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Gudger says staff monitoring progress on community projects in his district

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, on Tuesday announced his staff is continuing to monitor progress on several community projects across his legislative district that have received State funding.

"Serving as senate president pro tem puts me in an even better position to help my legislative dis- » PAGE 2



OFFICE OF SEN. GARLAN GUDGER
Image shows the Roland "Racehorse" Johnson Parkway resurfacing project in Garden City.

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Hemp law shakes Alabama industry, leaves local businesses facing uncertainty



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO
In this 2023 photo, Wagon Trail Med-Serv President and CEO and Wagon Trail Hemp Farms Managing Partner Joey Robertson explains how the machines in the Med-Serv facility work.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A new state law regulating hemp-derived products has gone into effect across Alabama, leaving small business owners and consumers scrambling for answers about what comes next — and who is at risk.

House Bill 445, signed into law by Gov. Kay Ivey on May 14, redefines hemp-derived products, bans smokeable forms and gives sweeping enforcement authority to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. The law went into effect July 1.

"This bill aims to ensure that products sold as hemp are safe and not designed to mimic illegal drugs," Ivey said in a prepared statement. "I signed House Bill 445 because it strikes a balance between protecting consumers and supporting legitimate hemp businesses."

But for many local businesses, the balance seems one-sided.

Cullman-based Wagon Trail Hemp Farms issued a statement this week in response to the new law, aiming to reassure customers while acknowledging the long-term challenges it brings.

"With the passage of HB445 into law we wanted to address any concerns that may arise. We are here to answer your questions if needed," the company said in a Facebook post Tuesday morning.

Its assessment is that the immediate impact is minimal — for now.

"The July 1 deadline has little effect on us because we do not sell smokable flower, prerolls or raw goods," the statement continued. "All of the products that we manufacture and sell are considered to be consumable hemp products under the new law. We will continue to sell products as we always » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 1

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 1, 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 30

• assault-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

June 30

Schoenebeck, Alex N.; 32
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – switched tag

Johnson, William N.; 67
• disorderly conduct
• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
• FTA – public intoxication

Lambert, William J.; 35
• FTA – insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Gudger (from Front)

trict by obtaining funding for essential projects or simply providing assistance when individuals run into problems and have to navigate state bureaucracy," Gudger said. "Making sure our area gets its fair share of dollars from Montgomery will always remain among my top missions as a state senator."

In recent years, his office said, Gudger has successfully secured millions of dollars for towns, cities, counties and schools to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in his senate district, which covers portions of Cullman, Marion and Winston counties.

Gudger said many of the local governments he represents could not afford these improvements without outside funding and assistance from the State.

As just one example, he pointed to the Town of Garden City, which has received almost $2 million in State grants that he has obtained in recent years.

Among the projects made possible with the funding are:

• $250,000 for resurfacing of the Roland "Racehorse" Johnson Parkway
• $241,000 to provide a new fire station
• $657,860 to fund water system improvements
• $430,462 for the Garden City Park
• $389,800 for sewer system improvements

Nola (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Love comes in all shapes, sizes—and sometimes, in a wiry coat flecked with gold.

Meet Nola, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, a 1.5-year-old Labradoodle whose gentle nature and inquisitive spirit make her a stand-out companion.

With medium energy and a heart that's tuned into yours, Nola enjoys exploring the world around her, but never wanders far without checking in — always eager for reassurance and ready for the next adventure.

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Nola is fully house trained, uses a doggie door with ease and shows great promise in becoming a therapy or companion dog.

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Her adoption fee is $130, which includes her spay, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

If Nola has already found her forever home, be sure to look around — many of her friends are still waiting patiently for a second chance and a place to call their own.

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

Law (from Front)

have until Jan. 1, 2026."

However, that date marks a turning point for in-state hemp commerce.

"The new packaging and labeling guidelines will go into place.

"After Jan. 1, our products will still be available, but all retailers will have to be licensed by the ABC, and all in-state online sales will be stopped," the statement continued.

The company closed by thanking its supporters and promised continued updates.

"We will continue to keep everyone in the loop as we learn more about HB445. We love and thank you all for always supporting us!" concluded the company's statement.

The law, now in full effect, does the following:

• Prohibits the sale of smokeable hemp products, including raw flower and pre-rolls
• Requires licensing through the ABC Board for all retailers selling consumable hemp products after Jan. 1, 2026
• Prohibits online sales of consumable hemp products within Alabama beginning Jan. 1, 2026
• Defines consumable hemp as products intended for ingestion or topical use that contain hemp-derived cannabinoids like Delta-8 and Delta-10 THC
• Creates new criminal penalties for possession of illegal hemp products, with enforcement overseen by the ABC Board

Hemp was legalized federally in 2018 and regulated in Alabama starting in 2019.

Since then, Alabama has collected tens of millions in hemp-related tax revenue, including a 10% excise tax.

