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Hanceville library welcomes librarian Beth Ellis

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville recently hired a new librarian as part of its staff. Library Manager Teresa Rivera said the staff was excited to welcome fun new librarian Beth Ellis.

"She is full of ideas, bringing new energy to the Hanceville Library," Rivera said. "She comes with library experience from California. She will be part of our summer reading programs as well."

Ellis said her love of libraries started early at her school library with Laura Ingalls Wilder and the "Little House on the Prairie" series.

"In high school, I read through most of the classics section and explored other genres as well," Ellis said. "I worked for the Eldorado County Library » PAGE 2



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Agriplex hosts 26th annual Touring Farms for Kids



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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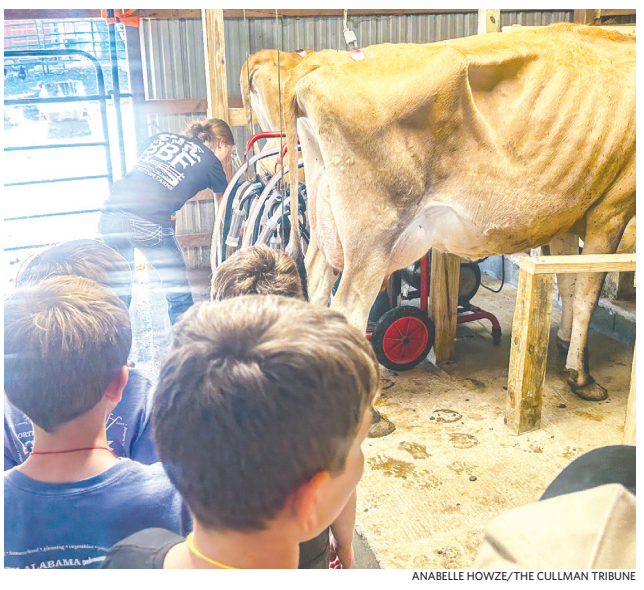
CULLMAN, Ala. — Children recently spent two days learning where their food comes from during the North Alabama Agriplex's 26th annual Touring Farms for Kids program.

Agriplex Executive Director Rachel Dawsey said the program started over 20 years ago as a partnership between local farm and community groups, and today it continues to help kids learn about different farms, agricultural businesses and support agencies in the area.

"This is our 26th year of Touring Farms for Kids," Dawsey said. "It's always been a two-day farm tour showing where our food comes from."

The program is for children ages 7 to 13 and includes farm visits, learning activities and hands-on experiences. This year, kids visited the Festhalle Farmers Market, J & C Local Lavender Farms, Bare Bottom Farms and Haynes Family Farm on the first day.

Dawsey said the organizers make sure to include both traditional and nontraditional farms. This » PAGE 2



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 8

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 8, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 4

• possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; Day Gap Rd.
• domestic violence; CR 1402

June 5

• domestic violence; CR 8
• domestic violence; elder abuse; CR 1488
• domestic violence; CR 1080
• theft of property; CR 520
• violation of protection order; CR 1155
• possession of dangerous drugs; Arkadelphia Rd.
• theft of property; CR 1480
• theft of property; CR 145

June 6

• domestic violence; CR 1760
• domestic violence; CR 324
• domestic violence; Commercial St. NE Hanceville
• possession of marijuana; CR 1763
• dog bite; CR 481
• criminal mischief; CR 1807
• obstructing governmental operations; Hwy. 278E
• assault; criminal mischief; CR 1545

June 7

• domestic violence; CR 222
• criminal mischief; CR 1725
• domestic violence; Noreen Cir.
• theft of property; CR 1389
• public lewdness; Cherokee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

June 4-7

Bailey, Nathan P.; 51
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Bates, Perry R.; 69
• FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Baty, Timothy W.; 47
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Berns, Robert M.; 33
• DUI (alcohol)

Berry, Triston T.; 24
• public intoxication

Blackmon, Joshua D.; 41
• PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• PROBATION VIOLATION – attempting to elude police officer
• PROBATION VIOLATION – resisting arrest

Compton, Floyd R.; 55
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Coots, Tyler S.; 31
• possession of dangerous drugs

