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City celebrates grand opening of OmniPlex

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The grand opening of the Cullman OmniPlex was held Friday, July 25, marking a significant milestone for local recreation, tourism and community engagement.

"The opening of the Cullman OmniPlex marks a historic step forward for our community," said Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism. "This is more than just a » PAGE 5



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The City of Cullman celebrated the grand opening of the OmniPlex on Friday, July 25, 2025.

'Significant and historic improvements in public education'

CCBOE cuts ribbon, breaks ground on new additions at Hanceville, Good Hope



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The Cullman County Board of Education and other leaders cut the ribbon on the newly remodeled Hanceville Elementary School on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Thursday was a busy day for the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE), representing "significant and historic improvements in public education in Cullman County," according to Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman.

First, members and other leaders made their way to Hanceville to cut the ribbon on the newly remodeled Hanceville Elementary School.

The school was built during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration and is the oldest building in the school system. Remodeling classrooms and renovating the existing Hanceville Elementary building, which has been vacant, will allow it to reopen and also alleviate stresses from the fast-growing area's high student enrollment. It will also allow Hanceville to offer Alabama's award-winning "First Class" Pre-K program, which has long been a model that other states have sought to emulate, said Gudger.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman County Board of Education and other leaders broke ground on the new Good Hope Elementary School on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said he is happy they were able to not only preserve the facility, but also give it some modern enhancements.

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'We're helping kids walk into school confident and prepared'



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United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Stephanie Childers with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette

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Cullman's Lauren Hughes shines at Southeastern Championships



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Cullman Swim Team's Lauren Hughes

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 25, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 21

- criminal mischief; Self Ave. NE
- assault; Al Ave. NE
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; Hwy. 278W
- burglary; CR 268
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; CR 101

July 22

- assault; CR 1114
- burglary; reckless endangerment; CR 437
- criminal mischief; Main St. NE Hanceville
- theft of property; CR 5401

July 23

- domestic violence; CR 1101
- criminal mischief; Main Ave. SW
- domestic violence; CR 236
- assault; CR 695
- domestic violence; CR 597

ARRESTS

July 21-23

Armstrong, Jason E.; 50
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Beasley, Edward W.; 45
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – certain person forbidden possession of pistol

Brock, Karlee R.; 41
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Brockman, Christi M.; 46
- FTA – driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Cosby, Jennifer D.; 55
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Cox, Shandale R.; 32
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Jason W.; 31
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large
- FTA – failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies

Forster, Glenda N.; 64
- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)

Forsyth, Holly M.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Jamie E.; 21
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Hawkins, Brayden C.; 25
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of drug paraphernalia

Huggins, Jerry J.; 50
- burglary-non-residence-force
- reckless endangerment

Loggins, Ashley N.; 39
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of drug paraphernalia
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – tampering with physical evidence

Mann, Justin C.; 36
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – sodomy-1st degree

Myrick, Cynthia W.; 44
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Pirkle, Daniel D.; 37
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-2nd degree
- resisting arrest

Puentes, Guillermo; 46
- giving false identification to law enforcement

Smith, John D.; 48
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Ethredge E.; 63
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Thompson III, Tommy K.; 31
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – using false name/identity

Villar Jr., Antonio; 45
- public intoxication

Watson, Dang S.; 50
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – sale of stolen property

Wilson, Gregory C.; 43
- FTA – counterfeiting (3 counts)
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 22
- unauthorized use of vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

July 23
- Theft of property-2nd degree; person; purse & contents; Hwy. 157

July 24
- domestic violence – criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged property; $30; Marie St. NW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Lee Cir. SW

ARRESTS

July 23-24

Blankenship, Adam W.; 41
- FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Shedd, Corey T.; 31
- public intoxication

Dean, Michael A.; 41
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Duncan, Micah A.; 30
- FTA – driving while suspended

Davis, Ayden J.; 22
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Prepared (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County recently wrapped up its annual Stuff the Bus school supply drive, and Executive Director Stephanie Childers said they were overwhelmed with gratitude for the outpouring of support from the community.

"This effort helps ensure that every child in Cullman County and Cullman City Schools starts the school year with the tools they need to succeed," Childers said. "All donations went directly to our local public school systems and were distributed by school counselors to students in need."

Partner drop-off locations included the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene, Cullman City Schools, Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Schools, Cullman County Commission, Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Cullman Electric Cooperative, Cullman Power Board, East Side Baptist Church, EvaBank, Peoples Bank of Alabama, Premier Bank of the South, REHAU, Topre America, Wallace State Community College, Walmart Distribution Center #6006 and the north Cullman Walmart on 157.

Childers gave a special thank-you to Publix for returning as the lead sponsor again this year.

"Their continued support makes a big difference in helping us serve even more families," Childers said.

"We're also grateful to our student volunteers who earned hours toward our AmFirst $1,000 Future Philanthropist Scholarship. It was inspiring to see so many young people giving their time to give back."

Childers said the mission is to eliminate barriers to education — and sometimes that starts with something as simple as a backpack and basic supplies.

"Because of the support of our community, we're helping kids walk into school confident and prepared, and that can change everything for a student," Childers said. "We also want to recognize and sincerely thank Dr. Shane Barnette with Cullman County Schools and Mr. Kyle Kallhoff with Cullman City Schools. The love and leadership they pour into our students and families are unmatched, and it's an honor to partner with them through this drive each year."

Childers said families in need should reach out to their school counselors before the school year starts.

Improvements (from Front)

thank everybody for their support of this project. We invited a lot of the guys that did the work and Timmy Smith with our maintenance department kind of led this remodel along with several other guys that have been working every day for the last three or four months.

"As many of you know, just a couple of years ago we were thinking that we may never be able to use this building again, so we came in six months ago and they've turned it into something absolutely incredible," Barnette said. "We're really proud of it and I feel like we've created something that we'll be able to use for the next hundred years. As you may or may not know, this building is 89 years old, but when you go into the classrooms they are just as modern as any classroom that we've built over the last few years."

After celebrating the completion of a project in Hanceville, CCBOE members and other guests headed over to Good Hope to break ground on a new one.

Sparked by an increasing student population, construction of the new Good Hope Elementary is estimated to cost around $9 million, and officials announced in March that the old facility will be converted into a "ninth grade academy" that will ease crowding at the high school, Gudger said.

Barnette said he believes the new facility, which will be built adjacent to Good Hope Primary, will be a great help as Good Hope's population increases.

"As you may know, a lot of growth is expected in Good Hope over the next few years, and this is not the complete answer to that growth because this is going to fill up pretty quick. But what this allows us to do is we can add onto this much easier than what we can add onto across the road over there," Barnette said.

"The ultimate plan to address the need for expansion at the high school as well is to remodel the elementary school after they move out and move in a ninth-grade academy.

"So, we've got plans and someone told me they're expecting another 300 homes in a couple of years here in Good Hope, so we have a plan for that. It's great to be working in a school system that's financially sound and we can plan for the future instead of just reacting to it."

Added Gudger, "Providing our schoolchildren with modern, safe and comfortable facilities that allow them to learn at their fullest potential ranks among the most important duties that legislators hold, and I am proud to have helped secure state funding for these much-needed capital projects. Cullman County is the sixth fastest growing out of Alabama's 67 counties, and it is important for our schools and the opportunities we offer to grow along with the population."

He added, "The goals are simple — to give every child in Cullman County access to a quality education and prepare them to fill 21st century jobs that promise a bright future. Hanceville and Good Hope are in the spotlight today, but I remain focused on giving every public school in every city, town and crossroad in my district the tools, resources and facilities that they need to succeed."

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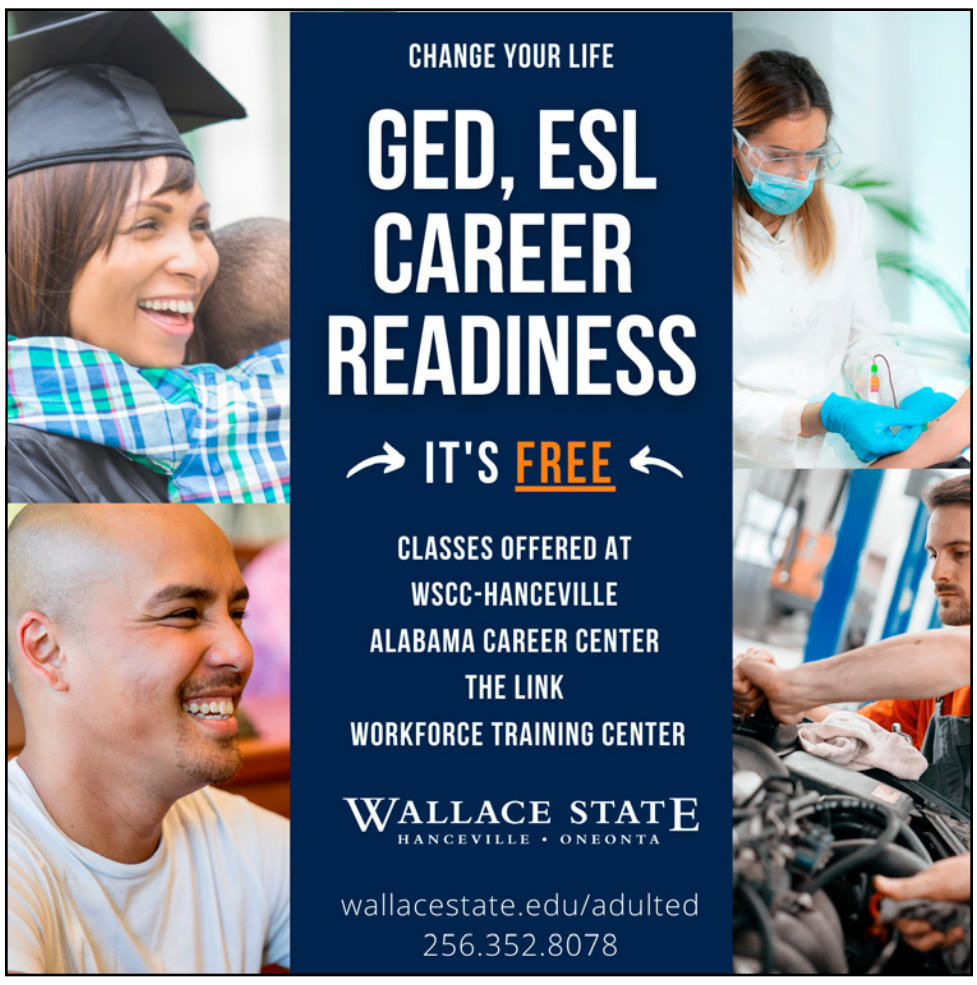
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Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

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
• Sunday, July 27 – 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 30, 10 a.m. Lauren Bentley, board member, will read "Rainbow Fish."

