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Pennsylvania man, allegedly connected to PA homicide, dies in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Pennsylvania man died in Cullman June 1, and was, according to the Cullman Police Department, a person of interest in connection with a homicide in Manheim Borough, Pennsylvania.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the man as Michael Anthony Boccia, 36, of York, Pennsylvania.

According to the CPD, on June 1 the department received a BOLO (be on the lookout) alert regarding maroon 2013 Toyota Avalon with a Pennsylvania license plate. The alert said the vehicle would be "occupied by Michael Boccia, who had been identified as a person of interest in connection with a homicide that occurred earlier that day in Manheim Borough, Pennsylvania. Information received also indicated that Boccia may be in possession of a handgun."

Shortly after receiving the BOLO, according to the CPD, Sergeant Zane Pounders observed a vehicle matching the description in the area of Northcrest Drive Northwest in the city of Cullman.

"The vehicle was backed into a parking space with its lights off, and a male subject was observed inside," the CPD said.

"Sergeant Pounders, along with additional officers, were attempting to initiate a high-risk stop and issue commands for the occupant to exit the vehicle. During the encounter, the subject, later identified as Michael Boccia, sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was pronounced deceased at an area hospital. No officers discharged their firearms during this incident."

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5 students receive Sydni Helms Memorial Scholarship, including Vinemont's Jayden Friedrich



ANGIE PAYNE

Jayden Friedrich of Vinemont High School is one of the recipients of the 2025 Sydni Helms Memorial Scholarship. Pictured left to right are Danny Helms, Shelia Baxter, Loni Helms, Jayden Friedrich, Sahara Helms, McKinley Hipp and Claire Johnson.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Sydni Helms Memorial Scholarship Fund recently awarded five $2,000 scholarships to well-deserving students, continuing its mission of honoring Sydni Helms Hipp's legacy by helping students pursue their educational goals.

This year's recipients included Troy Bailey of Curry High School, Jackson Stacks of Cordova High School, Jayden Friedrich of Vinemont High School, Callie Silva of Birmingham School of Law and Caden Capps, recipient of the scholarship awarded through the annual Sydni Helms Memorial Barrel Race.

Each recipient is selected by a committee made up of people who knew Sydni throughout different stages of her life. Committee members include former students and teachers, family friends and others who watched her grow up.

"We ask committee members to look for students who embody the spirit of Sydni and how she lived life," shared scholarship co-founder Angie Payne. "Not to focus so much on the students' GPA, but the picture that is painted of this individual. For example, 'Are they living life to the fullest, do they help others every chance they get, etc.'"

Now three years in, what began as a way to honor Sydni's memory has grown into a scholarship program impacting students across multiple communities, including Cullman.

Payne shared that the scholarship fund was established following Sydni's passing when family friend Leanna Williams organized a barrel race to help » PAGE 5

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Mr. Melson is ready to roll



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 3

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 3, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 28

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $31; Olive St. SW

June 1

• harassing communications; person

• theft by fraudulent leasing; Choice Rentals;

• domestic violence-criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '19 Ford; $500; Town Square SW.

• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $524; Olive St. SW

June 2

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $149; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

June 1-2

Dixon, Kayci T.; 33

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)

Overton, Nickolas T.; 23

• domestic violence-criminal mischief-3rd degree

Blackmon, Joshua D.; 41

• FTA – insurance violation

• FTA – speeding

McCormick, Jeffery S.; 37

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

• FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree

Hale, Timothy L.; 30

• DUI

• promoting prison contraband

Smith, Dakota B.; 33

• theft of property

Mozingo, Carson O.; 23

• theft by fraudulent leasing (2 counts)

Epperly, James E.; 61

• stalking-2nd degree

Scott, Ella K.; 35

• theft of property-4th degree

Elms, Roena R.; 51

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)

• FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree

• FTA – expired tag

• FTA – running stop sign

Weldon, Freddie D.; 54

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Mr. Melson (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Mr. Melson may be unassuming at first glance, but this affectionate domestic shorthair has a personality that does not take long to show. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

He is approximately a year old. He is gentle, funny and fond of good company, making him a strong consideration for anyone looking for a companion or therapy kitty.

Mr. Melson enjoys being near people and has a soft, endearing way of asking for attention.

One of his favorite bonding exercises is rolling over for belly rubs, a small gesture that says plenty about his trusting nature.

He also very much enjoys his food, which only adds to his charm.

With his easygoing personality, affectionate nature and quiet sense of humor, Mr. Melson could be a good fit for a home looking for a steady feline friend with plenty of warmth to give.

Mr. Melson's adoption fee is $100, which covers his neuter, vaccinations, microchip, wormer, general exam and monthly flea and tick prevention.

Visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Mr. Melson has already been adopted, there are plenty of friends waiting at the shelter for their forever homes.

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Town Council on Monday addressed a full agenda including multiple items related to the town's parks and recreation facilities and staff. The council passed resolutions to:

• Pay the park's concession stand director $2,000 for her work during the recently completed ball season

• Put the park assistant on the town's regular payroll as a part-time employee, moving from weekly paid contractor status

• Contribute $400 to the Fairview Lions Club to pay for one of the live bands coming to perform at the club's Labor Day car show and parade at the community park

Mayor Clint Haynes reported on painting and electrical work at the community park, saying that the facility will be ready for the town's annual Fourth of July celebration, and that he expects the new pickleball courts to be ready to open within the next 30 days. He also told the council that the town should be ready to close on its purchase of the vacant lot adjacent to both Pizza Done Right and the community park in the near future.

