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Gudger announces $24K in grant funding for Gold Ridge community

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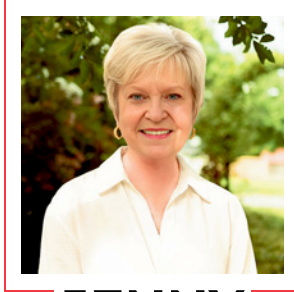
GOLD RIDGE, Ala. — Senate President Pro Tempore Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, announced Saturday during the monthly breakfast sponsored by the Gold Ridge Volunteer Fire Department that he has secured $24,000 in grant funding for the community.

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OFFICE OF SEN. GARLAN GUDGER

Sen. Garlan Gudger (in red shirt) with members of the Gold Ridge Volunteer Fire Department at the Saturday, July 12, 2025, breakfast



Holly Pond's Figueroa makes Adaptive Nationals debut



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Holly Pond student Daniel Figueroa participated in Move United's The Hartford Nationals in Grand Rapids, Michigan this past weekend.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond student Daniel Figueroa recently traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to participate in Move United's The Hartford Nationals, his first Adaptive Nationals meet.

Figueroa competed Sunday and Monday, July 13-14, running the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

"I'll be a senior at Holly Pond High School this year and will be running with the Lakeshore Foundation out (of) Birmingham," Figueroa said. "They only sponsor one championship race so my family and I covered this trip. I'm hopefully doing another Nationals race this year, too. My goal with adaptive racing I'd say is to make a name for myself and for the Holly Pond community."

Figueroa is known for his positive attitude and athleticism, as well as an adaptive athlete. He is a T44 (single, below the knee) amputee, an identifier he didn't get to choose.

"My favorite thing about these types of meets would have to be the experience and these opportunities God has given me," Figueroa said. "I'm traveling by myself until I meet up with Lakeshore in Michigan, so it's been a fun experience."

He said he is fully focused on indoor and outdoor track his senior year.

"I've met a couple of college coaches during my time up here, and it's been a great push for the future," Figueroa said.

Learn more at www.moveunitedsport.org/events/nationals.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 14, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 10

- violation of domestic violence protection order; CR 458
- reckless endangerment; CR 1246
- harassment; CR 403
- harassment; criminal mischief; Hwy. 278E
- theft of property; CR 1652
- harassing communications; 9th St. SE Garden City

July 11

- giving false name to law enforcement officer; CR 1755
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Wesley Ave. N
- domestic violence; CR 1272
- menacing; CR 109
- harassing communications; CR 1492
- harassment; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property; CR 1431
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1616

July 12

- domestic violence; CR 1150
- theft of property; CR 369
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st Ave. NW

July 13

- domestic violence; CR 1175
- theft of property; Julia Ln.

ARRESTS

July 10-13

Anderson, Candice M.; 39
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Baker, Frank R.; 50
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – violation of a domestic violence protection order

Bullard, Eric M.; 31
- PROBATION REVOKED – escape

Carnes, Reese I.; 23
- public intoxication
- escape

Christiansen, Krystle L.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cole, Brandon R.; 39
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Dennis, Treasure L.; 35
- FTA – robbery-residence-strong arm

Downing, Thomas B.; 59
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Elliott, Robbie C.; 70
- family offense-endangering welfare of child

Fortenberry, Stephen B.; 40
- FTA – conservation-fish

Holder, Donald W.; 57
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Johnson, Bama N.; 54
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Kidd, Brittany J.; 42
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Kidd, Derek L.; 42
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Kitts, Kyle A.; 24
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Leeth, Joshua R.; 29
- criminal trespass

Manuel, Jacie V.; 33
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- weapons-carrying brass knuckles/sling shot
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mauldin, Matthew T.; 35
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pamplin, Kevin T.; 41
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Ramos, Jose A.; 60
- possession of cocaine

Stewart, James A.; 39
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – retail theft-2nd degree

Tolbert, Willie J.; 43
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Whitehead, April R.; 53
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 11

- harassment; person; 13th St. NE
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $47; Olive St. SW

July 12

- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; slushie machines; $598; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Hoeppner Ln. NE
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; cards; $50; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Marktplatz Ctr. SW

July 13

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '16 Nissan Altima; $1,000; Olive St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '11 Hyundai Sonata; $500; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

July 11-13

Stewart, James A.; 39
- FTA – improper lights
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while revoked

Al-Dijalli, Michael H.; 28
- theft of property-4th degree

Hanna, Amiyah B.; 21
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – stalking-2nd degree
- FTA – harassment
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Clark, Bettye G.; 65
- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Antonio, Steven R.; 45
- theft of property-4th degree

Bauernfeind, Daina E.; 28
- DUI

Johnson, Jordan A.; 30
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Smith, Mason C.; 25
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

What to know about Alabama black bears

Ala. Dep. of Conservation and Natural Resources

The following information was taken from www.outdooralabama.com/black-bear/alabama-black-bears.

