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Hanceville council approves park improvement funding, restaurant liquor license

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — At its meeting on Thursday, May 28, the Hanceville City Council approved park improvement funding and a liquor license for a local restaurant.

Parks

Councilman Robert Powell explained the proposal of combining the C.W. Day Park improvement project and park fencing project into one larger, three-phase project, with a budget of $525,000

"Kind of what it would do is, instead of focusing on just the fencing project and instead of just looking at the park improvement plan that we looked at, we would kind of combine both of them and turn it into a three-phase plan over the next three years," he said.

Powell explained that $175,000 was budgeted, and over three years, $525,000 would cover the combined projects.

"Over the next three years, if we do about two fields a year and an improvement, over three years we can do the whole thing," he said. "So that's kind of what we're looking at doing, and with this year, what we're looking at doing is doing two fields and resurfacing the court and getting that back up. So that would be the first phase."

The council approved the three-phase project.

The council also approved a budget amendment transferring $25,317 from the Veterans Park improvement fund to C.W. Day Park for the installation of a playground between ballfields three and four, along with an enclosure gate behind the playground.

Alcohol licensure

The council held a public hearing regarding an alcohol license for Azul Tequila Mexican Cantina. During the hearing, a resident recommended that the council review the legality » PAGE 2

Hanceville Library celebrates poetry contest winners



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are second-place winner Ada Borer, third-place winner Alex Mann and judge Will Justice Drake. First-place winner Audrey Faircloth was not present.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Writers from across Alabama were invited to Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville on Friday, May 29, to participate in library's annual Poetry Night and poetry competition to celebrate creativity and literacy.

Library Manager Teresa Rivera explained that the competition started as a way to get residents involved during National Poetry Month in April, and it has quickly become a meaningful tradition. She thanked library supporter Ben Johnson and published poet and event judge Will Justice Drake for helping shape the contest.

Drake helped organize the event and judge the entries. The contest received over 40 entries, with each participant allowed to submit up to three poems. Although only Alabama residents could enter, Rivera said the event reached beyond the state.

"I even had people from North Carolina and South Carolina send their poems," Rivera said. "Of course, it was just an Alabama state poetry contest, so we couldn't accept those. But it was interesting that it had traveled that far."

For Rivera, one of the most memorable aspects of the competition was the wide variety of voices and styles represented.

"What stood out for me was the diversity," she said. "We had very short entries and then we had very long entries. People use poetry to express their feelings. Some poems spoke from pain, some from joy and some were funny. It was just fascinating."

The winning poem was about pomegranates. Rivera said the piece captivated readers through » PAGE 8

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Arrests and incidents reported June 1

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 1, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 28

- violation of protection order; CR 1025
- harassment; Hwy. 278E
- assault; CR 1419
- trespassing; CR 262

May 29

- harassing communications; CR 54
- permitting dogs to run at large; Chad Dr.
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 775
- harassing communications; CR 1555
- harassing communications; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 1196
- criminal mischief; CR 1466
- theft of property; CR 735
- harassment; CR 946
- assault; CR 1829
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 372
- criminal mischief; Mauldin St.

May 30

- trafficking drugs; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 641
- harassing communications; CR 547
- criminal mischief; CR 1485
- domestic violence; CR 1168
- possession of controlled substance; US. 31
- theft of property; Hwy. 91

May 31

- harassment; CR 1485
- possession of cocaine; CR 437
- theft of property; Hwy. 278W
- assault; CR 703
- domestic violence; CR 1062
- criminal mischief; Brooklyn Rd.
- criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 324
- menacing; CR 1485
- harassing communications; CR 201

ARRESTS

May 28-31

Boyles, Jamie; 46

- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Boyles, Leslie G.; 53

- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Cloud, Brayden X.; 24

- public intoxication

Dibble, Brooke L.; 25

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Green, Christian B.; 34

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hardin, Gary L.; 51

- drug trafficking

League, Cobie T.; 27

- possession of cocaine

Maddux, Thomas E.; 38

- assault-harassment

Martin, Jennifer G.; 42

- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Mathis, Brad D.; 60

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Maze, Dalton B.; 26

- assault-domestic violence-2nd degree – stalking
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Owens, Jerome D.; 60

- driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood

Ray, John A.; 39

- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Rhodes, Mark A.; 56

- possession of methamphetamine

Richter, Morgan B.; 23

- flight/escape

Sanchez, Benito; 33

- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Shoen, Jessica M.; 45

- FTA – theft of article from auto
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

Thomas, Christopher O.; 39

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Tubbs, Corey L.; 36

- theft of article from auto

Williams, Jean C.; 34

- FTA – possessing stolen property, $1500 or more
- FTA – burglary-residence-no force

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 25

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $33; Olive St. SW

May 27

- harassment; person

May 28

- harassment; person; Main Ave. SW

May 29

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $18; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $29; Olive St. SW

May 31

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $41; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

May 29-31

Williams, Karen E.; 51

- possession of controlled substance

Capps, Joseph T.; 47

- theft of property-4th degree

Metrejean, Tiffany D.; 28

- fugitive from justice

Shoen, Jessica M.; 45

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Curvin, Joshua A.; 29

- public intoxication
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Cloud, Brayden X.; 24

- FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Fanning, Ricky D.; 34

- FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)

Montague, Robert L.; 69

- theft of property-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



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Hanceville council (from Front)

of certain advertisements.

Mayor Nolan Bradford stated, "The actual ordinance says you can't have the name of the brand of alcohol. This is part of the brand name, but it's not the full brand name." He added, "The whole ordinance needs going through, and we are going to do all that."

Later in the meeting, the council approved the restaurant's liquor license.

More

The Hanceville 12U baseball team was recognized for its successful season. The team currently holds a 22-1 overall record and will continue competing through June.

The council approved payment of an invoice from the Cullman County Commission for deputy overtime pay.

The council discussed the appointment of a new emergency check signer, who is needed following the recent resignation of Town Clerk Tania Wilcox. The appointment was postponed until the council's June 11 meeting.

For the Alcohol Board, the council approved temporarily filling vacant positions with Director of Operations Rusty Fields, Powell and Councilman Cameron Rowe. The ordinance will be reviewed again once a new city clerk is appointed.

A motion was approved to surplus fire hoses and allow cleanup of the area where they are stored.

In old business, the council approved the purchase of a Square credit card terminal for the library.

The second reading of the Procurement Policy for Federal Funds, Ordinance 2026-8, was held. The ordinance was approved.

Council members also discussed organizing a community event for the Fourth of July.

Food Truck Roundup at Tucker Pavilion was canceled May 28 due to weather conditions but is expected to resume next week.

Public comments

Opening the meeting were public comments.

Resident Bradley Hill stated that the Hanceville Civic Center had been "left in ruins," alleging that Life Church, which leases the building for services, was leaving it in poor condition. Bradford responded that the city would address the issue "first thing in the morning."

