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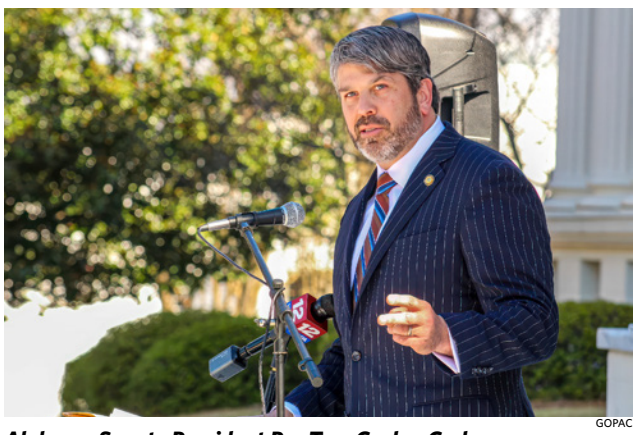
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## Gudger announces $750K in state grant funding for research and technology park in Cullman

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, this week announced that the City of Cullman is receiving a $750,000 state grant to assist with development of the Frank Research and Technology Park.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer told The Tribune the City purchased » PAGE 4


GOPAC
*Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger*

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# Grow Hope: 'A chance for us to dream even bigger"

## Hope Horses holds Grow Hope Dinner


CAMILLE GIBBS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
*Spots hangs out with attendees at the Grow Hope Dinner at Hope Horses, Inc. in Cullman on July 24, 2025.*

**Camille Gibbs**
camille@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Hope Horses, Inc. held its Grow Hope Dinner on July 24, at its facility. Local businesses, staff, vendors and community leaders such as Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, joined together to help the nonprofit toward its Grow Hope Capital Campaign goals of expanding its facilities, purchasing land and "ensuring every child who needs this place can find it."

Before dinner, guests explored the facility, enjoyed live music, shopped from local vendors and met the students and their horses: Kobi, Spots, Bubbles, Sal and Grayson.

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported July 30

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 30, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

No arrests or incidents reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**July 28**

• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '19 GMC; $300; Main Ave. SW

**ARRESTS**

**June 28**

**Meyer, Abby R.; 32**

• theft of property-4th degree

**Pope, Robert H.; 57**

• elder abuse-3rd degree

**Vail, Ashley R.; 33**

• receiving stolen property-1st degree

**Houser, Benton D.; 50**

• receiving stolen property-1st degree

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Tess (from Front)

**Noah Galilee**
noah@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Tess is the perfect combination of all that is good and kind in the dog world. At approximately 4.5 to 5 years old, this low-to-medium energy girl has an unassuming nature and a quiet way of stealing your heart. She is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week!

Tess cherishes every moment you spend with her, finding joy in the simple things — especially the cool water of the kiddie pool, as long as you're right there by her side. Her calm, gentle demeanor makes her an ideal candidate for a companion, reading or therapy dog.

"I just absolutely love this remarkable girl!" shared a caretaker at the shelter.

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

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Tess is already in her forever home by the time you visit, don't worry — she has many friends at the shelter who are just as eager to meet you and find their own happy endings.

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

# Alexander (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**COLONY, Ala.** — Ethel Alexander has announced her candidacy for mayor of Colony.

Below is a summary of her announcement.

Ethel L. Alexander is a servant for the people: transparent, dedicated and committed.

She serves as council woman for the Town of Colony located in Cullman County, Past President of the Birmingham African American Genealogy Group, Inc. (BAAGG), representative for the Black Heritage Council (BHC) for District 4 for the State of Alabama, and a historian, author, genealogist and creative writer.

She is a retired special education teacher (Central Park Elementary School in Birmingham, Alabama) and was an interim principal at St. Paul Academy in Rockford, Illinois.

Alexander has a Master of Education Degree in Special Education/Specific Learning Disabilities from Alabama A&M University (1996) and a Bachelor of Technical Studies in Computer Management Information Systems from Alabama A&M University (1992). She also received certification in African American Studies from UAB (2006).

**Community activities:**

- Organized Colony Senior Fashion Show and coordinated Black History Program, Colony, AL
- Summer Program Director, Colony, AL
- Written Town of Colony coloring book
- Secretary of Town of Colony Senior Citizen Center
- African American historian, program coordinator and creative writing teacher
- Sunday School teacher
- African Dance Group
- After-school tutoring
- Senior and special needs advocate/liaison

**Accomplishments:**

- Town of Colony murals won bronze medal, second place in 200-Year Bicentennial
- Colony Community Cemetery – Alabama State Historical Cemetery Register
- Colony Community Cemetery – Historical Marker
- Founder of the Lamar County Connection/Genealogy Research business
- Written several family genealogy books
- Grant writer
- Community organizer
- Grant writer
- Community organizer

Alexander's hobbies include genealogy, photography, traveling and art. She has four sons, four granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

**The Colony Municipal Election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com*

**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
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**Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD**

- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Friday, Aug. 1 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Saturday, Aug. 2 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
- Sunday, Aug. 3 – 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. 2 p.m. prayer service.

**Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville**

- Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 10-11 a.m. Annual Minecraft Open House with games, crafts and activities.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. Back-to-school storytime and surprises
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. The North Alabama Agriplex will present Everything About Sunflowers.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. Local art club will have a craft, along with storytime.
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. Storytime, plus book club will start back, and the summer reading program contest comes to an end.
- Friday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. Poetry Night

**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.

**Annual Sinyard Family Reunion**
Saturday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m., at the Moody Center in Hanceville. There will be a covered dish lunch at noon. For more details, call Chairman Allen Jennings at 256-735-6448.