Cruce, Caleb E.; 23
• criminal trespass

Husted, Lacy H.; 41
• theft or property-2nd degree, $1500-2500
• unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle (No theft or damage)
• making false report to law enforcement authority
• duty upon striking an unoccupied vehicle

Johns, Kevin D.; 52
• assault-elder abuse and neglect-2nd degree
• domestic violence-3rd degree

Lamb, Johnny L.; 52
• FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Lawrence, Jonathan M.; 52
• assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Lewis, Jamichael O.; 18
• assault-domestic-simple assault-family

McDonald, Randy M.; 59
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pickle, Daniel J.; 47
• FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity

Reno, Billy J.; 57
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Richter, Morgan B.; 23
• possession of dangerous drugs

Roberts, Weston A.; 18
• sex offense-exposure or lewd act in public

Salter, Tyler R.; 32
• obstruction-governmental operations

Scott, Blayne A.; 24
• driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood

Shepherd, Jacyln C.; 35
• GJ – fraudulent use credit/debit card

Smith, Christopher C.; 22
• assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation
• interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Watkins, Dekoda J.; 33
• FTA – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 3

• harassment; person; 4th St. SW
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications; person
• identity theft; person
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $40; Olive St. SW

June 4

• theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $124; 1st Ave. SW

June 7

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person
• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; McNabb Rd. NW
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '14 Toyota Camry; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

June 5-7

Stiefelmeyer III, Carl A.; 61
• FTA – public intoxication (4 counts)
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Ford, Brandon L.; 52
• possession of controlled substance
• receiving stolen property-4th degree

Jorgensen, Mathieu R.; 39
• DUI
• reckless endangerment (2 counts)

Horton, Nicholas A.; 31
• public intoxication

Love, Zaidon A.; 18
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Craft, Brandy L.; 43
• organized retail theft
• criminal trespass

Hargenrader, Michelle L.; 52
• domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Agriplex (from Front)

way, kids get to see things like lavender growing, dairy farming, row crops, cattle and beekeeping.

During the tour, children meet local farmers and producers, try foods grown nearby and learn how farm products reach consumers. Dawsey said the program aims to help kids see how many types of agriculture are in the community.

It also encourages them to spend time outside and get to know local farmers.

Over the years, the program has drawn kids from both rural and city areas. Dawsey said community support keeps growing. This year, several sponsors even reached out to help, showing how popular and meaningful the program has become.

"We don't get outside all day very often," Dawsey said.

"I love seeing the kids do that and learn about all the different kinds of farms we have here."

Ellis (from Front)

System in California, first as a book shelver, then at the checkout desk and finally as the bookmobile driver. I feel extremely fortunate to be working at the Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville. I moved to Alabama from Oregon three years ago to be closer to two of my three sons and eight of my nine grandchildren."

Upcoming summer reading program events include:

• Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. "Birds' Beaks – Amazing Adaptations" presented by Kerri Roberts, Cullman Extension 4-H
• Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m.-noon Snead's Farmhouse with animals and an outstanding presentation
• Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m. Hanceville Fire Department, firetrucks, fire safety presentations and demonstrations. Get sprayed with the hose! Bring suits and towels.

The Shirley Burden Public Library is located at 201 Commercial St. Hanceville, AL 35077.

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. Call 256-352-0685 or follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.

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Playbook (from Front)

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No one should mistake this position for sympathy toward anyone who attempts to prey on a child.

If a person knowingly seeks sexual contact with a minor, communicates with someone he believes to be a minor or travels to meet a child for an unlawful sex act, that person should be investigated, arrested, prosecuted and, if convicted, punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Protecting children is not optional.

But protecting children also cannot become a public relations exercise where the public is told to applaud arrests while being denied basic answers about how an operation was conducted, who controlled it and what public safety benefit it produced for the community where it was staged.

That is the concern with the recent Cullman operation involving the Cullman Police Department, Cullman County District Attorney's Office and Covenant Rescue Group, a private nonprofit that assists law enforcement with child exploitation operations.

The March operation resulted in five arrests. According to the public information released at the time, the men arrested were listed from Killen, Somerville, Maylene, Hamilton and Toney. None were listed as Cullman residents.

That matters.