Brittani Coker spoke next about the Ballin' Like a Bulldog Youth Skills Camp. She encouraged community members to visit the Facebook event page, 4th Annual Ballin' Like a Bulldog Youth Skills Camp, where an Amazon wish list is posted. Items on the list include school supplies, personal hygiene products and basketballs that each child will receive to take home. Opportunities are also available to donate snacks and water for the camp.

Those interested in volunteering, making donations or sponsoring a child are encouraged to visit the Facebook page. The camp is scheduled for July 23–24.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

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Howard (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Cullman County Schools has selected Lindsey Howard as the next principal of Holly Pond Elementary School, pending approval by the Cullman County Board of Education.

Howard brings more than 15 years of experience in elementary education, literacy leadership and school administration to the position. A Holly Pond High School graduate, she currently serves as assistant principal at Arab Primary School. Previously, she worked as an Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) Local Reading Specialist and spent more than 10 years teaching elementary students at East Elementary School in Cullman City Schools. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Athens State University.

"Lindsey is an outstanding educator and leader who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence throughout her career," said Dr. Shane Barnette, superintendent of Cullman County Schools. "Her experience in the classroom, her expertise in literacy instruction and her recent work as an administrator have prepared her well for this opportunity. We are excited about the future of Holly Pond Elementary under her leadership and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will have on students, teachers and families for many years to come."

Howard holds an Instructional Leadership Certification, an Education Specialist degree and a Master's degree from the University of West Alabama, as well as a bachelor's degree from Auburn University. She is National Board Certified in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts and, along with her colleagues, was recognized with the Alabama Literacy Act Exemplary Reading Award in 2023.

Howard said she is honored to return to the community she calls home.

"I am incredibly humbled and excited to return to my alma mater to help lead Holly Pond Elementary," Howard said. "My family and I call Holly Pond home, and its community holds a special place in my heart. I look forward to working alongside HPE educators, families and staff, and I am eager to build upon the foundation that has been laid to support our school's growth and success."

Howard will succeed Karen Sparks, who is retiring.

"We are deeply grateful for Karen Sparks and the impact she has made on Holly Pond Elementary and the entire community," Barnette said.

"Her dedication to students, staff and families has helped shape the school's success, and we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement."

Barnette's recommendation to hire Howard will be presented to the Board at its next meeting, scheduled for June 11, 2026. Pending board approval, she will officially begin at Holly Pond Elementary on July 1.

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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, June 3 – 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, June 5 – 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.
• Sunday, June 7 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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.
• Wednesday, June 3, 10 a.m. Live SNAKES, let's replace fear with fascination, experts present an engaging, hands-on show that brings the world of reptiles and exotic animals to the Shirley Burden Public Library
• Monday, June 1, 6 p.m. Culture Club meets
• Wednesday, June 3, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class
• Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. TEEN Club "Bedazzle art design"
• Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. Birds' Beaks - Amazing Adaptations presented by Kerri Roberts Alabama 4-H
• Wednesday, June 10, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class
• Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m.-noon Storytime – Snead's Farmhouse is coming with animals and an outstanding presentation. Judy always does a great and fun program!
• Wednesday, June 17, 1:15 p.m. Crochet class
• Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. Boy Scout Colin Hyde will teach us about bats!
• Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. Adult book club. Not too late to join!
• Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m. Hanceville Fire Department will be here with firetrucks, fire safety presentations and demonstrations. Get sprayed with the hose! Bring suits and towels.
• Wednesday, June 24, 1:15 p.m. Crochet class
• July 1 BREAK
• Wednesday, July 8, 10 a.m. "My feathered friends" with Cullman Soil and Water – Millie Keel
• Wednesday, July 8, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m. "Raptor Outreach" by Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Wednesday, July 15, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. Adult book club

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program
• Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program!
• June 2, Mr. Larry's Magic Show
• June 9, Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District
• June16, Movie Day- "The Land Before Time"
• June 23, Jessie Douglas, Farm Bill Biologist II
• June 30, Snead's Farmhouse
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact the Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226, or guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church FREE Community Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6, beginning at 8 a.m. The event is intended to serve the community by providing clothing and household items at no cost. Community members are invited to come browse available items and take what they need in a welcoming environment. Individuals and families throughout the community are encouraged to attend and take part in this day of fellowship and service.

Cullman NARFE Chapter Meeting
Monday, June 8, at Freddie Day's restaurant. The lunch will begin at 11 a.m.; business meeting and guess speaker will follow at noon. All federal retirees, spouses and guests are welcome.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, June 11, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Sanit Joseph Dr. NW Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

Bates Reunion
Saturday, June 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center, adjacent to the fire station. A potluck lunch will be shared at noon. This is for the descendants of Thomas Royal Bates and related families.

Phillips-Compton Reunion
Saturday, June 27, beginning at 10 a.m. Descendants of John Marion Phillips and Frances Compton Phillips and related families will meet at the Brushy Pond Community Center. Covered dish lunch at noon. From Bremen, travel on County Road 222 to Ryans Creek Baptist Church. Turn right next to the church and travel a short distance to the center, which is next to the fire station. Call 256-709-4956 for additional information.

Smith Lake Park 4th of July Fireworks Festival
Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. There will be a full lineup of live music, including More Cowbell, The Connection, Albert Simpson and Taylor Hicks. There will also be food vendors and arts and crafts vendors all day, plus games and golf cart parade Admission is $5 per person or $20 per vehicle.

Vinemont 4th of July Celebration
Sunday, July 5, at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks show starts at 9. Celebration of America 250 and 65 years of incorporation for the Town of South Vinemont. Food, kids' play zone and fireworks. Presented by the Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church.

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Holly Pond's Maggie Nail reflects on her time as a Bronco

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond multi-sport athlete Maggie Nail received her high school diploma in May. Before heading to the University of Alabama in Huntsville this fall, she shared some of her favorite sports moments, plus what it was like being around so many great teammates during her career.

"My favorite memory from basketball was my 11th grade year, when we came from behind in the area championship to defeat Vinemont at their place, defeated Colbert County in the Sub-Regional game, then fell short at the Elite Eight. For softball, my favorite memory was the regional tournament my ninth and 10th grade years," Nail said. "Playing alongside so my teammates felt like gaining a second family, and over the years, they became like sisters to me. When I was younger and first joined varsity, I looked up to the older girls more than they probably realized. As I became an upperclassman, I stepped into a leadership role and worked to be someone the younger players could look up to, just like I once did."

Being a role model for not only the younger girls on her respective teams but also for the little girls that watched her play is so important to Maggie. She played under some great coaches during her career, and she took away so much from them and her teammates.

"I've always been told, you never know who's watching, and I remember that every practice or game I go to. It's important to set a good example for those who may look up to you. The way you carry yourself, encourage your teammates, and handle yourself after mistakes or even successes give them an example of the player they might want to be one day," Nail said.

"I've been so blessed with the coaches I played under as a Holly Pond athlete. They provided me with constructive feedback, encouragement, and pushed me to be my best every single day. I don't fully realize the weight of being a coach, but I know that coaches at Holly Pond care so much about their athletes reaching their full potential. They have taught me teamwork, dedication, and discipline for on and off the field or court circumstances."

