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Sasquatch 5K Mud Run this Saturday at Stony Lonesome

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Sasquatch 5K Mud Run, formerly known as the Stony Lonesome 5K Mud Run, will take place this Saturday, May 9, at 8 a.m. at Stony Lonesome OHV Park.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Marketing Director Sara Morgan said the department has been hosting the Mud Run since 2015, and there is nothing else like it locally.

"The Stony Lonesome Mud Run consists of miles of muddy fun and we also feature obstacles at multiple spots along the course," Morgan said. "This is where mud and mayhem come together. Runners will grind their way through the challenging course, which will feature crawling through grimy mud, climb(ing) over high walls, splash(ing) across a wooden bridge and travers(ing) through obstacles packed throughout this muddy course. With spectators cheering, this event will surely be a memorable experience for anyone daring to take on the Stony Lonesome Mud Run."

Morgan said they typically have around 300 runners every year. The top male and female runners will receive a $25 gift card to Academy Sports.

"We have a couple of obstacles, but you can always choose to bypass » PAGE 3

Cullman marks Small Business Week with proclamation at city hall



CITY OF CULLMAN

Pictured left to right are Katie Walker, Megan Cooper, Mayor Woody Jacobs and Joey Orr.

Leanne H. West
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Monday, May 4, presented the City of Cullman's Small Business Week proclamation in his office at Cullman City Hall, formally recognizing May 3–9, 2026, as Small Business Week in the city of Cullman.

Present for the proclamation presentation from the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce were President and CEO Joey Orr, Director of Events and Programs Katie Walker and Director of Membership and Investor Relations Megan Cooper.

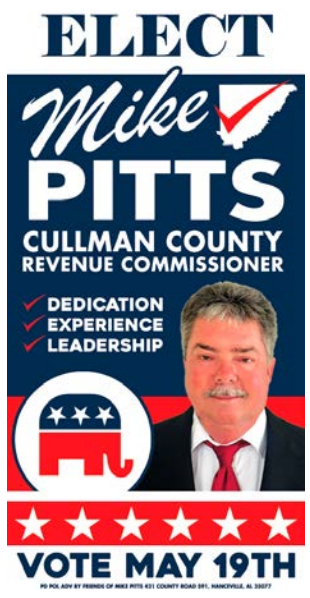
National Small Business Week, first established in 1963, highlights the vital role small businesses play in strengthening the economy and supporting communities across the country. Locally and nationwide, small businesses are responsible for driving innovation, creating jobs and contributing to long-term economic growth.

According to the proclamation, small businesses employ nearly half of the private sector workforce in the United States and account for the majority of new job creation. In Alabama, they represent 99.4% of all businesses and employ 46.7% of the workforce, with small firms exporting more than $4.4 billion in goods annually.

In Cullman, small businesses are a key part of the community's identity and economic strength. From retail and dining to service-based industries, these businesses support local families, provide jobs and help maintain the city's character.

"Small businesses are what keep our community moving," said Jacobs. "They create jobs, support local families and bring a level of care and connection you don't get anywhere else."

The City of Cullman joins communities nationwide in recognizing Small Business Week and encourages residents to support local businesses throughout the week and year-round.



53rd annual Arley Day Festival set for May 16

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Local angler lands 72-pound catfish, celebrates love of fishing and family



SAVANNAH WOODS

Savannah Woods and her 72-pound catfish

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Three local students earn Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation scholarships



ALABAMA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Annalee Allen, Jackson Haynes and Kiah Lake

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Scales, tails, feathers, fur and all!



CRITTERCREWEDU.ORG

The Critter Crew Founders Brianna Horton and Cassidy Wright

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 4, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 30

- assault; Beech Ave. SE
- possession of controlled substances; CR 1564
- menacing; harassment; Park Dr.
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 557
- menacing; CR 1624
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; Brooklyn Rd.
- theft of property; CR 601
- domestic violence; I65NB MM 291
- harassing communications; CR 1373
- theft of property; CR 1043

May 1

- harassing communications; CR 1424
- domestic violence; Saundra Ln. NE
- domestic violence; CR 645
- burglary; CR 1207
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; resisting arrest; CR 1030

May 2

- domestic violence; CR 5698
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; Main St. NW
- theft of property; CR 1859
- theft of property; trespassing; CR 307
- criminal mischief; CR 1635
- assault; CR 1424
- theft of property; CR 1755

May 3

- domestic violence; CR 1545
- violation of protection order; Countryside Acres Road
- criminal mischief; 1st Ave. S Garden City
- theft of property; 2nd Ave. SW Hanceville
- domestic violence; CR 702
- shooting into unoccupied vehicle; CR 1223
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65SB MM 299
- domestic violence; CR 1371

ARRESTS

April 30 – May 3

Barnett, Cecil D.; 39
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of methamphetamine
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of drug paraphernalia

Bolte, Destiny M.; 26
- knowing that he does not have the consent of the owner, he takes, operates, exercises control over or otherwise uses a propelled vehicle

Cruce, Caleb E.; 23
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Crumbley, Auston S.; 30
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of hallucinogen
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Duck, Benjamin E.; 44
- FTA – receiving stolen property

Duke, Hannah M.; 28
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Duke, Kaitlyn R.; 25
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – no seat belt

Enriquez, Vincente; 56
- GJ – sex offense-all sexual abuse-2nd offense upgraded to felony

Freeman, Christopher N.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Freeman, Hannah M.; 31
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hall, Zachary S.; 59
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOLATION - possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Holt, Tammy W.; 58
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Clinton M.; 37
- GJ – financial exploitation of the elderly-2nd degree
- GJ – fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- GJ – forged instrument
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – counterfeiting
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-force (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Kerns, Michael D.; 66
- GJ – sex offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old

Martinez, Amy M.; 48
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

McBride, Latrell S.; 26
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – theft of article from auto
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – theft-miscellaneous

Peacock, Dana M.; 46
- possession of methamphetamine

Pitt, Jr., Mark C.; 42
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Powell, Shayne D.; 31
- possession of methamphetamine

Prince, Brandon M.; 26
- attempting to elude a police officer (2 counts)
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest

Putman, Anthony T.; 28
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Sellers, Tasha D.; 34
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Sherrell, Joshua A.; 37
- GJ – auto theft
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Simmons, Charles T.; 35
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Taylor, Janice R.; 46
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous
- possession of dangerous drugs

Walker, Teresa L.; 62
- interference with public safety communication
- obstruction-governmental operations
- harassing communications (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 2
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $45; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $177; Hwy. 157

