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Local businesses, residents preparing for Rock the South

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rock the South returns this weekend. As the city prepares, many are filled with excitement. For some who live and work near the venue site, the weekend brings a mix of opportunities and challenges.

Bloom Winery, located about 3 miles from York Farms, where RTS » PAGE 2


MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Attendees pose for the camera at Rock the South in Cullman on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

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Nerf War!


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Participants take cover in the Nerf War at the OmniPlex on June 14, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The communitywide Nerf War returned for the second year this past Saturday, June 14. Organized by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, the event welcomed nearly 100 participants at the newly opened OmniPlex, almost doubling the turnout from last year. What began as a small idea spotted on social media has turned into one of Cullman's most popular summer events.

"We had about 50 people last year, which I thought was an incredible turnout," said CPRST Programs Coordinator Jamie Kirk. "This year, we had enough players to fill 96 jerseys, and they're all gone!"

The Nerf War is suitable for children and adults of all ages, offering parents and children an opportunity to participate in friendly competition while spending quality time together.

Players could participate in games like "Last Man Standing" and "Capture the Flag," which help players strategize and work together.

To ensure everyone's safety, the event was held indoors this year » PAGE 5


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'Hanceville will forever have a place in my heart'

Hanceville Elementary Principal Stacie Olinger retiring

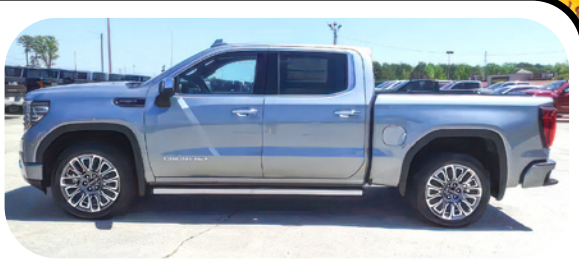

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Get involved: Cullman County Animal Shelter


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Sweet Reba greets visitors at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.
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Free 'Financial Planning for Farmers' workshop set for June 19

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 16

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 16, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 2
- theft of property; CR 946
- burglary; CR 576
- harassment; Hwy. 91

June 12
- harassing communications; CR 282
- burglary; CR 426
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 486
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 88
- domestic violence; CR 220
- criminal mischief; Gladys PL Hanceville
- dog bite; Hwy. 157

June 13
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Daniel Chapel Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 81
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 601
- domestic violence; CR 81
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; CR 1455

June 14
- domestic violence; Twitty Ln.
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; CR 703
- domestic violence; CR 1447
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 750
- domestic violence; Megan Ln.
- domestic violence; Juilia Ln.

June 15
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 157
- harassment; Holly Pond Rd.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65SB MM291
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- trafficking drugs; unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; US. 31
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 151

ARRESTS

June 12-15

Adkins, Jesse L.; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Bailey, Nathan P.; 50
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Bauer, Paci C.; 20
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brasher, Keith A.; 59
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cantrell, Julie F.; 52
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – counterfeiting
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

Chaney, Barbara M.; 46
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Doyle, Roger L.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Drane, Anthony G.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine

Farr, Douglas R.; 56
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Godwin, Brittany C.; 42
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – receiving stolen vehicle
- FTA – DUI (controlled substance)

Harden, Derrick E.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Hawkins, Brent J.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hopper, Amy L.; 50
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Johnson, Trina Y.; 43
- Illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Kimbrough, Nicholas L.; 22
- FTA – operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – speed above 45 MPH. county road

Knight, Chloe E.; 27
- possession of methamphetamine

Mallard, Benjamin C.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McAlpine, Nicholas D.; 42
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – counterfeiting
- FTA – forgery-forged instrument
- public intoxication

Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 27
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Moore, Johnny L.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Nichols, Emma G.; 24
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Oden, Nick W.; 36
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance

Overton, Dustin D.; 28
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- attempting to elude a police officer
- PROBATION VIOLATION – attempting to elude a police officer
- PROBATION VIOLATION – criminal trespass
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Owens, Michael W.; 51
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Payne, Johnathan P.; 36
- FTA – unlawful distribution of controlled substances

Phillips, Sarah G.; 28
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Puckett, Genesis L.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Witcher, Billy K.; 59
- FTA – drug trafficking
- FTA – DUI (controlled substance)
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Young, Robert E.; 50
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 9
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication; Brunner St. NW

June 10
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,047; Olive St. SW

June 13
- theft of property-1st degree; Cobblestone Hotel & Suites; cash; Main Ave. SW
- identity theft; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $43; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $87; Olive St. SW

June 14
- domestic violence-2nd degree – assault; person; Main Ave. NE
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Lessman Cir. SW

June 15
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,115
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; clothing; $700; 4th St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,000

ARRESTS

June 13-15

Hawkins, Brent J.; 33
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Holt, Joseph K.; 47
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Bauer, Paci C.; 20
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree (2 counts)

Szwajda, Nicholas M.; 28
- theft of property-4th degree

Bates, Lindsey L.; 33
- theft of property-4th degree

Hepp, Robert J.; 56
- public intoxication

Resendiz, Cando R.; 43
- DUI

Clemons, Phillip W.; 51
- DUI

Phillips Jr., Rodney J.; 28
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving without license

Drane, Anthony G.; 39
- 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.

Rock the South (from Front)

will take place, is bracing for a surge in traffic and customers. Owner Bella Tripp said preparations have already begun.

"We're expecting large crowds, so we're bringing in extra staff from our other locations, some driving more than an hour just to help," she said.

"We're used to big weekends and large crowds, but this is a step above."

To prepare for the influx, the winery has begun bottling its sparkling wines ahead of schedule and adjusting internal operations to ensure smooth service.

