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Myrex and Hollingsworth likely headed to runoff Aug. 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Republicans Cindy Myrex and Clint Hollingsworth are likely headed for a runoff, as neither topped 50% of the vote in the Tuesday, July 15, Primary for Alabama House District 12. Myrex came closer, at 49.81%.

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Cindy Myrex and Clint Hollingsworth



'Learning doesn't stop in the summer'

Governor Kay Ivey visits STEM camp at East Elementary



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Governor Kay Ivey (middle) visited a STEM camp at East Elementary School in Cullman on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools (CCS) and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) teamed up to host a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp at East Elementary School (EES) over the past week, and the students had a special visitor on Tuesday. Governor Kay Ivey made her way to EES to visit the camp and hear about some of the latest initiatives going on within the school district.

Ivey was joined by representatives from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), CCS, CPRST, EES and the Cullman City Council. CCS Director of Academic Affairs Lindsay Brannon was excited to welcome everyone to the camp and gave some background on how and why they put it together. Brannon noted the camp is also made possible through an Alabama Summer and Afterschool Program (ASAP) grant funded by the ALSDE, which supports the implementation and enhancement of before- and after-school and summer learning programs that provide student learning and academic enrichment activities.

"We're very honored and privileged to be able to showcase our STEM camp at East Elementary. This is all done through a partnership with Jeff Norris and his team with the (Alabama) State Department of Education," Brannon said. "This is our second year to have the STEM camp, and we have about 175 students. We have a growing waiting list and this all came about because the board of education had a mission and a vision to expand STEM education in Cullman City Schools and give students the opportunity to build those STEM skills because those can be translated to any career that they have."

Norris, an education specialist with the ALSDE, shared more on the plan to expand out-of-school-time programming and provide more learning opportunities throughout the year.

"This is actually the one-year anniversary of the Office of Extended Learning. Last summer we began a new project at the state department looking at out-of-school-time programming in Alabama and we were really excited about that opportunity," Norris said. "I think a lot of the time in our day-to-day lives throughout the school year we get caught up in the procedure and all the tasks we have to do, and we don't always carve out that time to dream about the future and think about what things could be. So, what I love about summer learning in particular is that the opportunity is ripe for creativity, excitement and engagement. What you see the **» PAGE 5**

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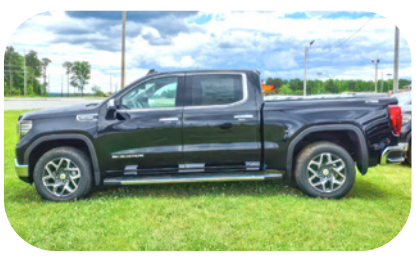
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 16

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 16, 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

July 10

- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '16 Hyundai Veloster; $500; Cherokee Ave. SW

July 14

- theft of property-1st degree; Circle K; machine; $14,500; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '12 Chev. Cruze; $2,000
- harassment; person

ARRESTS

July 14-15

Bibb, Demilah C.; 33

- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)

Goodno, Michael A.; 34

- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Raines, Christopher A.; 38

- FTA – driving while suspended

Scott, Brittany M.; 41

- public intoxication

Lawrence, Raymond D.; 36

- obstructing governmental operations
- resisting arrest

Westmoreland, Terena N.; 40

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – false information to law enforcement
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)

Faile, Bradley R.; 51

- trafficking
- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempt to elude
- resisting arrest

Marshall, Rachel M.; 44

- trafficking
- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance (3 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weaver, Donnie R.; 35

- FTA – theft by deception

Sotherland, Jaden I.; 19

- theft of property-4th degree

Hanners, Joshua E.; 36

- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – switched tag

Haynes, Jacob L.; 18

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- attempt to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Event (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Housing Authority will hold a Community Conversations event on Wednesday, July 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Community Center. It's an event designed for residents.

CHA Executive Director Marquisha Griffin said this is the first event of its kind for the agency.

"Your Voice, Your Home: Community Conversations was developed as a proactive effort to foster more intentional and direct engagement with the residents we serve," Griffin said.

"The idea originated from my commitment to ensuring that residents have a clear line of communication with agency leadership, providing a safe, open forum where their voices are heard, their concerns acknowledged and their insights valued.

"This initiative reflects our ongoing efforts to build trust, promote accountability and encourage a resident-centered housing experience.

"Additionally, it is my goal to ensure that as the executive director I remain visible, accessible and responsive to the community I serve."

Griffin said the goal of Your Voice, Your Home is to create a welcoming space in which residents can speak openly, ask questions and share their experiences directly with agency leadership.

"Residents can expect an honest and respectful dialog focused on listening, problem-solving and partnership," she said.

"This event is about more than just addressing concerns; it's about building stronger relationships, and working together to improve the quality of life for all who call our communities home."

Griffin said she does anticipate hosting additional Your Voice, Your Home forums in the future.

"While we're starting with this initial event, my hope is to make it a recurring opportunity for open dialog, potentially on an annual or semiannual basis," she said.

"I believe consistent communication and connection with our residents is essential, and I look forward to exploring how we can continue these conversations in meaningful ways moving forward."

The first event will take place Wednesday, July 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Community Center at 1545 Vine Circle in Cullman. Refreshments will be served and all residents are welcome.

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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
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- 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 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 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."

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.

Sacred Harp Singing: 151st Session
Sunday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at New Prospect Baptist Church, 5625 County Road 38,Cullman, AL, 35057. Chafin, Harvison and Hollis Memorial. For more info, contact Brenda Cafin at 205-522-2968.