May 3
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- harassment; person; Field of Miracles Dr. SW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '21 Cadillac; McNabb Rd. SW
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Town Square SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Warehouse Discount Groceries; general merchandise, cash; Town Square SW

ARRESTS

May 1-3

Howard, Robert M.; 36
- FTA – improper passing
- FTA – no seat belt

Tisdale, Anna L.; 32
- forgery-2nd degree
- possessing forged instrument
- theft of property-2nd degree

Morris, William M.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Letson, Jenny M.; 47
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Yarbrough, Courtney J.; 33
- DUI

Esch, Denise L.; 57
- theft of property-4th degree

Wright, Rory H.; 62
- DUI
- resisting arrest
- reckless endangerment

McBride, Suzanne A.; 59
- public intoxication
- obstructing governmental operations

Jones, Clinton M.; 37
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (4 counts)
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (4 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Festival (from Front)

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ARLEY, Ala. — The 53rd annual Arley Day Festival is set for Saturday, May 16, at D.H. Hamner Memorial Park. Hosted by the Arley Women's Club, the festival will run from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. with free admission. This year's theme is "Celebrating the 250th Birthday of the United States."

"The Arley Day Festival has, since its inception, been a celebration of what the Arley Women's Club strives to accomplish each year," said Arley Women's Club President Cynthia Cunningham. "This year, we are excited to include the semiquincentennial of our country as the theme."

She added, "The theme will be evident from the beginning with our kick-off parade. Parade participants are all asked to reflect the 250th celebration in their decorations. The theme will carry through to the kids' zone, where children can get a patriot face painting session for free! Actually, all other kids' activities are free, including lunch."

The day will begin with a pancake breakfast from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Arley Fire Station, hosted by Arley First Baptist Church.

All donations will benefit the Arley Volunteer Fire Department. The Arley Day Parade will follow at 8, traveling through town and ending at Meek Baptist Church, located near the park.

Festival activities will include a car show with cash prizes in multiple categories, a wide variety of vendors, food trucks, businesses, nonprofits and arts and crafts booths, as well as a full lineup of children's attractions such as water slides, horseback rides, an obstacle course and games.

The event will also feature the third annual Arley Day Pickleball Tournament, beginning at 8 a.m., with a $25 registration fee per player.

Additionally, a raffle will be held for a Traeger pellet grill package valued at $1,000. Tickets are $5 each or five for $20.

With its 53rd year hitting the books, Cunningham said the festival represents decades of dedication from the Arley Women's Club.

"Seeing how far the club has come in 53 years is just amazing, and seeing what we've accomplished is even more so," she said. "I'm extremely proud of the vision and dedication the founding ladies had for the Town of Arley and proud to carry that forward."

While the event serves as a fundraiser to give back to the community, Cunningham shares that the goal has always been something greater than that.

"Our biggest hope each year is to strengthen our connection to the community," she said.

"The Arley Women's Club exists to improve the lives of its citizens, whether that's through our local schools, the Winston County Rescue Squad or through our scholarship program, and the festival is just a wonderful way to celebrate our achievements each year."

All proceeds from the event will go to support a variety of local initiatives, including schools, the fire department, rescue services, the library and park improvements.

For more information or to register as a vendor, parade participant or car show entry, visit www.arleywomensclub.org/arley-day-festival. Registration for the pickleball tournament is available online at https://forms.gle/sLgQD995QJSQspDL6. For all future updates, follow the Arley Women's Club on Facebook.

D.H. Hamner Memorial Park is located at 170 Helicon Road in Arley.



Run (from Front)

if you're not comfortable in doing them," Morgan said. "We also have a 1-mile fun run if you're not up to the 5K distance."

The race is $30 now and will be $40 on race day. Runners can choose between the 1-mile fun run or the 5K distance when registering.

"This is the ONLY event of its kind locally- Playing in the mud is always a fun time," Morgan said. "My favorite thing about this race is the mud! Participants run through some pretty deep nasty mud at times, and then to see them finish through the mud slide is triumphant!

When they walk back to the top Sasquatch is there cheering them on getting some great muddy photos."Stony Lonesome OHV Park is located at 10075 Alabama Highway 69 in Bremen.

"We will have Mud Run shirts available for purchase if you missed the T-shirt deadline," Morgan said. "Registration will be open at 6 a.m. the day of the race. We can't wait to see everyone there."

Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/stony-lonesome-sasquatch-mud-run-5k-1-mile-fun-run-tickets-1984300223384

You can also sign up at Stony Lonesome OHV Park now and the morning of the Mud Run.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

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.

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
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, May 6 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, May 8 – 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. Special guest speaker – Larry C. Hill Sr.
• Sunday, May 10 – 8:15 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 in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• In April we continue the Poetry Contest! Please look at Facebook for contest details. We thank the Hanceville community for their book donations in helping us raise money for the children's programs. We also thank Jennifer and Tonya, owners of Southern Party Specialists LLC, for the $300 donation for a June presenter! We thank HanceVegas Coffee for sponsoring the Adult Book Club. We also thank the many library volunteers who help service the community.
• May 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Grilled Cheese Festival and Library BOOK SALE
• May 27, Start of Summer program!

Vinemont Christian Church Revival
Sunday-Wednesday, May 5-6, at 6:30 p.m. Ric Huxford will be the guest speaker. The church is located at 449 Patton Dr. in Vinemont. The church's minister, Nathan Thomas, says all are welcome!

Large Community Yard Sale
Friday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m.-noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St. in Hanceville. Proceeds go to the (CCC) Committee on Church Cooperation and First Source for Women.

2026 Women's Conference: Joy in the Journey
Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m.-noon at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh. St. SW in Cullman. Ladies, you're invited to a special morning of encouragement, connection and worship at Seventh Street Baptist Church! Join us as we hear from Martha Pullen, Kelly Garner and Suzanne Crocker – three incredible speakers who will inspire and challenge you in your walk with Christ. Pastries and coffee provided. No matter where you are in your journey, this is a space for you to be refreshed and reminded of the joy God has for you. Register now at www.7thstreetbaptist.com/event-registration. Invite a friend and come – we'd love to see you there!

Cullman Chapter of NARFE Meeting
Monday, May 11, at Freddie Day Catering, 1628 Second Ave. NW, Cullman. A meat-and-three Dutch lunch will be served at 11 a.m., meeting and speakers at noon. Topic of meeting is "Health Choices of Federal Retirees." Speakers include Sonya Fortner and Penny Aldridge, agents of Medicare Health Benefits. Members and nonmembers are invited to attend.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 16, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat in or take out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Cemetery project fund. Come join us! Thank you in advance for your support.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m. at Saint Andrew's, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.