Although the winery's hours and event days will remain unchanged, Tripp confirmed that parking will be limited to customers only due to space constraints, especially with concerns over concertgoers using nearby lots to walk to the venue.

Just down the road, resident David Turner shared what it's like living in the middle of the action. He described the festival as a social gathering where people park their cars in yards and sometimes even tailgate with concertgoers.

"There are definite pros and cons," he said. "We enjoy being able to make a little extra money by offering parking, and we've had great experiences with the people who park here. Some of them have hung out with us on our porch and talked like old friends."

Turner said that while the crowds and traffic can be overwhelming, he doesn't feel unsafe during the weekend. However, upcoming changes to traffic routing have left him and others unsure if they'll still be able to park vehicles in their yards this year. While Turner expressed appreciation for the improvements made to nearby roads, he pointed out that his road, County Road 465, remains unpaved.

"All the houses on our road are new, and we feel a bit left out. The main roads were paved for the festival, but we're still dealing with gravel and potholes," he said. "We'd love for the City or County to recognize that we're part of this, too."

Despite the inconveniences that can come with the concert, Turner said he appreciates the sense of unity that forms among residents during the festival weekend. "It's not always easy, but we do our best to work together and make it enjoyable."

Rock the South will take place June 19-21. Find out more at www.RocktheSouth.com.

Olinger (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Elementary School principal Stacie Olinger has decided to retire after six years at the school. Before coming to Hanceville, she was the assistant principal at Austinville Elementary in Decatur for a year and she said that experience helped prepare her for the assistant principal job at Hanceville.

"Being an assistant principal significantly helped me in obtaining a principal position. Before coming to Hanceville, I was the assistant principal at Austinville Elementary in Decatur City. That experience helped me get the assistant principal position at Hanceville Elementary.

"I built a great relationship with faculty, staff and parents at Hanceville Elementary. Knowing the students personally and the parents makes a school feel like home, which I think is so important when managing a school. A family setting is a big part of helping students feel supported and valued. When my students walked through the doors, they were greeted with hugs and a good morning. Building personal relationships is so important."

Susan Melton, who retired as principal before Olinger took the job, helped prepare Olinger for the role as well.

"My principal, Susan Melton, was retiring. She was the best. She always encouraged me and involved me in decision making. She never made me feel like I only had certain roles as the assistant principal. She made sure I knew what was going on and involved me in the leadership role," Olinger said.

"I learned how to multitask and wear many hats. Being an assistant/principal is just a title. My parents taught me the value of work. Be involved in it. As an assistant principal or principal, you need to be ready to take on many tasks: counselor, janitor, teaching, nurse, wherever you are needed. Be present. Listen. Give love to students, parents and faculty. Our kids have seen and been through so much in their short lives. I have so many students I would love to take home with me."

Olinger had her fair share of role models during her time working in education and she soaked up as much as she could from each of them.

"My role models were Brandon Payne, Frank Harris, Tony Willis and Susan Melton. They all encouraged me and guided me. I can't thank them enough. Another one of my role models was my third-grade teacher, Mrs. Joyce Patterson. She believed in me and encouraged me to be my best.

"I learned to listen, be where your feet are, be open, be ready for change, make unselfish decisions and have a vision," Olinger said. "I love to make people laugh. I have scared students and teachers. I hid in closets and jumped out to scare them (laughs). I loved getting hugs every morning, and the students always noticed changes in my hair or appearance. Hanceville Elementary will forever be my home."

Olinger wanted to make an impact on students' lives at Hanceville, and she will deeply miss them when the school year starts in August.

"I hope I made an impact on their lives. I love all of them. I'm going to miss them so much," she said.

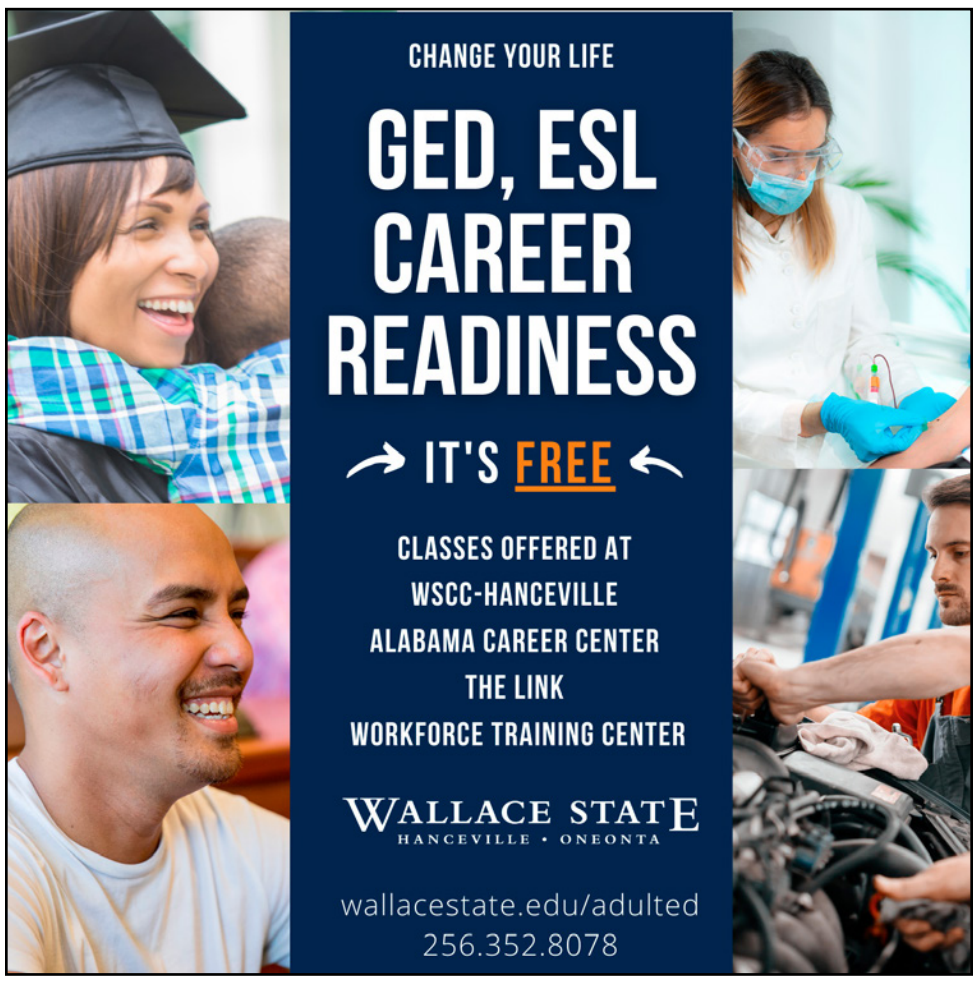
"I wanted Hanceville Elementary to feel like a home, not only a school. Frank Harris, my first principal from East Elementary, came to Hanceville Elementary on my first day as principal there to give me words of encouragement and wisdom. I will never forget seeing him and his wife, Dianne, at the doors of Hanceville Elementary and crying so hard. I will forever be grateful."