The market boomed with the rise of hemp-derived cannabinoids like Delta-8, often used by consumers for relaxation or sleep support.

HB445 reverses much of that growth in a matter of months, triggering confusion and concern from retailers, consumers and advocates alike.

Some business owners have privately shared fears of raids or arrests based on product misunderstandings. Others question how ABC agents — traditionally alcohol regulators — will handle hemp enforcement.

By Jan. 1, 2026, every Alabama retailer must comply with ABC licensing, packaging guidelines and marketing restrictions.

Out-of-state online sales into Alabama may continue, but in-state online sales will become illegal.

Legal challenges may follow, and other states are watching closely.

For now, companies like Wagon Trail Hemp Farms say they'll adapt, but they're asking for clarity and fairness as they navigate a shifting legal terrain.

Timeline: From legalization to criminalization

• 2018 - Federal Farm Bill legalizes hemp nationally
• 2019 - Alabama launches regulated hemp program with 10% excise tax
• 2019–2024 - Market grows steadily, generating tens of millions in taxable revenue
• May 14, 2025 - Gov. Ivey signs HB445 into law
• July 1, 2025 - New restrictions take effect statewide
• Jan. 1, 2026 - Full regulatory compliance required, including ABC licensing and packaging standards

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

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 on Sundays at 2 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, July 4 – 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, July 5 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 11 Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, July 6 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville: Events
• Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
• Wednesday, July 9 BREAK
• Wednesday, July 16, 10 a.m. Storytime presented by Cathi Bradford
• Wednesday, July 23, 10 a.m. Bookmobile will be on-site and Library Director Amber Thorton will read "The Wide Mouth Frog."
• Wednesday, July 30, 10 a.m. Lauren Bentley, board member, will read "Rainbow Fish."

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild
Thursday, July 10, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. Cullman, AL 35055.

Annual Reunion of the David Speegle Family
Sunday, July 13, at Speegle Family Point (334 County Road 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, July 14, at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Dutch lunch begins after 11 a.m. and meeting is at noon. Our guest speaker will be Kenneth Cornelius, director of Cullman County Parks and Recreation. Members, as well as nonmembers and guests, are welcome to attend.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Events
Summer revival will be the third week in July beginning with a singing Sunday, July 20, at 5 p.m. We will have The Williamsons from Wetumka, Oklahoma as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday-Friday, July 21-25. Morning services will begin at 10:30 and evening services at 7 with Brother Dustin Smith as the evangelist. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have a prayer room at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. If you can't come, please pray for us. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

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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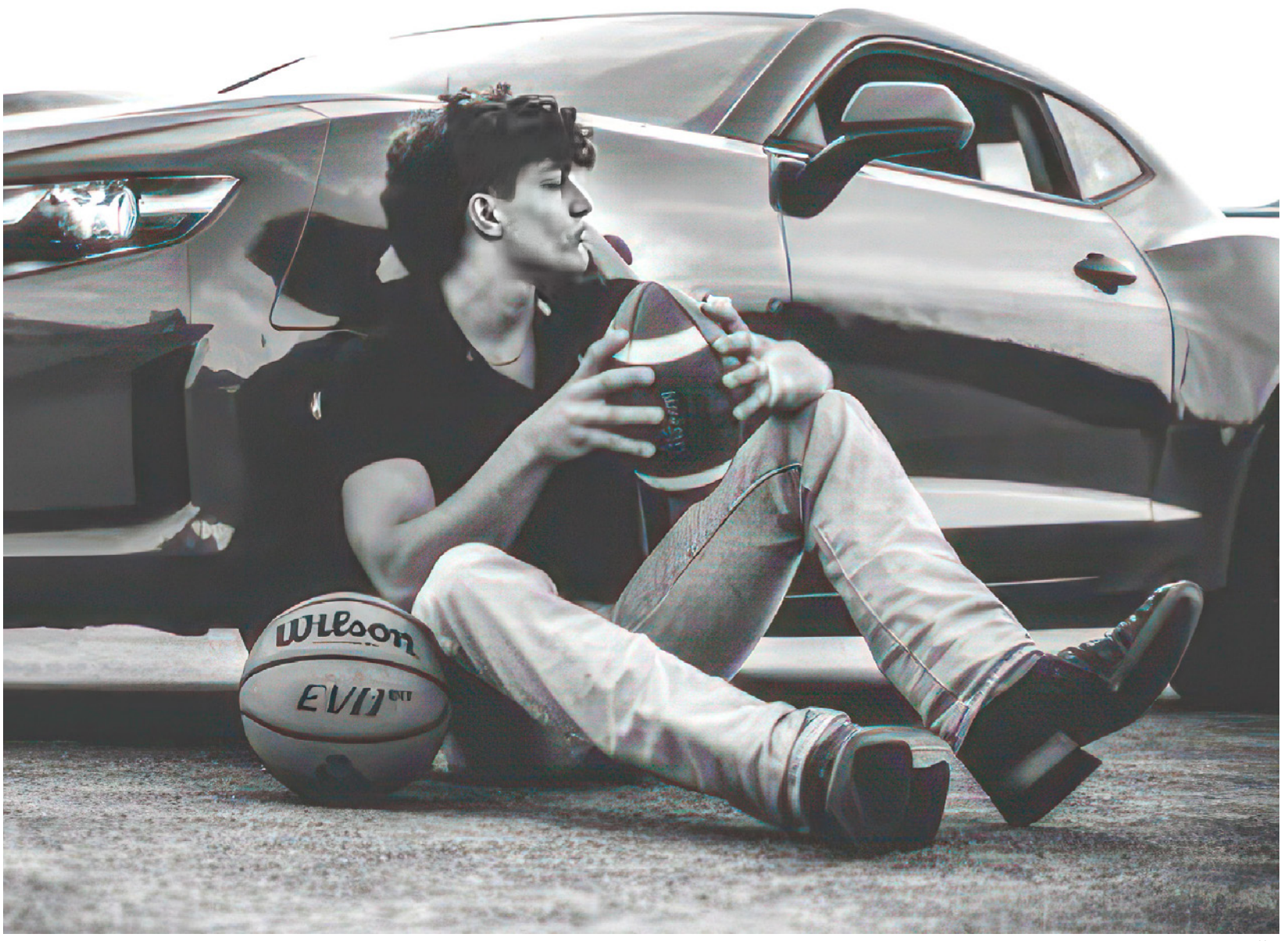
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PREP SPORTS