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.

Bibles & Backpacks
Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Commissioned for Christ will give out free Bibles, backpacks, food, haircuts and more. Followed by prayer and worship. Children must by present. While supplies last.

Fairview Class of 1965 Class Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Gold Ridge Community Center. For more info, contact Judy Robertson at 256-385-1755.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building from 6-9 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat-in or take-out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Lions Club project fund and the food pantry located between town hall and the fire department. Come join us! Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas in September Sale
The Sacred Heart Altar Society and Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Church in Cullman are having their "Christmas in September" sale on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 7 a.m. until and after each mass on Sunday, Sept. 6, in the church Family Life Center. The sale is to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society in Cullman. Gently used decorations from all holiday seasons will be for sale.

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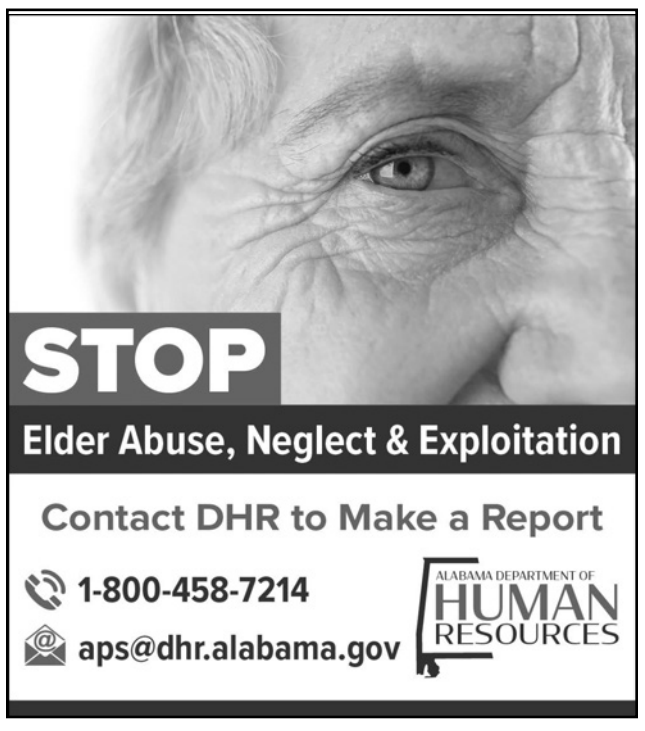
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Who's got time?

Single father? Single mother?
Family of five? New parents?
We're all in this together.

Life is hard. Balancing life is even harder. The older I get, the more I realize how our days fill up with things that matter less — while the things that should matter most get pushed to the edges. The mundane stretches out and takes over, leaving little space for what really deserves our time.

The short days feel too short. The long days creep past us physically and drain us mentally. It's never enough and always too much at the same time.

On the short days, life feels beautiful. Things capture my eye that make me realize that the creation I am surrounded by is a humbling experience. Watching my boys throw a baseball, catching my wife's eye in a way that reminds me of the love that we've built or the quiet breath I take when I walk through the door of the house I'm blessed to call home. Those days open my eyes to everything I've earned — and everything I've been given.

While the long days, though, feel like a never-ending chore list. The work emails linger in my mind long after I've clocked out. My 50-minute commute home feels like a drive to the next job — and sometimes, it is. Long hours on Redstone Arsenal by day. Writing for The Tribune when I can. Youth pastor always. Oh, and I'm a dad, too. A husband. A coach. The guy mowing the grass and working around the house. The extra dad showing up at ballgames for students who need one.

And still, no matter how hard I work, I am plagued with the same question. Did I do enough today? My mind doesn't rest on the long days.

My voice won't quiet in my head.

Gauge, did you do enough today?

Is being busy an addiction? Am I driven — or is this just the only way I know how to make sense of life? Do all these "purposes" I'm juggling really add value, or are they just ways to keep moving?

Gauge, did you do enough today?

Finally, my head hits the pillow. I know rest will come. Eventually, it always grows quiet. My kids are tucked away in their beds. My wife, after her own long day, finds rest beside me. I'm grateful for her nearness. The juggling act in my head is quieting.

Sometimes, I pray without even realizing it — thanking the Lord for the small moments that made the long day worth showing up for.

Rest is here.

And then, the next day begins.

Reader, odds are, you have been where I am — never knowing whether it's a day of thriving or surviving. You battle with the same questions in your head that I do. Whether you are a mom, a dad, an independent young person just trying to make it or someone simply overloaded with the weight of life, you know the feeling.

And that's okay.

It's okay to question ourselves in the thick of it. In fact, I firmly believe we are supposed to. Questioning invites reflection. Reflection forces us to be honest with ourselves. And without that honesty, we never see what our scale actually looks like.

Are we leaning so far into work that our families get the scraps? Are we so consumed with purpose that we forget to take care of ourselves? How do we keep showing up without sacrificing ourselves at the altar of productivity?

Balance.

We seek what gives us balance — sometimes desperately. We search for what grounds us. Ever watched a juggler who left you in awe? Maybe they start with bowling pins, then move on to flaming torches. Knives. Still standing. Still juggling. You think the act is done.

Then they place a cylinder on the floor, balance a board on top and continue juggling — now elevated, now unstable. Maybe they stack 10 chairs under that platform, climbing higher, still somehow in control. You watch, amazed. It's wild. It's impressive. It's real.

And it's a reflection of how so many of us live.

Juggling isn't always a performance — it's survival. A single parent never gets to say, "I'll just do one thing at a time." They're a mother and father, provider, encourager, cleaner, disciplinarian — all at once, all the time.

That kid surviving through a divorce situation where now suddenly they have to help their family provide? Maybe they now work part time to help cover rent. They don't get to live a normal childhood. They have to grow up earlier than what is fair. They juggle school, responsibilities, trauma — and no one hands them a manual.

And for the anxious? Your mind is fleeting and moves in every direction. What if this? What if that? Am I enough? Worry invades you and chains you to the floor of your mind — yet the world still spins on. Life still demands that you continue your juggling performance.

A juggler can juggle 10 chairs up on a wobbly platform with knives in their hands because they believe they can. They trust in the ability of their hands and their feet. Their mind is centered and balanced on the tasks at hand. Yes, doubt can creep, but they press on, finishing the show. They are grounded, even 10 chairs up. They see the big picture. That's the difference.

Balance can show up in many forms, and often, it's right in front of us — we just have to open our eyes to see it. It might be your kids, a dream you're chasing or even your faith. To find balance in the chaos, you have to see the bigger picture to understand your purpose at a deeper level. If you're a young mom working two jobs just to make it — who are you doing it for? My own single mother used to tell me that my sister and I were her rock. We were her reason to keep going, even when it felt impossible. That's balance: knowing what matters most and letting it anchor you when life feels unsteady.

For me, my balance is in my faith and family. I love my family and they give me purpose. They make me want to work so I can always give them the best that I can. But I've also been that kid — forced to grow up too fast. I've lived through abuse, depression, divorce, losing my father, couch surfing and everything in between. And through it all, my grounding has come from Jesus. It still does and I will never stop saying it.

Balance looks different for every person, but it can be yours.

But it's not easy. It doesn't mean I get to just "be." The key to thriving — and not just surviving — has been intentionality. I have to choose each day to be fully present in the many roles I've been given. I choose to be the best youth pastor I can be. The best writer. The best cyber expert. The best dad. The best coach. You get the point.

Whatever gives you balance, hold on to it. Feed it. Protect it. Be intentional with it. What's your purpose? To support your family? To earn that degree? To heal? To grow? Whatever it is, take the small steps with furious intention. Don't let the long days be just full — let them be complete.

And when the short days come — the quiet ones, the good ones — slow down. Notice the blessings. Whisper a thank-you. Be present in the here and now. Let those moments be your reset. Rest.

Because the long days will come again. But this time, you'll be ready. You now see the bigger picture and have your foundation.

So, reader, what's your balance? What keeps you steady when life throws the kitchen sink at you — when the emails pile up, the bills never stop, your kids keep growing, the homework gets harder and time leaves you in its dust? Pursue it.

Juggling life will never be about perfection, but it can be juggled with purpose.