**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.

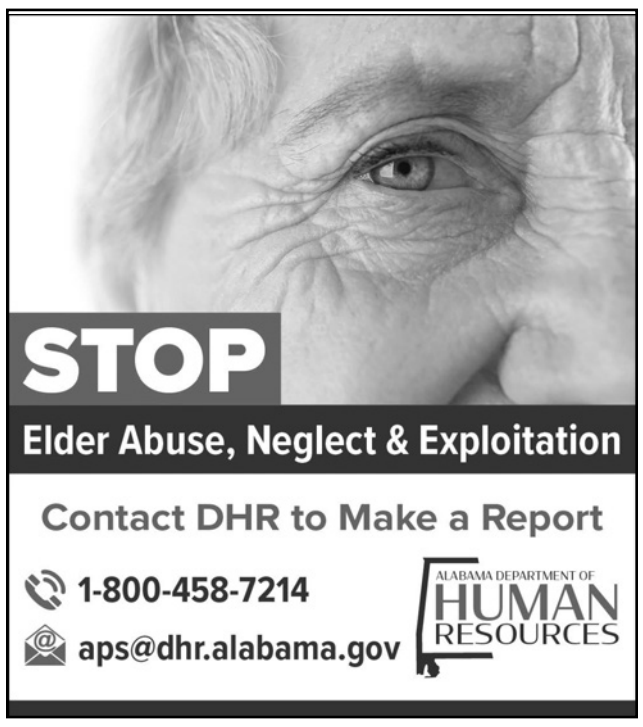
**Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**
Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building from 6-9 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat-in or take-out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Lions Club project fund and the food pantry located between town hall 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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SARA HUGHES/CULLMAN SWIM TEAM

*The Cullman Swim Team placed second at this year's ARPA State Championship*

# Cullman Swim Team places 2nd at ARPA State Championship

**Sara Hughes**
Cullman Swim Team

**ALBERTVILLE, Ala.** — The Cullman Swim Team edged out Auburn by 57 points to secure second place out of 23 teams at last weekend's state swim meet held in Albertville. 79 swimmers from Cullman came ready to race and finished runner up just behind Madison. See the results of all swimmers who contributed to the team's total points below.

**Girls 6 & Under**
- 25 Free - 4. Ellie Grace Thigpen (21.53)
- 25 Back - 5. Ellie Grace Thigpen (26.67)
- 100 Free Relay - 2. Emy Berryhill, Hollis Bentley, Elsie Fuller, Ellie Grace Thigpen (2:19.48)

**Boys 6 & Under**
- 25 Free - 3. Jack Berryhill (19.79)
- 25 Back - 4. Jack Berryhill (25.56); 6. John Branscomb (26.48)
- 100 Free Relay - 1. Mason Heim, John Branscomb, Thomas Berg, Jack Berryhill (1:43.51)

**Girls 8 & Under**
- 100 IM - 4. Emri Lackey (1:34.11); 6. Brooklyn Pate (1:38.43); 14. Audrey Smith (1:51.01); 15. Mary Doss Amuso (1:51.75)
- 25 Free - 7. Everly Berryhill (17.50); 10. Amberly Pate (17.94)
- 25 Breast - 5. Emri Lackey (23.33); 8. Everly Berryhill (23.81); 9. Amberly Pate (24.30); 11. Magnolia Randall (25.22); 13. Malia Swidecki (25.28)
- 50 Free - 4. Brooklyn Pate (37.78)
- 25 Fly - 6. Emri Lackey (18.84); 7. Brooklyn Pate (19.63); 9. Audrey Smith (20.34); 10. Brittan Bentley (21.54)
- 25 Back - 3. Amberly Pate (19.47); 7. Everly Berryhill (21.16)
- 100 Medley Relay - 7. Mary Doss Amuso, Magnolia Randall, Audrey Smith, Malia Swidecki (1:32.78)
- 100 Free Relay - 3. Everly Berryhill, Mary Doss Amuso, Audrey Smith, Emri Lackey (1:13.23); 11. Audrey Caffey, Magnolia Randall, Brittan Bentley, Malia Swidecki (1:27.62)

**Boys 8 & Under**
- 100 IM - 4. CJ Curry (1:40.34)
- 25 Breast - 16. Owen Boaz (29.73)
- 50 Free - 3. CJ Curry (36.28)
- 25 Fly - 3. CJ Curry (17.97)
- 100 Medley Relay - 3. Bransyn Tucker, Owen Boaz, CJ Curry, Jack Berryhill (1:31.50)
- 100 Free Relay - 5. Owen Boaz, Bransyn Tucker, Damian Torres Diaz, CJ Curry (1:23.16)

**8 & Under Mixed Relays**
- 100 Mixed Medley Relay - 3. Owen Boaz, Amberly Pate, Emri Lackey, CJ Curry (1:27.39); 7. Jack Berryhill, Everly Berryhill, Brooklyn Pate, Bransyn Tucker (1:31.44)
- 100 Mixed Free Relay - 8. Brooklyn Pate, Damian Torres Diaz, Mason Heim, Amberly Pate (1:22.42)