Historically, Alabama's black bear population only occurred in the southwest portion of the state, primarily in Mobile, Washington and Clarke counties. The bears of this region of the state are of the Florida subspecies, Ursus americanus floridanus, and while in low numbers here, are quite abundant throughout many areas of Florida.

In recent years, black bears have steadily immigrated into northeast Alabama from northwest Georgia, primarily to DeKalb, Cherokee and Etowah counties, and have established a small, but viable population in that region of the state.

While these bears look very similar to the Florida bear, they are classified as a different subspecies, the American Black Bear, Ursus americanus americanus.

In addition to these core areas, sporadic bear sightings have been documented in other areas throughout the state, which may indicate that Alabama's black bear populations are slowly increasing. The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division is currently working with Auburn University to conduct research on black bears within the state. Data collected will yield information on black bear population size, density, basic demographics, confirmation of the subspecies, and will provide insight on the mechanics of re-colonizing large carnivores. This information will also help with future black bear management practices for our growing population.

For information on bear research or questions about Alabama's black bear population, contact the Wildlife Section's Large Carnivore Coordinator:

Thomas Harms (thomas.harms@dcnr.alabama.gov)
30571 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527
251-626-5474

The future of Alabama's black bears

The future of Alabama's black bears lies with its citizens. It is the responsibility of Alabamians to take proactive measures to avoid creating situations that could encourage bears to become habituated to humans.

Bears are attracted to residential areas where easy sources of food are available such as pet food, bird feeders and household garbage. When humans live within bear country, these food sources must be removed to decrease conflicts between people and bears.

These simple efforts can lead to maintaining bears in their wild state and avoid human/bear conflicts.

- Place trash outside on pick-up days, and don't leave it out overnight
- Remove deer and bird feeders at the first sighting of bear activity.
- Feed pets inside; if pets are fed outside, only feed the amount that will be consumed by your pet in a short time.
- Store grills and smokers inside when not in use to avoid damage to your cooking equipment.



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

This photo of an Alabama black bear is from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

If you see a bear in your area, remain calm and don't approach the bear. The fact that you have seen a bear doesn't necessarily represent a problem, it may simply be passing through the area. It will most likely not stick around long if there is no available food source. During the spring and summer months, adult males increase their ranges dramatically in search of receptive females and young subadult bears are dispersing from their mothers territory. These two situations will most likely be responsible for the majority of sightings during this time of the year.

If you do encounter a bear at close range:

- Do not run from the bear but back away slowly.
- Stand tall and upright.
- Avoid direct eye contact.
- Make sure the bear has a free direction to escape.
- Never purposely feed a bear.

NOTE: The Alabama Black Bear is listed as an Alabama game species. There is currently no open season for Black Bears in Alabama.

Funding (from Front)

Gudger's office, the funding, which came from the Cullman County Legislative Fund, will be split over two projects and used "to pave the parking lot at the Gold Ridge Community Center and the Gold Ridge Volunteer Fire Department." The source of the Legislative Fund is TVA payments in lieu of taxes to the State.

"The men and women who volunteer and jump to action during fire and medical emergencies in Gold Ridge are selfless heroes who deserve every convenience we can provide them," Gudger said. "The Gold Ridge Community Center is also the heart of the community that provides a comfortable place for residents to gather, vote and break bread together, so I am happy to provide these funds for its maintenance."

Gudger said he is attempting to secure additional grant funding that will take the repaving project all the way to completion. His office said he is applying for a $30,000 grant from the Alabama's Mountains, Rivers & Valleys RC&D Council. Those funds are appropriated by the Alabama Legislature.

Gold Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ryan Whisenant noted that the backing provided by public officials like Gudger helps his group protect the community from fire and fatalities.

"The support that Sen. Gudger and the Legislature provide to the Gold Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and other departments like ours across the state is immensely important," Whisenant said. "Whenever our department requires funding, equipment or other resources, we know that we can call Sen. Gudger to help get us what we need."

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Holiday (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama families can save money on back-to-school essentials during the state's 20th annual Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 18, and runs through midnight on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

During this three-day tax holiday, shoppers can purchase certain school supplies, computers, books and clothing free of Alabama's 4% state sales or use tax. In addition, more than 300 cities and counties across Alabama are waiving their local sales taxes (including all local Cullman municipalities), giving families even greater savings.

"This tax holiday makes a real difference for Alabama families and our retailers alike," said Rick Brown, president of the Alabama Retail Association. "It not only lowers the cost of essential school items for parents, but also drives valuable sales for local stores which strengthens our economy."

Local retailers echo that sentiment, saying the weekend has become a vital part of serving their communities each year.

"The sales tax holiday has become very important to us over the years," explained Michael Gee, co-owner of the Pant's Store and chairman of the Alabama Retail Association.

"Parents have become accustomed to the sales tax holiday, and they look forward to it every year. It's a great way for families to save money and get what they need for back to school."

Although the sales tax holiday targets back-to-school shoppers, any consumer can benefit from the savings offered during the weekend. A wide range of items such as diapers, printer ink, flash drives and art supplies are exempt during the holiday, so there is a reason for everyone to shop.