Continue to have the capacity to grow in the midst of all that you juggle. Be intentional. Choose what matters. Let the long days shape you into something better and the short ones remind you of why you're in the battle at all. Fight to thrive, not survive.

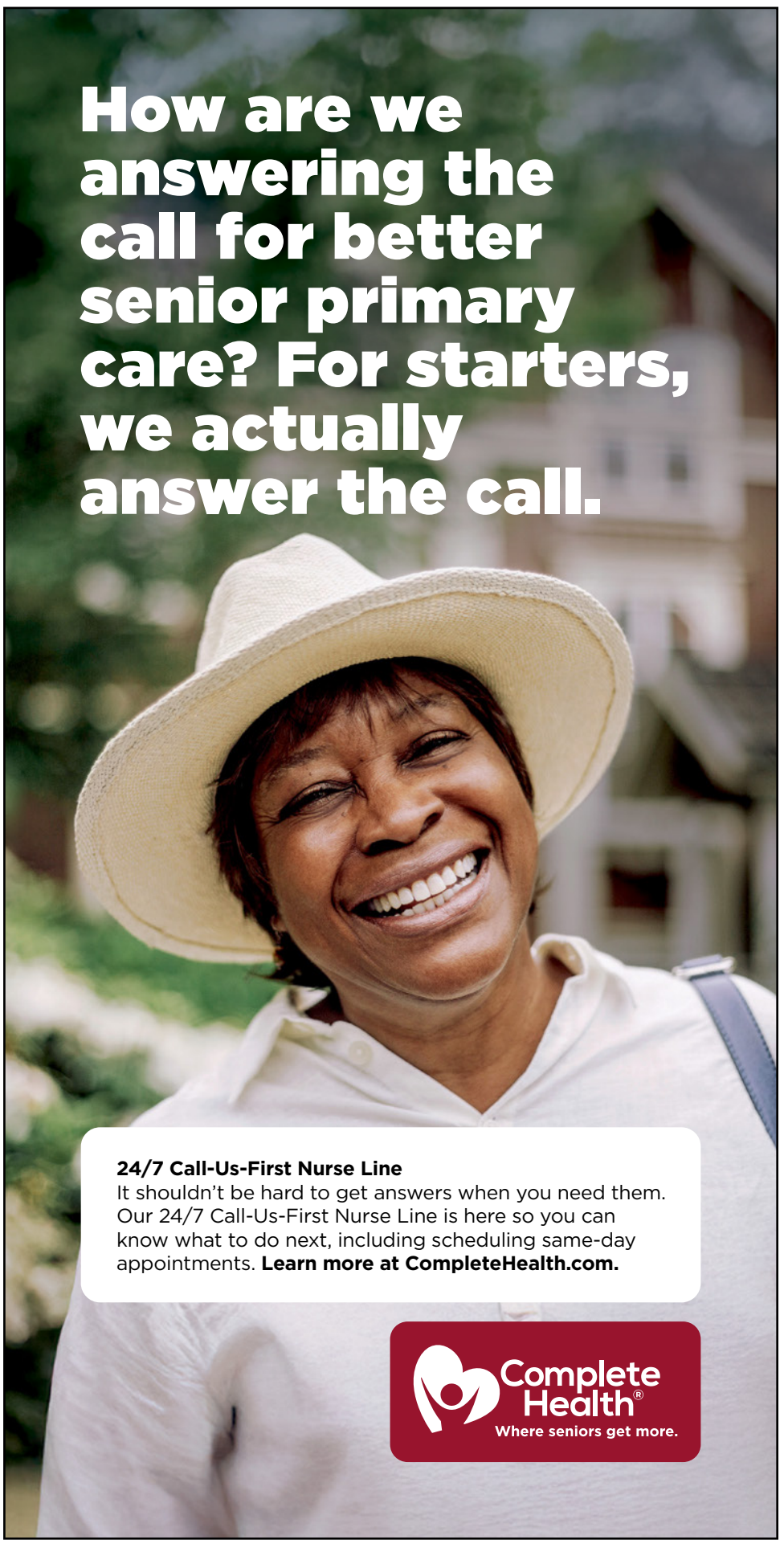
Because thriving doesn't mean we just simply carry less, it's about learning to carry all that we have well.



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Juggle – transitive verb – to handle or deal with usually several things (such as obligations) at one time so as to satisfy often competing requirements.





Cullman City Schools construction progress update

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The new school year is quickly approaching, and with it, major updates are happening for Cullman Middle School, Cullman High School and West Elementary School. Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said the district has remained focused on communication, safety and minimal disruption as students prepare to return to campus on Aug. 6.

At Cullman Middle School, ongoing projects include landscaping, elevator installation and sidewalk repairs. Although the contractor missed the original deadline, Kallhoff said the district is maintaining pressure.

"Our team questions and pushes them a little harder than the rest, who are seemingly on target for their completion dates," he said. "We are excited about the landscaping phase...partnering with Rachael Dawsey and the North Alabama Agriplex to lean on their expertise," he said.

To avoid disruption, planned outages and other work are scheduled during summer hours or weekends.

"We generally know at least a month in advance," he added, "to make sure no programs are impacted.

Cullman High School is expected to see construction continue into the school year; therefore, student safety is the top priority.

"Contractors and/or subcontractors are not to interact with any students or employees," Kallhoff said, adding that work in sensitive areas like locker rooms is scheduled to avoid student contact. Contractor traffic is also tightly managed and will be adjusted around major events. "No deliveries between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and again between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m." he said.

At West Elementary School, essential services, including water and HVAC, will be operational at the start of school.

"We installed some temporary water lines...to ensure the construction between the existing buildings and Highway 278 is not impacted," said Kallhoff, who explained that temporary fencing will be used to separate construction zones from areas with students. Once school starts, ongoing work will focus solely on new buildings. All interior renovations, he said, will be completed during the summer to minimize disruptions to classes and academic activities.

Kallhoff praised faculty, staff and students for their flexibility during the construction process, noting that even with the distractions, high test scores have been achieved. "Our teachers and students are resilient," he said. "Despite the construction and heavy equipment on campus, our test scores have not been impacted."



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff gave The Tribune an update on construction progress.

OmniPlex (from Front)

sports venue; it's a civic hub designed to serve every generation in Cullman."

The new indoor facility includes eight full-sized basketball courts, 16 volleyball courts and flexible space for events, STEM camps, arts programs and fitness activities. According to Anderson, it's already boosting the local economy.

"So far 25,000 people have been through this facility, and we estimate the economic impact to be around $6 million. We had record hotel occupancy in May and June. Looking at the north Alabama region, we took first place for the first time in Cullman County's history in hotel occupancy. It's never been done in our history, and we beat out Lauderdale County and Madison County," said Anderson.

The grand opening celebration featured guided tours, activities, food, entertainment and a short ceremony with remarks from Mayor Woody Jacobs and City Council President Jenny Folsom.

"This is more than a building — it's a statement about who we are as a community.

"The OmniPlex reflects Cullman's commitment to excellence and providing opportunity for all.

"Just like the civic center did generations ago, this facility will shape lives and energize our city for decades to come," Jacobs said.

Added Folsom, "The OmniPlex is a bold investment in Cullman's future. It gives our kids more opportunities, our families more experiences and our local businesses more reasons to thrive. We are proud of what this community has built together."

The OmniPlex will host tournaments, camps, expos and local programs like OmniPlay Academy, an expanded after-school initiative.

Anderson said the facility is designed to be versatile: "Every week will look a little different — and that's the beauty of the OmniPlex. Whether you're a parent, athlete, vendor or volunteer — the OmniPlex is here for you."

For the latest updates and information, visit www.theomniplex.com or www.facebook.com/cullmanomniplex. The OmniPlex is located at 1634 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, in Cullman.

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PREP SPORTS

‘I made some friendships that will last a lifetime’: West Point’s Jakob Salter looks back on Warrior career

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WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point High School’s Jakob Salter collected his diploma in May, and in this interview, he shares some of his memories competing on the track, starting with his experience running in Gulf Shores for the first time in his career.

”My favorite memory is from my junior year, when me and my 4x8 relay team went to state for track. We were in a really competitive section, but everything came together. I got to go run in Gulf Shores for track for the first time. It was my first time I’ve ever gotten to travel for a sport, so it was pretty cool. It ended up being a great experience for me and my team. It really helped me get some experience to develop as a runner,” Salter said. ”It’s what really makes cross-country and track-and-field what it is. You get to have a family that will stand beside you, whether you win or lose. They’ll pick you up and encourage you to do better. I learned what it meant to be a leader and to be a part of something bigger than me. I’ve seen many guys, throughout the years, take up that leader’s position, and I believe that has shaped me into the person I am today.”

Jakob’s coach introduced him to track and had a massive influence on his life. He mentioned a couple of his favorite events that he participated in, and he will deeply miss competing at West Point.

”I had my coach Matt Heaton, who followed me from my time at Harmony, all the way until the point where I graduated from West Point. He had a massive influence on my life, he taught me the values of hard work, and he really made the team feel like a family. I felt like I could go to him for any issues, personal or track related. He taught me how to love running. If it wasn’t for him, I don’t know that I would’ve joined cross-country. He introduced me to this sport, and I fell in love with it,” Salter said. ”I loved the 1600m race and the 4x800. In the 1600m, I got to really challenge my speed and endurance. In the relay, I got to build a family. The three guys and I got really close during that time. We struggled, won, and lost together, which really made us depend on each other, making us naturally closer. I will definitely miss my teammates. Over my four-year stay, I made some friendships that will last a lifetime.”