**Girls 9-10**
- 100 IM - 1. Lauren Hughes (1:09.63); 7. Hannah Thigpen (1:27.46); 9. Jesslyn Davis (1:29.49)
- 50 Free - 4. Paisley Caldwell (33.00); 14. Clara Peek (34.62)
- 50 Breast - 1. Lauren Hughes (34.79); 4. Hannah Thigpen (44.56); 10. Jesslyn Davis (47.85)
- 100 Free - 6. Paisley Caldwell (1:13.51); 9. Clara Peek (1:17.58); 13. Hannah Thigpen (1:20.43)
- 50 Fly - 1. Lauren Hughes (30.23); 7. Paisley Caldwell (38.15)
- 50 Back - 8. Clara Peek (40.01); 14. Emma Grace Tidwell (41.66)
- 200 Medley Relay - 2. Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Paisley Caldwell, Hannah Thigpen (2:24.97); 10. Maci Hays, Jesslyn Davis, Emma Grace Tidwell, AnnaBella McGaughey (3:03.61)

**Boys 9-10**
- 100 IM - 3. Abram Lackey (1:12.73); 7. Guy Caffey V (1:20.70)
- 50 Free - 11. Ezra Basch (34.22); 16. Will Amuso (36.06)
- 50 Breast - 3. Guy Caffey V (40.81); 12. Will Amuso (49.32); 13. Rhodes Bentley (49.35)
- 50 Fly - 2. Abram Lackey (31.68); 8. Guy Caffey V (37.97); 14. Ezra Basch (40.10)
- 50 Back - 1. Abram Lackey (32.87); 8. Ezra Basch (38.91)
- 200 Medley Relay - 3. Ezra Basch, Guy Caffey V, Abram Lackey, Rhodes Bentley (2:30.61); 12. Collin Hodges, Keith Swidecki, Will Amuso, Lincoln La Rue (3:10.10)
- 200 Free Relay - 6. Will Amuso, Rhodes Bentley, Keith Swidecki, Ezra Basch (2:23.86); 15. Lincoln La Rue, Stetson Royster, Stephen Hagewood, Collin Hodges (3:05.76)

**9-10 Mixed Relays**
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay - 1. Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Abram Lackey, Guy Caffey V (2:17.17)
- 200 Mixed Free Relay - 2. Lauren Hughes, Guy Caffey V, Paisley Caldwell, Abram Lackey (2:03.07); 8. Rhodes Bentley, Hannah Thigpen, Emma Grace Tidwell, Ezra Basch (2:25.30); 12. Keith Swidecki, Will Amuso, Maci Hays, Jesslyn Davis (2:31.00)

**Girls 11-12**
- 100 IM - 9. Catherine Hughes (1:13.93)
- 50 Free - 4. Georgia Dowdy (28.29); 10. Catherine Hughes (29.43); 13. Ellie Forester (29.99)
- 50 Breast - 1. Catherine Hughes (35.42); 14. Ellie Forester (41.25); 15. Gemma Swidecki (41.79)
- 100 Free - 3. Georgia Dowdy (59.23); 15. Ellie Forester (1:08.01)
- 50 Fly - 16. Faith Peek (37.30)
- 50 Back - 1. Georgia Dowdy (31.14); 8. Kyleigh Huffman (34.96)
- 200 Medley Relay - 3. Georgia Dowdy, Catherine Hughes, Faith Peek, Ellie Forester (2:14.92); 12. Oakley Turner, Gemma Swidecki, Kyleigh Huffman, Penelope Randall (2:37.23)
- 200 Free Relay - 5. Faith Peek, Ellie Forester, Gemma Swidecki, Catherine Hughes (2:04.57); 11. Kyleigh Huffman, Penelope Randall, Elena Hagewood, Oakley Turner (2:23.93)

**Boys 11-12**
- 100 IM - 13. Jaxon Curry (1:18.86); 16. Luke Forester (1:22.88)
- 50 Free - 10. Griffin Berryhill (29.25)
- 50 Back - 4. Griffin Berryhill (33.10); 10. Jaxon Curry (34.76); 15. Luke Forester (37.85)
- 50 Fly - 3. Griffin Berryhill (30.87)
- 200 Medley Relay - 7. Jaxon Curry, Luke Forester, Griffin Berryhill, Cade McAlpin (2:27.65)

**11-12 Mixed Relays**
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay - 2. Griffin Berryhill, Catherine Hughes, Georgia Dowdy, Jaxon Curry (2:08.46) 13. Oakley Turner, Luke Forester, Kyleigh Huffman, Cade McAlpin (2:35.19)
- 200 Mixed Free Relay - 4. Faith Peek, Griffin Berryhill, Jaxon Curry, Georgia Dowdy (1:59.80); 14. Gemma Swidecki, Luke Forester, Cade McAlpin, Ellie Forester (2:17.28)

**Girls 13-14**
- 100 IM - 4. Edie Hudson (1:07.61)
- 50 Free - 6. Edie Hudson (26.70)
- 50 Breast - 1. Edie Hudson (31.92); 9. Elizabeth Hughes (36.93); 10. Reese Swidecki (37.28); 16. Preslie Basch (38.65)
- 200 Medley Relay - 5. Elizabeth Hughes, Edie Hudson, Reese Swidecki, Ashton Gray (2:09.19)
- 200 Free Relay - 6. Reese Swidecki, Ashton Gray, Preslie Basch, Elizabeth Hughes (1:55.83)

