One of three Auburn players to earn SEC All-Freshman Team honors, Fralick upped his average to .343 in 29 league games, and all 17 SEC wins came with him behind the plate.

He caught a team-high eight base stealers and turned in a .991 fielding percentage at the position.



Good Hope Council approves contract for city engineer

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope City Council approved a new resolution to appoint a city engineer at its meeting Monday night, June 9, 2025.

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council held its first June meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and approved a new resolution to appoint a city engineer. Resolution No. 014-2025 authorized the council to enter into a contract with James Chitwood of Canyon Engineering to be appointed as the city engineer through Oct. 31.

Following the upcoming Municipal Election in August, the newly elected council will review terms of the contract at its organizational meeting on Nov. 2.

In addition to approving the new resolution, the council voted to rescind its motion to award the bid for the City's multiuse community center project.

The bid was originally awarded to Waggoner Engineering, but bidding on the project will now be reopened at a later date.

Resolution No. 014-2025 – Contract for City Engineer

"WHEREAS, the City of Good Hope intends to comply with the all federal, state and local laws; and WHEREAS, the City of Good Hope is in need of expanding services to the citizens of the City of Good Hope; and THEREFORE, in accordance with professional service guidelines the City of Good Hope would like to go into contract with James G (Chuck) Chitwood of Canyon Engineering to be appointed as City Engineer to assist in ; and NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the city council of the City of Good Hope states that Jerry Bartlett, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute contract documents with Canyon Engineering, to provide professional engineering, consultation for assistance and review planned developments, subdivision, commercial and industrial development and more as stated in attached contract; after execution said contract will become a part of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain the services of a qualified engineering firm to be appointed as the City Engineer; and WHEREAS, Canyon Engineering represents that it possesses the necessary qualifications, experience, and resources to perform such services for the City; NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the City and the Engineer agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: APPOINTMENT AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

• 1.1 Appointment as City Engineer: The City hereby appoints Canyon Engineering as its City Engineer. This appointment shall remain in effect for the term of this Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions herein.

• 1.2 General Scope of Services: As City Engineer, Canyon Engineering shall provide professional engineering services to the City, which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Reviewing all planned developments, subdivisions, commercial and industrial developments, city buildings, etc. to ensure the design meets the requirements of the City of Good Hope's regulations and ordinances.

• Coordination of all city projects performed by city employees to size drainage culvert pipes and ditches, paving projects, recreational projects, etc., with the Good Hope Public Works Department.

• Provide guidance and engineering-related opinions as needed by the City Manager, Mayor, and/or Council.

ARTICLE 2: TERM AND TERMINATION

• 2.1 Term: This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue through Oct. 31. This Agreement may be renewed for automatic unless cancelled by either party at any time.

• 3.1 Retainer: For City Engineer shall be a monthly retainer of $1,000.00. Additional services beyond those listed above can be offered for an hourly rate of $125.00 or for a negotiated fee."

FAITH

'I always hope to lead others to Jesus': Holly Pond's Ryli Norris discusses relationship with God

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RYLI NORRIS

Holly Pond's Ryli Norris

HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond's Ryli Norris will be a junior in August, and in this interview, she talked about the role that God has played in her life, starting with a couple of her favorite Bible verses.

"God has played a huge role in my life and has completely changed me for the better. I love to just make people smile and just try to be like Jesus in my everyday life, because He is so good to me. I want others to see how much He can change them as well," Norris said. "One of my favorite Bible verses is Jeremiah 29:11: 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future'. It reminds me that God already has a plan. Even when it feels like everything is going wrong, it reminds me that He has good plans for my life. I also like Psalms 91:7: 'A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you'. This verse reminds me that God protects me, and even when life may get hard, He protects us."

Ryli wants to help people of all ages find God and being a role model for kids is at the top of her list.

"I think it's really important to help people find God, whether it's children or adults. I serve in my church's kids' ministry on Sunday, and I just love getting to do small groups with the kids and connect with them. I also attended New Hope #2 Student Camp, and for Outreach, we handed out gospel tracks to people at Wal-Mart. There are a lot of people who didn't really know God and telling them about it and helping them find God just makes me happy," Norris said.