Haynes announced that a new contract with Sprout Fiber Internet will bring increased revenue to the town government, based on a percentage of the value of the company's business done in the town.

The council voted to appoint Josh Driver and Beatrice Garrison to the town's Government Utilities Service Corporation Board, which oversees water and sewer services. Stanley Baggett, currently on the board, will remain.

The council welcomed Fairview High School FCCLA members Lola Haynes and Faith Freeman, who recently won state FCCLA competitions and qualified for national competition in Washington D.C. on July 5, 2026, a school-sponsored but self-funded trip.

The council voted to contribute $500 to Fairview FCCLA to help with the cost of their trip.

The Fairview Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Fairview Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Berlin (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Farmers Market will officially open for the season this Saturday, June 6. It will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The town is encouraging families to come out to enjoy the day. Neighboring the farmers market pavilion is a playground with swings and more. There will also be a bounce house on-site with free access.

Little ones can also take part in the "POP" (Power of Produce) Club, a rewards program that allows children to engage and learn about local farmers and their produce.

Each child under the age of 13 that tries fresh fruits or vegetables will receive $3 in "POP Bucks" to use at the market on produce (limited to fruits and vegetables).

The children will be provided with punch cards, with every fifth visit earning them $5 in POP Bucks.

Please note that Mt. Carmel Drive is still closed. The Town of Berlin suggests the following routes when making your way to the market:

• Route 1 - Travel through the Community Center drive to County Road 1615, turn left, then enter the market through the back entrance

• Route 2 - Access the market from County Road 747

Berlin Farmers Market Assistant Serena Brunner, according to the town, is "your friendly contact person for the Berlin Farmers Market every Saturday."

Reach her at serena.brunner@berlinal.gov.

Visit www.facebook.com/BerlinAlabamaFarmersMarket for more info.

The market is located at 50 Mt. Carmel Dr.

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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
• Friday, June 5 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups 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.
• 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 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.

Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday, June 1, awarded a bid for cameras and discussed park updates.

At last month's meeting, the council discussed the installation of approximately 45 new cameras around town hall, the senior center, event center, concession stand and library. On Monday, they reviewed two bids.

The first, from Cox, came in at approximately $20,000. The second bid, from Millennium IT Solutions, exceeded the budget for the project. The council voted to award the bod to Cox.

Councilman Dwight Kidd said Governors Park picnic tables have been acquired, but they're waiting on better weather conditions before pouring the concrete pads in order to place them.

The council discussed future improvements for the softball fields. A bid is expected to go out soon for the field renovation once an overall design is decided.

In new business, the council is purchasing $30 wreaths for the Homemakers Club's Wreaths Across America Day.

A quote for re-painting the concession stand roof and pavilions has not yet been received. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

In committee reports, Kidd reported Pops in the Park was a huge success. He praised the talented students from the middle and high school bands and choirs.

The next meeting of the Holly Pond Town Council will be on Monday, July 6, at 6 p.m. in the Guy Hunt Library conference room.

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Wallace State women's tennis lands three entries in final ITA national rankings

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State women's tennis placed three entries in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Junior College National Rankings, which were released May 28 following the conclusion of the 2026 season.

The Lady Lions were represented in both the singles and doubles rankings after another successful season competing in the Alabama Community College Conference.

Madison Standifer earned the highest national ranking among Wallace State players, finishing No. 16 in the final ITA Junior College Women's Singles Rankings.

Standifer also teamed with Indira Wilson to earn a national doubles ranking. The duo finished the season ranked No. 12 in the final ITA Junior College Women's Doubles Rankings.

Jaedyn Martin also appeared in the final singles rankings, finishing No. 44 nationally.

The final rankings recognized players and teams from across the NJCAA and junior college ranks and were released following the completion of the national championship season.

The rankings provide national recognition for a Wallace State women's tennis program that continued to compete among the top teams in the region while placing multiple athletes among the nation's ranked players.



RUSSELL FRYE/WSCC

2026 WSCC women's tennis team

Wallace State Flag Football Finishes No. 20 in Final WCFFB Top 25

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State flag football closed its season ranked No. 20 in the final Women's College Flag Football Top 25 rankings after completing an undefeated fall season.

The Lady Lions finished 26-0, giving them the best record of any team ranked in the final Top 25.

Wallace State was also the only team in the poll that competed during the fall season.

Warner finished No. 1 in the final rankings at 24-0, followed by Florida Gateway at No. 2, Keiser at No. 3, Kansas Wesleyan at No. 4 and Ottawa at No. 5.

Wallace State was listed at No. 20 with a 26-0 record.

The Lady Lions also finished the season with two wins over Clemson, which was ranked No. 23 in the WCFFB Club Rankings.

Wallace State's undefeated season included an ACCC championship and continued the program's strong start in collegiate flag football.



WALLACE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

A dream that began less than a year ago became reality on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, as Wallace State flag football captured the inaugural ACCC Flag Football Championship with a commanding 27-6 win over Shelton State at Rip Hewes Stadium. The top-seeded Lions closed out their first-ever season with a flawless 20-0 record.

Wallace State's Gautier earns ITA Junior College All-American honors after national championship season

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State sophomore Angel Gautier added another honor to his championship résumé when he was named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Junior College All-America Team following the release of the final national rankings on May 28.