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TRACK & FIELD

Cold Springs' girls repeat as state champions, local stars shine at state meets

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2026 AHSAA Outdoor Track and Field State Championship meets in Cullman (1A-3A) and Gulf Shores (4A-7A) took place over the weekend. The Cold Springs girls team ran away with the 2A girls state championship in Cullman behind standout performances from Reese Swidecki and Ella Dickerson among others, finishing with 116 total points. In Gulf Shores, West Point and Fairview earned hardware thanks to Asa Sutter and Nic Fallin. All individuals with top-five finishes are listed below.

CULLMAN CHRISTIAN (1A)

- Katelee Blalock – 2nd in Girls High Jump (4-10)
- Elisabeth DiCicco – 3rd in Girls 800m (2:31.85), 4th in Girls 1600m (5:59.68)

MEEK (1A)

- Aiden Benson – 5th in Boys Discus Throw (120-08)
- Zarah Harden – 5th in Girls 800m (2:34.61)

COLD SPRINGS (2A)

- Reese Swidecki – 1st in Girls 3200m (11:58.24), 1st in Girls 1600m (5:26.75), 3rd in Girls 800m (2:29.44)
- Ella Dickerson – 1st in Girls High Jump (5-0), 2nd in Girls 100mH (17.17), 5th in Girls 300mH (50.38)
- Ivy Johnson – 1st in Para 100m (20.07), 1st in Para 200m (45.44), 2nd in Para Javelin (12-7)
- Blake Belcher – 1st in Boys Pole Vault (12-6)
- Paizley Whitlow – 2nd in Girls 3200m (12:11.22), 4th in Girls 1600m (5:38.27)
- Lindan Hill – 2nd in Boys High Jump (6-2)
- Ally Light – 2nd in Girls Pole Vault (8-6)
- Claire Huffstutler – 3rd in Girls Pole Vault (8-6)
- Jiselle Creel – 3rd in Girls Javelin Throw (96-3)
- Bailey Gann – 3rd in Boys Discus Throw (132-9)
- Ryleigh Wright – 4th in Girls Pole Vault (8-0)
- Haley Anderson – 4th in Girls Shot Put (30-6.50)

HANCEVILLE (3A)

- Eain Adams – 2nd in Para 100m (21.05), 2nd in Para Javelin Throw (43-1)

HOLLY POND (3A)

- Daniel Figueroa – 1st in Para 100m, 1st in Para 200m, 1st in Para Discus Throw, 1st in Para Javelin Throw
- Asher Thrift – 2nd in Boys Javelin Throw (160-4)
- Blakely Baggett – 5th in Girls Triple Jump (31-6)

VINEMONT (3A)

- Brady Johnson – 1st in Boys 3200m (9-36.84), 1st in Boys 1600m (4:24.01)
- Addison Holcomb – 2nd in Girls Javelin Throw (116-10)
- Caroline Miller – 3rd in Girls Long Jump (15-2.75), 4th in Girls Triple Jump (31-8.50)
- Gavin Parr – 3rd in Boys Pole Vault (12-6)
- Levi Burch – 4th in Boys Discus Throw (140-8)

GOOD HOPE (4A)

- Drake Nichols – 2nd in Boys 800m (1:57.67), 3rd in Boys 1600m (4:22.68)
- Kynzlee Garmon – 3rd in Girls Javelin Throw (108-05)
- Jaxson Richter – 4th in Boys 400m (50.23)

FAIRVIEW (5A)

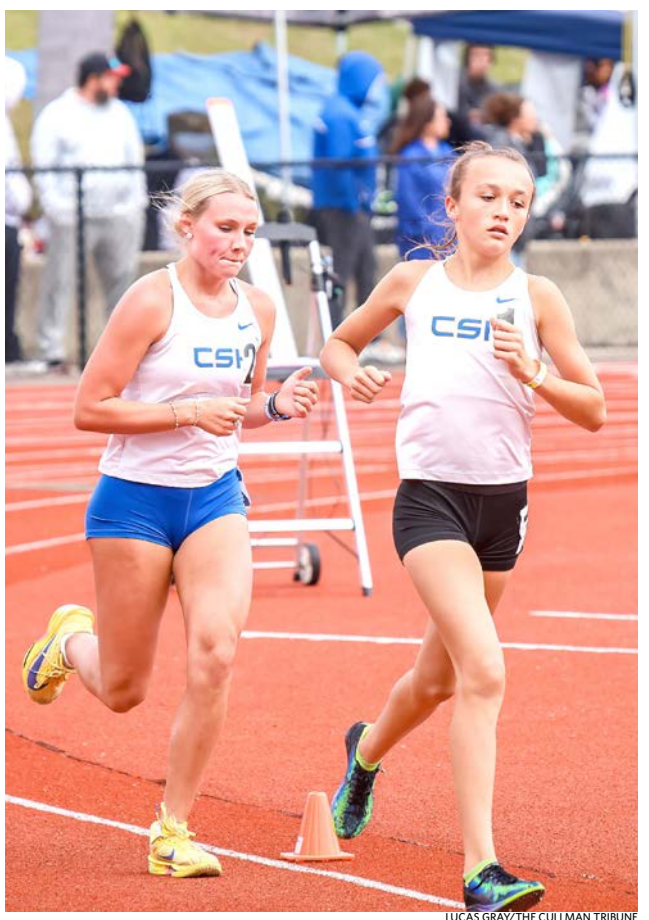
- Nic Fallin – 2nd in Boys Long Jump (21-5.75), 3rd in Boys Pole Vault (13-6)
- Logan Race – 4th in Boys Discus Throw (154-0)
- Kensli Redding – 4th in Girls High Jump (4-10)

WEST POINT (5A)

- Asa Sutter – 1st in 110mH (15.35), 4th in Boys Triple Jump (44-8), 5th in Boys 300mH (41.51)
- Rush Lamar – 3rd in Boys 400m (49.45)
- Malik Howell – 5th in Boys Shot Put (51-0.50)

CULLMAN (6A)

Isaiah Moore – 4th in Boys Shot Put (48-5)



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Cold Springs' Paizley Whitlow (left) and Reese Swidecki (right) running in the 3200m event at the 1A-3A state championships.

PREP SOFTBALL

Butler fans 13, scores two to push Hanceville over Locust Fork in 2-0 area semifinal win

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Hanceville's KK Butler

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Lady Bulldogs, host of the Class 3A, Area 12 softball tournament, took on Locust Fork after taking down J.B. Pennington 8-3 earlier on Friday. Hanceville struck early, and held on to their lead with stellar defense to advance to the area championship game Monday night.