‘It’s some of the best times of your life’: Good Hope’s Tyler Cone reflects on Raider years

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TYLER CONE

Good Hope’s Tyler Cone

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope senior Tyler Cone earned his diploma in May, and in this interview, he shared his favorite sports memories and what it was like being around so many great teammates, friends, and coaches.

″My favorite football memory has to be the entire year. Stepping in at quarterback was some of the best fun I had, especially knowing my guys were always behind me. The overall bond was my favorite part. My favorite basketball memory was when we competed in the beach tournament this year. Being down by 31 to Breathitt County at the half and coming back, then we lost on a buzzer beater. Even though we lost, that was one of the most electric atmospheres I’ve been a part of,″ Cone said.

″It was a blessing. I never thought I would enjoy it as much as I did. I love those people, and they made everything around it all so much more enjoyable.

″I learned how to be a better person, teammate, and man. The coaches in football and basketball are men of God, and they push that through us every chance they can, which I’m thankful for.

″It was a blessing being around the coaches. They made all of the long days worthy. They always pushed the Word of God through us and were always striving for us to be better men. The time and effort they poured into us was unmatched.″

Tyler shared his favorite game from each sport. He will really miss playing at Good Hope and being a role model for younger kids in and outside of sports was very important to him.

″My favorite football game was when we played Fairview my senior year. My favorite basketball games were when we won the county championship three out of four years,″ Cone said.

″I will remember and miss the people and the atmosphere. It was always a great time.

″As a younger kid being on varsity, I always looked up to certain people. Knowing the impact those people had on me always made me want to be better for those younger ones around me. Their impact on my life at that time is something I’ll never forget.″

He had a blast during his time at Good Hope and being around so many great people is something that he will never forget. He shared some advice with the students that will be starting high school in August.

″I had so many funny memories at Good Hope, and I’m grateful I got to experience that chapter around those people. The people made it so special. I always loved being around the people,″ he said.

″Enjoy it while it lasts. It’s some of the best times of your life. When you graduate, that’s when you’ll realize that you’ll never have those opportunities again. I was in the National Honor Society and the First Priority Church Club. It was awesome.

″All of the people in the clubs are super nice, and it’s a good way to reach out to others in the school.

″I learned to put God first in everything you do, and you should always try to be friends with everyone.″

Tyler accepted a scholarship to continue his basketball career at the University of Montevallo, and he had an amazing time visiting the campus. His relationship with God is also very important to him, and he shared his favorite chapter in the Bible.

″It was very welcoming. The staff was super nice, and the current players made it feel like home. I took the scholarship at Montevallo, because some of the buddies I grew up with are also there. You can’t beat having fun and doing what you love at the same time,″ he said.

″God means everything to me. I grew up in a church home, and the Godly figures in my life are shaped around Him. The book Job means everything to me.

″When you really sit down and read Job, as a man and a person, it makes you understand it so much more.″

More than anything else, Tyler wants people to remember him as a great friend.

″I want people to remember me for how nice I was and the friendships I had with people. I always tried to talk to others that I was never close with. I enjoyed making friends and being friendly with people that I didn’t know.″

Auburn Athletics begins Nike era

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn just did it.