Gautier finished the season ranked No. 7 in the final ITA Junior College National Singles Rankings after helping lead Wallace State to the NJCAA Division II National Championship, the program's first national title since 2004.

The sophomore was the only NJCAA Division II player named an ITA All-American in singles.

Gautier capped his season by winning the Flight 1 singles championship at the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in Plano, Texas. He rallied from a first-set loss in the championship match to defeat top-seeded Juan Pereyra and claim the national title.

The ITA awards All-America singles honors to players who finish in the top 10 of the final ITA National Singles Rankings. Doubles teams earn All-America recognition by finishing in the top five of the final ITA National Doubles Rankings.

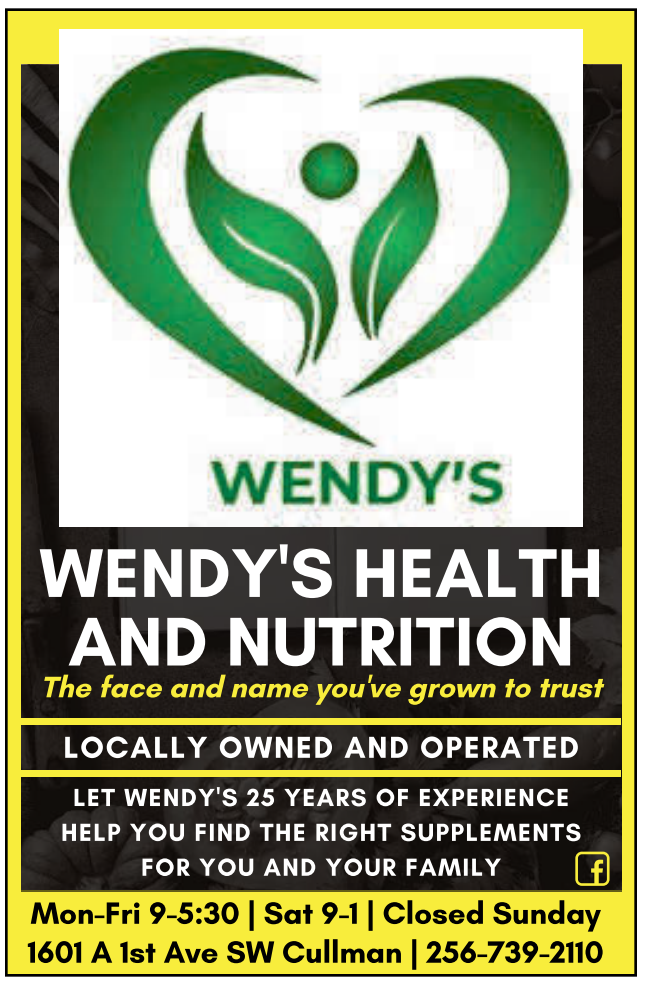
In the final singles rankings, Gautier checked in at No. 7 nationally. The top 10 included Daniel Marincas of Tyler Junior College, Gaspard Bicrel Bantegny of Seward County, Daniil Blinov of Pratt, Fernando Martinez Belinchon of Eastern Florida State, Willem De Waai of Tyler Junior College, Haruki Okude of Cowley and Gautier at No. 7.

Wallace State also placed three additional players in the final national singles rankings. Francois Van Wyk finished No. 22, Jean Badenhorst was ranked No. 21, and Alexander Grube Andersen ended the season at No. 34.

The Lions also had a doubles team earn national recognition. Gautier and Grube Andersen finished No. 8 in the final ITA National Doubles Rankings, narrowly missing All-America status, which is reserved for the top five teams nationally.

Gautier's All-America honor adds to a long list of accolades from the 2026 season. In addition to leading Wallace State to an undefeated junior college season and a national championship, he won the NJCAA Division II Flight 1 singles championship, earned First Team All-America honors at the national tournament, received the ITA Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award and was named the ITA Region IV Most Improved Sophomore.

The Lions finished the season as NJCAA Division II National Champions with 45 points, three points ahead of runner-up Coastal Alabama-South. The national title was Wallace State's first since 2004 and capped an undefeated season against junior college competition.



Listings (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Churches across Cullman County are holding Vacation Bible School programs, kick-off nights, Bible roundups, gospel meetings and other summer events for children and families.

Events are listed below by community. Families are encouraged to confirm details with individual churches before attending, as schedules may change.

CULLMAN

Cullman First Baptist Church, located at 501 Second Ave. SW, is hosting "VBS 2026: Illumination Station" June 1-5. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and pickup is at noon. Open to children who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Seventh Street Baptist Church, located at 708 Seventh St. SW, will host "VBS 2026: True North" June 7-10 from 5-8 p.m.

Temple Baptist Church's Cullman campus, located at 30 County Road 1184, will host "VBS 2026: Wayfinder" June 7-10, from 6-8 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Cullman, located at 320 Third St. SE, will host "VBS 2026: Rainforest Falls" July 14-16, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Southside Baptist Church, located at 2003 Main Ave. SW, will host "Living in Truth VBS" June 14-17, from 6-8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event is listed for ages 3 months through fifth grade.

Northbrook Baptist Church, located at 3691 Alabama Highway 157, will host "Vacation Bible School: Kingdom Quest" June 14-17, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The event is listed for ages 3 through fourth grade, with Preteen Week also listed for fifth and sixth grade. A free dinner will be offered to VBS participants at 5:30 each evening.