Graduation was Jakob’s favorite high school memory and being around so many great staff members made his high school experience one that he never forget.

”Graduation was definitely my favorite high school memory. You don’t ever experience something quite like it ever again, walking across that stage and saying goodbye to the people you had come so close to, to walk into your future, and the rest of your life,” he said. ”What made West Point a special place to go to was definitely the faculty and staff. Everyone you run into there are so sweet. If you ever need something, I can guarantee there will be someone there who can help you.”

Jakob will miss being a Warrior in August. He talked about a role model that he looks up to, and gave advice to the students that will start high school in August.

”I will miss seeing my friends every day. I’d wake up in the mornings excited for school, because I knew they would be there to greet me at the doors,” he said. ”I looked up to Gabriel Laney, a guy two years older than me. I saw him succeed and win medals, and it made me want to do the same. My advice to them is you aren’t ’too cool’ for anything. Get out there, be yourself, and don’t let the moments pass you by, because it really is over before you know it.”

Jakob will continue his running career at Shelton State Community College. He gave some advice to anyone that wants to compete in track at the college level.

”What drew me to Shelton State was definitely the campus and the people on staff that I met. The campus is absolutely beautiful, and the people I met there are just the best,” he said. ”Be consistent. That’s the only way you can succeed. You have to be the person who shows up every day, no matter what. That’s what separates you from everyone else. God is everything. He’s the whole reason we are here, and it’s such a blessing that He allows me to get out there and run every day.”

Jakob shared a couple of his favorite Bible verses and being a role model for the younger kids watching him in and outside of sports is important to him.

”Philippians 4:13 and John 3:16 are two very important verses to me. Philippians 4:13 reminds me that I can do whatever I put my mind to, because I have God by my side. John 3:16 reminds me what great sacrifice Jesus made so that we could go to heaven,” he said. ”It’s very important to me. I’d love for kids to develop the same love for running and life that I’ve experienced so far. Everyone should have the ability to just love life. I want people to remember how I love to make people happy. That’s what really brings light to my life: seeing other people smile.”



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West Point’s Jakob Salter (left) and coach Matt Heaton (right)

PREP SPORTS

‘Enjoy every moment and participate in everything’: Cullman’s Olivia Dover reflects on Bearcat years

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman High School’s Olivia Dover earned her diploma in May, and in this interview, she shared some of her favorite sports memories and discussed what it was like to be around so many great teammates, friends and coaches.

”For volleyball, my favorite memories were when we beat Mountain Brook at Regionals and going to state for the first time in our school history, and when we had a team camp at the beach last season, because we all just got to hang out together and have fun. For tennis, my favorite memories were when we won sectionals two years in a row and when we went to state my sophomore and junior years. I also loved beating Jasper every time me and my doubles partner, Karina, played them this season,” Dover said. ”Being around so many great teammates and friends in both volleyball and tennis has been such a meaningful part of my high school experience. In volleyball, the team bond was everything. We relied on each other on every point, and that built a really strong sense of trust and connection. It taught me how to communicate, support others, and celebrate as a group. Tennis, while it was more of an individual sport, still had a great team atmosphere. We cheered each other on during matches and shared the same drive to improve. In both sports, I made amazing friendships, learned a lot about teamwork, and grew not just as an athlete, but as a person. I’m really thankful for those relationships and all the memories we created together.”

Olivia added,

”I could not have asked for better coaches. It was coach Amy Hudson’s first year coaching volleyball at Cullman, and she was definitely the piece we were missing. She really cared about us and wanted us to succeed in everything we did. She supported us through everything and was always there when we needed her. She pushed us to be the best and believed we could do things we never had done before, and we did. Coach Bates was my tennis coach for all five years of my career, and he was the person I always wanted to make proud. He was there with me through everything and believed in me when I didn’t even believe in myself. He taught me everything I needed to know about tennis, but he also taught me life lessons and what a true follower of Christ looked like. He was always supporting everybody and was kind to every person he saw. I’m so glad I had two amazing coaches to look up to. I learned how to play with confidence, step up and be a good leader, and push through when things got hard.”

Dover will remember so much from her playing days at Cullman and will deeply miss playing alongside her friends.

”I’ll definitely remember all the friendships and memories made during our time playing together, and all the inside jokes me and my teammates made together. I’ll miss getting to play with all of my friends and playing at home games when we had so many of our friends and families cheering so loud for us,” Dover said. ”For volleyball, my favorite games were anytime we played Hartselle, because it was always so intense and exciting. For tennis, my favorite games were against Jasper, because of how good we always played, because we wanted to win so bad.”

She shared her favorite high school memories, and the amazing people and teachers she was around made Cullman a special place for her. She’ll miss being a Bearcat in August, and she shared some advice for the students that will be starting high school soon.

”My favorite high school memories were definitely all of the pep rallies and homecoming week,” she said. ”What made Cullman a special place to go to were all of the amazing people that I got to meet and the teachers. I’ll remember all of the friendships and the memories we all made together, and I’ll miss seeing those people every day. My advice to them would be to enjoy every moment and participate in everything.”

Being a role model to the younger kids in and outside of sports was important to Olivia. She was in her fair share of clubs at Cullman and shared what that experience was like for her.

”Being a good role model to the younger kids is extremely important to me, because they watch every move you make, and notice not just your skills, but your attitude as well. They pay attention to how you carry yourself, and how hard you work to achieve your goals. I know there are multiple young girls that look up to me, and I try my very best to be the perfect role model they need,” she said. ”I was in the SGA, Key Club, Leo Club, Interact Club, Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, Citizen Promise, and FCCLA. My experience in those clubs was very good, because I got to be involved in all of my school’s events, and help out with everything. I also got to make a bunch of friendships from other people in the same clubs. I learned to step up and help others, and it taught me how to be a good leader.”

Olivia accepted a scholarship to Auburn University, and she loved everything about the campus during her visit there. God has played a huge role in her life as well, and she shared a couple of her favorite Bible verses.

”It was amazing. I loved the campus and everything about it,” she said. ”God means so much to me. He’s the reason I am where I am today, and He has blessed my family and I so much. He is my firm foundation, and I trust Him with everything I do. My favorite verses are Isaiah 41:10 and Jeremiah 29:11. They mean a lot to me, because they are reminders that God is always with me, and He has a perfect plan for me. I want people to remember me for the way that I love Jesus, and for the way that I carry myself.”



OLIVIA DOVER

Cullman’s Olivia Dover

Hughes (from Front)

Carson Glasscock
Cullman Swim Team

CULLMAN, Ala. — Lauren Hughes, a 10-year-old swimmer from Cullman and member of the Cullman Swim Association, delivered an outstanding performance at the Southeastern Swimming Long Course Championships held in Huntsville last weekend.

The prestigious meet featured top swimmers from Alabama, Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle and is sanctioned by USA Swimming, the governing body for the U.S. Olympic Team.

Hughes' impressive results included:

- 1st place – 50 Breaststroke
- 2nd place – 100 Breaststroke
- 3rd place – 50 Butterfly
- 4th place – 200 Individual Medley
- 5th place – 100 Butterfly
- 9th place – 100 Freestyle

In addition to her event finishes, Hughes placed second overall in the High-Point competition for 9-10 year-old girls.

Her victory in the 50 Breaststroke marks a historic milestone, making her the first swimmer from Cullman to win an individual event at this championship in the history of the Cullman Swim Association.

Berlin (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — Mayor Patrick Bates opened the monthly session of the Berlin Town Council on Monday, July 21. The meeting commenced with an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Donald Gunter.

The first order of business concerned filling Place 2, which was left vacant after Councilman James Sanford resigned June 30. Steven Michael Clark was the sole nominee and was voted in unanimously. Clark was sworn in by Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery, and began fulfilling his duties during Monday's council session.

Aug. 26 Berlin Municipal Election

Candidate Edith Stevenson, who was running unopposed for Place 3, received her certificate of election. She will officially begin Nov. 3, after Councilman Tony Duke's term ends. Duke opted not to run for re-election.

Incumbents Mayor Patrick Bates, Councilman Donald Gunter (Place 1), Councilman Don Bates (Place 4) and Councilman Keith Hardman (Place 5) were also unopposed and their elections certified.

Since certificates of election have been issued for all five council members and the mayor, there will be no municipal election in Berlin.

However, there will be a special election the same day.

Aug. 26 State House District 11 General Election

This special election for the seat left vacant by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, who resigned back in February to join the staff of Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, will see Republican Heath Allbright face off against Democrat Alexandria Braswell.

Learn more about each candidate at www.facebook.com/VoteHeathAllbright and www.facebook.com/braswellfor11.

In other business:

- Bates discussed moving utility lines with a concerned resident – plans for a new culvert and waterline to help divert water from County Road 1614 are in progress, pending approval from the Cullman County Water Department.

- Bates and the council discussed the anticipation of the 2026 fiscal year budget, with the mayor asking the council to begin thinking of ways to spend and save funds to best serve the community before setting the budget later this year.

- Montgomery suggested a change in accounting software to a system that can handle fund accounting opposed to a system solely focused on public accounting. Bates suggested installation after the beginning of the new fiscal year. The motion was tabled for the time being.

- Contractors for the Berlin Farmers Market project updated the council, notifying them that blocks for the bathroom should arrive the last week of July and the project should be back on schedule.

The next meeting of the Berlin Town Council is scheduled for Aug. 18, 2025, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Steven Michael Clark was sworn in as Berlin Town Council Place 2 on Monday, July 21, 2025.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Berlin Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery presents Edith Stevenson's certificate of election on Monday, July 21, 2025.