**Boys 13-14**
- 100 IM - 8. Briar Lackey (1:03.40)
- 50 Breast - 7. Briar Lackey (32.76); 16. Tate Tysinger (34.47)
- 100 Free - 6. Briar Lackey (54.82)
- 50 Fly - 6. Karson Corliss (28.06)
- 50 Back - 7. Karson Corliss (30.48)
- 200 Medley Relay - 6. Griffin Cole, Briar Lackey, Karson Corliss, Tate Tysinger (2:01.45)
- 200 Free Relay - 6. Karson Corliss, Emmet Tucker, Griffin Cole, Tate Tysinger (1:49.83)

**13-14 Mixed Relays**
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay - 5. Karson Corliss, Edie Hudson, Briar Lackey, Reese Swidecki (1:57.41)
- 200 Mixed Free Relay - 3. Tate Tysinger, Edie Hudson, Elizabeth Hughes, Briar Lackey (1:46.86); 11. Griffin Cole, Ashton Gray, Preslie Basch, Emmet Tucker (1:58.18)

**Girls 15-18**
- 100 IM - 2. Mika Lackey (1:03.63)
- 50 Free - 5. Madeline Dowdy (26.10); 10. Morgan Fuller (26.84); 15. Tori Rees (27.41)
- 50 Breast - 3. Mika Lackey (32.59); 8. Sofi Velez (35.42)
- 100 Free - 3. Madeline Dowdy (55.62)
- 50 Fly - 9. Madeline Dowdy (28.79); 12. Morgan Fuller (29.20); 14. Tori Rees (29.56)
- 50 Back - 4. Mika Lackey (29.98); 6. Morgan Fuller (30.30)
- 200 Medley Relay - 5. Morgan Fuller, Sofi Velez, Madeline Dowdy, Tori Rees (1:59.94)
- 200 Free Relay - 3. Morgan Fuller, Tori Rees, Sofi Velez, Mika Lackey (1:46.65)

**Boys 15-18**
- 50 Free - 10. Grayson Randall (23.48)
- 50 Breast - 10. Grayson Randall (29.38)
- 100 Free - 12. Grayson Randall (52.38)
- 50 Fly - 12. Camp Smith (25.70)
- 50 Back - 10. Gunner Stracener (27.61)
- 200 Medley Relay - 9. Hilson Cole, Grayson Randall, Camp Smith, Magnus Mann (1:50.09)
- 200 Free Relay - 8. Camp Smith, Gunner Stracener, Hilson Cole, Magnus Mann (1:36.55)

**15-18 Mixed Relays**
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay - 6. Mika Lackey, Grayson Randall, Camp Smith, Madeline Dowdy (1:49.99); 10. Gunner Stracener, Sofi Velez, Morgan Fuller, Hilson Cole (1:56.85)
- 200 Mixed Free Relay - 4. Madeline Dowdy, Magnus Mann, Mika Lackey, Grayson Randall (1:39.41)

# Funding (from Front)

30 acres listed under the Fred Frank name to develop the research/development/business park.

The property is north of Alabama Highway 69 beside the shooting range, before Alabama Highway 157.

Gudger's office said Gudger worked collaboratively with city council members, local officials and area economic developers to obtain the grant.

"With its proximity to Huntsville, Birmingham and major higher learning institutions,

"Cullman is poised to attract new technology and research industries along with the 21st century jobs they provide," Gudger said.

"Since joining the State Senate, bringing new growth, development and infrastructure to smaller cities and rural portions of Alabama has been among my top priorities, and this grant offers solid evidence of what can happen when state and local officials work together."

According to Gudger's office, the grant is part of the Growing Alabama program, which provides communities across the state with funding to assist in site preparation for economic development and industrial projects and other needs.

Roughly 27% of the grants, which were awarded by the Renewal of Alabama Commission and announced by Gov. Kay Ivey, are being given to rural portions of the state in 2025.

The Growing Alabama program is funded by private sector contributions to approved economic development organizations, and donors receive dollar-for-dollar state tax credits in return for their financial support.

Gudger recently unveiled the "Alabama Rural Roadmap Initiative" in Montgomery.

The rural road map will initially target five specific areas that currently inhibit growth and hinder the quality of life for residents in rural Alabama.

**The five targets for improvement include:**

- **Infrastructure** - Modernizing utilities, broadband, industrial sites and public spaces

- **Business Growth** - Boosting support for small businesses, startups and access to capital

- **Workforce Training** - Expanding job skills programs and career education to meet labor needs

- **Community and Quality of Life** - Investing in the cultural and livability factors that keep people rooted

- **Health Care** - Delivering sustainable strategies to close rural health gaps

Gudger's office said he is meeting regularly with local elected officials, residents and business owners in rural regions along with recognized experts in community development, economic recruitment and other areas, and a finalized plan for achieving the targets will be presented to the Legislature in 2026.

# Eliana Hollis creates East Elementary garden mural

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***Eliana Hollis with her garden mural at East Elementary School***

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman High School graduate Eliana Hollis has created a vibrant mural for East Elementary School's garden. For Hollis, the project was a personal artistic opportunity. A former East Elementary student herself, she said it was a chance to give back to a school that helped shape her childhood.

"I was really thrilled to do it because I love East," she said. "It was such a great experience for me growing up."

Her inspiration for the garden mural came from classic children's literature and, of course, the garden setting. Hollis thoughtfully chose beloved characters with important symbolism to include in her mural: "The Lorax" for its message of conservation, "The Giving Tree" for its symbolism of selflessness, "Peter Rabbit" in honor of the garden's resident bunny and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to tie in the fruits and vegetables students grow.