Learn more at www.alabamaretail.org/resources/salestaxholidays/back-to-school and see a complete list of eligible items at https://tinyurl.com/20ALB2S.

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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
• Wednesday, July 16 – 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, July 18 – 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 19 – Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, July 21 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 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.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville: Events
• Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
• Wednesday, July 16, 10 a.m. Storytime presented by Cathi Bradford
• Wednesday, July 23, 10 a.m. Bookmobile will be onsite 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."

North Alabama Agriplex Events
• www.agriplex.org
• Thursday, July 17, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer - Fish Pond Management.
• Managing your farm pond for recreational fishing with Extension Recreational Pond Management Specialist.
• Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.-noon, Power of Produce - Festhalle at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman, and Berlin Farmers Market at 50 Mt. Carmel Dr., Cullman. Children up to age 12 get free produce samples and market money to spend.
• Monday, July 21, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Keramos. Come make your own unique chicken in a few easy steps with Rebecca from Keramos Ceramics. Each person will make one chicken during this class. After the class, Keramos staff will dry, bisque fire, glaze and glaze fire your chicken. It will be ready to pick up three weeks after your class. $40 fee.
• Tuesday, July 22, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Beginning Sewing. If you couldn't attend the previous classes, it's not too late! Join us to learn valuable tips, tricks and insights from seasoned sewers. Each class will provide skill instruction and feature a project to apply those skills. Participants must bring a full-size sewing machine. Youth, ages 10 and older must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $20 fee.

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.

West Point Class of 1967 Class Reunion
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Orioles select Auburn's Irish with 19th overall pick

George Nunnelley
AU Athletics

ATLANTA. — Junior Ike Irish was selected by the Baltimore Orioles with the No. 19 overall pick in the 2025 Major League Baseball Draft Sunday in Atlanta.

Irish becomes Auburn's 10th first round pick, including the fourth under head coach Butch Thompson, and is the fifth highest drafted player in program history. He is the third highest drafted position player in program history, trailing only Frank Thomas (No. 7) and Gabe Gross (No. 15).

This year's draft marks the 51st consecutive season dating back to 1975 Auburn has had at least one player selected in the MLB Draft, tied for the longest streak in the Southeastern Conference.

A consensus All-American following his junior season, Irish led Auburn in multiple offensive categories including average (.364), on-base percentage (.469), slugging percentage (.710), runs (65), hits (78), home runs (19) and total bases (152) while ranking second in RBI (58) and third in stolen bases (11).

He finished the conference season ranked second in the league in average (.398), on-base percentage (.480), slugging percentage (.852), home runs (13) and total bases (92).

Despite missing the first weekend of the SEC season, he also ranked top five in runs (38) and hits (43). Irish's 13 home runs in SEC play were the most by an Auburn player since Josh Etheredge also hit 13 home runs in 1997, and 12 of his home runs came on the road.

In his three-year career, Irish hit .350 and reached base at a .435 clip while totaling 223 hits, 48 doubles, 39 home runs and 167 RBI. He is the fifth player in program history to amass at least 200 hits, 45 doubles, 35 home runs and 150 RBI – joining Frank Thomas (1987-89), Josh Etheredge (1995-98), Todd Faulkner (1998-2001) and Gross (1999-2001) on the list.



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's Ike Irish was selected by the Baltimore Orioles with the 19th overall pick in this year's MLB Draft.

Alabama's Riley Quick selected in 1st round of 2025 MLB Draft by Minnesota Twins

Nick Cicere
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama pitcher Riley Quick was chosen in the first round of the 2025 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft on Sunday, taken 36th overall by the Minnesota Twins.

With his selection, Quick becomes the sixth first-rounder in Alabama history. Quick now also stands as the second-consecutive first round arm produced by the Crimson Tide, joining Ben Hess, who was chosen 26th overall by the New York Yankees in 2024. The Alabama native is now the third-highest pitcher drafted in program history, Hess and Taylor Tankersley.

Riley Quick (1st Round | 36th Overall | Minnesota Twins)
Pitcher, R-Sophomore

- An imposing presence on the mound with an electric array of pitches
- Earned ABCA/Rawlings All-Southeast Region Second Team honors following his redshirt-sophomore campaign
- Named a Second Team All-SEC selection as a starting pitcher in 2025
- Appeared in 31 games over three seasons, including 15 starts
- Owns a 10-4 record with a 3.72 ERA (36 ER/87.0 IP) and 101 strikeouts compared to 46 walks
- Made 14 starts during the 2025 season, producing a 3.92 ERA (27 ER/62.0 IP) with 70 punchouts
- Underwent season-ending elbow surgery following his start against Manhattan on Feb. 17, 2024
- Went 1-1 with two saves and 3.68 ERA (9 ER/22.0 IP) across 16 appearances in 2023
- Added 26 strikeouts with a .244 average against in his rookie campaign
- Tossed 3.2 scoreless inning against Auburn on April 16 for his first career win, allowing two hits and a pair of walks to go with two strikeouts
- A two-time SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll selection (2024-25) as well as an SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll recipient (2022-23)