Olinger became a grandmother not too long ago, and even though it was a tough choice to retire, she's excited to start her new role as a grandmother.

"My daughter had her first baby, my first grandbaby. I am so excited to keep him and make new memories. Although I am sad to leave my Hanceville Elementary family, I'm excited to be a grandmother," she said.

"I will never forget the relationships I made at Hanceville Elementary. Hanceville will forever have a place in my heart. My advice to them is to keep working hard, don't give up and lean on God to help direct and guide you."

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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
• Wednesday, June 18 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, June 20 - 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 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, June 21 – Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, June 22 - 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.

Mt. Nebo VBS – 'Magnified'
Through June 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.)

Rock the South
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.

At the Foot of the Cross Church VBS
June 23-28. Jesus Frenzy. Ages up to 12, Monday-Wednesday. Ages 13 and up Thursday-Friday. 6-8 p.m. Saturday is fun day. 2.5 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. (See The Tribune's full VBS listing at cullmantribune.com/2025/06/02/list-the-ultimate-cullman-vbs-summer-roadmap.)

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m. USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, July 22, 4-7 p.m. at Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Rd. $15 per plate. Fundraiser for the senior center. Tickets on sale at the center beforehand or that day. Cash, check or card. Dine in or carry out.





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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Cullman Swim Team defeats Arab on the road

Sarah Hughes
Cullman Swim Team

ARAB, Ala. — The Cullman Swim Team traveled to Arab for a meet last Thursday and returned home with a 444-193 win against the Arab Riptide.

Head Coach: Charis Peek
Assistant Coaches: Anna Hilb, Troy Mann, and Anna Page



SARA HUGHES/CST

The Cullman Swim Team defeated Arab on the road last Thursday 444-193.

RESULTS

Girls 6 & Under
- 25 Free - 1. Ellie Grace Thigpen (24.47); 2. Emy Berryhill (38.37); 3. Addie Thigpen (1:06.59)
- 25 Back - 1. Ellie Grace Thigpen (35.17); 2. Emy Berryhill (44.10); 3. Hollis Bentley (48.56)

Boys 6 & Under
- 25 Free - 1. Mason Heim (31.78); 2. John Branscomb (35.65)
- 25 Back - 1. John Branscomb (33.09); 2. Titus Wood (37.73)

6 & Under Mixed Relay
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Ellie Grace Thigpen, Mason Heim, Emy Berryhill, Jack Berryhill (1:53.76)

Girls 8 & Under
- 100 IM - 2. Emri Lackey (1:41.97); 3. Brooklyn Pate (1:45.84)
- 25 Free - 2. Everly Berryhill (19.29); 3. Emri Lackey (19.62)
- 25 Breast - 1. Amberly Pate (27.57); 2. Malia Swidecki (27.79); 3. Maggie Randall (28.31)
- 25 Back - 2. Everly Berryhill (23.41); 3. Brittan Bentley (25.21)
- 25 Fly - 1. Audrey Smith (21.60); 2. Brooklyn Pate (21.91); 3. Brittan Bentley (26.88)
- 50 Free - 1. Brooklyn Pate (41.14); 2. Malia Swidecki (52.15); 3. Ellie Grace Thigpen (53.18)

Boys 8 & Under
- 100 IM - 1. CJ Curry (1:47.72)
- 25 Free - 1. Jack Berryhill (21.53); 3. Bransyn Tucker (22.22)
- 25 Breast - 1. CJ Curry (28.47)
- 25 Back - 1. Jack Berryhill (26.15); 2. Bransyn Tucker (29.46)
- 25 Fly - 1. Jack Berryhill (28.21); 3. Owen Boaz (34.25)
- 50 Free - 1. CJ Curry (43.61); 3. Owen Boaz (52.82)

8 & Under Mixed Relays
- 100 Medley Relay - 1. Owen Boaz, Everly Berryhill, CJ Curry, Amberly Pate (1:32.58); 2. Jack Berryhill, Emri Lackey, Brooklyn Pate, Branson Tucker (1:37.42); 3. John Branscomb, Maggie Randall, Audrey Smith, Mason Heim (1:52.83)
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Emri Lackey, CJ Curry, Owen Boaz, Amberly Pate (1:20.75); 2. Everly Berryhill, Bransyn Tucker, Damian Torres Diaz, Brooklyn Pate (1:26.00)