"I wanted the mural to be garden related but also familiar and exciting for the kids, and they've really loved recognizing the characters. It's been so fun to see their reactions," said Hollis.

The process of creating the mural started with a spray-painted background, followed by the creation of the central image of "The Giving Tree."

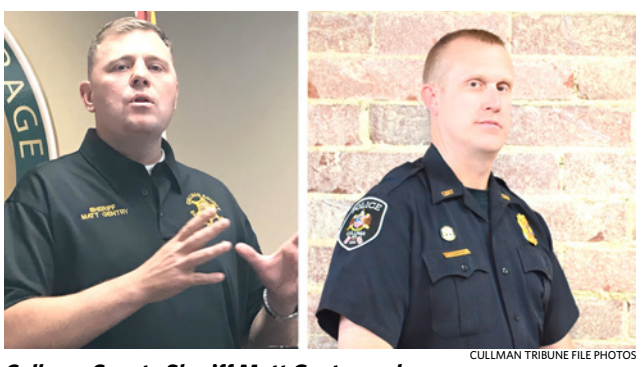
From there, each element was layered in with acrylics and the process was finished with detailed touches. Though the blazing summer sun served as one of her challenges, she said the joy on students' faces made it all worthwhile.

The project brought back fond memories of her own time at East, including a gardening camp she attended in sixth grade. She remembers falling in love with "The Lorax" so much that she begged the school librarian to add it to the collection.

Hollis said she was more than grateful for the opportunity to come back to the school that gave her so much and give something back for future generations of Cullman students.

# CCSO, CPD share school safety protocols

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***Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan***

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Recently, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Police Department each had school resource officer (SRO) training programs, as well as prepped for school safety protocols for the new year.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Board of Education continue to prioritize safety across all school campuses through strong communication and collaboration.

"Our long-standing partnership plays a critical role in ensuring that students return to a secure and welcoming learning environment each year," Gentry said. "Administrators and school resource officers work side by side on a daily basis, reinforcing their shared commitment to student safety."

Gentry said, equally important are the relationships fostered between SROs and the broader school community, including parents, students, faculty and staff.

"When everyone works together — staying vigilant and placing a personal focus on safety — our schools become more than just institutions," Gentry said. "They become places where children can grow, learn and thrive."

Police Chief Joey Duncan said as the new school year approaches, one of the most important conversations the community can have is about safety in and around our schools.

"For the Cullman Police Department and families, being on the same page isn't just helpful; it's essential," Duncan said. "Ensuring the safety of our students requires constant coordination, awareness and shared responsibility. Safety isn't just about what happens inside the school building. It's about what happens in the car line, in the parking lot and on the sidewalks where children walk. The Cullman Police Department plays a crucial role in this, but their efforts are most effective when parents, students and the broader community are involved."

Duncan said being on the "same page" means clear communication between law enforcement and the public, especially regarding rules, procedures and expectations.

"When families understand the safety protocols in place and know how to support them, those protocols work better," Duncan said. "It also means trust. Students feel safer knowing their school is protected by a department that cares, and parents rest easier knowing there's a strong partnership in place."

The Cullman Police Department continues to take proactive steps to make schools safer for the upcoming year. Officers are already working closely with local school administrators to update emergency response plans, enhance on-campus patrols, and ensure SROs are fully prepared for the year ahead.

**Some highlights of Cullman PD's ongoing efforts include:**

• Increased presence: Officers will maintain a visible presence during school arrival and dismissal times to ensure safe traffic flow and deter unsafe driving or suspicious activity

• Updated training: SROs and officers have received updated training on school-specific emergency response, including active shooter protocols and mental health crisis intervention

• Safety audits: Cullman PD collaborates with school officials to conduct regular security audits and drills to identify vulnerabilities and make improvements.

• Community outreach: The department continues to hold safety forums and work with parent-teacher organizations to keep families informed

Gentry said as preparations for the new academic year continue, both agencies will remain dedicated to keeping Cullman County schools a safe and positive space for education.

"Our SROs from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office are actively preparing to make schools safer for the upcoming academic year through intensive training and certification," Gentry said. "This preparation includes updating their professional certifications, sharpening their decision-making skills and conducting firearms proficiency exercises. In addition, our deputies undergo advanced Active Shooter Response Training to ensure they're equipped to respond swiftly and effectively in the event of an emergency. We're fully committed to creating a secure learning environment, and this training reflects the priority we place on protecting every student, teacher and staff member across Cullman County campuses."

**Duncan said as families send children back to class, there are a few important reminders that every parent and student should keep in mind:**

• Drive carefully: School zones have strict speed limits for a reason. Stay off your phone, follow the signs and always be on the lookout for crossing children.

• Follow drop-off protocols: Each school has specific rules for where and how to drop off students. Following them isn't just about convenience; it's about preventing crashes.

• Report concerns: If you see something that feels off, whether it's a suspicious vehicle near a school or a concerning post on social media, say something. Cullman PD and school staff would rather investigate a false alarm than miss a real threat.

• Talk with your kids: Make safety a daily conversation. From knowing who to talk to if they feel unsafe, to understanding the importance of staying aware of their surroundings, student awareness is a vital piece of school safety.

"It takes all of us parents, educators, students and law enforcement working together to make our schools the safe havens they should be," Duncan said.

"The Cullman Police Department is doing their part with dedication and preparation. Let's do ours with awareness, cooperation and a commitment to keeping every student safe. Here's to a safe, successful school year in Cullman."