"It's very important for me to be a Godly role model that kids can look up to. I always hope to lead others to Jesus."

Ryli talked about an event she helps with that has made a huge impact on people's lives and mentioned some of her own Godly role models that she feels blessed to have in her life.

"I serve at my youth's Kid Fest, which makes a big impact on a lot of people's lives," Norris said. "My Godly role models are the old youth pastors, Steve and Angie Patrick, and the pastors at New Hope, Austin and Erin Rowell. Steve and Angie mean a lot to me, because they have led the youth for so long, just pouring their hearts out to every single kid, and they are an inspiration to me to try to be like that. As for Austin and Erin, I stayed at their house for church camp, and they really just helped me grow my faith. They put so much into this camp and these kids. I strive to be like them."

She shared some advice for people who are wanting a relationship with God but might be new to the experience. She talked about a life-changing experience that happened to her that has helped her get closer to God as well.

"My advice would be to make sure you're in a friend group that will hold you accountable, and to put all of their faith in God, and not let anyone come between that," she said. "A life-changing experience that happened to me came back in November of 2023. I got diagnosed with Type One Diabetes and for me, that really changed my life. I was wondering, why me, and why would God allow this to happen to me? I was also struggling with anxiety, but God has shown me that He gave me Type One Diabetes for a reason, and to cast all of my anxiety onto Him, because He cares for me."

Ryli shared a Godly ritual that she does before and after school and talked about what she has learned during her journey so far.

"I pray and read the Bible," she said. "What I've learned the most during my journey so far is to just trust God. He always has a plan for your life, and His timing is everything."

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Alannah (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alannah, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is a gorgeous domestic long-hair Calico who is just waiting for you to come scoop her up!

She is approximately 12 weeks old. Her amiable personality reflects lots of common sense and a true thinker. She approaches each of life's turn with ease and grace. Her adoption fee is just $100, which covers spay, vaccines, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Make sure to come by and visit with Alannah! Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Nunnelley's Storage , Hwy 67 S., Somerville, AL 35670

Will sale contents of the following units at 10:00 a.m. on June 14, 2025

Unit #100 Linda Pitts, 1105 Maplewood Dr. S.W., Hartselle, AL 35640

Unit #56 Heather Holizer, 1640 Sparkman St. , Hartselle, AL 35640

Unit #46 Robbie Thorne, 318 Bluff City Rd. Lot D3, Somerville, AL 35670

Unit #82 Randell Smith, 45 Robinson Lane, Somerville, AL 35670

Unit #62, 63, 128 Kathy Powell, 261 A Hobb Ward Rd., Hartselle, AL 35640

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

REGISTRATION AND VOTING AIDS

State of Alabama

Cullman County

Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown

Judge of Probate

Cullman County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN KELLY CLARK, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2025-181

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of June, 2025 by Tammy Brown, the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same, duly sworn to in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or else same will be forever barred.

Patrick Smith
Personal Representative

William S. Pylant (PYL002)
Pylant Estate Law, LLC
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Huntsville, AL 35801
will@pylantestatelaw.com
(256)529-4747

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 ANGELA FAITH SMITH, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2025-091**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JOHN P. SEGAL as Personal Representative of the Estate of ANGELA FAITH SMITH, deceased, on the 2nd day of June 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.

John P. Segal
Administrator

Caleb W. Balley, Esq.
Martinson & Beason, P. C.
Attorney for Petitioners
115 North Side Square
Huntsville, AL 35801

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

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

DONE this 2nd day of June, 2025.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BETTY JEAN BASS, Deceased. CASE NUMBER PC2025-193

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary upon Last Will and Testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the 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 above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

KIM MANGHAM-BARELARE
Personal Representative

Patrick H. Boone
Attorney for the Estate of Betty Jean Bass
705 New South Federal Savings Building
215 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203-3720
Telephone: 205-324-2018
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E-Mail: patrickboone@bellsouth.net

TO: CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice once a week for three successive weeks in said newspaper. The bill/notice should be sent to attorney, Patrick H. Boone, at the above address.