Fifteen months after announcing a deal with Nike, the partnership between the Tigers and the Swoosh begins Tuesday.

″We are excited to enter this new partnership with Nike, a brand that consistently champions athletes and sport around the world,″ athletics director John Cohen said. “We believe that our agreement will continue to elevate Auburn and best serve our student-athletes and our university moving forward.″

“We are thrilled to kick off the Nike era of Auburn football,” head football coach Hugh Freeze said. “I’ve seen firsthand Nike’s commitment to excellence and innovation. Our student-athletes look forward to competing in Nike cleats and uniforms in front of the greatest fans in college football this season at Jordan-Hare Stadium.”

“Nike basketball is the most recognizable brand in the world,” men’s basketball associate head coach Steven Pearl said. “All of our student-athletes and recruits recognize that and want to be a part of that. The most signature shoe athletes of any brand with some of the most recognizable athletes in the world. For our players to have the opportunity to wear those shoes on a nightly basis and with their daily training, our guys are really excited.”

“There’s not a student-athlete who’s not excited about Nike,” head baseball coach Butch Thompson said. “You can see it with younger people when you’re out recruiting. When they’re not under contract, it seems like Nike is preferred a bunch.

“That is a brand that is going to sit well and fit well with Auburn as we’re out recruiting. We polled our student-athletes during this process, and overwhelmingly, it was favorable.”

Women’s basketball head coach Larry Vickers appreciates Nike’s commitment to investing in women athletes.

“For women’s basketball, we’re extremely excited to be a part of the transition to Nike,” said Vickers, a lifelong wearer of signature Nike footwear. “Nike does an excellent job helping to grow the women’s game. They are invested in women’s basketball and in women basketball players. It’s exciting to be a part of that process.”

“Nike understands what a high-level athlete wants to feel like when they step on the field,” co-head softball coach Kate Malveaux said. “We’re really excited because our kids play on a big stage and for Nike to want to be a part of that, it’s a great move for our program.”

The Tigers’ fall sports will be the first to combine Auburn’s orange and blue with Nike’s iconic Swoosh.

While Auburn’s Nike partnership officially begins today, all product will be available for purchase on e-commerce and in stores beginning July 25.



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn University’s partnership with Nike officially began on Tuesday.

Safety (from Front)

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — This Fourth of July weekend, people heading to Smith Lake are encouraged to prioritize safety while enjoying the summer festivities.

Boating is an excellent way to spend time on Smith Lake, but it also comes with responsibilities. All passengers should wear life jackets at all times.

Maintain safe speeds and use proper lighting after dark.

Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol is not only illegal, but also highly dangerous and can endanger the lives of passengers and others. Be sure to review Alabama boating laws.

Fireworks are a summer staple at Smith Lake, but they can quickly become hazardous if not handled properly.

Fireworks should be used in designated areas and never launched from docks or boats. Have water or a fire extinguisher nearby to stop any flames, and always keep a safe distance from people, boats and trees. Watch for hazardous burn conditions to avoid fires.

Remember basic outdoor safety. Avoid swimming in the lake at night and never leave fires or grills unattended.

If you plan to build a campfire, be aware of local burn restrictions and ensure the fire is fully extinguished before leaving the area. Temperatures can rise quickly on the water, so remember to drink plenty of water and apply sunscreen regularly to avoid heat exhaustion and sunburn.

Always keep a first-aid kit on-hand and plan ahead for high traffic and large crowds to help prevent accidents or emergencies.

Finally, remember to clean up your area. Leaving behind trash, fireworks debris or food can harm local wildlife and pollute the lake.

Info from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

ALEA reported that its Marine Patrol Division will once again participate in Operation Dry Water, a national campaign focused on detecting and removing impaired boat operators.

“If you boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol you are endangering your life and the lives of other boaters,” said Colonel Jonathan Archer, director of ALEA’s Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The agency said alcohol use can impair a boater’s judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion, commonly known as “stressors,” intensify the effects of alcohol, drugs and some medications. Additionally, alcohol is dangerous for passengers. Intoxication can cause slips, falls overboard and other dangerous incidents.

Peoples Bank of Alabama included in Forbes list of America's Best-in-State Banks 2025

Staff Reports
Contributor



PEOPLES BANK

CULLMAN, Ala. — Peoples Bank of Alabama has been recognized on the Forbes list of America's Best-In-State Banks 2025. This prestigious award is presented in collaboration with Statista, the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The award list was announced on June 17, 2025, and can be viewed on the Forbes website.

Financial institutions serve as the foundation of the financial world, playing a critical role in maintaining the stability of global systems. America's Best-In-State Banks 2025 aims to showcase the institutions most valued by residents in each state and to recognize the banks that have excelled in meeting the unique needs and expectations of their local communities.

The ranking is based on an independent survey of over 26,000 customers in the U.S.