Grace Chapel, located at 1635 Main Ave. SW, will host "Surprise Party VBS" June 14-17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event is listed for children ages 5 through sixth grade, with dinner included.

Fourth Street Church of Christ, located at 500 Fourth St. SW, will host VBS June 15-16, 18, at 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church, located at 615 Main Ave. SW, will host VBS June 15-18 from 6-8:15 p.m.

Northside Baptist Church, located at 1310 Katherine St. NW, will host a one-day "Galaxy VBS" June 20 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is listed for children ages 4 through sixth grade.

Lake Catoma Baptist Church, located at 1646 Alabama Highway 157, will host "Illumination Station VBS" June 22-25, from 6-8:30 p.m. The event is listed for children from pre-K through sixth grade.

Grace Episcopal Church, located at 305 Arnold S.t NE, Cullman, will host VBS June 22-26, from 9 a.m.-noon.

HANCEVILLE

Branded by Christ Cowboy Church, located at 1271 County Road 623, will host "Youth Summer Bible Roundup 2026" June 4-6, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Beech Grove Baptist Church, located at 1135 Alabama Highway 69 S, will host "GospelTopia 2026" June 14, from 5-8 p.m. and June 15-18, 5:30-8 p.m. Meal provided every night.

GOOD HOPE

Good Hope Baptist Church, located at 90 Good Hope School Road, will host "Illumination Station VBS" June 14-17, from 5:30-8 p.m.

HOLLY POND

First Baptist Church Holly Pond, located at 10751 U.S Highway 278 East, will host "Emerald Crossing VBS" June 7-10, from 5:30-8 p.m. The event is listed for ages 4 through sixth grade. An adult class, "Christianity Explained" is listed for each night from 7-8.

BAILEYTON AND FAIRVIEW AREA

Temple Baptist Church's Fairview campus, located at 8701 Alabama Highway 69 N, will host "Wayfinder VBS 2026" June 7-10, from 6-8 p.m. Ages 3-fifth grade.

First Baptist Church of Fairview, located at 1022 Welcome Road, will host "VBS 2026: Illumination Station" July 13-17, from 6-9 p.m. A meal will be served each night.

SOUTH VINEMONT

Enon Baptist Church, located at 8001 County Road 1435, will host "Illumination Station VBS" June 14-17, from 5:30-8 p.m.

Faith Baptist Church Vinemont, located at 25 County Road 1302, will host VBS July 14-16, from 5:30-8 p.m.

EVA AND NORTHEASTERN CULLMAN COUNTY

Center Grove Baptist Church, located at 4607 County Road 1545, will host VBS June 7-10, from 6-8:30 p.m.

WEST CULLMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The West Cullman Baptist Association has listed several additional VBS events across its churches.

- Emeus VBS is listed for June 7-10 from 6-8 p.m.
- Bethlehem West VBS is listed for June 15-19. Families should check with the church for times and additional details.
- Bethany VBS appears to be listed for June 22-24 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Families should confirm the date range directly with the church.
- Ebenezer VBS is listed for June 27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Calvary VBS is listed for July 6-10 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Churches, ministries and community groups with Vacation Bible School or summer church events to add to this list may submit the event name, church name, address, date, time, and contact information to The Cullman Tribune at news@cullmantribune.com.





THE BLOOMING BARISTA

Emma Thompson with a latte and flower bundle

The Blooming Barista grand opening this weekend

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Blooming Barista is set to hold its grand opening Friday, June 5, from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the gravel lot beside the Cullman Basketball Complex at 1366 County Road 715.

The event will feature free, decorated cookies to the first 25 customers. Every customer in attendance will get to spin the prize wheel for a chance to receive discounts, free drinks and more special deals. Giveaways will also be distributed throughout the weekend.

While you're celebrating a rain-free weekend with The Blooming Barista, try its new summer menu!

Several lattes combinations have been added to the line-up, such as Coastal Campfire, Maui Mama and more.

The Coastal Campfire features savory caramel with a cozy addition of marshmallow flavor. For a tropical twist, a hint of banana sets the summer tone.

Maui Mama is a relaxing, classic lavender latte with coconut for that little something extra on a busy, hot summer day.

Need a boost, but not craving coffee? Take a break and grab a Dirty Alani. The Blooming Barista offers sherbert swirl, strawberry sunrise and cotton candy Alani paired with several flavors with an option of heavy cream.

The kids' menu includes Disney Princess, Marvel or DC characters and includes caffeine-free options.

Owner Emma Thompson advised that following the grand opening, The Blooming Barista will be open six days a week. Hours will be specified at a later date.

Get more info at Facebook/The Blooming Barista.

Friedrich (from Front)

support the Helms family. After discussing how the funds could best be used, Sydni's parents, Loni and Danny Helms, decided to create a scholarship at Curry High School, where they and Sydni had attended school.

"We felt this would be a way to keep Sydni's name alive by giving fellow alumni members of Curry High School a scholarship," Payne said. "After the first barrel race, we were blown away by the outpouring of love and support not only from our home community, but from a community in Cullman that Sydni had only lived in for a short time."

And that support has continued to grow. In just a few years, the Sydni Helms Scholarship Fund has expanded from a single award to five scholarships totaling $10,000 this year.