If Cullman police and prosecutors were investigating local offenders preying on local children, that is one thing. If an outside organization and local law enforcement created an operation that drew men from across the region into Cullman, that raises a different set of questions.

Why Cullman?

Were these suspects already targeting children in Cullman County?

Were they communicating with people they believed were local children?

Were online profiles, ads or decoy accounts placed in a way that specifically drew suspects into Cullman?

Who initiated the conversations?

Who controlled the undercover communication?

Were sworn Cullman officers directing the operation, or was a private nonprofit effectively running portions of it?

What written agreement exists between the City of Cullman, CPD, the District Attorney's Office and Covenant Rescue Group?

How many of these cases result in convictions?

How many are dismissed, reduced or resolved by plea to lesser charges?

How many prior operations of this type have been conducted here, and how many local children were actually identified as victims or potential victims?

Those are not anti-law enforcement questions. They are public safety questions.

They are also accountability questions.

When law enforcement conducts a public operation, announces arrests and asks the community to trust that everything was done correctly, the public has a right to ask what records exist, what rules governed the operation and what safeguards were in place.

Private nonprofits may do valuable work. They may have former law enforcement, military or investigative experience. They may help agencies that lack manpower or technology. But private organizations are not elected. They are not directly accountable to Cullman voters. They are not subject to the same public oversight as police departments, prosecutors and city officials.

That is why the public role of Covenant Rescue Group deserves scrutiny.

The issue is not whether child predators should be arrested. They should be. The issue is whether a private nonprofit should help design or participate in law enforcement stings inside Cullman without the public being allowed to review basic nonsensitive records after the fact.

No one is asking police to reveal live investigative tactics that would endanger children or compromise future cases. No responsible newspaper would publish information that helps predators avoid detection.

But that does not justify a blanket refusal to provide records.

The public can be told whether there was a memorandum of understanding. The public can be told what public money, manpower or facilities were used. The public can be told who approved the operation. The public can be told whether the suspects were local targets or regional targets drawn into Cullman. The public can be told conviction data from past operations. The public can be told whether any local victims were identified.

If specific records must be withheld, then officials should cite the specific legal basis and release redacted versions where possible.

Instead, the public has been left with arrest announcements and silence.

The District Attorney's Office has not answered open records questions for more than a month. The Cullman Police Department's response came through the city attorney as a denial. A rebuttal was sent. The deadline to respond has passed without the promised answer.

That is not how public trust is built.

Cullman does not need law enforcement by press release. Cullman needs law enforcement by measurable results.

If these operations are working, show the results. Show conviction rates. Show how many cases survive court scrutiny. Show whether local children are safer. Show whether offenders already operating in Cullman County are being identified. Show whether the same resources could produce better results through local investigations, school-based reporting, cyber tips, sex offender compliance checks, probation and parole coordination, digital forensic work, victim services and parent education.

There are proactive ways to protect children without turning Cullman into a destination point for people who otherwise may never have come here.

Go after local offenders. Monitor registered sex offenders who violate restrictions. Work cyber tips. Investigate child sexual abuse material. Build stronger reporting channels in schools. Support victims. Educate parents. Train officers. Use state and federal task forces. Prosecute real cases with real evidence and track convictions, not just arrests.

Arrests make headlines. Convictions protect the public.

That distinction matters.

Cullman residents should not be asked to accept a simple answer of, "Trust us, we caught bad people."

Trust is earned through transparency.

If the City of Cullman, Cullman Police Department and Cullman County District Attorney's Office believe this operation made Cullman safer, they should explain how. If a private nonprofit played a key role in the operation, officials should explain what that role was. If public records exist, they should be released unless a specific, lawful exemption applies.

Protecting children and demanding accountability are not opposing values.

They are the same value.

The public has every right to support aggressive prosecution of child predators while also demanding that law enforcement not import danger, stage operations for arrest numbers or shield the details from taxpayers afterward.

Cullman's neighborhoods are not props.

Cullman's children are not talking points.

And public safety should never be measured by how good an arrest announcement sounds on social media.

(Publisher's note: Cullman County DA sent a blanket response at the time of press denying all records requests citing the same statutes the City of Cullman cited. A rebuttal will be presented to his office Tuesday. A second rebuttal was sent to the City of Cullman on Monday, June 8.)