LEGALS

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 **Jeronimo Silva, Sole Member Manager of ST. SEBASTIAN ESTATES, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,** dated October 10, 2024, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2099, Page 826, last assigned to **SMHI Investments, LLC**, recorded at Mortgage Book 2128 Page 826 ; and the undersigned SMHI Investments, LLC, 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 29, 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:

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Source of Title: Deed Book 668, Page 307

Property address: No 911 address, located on San Antonio Dr., Cullman, AL

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, rights of ways of record.

Subject to ad valorem property taxes due and payable October 1of each year and delinquent January 1 of each year.

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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MICHAEL LEE SIMMONS, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2025 - 260

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL LEE SIMMONS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Ruby Cornelius on the 24th 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 hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Ruby Cornelius, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 256

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN CLARKE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Joseph Foster Clarke and Ginger Clarke Quick on the 17th day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Joseph Foster Clarke and Ginger Clarke Quick
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2025 - 900242

BALDWIN CHAPEL CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Plaintiff,

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DENISE BECKHAM and ALAN BECKHAM,

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Tract 1: A Tract Or Parcel Of Land Containing 1.12 Acres Of Land, More Or Less And Being A Part Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama And Being More Particularly Described As Follows:

Commence At The Purported Northwest Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 12 And Run North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 05 Seconds East And Run Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 410.07 Feet To A Found Rebar; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 53 Seconds East And Continue Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 227.46 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845) Marking The Point Of Beginning, Thence North 89 Degrees 12 Minutes 26 Seconds East, A Distance Of 294.71 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence South 52 Degrees 58 Minutes 37 Seconds West, A Distance Of 319.07 Feet To A Set Rebar On The North Edge Of A Paved Road; Thence Run In A Westerly Direction Following The North Edge Of Said Paved Road, The Following 8 Courses:
North 58 Degrees 03 Minutes 14 Seconds West, 29.02 Feet; North 73 Degrees 35 Minutes 02 Seconds West, 23.54 Feet; North 82 Degrees 43 Minutes 04 Seconds West, 26.09 Feet; South 82 Degrees 12 Minutes 19 Seconds West, 27.62 Feet; South 70 Degrees 04 Minutes 22 Seconds West, 28.30 Feet; South 57 Degrees 10 Minutes 28 Seconds West, 31.13 Feet; South 52 Degrees 17 Minutes 37 Seconds West, 34.00 Feet; South 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 50 Seconds West, 256.03 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence North 40 Degrees 19 Minutes 15 Seconds East, A Distance Of 507.80 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Subject To Any Rights-Of-Way And/Or Easements Of Record.

Tract 2: A Tract Of Land Containing 4.21 Acres Of Land, More Or Less And Being A Part Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama And Being More Particularly Described As Follows:
Commence At The Purported Northwest Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 12 And Run North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 05 Seconds East And Run Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 410.07 Feet To A Found Rebar; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 53 Seconds East And Continue Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 227.46 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence North 89 Degrees 12 Minutes 26 Seconds East, A Distance Of 294.71 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845) Marking The Point Of Beginning; Thence South 34 Degrees 30 Minutes 25 Seconds West, A Distance Of 37.00 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 55 Degrees 11 Minutes 10 Seconds East, A Distance Of 105.01 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 35 Degrees 22 Minutes 11 Seconds West, A Distance Of 431.44 Feet To A Point Marking The Northeast Corner Of That Certain Tract As Conveyed To Brenda Gilbreath By Deed Recorded In Deed Book 522, Page 105 In The Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; Thence North 48 Degrees 52 Minutes 14 Seconds West, A Distance Of 99.19 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence South 34 Degrees 30 Minutes 14 Seconds West, A Distance Of 395.08 Feet To A Found ½" Pipe Marking The Southwest Corner Of Said Gilbreath Tract, Same Being The Southeast Corner Of Baldwin School Property And Being On The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Line Of U.S. Highway No. 278 And Being In A Curve To The Right Having A Central Angle Of 3 Degrees 37 Minutes 27 Seconds, A Radius Of 5,100.00 Feet And A Chord Bearing Of North 32 Degrees 39 Minutes 12 Seconds West; Thence Run Along The Arc Of Said Curve An Arc Distance Of 322.59 Feet To A Found ½ Inch Pipe; Thence North 40 Degrees 19 Minutes 15 Seconds East, Departing Said Right-Of-Way, A Distance Of 52.18 Feet To A Set Rebar On The Northerly Edge Of A Paved Road; Thence Run In A Northeasterly Direction Along Said Edge, The Following 8 Courses:
North 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 50 Seconds East, 256.03 Feet; North 52 Degrees 17 Minutes 37 Seconds East, 34.00 Feet; North 57 Degrees 10 Minutes 28 Seconds East, 31.13 Feet; North 70 Degrees 04 Minutes 22 Seconds East, 28.30 Feet; North 82 Degrees 12 Minutes 19 Seconds East, 27.62 Feet; South 82 Degrees 43 Minutes 04 Seconds East, 26.09 Feet; South 73 Degrees 35 Minutes 02 Seconds East, 23.54 Feet; South 58 Degrees 03 Minutes 14 Seconds East, 29.02 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence North 52 Degrees 58 Minutes 37 Seconds East, Departing Said Paved Drive, A Distance Of 319.07 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Subject To Any Rights-Of-Way And/Or Easements Of Record.

Tract 3: A Tract Or Parcel Of Land Containing 0.03 Acres Of Land, More Or Less And Being A Part Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama And Being More Particularly Described As Follows:
Commence At The Purported Northwest Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 12 And Run North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 05 Seconds East And Run Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 410.07 Feet To A Found Rebar; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 53 Seconds East And Continue Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 227.46 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence North 89 Degrees 12 Minutes 26 Seconds East, A Distance Of 294.71 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence South 34 Degrees 30 Minutes 25 Seconds West, A Distance Of 37.00 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 55 Degrees 11 Minutes 10 Seconds East, A Distance Of 105.01 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 35 Degrees 22 Minutes 11 Seconds West, A Distance Of 431.44 Feet To A Point Marking The Northeast Corner Of That Certain Tract As Conveyed To Brenda Gilbreath By Deed Recorded In Deed Book 522, Page 105 In The Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama , Same Marking The Point Of Beginning; Thence Run North 48 Degrees 52 Minutes 14 Seconds West, A Distance Of 99.19 Feet; Thence Run South 34 Degrees 40 Minutes 10 Seconds East, A Distance Of 105.00 Feet To A Found ½ Inch Pipe Marking The Northeast Corner Of The Daryl Hall Tract As Recorded In Deed Book 569, Page 799, In The Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; Thence Run North 35 Degrees 22 Minutes 11 Seconds East, A Distance Of 25.89 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.

Description of the foregoing Tracts taken from the Survey of Joseph E. Conn, III, AL. Reg. No. 17831, dated October 13, 2011.

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,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: DENISE BECKHAM AND ALAN BECKHAM, 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 2nd day of July, 2025, a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title to the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Baldwin Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church against Denise Beckham and Alan Beckham, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Verified Complaint on or before the 8th day of September, 2025, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

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

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 254

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES DOUGLAS JENNINGS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jimmy L. Jennings on the 16th day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Jimmy L. Jennings
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 257

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARLIN RAY HAWKINS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Charles F. Hawkins on the 23rd day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Charles F. Hawkins
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to DIANA L. HAYES, as Executor of the Estate of RICKY LEE HAYES, Deceased, on the 24th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Diana L. Hayes
DIANA L. HAYES,
Executor for the Estate of
Ricky Lee Hayes, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

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

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
ROBERT HOOPER PUGH) CASE NO.: PC 2025 - 244
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Allen S. Pugh, as Administrator of the Estate of Robert Hooper Pugh, deceased, on the 9th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

ALLEN S. PUGH

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-122

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANK DANIEL BAILEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Lawrence Edwin Gorff on the 17th day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Lawrence Edwin Gorff
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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Cullman, AL 35056-0398
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-126

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LOU CALVERT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Wendy M. Knight on the 17th day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Wendy M. Knight
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

ORDINANCE NO: 021-2025

ANNEXATION OF HOOPER ENTERPRISES OF CULLMAN, LLC

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. R.S. Hooper, being the lawful owner(s) of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

Parcel II The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 11, Range 3 West, surface rights only. Containing 40 acres, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCEL: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the SE 4 of the NW of Section 21 - T-11-S, R-3-W; thence Southerly along the East line of said SE ½ of NW a distance of 1100 feet, more or less, to a point that is 120 feet Northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of Project No. ST-2003-2 and the point of beginning of the property herein to be conveyed; thence continuing Southerly along said East line a distance of 225 feet, more or less, to the South line of said SE of NW ½; thence Westerly along said South line a distance of 32 feet, more or less, to a point on a line which extends from a point that is 90 feet Northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project at Station 101+00 to a point that is 120 feet Northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project at Station 104+00; thence Northeasterly along said line a distance of 231 feet, more or less, to said point that is 120 feet Northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project at Station 104+00; thence N 18° 40' E, parallel with the centerline of said project a distance of 5 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Said strip of land lying in the SE 1¼ of NW 4, Section 21, T-11-S, R-3-W and containing 0.09 acre, more or less. This conveyance is made subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way, whether recorded or unrecorded affecting said property; including but not limited to: (1) Reservation of minerals by that certain conveyance of surface rights only in Deed Book 172, Page 333 and Deed Book 172, Page 335; (2) Communications Systems Right of Way and Easement Agreement to American Telephone and Telegraph Company recorded in Fiche 1055 Frame A5; and (3) Easement and Agreement for right of way across subject property between Cullman Electric Co-operative and Cullman County Commission Water Department and Judith P. Butler as Executrix of the Ervin A. Peinhardt Estate as recorded in Fiche 1147, Frame B12. DEED 728

Property Address: _____County Road 490 Hanceville, AL 35077
Parcel No: 22-05-21-0-000-004.000 PIN: 17589 40 Acres
Recorded Deed Book 728 Page 525
Submitted for Annexation into the city limits of Good Hope

Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:
Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 021-2025 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the 14th day of July, 2025, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this 14th day of July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor
City of Good Hope

ATTEST:
Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop, Inc., will offer for sale at public auction the following vehicles on: Sept. 18, 2025 at 7:00 A.M.