"Sydni was a giver at heart, one who always looked out for others who didn't have and found a way to help them," Payne added.

"We decided this was how we would honor Sydni. We would have a barrel race each year to raise money to give scholarships to students who needed financial help to reach their goals."

This year, for those five students, the impact of Sydni's legacy is already being felt.

Jayden Friedrich's mother, Shelly, shared her gratitude after learning her daughter had been selected.

"She had been stressing out about the fact that she didn't get a big merit scholarship and will be taking out huge loans for college," she wrote. "This means so much to us. Thank you so much, and God bless you and your family."

Jackson Stacks' mother, Annie, also shared her appreciation.

"Thank you so much. We can't begin to imagine the loss your family has suffered," she wrote. "Receiving this scholarship is truly an honor."

One of the more unique awards this year went to Callie Silva, a student at Birmingham School of Law. After learning of Silva's financial need through Sydni's best friend, Emily Sullivan, the scholarship committee worked alongside Unchained Freedom Church to help provide the support necessary for Silva to complete her degree.

"Although I never had the opportunity to meet Sydni, I feel like I have come to know her through Emily and through the legacy you have created in her honor," Silva wrote in a letter to the family.

"I understand that this scholarship exists to carry forward her heart for helping others and her passion for serving her community, including her interest in the medical and first responders fields. That purpose is something I deeply respect."

As organizers celebrate this year's recipients, preparations are already underway for the 4th Annual Sydni Helms Memorial Barrel Race, scheduled for Nov. 7 at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

Loni Helms said her hope is to see the event continue to grow while introducing more people to Sydni's story.

"As much as we love having it at the Cullman Ag Center, it would be amazing in some ways to outgrow it," Helms said. "I want people to feel like they knew Sydni personally when they actually never met her. I want people to research her so when you apply for our scholarship and write that essay that we feel you knew her personally."

Payne shared that none of the scholarships or the annual barrel race would be possible without the support of local sponsors, donors and community members who continue to invest in the program year after year.

"We want to thank our sponsors and donors from the bottom of our hearts. Without their outpouring of support, these scholarship opportunities would never be possible," Payne said. "They allow our family to keep Sydni's name alive and her story reaching more and more people each year."

She added, "Each year when presenting Sydni's scholarships in high school auditoriums across Walker and Cullman counties, we are able to tell people who Sydni was and this allows us to know she hasn't been forgotten.

"She will forever live on in the hearts and minds of others, even some who never got the honor of meeting her."

Those interested in participating in this year's barrel race can register through SaddleBook.com. For more information about the 2026 Sydni Helms Memorial Scholarship Fund, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or donations, contact Angie Payne at 205-522-3409 or Loni Helms at 205-471-4691. As it's a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Relay For Life: 'Cancer touches everybody in our community'

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CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Relay For Life event took place Saturday, May 30, at Depot Park. The celebration raised money for the American Cancer Society, honored cancer survivors, remembered those lost and supported cancer research.

Included were the traditional Survivor Lap, recognition for caregivers, luminaria displays and fundraising activities and opportunities. Emcee and longtime supporter Gary Cornelius said Cullman County is still one of the few places in the country that holds a traditional Relay For Life.

"It's about celebrating our survivors, remembering those we've lost to cancer and recognizing the fundraising this group has done to help fight cancer," Cornelius said.

Planning for the large event starts months ahead. Committee members begin in the fall, and fundraising picks up after the new year. Teams work for months to raise money, and all proceeds go to American Cancer Society programs and cancer research.

Cornelius explained that the money raised supports research and patient programs like Road to Recovery, which gives rides to treatment and Hope Lodge, which offers free lodging for patients who need to travel for care.

Relay For Life is very personal for Cornelius, who became involved back in 1995, and was then diagnosed with cancer in 2002. He said research funded by the American Cancer Society helped him reach remission.

"Because of research that was funded through the American Cancer Society, it was the treatment that allowed me to get in remission," he said.

Cornelius remembered walking his first Survivor Lap with his young daughter and promising that he would one day walk her down the aisle. He kept that promise earlier this year.

He said it is important for the community to stay involved because cancer touches almost every family in some way. "Cancer touches everybody in our community. They've had a family member, they've had a friend, they've had somebody in their work life, somebody in their life that has been touched by cancer."

Anyone who wants to help can join fundraising efforts, become part of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network or volunteer with the local Relay For Life committee.

Get more information at www.facebook.com/RFLCullmanAL.





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 June 17th 2026, at Time 10:00 A.M. at Storagetreasures.com : Erin Johnson Unit 820, Brianna Duncan Unit 617, Lacey Burnett Unit 612, Lacey Burnett Unit 270286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
BELINDA KILGORE,) Case No. CV-2017-000060.00
)
an Incapacitated Person.)

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that Shelbie Hankey, as Conservator of the Estate of Belinda Kilgore, an Incapacitated Person, filed her account and vouchers for final settlement of said Estate on the 3rd day of March 2026, and that the 25th day of June, 2026, at 9:00 am was appointed to hear said settlement.

DONE this 10th day of March, 2026.