Girls 9-10
- 100 IM - 1. Hannah Thigpen (1:30.51); 2. Clara Peek (1:33.64); 3. Emma Grace Tidwell (1:39.77)
- 50 Free - 1. Paisley Caldwell (34.30); 2. Jesslyn Davis (38.15); 3. Clara Peek (38.52)
- 50 Breast - 1. Lauren Hughes (36.65); 2. Jesslyn Davis (48.08); 3. Hannah Thigpen (48.38)
- 50 Back - 1. Clara Peek (42.83); 2. Hannah Thigpen (45.34); 3. Emma Grace Tidwell (45.47)
- 50 Fly - 1. Lauren Hughes (33.39); 2. Paisley Caldwell (38.54)
- 100 Free - 1. Lauren Hughes (1:07.54); 2. Paisley Caldwell (1:20.40); 3. Emma Grace Tidwell (1:24.83)

Boys 9-10
- 100 IM - 1. Abram Lackey (1:14.29); 2. Guy Caffey V (1:21.01)
- 50 Free - 1. Abram Lackey (30.93); 2. Ezra Basch (38.03); 3. James Hilb (38.14)
- 50 Breast - 1. Guy Caffey V (43.45); 2. James Hilb (50.56); 3. Rhodes Bentley (52.17)
- 50 Back - 2. Rhodes Bentley (47.56)
- 50 Fly - 1. Abram Lackey (33.83); 2. Keith Swidecki (57.12)
- 100 Free - 1. Guy Caffey V (1:10.73); 3. Will Amuso (1:32.19)

9-10 Mixed Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Abram Lackey, Guy Caffey V (2:23.20); 2. Hannah Thigpen, James Hilb, Paisley Caldwell, Ezra Basch (2:47.05)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Abram Lackey, Guy Caffey V, Paisley Caldwell, Lauren Hughes (2:08.30); 2. Hannah Thigpen, Ezra Basch, Will Amuso, Clara Peek (2:30.92)

Girls 11-12
- 100 IM - 1. Gemma Swidecki (1:22.13); 3. Faith Peek (1:29.21)
- 50 Free - 1. Georgia Dowdy (29.42); 2. Catherine Hughes (31.10)
- 50 Breast - 1. Catherine Hughes (39.17); 3. Gemma Swidecki (43.64)
- 50 Back - 1. Georgia Dowdy (34.73)
- 50 Fly - 1. Georgia Dowdy (32.07); 2. Gemma Swidecki (37.42)
- 100 Free - 2. Catherine Hughes (1:10.42)
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- **Boys 11-12**
- 100 IM - 1. Griffin Berryhill (1:14.15); 2. Nolan Ferrara (1:33.84)
- 50 Free - 3. Jaxon Curry (31.66)
- 50 Back - 2. Griffin Berryhill (32.92); 3. Jaxon Curry (37.15)
- 50 Fly - 1. Griffin Berryhill (31.78)
- 100 Freestyle - 3. Jaxon Curry (1:10.38)

11-12 Mixed Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Griffin Berryhill, Catherine Hughes, Georgia Dowdy, Jaxon Curry (2:13.36)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Griffin Berryhill, Catherine Hughes, Jaxon Curry, Georgia Dowdy (2:01.88)

Girls 13-14
- 100 IM - 1. Edie Hudson (1:10.78); 2. Elizabeth Hughes (1:16.48)
- 50 Free - 2. Edie Hudson (28.25); 3. Reese Swidecki (30.09)
- 50 Breast - 1. Edie Hudson (34.05); 2. Elizabeth Hughes (38.97)
- 50 Back - 1. Elizabeth Hughes (36.31)
- 50 Fly - 2. Reese Swidecki (33.39); 3. Ashton Gray (35.59)
- 100 Free - 2. Reese Swidecki (1:10.47); 3. Ashton Gray (1:11.09)

Boys 13-14
- 100 IM - 2. Karson Corliss (1:10.91); 3. Emmet Tucker (1:16.91)
- 50 Free - 2. Briar Lackey (25.55); 3. Tate Tysinger (27.74)
- 50 Breast - 1. Briar Lackey (33.64); 3. Tate Tysinger (37.72)
- 50 Back - 2. Briar Lackey (31.03); 3. Griffin Cole (35.52)
- 50 Fly - 1. Karson Corliss (29.27); 3. Tate Tysinger (32.60)
- 100 Free - 2. Karson Corliss (1:05.63)

13-14 Mixed Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Briar Lackey, Edie Hudson, Karson Corliss, Elizabeth Hughes (2:05.00); 2. Griffin Cole, Tate Tysinger, Reese Swidecki, Ashton Gray (2:17.50)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Tate Tysinger, Edie Hudson, Elizabeth Hughes, Briar Lackey (1:51.48); 3. Griffin Cole, Reese Swidecki, Ashton Gray, Karson Corliss (1:59.65)

Girls 15-18
- 100 IM - 1. Mika Lucky (1:08.40); 3. Sofi Velez (1:12.30)
- 50 Free - 2. Madeline Dowdy (26.98)
- 50 Breast - 1. Mika Lackey (34.73)
- 50 Back - 1. Mika Lackey (32.73); 2. Tori Rees (35.63)
- 50 Fly - 1. Madeline Dowdy (29.78)
- 100 Free - 1. Madeline Dowdy (59.68)

Boys 15-18
- 100 IM - 2. Grayson Randall (1:01.57); 3. Camp Smith (1:09.40)
- 50 Free - 1. Grayson Randall (23.74)
- 50 Breast - 2. Grayson Randall (31.13)
- 50 Back - 1. Chase Duncan (27.59); 2. Gunner Stracener (29.85)
- 50 Fly - 2. Camp Smith (26.42)
- 100 Free - 2. Chase Duncan (53.53)

15-18 Mixed Relays
- 200 Medley Relay - 1. Chase Duncan, Mike Lackey, Camp Smith, Madeline Dowdy (1:54.97); 3. Gunner Stracener, Grayson Randall, Sofi Velez, Tori Rees (2:01.14)
- 200 Free Relay - 1. Gunner Stracener, Madeline Dowdy, Mika Lackey, Chase Duncan (1:41.78)

Pietri adds Toni West to Women's Basketball staff

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JSU Athletics

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. - Head coach Rick Pietri has added Toni West to Jacksonville State's women's basketball staff ahead of the 2025-26 season. West spent two seasons as an assistant coach for Wallace State-Hanceville prior to joining the Gamecocks.