Maggie played a huge part in a couple of her favorite games, and she has so many role models that she looks up to. She will remember and miss so much about playing at Holly Pond.

"My favorite basketball game was the Sub-Regional game at Winfield. We played lights out and with so much teamwork. My favorite softball game was at Brindlee Mountain this season. We played with so much energy," she said.

"My role models in sports are Skylar Wallace, Kobe Bryant and my mom and dad. They have helped me in many ways. Mostly, they've helped me develop a strong character in my day-to-day life. Even though Holly Pond is a small town, that's what I love most about it. Everyone supports everyone, no matter how big the crowd is. Holly Pond is one big family."

Nail made so many great memories in high school, and loved the positive atmosphere at Holly Pond. On the next generation of Broncos, she gave some advice.

"My favorite high school memories are homecoming weeks, powderpuff, and seeing my friends every day. Senior year was probably the best year of high school. We had a lot of fun activities. My favorite activity was senior fun day. We had water slides, a mechanical bull, etc.," she said. "Holly Pond is a special place, because of the positive atmosphere wherever you go. My advice to those who are attending high school in August would be to work hard in whatever they may be doing. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for me.' This verse reminds me that I should never seek validation from the world/friends. Instead, we should work hard to serve the Lord."



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Maggie Nail

God has changed Maggie's life in so many ways, and she leans on a couple of her favorite Bible verses and songs to help her get through everyday life.

"The Lord has changed my life in countless ways. He gives me strength and comfort even after mistakes I've made and still continue to make when I least deserve it. My relationship with God has allowed me to have inner and outer peace, a new identity, and a purpose in life. Mostly, the Word of God has encouraged me to love others in a world full of hatred. He is my rock!", she said. "My favorite Bible verses are Colossians 3:23 and Proverbs 3:5-6. My favorite songs are Goodbye Yesterday and Goodness of God."

No. 7 Alabama baseball advances to Super Regionals after thrilling 9-7 win over Oklahoma State

UA Athletics
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — No. 7 national seed Alabama baseball (40-19) punched its ticket to the Super Regional round of the 2026 NCAA Baseball Tournament, as the Crimson Tide topped Oklahoma State (39-22) following a back-and-forth 9-7 win on Sunday night at Sewell-Thomas Stadium. Alabama not only advances to its first Super Regional since 2023 but will play host to the best-of-three series for the first time since 2006.

Neal was the hero for the Tide, as the Alabama catcher broke a 6-6 tie in the 11th with a two-out, three-run home run. The senior finished 1-for-4 with four RBI, also driving in a run with a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch. Eric Hines finished with three hits in five at-bats, including a game-tying solo home run in the 8th after the Cowboys claimed their first lead of the night the half inning prior. Jason Torres also homered for the Tide, as his solo home run in the 5th gave his side a two-run cushion. John Lemm was 2-for-4 with two RBI and a walk, while Brennan Holt tallied a run batted in as part of a 1-for-5 evening. Peyton Steele and Justin Lebron both managed two hits each, with the latter collecting a double. Eight of the nine starts in the Tide lineup produced at least one hit, as Alabama finished 8-for-19 (.421) in two-out situations.

Myles Upchurch was tasked with the start in the Regional Final, with the freshman giving his dugout a sturdy effort in the 15th start of his rookie campaign. Against one of the nation's most potent lineups, Upchurch held OSU to just five hits over 6.0 innings, allowing four runs to go with two walks and nine strikeouts. Ashton Crowther entered in the 7th and surrendered back-to-back home runs to relinquish what was a 5-4 Alabama lead at the onset of the inning, though the southpaw did well to limit the damage to just the two runs. Hagan Banks (2-0) offered a gritty performance over the game's final 3.0 innings, surrendering just one run and five hits while striking out six, including the final out of the ballgame, to close out the Alabama win.

From Head Coach Rob Vaughn

"Oh my goodness, what a game. What a game. I told the umpire about the eighth or ninth inning, however this thing shakes out, this is what college baseball is all about. That was two teams absolutely fighting, scratching, clawing, and emptying the tank for whatever they could. So proud of our guys, and kind of bookended by both sides, right? The young superstar (Myles Upchurch) gets the start for us, and tried to give me a heart attack by putting a guy on for free to start every inning, but doing typical Myles stuff.

"Executing pitches, minimizing stuff, just a great start from him, and then everybody came in and did their job. I told (Hagan Banks) about 500 times since he's been here how grateful I am for him, because when I came here, I remember talking to him on the phone for a long time, and that guy could have gone anywhere he wanted to go and opted to stay here and trust our staff, and for him to be standing on that mound to finish that thing, they couldn't script that up a better way. And then a guy like Brady Neal, same thing, came to us two years ago and he trusted us for another year, but could have signed and could have moved on, and comes back and not only absolutely hoses the guy at second base here in extras, but gets the huge swing. So proud of our kids. We talk about toughness a lot in this program, and you had toughness just oozing out of these guys today. So, so grateful for this group. Really excited for Tuscaloosa.

"I tell you what, we might not have had the numbers at the beginning, but (the fans) were rocking. That's what it's supposed to look like, and they were into it, they were fighting with us, and you could feel it. These guys could feel it, and now fortunate enough to get to run it back one more time this weekend. As exciting as this is, the job's not done, and these guys know that. So, it's time to turn our attention to whoever comes next and have a great week of practice. We're going be one of 16 teams that still gets to play baseball in the month of June. It's pretty dang exciting. Now, it's time to go punch that ticket to Omaha next weekend."

How it happened

- T2 | Jason Torres was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning and was followed by John Lemm, who lined a sharp single to right to put two on with nobody out. Eric Hines then grounded into a tough-luck double play, moving Torres to third with two outs. Brennan Holt then slapped the first pitch he saw into left field for an RBI single. (1-0, Alabama)
- T3 | Peyton Steele and Bryce Fowler both singled to center to begin the inning, with Lebron bouncing into a would-be fielder's choice, though an errant throw to second allowed all runners to advance safely and load the bases with no one out. Brady Nealwas plunked to force in a run before John Lemm lined a two-run single to right two batters later. (4-0, Alabama)
- B3 | Remo Indomenico opened the Cowboys half of the frame with a four-pitch walk, leading to Deacon Pomeroy's two-run home run. After consecutive strikeouts, Kollin Ritchie doubled down the left field line and later scored after two wild pitches. (4-3, Alabama)
- T5 | Torres led off the inning with a solo homer to left-center that landed in the Crimson Tide bullpen. (5-3, Alabama)
- B6 | Avery Ortiz started the inning with a solo home run to right. (5-4, Alabama)
- B7 | Brock Thompson and Ritchie connected on back-to-back, two-out, solo home runs. (6-5, Oklahoma State)
- T8 | With one out, Hines immediately leveled the score with a majestic solo home run to left. (6-6)
- T11 | Steele beat out a dribbler to shortstop for a one-out single, though came up hobbled and was replaced by Chase Kroberger at first. After a foul out, Justin Lebron also beat out a slow grounder to shortstop, putting two on with two outs. In a 1-2 count, Neal lined a go-ahead, three-run home run to right to give the Tide the lead. (9-6, Alabama)
- B11 | Ritchie singled up the middle with one out and later took second on defensive indifference. Then, Campbell Smithwick and Colin Brueggemann both drew one-out walks to load the bases. Garrett Shull threatened after lining an RBI single into right to plate Ritchie, but Hagan Banks finished the game with a swinging strikeout of Indomenico to end the contest and send Alabama to the Super Regionals. (9-7, Alabama)