KIM MANGHAM-BARELARE
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Betty Jean Bass

Notice to Contractors
Advertisement for Bid
Project: Renovations to Finley Circle
Bid Number: 2025-06

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the town clerk, Town of Holly Pond, P.O. Box 9, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, and/or 10885 U.S. Hwy 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama 35083, until 3:00 p.m. local time on June 19, 2025 for the Renovations to Finley Circle. All bids shall include furnishing all labor, materials and equipment, and for doing the work of constructing, according to Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents, the works of improvements.

This project involves a street renovation. Proposals will be received by mail or may be hand delivered on the date of the bid opening. Please reach out to the Mayor or Clerk of the Town of Holly Pond for specifications, requirements, and more information.

Proposals shall be clearly identified on the exterior of the package with the bidder's name, address and State of Alabama General Contractors License Number, the name of the project being bid and time and place of the bid opening. Bids will be publicly opened and read. Faxed bids will not be accepted. All proposals received after the date and time of the bid opening noted above will be returned unopened.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Town of Holly Pond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the contract.

All Bids shall be held after the time for opening of Bids has passed. The Owner reserves the right to hold the Bids for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date of receipt of Bids. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained from the town Clerk at 10885 U.S. Hwy 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama 35083.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished in the Contract Documents or copied thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the town. The bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

The Owner will not consider any Bid unless the Bidder produces evidence that he is properly licensed. Neither will the Owner enter into a Contract with a foreign corporation that is not qualified under State Law to do business in the state in which the site of work is located. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive technical errors or informalities, and to accept any Bid considered advantageous to the Owner.

The Contractor whose Bid is selected must furnish a Performance Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the Bid amount and a payment bond for five percent (5%) of the bid amount. Bonds must be secured from a bonding company's representative agent authorized and licensed to do business in the state of Alabama. Each bond shall be countersigned by an agent of the Surety having residence in the state of Alabama, and is authorized and licensed to do business in the state of Alabama and each bond shall depict the complete address of said agent.

Nonresident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in such nonresident bidder's state of domicile, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of any or all public contracts.

Town of Holly Pond Holly Pond, Alabama
Carla Hart
By: Carla Hart, Its: Mayor

INVITATION TO BID

Project: Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant – Digester Maintenance Project
(herein referred to as the 'Project').

Owner: The City of Cullman, Alabama
204 2nd Avenue NE (Physical Address)
Cullman, AL 35055
P. O. Box 278 (Mailing Address)
Cullman, AL 35056-0278

Engineer: St. John & Associates, Inc.
508 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Date: June 12, 2025

Sealed Bids for the completion of the Project located in Cullman, Alabama will be received at the location of the bid opening until 2:00 pm local time on Thursday, July 3, 2025. Any Bids received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Cullman City Hall Auditorium, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055.

The Project generally consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, supplies, labor, management, supervision and transportation, including fuel, in order to clean anaerobic digesters, remove and dewater sludge, transport and dispose of the removed materials away from the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located at 1437 Welti Road SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The Owner requires the Project to be complete in 45 calendar days from the date that the Contract Times commence to run as indicated on the Notice to Proceed.

In order to Bid on the Project, the Bidder shall possess a valid General Contractor's license for work in the State of Alabama. The Contractor's license number shall be clearly indicated on the outside of sealed Bid envelopes. Bidder and its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable licensing requirements of the Code of Alabama, federal and local Laws or Regulations.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, not to exceed $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) and evidence of insurance as prescribed in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are directed to the Instructions to Bidders – Document 00 21 15 and the other Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer; hard-copy documents may be obtained upon nonrefundable payment of $80.00 for each set of documents, including one set of contract documents, legal requirements and specifications. Digital copies of the bid documents are also available at www.SJAOnline.com for a fee of $40.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the 'Planroom' link. For assistance and free registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bid shall be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

By: The City of Cullman, Alabama
Mr. Woody Jacobs, Mayor

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 25, 2020 by Floyd Randall Compton, unmarried, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1922, Page 867 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 July 7, 2025:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 3 West; thence S 88 degrees 54 minutes, 48 seconds W 190.00 feet to a point; thence N 00 degrees, 04 minutes, 56 seconds W 130.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on the West R.O.W. of County Road 711 and the true point of beginning; thence S 88 degrees, 54 minutes, 48 seconds W 140.00 feet to an existing iron; thence N 00 degrees 04 minutes, 54 seconds W 92.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set; thence N 88 degrees, 54 minutes 48 seconds E 140.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on the West R.O.W. of County Road 711; thence S 00 degrees, 04 minutes, 56 seconds E 92.00 feet to the true point of beginning. Said land lying in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

Description derived from survey of James W. Baldy, AL PLS Lic. No. 11845, dated February 20, 2018.