West helped lead Wallace State to an ACCC Tournament Title in the 2024-25 season, including a 49-46 win over Alabama community college perennial power Shelton State to earn their place in the NJCAA DI Women's Basketball Championship Tournament.

West and Wallace State then went on to win their first-round matchup in the NJCAA Tournament by a score of 62-46 over Murray State College. West's Lions eventually fell to Northwest Florida State College in the second-round of the NJCAA Tournament.

On top of winning the ACCC Championship and making the second round of the NJCAA Tournament, West and Wallace State achieved a 29-5 overall record and an 11-3 record in conference play in 24-25. In her first season at Wallace State, she helped guide the Lady Lions to a record of 25-6 and an ACCC tournament runner-up title. West also served as a Wallace State recruiter.



JSU ATHLETICS

JSU assistant women's basketball coach Toni West.

West graduated from Cold Springs High School in 2021, where she was a member of the 2018-19 State Championship team. She continued her basketball career at Shelton State Community College from 2021 to 2023. During her time at Shelton State, she finished with a record of 60-6 and was a 2x ACCC regular season and tournament champion. She earned an associate degree at Shelton State in May 2023.

West is the daughter of Patrick and Tammy West. Tammy has been the coach at Cold Springs High School for 33 years and has won 4 State Championships. Toni also has two older sisters, Hayden and Bailey, who are both high school coaches.



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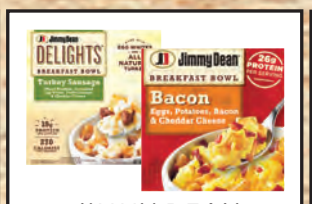
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to avoid the heat. With air conditioning, on-site referees and strict rules against unsafe play, the setting offers a welcoming environment for friendly play.

"It's just a fun way for families to come out and enjoy themselves without having to spend a dime.

"There aren't a lot of free events that the whole family can enjoy together anymore, and we're happy to provide that," said Kirk.

Kirk said she plans to bring the event back next year.

If you missed the Nerf War, CPRST has more summer events lined up. "Summer Movies at Art Park" will take place on June 20, from 8-11 p.m., featuring "The Little Rascals."

It is free and open to everyone. For more information on upcoming events, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org.



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FAITH

'Always stay true to God': Cold Springs' Cason Alexander reflects on his faith

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs' Cason Alexander will start his junior year of high school in August, and in this interview, he talked about how much of a role God has played in his life, starting with his favorite Bible verse.

"God means everything to me. Every choice I have made and continue to make in life always makes me question: 'Is this what God would want, and how can this help me grow in my relationship with Him"? I work and fail every day trying to be as perfect as Him, but I know that through His amazing grace and love, I am eternally saved. God has changed my life in ways that I can't even describe.

"He has given me so many blessings: a roof over my head, food, water, a family, friends, the ability to play sports for Him and so much more that I'm so grateful for. He, without a doubt, continues to bless me and change me for the better every day, and I can't wait to see the plans He has in store for me," Cason said.

"My favorite Bible verse of all time is Romans 8:11, which states: 'The spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you'. This bible verse, to me, can mean many different things, but it really motivates me to think that the same power that rose Jesus from the dead is living inside me, and that by itself gives me the motivation I need to play to the best of my abilities in sports, and work as hard as I can in general."

Cason wants to help people of all ages find God, and being a role model is very important to him.

"I personally believe that it is my soul mission, as a follower of Jesus, to help anybody and everybody find Him. I believe Jesus has a higher calling for me: to help people surrender to Him and give Him their everything," Alexander said. "I only hope to be half the man that Jesus was in His life, and I believe to be anything like Him. Being a role model for those who look up to me comes first. Whether it's kids, adults, seniors, however old they are, I would love to be a role model for many to look up to."

Alexander talked about a couple of Godly role models in his life that he looks up to. He gave some advice to anyone who might be wanting to have a relationship with God.

"In sports, my Godly role model is Tua Tagovailoa. He wears cross eye paint on his face and sometimes wears Bible verses before games. I do the same with my Bible verses before games on my wrist tape. For school, my Godly role model is coach Voce. No matter what happens in games or at school, He always lets us know he loves us, and I strive to, someday, be able to coach and aspire to be like him," he said. "Open your Bible, watch movies about Jesus, quit listening to bad music, and overall, just surrender, pick up your cross, and start walking with Jesus today. You are forgiven and loved and always remember that Jesus is the only person you will ever need in your life."

Cason has a special tradition he does before every football game, and he shared some of what he has learned during his journey so far.

"Before every football game, I hug every one of my teammates and tell them I love them. It isn't exactly a Godly ritual, but I feel that God is telling me deep down that it's something they like to hear, and it makes them feel loved, so I enjoy doing it," he said. "I think the biggest lesson I've learned during my journey is how to really cope with loss. When my grandmother passed away, the only emotions I felt were anger and confusion, because she was the last person in the world to deserve it, but I also thought to myself that she was also the most deserving of returning to heaven. I can live with myself knowing she's in such a better place, and with that, I learned to always stay true to God and to never turn your back on Him when you fall. There's only good things coming ahead."