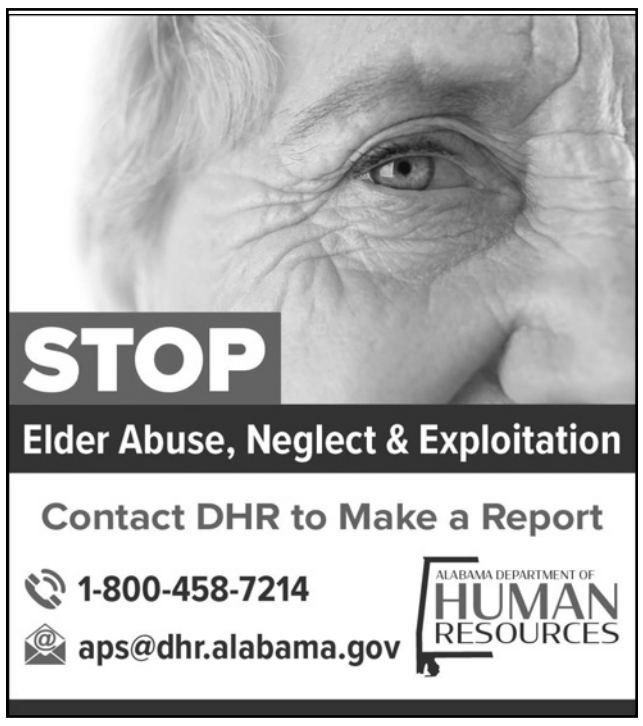
Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, July 22, 4-7 p.m. at Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Rd. $15 per plate. Fundraiser for the senior center. Tickets on sale at the center beforehand or that day. Cash, check or card. Dine in or carry out.

West Point Class of 1967 Class Reunion
Saturday, July 26, at 4 p.m. at West Point Brandin Iron. Hope to see you there. For further info, contact Minnie Heaton at 256-338-1959.

Heartland Quilt Guild Quilt Show
Friday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. Cullman. Admission is $10 for adults, $5 for children.







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Board (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board met Tuesday morning for its regular meeting to discuss facility updates, staffing and student programming that will impact the upcoming school year.

The board reported that Wayne Cook, who is over the Cullman High School Theatre program, and Lea Casey, who teaches art at West Elementary School, received an Alabama State Department of Education Alabama Arts Education Initiative (ALSDE AAEI) grant totaling $30,000 – $10,000 and $20,000, respectively.

Key action items included approval of change orders for several school buildings. Cullman Intermediate and Cullman Middle Schools will undergo facility upgrades, including sewer and flooring work, HVAC improvements and replacement of a water service line.

Cullman High School's STEM/CTE areas will also undergo building renovations, which will include the installation of new flooring and painting.

Updated contracts to continue mental health services in partnership with Brooks' Place, to provide services to CCS' long-term alternative school, and with WellStone, Inc., to provide mental health treatment, were also approved.

Additionally, an audiological services contract with ENT Associates of Alabama was approved. A memorandum of understanding was renewed for the school resource officer program through July 2026.

The board also approved the CHS basketball team's trip to Orlando, for a December 2025 tournament and entered a purchasing agreement with Sand Mountain CNP Cooperative for the 2025–2026 school year.

The next scheduled board meeting is Aug. 19, at 5 p.m. at the central office.

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Wallace State's Luke Fernandez selected by Cleveland in 16th round of MLB Draft

Cullman Tribune Staff
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — This year's MLB Draft continued Monday night and Wallace State pitcher Luke Fernandez heard his name called by the Cleveland Guardians in the 16th round.

The sophomore put together an incredible season for the Lions, striking out the second-most batters in the nation with 127 and holding a nation-leading 1.34 ERA. Fernandez also finished the season with six complete games and four shutouts. He finished the season with an 8.2 record and 80.2 innings pitched, and with a WHIP of .79.

"Luke Fernandez is the most complete pitcher I've ever coached. In my opinion, he's the most dominant pitcher the Alabama JUCO system has ever had. Congratulations to Luke on winning this most deserving award," Wallace State head baseball coach Randy Putman said.

"Over the time I have known and worked with Luke, I have consistently been impressed by his talent, discipline, and leadership both on and off the field. His command of the mound is matched by his unrelenting work ethic and commitment to excellence," said the assistant baseball coach Daniel Howard.

The Cummings, Georgia native led the nation in strikeouts per nine innings, 14.17, and had eight different appearances where he struck out over 10 batters.

In his two seasons at Wallace State, Fernandez has accumulated a career 2.99 ERA over 165.2 innings. This includes 227 strikeouts and a 10-6 record in 28 total appearances. He has been named the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Pitcher of the Year each of the last two seasons and was named First-Team All-ACCC, too.

"Luke was the unquestioned leader of our pitching staff. He was a model of consistency and made everyone around him better. Although he is a great pitcher, I think his best attribute is that he an outstanding person," Wallace State assistant baseball coach Blake Miller said.

Fernandez has committed to continuing his baseball career at Purdue University.

"Luke is very determined and the jump I watched him make from his freshman year to year to sophomore was incredible. Every time he touched the mound this year I knew he was going to dominate. He has the character and determination to have a long career in this game. It was a pleasure to witness what he accomplished this year," Wallace State sophomore outfielder Jamie Howze said.

NJCAA Accomplishments

- 2025 NJCAA DI Baseball First-Team All-America Selection
- Two-time ACCC Pitcher of the Year
- Two-time ACCC First-Team All-Conference
- National leader in ERA (1.34)
- National leader in Strikeouts per game (14.17)
- 6 Complete Games
- 127 strikeouts



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's Luke Fernandez was selected by Cleveland in the 16th round of this year's MLB Draft.

SEC Media Days: Auburn's 'potential is limitless,' says Hugh Freeze

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

ATLANTA – By the time commissioner Greg Sankey introduced Hugh Freeze Tuesday in the main room at the College Football Hall of Fame, Auburn's head coach had already conducted a half-dozen radio interviews and rotated through another dozen stations at SEC Media Days.