Taking the mound for the home team was KK Butler, who put on a show, striking out 13 Hornet batters and only gave up three hits across seven innings.

On the other side, Brylee Calloway put up a solid performance for Locust Fork, only giving up two runs and five hits, but ultimately being credited with the loss.

For the first two-and-a-half innings, the crowd was greeted with a pitching duel between the two, with the first inning only seeing three batters from each team. In the third, the Bulldogs broke through.

After Butler put three up, three down, Kynzlee Farr hit a two-out double to give the Bulldogs an offensive jolt.

Next up, Bentley Childers bunted and reached safely, and with runners on the corners, Butler gave herself run support with a knock to left field that cleared the bases and gave Hanceville a 2-0 lead.

The Hornets didn't go down easy, however. In the top of the fourth, Butler gave up a single to Calloway, then two walks to load the bases with two outs.

In the most intense at bat of the night, with a 1-1 count, Locust Fork's Shanna Johnson hit a laser straight to Hanceville third baseman Kerrigan Pipkin, who secured the most important catch of the night to get Butler and the Bulldogs out of the jam.

While the offense didn't generate much pressure after their two runs earlier, Butler was ice cold down the stretch, eventually striking out two in the final frame to end the game with the 2-0 win.

At the plate, Hanceville was led by Butler, who went 1-3 with the two-RBI double. Recording two hits in three at bats was Kynzlee Farr, whose third-inning double put her in scoring position to eventuality be sent home by Butler.

With the win, the Bulldogs move on to the area championship, and await a challenger that will be determined on Monday.

From around Cullman

With 11-0 and 22-2 wins over Addison, Meek clinched the Class 1A, Area 14 softball title on Friday. In game one, Sadi Farley pitched five shutout innings, striking out eight and hitting a three-RBI home run in the win. In the finale, shortstop Anna Daugherty went 3-3 at the plate with a double and a home run, bringing in a whopping seven runs.





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Cullman's Eva Allen in the Bearcats' Elite Eight playoff matchup with Athens

PREP SOCCER

Both Bearcat varsity squads fall just short of the Final Four in scrappy pair of matches

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A row of pickup trucks, all packed with students, lined the east fence of the Cullman Soccer Complex on Saturday night. With both Bearcat squads on the verge of the Final Four, the students brought a little extra energy. The music, the chants and the taunting all brought about a true playoff atmosphere, and an intensity that made its way onto the pitch for both games.

VARSITY GIRLS
Athens 2, Cullman 0

The Lady Bearcats' matchup with Athens was all defense for the first 28 minutes, with both teams attempting to establish some semblance of rhythm or pressure, but neither were successful. In the 29th minute, Athens midfielder Allison Miranda broke the ice with a strike past Cullman's Kendall Bussman to make it 1-0.

After giving up the score, Bussman was a steel curtain for the remainder of the half, making highlight diving saves to continue giving the Bearcats' offense a chance to catch up.

After a one-score first half, Athens broke through again early in the second. Midfielder Layne Tarokh put a move on a Cullman defender, then faked out Bussman and snuck a shot over her head to make it 2-0.

Both teams had been physical the entirety of the match, but with under 10 minutes to go, it ramped up. While the student sections jawed at one another, a scrum broke out on the field after an Athens player pulled down a Lady Bearcat by the shoulders. Cullman got a new boost of energy, but were unable to come up with any offense in the final minutes. With the loss, the Lady Bearcats' season ended at 19-4 with a trip to the Elite Eight.

VARSITY BOYS
Gadsden City 1, Cullman 0 (Sudden Death PK)

Cullman's boys matchup was just as intense, especially on the defensive side of the ball. Goalkeeper Levi Hokanson was a human highlight reel on Saturday night, flying to all corners of the net to stop everything the Titans sent at him.

The Bearcats struggled to generate much pressure on offense, but when they did, Gadsden City shut it down. Their best scoring chance of the half, and perhaps the night, was saved by the Titans' Byron Morraquin just before it could cross the line, and an open look for Carlos Medina after a slick move ended with a tough deflection from goalkeeper Jessai Lopez. The first half would end knotted at zero.

Half two was much of the same, with Hokanson keeping a zero on the board on one end, and Lopez doing the same on the other.

Regulation would end with the score still tied at zero, then two overtime periods would do the same, forcing a penalty kick shootout.

The first three turns came and went, then three more, and the match was still deadlocked. Finally, with the shootout in sudden death, Gadsden got a shot to go in, then Lopez stonewalled a Cullman shot to end the game, 1-0.

Gadsden rushed to celebrate in front of Cullman's student section, who they'd heard plenty from before the game, causing yet another scuffle.

The Bearcats season, culminating with a trip to the Elite Eight, ended at 13-4-3.



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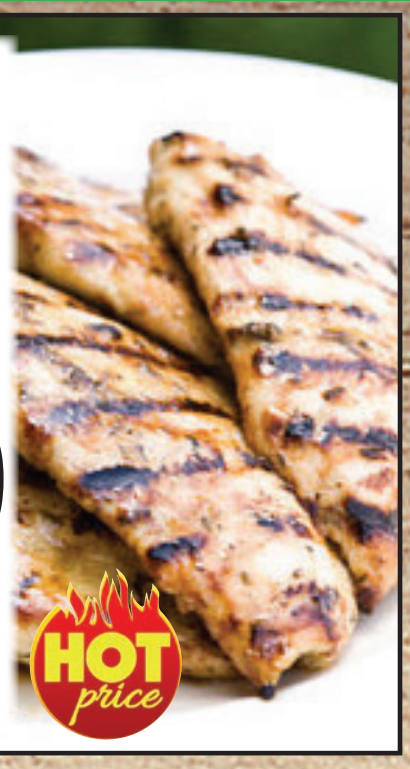
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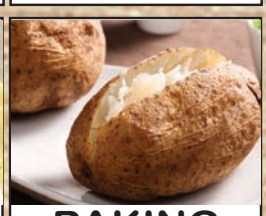
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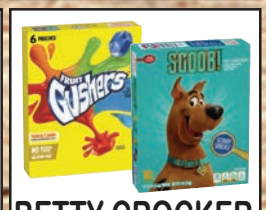
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Critter Crew delivers hands-on natural science education throughout north Alabama, partnering with schools, homeschool groups and community events. Through interactive STEAM programs, the crew introduces audiences to both native and exotic wildlife, fostering curiosity and appreciation for the natural world.

The organization was founded by Cassidy Wright and Brianna Horton, whose shared admiration for natural science inspired its creation.