CASON ALEXANDER

Cold Springs' Cason Alexander

Alabama Rural Roadmap: Gudger outlines vision for rural development

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — During last week's meeting of the Alabama Growth Alliance, a 15-member public/private partnership created by the Alabama Legislature and tasked with promoting and creating economic expansion, Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, outlined the "Alabama Rural Roadmap Initiative" that will target improvements in the less developed regions across the state.

"Alabama's future depends on the strength of all of our communities, and that means taking bold actions to support our rural towns and regions," Gudger said.

"To address deep-rooted challenges like crumbling infrastructure, population loss and health care gaps, rural Alabama needs more than quick fixes — it needs a plan."

Gudger serves on the panel as president pro tem of the Alabama Senate, along with other elected officials, agency directors and eight prominent business leaders appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey.

Developing the rural road map will initially target five specific areas that the group said inhibit growth and hinder the quality of life for residents in certain portions of Alabama. The five targets for improvement include:

- Infrastructure: Modernizing utilities, broadband, industrial sites and public spaces
- Business Growth: Boosting support for small businesses, startups and access to capital
- Workforce Training: Expanding job skills programs and career education to meet labor needs
- Community and Quality of Life: Investing in the cultural and livability factors that keep people rooted
- Health Care: Delivering sustainable strategies to close rural health gaps

To create the plan for achieving these goals, Gudger said the alliance will work closely with local elected officials, residents and business owners in rural regions along with recognized experts in community development, economic recruitment and other areas.

The Alabama Rural Roadmap is required to be finalized and delivered to the Legislature by the fifth legislative day of the 2026 Regular Session.





IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2025 - 900200

SHAILYN HALE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Commence at the NW corner of the SE Quarter of the SE Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, thence N 89 Degrees, 09'E 790 feet to the point of beginning. Thence N 89 Degrees 09'E 111 feet; thence S 2 Degrees 00'E a distance of 210 feet thence S 89 Degrees 09'W a distance of 111 feet; thence N 2 Degrees 00'W a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning. Said land is in the SE Quarter of the SE Quarter of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
Parcel ID: 17-07-36-0-001-038.002; PIN: 38283; Account Number: 238254

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

JOHN L. GREEN, MILDRED GREEN, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MILDRED GREEN,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: JOHN L. GREEN, MILDRED GREEN, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MILDRED GREEN, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of May, 2025, a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title to the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Shailyn Hale against John L. Green, Mildred Green, and the Heirs and Devisees of Mildred Green, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Verified Complaint on or before the 8th day of August, 2025, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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Cullman, AL 35055
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgages executed by **CLIFTON D. FOWLER AND WIFE, MARTHA MICHELLE FOWLER** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed dated August 8, 2022, and recorded on August 12, 2022, in Mortgage Book 2024 Page 541 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, as modified by that Modification of Mortgage dated January 27, 2024, and 2023, and recorded on February 8, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2074 Page 285 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **10th day of July, 2025**, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said quarter-quarter; thence West along the North quarter line 600 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South along Shirley Stein's property line to North Right of Way of a county road; thence Southwesterly along North Right of Way of said county road 200 feet to a point; thence North to the North quarter line to a point that is 200 feet West of P.O.B; thence East along the North quarter line back to the P.O.B. Lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama. Otherwise known as 702 County Road 842, Cullman, AL 35057, Cullman County.

Property address: 702 County Road 842, Cullman, AL 35057

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgages executed by **YALONDA LEGENIA McCLENDON** now known as **YALONDA McDONALD and JEREMY BRANDON McDONALD** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Yalonda Legenia McClendon dated May 12, 2016, and recorded on May 20, 2016, in Mortgage Book 1788 Page 138 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and Mortgage executed by Yalonda McDonald and husband, Jeremy Brandon McDonald dated March 10, 2023, and recorded on March 13, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2043 Page 657 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and modification of mortgage executed by Yalonda McDonald and husband, Jeremy Brandon McDonald dated March 31, 2023, and recorded April 20, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2047 Page 521 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman, County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **July 17, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Tract No. Thirty (30) of the Lowery Estate Property as recorded in Map Book 8 Pages 11 and 13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Cullman County, Alabama.

Less and Except A parcel of land in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the West line of the E ½ of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 with the North ROW line of the Beech Grove Road; thence Easterly along the North ROW line of said Beech Grove Road, 200 feet; thence due North 325 feet; thence Southwesterly 85 feet, more or less, to a point that is 280 feet Northeast of the POB; thence Southwesterly 280 feet to the POB. This is the description for the property conveyed by Willie E. Ballard and Wilma Ballard to Johnson Scott Sanders and Marla D. Sanders in Deed Bk 475 page 560. Less and except from this property the following described tract: That part of Tract 30 of the Lowery Estate Property in Map Book 8 pages 11 and 13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Tract No.Thirty (30) thence along the North right of way of County Road 248, North 82 degrees 06 minutes 46 seconds East 77.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 44 seconds East along said right of way 102.83 feet; thence South 86 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds East along said right of way 19.74 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 26 minutes 08 seconds West 325.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 36 degrees 34 minutes 02 seconds West 110.00 feet; thence South 27 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 42.59 feet; thence South 23 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds East 217.60 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.33 acres, more or less. This being the property conveyed by Jonathan Scott Sanders and Marla D. Sanders to The Estate of Willie E. Ballard in Deed Bk 530 Page 396.

Also Less and Except: That part of Tract No. Thirty (30) of the Lowery Estate Property in Map Book 8 pages 11 and 13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Tract No. (30) for a point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 52 minutes 18 seconds East, along the West line thereof, 267.66 feet to an iron pin; thence North 68 degrees 22 minutes 17 seconds East 74.69 feet to an iron pin; thence South 23 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds East 93.40 feet; thence South 27 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 237.41 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.41 acres, more or less. This being the property conveyed by Gloria Hudson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Willie E. Ballard to Johnathan Scott Sanders and Marla D. Sanders in Deed Bk 530 page 399.