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-June 12, 19, 26, 2025

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Eddie M Forster, and spouse and Glenda A Forster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AHL Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 14, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on September 7, 2007 in Deed Book 1536, Page 419, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 290, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, 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 July 10, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 2014.18 feet to a found iron at the Southeast Corner of Lot 9 of Richmond Estates Subdivision (Plat Book B, Page 323 A); thence South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along the accepted east line of said forty a distance of 347.32 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, continue South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along said accepted east line a distance of 313.01 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the accepted Southeast Corner of the above described forty; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds West the accepted south line of said forty a distance of 153.55 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 313.95 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 153.55 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **741 County Road 695, Holly Pond, AL 35083**.

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.

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 23-04683AL
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LEGALS

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

201 2nd Avenue NE
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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, June 16, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request at 1321 Dripping Springs Road NW for a new duplex

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

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MACON WILSON TAYLOR, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC 2025-158

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Wilson Coe Taylor, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Macon Wilson Taylor, deceased, on the 10th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Wilson Coe Taylor
Personal Representative

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATTY LOU SMITH, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2025-071

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Charles Randell Posey, Personal Representative, on the 4th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF L.A.M., a minor, DOB: 10-25-2011 * **CASE NO.: JU 22-570.03**

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Marie Ann McNeely on October 25, 2011, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 17 day of July, 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 3rd day of June, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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

Perry D. Knight
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Obituary Announcements: June 10-11