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
MARGARET E. McDUGALD,) CASE NO PC 2023-390
Deceased.)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: CARMEN STACY BARBER A.K.A. CARMEN STACEY BARBER and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of MARGARET E. McDUGALD, 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 **27th day of August, 2026, at 10:30 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
TIMOTHY PHILLIPS, A.K.A.)
TIMOTHY LEE PHILLIPS and) CASE NO PC 2025-191
TIM PHILLIPS,)
Deceased.)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
APPLICATION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

TO: LAUREN NICOLE PHILLIPS WILLIAMS and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of TIMOTHY PHILLIPS, A.K.A. TIMOTHY LEE PHILLIPS and TIM PHILLIPS, deceased.

The *Application to Sell Real Property* of Hanna Phillips Harper regarding the estate of Timothy Phillips, A.K.A. Timothy Lee Phillips and Tim Phillips, deceased has been set for hearing on the **28th day of July, 2026, at 11:00 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LONNIE WILLIAM HARRIS, JR. * CASE NO.: PC 2025-413
aka LONNIE HARRIS, JR., *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Donna K. Harris, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lonnie William Harris, Jr. aka Lonnie Harris Jr., deceased, on the 1st day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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 be barred.

Donna K. Harris
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate
201 2nd Avenue SE
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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 Lisa G Geiger, An unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, its successors and assigns. dated July 10, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on July 15, 2024 in Deed Book 2090, Page 271 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2154, Page 808 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial, 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 May 7, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 of Hedgerowe Subdivision as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Plat Book B174B and corrected plat recorded in Plat Book B180B.

Said property is commonly known as **114 County Road 755, 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.

MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC
D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL
as holder of said mortgage
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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until June 18, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, June 4, 2026

25-07636AL

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 James Israel, an unmarried person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for The Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 31, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on April 5, 2022 in Deed Book 2008, Page 749 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2121, Page 809 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, 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 March 12, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 2, according to the Survey of Cotton Row, as recorded in Map Book B, Page 63A in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **123 County Road 1407, Cullman, AL 35058**.

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.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
as holder of said mortgage
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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until April 23, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, April 9, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until June 4, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, May 14, 2026

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 16, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, June 4, 2026

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Man (from Front)

nature of the incident, the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) was called in to conduct an independent investigation.

The CPD said Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker responded to the scene, and an autopsy has been ordered.

Kilpatrick said he responded to Cullman Regional, where he declared Boccia deceased at 11:39 p.m. He said the incident occurred near 1845 Northcrest Dr. NW.

Vinemont (from Front)

Gauge Day
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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 2, discussing long-term projects and annexation opportunities.

During the work session, council members discussed several long-term projects and priorities for the future. Topics included a potential addition to town hall, updating the town's comprehensive plan, development of a recreation and event center, upgrades to town limit signs, historical displays highlighting the history of Vinemont and continued improvements to the walking trail and art park area, including additional playground equipment and pickleball courts.

The council also held a discussion regarding potential future annexations into the town of Vinemont. Mayor Bonnie Goodwin opened the discussion, with town officials reviewing maps of surrounding properties that could potentially be annexed. Council members discussed several ways to engage residents and property owners, including social media outreach, informational mailers, door-to-door communication and community meetings.

Among the items approved during the meeting was a request for Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser and Assistant Clerk Madison Hunt to attend the Certified Governmental Accounting Technician (CGAT) training through the University of Alabama at a cost of $150.

The meeting concluded with updates on several upcoming community events:

• Senior Citizens Day - June 15, 2026, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center

• Community Clean-Up Days - June 11-13, 2026, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center (open to South Vinemont residents only)

• Fourth of July Celebration - July 5, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Vinemont Sports Complex – the event will feature food, children's activities, fireworks and a Touch-a-Truck experience with vehicles from the Vinemont Providence Fire Department, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and other participating agencies

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be Tuesday, July 7, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow at 6.

Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.

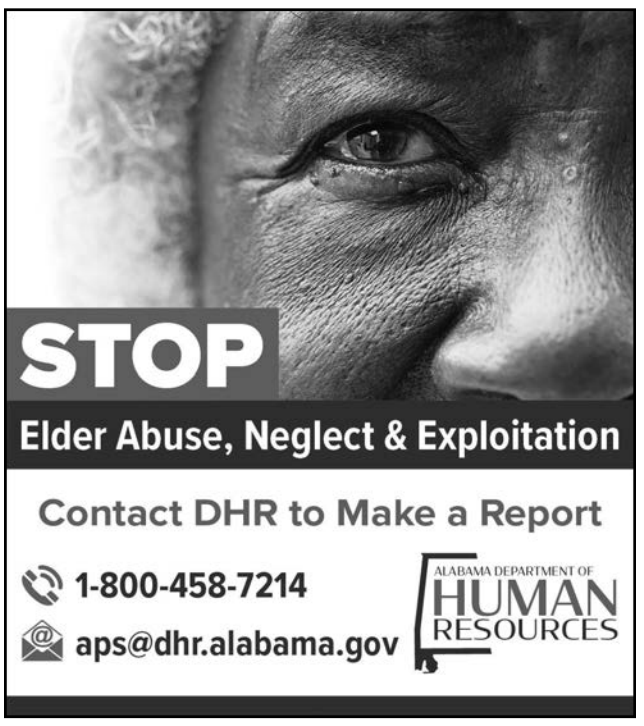
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ron M. Roberson and Brenda C Roberson in favor of Peoples Bank of Alabama, dated September 15, 2023, and recorded in Book 2063 starting at Page 96 on or about September 20, 2023 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; the undersigned Peoples Bank of Alabama, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in the City of Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, on June 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 and 26 of Lakeshore West Subdivision, Phase II, as shown and known on the recorded plat thereof in Map Slide B-285-B, in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama

The property address is: 55 County Rd 142, Crane Hill, AL 35053

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBERANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO THE TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The mortgagee/transferee reserves the right to bid for and to purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the sale of the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

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.