Property Address: 124 County Road 248, Cullman, AL 35057

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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Workshop (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local beginner farmers and veterans interested in exploring future financial strategies for farming are invited to attend the upcoming "Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer: Financial Planning for Farmers" workshop on Thursday, June 19, at the North Alabama Agriplex in Cullman. The free event will run from 6-8 p.m. and will include a light supper. Online registration is required.

Hosted by the Cullman County Extension and the North Alabama Agriplex, the session will feature a local financial advisor with an agricultural background, offering insights that speak directly to the unique financial challenges and opportunities farmers face.

"Financial planning is a topic often overlooked or set aside for most people and farmers are no different," said Dr. Kira Sims, Cullman County Extension director. "We are offering this class specifically for farmers to help them understand the opportunities available for them to plan for their retirement and insurance needs."

Additionally, the evening will feature an informal Q&A session with the speaker, providing attendees with a chance to ask questions and engage in discussion.

"Investments and financial planning can be overwhelming, and this subject can be time-consuming to learn about on your own. Hearing from this financial advisor will be a great start to the basics of financial planning, what options are out there and what questions a farmer should ask a financial advisor," Sims added. "We want to help make the process of planning for the future a little easier and offer some guidance through expert advice."

Registration is available online at www.aces.edu/event/financial-planning-for-farmers-cullman-6-19.

For more information, contact Dr. Kira Sims at 256-737-9386 or kira.sims@auburn.edu. The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman, AL 35055.

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Obituary Announcements: June 14-16

Kolene Sue Barnett, 75
A Celebration of Life Service for Kolene Sue Butler Barnett, 75 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church, Bro. Kerry Cleghorn officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Barnett passed away Friday, June 13, 2025, at The Folsom Center. She was born Sept. 29, 1949, to Herschel and Christina Keim Butler. She was a loving sister, mother and grandmother. The family would like to send a special thank you to The Folsom Center for their excellent care and compassion. Kolene was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Keven, Kenneth, Kerry, Kermit, Keith; sisters, Kathleen, Karon, Korene. Survivors include her sons, Michael (Traci) Barnett, Kyle (Lisa) Barnett; sisters, Kavon Pontius, Kim (Johnny) Basinger, Kris (John) Butler; grandchildren, Shelby & Brady Barnett, Kalissa & Jaegon Barnett, Shelby & Sydney Sellers; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

George 'Leonard' Romine, 72
Funeral Service for George "Leonard" Romine, age 72 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Randolph and Bro. Joe Shane officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Romine passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at University of Alabama Hospital. He was born, May 31, 1953, to George Cecil Romine and Tula Lucille Romine. Full obituary to follow.

Michael Lee Simmons, 47
Michael Lee Simmons, age 47, of Holly Pond, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. A visitation for Michael will be held Monday, June 16, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055-5827. A celebration of life will occur Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home.

Shannon Victoria Edgemon, 54
Shannon Victoria "Vicky" Edgemon, age 54, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents: Evelyn (Davis) and Norman Lee Edgemon and an infant son, Tyler. Vicky is survived by her children: Taylor, Trevor, Dakota and Brett; sisters: Sherry Steele, Erica Edgemon Lamb, Amanda Edgemon, and Brigette Richey, fiancé, Randy Cruce and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The celebration of Vicky's life will be Monday, June 10, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Good Hope Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Colleen Ann Haab-Grund, 76
Colleen Ann Haab Grund, of Hanceville, Alabama, and formerly of Chelsea, Michigan, was born on April 4, 1949, to Elmer and Malinda Haab. She passed away at her residence on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the age of 76. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 17, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m., with the service to follow at 1 p.m. Interment will take place at Fairview West Baptist Cemetery. Colleen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl Grund, Jr., and by her parents. She is survived by her brothers, Luther Haab (Cheryl) and Keith Haab (Amy), as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Colleen devoted her life to caring for her husband and serving her church community. A faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church, she shared her musical gifts by playing the organ most Sundays and helped prepare the bulletins for worship services. Her quiet dedication and gentle spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Anthony 'Tony' Alvis, 61
Funeral services for Anthony "Tony" Alvis, 61, of Garden City, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at Trinity Pentecostal Church in Hanceville. The family will welcome friends for visitation at the church on Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Burial will follow the service at Garden City Cemetery. Mr. Alvis was born on Jan. 17, 1964, in Cullman, Alabama. He died at the age of 61 at his residence in Garden City, Alabama on June 14, 2025. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Alvis Family.

Willa Dean Wilson, 96
Funeral service for Willa Dean Wilson, 96, of Hanceville will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Hopewell Cemetery, Larry Guthrie and Tim Zielinski officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Wilson was born April 6, 1929, to parents, William Henry and Aitery Mae Mcdowell. She was a sweet, caring, loving, giving person who loved her home and her family. She was a very nurturing grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and neighbor. She was an all-around great person, and she will be greatly missed. Mrs. Wilson is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 71 years, Hershel Wilson, grandson, Gregory Brian Zielinski; brothers and sisters. Survivors include her daughter, Patricia (Tim) Zielinski; granddaughter, Kimberly Ann (Shannon) Gibson; great-grandchildren, Brian (Kaylin) Zielenski, Xander Zielenski; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Karen Waters Smith, 68
Karen Waters Smith, age 68, affectionately known as "Nammy", passed away peacefully surrounded by family and love. Born on Dec. 7, 1956, Karen was a beacon of warmth, strength, and grace to all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Evelyn Waters and Keiffer Levon Waters, and her sister, Paula Waters Walther. Karen is survived by her devoted husband, Kevin Smith; her loving children, daughter Stephanie Lovvorn Suttles (Scott) and son Blake Lovvorn; and her treasured grandchildren, Jordan Suttles and Brooksie Suttles, who brought immeasurable joy to her life. She also leaves behind her dear sisters, Sandra Whicker and Tammy Eubank (Martin); her siblings in love, and a host of adoring nieces, nephews, extended family members, and lifelong friends. Karen's kindness, laughter, and unwavering love will be remembered by all who had the blessing of knowing her. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she touched. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. -1 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, and service at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Dr. Johnny Crider officiating. Graveside to follow at New Hope #1 Memorial Church and Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Platelet Disorder Support Association (pdsa.org/tribute-donation) or Hospice of West Alabama.