Participants evaluated banks on several criteria, including Trust, Financial Advice, Customer Services, Digital Services, Branch Services and Terms & Conditions.

They also rated the importance of these criteria. A sentiment analysis was conducted using the publicly available reviews and a score.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the best banks in the nation for the third year running," said Tim Williams, CEO. "This award reflects the trust our customers place in us every day, as well as the hard work and dedication of our team. We are committed to consistently raising the standard for service excellence and delivering real value to our customers.

"This remarkable award reflects our commitment to excellence and our ability to combine innovative banking technologies with a personalized approach to customer service, creating an experience that undeniably sets us apart in the industry.

"Thank you to our customers for their unwavering trust and to our team for their dedication and passion. Our focus on customer-first service, technology and community impact will only grow stronger as we look toward the future.

"We are excited to continue working with our customers and deliver the best banking experience for all."

Peoples Bank of Alabama, headquartered in Cullman, Alabama, is a trusted community bank dedicated to serving families, individuals, workers and businesses in north and central Alabama. We are in the banking business because we believe in helping individuals with their financial well-being. Whether it's a loan to buy a couple's first home, or a commercial loan to help a business expand, our passion is helping our neighbors achieve their dreams. That's why we are the people's bank – because we care about people. Visit our website at peoplesbankal.com and learn more about how you can save, grow, and invest with confidence –where people come first. Member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

AARP and United Way Worldwide expand 211 Caregiver Program to Alabama

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Millions more family caregivers in Alabama and across the country now have easier access to critical support, thanks to a major expansion of the Caregiver Support Program from AARP and United Way Worldwide. Originally launched in 2021, this groundbreaking initiative connects family caregivers to essential services for themselves and their loved ones via the 211 helpline.

Recently, AARP and United Way Worldwide announced the program's expansion into 10 new states—Alabama, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Missouri and Illinois, and Puerto Rico — bringing the total number of states served to 25 and Puerto Rico.

Existing participating states include Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming, with regional service in parts of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas. Maps detailing the expansion by state can be found at https://tinyurl.com/211Map2025. Since launching in 2021 through March 2025 the program has already helped more than 1 million caregivers connect to the services and support they need.

"Caring for parents, spouses and other adult loved ones is a labor of love – but it can also be a tremendous challenge," said Candi Williams, AARP Alabama state director. "Through this expansion of 211, we're making it easier for family caregivers to find the help they need, when and where they need it."

With nearly 770,000 Alabamians currently caring for an adult loved one — often without pay, training or support — the need for accessible, trusted help has never been greater. The 211 helpline — a free, 24/7, and confidential service offered in 180 languages that connects people to health and human resources in one's area — now offers even more comprehensive assistance for caregivers, thanks to this expanded collaboration between AARP and United Way Worldwide.

By simply dialing 211, caregivers are connected with trained Community Resource Specialists in their own communities that can help match caregivers with:

- Local referrals for transportation, food delivery, home safety, respite care, veterans' benefits and more
- Support to address the caregiver's own basic needs, like housing, employment or emotional support
- Simplified access to relevant AARP caregiving tools and guides across a range of specialized topics

AARP and United Way Worldwide created the Caregiver Support Program to address the number one need for the nation's 48 million family caregivers: navigating the system to find relevant caregiving resources and local support. This program helps family caregivers get the resources and support they need through the 211 network, a free helpline providing the most comprehensive source of information about local resources and services in the country.

The Caregiver Support Program is designed to help underserved caregivers recognize their vital role and access support. Through personalized, one-on-one conversations with trained and compassionate 211 Community Resource Specialists, caregivers receive tailored AARP resources that cover a wide range of topics, along with direct connections to local services. The program takes a holistic, "whole person" approach, addressing not only caregiving-related concerns, but also the challenges with meeting basic needs many caregivers face, such as housing, utilities and food assistance. While these issues prompt their call, they are often tied to the underlying demands of caregiving.

Many caregivers don't self-identify with the term "caregiver" when caring for a loved one – whether that be children or elderly adults – resulting in many missing out on vital support systems. The Caregiver Support Program is designed to break through that barrier, especially in communities where resources are harder to access.

For more information or to connect with a 211 specialist, visit www.aarp.org/211care. To learn about the latest 211 Impact Survey data, visit www.unitedway.org/211data.







Exhibition (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College is currently showcasing a compelling exhibition titled "We Know Who They Are," featuring more than 60 works by Ukrainian artists grappling with the trauma and reality of war in their homeland.

The exhibit includes paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs and multimedia pieces — many incorporating found objects and war artifacts. The result is a moving collection that captures universal physical and emotional devastation of ongoing conflict, wherever it occurs.

One standout work, "Shadows of Borodyanka," depicts the burning of a suburb of Kyiv. It is displayed alongside a warped sheet of melted, corrugated glass salvaged from a destroyed building.