IHGCG566X1A051486	2001	Honda Accord
JNIAZ34E24T062119	2004	Nissan 350Z
IFAFP23176G108501	2006	Ford 500

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)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Patrick Morton as Personal Representative of the Estate of David Morton, 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 the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred

Patrick Morton
Personal Representative of the Estate of
David Morton, deceased

TO **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Attorney for the Estate of
David Morton, deceased
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama, 35055
bposton@beverlypaschalposton.com
(256) 739-3970

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO: 023-2025 Total: $12.00

ANNEXATION OF DAVID LAWRENCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. David Lawrence, being the lawful owner(s) of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 12.18 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND 3 INCH PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1479453.04', E. 2161473.18'AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, A DISTANCE OF 159.85 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 446.10 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 334.82 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 423.06 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 407.62 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 467.40 FEET TO A SET REBAR: THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 161.43 FEET TO A SET REBAR ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NO. 490;THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 141.15 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING A TRANSITION POINT IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 114.80 FEET TO A SET REBAR MARKING ANOTHER TRANSITION POINT IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 143.10 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, DEPARTING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,185.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAYS AND/OR EASEMENTS OF RECORD. Also and Subject to a 50' WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS-EGRESS AND UTILITIES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A 50 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT BEING THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND 3 INCH PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1479453.04', E. 2161473.18' AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, A DISTANCE OF 159.85 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 396.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,185.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NO. 490; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST AND RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OFWAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 52.07 FEET TO A FOUND CAPPED CORNER (CONN-17831); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,170.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Conn III, AL Reg No. 17831 dated

Property Address: _____County Road 490 Hanceville, AL 35077
Parcel No: 22-05-21-0-000-003.013 PIN: 90419 12.2 Acres
Recorded Deed Book 763 Page 44
Submitted for Annexation into the city limits of Good Hope

Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of zoning the below parcel of property to Industrial (IN) located in the corporate limits.

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage, adoption and publication as required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 023-2025 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the 14th day of July, 2025, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this 14th day of July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor
City of Good Hope

ATTEST:
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO: 022-2025

ANNEXATION OF HOOPER ENTERPRISES OF CULLMAN, LLC

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. R.S. Hooper, being the lawful owner(s) of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

Parcel I All that part of the following described lands lying and being East of Highway I-65: The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman Co, AL. And all that part of the NE4 of the SW 4 of Section 21, T11S, R3W lying West of Chigger Ridge Road/Co Rd #490.

Property Address: _____County Road 490 Hanceville, AL 35077
Parcel No: 22-05-21-0-000-003.002 PIN: 70304 54 Acres
Recorded Deed Book 728 Page 525
Submitted for Annexation into the city limits of Good Hope

Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of zoning the below parcel of property to Industrial (IN) located in the corporate limits.

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage, adoption and publication as required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 022-2025 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the 14th day of July, 2025, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this 14th day of July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor
City of Good Hope

ATTEST:
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO: 019-2025 Inst Num: 388887 - 5 Fees: $14.50

ANNEXATION OF DONALD STANSBERRY 1.49 Acres Total: $14.50

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Donald Stansberry, being the lawful owner(s) of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A FOUND ROCK MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE S00°09'18"W 2986.27 FEET TO A FOUND 1" PIPE AT THE INTERSECTION OF WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 65 AND THE ACCEPTED NORTH LINE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 706, PAGE 652 BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY THE FOLLOWING CHORD BEARINGS AND DISTANCES: S00°22'01"E 445.57 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S89°37'59"W 25.00 FEET TO A FOUND ½ " REBAR; THENCE S07°37'12"W 1304.20 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMNET; THENCE S31°30'41"W 763.02 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S09°29'33"E 612.83 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S23°17'41''E 1070.26 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE N89°08'49"E 39.27 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S00°20'04"W 70.30 TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #12 OF WAGON TRAIL ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN FILE CABINET B-154-B IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA ; THENCE LEAVING THE RIGHT OF WAY AND RUN S88°47'10"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT #12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°20'04"E 55.39 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°08'49"W 33.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N23°17'41"W 1082.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N09°29'33"W 620.25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N31°30'41"E 765.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N07°37'12"E 1314.07 FEET TO A POINT; ; THENCE N89°37'59"E 23.04 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°22'01"W 430.59 FEET TO A POINT ON THE ACCEPTED NORTH LINE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 706, PAGE 652; THENCE ALONG THE ACCEPTED NORTH LINE N89°42'47"E 15.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING 1.49 ACRES MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS RECORDED AND UNRECORDED.

Property Address: 405 County Road 290 Hanceville, AL 35077

Parcel No: _____ PIN:_____

Recorded Deed Book _____Page _____

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Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of zoning the below parcel of property to Rural Agriculture (RA) located in the corporate limits.

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage, adoption and publication as required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 019-2025 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the 14th day of July, 2025, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this 14th day of July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor
City of Good Hope

ATTEST:
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO: 024-2025 Fees: $9.50 Total: $9.50

ANNEXATION OF DAVID LAWRENCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. David Lawrence, being the lawful owner(s) of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

TRACT 2 on survey of Joseph E. Conn III AL Reg #17831 dated 10-3-24: A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 10.09 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT A FOUND 3 INCH CAPPED PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHIWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF N.1479453.04', E.2161473.18' AND RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 159.85 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831); THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 396.10 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831); THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,170,17 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831) MARKING THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NO. 490; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST AND RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 412.37 FEET TO A SET REBAR MARKING THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE Of 889.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAYS AND/OR EASEMENTS OF RECORD. Copy of survey attached hereto as Exhibit A. Property address: 0 (no 911-vacant land) County Rd, 490, Hanceville AL 35077 Being a part of tax parcel #22-05-21-0-000-003.002 Source of title: Deed Bk 728 page 525

Property Address: _____County Road 490 Hanceville, AL 35077
Parcel No: 22-05-21-0-000-003.012 PIN: 90332 10 Acres
Recorded Deed Book 761 Page 285
Submitted for Annexation into the city limits of Good Hope

Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of zoning the below parcel of property to Industrial (IN) located in the corporate limits.

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage, adoption and publication as required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 024-2025 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the 14th day of July, 2025, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this 14th day of July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor
City of Good Hope

ATTEST:
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO: 020-2025

ANNEXATION OF HOOPER ENTERPRISES OF CULLMAN, LLC

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. R.S. Hooper, being the lawful owner(s) of the below described real property, have filed a petition under the provisions of Section 11-14-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requesting their property to be annexed into the City of Good Hope and has attached to the petition a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed into the corporate limits and that map is on file at Good Hope City Hall.

Section Two. Said property is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama and is not within police jurisdiction of any other municipality.

Section Three. The petition meets all requirements of law and it is determined that the annexation would be beneficial to the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section Four. The Good Hope City Council hereby assents to and by this ordinance does hereby annex the following property into the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to wit:

Parcel III Commence at the NE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 3 West; thence go West along the North forty line a distance of 670 feet to a point on the R.O.W. of the I-65 rest area ramp; thence in a Southwesterly direction along said R.O.W. a distance of 688 feet to a point that is 908 feet West of the East line of said forty; thence go East a distance of 908 feet to a point on the East forty line; thence go North along the East forty line to the NE corner of said forty and the point of beginning. Situated, lying and being in the SW /4 of the NW 14 of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 3 West in Cullman County, Alabama and containing 11.06 acres, more or less.

Property Address: _____County Road 490 Hanceville, AL 35077
Parcel No: 22-05-21-0-000-005.000 PIN: 32448
Recorded Deed Book 728 Page 525
Submitted for Annexation into the city limits of Good Hope

Section Five. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided: additional purpose of zoning the below parcel of property to Industrial (IN) located in the corporate limits.

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage, adoption and publication as required by law and the City Clerk is directed to file a description of the property annexed in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Jerry Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, hereby certify that the foregoing copy of Ordinance No: 020-2025 by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama at a regular meeting of said council held on the 14th day of July, 2025, as the same appears and remains on record in the minutes of the proceedings of said Council in the City Clerk's office. **IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have affixed my signature as Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the City to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be attested by Christie Chamblee as City Clerk of the City of Good Hope, Alabama. On this 14th day of July, 2025.

Jerry Bartlett, Mayor
City of Good Hope

ATTEST:
City Clerk

COLUMN

The misadventures of Handyman

Joe Hobby
Contributor

It all started with the best of intentions. My sister had a small, ornate, antique table with a broken leg, and since she knew I fooled around with old furniture, asked if I could fix it. "Oh sure, I can," I said. "Why don't you let me take it home?" Looking back, this is a prime example of me engaging my mouth without using my brain.