Freeze was just getting warmed up.

In the big room, he thanked Auburn fans for selling out season tickets in all three of Freeze's seasons on the Plains before sharing his optimism for 2025.

"At Auburn, we couldn't be more excited about this fall," he said. "Our president Chris Roberts often said that Auburn has earned the right to dream the biggest dreams, and that's the way I feel about our football team for our fans this year, for our administration and for our team.

"I like our squad. I like the makeup of it. I like the staff. I love the energy that's in the building, and I can't be more excited about us having a chance to prove that we can compete in every single game that's on our schedule.

"Our roster is just better. We're bigger, we're faster, we're stronger. Our chemistry and carryover in coaching is here for a second consecutive year, and most of our locker room is bought into the standard to which we think it will take for us to win football games.

"We have built this fairly fast. We should have won or could have won some games last year, and we've done everything in our power to evaluate why that happened and what we can do better as coaches and then get more pieces to the puzzle with more and more players. We feel very confident we've done both."

Leaning into Auburn's prospects, Freeze reinforced his optimistic outlook.

"Our expectation is we embrace the high expectations that Auburn brings, and we believe this team's potential is limitless," he said. "It's time for us to start climbing that mountain and winning some of those games. There's no reason with the chemistry among our staff, the additions we've added to the roster, the two top-10 recruiting classes. There is zero reason that our team, Lord willing we stay healthy, we're expected to compete in every single football game."

Freeze noted the Tigers' defense will feature more speed at linebacker and in the secondary.

Offensively, Auburn prioritized tackles in the portal, adding Xavier Chaplin from Virginia Tech and Mason Murphy from Southern California to an O-line that includes veterans Jeremiah Wright, Dillon Wade, Connor Lew and Izavion Miller.

"I like our roster," Freeze said. "We needed to get deeper and longer, more experienced at offensive tackle. I feel really good about our first seven guys (on the O-line). We needed to get some length and more speed in the secondary and I think we've done that.

"I love what I see from our kids. I love what I see from our staff. I love the chemistry I see between the quarterbacks and receivers right now. They believe in each other. Hopefully that is shown when we start playing games."

Freeze complemented his blue suit with a new pair of Nikes, two weeks after Auburn kicked off its Nike era.

"There's an excitement in the air to be partnering with Nike," he said. "Our kids are excited, and I know our partnership with them will go well."

Freeze invited defensive lineman Keldric Faulk, offensive lineman Connor Lew and quarterback Jackson Arnold to represent Auburn at SEC Media Days.

"Three great ones," Freeze said. "Those are incredible human beings, number one, great Auburn men and also tremendous leaders for our football team that we will count on heavily come this fall."



AU ATHLETICS

Auburn Head Coach Hugh Freeze at SEC Media Days in Atlanta on Tuesday

Auburn begins preseason camp in two weeks on July 29. The Tigers open the season Aug. 29 at Baylor before hosting Ball State Sept. 6 for Kickoff on The Plains.

"It takes a little time to build it, and we've been doing that," Freeze said. "Certainly, I wish we would have won more games, but the future is very bright in my eyes. We've been blessed everywhere we've been to win, and I expect nothing less than that at Auburn."

Runoff (from Front)

ing:

- Cindy Myrex: 2,129 votes (49.81%)
- Clint Hollingsworth: 1,848 votes (43.24%)
- Heather Doyle: 150 votes (3.51%)
- Dan McWhorter: 147 votes (3.44%)

Provisional ballots (box 29) will be counted Tuesday, July 22, at the Cullman County Courthouse. Myrex would need almost all of the approximately 20 provisional ballots to avert the runoff.

If she does not, the State House District 12 Special Primary Runoff Election for the seat previously held by Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, will take place Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025. The winner will face Democrat Matthew Glover in the State House District 12 Special General Election on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025.

The Tribune has invited Myrex and Hollingsworth to appear in a live debate at The Tribune office on Aug. 9.

The campaign announcements for both Republican candidates can be viewed at:

www.cullmantribune.com/2025/05/13/myrex-officially-qualifies-for-alabama-house-district-12

www.cullmantribune.com/2025/05/05/hollingsworth-announces-candidacy-for-alabama-house-district-12

Financials (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council worked through a full agenda while welcoming a large group of guests to city hall on Monday evening. In attendance, longtime Cullman developer and businessman Roy Drinkard was recognized for the recent celebration of his 105th birthday. Councilman Brad Smith read a letter from the State appointing Cullman Fire Chief Darren Peeples to the Alabama Homeland Security Task Force, effective immediately and until November 2026. Councilman Johnny Cook delivered a resolution honoring the members and coaches of East Elementary School's NASP archery team for multiple first-place finishes and other high placements at the state level in 2025 (See our separate story).

Council President Jenny Folsom delivered the City's quarterly financial report, noting that Cullman saw a 5.1% increase in expenses (all budgeted items) over the third quarter of 2024, but an accompanying 7.2% increase in revenues, mostly from sales taxes. The General Fund balance currently contains an eight-month reserve of funds, the highest amount in 20 years. Folsom also reported that Cullman's most recent employment numbers show 2.5% unemployment, compared to 3.3% at the state level and 4.2% at the national level.

The council approved a special event permit request from Julie Freeman of Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County for a Spooktacular Storybook Sprint 5K and fun run on Oct. 25, 2025.