Man (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Gardendale man was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 12:05 a.m. Monday, June 8. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Hakeem X. Collins, 21.

Troopers said Collins was fatally injured when the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree.

They said Collins was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on Interstate 65 near the 295 mile marker, approximately 5 miles northwest of Dodge City, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

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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 10 – 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 12 – 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. Special guest – The Lovelady Center
• Sunday, June 13 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
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• 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
• Friday, June 26, 6 p.m. Poetry Night
• 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
• Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. Teen Club
• Wednesday, July 22, 10 a.m. "Lasting Impressions- Fossils-artifacts" by Chris & Jake, AL State Museum, Montgomery
• Wednesday, July 29, 10 a.m. "Quest to the Core" McWane Science Center
• Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. Poetry Night
• Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. Children's author Ernie Swindle (bringing Matilda the Donkey for petting, located in the back parking lot)
• Friday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. "Larry the Magician" a happy, interactive program full of laughter. This is his last season performing; he is retiring after this summer.
• Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. Storytime Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Adult book club
• Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Crochet class

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.

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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Troy punches ticket to Omaha with Super Regional sweep of Little Rock

Troy Athletics
Contributor

TROY, Ala. — For the first time in program history, Troy is headed to the College World Series.

The Trojans punched a ticket to Omaha after sweeping Little Rock in the Troy Super Regional in front of 13,459 fans across two days. Troy topped Little Rock 12-2 in game one before a 7-2 win in Saturday's clincher behind 7.1 spectacular innings from Tommy Egan.

The senior righty punched out eight hitters while limiting Little Rock to five hits, two walks and two runs. Egan stranded runners on second and third with a strikeout looking in the second before escaping a base-loaded, one-out situation in the fourth with just one run across on a fielder's choice.

The Chicago native cruised through the next three innings before a one-out solo homer by Jerdy Lopez ended his day in the eighth. After the homer, Egan walked back to the Troy third base dugout with a standing ovation from the record 7,033 rowdy fans in attendance at Riddle-Pace

Offensively, Troy set the tone with a two-run top of the first, the only inning that Little Rock starter Nic Bronzini would pitch. Troy native

Drew Nelson came up with the bases loaded and two outs, and flared a two-run double to left field for two Trojan runs.

Troy kept its foot on the gas against a Little Rock bullpen that used four different arms. Houston Markham scored on an Aaron Piasecki sac fly after singling and reaching third on an overthrow to second on a stolen base. In the fourth, Jimmy Janicki scored on a Steven Meier single after ripping his 24th double of the year to left field.

Josh Pyne and Blake Cavill added some insurance late, with Pyne adding an RBI single in the seventh and Cavill knocking in two on a base hit in the ninth.

Righty Noah Thigpen kept Little Rock off the board in the final 1.2 innings, earning his third save of the season and second of the NCAA Tournament. After a one-out single in the ninth, Troy got two outs for the price of one with a ground ball double play to Aaron Piasecki to clinch Troy's first trip to Omaha.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy baseball celebrating their first ever College World Series berth

Notables

- Troy is the third Sun Belt team to reach the College World Series, joining 2000 Louisiana and 2025 Coastal Carolina.
- In the last two days, Troy has had two of the four most-attended games in Sun Belt history. Those games include Louisiana vs. LSU (7,583 – April 6, 1994), Troy vs. Little Rock (7,033 – June 6, 2026), Coastal Carolina vs. East Carolina (6,450 – June 1, 2025), and Troy vs. Little Rock (6,426 – June 5, 2026)
- Troy is the first 30-loss team to reach the College World Series since Fresno State in 2008.
- Troy's six-game winning streak is its longest of the season.
- Tommy Egan's 7.1 innings matched his career high. He also pitched 7.1 innings at Georgia Southern on March 29.
- With eight strikeouts, Egan now has 99 on the season, the most by a Trojan since Shane McCain's 101 strikeouts in 2014
- Noah Thigpen earned his third save of the season, two of which have come in the NCAA Tournament. He closed out the Gainesville Regional final with four innings of one-run ball against Florida.
- Aaron Piasecki extended his hitting streak to a career-high 12 games and reached base streak of 18 games.
- Steven Meier extended his reached base streak to 21 games.