I may think of myself a handyman, but that's a stretch. The problem with me fixing anything is that I have to overcome my ineptness as a home repairman that I inherited from my father. My mother used to say if she saw my dad with a screwdriver in his hand, she stopped what she was doing and followed him because she knew he was about to tear something up. Carol's father, known for his acerbic dry wit, once said to me when I walked in his house, "Come on in, Joe. Make yourself at home – break something."

And even when I somehow manage to make an effective repair on something, my reputation still follows me. After completing a nice job on the deck at our little place on the lake, Carol said to me, "Wow, that looks so good I can't believe you did it."

Almost all of my friends are aware of my shortcomings. So, when I help any of them with a project, I became the gopher. You know – go for the screwdriver, go for some extra nails, go for a bottle of water. It's kind of emasculating. And knowing all this, I still agreed to attempt a repair job on an antique table.

Once I got the table home, I took it straight to the basement and flipped it upside down on my work bench. I began to determine how to best reattach the leg by trial and error. After carefully gluing and clamping it just so, I drilled a hole and installed a new screw.

And with that, it was done. The table leg fit flush against the table. I looked closely at the finished job. "Hey, that's nice work," I thought to myself smugly. "Who says I'm not a handyman?" There was nothing left to do now but let the glue set overnight, then take the clamps off and return the table in triumph to my sister.

The next morning could not get there fast enough. I felt like a kid on Christmas morning as I bounded down the basement stairs. Then I rounded the corner and saw it on my work bench – my personal stocking full of coal hanging from the mantle. I had attached the leg upside down! I ran over to the table, removed the clamps and just stared in disbelief. It was true. Three legs were pointing toward the ground and one toward the sky. It looked like some kind of Russian communication satellite. I began cursing loudly, calling myself names I would never let anyone else call me.

Panic set in. I quickly took out the screw, hoping I could undo my screw up. No chance. The glue and clamps had done their job.

At this point I made a second, and even worse decision. I brought it upstairs for my wife to examine. I still don't know why – perhaps I wanted a soothing word, some sympathy or even some bad advice. I got none of that. She took one look and began laughing hysterically.

And I mean laughing. This was not a chuckle or a giggle – she was unable to talk or take a breath. After about 10 minutes of laughing and pointing, she grabbed her phone and took three quick photographs before I could stop her.

Within seconds, she had not only sent them to several of her friends, but also to my sister, with a caption that said, "Joe fixed your table, kind of." It's so nice to have a loving, caring wife. When will I ever learn?

Properly humiliated, I took my wooden abomination back to the basement and began tapping – well, beating, on the upside-down leg with a rubber hammer.

My goal was to break the glue's bond, but I'm sure I was also taking out some frustration as well. After about 10 minutes I felt a wiggle. There was hope!

A few moments later, the table leg popped cleanly off. It was a Sunday morning miracle! Without hesitation, I resanded both surfaces, reapplied glue and put in the screw. Everything fit perfectly, snugly.

Proudly, I flipped the table upright, and to my delight, not only did all four legs touch the floor, but the top was also level! Despite the self-inflicted setbacks and a wicked wife, Handyman had finally prevailed.

But I doubt my wife will take any pictures of the table now, because it's properly fixed.

And that ain't funny.

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: www.mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.



Obituary Announcements: July 24-25

Dainward H. Carroll, 84
Dainward (Dan) Carroll, 84, passed away on July 23, 2025, at his home residence in Baileyton, Alabama. He was born July 29, 1940, in Georgia, the son of Wesley Leon and Effie LaRuth (Freeman) Carroll. Dainward a long-time resident of Baileyton, Alabama married his sweetheart Nancy(Bartlett) Carroll on September 2, 1961. They were married 63 years. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant sister, brother Larry L. Carroll, and granddaughter, Kellie D. Caples. Surviving in addition to his wife, Nancy (Bartlett)Carroll, are his daughter, Pamela (Tony) DeBerardinis, son, Joey (Shawn) Carroll, brother Aaron (Marzie) Carroll; grandchildren, Matthew DeBerardinis, Lukas (Jessica) DeBerardinis, Canaan Carroll, David Carroll and Zoey Carroll. Great grandchildren, Emma DeBerardinis, David DeBerardinis, Gavin DeBerardinis, Carter Caples sister in law Ruth Carroll, a host of nieces and nephews and his faithful companion, Smokey Elvis Carroll, the black and tan miniature dachshund. Arrangements by Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Phyllis Janett Quattlebaum, 78
Mrs. Phyllis Janett Quattlebaum passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at her residence. She was born July 6, 1947, to Carl O'Rear and Lola O'Rear. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law, Melba O'Rear. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Jerome Quattlebaum; son, Eric (Joni) Quattlebaum; grandchildren, Carson, Camryn and Caleb Quattlebaum; brother, Jerry (Charlotte) O'Rear, Benny O'Rear; sister, Betty (Harold) Campbell and a host of nieces and nephews. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Ward Wilson, 71
Dale Ward Wilson, age 71, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Dale was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, he passed away leaving behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and deep love for his family and the simple joys of life. Dale lived with a generous heart and a playful spirit. He was the kind of man who could always be counted on for a good laugh—whether he meant to be funny or not. Goofy, clumsy, and endlessly warm-hearted, Dale had a way of making people feel at ease. His love for hunting and flying model airplanes reflected his appreciation for quiet focus and the freedom of open skies. He also found happiness in the great outdoors—camping under the stars, walking the beach, or simply being near the water. He adored his family, and nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them. Dale was a proud and devoted husband to his wife of 30 years, Kathy Wilson, and a loving father to his daughters Allison (Jeff) Carter, Stacey McMinn, Alex (Justin) Carrington, Heather (Dwain) Floyd, and Sons Wesley Wilson, Will (Savannah) Wilson, and Danon Wilson. He also shared a special bond with his sister, Debbie (Mark) Swafford. Dale was the kind of grandfather who earned the loving nickname "rat dog" for his grandkids—a term of endearment that only he could make feel special and cherished. He loved each of them fiercely and made sure they always knew it. He had a tender spot for animals too, especially his sweet dog Laney, who was by his side until her passing. Dale also took joy in feeding and watching his backyard birds, finding peace in their fluttering presence. Dale is also remembered with love by special family members Boyd Posey and Hailey Kilpatrick, who held a meaningful place in his life and heart. His life was filled with laughter, loyalty, and love. Dale Ward Wilson will be missed deeply and remembered always for his warmth, his humor, and the genuine joy he brought to everyone who knew him. A visitation for Dale will be held Friday, July 25, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., at Flint Creek Southern Baptist Church, 3048 Co Rd 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179, followed by a celebration of life memorial service at 2 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Carroll Lee Tatum, 79
Memorial services for Carroll Lee Tatum, 79, of Jones Chapel, are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Tatum was born on March 30, 1946, to Robert Joseph and Jessie Mae Tatum. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church. He was a car detailer and loved doing yard work and being outside. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Cecil, JT and Ugene; sisters, Daphne and Lily Mae; and daughter, Sabrina Adella. Survivors include his wife, Susan Earlene Tatum; sons, Carroll Lee Tatum Jr., Terrance Lee Tatum, Joseph Lee Tatum; sisters, Grace and Mary Ann; grandchildren, Candice Korvette, Dakota, Jamie, Nathan; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, family and friends.

Stephen Mark Joiner, 65
A Celebration of Life service for Stephen Mark Joiner, 65, of Vinemont, will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 28, 2025, at West Point Baptist Church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Joiner was born on Sept. 3, 1958, to Hal Burney and Helen June Hoffpauir Joiner. Stephen was a minister and pastor for 35 years. He loved to read and learn about history. His favorite bible scriptures were Hebrews 13:5 and Deuteronomy 31:6. Mr. Joiner was preceded in death by parents; sister Donna Ruth; and his son, Marcus Joiner. He is survived by his wife Andrea Joiner; sons, Kent (Kaitlin) Joiner, Alex (Monique) Joiner; brother, Ken (Pam) Joiner; sister, Rebecca (Don) Carlson; grandchildren, Elliette, Emmett, Julia and Elaina; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Belinda Jeanette Mathis Rice, 75
Belinda Jeanette Mathis Rice, 75, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on July 24, 2025. Mrs. Rice was born to James Ardis and Virginia Effie McKinney Mathis on June 29, 1950, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Belinda had a fun spirit that led her to live a life full of joy. Mrs. Rice enjoyed crocheting, listening to old country music, visiting Nashville, and her adoration for Elvis was second to none. She also had a love of animals, and her pets held a special place in her heart. As a home health aide for twenty-five years, Belinda extended great skill and compassion for those she had the honor of caring for. Outside of her professional life, Mrs. Rice was also a nurturing and devoted person and was an exceptional mother and Nana to her children and grandchildren, and a loving wife to her husband. Mrs. Rice is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Ginny Patterson; brother, Don Mathis; and sister, Shirley Jones. Those left to cherish Belinda's memory includes her husband, Dwight Rice; daughters, Barbara Robinson (Scott); Stacy Rzeszut; grandchildren, Krystal, Kole, Kaleb, Ty, Blake, Marissa (Dustin): great-grandchildren, Oakley Mae, Raegan Kay, and Kaden; brothers, Terry Duke, Tim Raley; sister, Melba Patterson; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; as well as many dear friends. Friends are invited to join the Rice family as they celebrate the extraordinary life of Blinda on Saturday, August 2, 2025, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. A time of visitation will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service beginning at 3 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rice family.