"Another piece is accompanied by a fragment of an armored vehicle, connecting viewers directly to the landscapes of war these artists have endured.

The artists range in age from college students to senior citizens, offering intergenerational perspectives on resilience, identity, and the human cost of war.

The collection was curated by Yevgen Nemchenko and Benjamin Cunningham, co-founders of Conflicted Art.

"We brought this exhibit here to show you the view of the Ukrainian people, and Ukrainian artists specifically, of the war that is happening around them now," said Nemchenko.

"I hope people will reflect on what they see and consider what those on the other side of the world are feeling — because they are people just like you."

Nemchenko, who immigrated to the U.S. two decades ago, began collecting these artworks at the onset of the war to preserve the creative voices of his homeland. Cunningham is an undergraduate student at The George Washington University studying political science and fine art.

Museum staff say the exhibit is timely and resonant. "These works are not only artistic expressions — they are testimonies of survival and of our shared humanity," Administrator Kristen Holmes said.

"We Know Who They Are" will remain on display throughout the summer. The Burrow Museum is open Tuesday–Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please call or visit the www.burrowmuseum.org for special Saturday hours. Admission is free. Group tours can be scheduled in advance at www.burrowmuseum.org/schedule.

The museum is also seeking volunteer docents. For more information about the exhibition or becoming a docent, call 256-352-8457 or email burrowmuseum@wallacestate.edu.

Ride (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — We may be in the thick of summer, but dust off your brooms and get your coven ready — the Witches Ride is coming back for its fourth enchanting year!

Hosted by the Les Dames of Cullman, this spirited, family friendly event has quickly become one of the community's favorite October traditions.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, downtown Cullman's Warehouse District will transform into a whimsical wonderland of cackles, costumes and community.

The day begins with witches and their teams staging mid-afternoon (exact time to be announced), while kids enjoy a magical carnival packed with bounce houses, face painting, games, food trucks and sweet treats.

As the sun begins to set, First Avenue comes alive with the Witches Ride Parade — a dazzling procession of moms, daughters, grandmothers and friends flying (OK, pedaling or walking!) through the streets in full witchy flair. Candy flies, kids cheer and the whole town celebrates together.

Registration for witches teams opens soon, and this year's ride includes exciting awards like:

- Best Team Theme
- Most Creative Costume
- Most Money Raised

All proceeds benefit Les Dames of Cullman's mission to end period poverty for girls younger than 19 in the community.

"Thanks to incredible community support, Les Dames has already installed free organic feminine hygiene dispensers in every middle and high school in Cullman County.

"This year, we're flying even higher with our newest goal: raising $65,000 to launch a digital education campaign that answers the hard questions for girls who may not get the information or support they need at home," said a media release.

So grab your pointy hats, round up your broommates and join us for a spellbinding Sunday that's full of fun — and purpose.

Stay tuned for registration details, official ride times and award announcements. In the meantime, start planning your costumes and get ready to ride for a cause that matters.

Learn more about Les Dames at www.lesdames-cullman.com.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
DAVID MORTON, also known as) CASE NO. PC 2025-235
DAVID AARON MORTON)
)
DECEASED.)

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

The Will of David Morton, having been duly admitted to record in said county, **Letters Testamentary** is hereby granted to Patrick Morton, the Personal Representative named in said will, who having been duly qualified in compliance with the requisites of the laws, and is authorized to administer such estate in accordance with the procedures provided in ALA. CODE Sections 43-2-830, et seq., (Supp. 1993), including the powers and duties permitted in Section 43-2-830 without prior court order, as further modified expressly in the will.

Witness my hand, and dated this 30th day of June, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
CULLMAN COUNTY)

I, Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true, correct, and complete copy of the Letters of Testamentary issued to Patrick Morton as Personal Representative of the Will of David Morton, deceased, as the same appears of record in my office, and are in full force and effective.

Given under my hand and seal dated this the 30th day of June, 2025.

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

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday July 7, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – divide one lot into two lots – County Road 616 & County Road 467
2. Short form subdivision – divide one parcel into three parcels – County Road 1466 & County Road 1473 & County Road 1484

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

Obituary Announcements: July 1-2

Gordon Clyde Boyd, 91
Gordon Boyd, age 91, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2025, at Woodland Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Gordon grew up in Southwest Dekalb County, Georgia. He attended Kirkwood Baptist Church and was saved and baptized at the age of twelve. He studied at Southern College of Pharmacy. He graduated and passed the State Board Exam in 1955. He began his pharmacy career at Jacobs Pharmacy in East Atlanta, Georgia in 1955. He joined Super X Drugs in 1961 and opened the Cullman location in 1963. His pharmaceutical career continued until he retired, and his license expired in 2014. He received a certificate from the Alabama Board of Pharmacy in 2005 recognizing him for fifty years as a registered pharmacist. He was an active member of St. Andrews Global Methodist Church. He was also an active member of the Cullman Lions Club. He is preceded in death by his wife, Pat Boyd, his parents Jessie and Jesse Boyd, his brother David Boyd, and his sister, Norma Boyd Tabor. He is survived by his daughter, Tammy Boyd, and adopted grandchildren, Kristen Falkner, Nicholas (Bailey) Falkner, adopted great-grandchildren, Ayla Falkner, Torah Falkner, and one on the way. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews. Gordon requested to be cremated, and that request is being honored. There will be a Celebration of Life Service held at St. Andrews Global Methodist Church at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to the Alabama Kidney Foundation.