# Ball (from Front)

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***Victim Services of Cullman offers a full range of no-cost services for survivors of domestic violence and recently shared a need for teens and shelter supplies. If you would like to help, please visit www.victimservices.online/give-a-donation or call 256-775-2600.***

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Executive Director Jessica Atchley said Cullman County sees hundreds of domestic violence reports each year — almost one every day, but these numbers are only part of the story.

"Because for over 1,000 people each year, it starts with a call: 'Can you help me? I don't know where else to go,'" Atchley said. "That's how so many of the calls to our 24/7 crisis line begin. Behind each one is a story of fear, desperation — and hope. Victim Services of Cullman is often the first voice someone hears after fleeing abuse. Sometimes, we're the only voice willing to listen."

Atchley said the real impact lies in what happens next: A mother and her children find safety in the emergency shelter.

"A survivor walks into court, not alone but with an advocate by her side," Atchley said.

"A child begins to sleep through the night again, knowing they are finally safe. Without our agency, there is no shelter. No crisis line. No counseling. No safety net. Survivors would be left to face trauma alone, without the resources they need to heal, rebuild and move forward. Victim Services exists because everyone deserves a chance to feel safe again. In Cullman County, we're not just a service — we're often the turning point between surviving and truly living."

Victim Services offers a 24-hour crisis line and emergency shelter, legal advocacy and protection order assistance, counseling, support groups, case management, specialized services for children and families, transitional housing and relocation support, and prevention education in schools and the community.

Atchley said that every program they offer is built to meet survivors where they are — whether they need a safe night's rest, a voice in court or a path to long-term healing.

"For the young people we serve — many of whom have witnessed or experienced unimaginable trauma — these items are more than just 'stuff,'" Atchley said. "A soft sweatshirt can feel like a safety net. A journal becomes a place to unload what can't be said out loud. Art and makeup let them reclaim their voice, their creativity, their identity.

This request is part of our ongoing effort to meet kids where they are emotionally. Whether they're staying in a shelter with a parent, attending one of our school-based programs or coming to counseling sessions, we want them to feel seen, supported and empowered.

These items help us build trust, offer moments of joy and give them tools to process and heal. Sometimes healing starts with something as simple as a sketchbook or an eyeshadow palette — and we're so grateful to the community for helping us make those moments possible."

Victim Services' fifth annual Masquerade Ball will take place Thursday, Sept. 25, at Stone Bridge Farms. It's not just a beautiful night; it's the nonprofit's biggest fundraiser of the year, and it plays a critical role in keeping services going strong. (Get more information about the event at https://brand.site/vsoc.)

"Every ticket, every sponsorship and every auction bid helps ensure our crisis line stays open, our shelter stays stocked and our advocates can keep showing up — day or night — for the people who need us most," Atchley said.

"But this year's ball carries even more weight. We'll be announcing the launch of new programming in 2026 — initiatives that will expand our reach, provide deeper support and close dangerous service gaps in our community. We've listened closely to what survivors need most, and now we're answering that call. We hope the community will show up not just for the gowns and glitter — but for the mission. Because what happens that night helps us change lives all year long."

Victim Services of Cullman's administrative office is located at 310 Third Ave. NE. The office is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Get more information at www.victimservices.online. The 24-hour crisis line number is 256-734-6100.

# Dinner (from Front)

gins, capital campaign chair, kicked off the dinner by thanking the crowd and explaining what Hope Horses is all about.

"We are truly honored to have a great crowd gathered here to support a cause that is close to all our hearts," Wiggins said. "Hope Horses is more than just a program. It's a place where resilience is nurtured, confidence is gained and hope truly comes alive in one ride. The connection between the student and the horse and one life at a time."

Wiggins is excited about the future.

"Tonight is not only a celebration of the impact Hope has already had on so many lives, but a chance for us to dream even bigger," he said. "We want to reach more students, hence this beautiful piece of land we are all enjoying tonight. We'll grow the opportunities here and build a stronger future for every student that comes through these gates."

The mission of Hope Horses, Inc. is to provide therapeutic horsemanship programs to individuals with physical, social, cognitive and emotional needs.

Hope Horses is a nonprofit organization that empowers students with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges ever since 2011. After starting with 5-10 students, Hope Horses has grown to having 28 today.

These students are from all around the state, coming to the stables from counties like Cullman, Marshall, Madison, Limestone and Calhoun.

Hope Horses, Inc. Executive Director Kelsey Scott spoke after Wiggins, telling the audience about the amazing students.

Funds for expansion raised at the dinner will grow the facility, she said, allowing more students to get off the waiting list. Some have been on this list for over a year.

"They are incredible," said Scott. "They will keep coming until they get tired of us. If not, they can keep riding!"

Chef Lindsey Noto King prepared a four-course dinner for the event. She is a Birmingham native who has spent the last 23 years in the hospitality industry and opened her own business in Mountain Brook called Feast Catering and Culinary Kitchen, which provides a unique and custom culinary experience for any and all types of events.

"We are so thrilled to be here," said King. "It's such an honor to cook for such an incredible organization.

"We are really proud of what Hope Horses is doing and happy to be a small part of it."

The dinner ended with a video sharing the stories of students and how they have been impacted by Hope Horses, Inc.

Hope Horses, Inc. is located at 1301 Convent Road NE Cullman, AL 35055 and can be contacted at 256-507-4088. Learn more at www.facebook.com/hopehorsesinc or www.hopehorsesinc.com. Read more about the Grow Hope Campaign at www.hopehorsesinc.com/about-1-1.