Sherry Jean Hall-Johnson, 58
Sherry Jean Hall-Johnson, age 58, of Falkville, Alabama passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025. Sherry was born in Cullman, Alabama. She joins her parents: Levoid and Mary Voyles; brother, Phillip Voyles and her husband, Gurtis "Buddy" Johnson in eternal rest. Sherry is survived by her daughters: Kerri (Richard) Bailey and Kandis (Michael) Humes; 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends. A celebration of life memorial service for Sherry will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Larry Shane Brown, 50
Larry Shane Brown, age 50, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at UAB Hospital. Shane was born on May 29, 1975, to Larry and Jane Brown. He was a devoted husband to his wife Jennifer, a loving father to his son Jack, and a cherished son to his parents. Shane will be remembered for his generous heart, unwavering dedication to his loved ones, and his ability to bring laughter to those around him. Family was everything to Shane. He loved spending time with his loved ones at get-togethers and celebrations. His bond with his niece Taylor and her daughters, Sawyer and Addi, was especially close—they adored him and shared countless joyful moments together. A true man of the land, Shane had a deep love for farm life. Despite facing significant health challenges for the past 27 years, he never allowed his struggles to slow him down. He worked tirelessly, pushed himself to the limit, and remained a strong provider for his family. His determination and work ethic were an inspiration to all who knew him. During his final three months at UAB Hospital, Shane was a model of strength and grace. He followed every instruction without complaint and built meaningful connections with his doctors and nurses, winning them over with his humor and spirit. Shane's presence will be deeply missed, but his love, laughter, and legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Brown; son, Jack Carter Brown; mother, Jane Brown; father, Larry Brown; Sister, Ashleigh Brown; niece, Taylor Atchley; great nieces: Sawyer, Addi and Ella; special friends: Joe Garrett and Chris Tipton; and a host of other family members and friends. A celebration of life visitation for Shane will be held Monday, July 28, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home. A celebration of life funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. Burial will be at Eidson Chapel Cemetery, Holly Pond, AL. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Back to Broadway

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Excuse me, but did you ask me if I had ever been on Broadway? Well, yes, as a matter of fact I have. I have walked on Broadway, and I saw "Phantom of the Opera" there. I have never performed "on" Broadway, but last week I did perform "at" Broadway. That was not in New York City but in Rainsville, Alabama. It was not at a Broadway theater, but at a Broadway Baptist Church.

I spent the first 20 years of my life attending Broadway Baptist Church. I started going to church there nine months prior to my birth and, with the exception of a short period of time, did so until I married and moved away.

Many firsts in my life happened at that church. Rev. A.J. Hodgins was my first pastor. My mother taught me one of my early life lessons after I had gone forward in middle of pastor Hodgin's morning sermon.

No, I did not go forward to make a Christian commitment. I went forward to ask the pastor if I might have a drink of his water from the pitcher on the side of the pulpit. I honestly don't remember if he gave me a drink or not, but I do remember that mother gave me something when we got home. It was a long time after that before I ever went forward in a worship service again, and for an entirely different reason.

It was there that I learned the Ten Commandments. Mama taught me several of them the Sunday my friend Farron and I decided to use our Sunday school offering for a Coke and a candy bar from the Esso station next door to the church. She taught me to remember the Lord's Day and keep it holy: thou shalt not steal, and thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor Farron. I was also found guilty of coveting my neighbor's house, because I wanted to live there after we got home to mine!

It was at Broadway that I professed my faith in Christ and was baptized. Rev. Jim Griffin was the pastor then. I played guitar in church for the first time there and sang "Get High on Jesus" and "Amazing Grace" to the tune of "House of the Rising Sun." I was asked to play guitar with our youth choir.

I'm not sure if that was because my playing was that good or if my singing was that bad.

When Rev. Nolan Ford was pastor there, the church licensed and ordained me as a minister of the gospel. Pastor Ford gave me the opportunity to deliver several of my "first and worst" sermons. He became my mentor in my early days of ministry. Jean and I were wed at Broadway, by Pastor Ford and my brother, Briggs. I was invited back to Broadway numerous times while Dr. Kevin McCreless was pastor there do various things such a revival, a January Bible study and to play and sing.

I had never been back to do a program of my stories and songs as Bro. Billy Bob until last week. I was scheduled to come in 2020, but instead Covid came in my place. Then it was heart surgery that kept me away for a while, but then finally, last week came and so did Billy Bob. It was so great to see so many old friends that I didn't recognize! Oddly, they didn't all look like they did way back when, but then, neither do I.

It's always good to be back in Rainsville and especially to be back at Broadway!

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HISTORY

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WELCOME NEWS

Baileyton, R. 1, July 23—Mrs. G. M. Allbritten spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allbritten.

Mrs. N. W. Self called on Mrs. Earl Bartlett Sunday afternoon. Misses Lessie Holcomb, was a dinner guest of Miss Leola Cupp, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levert Minor, of Cross Roads, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bartlett Sunday.

Miss Mildred Chandler and Lessie Mae Holcomb, was the guest of Miss Leola Cupp and Irene Holcomb.

Self spent Sunday night with Miss Audie Bailey, who has a number from this place to spend a few days at home Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to report that Felton Dye is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allbritten and family spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Allbritten Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Aldona Bailey is still on the sick list.

ANON ITEMS

Vinemont, R. 1. July 18—Revival meetings all seem to be scheduled early this year.

The revival here begins July 29. It will be conducted by the Rev. J. T. and Bill Linton. We hope to have a large crowd attending.

Miss Isabell Little of Birmingham, who is visiting relatives here is spending part of this week with Mrs. Carl Wilhite.

Misses Addie Mae and Vernell Blankenship, Ruby Lawerence and Hubert Rainey attended the singing at North Vinemont Sunday afternoon.

Misses Lois and Fay Rutherford, Allene Hicks, Jessie Brock, Isabell Little, Lora Holt, Addie Mae and Vernelle Blankenship, Hisam Brown, J. T. Linton, Joe Brock, Cecil Wilhite, Collins Brown, J. T. Holt, John Mercer and Duard Rainey attended the surprise party given for Crumby Blankenship Tuesday night. It was given in honor of his seventeenth birthday.

Mrs. Horace Holt and Miss Dora Holt visited Mrs. Bell Brock Sunday.

A. C. Dean and Oden Anderson are visiting in South Alabama this week.

Everyone is enjoying the old swimming hole these hot days.

Mrs. Noble Copeland of Birmingham, is visiting her mother Mrs. Nannie Wilhite this week.

Anon church is getting a coat of white paint, and also a well is being dug on the grounds.

Mrs. Luther Anderson was very sick Tuesday, and we hope her a speedy recovery.

Several from here attended the singing given by Miss Myrtle Pullen Saturday night.

Mrs. Willie Johnson visited Mrs. Horace Holt Monday afternoon.

FINE IRISH POTATOES RAISED BY J. O. TOWLES AT HANCEVILLE

J. O. Towles, an excellent citizen of Hanceville, was a business visitor to the city Monday afternoon, honored our office with a visit and showed us a novelty in Irish potatoes. One of the potatoes was a nice smooth potato and from the end it had grown seven small potatoes, from the size of a finger tip to the size of a hen egg. The other potato was a well formed and good size with fifteen small potatoes from the size of a pea to as large as an egg.

Mr. Towles who is a close observer of crop prospects said he had never seen finer crop prospects growing in Cullman county than now. Not only was cotton and corn exceptionally good, but everything planted in the ground was extraordinary fine in growth and fruitage.



POET'S CORNER

A Bird, came down the Walk | By: Emily Dickinson

A Bird, came down the Walk -
He did not know I saw -
He bit an Angle Worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw,

And then, he drank a Dew
From a convenient Grass -
And then hopped
sidewise to the Wall
To let a Beetle pass -

He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad -
They looked like frightened
Beads, I thought,
He stirred his Velvet Head. -

Like one in danger, Cautious,
I offered him a Crumb,
And he unrolled his feathers,
And rowed him softer Home -

Than Oars divide the Ocean,
Too silver for a seam,
Or Butterflies, off Banks of Noon,
Leap, plashless as they swim.

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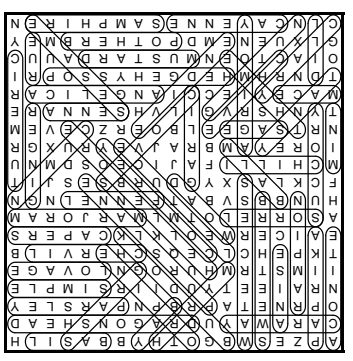
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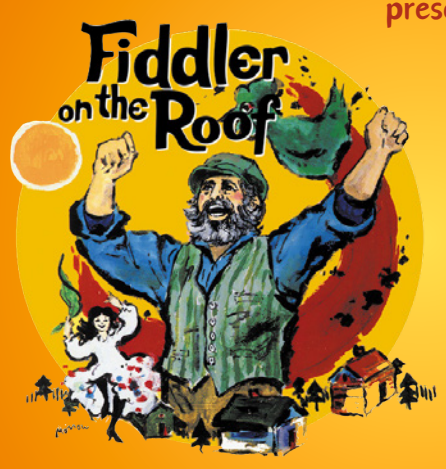
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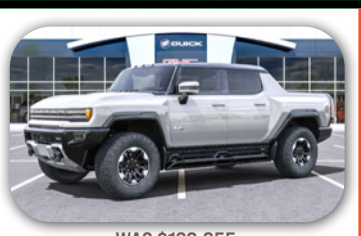
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