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TO BE PUBLISHED: May 28, 2026, June 4, 2026, June 11, 2026.

CITY OF HANCEVILLE, AL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

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

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 15th day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Dover Enterprises of Alabama, LLC zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #23- 05-21-0-050-23.000, PIN #44361 be rezoned to R-2 Medium Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   Beginning at Station 47 + 60 on the east right of way of the Hanceville-Blountsville highway, thence Easterly 90 degrees tangent to curve arc a distance of 110 feet, thence northerly to a point 260 feet east of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter; of section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, thence West along half forty line to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence south along the West line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter to the East right of way line of the above described Highway; thence easterly along right of way line of the point of beginning. Said strip of land lying in the southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Hanceville, Alabama, Cullman, County Alabama.

   ALSO:
   Beginning fifty feet west of Station 47 + 60 on the east right of way line of the Blountsville and Hanceville Highway, right of way line of the Blountsville and Hanceville Highway, thence easterly 90 degrees tangent to curve arc a distance of 110 feet, thence northerly 90 feet to corner being a distance of 200 feet thence west 160 feet to Quarter line, thence south along the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter to the east right of way line a distance of 140 feet, thence easterly 100 feet along above described highway to point of beginning. Said house and lot being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West. (Now in Hanceville, Alabama) Cullman County, Alabama.

   LESS AND EXCEPT:
   Beginning at Station 47 + 60 on the East Right of Way of the Hanceville-Blountsville Highway; thence Northeasterly 90 degrees tangent to curve arc a distance of 110 feet; thence 18 degrees, 23 minutes LT 162 feet; thence West 219.56 feet to the West line of the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West; thence South along said ¼- ¼ line 176 feet to said Right of way; thence Southeasterly along said right-of way 147.71 feet to the point of beginning. Said land being in the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West in Cullman County, Alabama and being 0.95 acre, more or less.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

3. That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 25th day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

4. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk or their appointee concerning said public hearing.

5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans, and any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

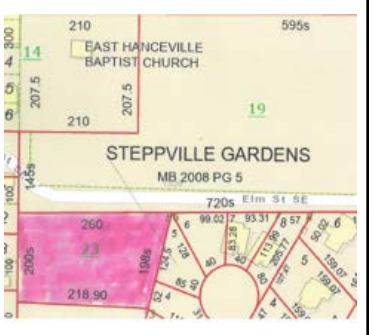
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

7. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described property is now zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

8. This ordinance adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026 after its publication as required by law, including notice and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Nolan Bradford
Mayor

Attest: Robert Powell, Council Member
Authorized Attesting Official



Cullman's Sarah Kate Dockery recognized as Stephen D. Lee Scholar at Mississippi State

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Mississippi State University

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. — Mississippi State University congratulates more than 160 spring graduates recognized as Stephen D. Lee Scholars for achieving a cumulative 4.0 GPA during their college careers.

Cullman's Sarah Kate Dockery was among them. Dockery studied aerospace engineering, earning a bachelor of science from MSU's Bagley College of Engineering.

Stephen D. Lee Scholars received special recognition during commencement ceremonies.

Dockery was also among 24 Mississippi State students receiving the 2026 Spirit of State Award.



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Cullman's Sarah Kate Dockery is pictured with Mississippi State University President Mark E. Keenum.

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Obituary Announcements: June 2-3

Marie Melton, 96
Funeral services for Marie Melton, 96, of Hanceville was noon, Wednesday June 3, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation was prior to the service from 10 a.m.-noon at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Melton was born May 17, 1930, in Lawrence County, Alabama to the late Marion & Bessie Mickle. She passed away May 31, 2026, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Mrs. Melton is survived by her children, Sherry Davis, Mickey Melton (Loretta); grandchildren, Michael Dynes (Karla), Lisa Janick (John), Lori Melton; sister, Mildred Phillips; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Mrs. Melton was preceded in death by her husband, Emmitt Melton; parents, Marion & Bessie Mickle; and her brothers, Devon Mickle, Buddy Mickle, and Roy Mickle. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the charity of your choice in her memory. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Melton family.

Robert "Bob" Charles Montgomery, Jr., 82
Robert "Bob" Charles Montgomery, Jr., born on July 9, 1943, lived in Cullman, Alabama, and passed away on May 30, 2026. He received an engineering degree from Auburn University and also earned an MBA from Samford University. He is survived by his wife, Bethanna Burson Montgomery; his twin sister, Missy Doles; his children, Monty Ferlisi (Sam) with children Nicholas and Julia; Stephanie Meadows (Bill) with children Mary Ashley, Elizabeth, and Catherine; Matt Rhodes (Beth) with children Samantha and James; and Troy Montgomery (Javonna) with children Abby and Ben. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Charles Montgomery, III. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Robert Charles Montgomery, Sr. and Mary Malcolm McSwean Montgomery. Affectionately known as "Grumpdaddy" by his grandchildren, Bob will be remembered for his wit and funloving spirit by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