Annie Pettis Coleman, 97
Annie Pettis Coleman, age 97, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Annie was born on Jan. 11, 1928, to Luther Monroe and Clara Mae Garrett Pettis. A graveside service for Annie will be held Thursday, July 3, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055. She is survived by a nephew: Paul E. Pettis, 3 great nieces and nephews and several other family members. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Kenneth Ferrial Jones, 88
Funeral services for Kenneth Ferrial Jones, 88, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 5, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Baldwin Heights Cemetery, Minister Corey Drummond and his son-in-law Brian Kozlowski officiating. The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. before the service. Mr. Jones was born on September 26, 1936, to parents, Earnest Franklin and Nora Imogene Morgan Jones. Kenneth was a member of Salem Baptist Church and a board member of Cullman Electric Co-op for many years. He was a farmer, a community leader, and was retired from Americold. Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 59 years, Judith Jones; brothers and sisters. Survivors include his daughters, Jennifer (Jay) Hale, Kelly (Keith) Elam, Julie (Brian) Kozlowski; grandchildren, Patrick Hale, Katie Walker, Kalen (Kari) Elam, Clayton Hale, Karra Elam, Averie Kozlowski, Emerie Kozlowski; great-grandchildren, Alexis Walker and Oren Hale; brothers and sisters; companion, Jearldean Randolph; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Patrick Hale, Kalen Elam, Clayton Hale, Randy Jones, Ricky Lovvorn, and Phillip Jones, honorary pallbearer, Chris Widner. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to Southern Care Hospice, 417 Main Street, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Gary Wayne Hays, 79
Funeral services for Gary Wayne Hays, 79, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday evening from 5:30-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Hays was born on Dec. 1, 1945, to parents, Thomas Edgar and Dorothy Christine Hamilton Hays. Gary retired from Loperex, and in his spare time he painted houses and worked on cars. He enjoyed fishing and loved his family above all else, especially his grandson. Mr. Hays was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, David Hays and Thomas Hays. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Carolyn Hays; his sons, Wayne Hays and Michael Hays; grandson, Nicholas Hays; and a host of family and friends.

Rita Ann Wood, 70
Funeral services for Rita Ann Wood, 70, of Hanceville will be 12 p.m., Thursday July 3, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Tedder cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Wood was born June 9, 1955, in Oneonta, Alabama. She passed away July 2, 2025, at her residence. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wood family.

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LEGALS

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

500 2nd Ave SW

Room 303

Cullman, Al 35055

STEPHANIE L. HASTING

(PLAINTIFF)

VS CASE NO: SM-2025-900237

BITCOIN DEPOT OPERATING

(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), BITCOIN DEPOT OPERATING, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, STEPHANIE L. HASTING, for $790.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: RETURN OF MONEY

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21ST day of AUGUST, 2025, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Lisa McSwain

LISA MCSWAIN

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)

Timothy Phillips, also known as Timothy Lee Phillips, and Tim Phillips) Case No.: PC-2025-191

Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Hanna Phillips Harper, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy Phillips, also known as Timothy Lee Phillips, and Tim Phillips, deceased, on the 17th 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.

Hanna Phillips Harper
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Timothy Phillips, deceased

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Timothy Phillips, deceased.
201 Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama, 35055
(256) 739-3970

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Michael E Williams to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Salter Mortgage Group, its successors and assigns dated October 19, 2015; said mortgage being recorded on October 20, 2015 in Deed Book 1773, Page 92 as having been modified by an agreement recorded in Deed Book 1974, Page 787, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to SERVBANK, SB by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2112, Page 725, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, SERVBANK, SB, 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 August 7, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number 8 in Block Number 4 in Comb's Addition known as Comb's Second Addition to the Town of Hanceville, Alabama, according to the map thereof recorded in Map Book 2, Page 77 (Slide A100) and Slide B87 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **1006 Stadium St Se, Hanceville, AL 35077**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF H.M.K.
A minor child. **CASE NO.: AD2024-049**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDED PETITION FOR ADOPTION and SECOND AMENDED PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TAYLOR CLAYTON KIDDER, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD H.M.K., BORN FEBRUARY 14, 2018 TO CHELSEA MICHELLE MCCAY.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption, Amended Petition for Adoption, and Second Amended Petition for Adoption* was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Gavin Miles Robertson, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF June, 2025.