Wright holds a Master of Science in Biology, with academic and professional experience spanning zoology, botany, mycology, cellular biology, microscopy and ecology.

Horton channels her interests in sustainability and environmental stewardship — such as recycling — into creative, hands-on learning experiences.

Her innovative approach helps transform scientific concepts into engaging and memorable activities.

The Critter Crew recently visited Cullman Christian School for hands-on learning. And on Earth Day, they partnered with the North Alabama Agriplex for an environmental education event. Children in attendance used nets to clear waterways and were able to see firsthand how litter can pollute local areas.

The Critter Crew gave insight on litter leading to pollution and affecting wildlife.

The Critter Crew's mission is to connect people to the natural world. They recently wrote in an introductory Facebook post, "We go beyond textbooks."

The Critter Crew prioritizes critical thinking and learning that inspires creativity and overall respect for science and nature. "Whether we're exploring habitats, discussing conservation, or introducing you to one of our wildlife ambassadors, our goal is to make science meaningful, interactive and unforgettable."

Learn more about the Critter Crew at www.crittercrewedu.org.



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The Critter Crew Founders Brianna Horton and Cassidy Wright

Local angler lands 72-pound catfish, celebrates love of fishing and family

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — What started as a calm day on the water turned into an unforgettable experience for local angler Savannah Woods, who recently reeled in a massive 72-pound catfish — a catch that's quickly become the talk of the community.

Woods, an avid outdoorswoman, said she knew immediately she had something special on the line.

"I knew right away it was something big," she said. "It pulled hard, and it took everything I had to bring it in. That's what makes fishing so exciting — you never know what you're about to hook."

After a determined battle, Woods successfully landed the giant catfish, marking one of the biggest catches of her life.

But for her, the moment meant even more because of who she got to share it with.

"Fishing is something I truly love, but getting to do it with my husband and my kids makes it even better," Woods said. "Those are the moments that mean everything to me — being out there together, making memories as a family."

The Woods family often spends time on the water, fishing brings peace, excitement and connection, she explained. "It's something we truly enjoy doing together, and it gives us time away from everything else to just enjoy life. It's not just about catching fish. It's about being together, teaching my kids, and showing them how much there is to love about the outdoors."

Woods said friends, family and followers have celebrated the impressive catch, not only for its size but for the story behind it — one centered on family, passion and time spent together.

Woods hopes her experience inspires others to get outside and enjoy similar moments with their loved ones.

"You don't need much to get started," she said. "Just some time, patience and the people you care about. That's what makes it special."

While landing a 72-pound catfish is a moment she'll never forget, Woods said the real reward is the memories made along the way — especially with her husband and kids right there beside her.

"That's what it's all about," she said. "Family, fishing and making memories that last forever."

According to Woods, "It was caught at the Tennessee River. And it's the IGFA world record in the women's division."



SAVANNAH WOODS

Savannah Woods and her 72-pound catfish



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Annalee Allen is pictured with Alabama Cattlemen's Association President Wyatt Sasser of Andalusia and Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

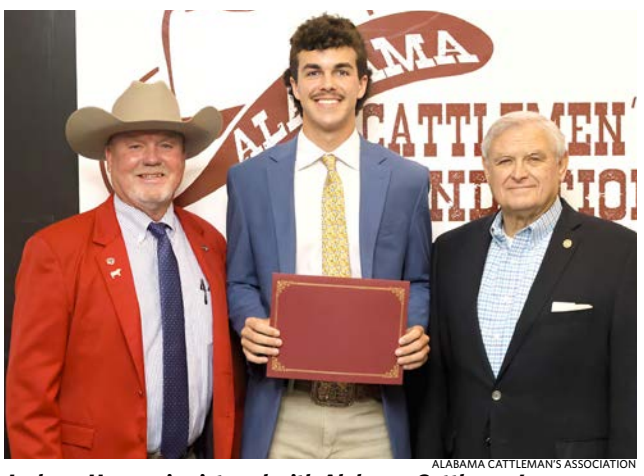
Annalee Allen awarded Tagged for Academic Excellence Scholarship

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Annalee Allen was awarded the Tagged for Academic Excellence Scholarship at the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation (ACF) Scholarship Banquet held Friday, May 1, in Montgomery. Annalee is the daughter of Kevin and Brandy Allen of Cullman.

A graduate of Cullman High School, Allen attends Auburn University and is pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business, Economics and Accountancy. Allen was one of more than 165 students awarded $162,250 in scholarships by the ACF, which serves to engage in educational and scientific activities to improve the beef cattle industry in Alabama and educate youth on the importance of beef cattle in Alabama.

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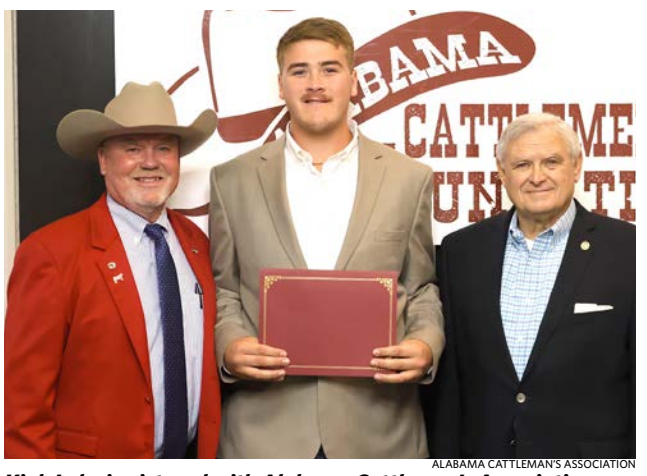
Jackson Haynes is pictured with Alabama Cattlemen's Association President Wyatt Sasser of Andalusia and Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

Jackson Haynes awarded Tagged for Greatness Scholarship

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Jackson Haynes was awarded the Tagged for Greatness Scholarship at the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation (ACF) Scholarship Banquet held Friday, May 1, in Montgomery. Jackson is the son of Ben and Whitney Haynes of Cullman.

Haynes will graduate from Fairview High School and plans to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree in Biological and Agricultural Technology Management. Haynes was one of 165 students awarded more than $162,250 in scholarships by the ACF, which serves to engage in educational and scientific activities to improve the beef cattle industry in Alabama and educate youth on the importance of beef cattle in Alabama. The ACF provides the opportunity to make tax deductible donations for the educational work of the foundation and is largely funded by the sale of the "Cowboy Tag" vanity license plate.