Kayla Brook Sears, 25
Funeral service for Kayla Brook Sears, 25, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Bro. G.T. Robertson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11-1 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Kayla passed away Sunday, June 8, 2025, at her residence. She was born Nov. 23, 1999 to Danny William Sears and Laura Renae Swann. She was a homemaker and loved taking care of her children. She loved to watch her dad race cars. Kayla was a free spirited individual, she loved nature and quiet, She loved taking her kids to the river. She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Blain Sears; great-grandparents, Maudie & Grady Bryson; grandfather, Danny Sears. Survivors include her great-grandmother, Naomi Hilton; grandmother, Janet Powe; grandmother, Sherri Sears; mother, Laura Swann; father, Danny Sears; children, Oaklyn, Wilder, Luke; brother, Ethyn Sears; sisters, Karlee Sears, Ensley Smith; uncles, Timothy (Amy) Sears, Patrick Sears; great-uncle and aunt, Martin & Karen Sears; a host of cousins, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mary Mozelle Entrekin, 93
Funeral services for Mary Mozelle Entrekin, 93, of Hanceville will be 12 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Hanceville Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mary Mozelle "Mighty Moe the CO" was born June 5, 1932 in Arkadelphia, Alabama. She passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the age of 93 in Hanceville, Alabama. She leaves behind a legacy of love, devotion, compassion, and hard work. She spent a lifetime as a caretaker for her parents, husband, brother-in-law, and for patients at Woodland Nursing Home and CRMC where she spent many years as a nursing assistant and was celebrated as Employee of the Year in 1996. Granny Moe was famous for the fried apple pies, sweet fudge, and chicken n dumplings that she made in her home kitchen affectionately known as "Tootsie's Cafe." The family would like to extend their most profound gratitude to the staff at Hanceville Nursing Home and Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for the care, love, and respect they showed Granny Moe. While her family is saddened by her loss, they find peace knowing she is reunited with those who left before her: parents, Dan and Belle Rodgers, her husband Hollis Entrekin, brother Homer Rodgers, baby sister Ruby Rodgers, brother in law Ottis "Bud" Entrekin, son Roger Entrekin, grandson Matt Osborne, and her beloved dog Penny. Left behind to cherish her memories are her son, Tim (Brandy) Entrekin, grandchildren Allen (Teresa) Entrekin, Stacy Osborn, Bethany Entrekin, Tristan Entrekin, sister Wanda Henderson, brother JR Rodgers, two daughters in love Brenda Entrekin and Diane Entrekin, and 6 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren, and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Richard Arnold Moore, 70
Memorial services for Richard Arnold Moore, 70, of Cullman are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Moore was born on Nov. 12, 1954, he passed away June 9, 2025, at CRMC. Richard was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide fan, and he loved playing pool with friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and a sister. Survivors include his wife, Brenda Moore; daughter, Kristi (Daniel) Williams; step-children and step-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Sue Jordan Rhodes, 87
Sue Jordan Rhodes, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Monday, June 9, 2025. Sue was a loving mother and grandmother, known for her lifelong dedication to the students of Cullman County. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Saint Bernard College and devoted over three decades to teaching. Sue spent 30 years at West Point High School and one year at Fairview High School. In recognition of her contributions to local athletics and education, she was inducted into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. Sue is survived by her daughter, Tammy Harbison (Billy Wayne), and her grandson, Joshua Tyler Harbison. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Kennon Rhodes; her parents, Claude and Doffee Jordan; and her sister, Ludy Anderson. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m., with interment to take place at Cullman Memory Gardens, 1516 Bolte Road SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Sue's life and legacy of care, service, and education will be fondly remembered by the many lives she touched. To leave condolences for the Rhodes family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Larry Joe Aaron, 75
Mr. Larry Joe Aaron, age 75, of Crane Hill, passed away peacefully at The Folsom Center on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Born on Nov. 10, 1949, in Cullman County, Alabama, Larry was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Vonie Aaron; his brothers, Jerry (Debbie) and Randy (Judy) Aaron; and his nephews, Duffy Swann and Kenneth Williams. Larry is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara Aaron; his cherished daughters, Shelia Aaron Hancock (Randy Hollis) and Kristal Aaron; his beloved grandchildren, Jackson (Kelsie Hix) Hancock and Lauren (Charles Johnson) Hancock; and his precious great-granddaughter, Magnolia Hancock. He also leaves behind his brothers, Roy (Donna) Aaron, Sam Aaron, and Robert Aaron; his sisters, June (Bernard) Williams, Debra (Greg) Swann, and Beverly (Wayne) Hollis; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Larry proudly served his country as a U.S. Army veteran in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1971. He dedicated 43 years of service to Cullman Products/American Trim. A passionate gardener, he found joy in tending to his plants and treasured the time spent with family and friends. The family will welcome visitors for a time of remembrance on Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel, with Mr. Freddie Moehring officiating. Larry will be laid to rest at Bowman's Chapel Cemetery, located at 7508 County Road 310, Crane Hill, AL 35053. Larry's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Ken "Moose" Phillips, 78
John Kenneth Phillips "Moose" 78, of Lagrange, Georgia, passed away June 8, 2025, with his beloved wife by his side. Ken was born to John Thomas Phillips "Buck" and Hazel Hambrick Phillips on May 23, 1947, in Troup County. Ken grew up on his family's Dairy Farm, Phillips Dairy. He was a class of 1965 Troup County High School graduate where he set school records on the track team. He joined the Airforce in 1965 and was stationed in Southeast Asia whereas a Sergeant he received the Airforce Commendation Medal. When he returned home, he began a career as a Truck Driver at Milliken and played on the company's baseball team. In 1990 he began at Walmart Transportation where he retired after thirty-five years. While employed with Walmart he received numerous awards, including the impressive 3,000,000 Mile Safety Award, awarded for 3 million miles on the road accident free. As a sports enthusiast who grew up watching all the greats, Ken found joy being his grandchildren's biggest fan and could be found on the bleacher of any game they played. Ken was known for his melodic Georgia accent, infectious smile, perfect penmanship, gifted pool playing and the ability to make a friend anywhere he went. As a benevolent, compassionate man Ken dedicated much of his life to others. Ken was best at being an incredible friend, husband, father and Poppy. Everyone's biggest supporter, he loved to see anyone succeed. He was ready to celebrate you whether it was a birthday party or an achievement. With Ken's passing he leaves a legacy of kindness and selflessness. Ken leaves his family with the thought of knowing he seen us all as his biggest accomplishment, he never missed the chance to greet us with an embrace and words of love and encouragement. He made sure we all knew that he considered himself blessed to have us, but we all are the lucky ones. Ken is preceded in death by his father John Thomas Phillips, mother Hazel Phillips and sister Doris Bray. Ken is survived by his "heartbeat" his wife Crystal Phillips, his children John Kenneth Phillips Jr "Bucky", Elizabeth Phillips Saturday "Dusty", Angie (Mark) Barnes, Kenneth (Angie) Bradley, Lori Brewer, Erin (Taylor) Davis, Meredith (Ryan) Hays, Jennifer Ruiz, grandchildren Ella Davis, Aiden Hays, Maci Hays, Katelynn Phillips, Abby Saturday, Allison Stidham, Jordan Bradley, Brandy Clower, Morgan Orantes, Emily Ruiz, Mandy Ruiz, Jonathan Stewart, Joshua Stewart, Erica Thornton, sister Joanne Noles and 12 great grandchildren. Funeral Service for Ken "Moose" Phillips will be on Saturday June 14, 2025 at 11 a.m. with Dennis Trimble officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, June 13, 2025, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Doris Evelina Cleveland, 87
Doris E. Cleveland age 87, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away June 9, 2025. She was born April 8, 1938, in Bay Springs, Mississippi. Doris is revered as a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many. She was strong in her faith and it was evident by her dedication and selflessness. Doris lived sacrificially and would do anything to make her family and friends happy. Doris is preceded in death by her husband of 41 years James Doss, husband of 20 years Richard Cleveland, daughter Shari Upton and son Mark Doss. Doris is survived by her son Mike Doss, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Friday June 13, 2025, at New Prospect Cemetery, 5625 CR-38, Hanceville AL 35057. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jerry Mack Waters, 74
Jerry Mack Waters, age 74, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. A visitation for Jerry will be held Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, 512 Second Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The funeral service will start at 1 p.m., with the graveside service to follow at Cullman Memory Gardens, 1516 Bolte Road SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Support (from Front)