Postgame notes

- Alabama will host its first Super Regional since 2006 as the result of Sunday's win
- The Crimson Tide swept the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional, winning all three games to improve to 15-2 (.882) in 17 all-time contests as a Regional host
- Brady Neal, Justin Lebron, Bryce Fowler, Eric Hines, John Lemm, Hagan Banks and Tyler Fay were all named to the 2026 NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional All-Tournament Team, with Neal garnering Tournament MVP honors, as voted by the media
- Alabama earned its 40th win of the season, marking the first time the Tide has won 40-plus games in consecutive seasons since 2005-06
- The victory was only the Tide's second win this season when trailing after seven innings
- Neal's go-ahead home run in the 11th was the Tide's first game-winning home run since Neal's solo blast at Jacksonville State on March 31 earlier this season
- Hagan Banks' six strikeouts tied his career high, matching his career-best total set at Texas A&M in 2023
- Banks' 69 pitches thrown were also a career-high, occurring in his 62nd career appearance
- Lebron stretched his on-base streak to 13 consecutive games
- Fowler has now reached base in 10 straight games
- Brennan Holt improved his on-base streak to eight games
- Sunday's contest marked the Tide's first extra-inning game this season
- Attendance 3,768

Up next

- Alabama will host the NCAA Tuscaloosa Super Regional, though an opponent, times, dates, and broadcast information are still to be determined.



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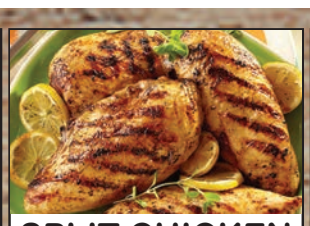
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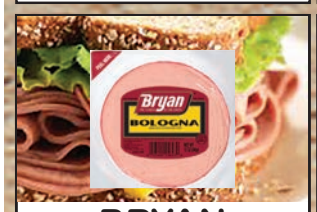
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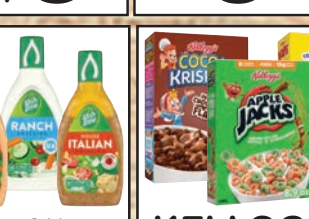
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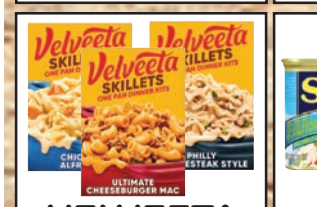


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Rainer: WFF asks public for assistance with wild turkey brood survey

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

For the first time, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division is asking the public to participate in the annual wild turkey brood survey, which starts on June 1 and ends on August 31.

Caleb Blake, WFF's Upland Game Bird Coordinator, said previously the survey participants have been from WFF staff and trusted partners. With the slow decline of turkey populations in the South, WFF is asking for assistance from private citizens to try and gather better data to understand what is affecting those populations.

"We have data back to 2010 from our staff surveys, and in 2019 we partnered with the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) Technical Committee with its standardized brood survey that is used all over the Southeastern states," Blake said. "A lot of states have done the survey with staff only. Other states have included private citizens in the survey.

"We've been doing it in-house for years, but with the increased concern over the regional trends of wild turkey populations, we want to really increase our geographical coverage so we can better analyze and evaluate regional trends of turkey populations. Including the public will give us a much wider reach as far as sample size and coverage."

To participate, private citizens can visit www.OutdoorAlabama.com/WildTurkeyBroodSurvey for details on how to report observations and the information WFF needs to track brood sightings. This includes information on submitting the observations online, through the Survey123 field app or by paper form.

"The app is just so much easier," Blake said. "In the past, we've always done a paper survey. People would have a clipboard in their trucks and jot down observations. At the end of the survey, they would take that paper document, go onto our website and enter the data."

The data came from agency staff and trusted partners in the federal government and conservation organizations that have worked with WFF in the past.

"Now, if they have their mobile device, private citizens can pull up the survey, put in their observations, hit submit, and then they're done," Blake said. "Another reason we wanted to include private citizens is that between 93% and 95% of the land in Alabama is privately owned. In order to get the best coverage we can, we want to get the best input we can. If we're going to have a region-wide recovery, it's going to take private citizen participation."

The brood survey essential data includes sightings of gobblers, hens with poults, hens without poults, poults, sighting with unknown identification, and size of the poults. Class 1 is for the youngest poults (6 inches tall or less), class 2 for poults around 10 inches tall, and class 3 for poults six to eight weeks old with an average height of 15 inches.

Also important to the survey is the county and location to understand regional and geographical trends. In the app, a drop-down menu will allow participants to select their county and location type.

"Another thing is we will have real-time data coming in, and we will see if there are areas we need to put more emphasis on or if there are holes missing in the data," Blake said. "That is another benefit of using the app. In the past, we wouldn't get that data until after the survey.

"The sole reason for sharing the location is to analyze productivity by ecoregions. We provide a map of the ecoregions in the paper form, so participants can record the exact ecoregion of the observation. On the app, if you share the location of the observation, the ecoregion is automatically populated into the field."

Turkey hunters, as a group, are hesitant to share too much information about their turkey world, but Blake said not to worry.

"We do not share any locations of observations with the public other than at a regional scale," he said. "We give the final numbers by regions but not by specific locations."

Blake said estimating populations is very difficult for Eastern wild turkeys.

"Determining population size is extremely difficult to do," he said. "This brood survey, along with harvest and our Avid Turkey Hunter Survey, gives us good indices for overall population estimates and productivity."

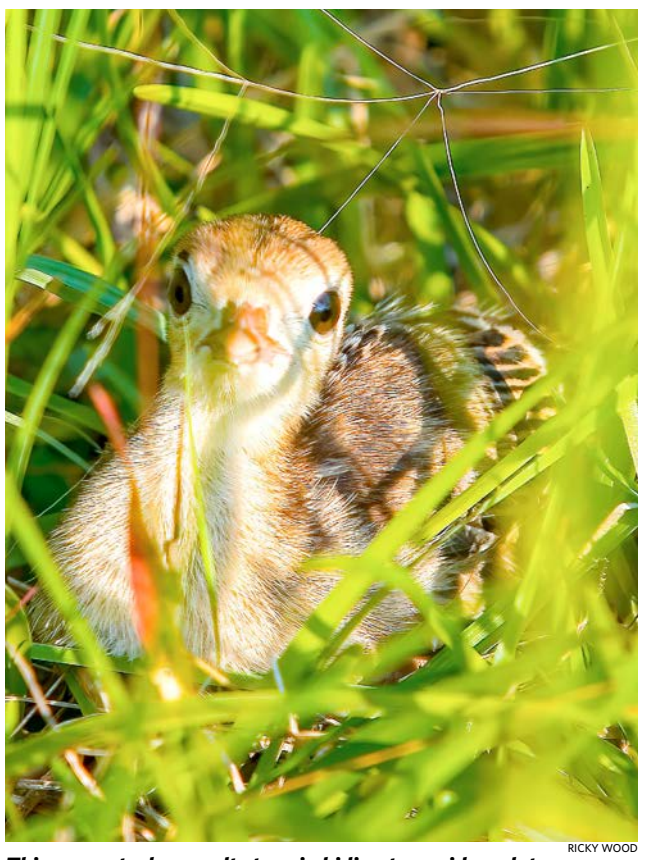
Blake said productivity is the key to slowing or even reversing the population decline.