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

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for Petitioner
419 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

In the Matter of the Estate of * **Probate Court of**
Larry Garner, * **Cullman County, AL**
Deceased * **Case No.: PC 2025-238**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Larry Garner having been granted to Barry Garner, Personal Representative, on the 1st day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Barry Garner
Personal Representative

Attorney for the Estate:
Kenneth Weldon
1170 County Road 1352
Vinemont, AL 35179

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune: Please publish the above notice for three successive weeks in said newspaper

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ROGER L. McKINNON,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2025-000141.00**

ALISON RENO,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Alison Reno, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Roger L. McKinnon's Complaint for Divorce by August 11th, 2025 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2025-000141.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of June, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
ROGER L. McKINNON
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HANCEVILLE, AL 35077

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
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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 Mortgage executed by **Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated November 26, 2021, and recorded on November 29, 2021 in Mortgage Book 1991 Page 745 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; and as and secured by that Mortgage executed by **Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man and Jennifer Dawn Sharp Hearld**, an unmarried woman to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated August 28, 2023, and recorded on September 5, 2023 in Mortgage Book 2061 Page 763 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, as modified by that Mortgage Modification Agreement executed by **Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man and Jennifer Dawn Sharp Hearld, an unmarried woman** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage Modification Agreement dated February 13, 2024, and recorded on March 1, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2076 Page 34, 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 **July 24, 2025**, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence S16°56'27"W a distance of 215.02 feet to a metal fence post and the true point of beginning; thence S86°44'14"W a distance of 216.96 feet to a metal fence post; thence S05°20'32'W 87.29 feet to a 1 inch solid bar; thence S05°03'54"W 210.00 feet to a steel fence corner found on the North margin of a road; thence S82°42'40"E a distance of 173.58 feet to a found steel fence post; thence N12°16'16"E a distance of 331.93 feet to the true point of beginning.
Description derived from survey of Joseph C. Hunt, AL Reg No. 17265, dated December 5, 1990.
Property address: 1231 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

PUBLICATION DATES: June 26, July 3 and July 10, 2025
NEWSPAPER: The Cullman Tribune

TRADITIONS BANK, Mortgagee
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF K.B.K.
A minor child. **CASE NO.: AD2025-001**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDED PETITION FOR ADOPTION and SECOND AMENDED PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: TAYLOR CLAYTON KIDDER, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD K.B.K., BORN JUNE 3, 2020 TO CHELSEA MICHELLE MCCAY.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption, Amended Petition for Adoption, and Second Amended Petition for Adoption* was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Gavin Miles Robertson, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF June, 2025.

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

Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for Petitioner
419 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAUL VANCE MORAN, * CASE NO PC 2022-441
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION FOR HEARING FOR COURT TO REVIEW AUCTIONEER CONTRACT and OFFER TO PURCHASE HOUSE

TO: CHRISTOPHER MORAN, MATTHEW MORAN, TIMOTHY MORAN AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS

Motion for Hearing for Court to Review Auctioneer Contract and Offer to Purchase House filed by Pamela E Nail, Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul Vance Moran. A hearing is scheduled on these matters for the **10th day of July, 2025, at 10:00 a.m**. before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 17th day of June, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

Pamela E. Nail
Personal Representative
200 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RICKY LEE HAYES, Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC-2025-029**

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: Jessica J. Johns
8142 U.S. Hwy 31
Lot #11
Hanceville, AL 35077

YOU WILL HEREBY TAKE NOTICE that DIANA L. HAYES has petitioned the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama for Probate of the Will in the Estate of RICKY LEE HAYES, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that a date and time has been set for said hearing on said matter.

That said hearing shall be on the 24th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock a .m. at the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DOROTHY ANN BROWN, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-132**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BRENDA KAY BROWN PACE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DOROTHY ANN BROWN, deceased, on the 16TH 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 be barred.

BRENDA KAY BROWN PACE
Personal Representative

Kenneth R. Widner
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 359
Eva, Alabama 35621

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 7, 2006 by Max Wayne Starnes, Sr. and Barbara Ann Starnes, husband and wife, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1468, Page 114 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 11, 2025:

Part of the SE 1/3 of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County Alabama described as follows: Begin at the DE corner of said ¼ - ¼ section; thence run northerly along the ¼ - ¼ section line, 160.04 feet to the south line of a 30 foot right of way; thence 89 degrees 54' left along said line, 600.00 feet; thence 90 degrees 06' left, 160.21 feet; thence 89 degrees 55' left, along the south line of said Section 34 a distance of 600.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together:
One (1) 2002 Fleetwood Manufactured Home, VIN #TN-FL126A59076SS12

Address of the property (for identification purposes only)
1900 County Road 532, Hanceville, AL 35077

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 19, 26, July 3, 2025

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