**From the Hope Horses website:**

"Hope Horses, Inc. is a nonprofit therapeutic riding center dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with special needs through equine-assisted activities.

"Located in Cullman, Alabama, we serve children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges, creating a safe, empowering space where riders build strength, confidence, and connection.

"Every session is guided by certified instructors, trained volunteers, and the unique bond between horse and human. For many of our riders, this isn't just a riding session, it's their favorite place to be."

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# LEGALS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

JOHNNY ALBRIGHT )
Plaintiffs, )
VS. ) CASE NO.: CV-2025-900163.00
6.8 acres in Section 25, Township 9, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as beginning 1115' West of Southeast Corner of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; then North 440'; Northwest 650'; Southeast 120'; West 30' crossing road; South 415'; East 635'(crossing road) to Point of Beginning.
AND
The heirs and devisees of of H. M. Plunkett, deceased; C.D. E.F., and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands,
Defendants.

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

**NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:

6.8 ACRES IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 9, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING 1115' WEST OF SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THEN NORTH 440'; NORTHWEST 650'; SOUTHEAST 120'; WEST 30' CROSSING ROAD; SOUTH 415'; EAST 635'(CROSSING ROAD) TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

and the heirs and devisees of H. M. Plunkett, deceased and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title by Johnny Albright by the 15th day of September, 2025, or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against such Defendants in the above captioned case number CV-2025-900163.00 now pending in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

LISA MCSWAIN
Clerk of Circuit Court

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

ALBRIGHT JOHNNY, )
Plaintiff, )
V. ) Case No.: CV-2025-900163.00
THE HEIRS & DEVISEES OF H. M. PLUNKETT, DECEASED, )
Defendant. )

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

This matter is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint and motion for service by publication. Having considered the complaint and motion, the Court finds that the action is appropriate for service by publication upon the real property described above and the heirs and devisees of H. M. Plunkett, deceased and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above described lands,

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the heirs and devisees of H. M. Plunkett, deceased and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above described lands must answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff by the 15th day of September, 2025, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants. It is further

ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

**DONE this 22nd day of July, 2025.**

/s/ EMILY N JOHNSTON
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

CASE NO.: CV 2025 - 900226

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SCOTT SLATTON,
Plaintiff,
v.

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

AND

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

AND

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

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

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

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

Hon. Lisa McSwain
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

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**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2010 by William Bryan Jones, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1690, Page 782 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on August 8, 2025:

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

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

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

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

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

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

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

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

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

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

Done this the 15th day of July, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ROY DYER and TERESA DYER,

Plaintiff,

v. CIVIL ACTION NO:

CV-2025-900112.00

LBEY RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP, INC., and

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

and

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

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

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

Hon. Lisa McSwain

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

500 2nd Avenue, SW, Room 303

Cullman, AL 35055

Plaintiffs' Attorney:

Ray Uhrig, Esq.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday August 4, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – Cherokee Avenue SW between Swafford Road SW & Perry Street SW – combine two lots into one lot

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

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# Obituary Announcements: July 29-30

**James Harold Cox, Jr., 90**
James Harold Cox Jr., age 90, of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025. Jim was born in Spokane, Washington. He joined the US Marine Corps at age 18 and served in the Korean War. He attended Gonzaga University and earned a Masters Degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington. He later went to work for General Electric and became Regional Manager for GE Nuclear Energy. Jim always credited his education for his success in life and the man he became. Over the years he traveled extensively for work and retired in 1994 to Smith Lake, Alabama. Jim is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his son, Rod Cox and wife, Gretchen Cox, of Foley, Alabama; his daughter, Jaime Coffman, of Athens, Alabama; his sister, Judy Morin, of Spokane, Washington; 3 grandchildren: Ashley Brown, Cory Coffman and Preston Cox; 3 great grandchildren; his niece, Ashley Handley and his sister in law, Nancy Handley of Vestavia, Alabama. His son, Mitch Cox of Hollister, California predeceased him in death. Jim was an intelligent, humorous, fun loving guy. If he teased or joked with you, then you could be sure he liked you. Jim reached his 90th birthday shortly before his death, a milestone he never expected to achieve. He will be missed forever by his family and friends. Further arrangements to be made privately by the family.

**Vanessa Nicole McClure, 45**
Vanessa Nichole McClure, age 45 of Hanceville, passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at her residence. She was born Oct. 3, 1979, to Dennis Bolin and Patricia McQuiston Bolin. She was a beloved mother who loved her children unconditionally and was the best wife a husband could ask for. She loved talking with women in abusive situations. Mrs. McClure was a loving wife, mother, nene, sister and the best friend you could ask for. She was full of life and loved to smile. She will truly be missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her mother and grandparents. Survivors include her husband, Joseph McClure; her children, James Edward McClure, Anastaisa McClure, Iris McClure, Amber Hansen, Katelynn Maire, Justice Click, Maxie McClure, Shay Screws; grandchildren, Emerald, Elijah, Liam, Nathaniel, Dustin, McKenzie and Autumn; father; sisters, Cynthia Meacham, Laura Goodwin, K. C. Lauren and Sheena Wilkins; brothers, Timothy Goodpaster, Douglas Shirley, Aaron Shirley, Josh Marion and Butchie Patterson and a host of nieces, nephews, family & friends.