"This data provides us with brood productivity," he said. "We get an average ratio of poults per hen. The standard wisdom has always been that you want to keep a one hen to two poults ratio. That ratio is more indicative of a stable population.

"We've been seeing a slow downward trend in poults per hen below that one to two ratio, which is also why we wanted to expand our reach in our geographical range and coverage so we get more reliable data.

"That productivity index gives us a good idea of future hunting opportunities and helps to drive future seasons and bag limits. With that productivity index, we can kind of predict what the harvest might look like."

For example, two years ago the Southeast enjoyed a decent hatch of poults with good survival rates. That turned into a very good hunting season.



RICKY WOOD

This young turkey poult stays in hiding to avoid predators.

"I think that is what we saw this year," Blake said. "We saw record harvests across the Southeast region. Two years ago across the region, there was a pretty decent hatch and brood success. That means that two years down the road, you can expect to see more 2-year-old adult males on the landscape. It gives us a picture of what future harvest may look like."

Blake said it's too soon to evaluate the long-term outcomes of the increased harvest, but it does help wildlife managers evaluate the overall population.

"Talking to other states, some think it's related to greater compliance with their game check system," he said. "I just think there were more 2-year-old gobblers on the landscape being harvested. That data is very valuable to us, which is why we require people to Game Check their birds.

"And it may be there are more hunters on the landscape. Turkey hunting is much more popular. That has led to higher harvest, which is why it's very important to have good reliable data to analyze."



MICHAEL RUSH

The Cullman County Board of Education Teacher of the Month Gerrita Cleghorn, third from left



MICHAEL RUSH

The Cullman County Board of Education Staff Member of the Month Kerrie McCluskey, center

Month (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) and AmFirst recently recognized Gerrita Cleghorn of West Point Middle School and Kerrie McCluskey of Good Hope Middle School as Employees of the Month.

Teacher of the Month
Gerrita Cleghorn

Cleghorn has served as an eighth-grade science teacher at West Point Middle School for 20 years and is set to retire at the end of this school year. Throughout her career, she has made a lasting impact on countless students and families through her dedication, patience, and love for teaching.

"She greets others with a warm smile each day and exhibits tremendous patience, kindness and a true love for teaching," said West Point Middle School Principal Blake Thompson. "Her engaging science labs and meaningful lessons have helped prepare students not only for tests and assignments, but also for life beyond middle school."

Staff Member of the Month
Kerrie McCluskey

Good Hope Middle School's McCluskey, Child Nutrition Program (CNP) manager, is also being recognized for the care and positivity she brings to students each day. Known for her joyful spirit and dedication in the cafeteria, McCluskey goes above and beyond to make sure students are fed and cared for.

Good Hope Middle School Principal Leslee Hembree said McCluskey helps create a warm atmosphere for students and staff each morning.

When breakfast participation dropped at the middle school, McCluskey took the initiative to prepare and bring hot breakfast items so students would have more options.

"CCBOE is grateful for both of these outstanding employees and the difference they make in the lives of students every day," said the system.

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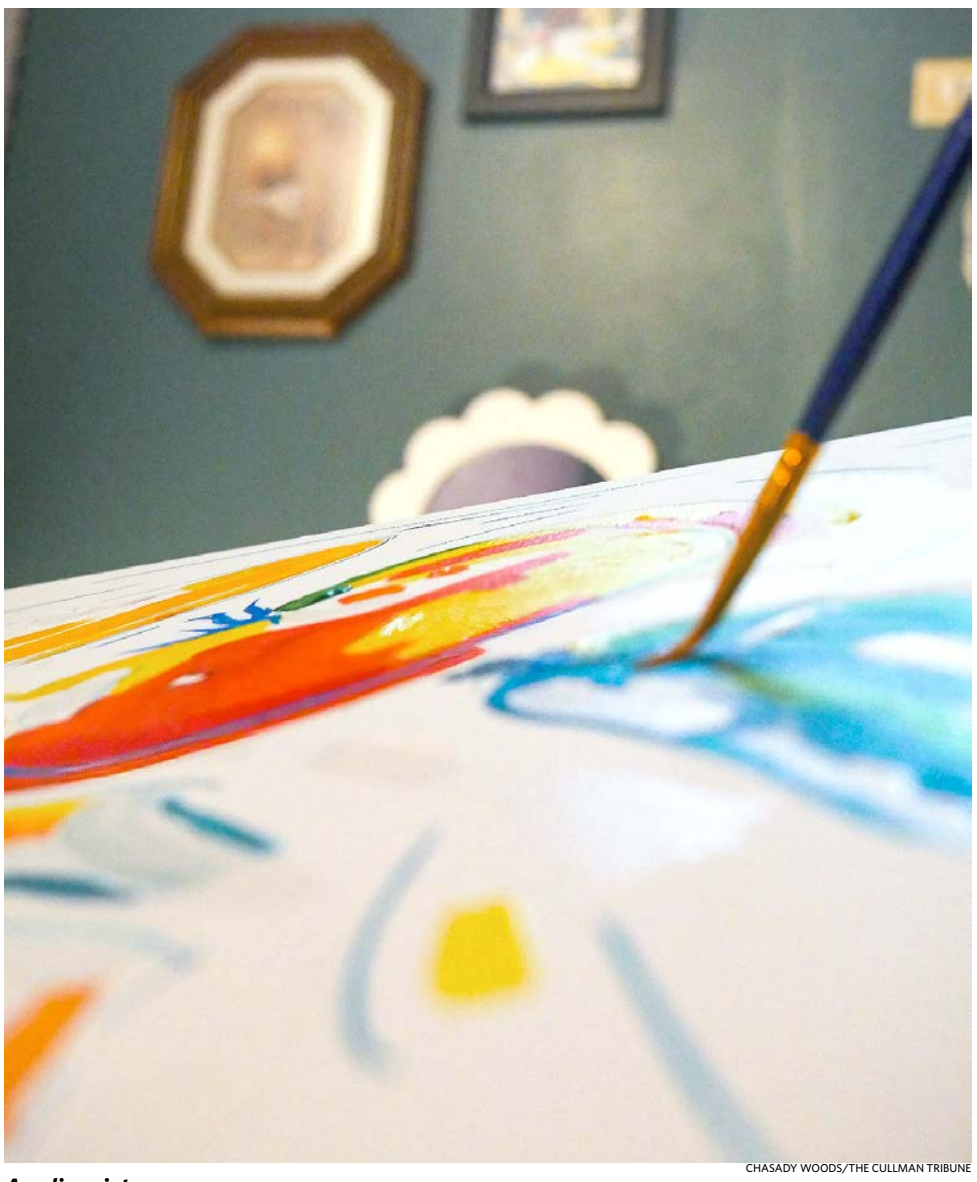


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The importance of art

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Acrylic paint on canvas

During my sophomore, junior and senior years in high school I painted props in advanced theater. I tried to place the color yellow into every piece that I made because yellow became a beacon of hope for me. No matter how little sleep I had gotten the night prior I could walk into the prop room, gather my supplies, put on my favorite song and find a way to let it all go so that I could direct my focus onto the project.