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Kiah Lake is pictured with Alabama Cattlemen's Association President Wyatt Sasser of Andalusia and Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

Kiah Lake awarded Tagged for Greatness Scholarship

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Kiah Lake was awarded the Tagged for Greatness Scholarship at the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation (ACF) Scholarship Banquet held Friday, May 1, in Montgomery. Kiah is the son of Heath and Mandi Lake of Arley.

Lake will graduate from Addison High School and plans to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree in Poultry Science.

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COLUMN

Poster board procrastination

Joe Hobby
Contributor

It was usually about 8:45 on a rainy Sunday night when the drama began.

One of my boys would burst into the den, chest heaving like he had just run the final leg of an Olympic relay. His face looked like he had just seen a boa constrictor in the bathroom.

Once he caught his breath, he began pleading as if he were asking the governor for a last-minute pardon.

"Mom! Dad! I've got a social studies project due tomorrow, and I've got to have a piece of white poster board."

Predictably, it was about 15 minutes before the store closed.

If you've ever had kids in school, you know the rest of the story.

It's closely related to staying up all night on Christmas Eve assembling toys – except this is even more frustrating because it could've been avoided.

"Son, how long have you known about this?"

"Huh?"

"How long have you known about this project?"

"I dunno... about two weeks, I guess."

Truthfully, it had probably been at least a month. But hey, what's a couple of weeks? One thing he did seem to know for sure is that the project was due at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, I was in the middle of a Netflix show.

"Why don't you just find an old piece of poster board downstairs and turn it over?" I suggested. "Use the back."

He gave me a look like he was about to call the department of human resources.

"I can't do that! When you turn it over you can see the print from the other side. Mrs. Benford will count off."

"Well then, why didn't't we pick one up on the way home from church today?"

"Because I was too busy thinking about Jesus."

"Well, I suggest you need to start praying to Jesus, because I am not getting up to go buy poster board you should've bought this afternoon. It's about time you learned a lesson."

Seeing me take a hard line, he naturally turned to the weak link, my wife Carol. I couldn't help noticing she was already getting out of her chair.

"Mom! Please! I'll make an F! And she's going to hang up all the posters for Open House next week and I'll be the only person that doesn't have one."

Playing on her emotions, he worked her like a two-piece puzzle.

Before grabbing her keys, Carol went through the standard parental search routine.

First stop was the junk drawer. Every house has one. Ours contained about a dozen dried-up Bic pens, birthday candles, coupons that expired during the Clinton administration, a broken stapler and a couple of dried-out highlighters. Next was the kitchen cabinet where school supplies were supposed to live.

There was nothing but a couple of notebooks, and several old glue sticks that wouldn't glue anything.

Finally, she checked the garage, which is apparently where poster board goes to die. Nada.

At that point, she realized what she probably knew from the start: time to go to the store.

"Oh, come on – but you're getting out to buy it."

Way to take a tough stand, Carol. You showed him.

About 30 minutes later they returned from the emergency poster board run.

If you've ever been in a store late on a Sunday night you know exactly who was there: other moms and dads wandering the aisles with the same glazed look in their eyes, each clutching a piece of poster board like it's the last life jacket on the Titanic.

What nobody talks about is the silent understanding that exists between those parents in the store.

Nobody makes eye contact. Nobody asks questions. We all know exactly why the others are there.

One dad was standing there staring at a rack of markers like he's trying to decipher the Dead Sea Scrolls. Another mom is frantically flipping through a pack of construction paper like a dealer shuffling at a Vegas blackjack table.

Every now and then you hear somebody mutter something under their breath like, "It said they needed glitter..."

Glitter. At 8:57 on a rainy Sunday night.

There ought to be a special aisle for parents who just found out about the project tonight.

I digress. Soon, I heard noises coming from the dining room, which doubles as the school-project assembly center. Drawers opening. Cabinets closing. A closet door slamming.

Eventually, my son ambled back into the den, hanging his head like a man who had just lost his stay of execution.

"I forgot to get any markers."

And so, the following week during Open House, everyone admired his poster of the American colonies – done entirely in pencil.

Fortunately, Mrs. Benford didn't deduct points for a lack of color. She said it looked historically accurate.

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.

RECIPE

Pineapple Pomegranate Chicken Tacos

Chasady Woods
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This summer needs flavor and it's time to add a citrus twist to savory food!

You will need the following items:

- Flour tortillas
- Lemon
- Canned pineapple
- Pomegranate seeds
- Mango habanero salsa
- Lettuce
- Jalapeños
- Purple onion
- Chicken breast
- Lemon pepper
- Taco seasoning
- Coconut soy sauce
- Butter
- Coconut oil

First you will want to slice your lemon and onion. For the onion, only cut as much as you will need for your tacos and put the rest away. The entire lemon will be used. Slice half the lemon. The slices will be cooked and the other half will be squeezed.

Put your onion slices into a large frying pan with a few jalapeños. Place these items to one side and your pineapples on the other. Let them cook individually for five minutes or so before adding in juices and sauces. I chose to add coconut soy sauce and jalapeños juice onto the pineapples.

Then I added pineapple juice to my onions. Let them sit for another five minutes, then mix. After they're equally cooked, turn the heat off and move your toppings to another container.

Leaving the pan as-is, you will turn on low heat and add two tablespoons of coconut oil. Once the oil has melted, place your lemon slices and squeeze the juice of the lemon half into the pan.

For this recipe I highly recommend chicken.

Once the chicken is flipped a few times I add a tablespoon of butter to each slice along with lemon pepper and taco seasoning. I move the lemons to a separate area of the pan with a few drops of coconut soy.

Once the chicken is cooked fully and cooled down it is ready to be cut into chunks or shredded.

Now you are ready to enjoy your meal! Grab your tortilla and add your lettuce, chicken, mango habanero salsa, onion, pineapple and top it all with your pomegranate seeds and lemon slices!



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Pineapple Pomegranate Chicken Tacos

Obituary Announcements: May 2-4

Gregory Julian Swann, 71

Gregory "Greg" Julian Swann, 71, of Vinemont, Alabama, passed away on April 30, 2026. Born on July 29, 1954, in Cullman, Greg was devoted to his family and always willing to help others. He was a 1972 graduate of Cold Springs High School. Greg was a welder and a proud, long-time member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 108. Greg never met a stranger and was the life of any party. A lover of pranks and conversation, Greg was a devoted son, a loving husband, father and grandfather as well as an active and generous member of his local community. He loved playing guitar and singing and rocked every open mic. Greg took pride in his work and at the same time was well known for his dog grooming skills. Greg loved to travel with his wife and family, and in later years became an enthusiast of classic westerns and quilting shows. His outgoing and dependable presence will be deeply missed. Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Julian and Alean Swann, and his son, Duffy Swann. He is survived by his wife, Debra (Aaron) Swann; his son, Julian Swann (Christine); his grandchildren, Hannah Swann, Clara Swann, Constantin Swann, and Lucas Swann; his brothers, Mark Swann (Donna) and Myles Swann (Elaina); his sister, Rebekah Harding (Rodney); his nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends. A viewing was held on Monday, May 4, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held in the Cullman Funeral Home chapel on Tuesday, May 5, from 11 a.m.-noon. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Vinemont, Alabama.