The council approved certifications of election for three officials who qualified unopposed for the upcoming Aug. 26, 2025, Municipal Election:

- Woody Jacobs for the office of mayor
- Paul Schaffer for Cullman City Council Place 4
- David Wiggins for Cullman City School Board Place 2

The council also approved multiple resolutions:

- To approve six change orders for the OmniPlex Civic Center, including several "small items" that still fell within the budgeted amount for the overall project
- To award a bid for an anaerobic digester maintenance project for the City's wastewater treatment plant to the lowest responsible bidder, Synagro Technologies, in the budgeted amount of $423,750
- To authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Cullman City Board of Education to provide School Resource Officers to city schools
- To apply for Community Development Block Grant funding and match for a neighborhood improvement project on Logan Street Southwest, Sixth Street Southwest and Austin Avenue Southwest

Following an approved change of schedule, the Cullman City Council will meet next on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Ivey (from Front)

kids doing in the classrooms now is representative of all of those things."

CCS Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said STEM education was one of the board's priorities when he arrived and he's excited to see those plans bear fruit.

"I've been here for five years now and one of the first things the board asked of me was to expand what we're doing in STEM education and expand our partnership with the City. So, we do have Nathan Anderson here who is over park and rec, and what you see today is a partnership with City government and park and rec and we really appreciate that," Kallhoff said.

"We developed a framework for STEM education, and it starts by investing in educators, so we've invested in classroom teachers at every school to start as young as kindergarten with exploratory and experimenting, which is sort of what you saw today. Then at the middle school you're actually taking classes and learning those prerequisite skills that you'll use in our high school programs. We've revamped our career tech programs to have a STEM focus, but instead of just starting that in high school, our vision is to have 6-year-olds interested in STEM education."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Governor Kay Ivey joined students in working on a project during her STEM camp visit at East Elementary School on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Ivey said she was happy to visit the camp during National Summer Learning Week and believes it's important to support programs like these.

"It's great to be here in Cullman at East Elementary School, especially to see these young folks being introduced to STEM education. Y'all are building true leaders of the future and it's important that we all appreciate and support this program," Ivey said. "This is National Learning Week across the nation so I'm glad to be here. Learning doesn't stop in the summer. We want our students to stay abreast of everything and have experiences in the summer that they don't get during the regular school year. So, it's important to give these students that opportunity."

Find a video of the event at https://youtu.be/LBH-KRGmNCFA.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, far left, and Cullman City Council members pose for photos with members of the East Elementary School archery team after presenting copies of the resolution on Monday, July 14, 2025.

Team (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday presented a resolution of commendation to each member and coach of East Elementary School's archery team for their achievements during the last school year in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP).

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the East Elementary Archery Team brought home 1st place at all nine regular season tournaments, claimed victory at regionals, earned the state title in Bullseye, took 1st place in 3D and 5th place in Bullseye at the NASP Eastern Nationals; and secured a 2nd place finish in 3D and a 3rd place finish in Bullseye at the NASP "World" Championship; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that participation in archery teaches students self-control, focus, discipline, patience, and life lessons to help them be successful in school and in life; and,

WHEREAS, special commendation is due to archer (individual names inserted) for displaying skill, determination, enthusiasm, and hard work as a member of the East Elementary Archery Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Cullman, on behalf of our citizens, do hereby offer this COMMENDATION to (individual names inserted) as an expression of our pride and of our appreciation for the fine way in which the City of Cullman and the East Elementary Archery Team were represented.

Coaches
- Ben Moody
- Emily Smallwood
- Icealina Wigington

Archers
- Bridge Basewell
- Rhodes Bentley
- Trevor Bone (recognized as the No. 29 age level NASP archer in the nation)
- Easton Cooper
- Kyler Donaldson
- Fisher Doyle
- Franky Elliott
- Sylas Gossett
- James Griffin
- Keeley Hudson
- Falyn Lawrence
- Kaitlynn Moody
- Jenna Kate Newson
- Olive Rolley
- Ella Sachs
- Hudson Tokar
- Draklin Turner
- Aiyana Wigington
- Riley Williams
- Logan Woody
- Lawton Yeager

Della (from Front)

Noah Chandler
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Della is the kind of dog who doesn't need to announce herself; her gentle spirit speaks volumes the moment you meet her.

This 2-year-old Great Pyrenees/Great Dane mix, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is all about calm energy and quiet companionship.

She's got a low-energy demeanor that makes her a dream in just about any setting, but it's her love for children that sets her apart.

While she's fond of adults, kids hold a special place in her heart, earning her the title of honorary nanny dog.

Della walks politely on a leash and carries herself with grace in every situation.

Her sweet disposition and respectful nature make her the perfect candidate for a therapy, companion or reading dog. She's the kind of dog who brings peace just by being in the room.

Della's adoption fee is $130, which includes 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 Della's already found her forever home by the time you arrive, don't worry — she has many wonderful friends still waiting to meet you. The shelter is full of loving pets ready to become someone's perfect companion.

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



Good Hope Council approves annexation, certifies election of 3 council members

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday night and got things started with the certification of three council members.

Eric Phillips (Place 2), Greg Brown (Place 4) and Taft Dillashaw (Place 5) are all incumbents who qualified to run in the upcoming Aug. 26, 2025, Good Hope Municipal Election. All three are unopposed.