The bell sounded, cutting my creativity short and I was plagued knowing that the rest of the day would drag. I dreaded it. So I decided to carry it with me. I would paint a little piece of yellow on my thumb as a way to remind myself to keep going. It may seem a little silly, for a little glob of paint to boost my mood, though it did.

How could I be sad when looking at a color so pure and happy? Yellow is sunshine, smiley-faces and spring-time blooms.

As I looked at that stroke of yellow on my hand I thought back to something my English teacher said a year prior. She had been discussing a novel with the class when she said something I will never forget.

"All great artists have some form of instability," she said to one of the students.

I'm not sure if we had been reading "Gatsby" or another novel, but, quite frankly, I wasn't paying much attention. All I can recall is that immediately after that sentence left her mouth she turned toward me and said, "Sorry."

"Thank you," I replied, because at that moment I only interpreted it as my teacher calling me a "great artist." It wasn't until I had graduated that I thought back on it and considered she could have just been referring to me as "unstable."

Before that epiphany I was only a senior sitting at my desk, looking at the colorful swirl on my thumb.

It made me think of Vincent Van Gogh and how he allegedly ate yellow paint. Many have speculated that because his viewing of the color to be cheerful led to his consumption of it.

This sparked a saying, "I hope you find your yellow paint."

This is derived from the following post (https://coolbeansz.tumblr.com/post/156096064206/amp).

It talks of Van Gogh's troubles and how, above his struggles, he chose to make art.

Toward the end of the post, the author wrote, "I think we all have our yellow paints and sunflowers and starry nights. I think beauty comes from all things painful (not to romanticize anything because self destruction is not beautiful but the strength you gain from getting over it is) and anyways, I hope you find your yellow paint and I hope it keeps you alive. I hope you allow sunflowers to bloom from your lungs and I hope you allow yourself room to breathe and grow and become the artist (in any way you express yourself) that you're meant to be."

Beyond the run-on sentences I believe this was a beautiful interpretation of an artist and their work.

Van Gogh once wrote a letter to his brother stating, "I can't change the fact that my paintings don't sell."

Now, his work is sold on T-shirts. His paintings are beloved and you can't speak to someone about him without a mention of "Starry Night" or sunflowers.

Though his last words were, "The sadness will last forever."

Art is a bittersweet farewell gift to those who will never truly know us and those who knew us better than anyone. Making art is temporary, but artistic expression is infinite and will always be. So create art even if it's the last thing you do.



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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF COUNTY ROAD 270

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Cullman, Alabama as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2(a) (1975), The Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, notice of which is required by statute, to propose the vacation, and to allow citizens alleging to be affected an opportunity to be heard prior to taking any official action toward said vacation.

WHEREAS, that a portion Cullman of County Road 270 is to be vacated is more particularly described as follows:

From the northern right of way boundary of County Road 260 at the intersection of County Roads 260 and County Road 270, located in Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, thence go northerly along the existing centerline of County Road 270 approximately 1100 feet to a point on said centerline, being the point of beginning. Thence, from the point of beginning, continue north easterly along existing centerline of County Road 270 approximately 650 feet to the point of ending of the existing County Road 270. Said road vacation to include all right of way, left and right of the above-described centerline from the point of beginning to point of ending.

WHEREAS, the owners of the abutting lots or parcels of land to this property are as follows: Heather and Dale Wright, 190 County Road 270, Cullman, Alabama 35057; Marsha and Stanley Spillers, 130 County Road 270, Cullman, Alabama 35057;

WHEREAS, the above-named property owners or their representative was notified by way of a letter dated April 1, 2026, and delivered by the U.S. Mail;

WHEREAS, the Cullman County Commission is duly satisfied that vacating the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 270 is in the interest of the public;

WHEREAS, the Cullman County Commission is satisfied that vacation of said road will not deprive other property owners of any right they may have to convenient and reasonable means of ingress and egress to and from their property;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Title 23-4-2, et. seq. Code of Alabama, 1975 that the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 270 is hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be made a part of the Minutes of Meeting of the Cullman County Commission at which this action has been taken. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to effectuate such ministerial tasks. Additionally, this resolution shall be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County by the Clerk of County Commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the filing of this resolution shall operate as a declaration of the Cullman County Commission's vacation and shall divest all public rights and liabilities, including any rights which may have been acquired by prescription, in that part described above.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that any entity with utility lines, equipment, or facilities in place at the time of vacation, shall have the right to continue to maintain, extend, and enlarge their lines, equipment, and facilities to the same extent as if the vacation had not occurred.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of County Commission is further instructed to publish once in a newspaper in Cullman County no later than Fourteen (14) days after adoption of said resolution.

Dated this the 21st day of May, 2026.

JEFF CLEMONS-CHAIRMAN

Obituary Announcements: May 30 – June 1

Christopher Jason Woods, 52
Graveside Service for Christopher Jason Woods, age 52 of Vinemont, will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Friendship Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Woods passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at his residence. He was born, Sept. 11, 1973, in Alabama to Donny and Shelia Woods. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Don and Billie Faye Woods and Marvin and Inez Pack. Survivors include his parents; children, Colton Woods, Keisha (Nathan) Pearl, and Lexi Alverson; grandchildren, Brody and Luke Pearl; brother, Joey (Robin) Woods; nieces, Kylie Kaucher and Taylor (Josh) Gandy; nephew, Hunter (Madyson) Rollins; and a host of family and friends.

Judy K. Ballew, 78
Graveside Service for Judy K. Ballew, age 78, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026, at Antioch Baptist Cemetery- Fairview with John McKoy officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Ballew passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at her home surrounded by family. She was born July 6, 1947, to William "Bud" Hershel King and Mammie Velle Bolzle. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Big Bill Ballew; son, Little Bill Ballew; daughter-in-law, Krysta Ballew; in-laws, Unice and Arlan Ballew; brother-in-law, Bob Ballew; and sisters-in-law, Betty Helms and Myrtle. Survivors include her granddaughter, Addy (Braden) Norris; great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Joy Norris; sister, Joan K. Smith; special cousin, Karen Bohannon; sister-in-law, Wilma Ballew; brother-in-law, Ray Helms; sister-in-law, Martha (Frank) Brown; and a host of extended family and friends.