Dr. Harry C. Roach, 93
It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. Harry C. Roach, who departed this life on June 9, 2025, at the age of 93. Harry was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, cherished friend and a respected physician. His warmth, compassion and commitment to others left an enduring mark on all who knew him. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 18, 1931, Harry spent 71 years in his hometown before making Cullman, Alabama, his home for the past 23 years. He earned his undergraduate degree from Miami University in 1953 and served honorably in the U.S. Army as a member of the 101st Infantry Division from 1953 to 1955. He went on to receive his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1961 and dedicated his career to serving others as an OB-GYN physician. Over more than three decades, Harry helped bring new life into the world and guided countless families with care and compassion during life's most meaningful moments. Harry's love for life extended well beyond his profession. An adventurous spirit, he found joy in travel, exploring the world and creating treasured memories with loved ones. He had a deep fondness for Shar-Pei dogs, a passion for birdwatching, and was a skilled bridge player, earning the distinction of Life Master. Harry is survived by his beloved wife, Pat; children, Margaret (Phil) and Jeff; stepchildren, Dana and Jerry; 18 grandchildren and great grandchildren; and brother, Bill. He is preceded in death by his stepsons, Harry (Jamie) and Gary Betz, who remain forever in our hearts. Burial will be at Highlands Cemetery, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky at a later date. Thank you, Harry, Dad, Pops- for the countless memories, the lessons and the love. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace.

Martin Marion Patterson, 89
Martin Marion Patterson, 89, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on June 14, 2025. He was born in Holly Pond, Alabama on Nov. 12, 1935, to Eddie Sylvester Patterson and Mary Belle Cass Patterson. He was preceded in death by his sisters Juanita Hunt and Imagene McIntosh. Martin is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bonnie Patterson, his sons Barry and Brent, his daughters in law Michelle and Kristy, and his 6 grandchildren, Russell, Ivy, Brady, Elliott, Sam and Reece. After graduating from Holly Pond High School in 1954, Martin served his country in the 82nd Airborne while stationed in Germany. After completing his stint in the Army, he returned to Cullman County where he married and started a family. He retired from Dunlop Tire in Huntsville after spending 32 years with the company. A funeral service will be held at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 11 a.m. on Thursday June 19, 2025, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Burial will follow the service at Center Point Baptist Cemetery 1584 County Road 1650, Cullman, 35058.

Jerry Eugene 'Gene' McKnight, 85
Jerry Eugene McKnight, affectionately known as Gene, passed away at the age of 85. Born on June 29, 1939, Gene called Cullman, Alabama his hometown and carried the warmth and strength of his roots with him throughout his life. Gene proudly served for several years in the United States Army and remained a man of deep Christian faith until his final day. His unwavering belief in God was a cornerstone of his life, guiding his actions and relationships with those around him. Gene worked for many years at Diebold, where he specialized in repairing ATMs. Known for his mechanical skills and attention to detail, he also had a passion for working on cars in his free time. He especially loved attending the Hot Rod Power Tour, a testament to his love for classic cars and good company. A true outdoorsman at heart, Gene found joy in fishing, shooting, and the simple pleasures of life. He also loved line dancing — always quick to join in with a smile. But above all, he was a selfless, family-oriented man who treasured time with his loved ones more than anything. Gene is survived by his devoted wife, Linda McKnight; his children, Susan Sisk, Andy Hogue, and Daisy Simpson; his grandchildren, Daniel Sisk, Madeline Sisk, Alyssa Simpson, Malachi Sisk, Tyler Hogue, and Kaytlin Hogue; and his brother, Jack McKnight. Though no funeral or memorial service will be held, Gene's legacy lives on through the memories he created and the love he gave so generously. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." — Isaiah 41:10

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Shelter (from Front)

Camille Gibbs
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held an adoption event at Chambers Farm and Garden Supply, giving shoppers the chance to meet animals up for adoption.

The shelter is always welcoming volunteers and encourages people to spend time with the animals by picking up a volunteer application.

Residents nearby are known to stop by the shelter and unwind by visiting the animals. Volunteers are greeted by the friendly residential dog Reba and can play with the dogs in the yard or socialize with the cats.

The Cullman County Animal Shelter is located at 935 Convent Road NE in Cullman and can be contacted at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter is expanding its community outreach to ensure the adoption of more animals. Over the past few years, the shelter's relationship with the community has prospered through social media and events.

The animal shelter is constantly looking for ways to help animals find forever homes, and one important resource is its Facebook page. The Cullman County Animal Shelter Facebook page has 23,000 followers and introduces a large audience to stray animals from Cullman County that come to the shelter and need homes. Rescued animals are posted and taken in if they are not claimed by their owners.

Manager Andrea Hudson encouraged the public to share posts and leave reviews if they have had a positive experience.

"We strive to do better each year and have more impact on the community. Facebook is a really good tool for us.

"It reaches lots of people, and they engage and comment on our posts," she said.

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