Next up

Troy opens its run in the College World Series against West Virginia on Friday. Game times will be announced at a later date.



WALLACE STATE ATHLETICS

Wallace State cross country teams earn NJCAA All-Academic honors

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State's men's and women's cross country programs were recognized for their work in the classroom following the 2025 season, with both teams earning NJCAA All-Academic Team honors.

The recognition was awarded by the All-Academic Board of the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Coaches Association. Both Wallace State teams were honored for their scholastic achievements throughout the academic year.

The Lions and Lady Lions also combined to place nine runners on the Academic All-American list.

The Wallace State women's cross country team had five Academic All-Americans: Payton Ridley, Rachael Matthews, Ann Marie Lund, Brookelyn Morgan and Hanna Sheffield.

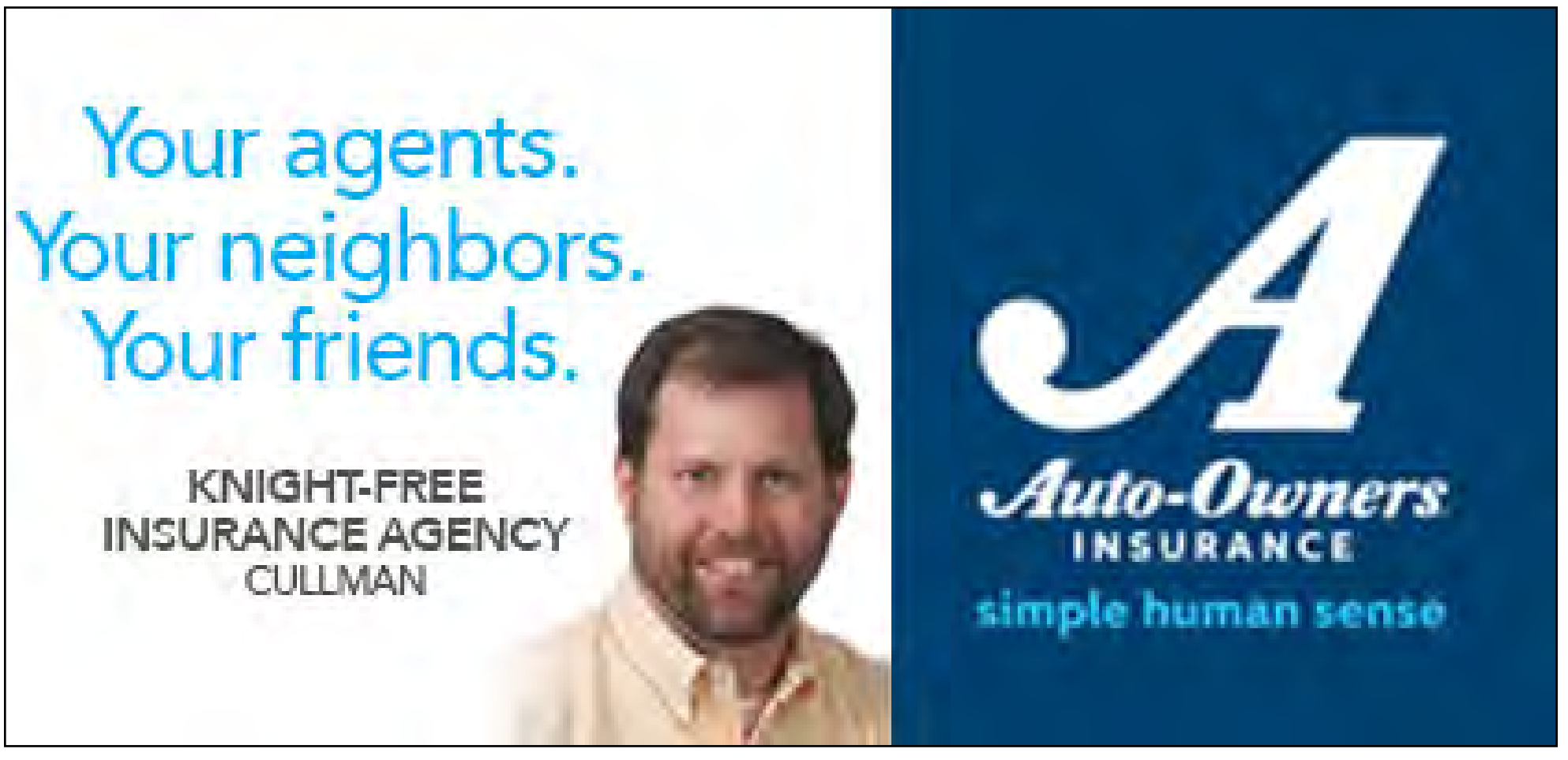
The Wallace State men's cross country team had three Academic All-Americans: Tyler Arthony, Elliot Denard and Jack Wiggins.