Steven Larry Thomas, 51
Steven Larry Thomas passed on May 28, 2026, at the age of 51. He was born on November 2, 1974, in Cullman, Alabama, and was a resident of Holly Pond, Alabama. Steven is preceded in death by his father, Larry Carlton Thomas. He is survived by his mother, Mary Horsley Thomas; his sister, Gina Moody; his nieces, Mary Beth Moody and Allie Moody; and a host of other family members and friends. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on June 2, 2026, from 11 a.m.-noon, followed by a Celebration of Life at Moss-Service Funeral Home at 12 p.m. A Committal Service will follow at Duck River Baptist Church. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral is directing.

Ruby Dean Corley, 87
Ruby Dean Corley, age 87, A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Ruby's life was centered on the people she loved most. Her family was her greatest joy, and she treasured every moment spent with them. Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 4, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Cullman Funeral Home, with Pastor Nathan Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Flint Creek Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from noon until the time of service at 2 p.m. Ruby was a faithful member as long as she was able, of Vinemont Christian Church, where she found strength in her faith and fellowship with her church family. She enjoyed spending time thrifting and had a special talent for finding treasures that brought joy to herself and others. Those who knew Ruby will remember her kind heart, caring spirit, and unwavering devotion to her family. Her legacy of love, faith, and generosity will continue to live on in the lives of all who were blessed to know her. Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Edward D. Millwood and Eva Tennyson Millwood; daughter, Sonja 'Sham' Corley; husband, Edward Corley; brothers, Ruel and Raymond Millwood; sister, Sharon Corley. Survivors include her sons, Ricky (Denise) Corley, Tammy (Charlene) Corley; brother, Kenny Millwood; grandchildren, Jennifer Phelps, Shontae (Jason) Walton, Ricky (Amanda) Corley, Amber Norris, Casey McCutcheon, Brittney and Bethany Corley; great-grandchildren, Tyler (Allison) Morgan, Preston, Matt & Sam Phelps, Emory & Aubrey Norris, Miracle & Treasure Corley, Sadie Manning, Tucker Parris, Harper & Braden Walton; great-great grandchildren, Katie Phelps, Thomas Corley, Ollie Jane Morgan; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jason Walton, Justin Corley, Tyler Morgan, Ricky Corley, Stephen Millwood, Blake Millwood Ruby will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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LEGALS

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 Jack C Scott and Jamie Scott, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Traditions Bank, its successors and assigns. dated June 25, 2015; said mortgage being recorded on June 26, 2015 in Deed Book 1763, Page 942 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Onslow Bay Financial LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 374, Page 536 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Onslow Bay Financial 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 July 2, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number 3 in Block Number 2 of the Catoma View Subdivision as same appears of Record in Map Book 5 Page 173 in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **1608 Catoma Dr Ne, 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.

ONSLOW BAY FINANCIAL LLC
as holder of said mortgage
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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Technology Village located at 105 Clark Street NE 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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HAZEL MARIE JACKSON, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-195

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF HAZEL MARIE JACKSON, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Jackie Flack on the 15th day of May, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jackie Flack, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
BRUCE ROLAND SURRETT, SR.)
Deceased.) CASE NO PC 2025-092

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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ADMINISTRATRIX FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: TONYA NEAL, BRUCE SURRETT JR., JASON SURRETT, BOBBY SURRETT, BRIAN SURRETT, HUNTER SURRETT and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of BRUCE ROLAND SURRETT SR. , deceased.

The *Petition of Administratrix for Final Discharge* of Elaine Surrett regarding the estate of Bruce Roland Surrett, Sr., deceased, has been set for hearing on the **25th day of August, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

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

Done this the 22nd day of May, 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 in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for the Estate
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
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PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE 32-13-1, EARLS BODY SHOP INC. WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ON SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE VOLLOWING VEHICLES :

DATE 07/14/2026
TIME 7:00: AM
LOCATION: 2251 DECATUR AVE NW
CULLMAN AL 35058

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2020	**UTILITY**	**TRAILER**	**1UYVS2539L6878219**

NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of June, 2026 at 7 P.M. in the council chamber, the council of the Municipality of Cullman will consider a resolution regarding the weeds growing upon or in front of the property 611 Cleveland Ave SW, in the Municipality of Cullman, and more particularly described in the resolution, a copy of which is on file in the office of the municipal clerk; and at that time and place will determine whether the weeds constitute a public nuisance which shall be abated by removal of the noxious or dangerous weeds; and, if so, will order the abatement and removal of the nuisance. If abatement and removal are ordered, the cost of abatement and removal shall be assessed upon the lots and lands from which or in front of which the weeds are removed, and the cost shall be added to the next regular bills for taxes levied against the respective lots and lands for municipal purposes. The costs shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal taxes are collected. The costs shall be subject to the same commissions and fees and the same procedure for foreclosure and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ordinary municipal taxes.

If no objections are filed with the municipal clerk at least five days before the meeting of the council and unless the person appears before the council in person or through his or her representative to show cause, if any, why his or her objection should be sustained, it shall be presumed that the person accepts the notice as fact and waives any rights he or she may have to contest the removal of the weeds and the action of the council shall be final unless good and sufficient cause can be otherwise shown.

Reference is hereby made to the resolution, on file in the office of the municipal clerk, for further particulars.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.

City of Cullman

Wesley Moore, City Clerk

NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of June, 2026 at 7 P.M. in the council chamber, the council of the Municipality of Cullman will consider a resolution regarding the weeds growing upon or in front of the property 1315 Maple Dr NW, in the Municipality of Cullman, and more particularly described in the resolution, a copy of which is on file in the office of the municipal clerk; and at that time and place will determine whether the weeds constitute a public nuisance which shall be abated by removal of the noxious or dangerous weeds; and, if so, will order the abatement and removal of the nuisance. If abatement and removal are ordered, the cost of abatement and removal shall be assessed upon the lots and lands from which or in front of which the weeds are removed, and the cost shall be added to the next regular bills for taxes levied against the respective lots and lands for municipal purposes. The costs shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal taxes are collected. The costs shall be subject to the same commissions and fees and the same procedure for foreclosure and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ordinary municipal taxes.

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Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.

City of Cullman

Wesley Moore, City Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT,) CASE NO PC 2025-402
Deceased.)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CECIL JACKSON WILLCUTT, JUDY AARON and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT, deceased.

The Petition of Kathy Douglas to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Claudia Ann Willcutt, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **27th day of August, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 22nd day of May, 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 in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Laura Alfano
Attorney for Petitioner
440 Twin Ridge Road
Warrior, AL 35180

NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Democrat and Republican Primary Runoff Election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama, on TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026. The following offices will be on the ballots:

Democratic Ballot
- United States Senator

Republican Ballot
- Lieutenant Governor
- United States Senator
- Attorney General
- Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
- Public Service Commission, Place No. 2

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
FLOYD DYER,) CASE NO PC 2025-446
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and OBJECTION TO THE ESTATE BY PAMELA DYER PIERCE

TO: SCOTT DYER and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of FLOYD DYER, deceased.