Alabama in the MLB Draft

- Riley Quick is the sixth first-rounder in Alabama history, joining Joe Vitiello (7th), Ben Hess (26th), Taylor Tankersley (27th), Jeremy Brown (35th) and Tommy Hunter (54th)
- Quick becomes the third-highest pitcher selected in the MLB Draft in program history
- The Trussville native is the eighth player selected by the Twins out of Alabama, and the first since both Connor Prielipp (2nd round) and Garrett McMillan (19th round) in 2022
- With Quick's selection, the Crimson Tide's all-time draft pick total moved to 177 (166 players) since the event's inception in 1966
- Alabama has had at least one player drafted for 47 consecutive years dating back to 1979
- The Tide has had one-or-more players selected in 54 of the 60 MLB Drafts overall
- UA has seen 66 players selected in the last 15 years with one more day remaining in this year's draft
- Entering the final day of the MLB Draft, a total of 101 players have been taken out of The University of Alabama in the last 25 drafts dating back to 2000
- Excluding the abbreviated 2020 MLB Draft, Alabama has had 17 pitchers taken in the last seven drafts, including six in the top-five rounds

The 2025 MLB First-Year Player Draft began on Sunday, July 13 and will continue through Monday, July 14. The remainder of the two-day event will be featured on MLB.com. Fans can also follow along with each pick at the site.



CIRCLE OF HOPE

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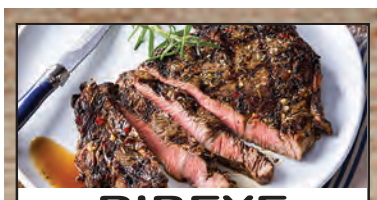
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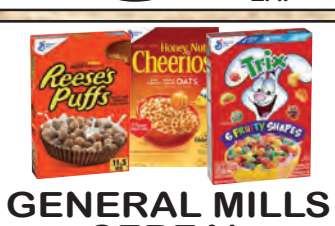
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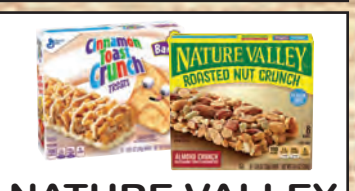
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CULLMAN COUNTY DRUG COURT

District Judge Chad Floyd with graduate Juan "Frank" Juarez

'There but for the grace of God, go I'

3 graduate from Cullman County Drug Court

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Drug Court recently had several participants of its program graduate.

Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd said he is very proud of the accomplishments of each of the successful graduates, including Juan "Frank" Juarez, DD and JW.

"There's something special about when a participant completes the entire program, beginning to end, without the first sanction," Floyd said. "Frank has a great personality and brings a positive attitude with him wherever he goes."

Floyd said the participants in the program have the following four things in common: They're human and as such, they made a mistake; they were caught making said mistake; they admitted their guilt; and they took ownership of that mistake.

"As a Drug Court staff, I never want us to lose sight of the fact that we're meeting individuals on their worst day," Floyd said. "The great thing about this program is that it boasts a proven track record of helping folks achieve and maintain their sobriety. The phrase 'there but for the grace of God, go I' has been attributed to numerous individuals from the Evangelist John Bradford to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Regardless of its origin, the message has never been more clear. But for a handful of fateful decisions that I happened to make correctly, it could have been me on the other side of this bench. I never want us to forget that as we serve the participants of our program."