Carlton O'Neal Swann, 65
No services are planned at this time for Carlton O'Neal Swann, 65, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. O'Neal passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at CRMC. He was born Jan. 3, 1961, to Carl and Edna Vaughn Swann. He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church. He loved to sing and play his guitar, loved his construction work and loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nell Swann; brother, Kenneth Swann; sister, Anita Sams. Survivors include his son, Carl Swann; daughter, Carla Chamblee; brother, Roger (Johnnie) Swann; sister, Joan Rogers; sister-in-law, Jeannette Swann; grandchildren, Samuel Capra, Lydia Swann, Ethan Chamblee; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Delrine Hale, 85
Graveside services for Delrine Hale, 85, of Cullman will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. She passed away on May 30, 2026. The service will be officiated by Pastor Robert Lancaster of St. Andrew's Methodist Church. Delrine (LaPrairie) Hale was born in Pineville, Louisiana to Edgar and Aurelia (Fisher) LaPrairie. She was a high school cheerleader, voted "Wittiest" among her peers, and was just as comfortable raising cattle and riding horses as she was cheering on her team. She met the love of her life, Verbon Hale, when he was a serviceman stationed at the local Air Force base. He swept her off her feet and eventually brought her to his home, and they lived in Cullman ever since. Their family celebrates that they are now together again. Delrine worked diligently and took pride in creating a wonderful home filled with the things she loved, and she wanted to share that home with those she loved. She was a skilled seamstress and was known to cut out an outfit at night, get up the next morning and sew it, and wear it to work. Her two green thumbs never rested as she spent many happy hours working in her yard, where flowers, trees, and shrubs flourished under her care. Known as "Granny" to her grandkids, great-grandkids, and great-great-granddaughter, Delrine valued honest and hard work, education, and treating everyone with kindness and respect. She was known for her wit and wisdom, and was fiercely protective of her family. Every job she held involved serving and helping others, a reflection of her generous nature and concern for people. Her legacy lives on in the values she taught, the beauty she created, and the love she shared with those fortunate enough to know her. She is predeceased by her parents; her husband, Verbon Hale; her son, Randy Hale; her grandchildren, Mandy Hale and Noah Bowling (Caitlin); and five brothers and sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Hale) Bowling; daughter-in -law, Deborah (Abbott) Hale; grandchildren Amber Igne (Mike), Brandi McKinney (Bob), and Nicholas Bowling (Emily); brother Delvin LaPrairie; brothers-in-law Ronald Hale (Margie) and Warren Hale; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend warm thanks to Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation, as well as to Southern Care Hospice. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Carol Janease Childs, 91
Carol was called home to join her beloved husband of 67 years, Wendell and her parents Clyde and Louise Poole and brother Clyde Poole on Friday, May 29, 2026. Carol was born in Jackson, Mississippi where she spent her childhood. She was active in the Methodist church and played the piano throughout her life. She went to Millsaps College her freshman year of college and then transferred to Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University earning her bachelor's degree in Sociology. Her senior year she met the love of her life, Wendell, on a blind date. He graduated a year before her and upon Carol's graduation they were wed on April 21, 1956. Wendell (Brigadier General, ret.) was in the U S Army which took them to many destinations overseas and throughout the United States. Carol's favorite assignment was West Point, New York. Then they located to Huntsville, Alabama for his second career. Next was Melbourne, Florida and then back to Wendell's home town of Cullman, Alabama and ultimately to Rome, Georgia to be closer to family. Carol worked many years as a social worker and earned her Master's Degree along the way. Carol was a very skilled seamstress. One of her most special garments was a christening gown that several of her grandchildren and great grandchildren were christened in. Afterwards she embroidered their names and dates of christening in the gown. She also made flower girl dresses for both of her sons' weddings. Carol was a true Auburn fan and Army West Point fan. During their time at West Point, they sponsored and mentored many cadets with many from the state of Alabama. One evening at a special reception at the cadet library while she was waiting on Wendell a distinguished older gentlemen came up to her and asked if he could get her a drink (punch). She said yes. He returned with the drink and his wife, he introduced himself – Omar Bradley. Yes, General Omar Bradley. As Wendell arrived and General Bradley and his wife walked away, he asked her, "Do you know who that was?" Carol replied, "why yes, my friend General Bradley". She never missed a chance to pull one over on Wendell. Carol loved to entertain and have family gatherings. She loved being a grandmother and cherished her grandchildren and great grandchildren so very much. Carol is survived by her children: Cristy Childs Edwards (Christopher) of Yellville, Arkansas, son Richard Childs (Cindy) of Rome, Georgia, and son Scott Childs (Eric) of Sydney, Australia; grandchildren, Cristy Edwards Mason, Katherine Childs Glazer, Michael Edwards (Grace), Andrew Edwards (April), Emily Childs, Courtney Childs, Margot Childs, and David Childs. Great grandchildren, Kamryn Mason, Charlotte Glazer, Alec Glazer, Sarah Mason, Barrette Mason, and Erin Edwards. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, from 11 a.m.-noon. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home on June 6, 2026, at 1 p.m. A Graveside Committal Service will follow at Cullman City Cemetery, 9th St SW, Cullman, AL 35055, US, on June 6, 2026. In lieu of flowers donations could be made to Auburn University Foundation at www.auburngiving.org or 317 South College Street Auburn, Alabama 36849 or the Wounded Warrior Project at https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org. To leave condolences for the Childs family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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