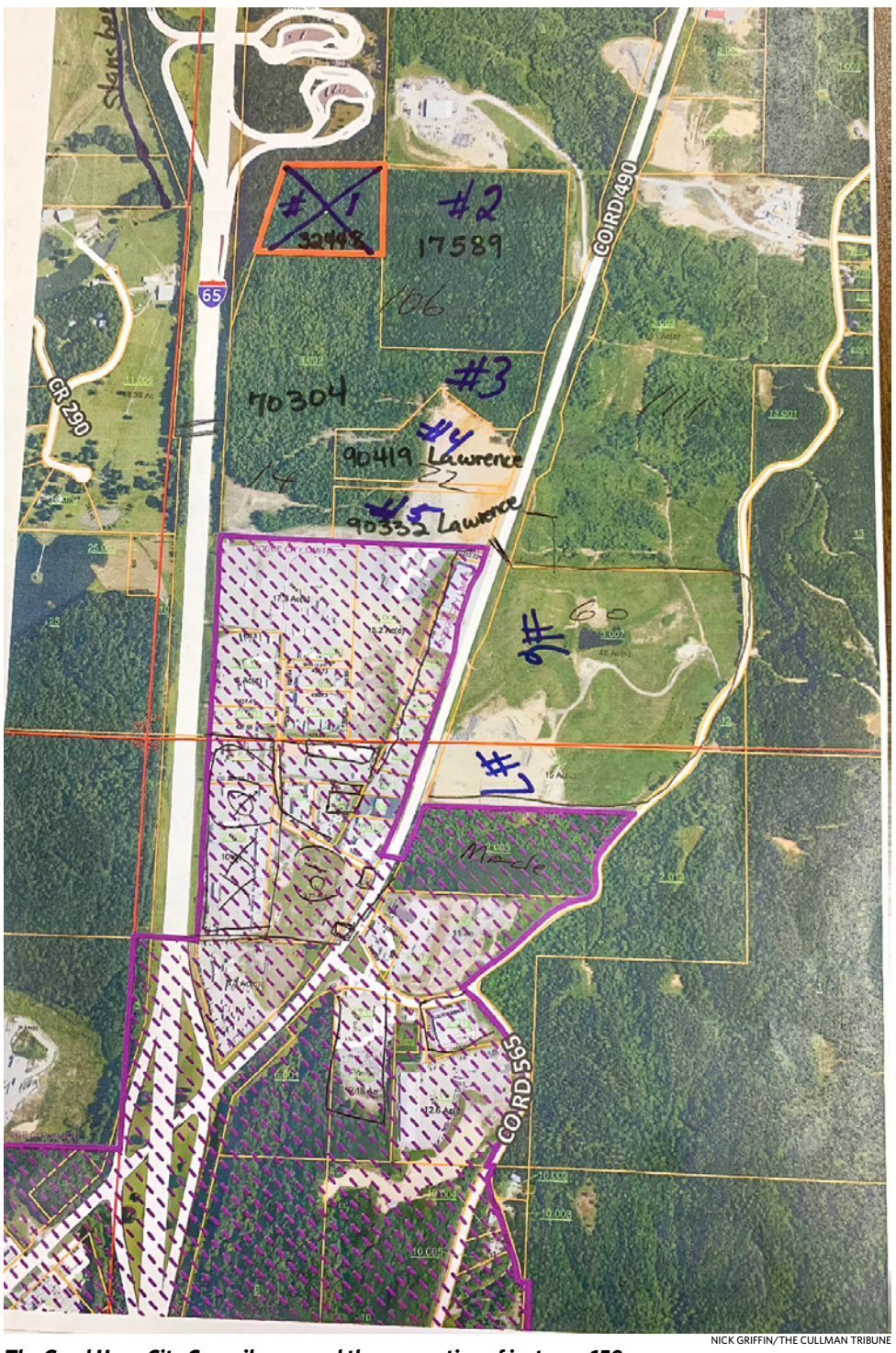
The men were presented with certificates of election Monday night.

That means Good Hope voters will see only three local seats on their Aug. 26 ballots:

- Mayor: Incumbent Jerry Bartlett is being challenged by Larry Creel
- Council Place 1: Newcomers Bill Brown and Renee Lee are running
- Council Place 3: Incumbent Susan Eller is being challenged by Preston Prewett

The council then moved on to the next item on the agenda: the annexation of just over 150 acres of land on County Road 490 just north of Interstate 65 Exit 299. The first parcel of land (1.49 acres owned by Donald Stansberry) connects to a property on Beech Grove Road, making the rest of the annexed property contiguous with the city of Good Hope. The council then passed an ordinance for five more parcels of land, three of which are owned by R.S. Hooper (127.4 acres) and two owned by David Lawrence (22.2 acres).

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next meeting at Good Hope City Hall on Monday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope City Council approved the annexation of just over 150 acres of property on County Road 490 on Monday night, July 14, 2025.



LEGALS

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 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.

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

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

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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 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

INVITATION TO BID

Project: Removal of Mobile Homes (Purchase of mobile homes)
Clean Lot Housing Mobile Homes

Owner: Town Of Fairview

Date: June 12, 2025

Sealed Bids for the Completion of the project located in the Town of Fairview will be received at the Town Hall, Town of Fairview until 2:00 p.m Local Time on July 24 2025. Bids received after the specific time above will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Town Hall. July 28, 2025 Town of Fairview.

The Title Project generally consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, supplies, labor, management, supervision and transportation, including fuel to remove the below mobile homes and clean lots of all Debris. The owner requires the project to be completed within 60days of the recording of the contract.

In order to Bid on the Project, the Bidder must possess a valid [redacted] License, that permits to transfer mobile homes on the road of the State of Alabama and shall comply with all Applicable License Requirements of the Code of Alabama, Federal and Local News or Regulations.

The Bid must be prices for the purchase of the Trailers and separate pricing for cleaning the Debris off the lots which were occupied by the trailers.

The following trailers as the Project:

6- 12 x 60 Mobile Homes
1- 12 x 50 Mobile Home
2- 12 x 70 Mobile Homes
4 – 14 x 70 Mobile Homes

Located at 140 Fairpark Court, Wesley Ave N Cullman, Al
Town of Fairview, Alabama.

1 Camper Described as Follows:

Small camper Lot G

are not a part of this project and are not owned by the Town of Fairview.

A cashiers check or bid bond payable to the owner in an amount of (5%) five percent of the bid or not less than $10,000 must accompany the bidder's proposal. The successful bidder shall provide such additional Bonds and evidence of Insurance as requested by the owner to the Town of Fairview upon the awarding of the Bid.