Attendees celebrate 'Christmas in July' at 2nd Fridays

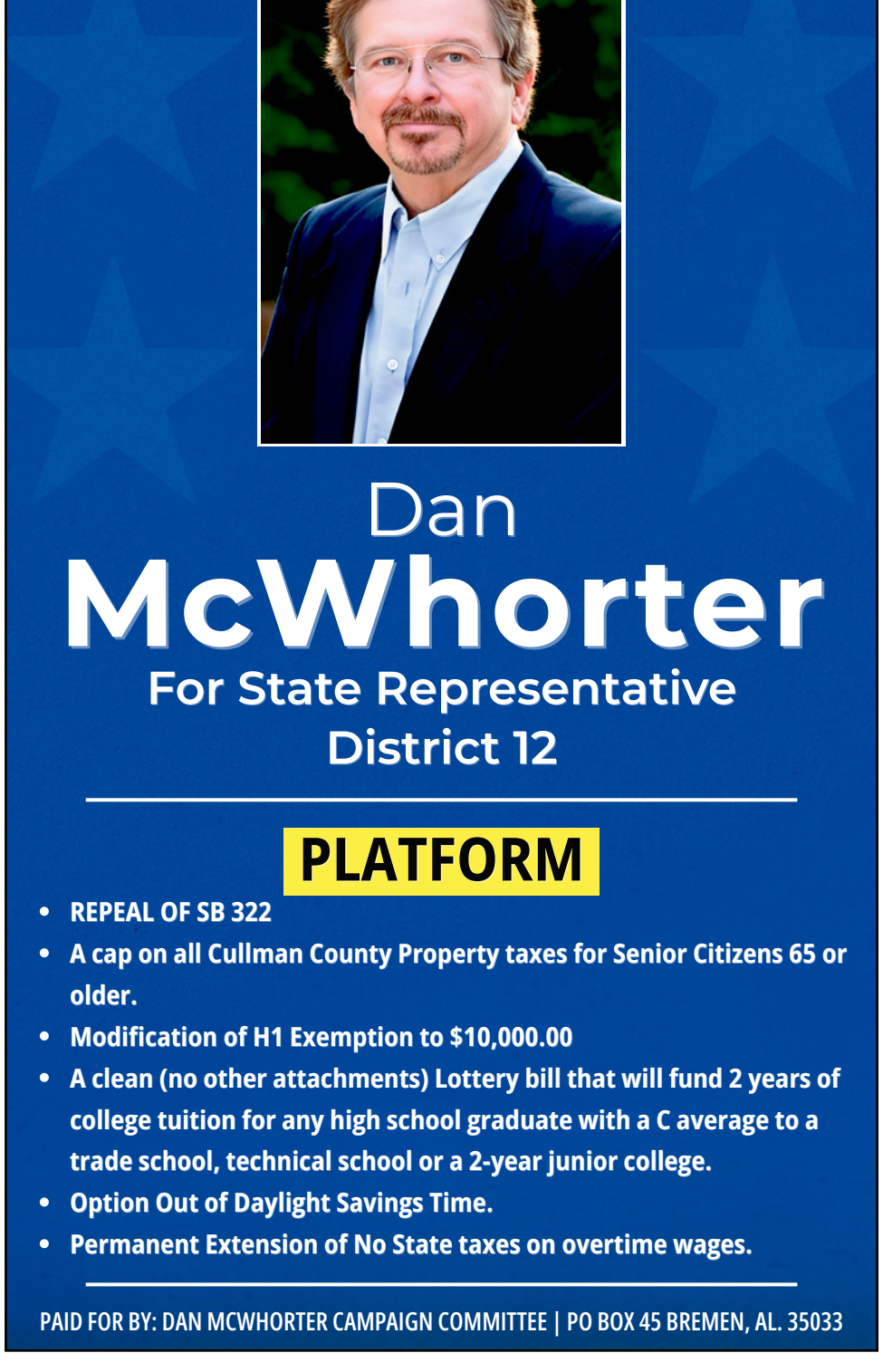
Attendees packed Depot Park and the Warehouse District in downtown Cullman Friday night, July 11, 2025, for a "Christmas in July" themed 2nd Fridays celebration.

By: Nick Griffin/The Cullman Tribune









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JULY 15, 2025

COLUMN

A letter from my dog

Joe Hobby
Contributor



Hey Joe! This is your dog, Roscoe. It's hard to believe it's been over six years since you picked us up from the side of the highway. That's a real long time for us, so I thought it might be a good time to tell you exactly what happened.

My sister, the one you call Reese, and I were just a couple of little puppies, who loved to be around our mama. She never said a whole lot about her past except that a very bad person dumped her out on a county road while we were in her tummy. Lucky for us, a very kind person took her in, let her deliver me and all my littermates, and found everyone good homes – except for me and my sister. We were going to stay with the nice person's family, along with our mommy. I think that's called a forever home.

We were so happy. The family even had a little girl who loved to play with us! Everything was great until mama took a walk to explore the woods near our house. Naturally we went along because we followed our mama everywhere. This was going to be a great adventure because it was so much fun to see the world around us. There were so many new things to smell! Well, that's when it happened. We got so distracted that we became separated from mama. But we weren't worried because she always came back for us.

Not this time. Soon it began to get dark. We yipped and barked, ran and smelled, hoping mama would hear us, but she must have been too far away. By now, Reese was really scared, so I stayed close by and never let her out of my sight. We spent the night in the woods curled up close to each other. There would be lots more nights like this one.

We woke up hungry. When we were back home, someone from our forever family always had breakfast ready for us. But we weren't home. And I don't like to be hungry. The only thing for us to do was to get up and walk – maybe mama or the forever family would find us. Further and further we went until once again, the sun went down, and once again, we spent the night in the woods. The sounds from the owls and coyotes scared both of us. This is when I missed our forever family the most. All Reese and I had were each other.

It was the same day after day. We would get up, walk and hope. Occasionally, we would drink water from a puddle or stream. Sometimes we found scraps of food at old campsites, but that was never enough for a couple of pups like us. Both of us were getting skinny. I could see the bones on my sister's ribcage.

Eventually, we found a little road and a few houses. It wasn't our home, but it was something. Some of the people were kind to us and threw us food scraps. We even slept near their front porch for a few days. I liked that because it reminded me of our old forever home. Other people were mean; they threw firecrackers at us and sicced their big dogs on us. Why would someone do that? I think this is why I never trust dogs and I'm scared of popping noises.