The Petition of Pamela Dyer Pierce to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Floyd Dyer, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **23rd day of June, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

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

Done this the 22nd day of May, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
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Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for the Petitioner
419 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055



TERESA RIVERA

Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District Educational Coordinator Millie Keel (center) with participants, volunteers and Board member Suhana (in yellow).

Hanceville Library begins this year's Summer Reading Program

Lauren Estes
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville hosted an Animal Tracks event recently as part of its Summer Reading Program.

Library Manager Teresa Rivera said they will have many meaningful summer programs that are free to the public.

"My favorite thing about Animal Tracks is the children really enjoyed making the tracks of deer, fox and other animals," Rivera said. "We enjoyed them having fun while doing so. Children are the spice of life.

"Always laughing, hugging each other, making new friendships during the summer.

It is such a joy to observe and be a part of. This is my sixth summer program, and it gets better every year."

Next up on Wednesday, June 3, at 10 a.m. is the live snake program. Experts will present an engaging, hands-on show that brings the world of reptiles and exotic animals to the library.

"We will have live reptiles," Rivera said. "The snake show company comes highly recommended from one of our board members. They travel to schools and other libraries in the state."

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.



ALEA encourages continued vigilance as 101 Days of Summer Safety Campaign begins

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As the Memorial Day holiday travel period concludes, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is reminding motorists and boaters that the summer travel season is just beginning and urging everyone to prioritize safety during the Agency's annual 101 Days of Summer Safety Campaign.

While many Alabamians enjoyed the long holiday weekend, ALEA Troopers responded to several tragic incidents across the state. During the extended Memorial Day travel period, which began Friday, May 22 and ended on Monday, May 25, Troopers assigned to ALEA's Highway Patrol Division investigated four traffic fatalities, which occurred in Pickens, Colbert, Shelby and Elmore counties. Troopers assigned to ALEA's Marine Patrol Division investigated one boating fatality that occurred on Lake Demopolis in Marengo County.

"Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones affected by these tragic losses," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "Each fatality is a heartbreaking reminder that a single decision on the roadway or waterway can have life-altering consequences. As we begin the 101 Days of Summer, we urge everyone to make safety their top priority. Wear your seat belt, avoid distractions, never drive or boat under the influence and remain vigilant behind the wheel and on the water. Working together, we can help prevent future tragedies and save lives."

ALEA's efforts over the Memorial Day weekend included increased patrols, driver license checkpoints and public awareness campaigns aimed at reducing fatalities and injuries.

During the Memorial Day travel period, ALEA Troopers in Highway Patrol conducted the following activity:

- 14 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests
- 1,466 speeding citations
- 365 seat belt violation citations
- 42 child restraint violation citations
- 21 citations for following too closely
- 2,953 total citations issued
- 1,356 total warnings issued

ALEA Troopers in Marine Patrol also remained active across Alabama's waterways and conducted the following activity:

- 196 marine-related citations issued
- 604 warnings issued
- 4 Boating Under the Influence (BUI) arrests
- 469 vessel stops
- 31 Boater Assists

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is often referred to nationally as the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer" due to the increase in travel, traffic crashes and boating activity.

ALEA's 101 Days of Summer Safety Campaign is designed to combat that trend through enforcement, education and public awareness efforts aimed at keeping Alabama's roadways and waterways safe.

ALEA will continue conducting high-visibility enforcement and public safety initiatives throughout the summer, focusing on impaired driving, seat belt use, distracted driving, speeding and boating safety.

The Agency encourages all Alabamians and visitors traveling throughout the state this summer to remain alert, obey traffic and boating laws and help make Alabama's roadways and waterways safer for everyone.

Logan Bluegrass Jamfest & Show

Enjoy these shots from the annual Logan Bluegrass Jamfest & Show at the Logan School and Community Center. Featured performers included Three on a String and Cowgirl Up Bluegrass.



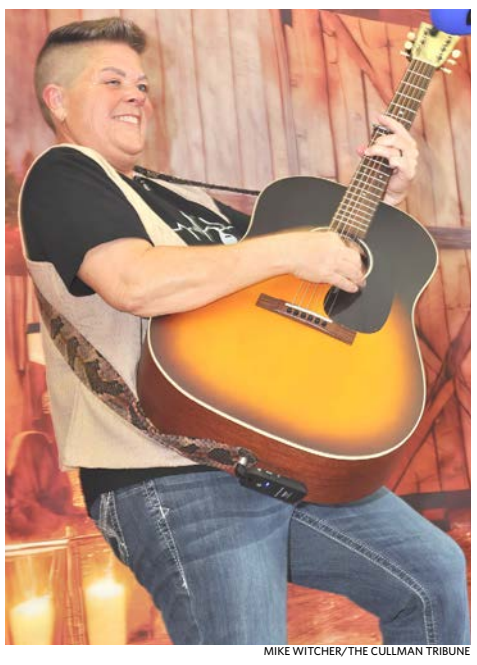
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Contest (from Front)

its vivid imagery and rich descriptions. "You could feel the juiciness of the fruit, the honeyed pleasure. It was just very well done."

Drake said judging was conducted anonymously and focused on both technical skill and the poem's ability to reveal deeper truths.

"I'm looking for both the quality of the content and the quality of the form. How well put together is it, the craft? And then, is it looking for some sort of truth in the world? Is it pulling that out and presenting it to the reader?" he said.

Drake said the winning poem stood out because of its strong language and imagery. The piece was an ekphrastic poem, a type of poetry written in response to a work of art.

"The diversity of the language, the control of the language and how striking the images are really pull that subject out of the mundane," Drake said. "It feels almost like a call to search for something."

Rivera said the competition was intentionally open-ended and free, with few restrictions beyond requiring participants to provide contact information, reside in Alabama and submit their work before the deadline. The library promoted the contest through universities, newspapers, local radio stations and social media.

Poetry Night is held on the last Friday of each month at 6 p.m. and will continue through October before pausing for the winter months. Rivera said the event aligns closely with the library's mission of promoting literacy and lifelong learning.

"One of the objectives of our poetry contest was to encourage literacy and reward creativity. Even though we're a small-town library, we still encourage education because increased education really helps with bettering the quality of life."

The poetry contest will return next April as an annual event.

WINNING POEM

"Dreaming of Pomegranates, 1913"
By Audrey Faircloth (Tuscaloosa, Alabama)

Sprawled across this throne of flowers,
indigo and fuchsia budding beneath my hips,
I am bloated with visions
of the lustful fruit.

Lured by the promise
of its blood-laced juice,
I slip deeper into the earth,
snoring as I run.

The prints of my fingers
trace the fruit's burly rind.
Beneath I feel every seed,
each an embryo of chance.

My palms penetrate the skin,
blood running down my arms
as I consume the fruit whole,
the syrupy aroma of poppies
filling my satiated head.

Bursting with honeyed pleasure,
I ascend back to the surface.
I awake to a famished belly,
no longer convex with possibility.

I press my watering eyes shut
and roll over to weep,
ignorant of the plump fruit
looming overhead.