Jimmy Freeman, 79

Funeral Service for Jimmy R Freeman, age 79 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Chris Godfrey and Greg Leipert officiating; burial at Antioch Baptist Cemetery- Fairview. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Jimmy Freeman passed away on the evening of May 1, 2026, at his residence surrounded by family and loved ones. He was born to the late Earnest and Truedell Freeman in Cullman on July 7, 1946. He was married to the apple of his eye, Gail Gaines, on Jan. 7,1972. They were married for 46 wonderful years. Jimmy was a loving husband, wonderful father and a great brother and friend. His life was full and never lacking in love. Jimmy was a strong man that understood the importance of good character and the value of a man keeping his word and the equal importance of the laughter that follows a good prank or the relaxation that comes from a well needed beach vacation. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed being outdoors with his family going hunting, fishing, riding 4-wheelers, swimming, playing volleyball or horseshoes, or working in his garden. He was greatly loved and will be even more missed by those who were blessed to know him. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gail Freeman; daughter, Tara Clowers; brothers, Gerald "Shorty" (Sandra) Freeman, Ray Freeman, Johnnie (Jutta) Freeman, and Jack (Sue) Freeman; sisters, Ethel (Benny) Tuggle, Edna Bavar, and Doris (Howard) Wright. Survivors include his children; Shane (Kerin) Freeman, Sedena (Greg) Leipert, and Doug (Renita) Whatley; grandchildren; Angel (Levi) Dees, Heaven (Scotty) Tally, Izek Leipert, Avery "A.J." Freeman, and Aaron "Champ" Freeman; great grandchildren; Alice Dees, Spencer Leipert, and Aspen Leipert; sister, Carolyn (Allen) Adamson; sister-in-law - Tina Freeman; brothers, Earnest (Janis) Freeman and Emmitt (Bonnie) Freeman; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Per the family request please where your camo apparel.

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Make sun protection a habit to help prevent skin cancer

Dr. Scott Harris
Contributor

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, but it is also one of the most preventable. May is National Skin Cancer Awareness Month, a time to learn preventive skin care habits and screen for early detection.

More than 5 million cases of skin cancer are treated in the U.S. annually, and one in five Americans will develop skin cancer by age 70. An estimated 8,510 deaths will be attributed to melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, this year in the nation.

Sun damage builds up over time; therefore, early detection of skin cancer is important; it can save your life. Chronic sun exposure, whether from natural light or indoor tanning, is the leading cause of skin cancer. Exposure to UVA and UVB radiation from the sun, tanning beds or sun lamps is the major cause of all three types of skin cancer – melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma. Between the years 2014 and 2023, there were 7,373 men and 5,391 women in Alabama diagnosed with melanoma.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers the following tips to make sun safety an everyday habit to lower your risk of skin cancer.

What's in your tote bag?
Get ready for summer with a tote bag full of different ways to protect your skin. Keep the tote bag handy so you can grab it whenever you head out for summer fun!

Some important things to pack:
- A lightweight long-sleeved shirt or cover-up
- A hat with a wide brim that shades your face, head, ears and neck
- Sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays
- Sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and both UVA and UVB (broad spectrum) protection

More sun safety tips
- Stay in the shade, especially during late morning through mid-afternoon
- Can't stay in the shade? Wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants to protect your skin.
- Reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating or toweling off
- Learn how to protect yourself from heat-related illness

Fast facts about skin cancer
- Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, and includes different types
- Unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun's UV rays in as little as 15 minutes
- Even if it's cool and cloudy, you still need protection. UV rays, not the temperature, do the damage.
- Anyone can get skin cancer, but some things put you at higher risk
- The most common signs of skin cancer are changes on your skin, such as a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal or a change in a mole

Everyone, regardless of skin color, is at risk of skin cancer, so practice sun protection and monitor for any spots that are changing, itching or bleeding, and see a board-certified dermatologist. When it is caught early and treated, skin cancer is highly curable.

More information is available from our Cancer Prevention and Control Division.

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
SAMUEL ASHFORD, JR., * CASE NO.: PC2026-122
Deceased. *

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Precious Mae Harris, as Personal Representative of the Estate of SAMUEL ASHFORD, JR., deceased, on the 1st day of May, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

Precious Mae Harris
Personal Representative

David B. Dobson
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Oneonta, AL 35121

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 1st day of May, 2026.
Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JUANITA Q. LATTA, * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-177**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LINDA FOX, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JUANITA Q. LATTA, deceased, on the 30th day of April, 2026, 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.

Linda Fox
Personal Representative

Seth Thompson
The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TERRY DALE KEY, * CASE NO PC 2025-363
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: DEL ROBERTS a/k/a DALE ROBERTS, BAYLEE ELISE MAREK, JOSHUA BRIAN GARNER, AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Dustin Key, Petitioner, through Attorney Matthew K. Carter for the Estate of Terry D. Key and *Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed by Matthew K. Carter, Attorney. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the **21st day of July, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 27th day of April, 2026.

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 and send an affidavit of Publication to Judge of Probate

Matthew K. Carter
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
ORVELENE FULENWIDER,) CASE NO. PC 2025- 234
)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Bernard Delaine Fulenwider as Personal Representative of the Estate of Orvelene Fulenwider, deceased, on the 24th day of April, 2026, 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.

Bernard Delaine Fulenwider
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Orvelene Fulenwider, 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.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage units containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by Legacy Self Storage 106 13th Street SW Cullman, AL 35055 to satisfy a lien on May 20th 2026, at Time 10:00 A.M. at Storagetreasures.com : Unit # 713 Christopher Burns.

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 the Housing Authority of the City of Cullman will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the main office located at 408 Cleveland Avenue SW.