Weeks passed, and now it had become winter. Reese and I were cold all the time. Sometimes it seemed like we shivered all night. If only we hadn't got separated from our mama!

After more and more walking, I began to believe that this would be how we would spend our whole lives. Then one morning we heard a noise – it was the sound of a busy road. It would be easier to find food here, but we had to be careful. Mama warned us about the dangers of being close to a highway.

Lots of people would slow down when they saw us. A few of them would throw us a half-eaten sandwich. However, most people in the cars just turned their heads and kept driving.

Except one. A black car not only slowed down, it turned around and parked right beside us. "Hooray!" I thought. "Maybe we'll get some food." Well, that's when the strangest thing happened. A little girl popped out of the car and ran toward us. She seemed friendly, so we ran toward her. The next thing I know she's petting us and hugging us! We began to yip and run because we were so excited. Soon a young man she called Daddy began doing the same thing. The next thing we know, they are loading us in the car. At first, we were a little scared because we didn't know what was going to happen. But all three of them were so kind. They didn't even get upset when Reese got carsick.

After what seemed like a long time we came to a nice house, and they put us in a big, fenced yard. We liked that because it was another place to explore.

Soon the little girl brought us two big plates of hamburger meat. It was the best thing I had ever tasted.

Not long after that, we heard the gate open, and someone walked into the backyard. It was you! I'll never forget how you sat on the ground and petted us for the longest time while we licked and sniffed you. And when you finally got up and went inside, I turned to Reese and said, "I think we're at our new forever home."

And we were. Thank you and your family for rescuing us. I guess we really are lucky dogs. But we think ya'll are kind of lucky, too.

Your BDF (Best Dog Friend),
Roscoe

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
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Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2025-220

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to WILLIAM ALLEN WILLIAMS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMAS CARL WILLIAMS, deceased, on the 11th day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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.

William Allen Williams
WILLIAM ALLEN WILLIAMS,
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
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RAYMOND DONALD MILLWOOD,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Cynthia Renea Standridge & Kimberly M. Akers as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Raymond Donald Millwood, deceased, on the 30th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Cynthia Renea Standridge & Kimberly M. Akers
Personal Representative(s)

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.J.D., * CASE NO.: JU 23-640.02
a minor, DOB: 10-04-2023 *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Savannah Brooke Haney Armstrong on October 4, 2023, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 5th day of August, 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 20 day of June 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, July 28 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: Flora Mae Brown
vs.
Larry Dean Phillips
11664 County Road 222
Crane Hill, AL 35053

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Larry Dean Phillips, to the property, described as follows:

A parcel of land and starting from the Southwest corner of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 1, Township 11, Range 5 West, thence North 182 feet to the center of Crane Hill and Trimble Highway; thence East along said highway a disance of 70 feet to the point of beginning of said parcel of land hereinafter described and sold: Thence North 150 feet to an iron stake; thence East 100 feet to an iron stake; thence South 125 feet to the aforesaid highway; thence West 100 feet more or less, along center of highway to point of beginning. Containing one-third of an acre, more or less, situated and lying in NW1/4 of NW1/4, Secton 1, Township 11, Range 5 West.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 30 May 2025 in case DR-2021-900291.01 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Larry Dean Phillips in and to the above-described real property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 24th day of June, 2025.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

Classrooms (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools is adding additional Pre-K classroom space to the district, thanks to state grants as part of the First Class Pre-K program. Governor Kay Ivey announced the grant winners on Friday, July 11. Cullman County Schools said it is proud to gain five additional classrooms.

Two of the classrooms will be at Hanceville Primary School.

This will be the first time Hanceville has been able to host a Pre-K, due to previous spacing issues. With the renovation of classroom space at Hanceville Elementary School, more room is now available to serve the Hanceville community. Welti, Harmony and Good Hope Primary will also be gaining an additional Pre-K classroom.

"I am very excited about Cullman County Schools receiving these grants for additional Pre-K classrooms," said Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette.

"These additional five classrooms are simply the next step in a much broader strategic plan for our school system to be able to offer all of our families free access to quality Pre-K programs across the county. Space and funding is always a challenge.

"As more funding becomes available we will continue to request additional Pre-K classrooms."

For more information, including how to apply, visit www.ccboe.org/PreK.



Obituary Announcements: July 13-14

Wynell Tankersley Thompson, 84
Funeral service for Wynell Tankersley Thompson, age 84, of Vinemont, is Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home and Mrs. Thompson will lie in state on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Burial will be at Vinemont Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Wynell was born on Sept. 23, 1940, to Clyde and Ruby Tankersley. She passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on Saturday, July 12, 2025. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Armon Thompson; infant daughter, Melody Lynn Thompson; brothers William Clyde "Junior" Tankersley and Donnie Tankersley; grandsons, J.B. Velarde and Josh Dutton; son-in-law, Rickey Dutton. She is survived by her daughter, Melinda Thompson Dutton; sons, Kerry Thompson (Jill) and Keith Thompson; grandchildren, Shane Dutton (Dee), Emily Nolen, Holly Alman (Chris), Katie Thompson Velarde (Tyler), Braxton Thompson, and Mabry Thompson; great-grandchildren, Cody, Travis, Aliyah, Thomas, Sam, Oliver, Allie, Mollie, Saylor, and Jack; a host of family and friends.