Bid instructions may be examined at the Town Hall of Town of Fairview Monday through Wednesday 9:00 am until 5:00 pm to the day prior to the bid opening day.

The owner reserves the right to reject all Bids. All Bids shall be irrevocability for a period of 60 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

By: The Town of Fairview

Mr. Keith Henry, Mayor

STATE OF ALABAMA,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **JASON PHIL HULLand ALISHA HULL, husband and wife,** to Cullman Savings Bank, dated May 16, 2022, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2014 Page 363, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Cullman Savings Bank as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on August 8, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Twenty-Seven (27) in the City of Cullman, Alabama as shown as known on the recorded map of said City.

TOGETHER WITH that certain strip being 4 feet of even width off of the West side of the above described lot for an alley as vacated by that certain Declaration Vacating Private Alley as filed for record in Deed Book 492, Page 70 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Parcel ID Number: 17-05-15-3-016-003.000

Property address: 811 8th Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055

This property will be sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

CULLMAN SAVINGS BANK
By: Nancy F. McClellan
401 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 734-4040

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAMELA J. REYNOLDS, * CASE NO PC 2025-213
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: DANIEL CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Tracie Reynolds Perkins, Petitioner, through Attorney James O'Connell for the Estate of Pamela J. Reynolds. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the **16th day of September, 2025, at 10:30 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 15th day of July, 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

James O'Connell
Attorney for the Petitioner
PO Box 380564
Birmingham, Alabama 35238

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2010 by William Bryan Jones, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1690, Page 782 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 August 8, 2025:

All that tract or parcel of land tying and being Lot 5 of the Redivision of Lot 18 of Saddlebrook Estates and unrecorded redivision, more particularly described as follows Commencing at an iron pin found at point purported to be the southeast corner of Lot 18 of Saddlebrook Estates as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 151 :& 152 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama. Being more particularly described as follows: thence North.89 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West 31.44 feet to a point on the West margin of Neptune Drive; thence along the West margin of said drive North 3 degrees 57 minutes 24 seconds West 308.71 feet to a point on the South margin of Mercury Drive; thence along the South margin of said drive as follows: thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes 31 seconds west 279.02 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds West 15.09 feet to a point, the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence leaving the. south margin of said drive South 4 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 147 68 feet to point thence South 68 degrees 30 minutes 26 seconds West 104.28 feet to a point; thence North 4 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 188.02 feet to a point on the South margin of said drive; thence along the South margin of said drive as follows: thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East 70.51 feet to a point; thence South 87 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds East 29.49 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.38 acres more or less.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
2002 Southridge manufactured home, Vin No. 1SR-P17181AAL and 1SRP17181BAL located thereon.

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

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 part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave.
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-July 17, 24, 31, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ROY DYER and TERESA DYER,

Plaintiff,

v. CIVIL ACTION NO:

CV-2025-900112.00

LBEY RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP, INC., and

FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS A-Z, being those individuals or entities, unknown to Plaintiff but will be added by amendment should they become known to Plaintiff, which may claim an interest in the real property made the subject of this lawsuit;

and

A tract or parcel of land containing 0.40 acres, more or less, and being situated in the part of the SW quarter of the SE quarter of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the SE corner of the SW quarter of the SE quarter of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 5 West (which point) is at or near the north edge of a paved road and go westerly (along the north edge of said road) 75 feet (to east line of said SW quarter of the SE quarter of Section 9, Township 11, Range 5 West), then continue East (into the SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 9, Township 11, Range 5 West) a distance of 60 feet, then go South ISO feet (to north edge of said road) and then go West 60 feet to the point of beginning.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: LBey Research Advisory Group, Inc., and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in the lands described above, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the March 25, 2025, a Verified Complaint for quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer against LBey Research Advisory Group, Inc., and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are

unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest or claim in and to the above described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur or otherwise respond to the aforementioned Verified Complaint on or before the I st day of October, 2025, else suffer a judgment thereafter by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served wit a copy of the Verified Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain

Clerk of the Circuit Court

of Cullman County, Alabama Cullman County Courthouse Office of the Circuit Clerk

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Plaintiffs' Attorney:

Ray Uhrig, Esq.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2025 - 900226

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Lot 12 of Piney Point Subdivision, a subdivision of part of the West half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman Cunty, Alabama, as filed for record in Book 56, Page 173 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
Parcel ID: 17-03-08-0-001-017.000; PIN: 9833; Account Number: 46270,

AND

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

AND

VICKIE ANN STEGALL, MINNIE MAE EASTERWOOD, AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MINNIE MAE EASTERWOOD,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: VICKIE ANN STEGALL, MINNIE MAE EASTERWOOD AND THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MINNIE MAE EASTERWOOD, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 20th day of June, 2025, a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title to the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Scott Slatton against Vickie Ann Stegall, fka Vickie Ann Easterwood, Minnie Mae Easterwood, and the Heirs and Devisees of Minnie Mae Easterwood, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Verified Complaint on or before the 28th day of August, 2025, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
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On Monday, July 21, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

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Obituary Announcements: July 15-16