to the building that resulted from recent storms.

A line of severe storms with high winds and lightning that felled trees and downed power lines across Gudger's Senate District 4 on Saturday, June 7, also tore the roof off of the Kelley Community Center.

"We will stand with the people of the Kelley community and work with our state and local partners to restore their community center even better than it was," Gudger vowed.

"It is fortunate that this damage occurred before the planned upgrades and renovations had begun, not after, and I am committed to reopening this important community landmark as soon as possible."

In addition to providing a venue for community and family events, the building serves as the local polling place for elections.

The Kelley Community Center is located at 1270 County Road 1435.

Oyster (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Half Shell Oyster House will officially open in Cullman on Wednesday, June 25, at 417 Third Ave. SW, Suite 115, inside the Cotton Creek Venue.

This will be the 15th Half Shell Oyster House location overall and the sixth in Alabama, marking another exciting milestone for the Gulf Coast-based restaurant group "known for its signature blend of Southern hospitality and New Orleans-inspired fare."

Named a Top 10 Small Chain Restaurant by Tripadvisor, Half Shell Oyster House is renowned for standout dishes like the award-winning charbroiled oysters, Royal Orleans and Filet Orleans.

The menu also features a wide variety of steak, seafood, chicken, pasta and salad offerings.

"We're excited to bring the Half Shell experience to Cullman," said Dino Mirando, operations director of Gulf Coast Restaurant Group.

"Cullman has incredible energy and sense of community, and the Cotton Creek Venue is a perfect fit for our atmosphere and brand. We look forward to becoming a part of this growing and vibrant community."

The new Cullman location will offer indoor and patio dining. "Guests can expect the same warm ambiance, attentive service and exceptional cuisine that have made Half Shell Oyster House a favorite across the Gulf Coast," said a media release.

The Cotton Creek Venue, located in the heart of downtown, is an emerging hub of dining, retail and community events. "Half Shell Oyster House is proud to join a space that emphasizes local flavor and dynamic experiences."

The restaurant will be open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch, and will feature daily happy hours and rotating seasonal specials. Hiring is still happening for all positions; learn more at www.halfshelloysterhouse.com/careers.

For more information, visit www.halfshelloysterhouse.com, or follow on Instagram @halfshelloysterhouse or www.facebook.com/hsohcullman.



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