Head coach Tony Crider said the honors reflected the program's commitment beyond competition.

"I am extremely proud of my teams," Crider said. "Not only do they excel on the course but also in the classroom."

The academic recognition added to a strong year for Wallace State cross country, which continued to represent the college at a high level in both athletics and academics.





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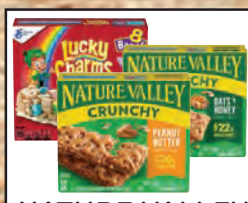
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‘We believe every young girl deserves to feel seen, celebrated and empowered’

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts will host Once Upon a Crown Princess Camp July 21-24, from 9 a.m.-noon at Heirlooms Studio.

The camp gives young girls a chance to enjoy princess-themed activities while building confidence, creativity and character. The camp is for girls ages 4 to 11. It mixes imaginative play with lessons about kindness, self-confidence and personal growth.

Founder Paige Clabo said the camp was made to help young girls feel special and to give older students in the organization a chance to perform.

"At Heirlooms, we believe every young girl deserves to feel seen, celebrated and empowered," Clabo said. "Once Upon a Crown Princess Camp was created to blend the magic of princess dreams with lessons about confidence, kindness and character."

Camp activities include meeting princesses, making crafts, storytime, tea parties and interactive lessons led by student performers dressed as favorite princess characters. Girls are encouraged to wear princess outfits all week and will join a special crowning ceremony at the end of camp.

Clabo said it is meant to mean more than just fairy-tale fun.

"We want them to understand that being a princess isn't about a crown. It's about how you treat others, how you carry yourself and how you use your gifts to make a positive difference," she said.

Heirlooms Studio is located at 1219 Second Ave. NW in Cullman. The cost is $179 per camper.

Clabo said money from the camp will help support Heirlooms' upcoming production of "Frozen: The Musical" and keep offering performing arts opportunities for local children.

You can find registration information through Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts. Parents can also meet some of the princess performers at Cullman's Second Fridays event in July.

Registration open for Alabama Extension Master Gardener fall course

Emma Greene
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Gardeners can grow their education and community through the Alabama Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Registration for the program's fall training course is now open until June 30.

Who are Extension Master Gardener Volunteers?

The Extension Master Gardener program is for adults in Alabama who want to gain knowledge and experience with home horticulture. Whether someone has previous experience with gardening or is looking to get started, this program explains topics such as soils, plant physiology, integrated pest management and managing ornamental, lawn and food-producing plants.

"We welcome everybody," said Kerry Smith, Alabama Extension Master Gardener Program coordinator. "We do get quite a few people who don't have any prior experience or prior knowledge. The common thread for all applicants is their love for plants."

To receive an Extension Master Gardener certification, applicants must complete a 14-week training course and log a minimum of 50 Extension volunteer hours.

The 2026 Master Gardener fall course will run Aug. 13 to Nov. 5. It includes online work, hands-on learning and field trips.

Why become an Extension Master Gardener?

Smith said this program is a great way for people to make new friends and share something they love to do.

Helping in the community is a big part of being an Extension Master Gardener. Throughout the year, participants volunteer with a variety of Extension agents and projects, including Alabama Smart Yards and Grow More, Give More.

"The people drawn to this program enjoy learning — likely life-long learning," Smith said. "They also enjoy giving their time and sharing knowledge in their communities through garden-related projects."



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More information

To register for the Extension Master Gardener fall course, apply online at aces.edu/go/MGV. For more information about the program, visit the Lawn & Garden section of aces.edu or contact your local home horticulture Extension agent.