Donna Gay Creel, 84
Mrs. Donna Gay White Creel was called home to be with her boys again on July 11, 2025, at age 84. Donna was born on June 22,1941, to Elmer J. White and Autumn Leeola Parrish White in Blount County. At 15 years old, she married the love of her life, Joel Billy Creel and together they had two sons, Joe and Ricky. Donna was a seamstress at Bluebell for many years, but became a homemaker. She loved making quilts, sewing, growing flowers, and spending time with her family. She loved going to all the ball games, music concerts, and awards programs for her grandkids, and she could make the absolute best fried apple pies. Donna loved taking her grandkids on vacation to the Smoky Mountains every summer she could. She would call her friends and sister and gossip for hours and loved having new shoes. Donna was a member of Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church and she enjoyed worshiping her Heavenly Father alongside her family and friends. Donna was the rock of her family. She kept everyone in line and made sure everyone was taken care of. Her family was her world, her most precious gifts were her great grand babies, and she was our angel on earth. She'll be forever loved and forever missed. Donna is survived by her granddaughter; Alexandria Latham (Craig), her grandson; Jonathan Creel, her great-grandchildren; Chloe, Emily, Riley, and Matthew, her sister; Vivian White, brothers; Benny White (Ann), Terry White (Diane), and Wendell White (Virginia), and her best friend since childhood and sister-in-law; Eloise Creel. Donna is preceded in death by her husband; Joel Billy Creel, her sons; Joe and Ricky Creel, her parents; Elmer and Autumn White, and brothers; J.C., Alton, and Roger White. A visitation with the family is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Holly Pond Funeral Home. A short service will follow at 7 p.m. The family is having a private burial. Escorting Donna to her final resting place are Jonathan Creel, Craig and Matthew Latham, Justin Reynolds, Darrin Fronk and Craig Madden. Obituary provided by the Creel family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Creel family.

Hector Sergio Ortiz Garza, 52
Hector Sergio Ortiz Garza, 52, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Husband of Belén Degollado Ortiz Mireles. A father of 4 daughters. Karla Katia Kayla Kenya. Grandfather of 3 grandchildren Hector Luis. Carlos Matías David Lee. He was a very happy person who liked to make many friends... He was a person who liked to help everyone. He liked to spend time with his family, he liked to dance and be a joker. Known to many for Ramón Ayala, & Sergio the dancer. He will always be remembered for his great prankster character. There was never a minute that went by that he didn't make a funny comment. It always made us laugh. A man with a big heart! It was the Joy of the party. You will always live in our hearts. A visitation will be held for Hector on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the chapel of Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Ave Northwest, Cullman, AL 35055, with Rosary beginning at 6 p.m.

Joy Lucille Gainer, 86
Joy Lucille Gainer, age 86, of Horton, Alabama passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025. Joy was born in Cherry Grove, WV, to the late Sam and Ethel Bennett Warner. Joy was a faithful Christian woman, and was a devoted WIfe, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She is survived by her sons Rayburn Pinyan and Ronnie Pinyan, 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren three great great grandchildren; and her stepdaughters Deb Simpson and Connie Hess. She was preceded in death by her Beloved Husband of 30 years, Marvin D. Gainer; two sons, Robert Pinyan and Roger Pinyan; two sisters Vallie Wilhoit and Pauline Bonnelli; four brothers Freddy, Roscoe, WIllard, and Charles Warner, and 2 grandchildren. A visitation for Joy will be held Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055-5827, followed by a celebration of life from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. She will be transported to Stump Funeral Home in Grantsville, WV and laid will be laid to rest beside her husband Marvin Gainer in Nobe Cemetery, Big Springs, WV. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Talmage Anthony Townson, 66
Talmage Anthony Townson, age 66, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away July 12, 2025. He was born in Decatur, Alabama, on March 6, 1959. Talmage is preceded in death by his parents AB Talmage and Bertha Lee McCormick. He is survived by his daughter Pamela Chalasani, sons Arvil Lee Townson and Talmage Anthony Townson II, sister Joan, and five grandchildren. Talmage loved being outdoors and fishing. He was a generous and selfless man, he'd do anything to help anyone. He was a loving grandfather and father, and will be deeply missed.

Charles C. Price, 82
Charles (Charlie) Price, age 82 of Hartselle, Alabama, passed away peacefully at his home on July 16, 2025, surrounded by his loving wife and daughter. Charles was a devoted husband, father, Papa and friend. He was a member of Friendship Methodist Church and was a devout follower of Christ who loved the Lord with all his heart. Charlie Price was born on Dec. 6, 1942, in Vinemont, Alabama, the son of Ruth and Ernest Price. A proud graduate of MacArthur High School, Charlie answered the call to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served with distinction for 20 years, dedicating his life to protecting the freedoms we all cherish. His military service was marked by honor, duty, and resilience — values that he carried with him throughout his life. After retiring from the Air Force, Charlie and his family settled in Hartselle, Alabama. There, he ran a poultry farm, worked at Intergraph Corporation, and later at Huntsville International Airport. Never one to stop learning, Charlie returned to college and earned a degree in electronics, demonstrating his lifelong curiosity and determination. Charlie is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Wanda Price; his beloved daughter Angela (Roger) Hardin of Trussville, Alabama; and his cherished grandchildren, Kyle (Ashley) Pietrzak of Huntsville, Alabama, and Michelle Pietrzak of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by his brother Gary (Tonya) Price of Cullman, Alabama, and a large extended family of cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Tom Walker; brothers Quintus and Travis Price; sister Christine Willingham; brother-in-law Maurice Willingham; and nephew Kenneth Willingham. A faithful member of Friendship Methodist Church, Charlie found joy in his church community, family, and the simple pleasures of life—traveling, working on his farm, and repairing computers. But above all, he loved his family deeply. His wife, daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren were the light of his life. Charlie's legacy is one of faith, service, and unwavering love — for his family, his church, and his country. Funeral Services for Charlie Price will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Family will receive visitors an hour prior to the service. Interment with military honors will follow at Friendship Methodist Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Roger Hardin, Kyle Pietrzak, Roger Bogard, Scott Lane, Tyler Bogard and Zachary Lancaster. Flower donations should be delivered to Cullman Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The American Stroke Association.

Jennifer Leigh Mead, 49
Jennifer Leigh Mead, age 49 of Cullman, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept. 12, 1975, to Johnny Lee Mead, Jr. and Carol Evans Mead. Services will be held at a later date.