**George Thomas Hughes, 69**
George Thomas Hughes, age 69 of Cullman passed away on Monday, July 28, 2025 at his residence. He was born Tuesday, June 19, 1956, to Cecil and Eunice Hughes. George Thomas Hughes, a man of generosity, kindness, wisdom and a sharp wit passed away on June 28, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of goodness and love. Tom lived with the heart of a saint—honest, humble, and always ready to help others. He spoke ill of no one, and none could speak ill of him. He went out of his way for others, always extending kindness, even when it went unreturned. His endless patience and wise words left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He held his family close and had a special place in his heart for animals, treating them with a gentle care that showed his love for all living things. His faith in Christ sustained him, granting him strength during a courageous battle with cancer, where he never complained or pitied himself. Instead, he cherished every moment spent with his family, especially under his daughter's loving care. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Jesse, David, Toby, Michael and John Hughes; and Carolyn Giolito. Survivors include his daughter, Melanie (Brad) Nipper; grandson, Derek (Katelyn) Straw; great grandchildren, Eleanor & Elizabeth Straw; siblings, Ellen Nassar, Linda Finnen, Sandra Galbreath, Deborah Tucker, and Samuel Hughes; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. If you wish to make a donation in his honor please donate to the Greater Birmingham Humane Society. A memorial in his honor will be held at a later date.

**Aidan Jeremy Helms, 19**
Funeral service for Aidan Jeremy Helms, age 19, of Cullman, is Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Bro. Pete Grund and Bro. Glen Wentworth officiating. Burial will be at Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, August 1, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Aidan was born on November 30, 2005, to Nathan Helms and Kathryn Soucy. He passed away on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. He is preceded in death by his great- grandparents, Margie and Cecil Langley; aunt, Ann Shaddix; great-grandfather, Louis Helms. He is survived by his mother, Kathryn Soucy; father, Nathan Helms (Jennifer); sisters, Gracie Martin, and Lillian Beauchamp; brother, Austin Helms; grandparents, Thomas and Faye Helms; grandparents, Glen and Karen Wentworth; aunts, Darlene Helms, and Abby Kelley; uncles, Adam Soucy, Aaron Helms, and Eddie Helms; and extended family in Florida. Aidan loved his West Point community and everyone loved him. He was a giving and caring young man who was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Aidan loved Jesus and he loved being a part of his church at Spring Hill Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Alabama. Information is available at www.epilepsy.com.

**Frances Bennett Gaudsmith, 74**
A graveside service for Frances Bennett Gaudsmith, will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 12 p.m. at the National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia. A family graveside will held at a later date at the Hulaco Church of Christ Cemetery. Mrs. Gaudsmith passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025. She was born April 24, 1951, to Winston & Arvece Bennett. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Brian Bennett; grandparents, Leon Clayton Bennett and Lennie Bennett and Lennie & Eula Joiner. She is survived by her brother, Michael Bennett (Portia); 2 nieces, Mariah Bennett Fergeson (Keith) & Tara Bennett (Keaton Hanselman Bennett). Frances was a drag racer in Georgia and at Huntsville Drag Strip and had a ton of friends who loved her. She was a hard worker, and since moving to Cullman, she was big in buying antiques and reselling them at antique stores. Frances was a beautiful lady inside & out and she will truly be missed.

**Kathaleen Gable Bice, 94**
Kathaleen G. Bice passed away peacefully on July 28, 2025, at the age of 94. Born on Feb.13, 1931, Kathaleen touched countless lives with her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit. She faithfully served for many years as the secretary at Holly Pond High School, where generations of students and their children came to know and love her. Her caring nature, servant's heart, and ever-present smile left a lasting impact on everyone who walked through those doors. She was affectionately known as Mom, Mawmaw, KatKat, Too Do, and Ms. Bice. No matter what name you called her, she was always the same; selfless, loving, and full of grace. She had a contagious smile and a heart that put others before herself in every season of life. She was the sweetest mom, grandmother, aunt, and friend, a true gem to all who knew her. Kathaleen also devoted many faithful years of service to her church, Duck River Baptist Church, where she worshiped and served with unwavering faith and quiet strength. Kathaleen is survived by her son David Bice; her grandchildren Cole Bice and Hilary Nix (Josh), her great grandchildren Harrison, Hayden and Hadlee Nix, her nieces Judy Reid (Donald), Joyce Boyd and Annette Phillips, her nephews Roger and Terry Stewart and her special friend Teresa Reid(James) and Rachel Daugherty(Staten). Kathaleen was preceded in death by her beloved husband Claude Bice; her son Bruce Patrick Bice; her parents Claude and Ida B. Gable; her brothers Oliver, Oree, Cortez and Earnesteen Gable. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service for Kathaleen will be held Friday, Aug. 1, 2025, 1 p.m. at Duck River Baptist Church, Rev. Jonathan Reid Officiating. followed by a graveside Service at Duck River Baptist Church cemetery, 1027 County Road 775, Cullman, AL 35055. Her family will receive friends Thursday, July 31, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers are Doug Duke, Randall Henderson, Tony Elrod, Nathan Fendley, Harold Carr and Sam Calvert. Honorary pallbearers Junior Rogers and Darell Hicks. Kathaleen's legacy of love, faith, and gentle strength will forever be carried in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed, but her memory will be a blessing. In lieu of flowers the family ask donations be made to Duck River Cemetery Fund, 868 County Road 643, Cullman, AL 35055. To leave condolences for the Bice family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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