Paws (from Front)

Chasady Woods
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Brindlee Mountain Animal Rescue and the Cullman County Animal Shelter joined forces once again for a "Pints & Paws" adoption event. It took place Saturday, June 6, at Ethos Craft Brewing, located on 1842 County Road 222.

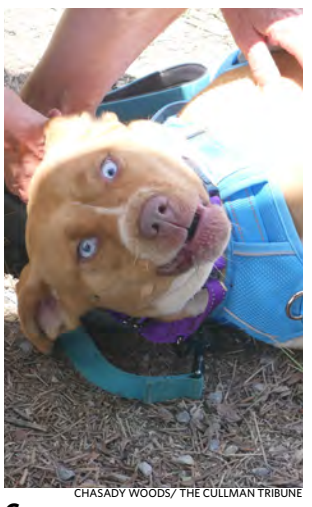
The event featured local pups who all share a common goal: finding their forever homes. When it comes to adopting your future best friend, whether they're big or small, fluffy or tall – we're "paw" in this together!

It can be difficult to choose when there is so much cuteness to go around! If you weren't able to attend – don't worry! We're bringing the tails to you!



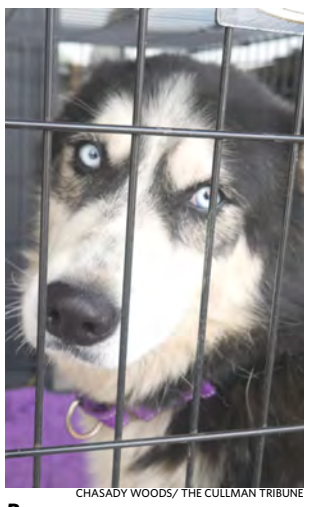
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Brambles

BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN ANIMAL RESCUE

Jasper

Jasper is Brindlee Mountain's sweet Cinnabon! He is a 7-year-old Beagle and Shih Tzu mix, which is a fancy way of saying your lap will be his favorite nap spot! He's a toy hoarder and professional squirrel locator.

Ideally, Jasper needs a home where he's the only animal. He simply wants to be your one and only lover boy!

Gemma

If you're looking for a purebred couch potato, Gemma is your girl! Not a morning person? Neither is she! She'll count the reasons on all four paws why you should stay in bed cuddling with her.

She's all fluff, no bite. One look into her icy blue eyes is all it takes to fall for this four-legged loaf!

Bruno

Bruno is a 6-year-old Husky! He is a ladies' man, literally! He needs a home with only a female fur-friend – no male dogs or any cats. What can we say? He has his standards!

Polly

This 5-year-old, stubby-legged baby is a Corgi mix! She's a bit storm shy and requests a quiet household for her princess shenanigans.

Bo

Bo is a handsome black and white lab! He is an old pup, so prepare for the built-in security system. Don't let his age deceive you; he's open for back pats and tummy rubs 24/7!

CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Baconator

This pit and basset hound mix is named Baconator for a reason. He's a small slice, but he's the bacon to your eggs!

Brambles

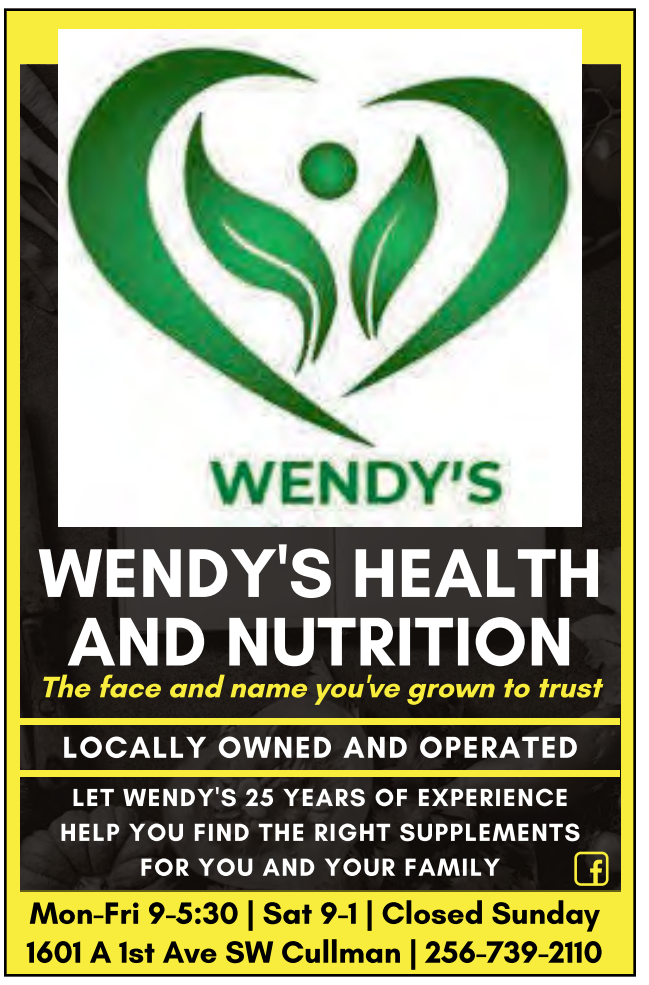
This sweet terrier mix is 9 months old! He's a cuddle bug just waiting for his grand debut in your life!