Marie Juanita Childers, 85
Funeral services for Marie Juanita Childers, 85, of Simpsonville, South Carolina, will be 12 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Paul Campbell will officiate services. Visitation will be Saturday July 19th from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Ryan's Creek Cemetery. Juanita Childers, a devoted nurse, beloved community member, and woman of deep faith, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, service, and love for others. Originally from Bremen, Alabama, Juanita was raised with strong values rooted in family, kindness, and spiritual devotion. She answered the call to serve others through nursing, becoming a registered nurse and dedicating many faithful years to caring for patients throughout Cullman County, including her time at Cullman Regional Hospital. Her calming presence and skilled hands brought comfort to countless lives, and her colleagues knew her as someone they could always count on. Juanita's service extended far beyond hospital walls. She gave generously of her time through community outreach, volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program to provide meals and companionship to homebound individuals. She also dedicated herself to sitting with the elderly, offering a quiet strength and nurturing presence to those in their most vulnerable moments. Her faith was the foundation of her life. Juanita dearly loved her Bible, drawing daily comfort and strength from its words. A lover of nature, she especially enjoyed watching birds, finding peace and joy in their presence—small, beautiful reminders of God's creation. In her later years, Juanita made her home in Five Forks, South Carolina, where she continued to live out her values of humility, faith, and compassion. Though she lived away from her Alabama roots, she remained forever connected to the community and people who shaped her. First and foremost she was a mother and loved spending time with her five grandchildren. Juanita is survived by her children Kathy (Patrick) McCurdy, Jake (Katherine) Childers; grandchildren, Jillian McCurdy, Matthew McCurdy, Josh Childers, Jacob Childers, Joseph Childers; siblings, Betty Staffa, Sue Jackson, Helen Shelton, Charles (Evelyn) Easterwood; and 13 nieces and 9 nephews. Juanita was preceded in death by her parents Amos Bernard Easterwood and Elsie Rena Easterwood.

Wiley Lee Bibb, 74
Wiley Lee Bibb, age 74, of Prattville Alabama, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2025. His passing was quick and peaceful. Wiley was born on Oct. 11, 1950, to Tracey and Clezzell Bibb. During his senior year – two weeks before graduate he made the choice to serve his country and joined the Armed Forces. While in the Army he served in the Vietnam War from Feb. 27, 1970, until Jan. 9, 1971, when he was honorably discharged at the rank of E5. During his service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Expert, and 2 Oversea Service Bars. Upon his return he continued his service to others, by joining the Alabama State Troopers until he retired in 2000. During his time as a Trooper, he earned the rank of Sergeant and travelled across Alabama going where needed. His last 5 years, starting in 1995 were in Montgomery Alabama, where he was serving as Executive Security for Alabama State Supreme Court Justice Perry Hooper. He was known by the troopers for his unrelenting ability to make everyone laugh, his integrity, and his ability to treat each person he encountered with respect and kindness. During his time as a trooper, he married Donna Walton and they had one daughter, Carime Bibb. He is survived by his wife Donna, daughter Carime, and chosen son Justin Dobie. He is also survived by his sisters and brother, Doris Arnold, Mary Sue Rogers, JoAnn Walton, Wayne Bibb (Betty), sister-in-law Caroline Bibb (Glenn) and his plethora of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his sister Shirley Aderhold, brother Glenn Bibb his parents Tracey O. Bibb and Clezzell Terry. A celebration of life visitation for Wiley will be held Friday, July 18, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. To leave condolences for the Bibb family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Edward Dudley Boike, 84
Edward Dudley Boike, 84, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, with his devoted and loving wife, Evelyn, by his side. Born on April 24, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama, Ed graduated from St. Bernard High School. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Known for his sense of humor, hardworking "can-do" spirit, and generosity, Ed never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand. Ed enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, and working around their home. One of his favorite adventures was driving their camper to the Grand Canyon together. For over 45 years, Ed served as a dedicated sponsor in the local Alcoholics Anonymous community, offering guidance, compassion, and hope to countless individuals on their path to recovery. His quiet strength and unwavering support left a lasting impact on many lives. Ed was preceded in death by his father, Charles I. Boike; mother, Norma Smith Boike; brother, Charles Joseph Boike; sister, Mary Jane (Boike) Weissend; and eldest daughter, Kim Annette (Boike) Nuss. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Christine (McDonald) Boike; daughter, Tenina Marie (Boike) Freeman (husband Bobby); sons, Steven McDonald (wife Christy) and Scott McDonald (wife Kallen); and six grandchildren: Patrick Aaron Nuss (wife Sara), Kristin Marie Bridewell (husband Marc), Amber Alayne Hetzler (husband Jeremy), Caitlin McDonald, Lucas McDonald, and Jude McDonald. He also leaves behind five great-grandchildren: Troy Aaron Nuss, Ian Alexander Nuss, Roman Axl Nuss, Elizabeth Danielle Bridewell, and Charles Aaron Bridewell. Ed's legacy of love, laughter, service, and strength will live on in all who knew him. Edward Dudley Boike will be laid to rest on Friday, July 18, 2025, from 1 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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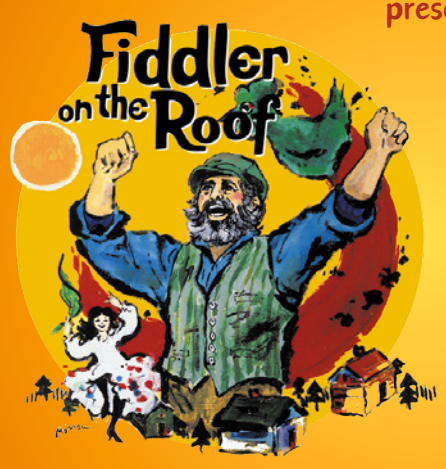
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