Gregory Dion Graves, 61
Memorial services for Gregory Dion Graves, 61, of Hanceville, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 19, at Refuge Church, Bro. Greg Leipert officiating. The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Graves was born on July 2, 1964, to parents, Bobby Hugh and Bonnie Lou Swindle Graves. He was a truck driver and loved his family. He enjoyed watching westerns and was a big Auburn Tigers fan. Mr. Graves was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Samantha; best friends, Bobby Nichols and Travis Nelson. Survivors include his son, Jason (Mallory) Graves; daughter, Stephanie (Chris) Dye; brother, Larry Thornell; sisters, Sandra (Jeffery) James, Kathy (Roger) Rowe; grandchildren, Chandler, Austin, Mason, Madalynn, Avery, Noah; great-granddaughter, Vivien; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to The National Kidney Foundation.

Benny Dale Strong, 75
Benny was born to Howard and Norma Strong of the Fairview community on June 20, 1950. He passed away peacefully at the Colonel Robert L. Howard Veterans Home in Pell City on July 11, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, his three sisters – Earnestine Strong, Jan(Bob)Moody, and Anita(Danny)Holmes, and grandsons Colby Strong and Kurtis Jones. He is survived by his loving wife Phyllis, son Mark Strong, bonus daughter Lydia(Eli)Screws, stepson Josh(Ashley)Simmons, grandchildren Aidan, Mackenzie, Eli, Isaiah, Elita, Jesse, Evelyn, Hazelyn, and Dawson, and numerous nephews and nieces. He was a proud Marine who enlisted at the age of 17, serving his country in combat in Vietnam. At one point he was the youngest Marine in Vietnam for which he received a helicopter ride from the front lines in his dirty fatigues to a ceremony in DaNang honoring the youngest and oldest Marine. He helped cut the cake with a sword and had pictures taken before being flown back to the front lines. He survived one of the deadliest weeks in the Vietnam War, during which he saw three of his best friends killed in one operation. He carried this with him for the rest of his life. He retired from Cullman Products after 40 years and was well known for being a prankster at work and making everyone laugh. He was also a reserve officer for Cullman County Sheriff's Office for many years. He lived on his same land in Fairview his entire adult life in the house he and his father built. Benny was a good friend and neighbor, beloved by all who knew him.. He was known for his quick smile, easy laugh, twinkle in his eye, great sense of humor and his artistic talent in many mediums. He was a loving husband, father, pawpaw, brother, and uncle. He loved animals, nature, the outdoors, camping, gardening, flowers, bird watching, bird calling, Alabama football, laughter, his community, their dog Lassie-his faithful companion for 16 years, and most of all his family. His ashes will be placed in the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium with military honors at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held at Antioch Baptist Church in Fairview on July 26 at 2 p.m. with visitation at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Benny's name to the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank, 402 Arnold Street NE #W1, Cullman, AL 35055 or to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Avenue Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.

Lisa Ann Sandlin, 62
Funeral service for Lisa Ann Sandlin, 62, of Falkville will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Powell's Chapel Cemetery, Bro. Dennis Shadix officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 12-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Lisa passed away July 13, 2025, at UAB Hospital. She was born July 26, 1962, to Billy Joe and Mary Hall Farley. She enjoyed watching sports, and loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Dennis Farley, David Farley; sisters, Laura Powell, Faith Lawrence. Survivors include her husband, Don Sandlin; son, Jonathan Barnett; daughters, Charity (Will) Garner, Katie (Josh) Brown; brother, Max (Sharon) Farley; grandchildren, Ava (Riley) Drake, Carter Barnett, Aubrey Jackson, Tess Jackson, Raylee Bryant, Ravyn Bryant, Elijah Brown, Jon Luke Brown, Rylee Brown, Oak Brown; great grandchild, Bo Drake; a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Elijah Brown, Carter Barnett, Preston Clayton, Will Garner, Josh Brown, Steve Edge. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Onzelle (Dale) Hays Duren, 90
Onzelle (Dale] Hays Duren 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep Thursday July 10, 2025, at her home in the New Hope community near Holly Pond Alabama. A graveside service will be held Saturday July 19, 2 p.m. at New Hope #2 Baptist Church with brother Dink Lambert presiding. The church will provide a meal for family and friends afterwards. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years Bob Duren, son Brian Abbott, parents Homer and Ruby Hays, sisters Joyce Martin and Marilyn Calvert. She is survived by sons Ron (Vicki) Akers, Terry Abbott, sisters Sharon Wadsworth, Diane Burton, brother Randy Hays, sister-in-law Betty Duren, 11 grandchildren: Britt Akers, Andrea Allen, Francie Gordon, Heidi DiLorenzo, Lane Abbott, Zachary Abbott, Wyatt Abbott, Jason Abbott, Tyler Abbott, Robyn Scott, Christopher Boroff, eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. She worked as a nurse for most of her adult life, first working for Dr. John Morris in Cullman, Alabama. After getting her LPN license she worked with both Hanceville and Cullman Nursing homes and worked with both the Cullman and Decatur hospitals. She was a long-time member of New Hope #2 Baptist Church and loved both her church and her church family. The family would like to express special thanks to Casey Barnes and the ExpectCare hospice family for providing medical care for the past two years and to family and friends for their prayers and support. Obituary provided by the Onzelle Duren family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Duren family.