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit public comments on the Public Housing Agency Annual and Five-Year Plan for 2026, as well as the Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan. This hearing is open to all citizens of Cullman. Any individual with a physical disability or other special needs may contact the Housing Authority at (256) 734-6171 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for attendance. In addition, effective upon publication of this notice, the Public Housing Agency Plan will be available for public review at the Housing Authority's main office prior to the public hearing.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Brock Trace Subdivision - County Road 1464 & County Road 1466 – minimum rear lot setbacks

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:

ROBBIE R. BAGGETT and
JEREMY L. BAGGETT

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DESTINY BOATWRIGHT, WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY ROBBIE R. BAGGETT AND JEREMY L. BAGGETT, PETITIONERS, FOR THE ADOPTION OF B.R.H., A MINOR. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS THE 1st DAY OF May, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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Attorney for Petitioner

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-132

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN KLEIN BAUMGARTNER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARGARET ANN KLEIN BAUMGARTNER

TO: YANCY LAURENS VAN PATTEN

The Petition of Patrick L. Klein to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Margaret Ann Klein Baumgartner, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

TO: 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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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Bryan C. Holcombe and Jennifer K. Holcombe, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns dated July 20, 2020; said mortgage being recorded on September 21, 2020 in Deed Book 1930, Page 439 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 389, Page 855 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on June 8, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 2.0 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER ALL IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A OLD PIPE LOCALLY ACCEPTED AS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15 AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 353.95 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, AND RUN ALONG AN OLD FENCE LINE, A DISTANCE OF 651.17 FEET TO A SET REBAR MARKING THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 735 AND BEING IN A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 14 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 7,152.63 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 19 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 243.93 FEET TO A SET REBAR MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 420.40 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE RUN NORTH 21 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 205.34 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE RUN SOUTH 67 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 418.55 FEET TO A SET REBAR MARKING THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD NO. 735; THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION FOLLOWING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 207.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said property is commonly known as **1737 County Road 735, Cullman, AL 35055**.

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

On the tour May 2, 2026

Guided ghost tour through downtown Cullman

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Saturday evening, May 2, visitors gathered at Sipsey Winery for a guided ghost walk that combined local history and hands-on activities along Cullman's historic downtown streets.

Lesley Ann Hyde, owner and founder of The Southern Ghost Girls Tours, led the event with team member and lead guide Sherri Hankey. Hyde said the tours began in 2019 but were put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. She said she brought them back because of strong interest and Cullman's rich history.

"We've done tours in other places over the years, but Cullman has such a deep history that I wanted to restart them here," Hyde said.

Saturday's walk was one of several events planned for the year. Organizers hope to hold tours at least once a month, each time highlighting different parts of the city. Past tours have included fall walks that supported Relay for Life and winter "Ghosts of Christmas Past" tours.

This time, participants started at Sipsey Winery and walked along First Avenue, one of Cullman's oldest streets, established in 1873. Along the way, guides stopped at historic sites and shared stories about how the buildings were used in the past and their role in Cullman's growth.

"We focus on the real history of these places," Hyde said. "A lot of people are surprised by what used to be here and how the town has changed."

Besides sharing stories, guides showed attendees some of the tools used in investigative-style tours, like dowsing rods and other equipment, making the experience more interactive.

The events are open to everyone. Families, couples and groups of friends often join, and the tours are kept family-friendly to welcome the whole community.

"It's something different for people to do," Hankey said. "By the end of the tour, people who didn't know each other at the start are talking and connecting."



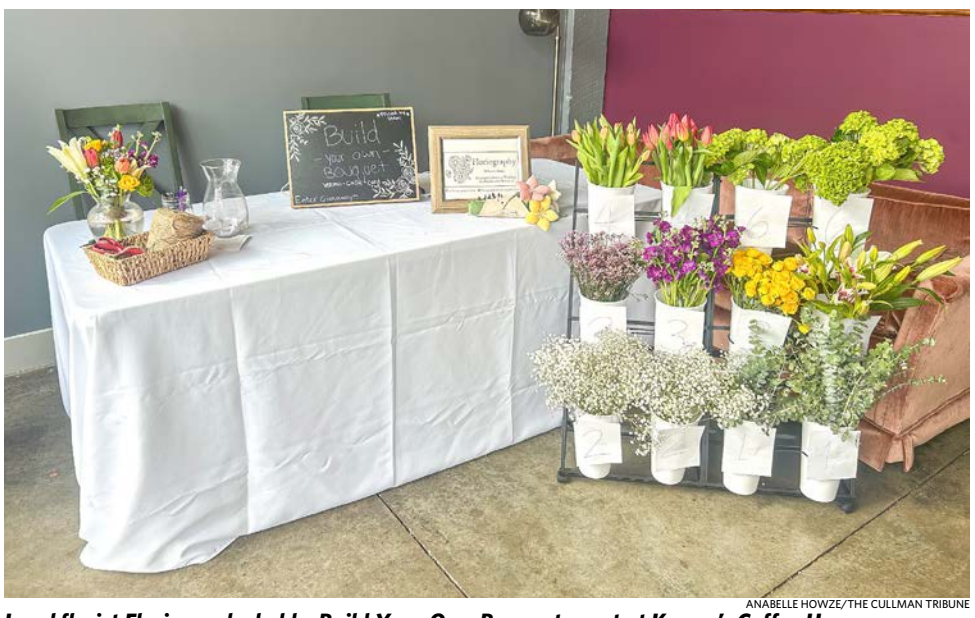
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Shawn Bennett, Lesley Ann Hyde and Sherri Hankey

Hyde pointed out that the tours are about more than just entertainment. Part of the money from each event goes to local charities and historic preservation, including groups like United Way and Relay for Life. The tours also support local businesses by working with places like Sipsey Winery and making them part of the experience.

"We want to support the community while also bringing people together and sharing its history," Hyde said.

For more details about upcoming tours, visit www.facebook.com/southernghostgirls.



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A floral affair at Karma's

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local florist Floriography held a Build-Your-Own Bouquet event at Karma's Coffee House on Saturday, May 2. Customers selected stems and created their own bouquets to take home.

Floriography Owner Anne Lawrence Hughes said she creates arrangements for important moments like weddings, elopements and other special occasions. She said she wants to share the calm and connection to nature that flowers give her.

"Flowers bring a sense of calm and peace to me, and I like to share that with others," she said.

Floriography is located in Cullman and works with clients throughout north Alabama, including Birmingham, Huntsville and Florence. The business does not have a brick-and-mortar shop right now, but customers can connect at Facebook/floriographyalabama or www.instagram.com/floriography-alabama.

At Saturday's pop-up event, customers made their own bouquets from a variety of flowers, including focal blooms, filler flowers and greenery. Each stem was priced separately, so visitors could choose what they liked best. After picking their flowers, bouquets were put together and wrapped on the spot.

Hughes said there are no more pop-up events planned right now, but the business is getting ready for a busy summer with several weddings coming up. She encouraged anyone planning a wedding or elopement to contact her for floral services.