Kenneth Arch Glasscock, 95
Kenneth A. Glasscock was born April 1, 1930, to Arch and Mary Susan King Glasscock, the youngest of six children. He passed away July 13, 2025, at Westminster Assisted Living. He was raised on the family farm, surrounded by love and hard work. Kenneth attended Oak Level School and graduated from Fairview High School in 1948. Known for his reliability even at a young age, he sometimes drove the school bus while still a student. Kenneth proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon returning home, he met and married the love of his life, Helen Pruett, in 1953. Kenneth spent his life as a dedicated farmer and truck driver, embodying the values of hard work, integrity and perseverance. A long-time, faithful member of Oak Level Baptist Church, he served in various roles, including as a deacon for many years. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Helen; his parents; his brother Coleman (Marge) Glasscock; his sisters: Ethel (Jake) Frank, Sibyl (Harrison) Reeves, Rowena (Eddie) Craft, Mildred (Fred) Frank; and two nephews. Kenneth was a devoted and loving father and grandfather. He is lovingly remembered by his daughters: Debra Kreps, Mary (David) Mayo, and Melanie Glasscock; six grandchildren: Maria Faulkner (Jason Brown), Daniel Kreps, Thomas (Lauren) Kreps, Ben (Jena) Mayo, Will (Jessica) Mayo, and Sarah Harris; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many cherished nieces and nephews. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to his private caregivers- Esther Hayes, Robyn Tucker, Betty Hauk, and others-for their compassionate support. They are also deeply thankful to the staffs of Westminster Assisted Living and Southern Care New Beacon Hospice for their exceptional care. Visitation will be Thursday, July 17 at Oak Level Baptist Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 11 a.m., followed by burial with military honors in the adjoining cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Annie Irene Graham, 94
Funeral service for Annie Irene Graham will be Wednesday, July 16th with visitation. She was born to Dumas Halen Phillips and Annie Onilla Veal Phillips, September 16th, 1930. Annie past from this world to her new home on the 7th of July 2025 at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was married G.C. (Clifford) Graham for 65 years. She was preceded in death by Her parents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and her husband. She is survived by her sons Wayne (Janice), Wade (Judy), Anthony(Karen) and Darrell. 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren. A host of niece and nephews, friends and neighbors, and in-laws. She was very active in her church as well as community organizations like farm city and home demonstration. She was a faithful and loving mother that always put her family first. She loved to sing and had a great alto voice witch she will be teaching angels how to sing. She was successful in life, first as knowing Jesus as her Savior. She was kind and generous to all she met. She will be truly missed. we would like to give our heartfelt thank you to all of mom's caregivers and ask God to bless you all. To leave condolences for the Graham family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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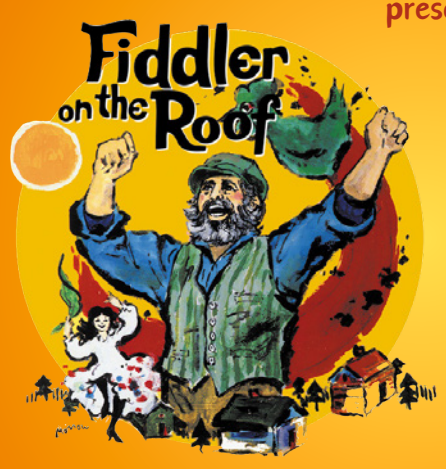
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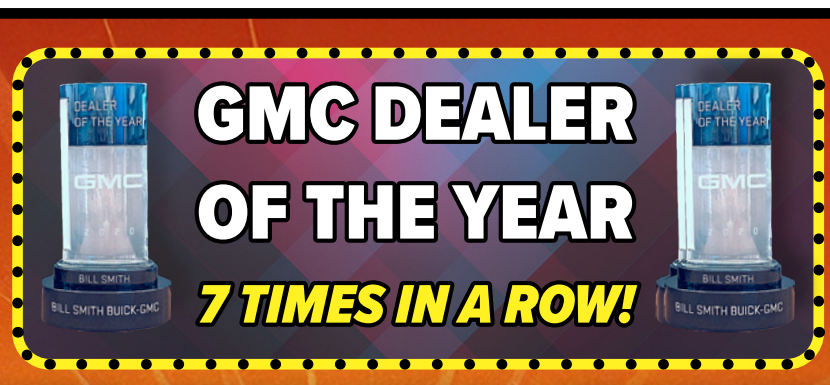


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