Contact information

- Brindlee Mountain Animal Rescue
- 256-200-2094
- brindleemountainanimalrescue@gmail.com

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- 256-734-5448
- cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us





Obituary Announcements: June 6-8

Hank Alan Murphree, 64

A visitation for Hank Alan Murphree, 64, of Hanceville will be Tuesday June 9, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Murphree was born Nov. 11, 1961, in Arab, Alabama to the late Alfred "Dink" & Elmer Murphree. He passed away June 4, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. Hank Murphree, a beloved father, grandfather, friend, and lifelong outdoorsman, passed away leaving behind a legacy of laughter, friendship, and cherished memories. Hank lived life to the fullest and had a remarkable gift for bringing joy to everyone he met. An avid hunter and fisherman, he found great happiness in the outdoors. He was a proud member of Dodd Hollow Hunting Club, the Sons of Confederacy, the Elk & Moose Lodge, and Hartselle Bass Masters. He also earned numerous awards throughout the years for hunting coons and showing coon dogs, including prestigious Best in Show honors. His dogs held a special place in his heart and were faithful companions throughout his life. Hank had a deep appreciation for music and could often be found listening to bluegrass, country, and gospel tunes. He enjoyed playing the guitar and loved sharing music with family and friends. He could be found singing karaoke, cheering on Alabama football, playing basketball and softball, or watching NASCAR races. Above all else, he was passionate about his children and grandchildren. They were the center of his world, and he treasured every opportunity to spend time with them. He also deeply valued his many friendships and never met a stranger. Known as a friend to all, Hank had a wonderful sense of humor and was a natural comedian who loved making people smile and laugh. His warm personality, infectious laughter, famous hugs, and genuine kindness left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. Though he will be greatly missed, the memories he created, the laughter he shared, and the love he gave so freely will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever. His life was a testament to friendship, family, and finding joy in every moment. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved him. Mr. Murphree is survived by his wife, Sheila Murphree; children, Vanessa Shedd (Matt), Kressa Murphree, Tonya Turner (Chris); grandchildren, Elizabeth Hall, Lane Shedd, Will Shedd, Wyatt Shedd, Taylor Shedd, Amos Shedd, Preslee Turner, Rylee Turner, Hadley Murphree, Dawson Murphree; siblings, Braxton Murphree (Vickie), Brenda Bowman; special nephew, Joey Murphree; goddaughter, Morgan Stallings; his dog, Hooch; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Murphree was preceded in death by his parents Alfred "Dink" & Elmer Murphree; siblings, Gary Joe Wilks, Larry Neal Wilks, Wayne Murphree, Hal Murphree, Russell Murphree; and his dogs, Pete & Emmy. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Murphree family.

Millard Ray Buchmann, 88

Millard Ray Buchmann was larger than life, in every way. At 6-foot-4, he was known as "Big Ray," and he lived up to the nickname – excelling in sports, music and academics in his youth, and then as a businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He was a talented musician, creative chef, bold adventurer and avid fisherman who traveled the world, often behind the controls of his own airplane. In his later years, he was also known as "Daddy Ray" – the proud patriarch of an extended family that he anchored with his beloved wife, Mary Benton. Ray was a true Renaissance man who was uncommonly strong both in mind and body – he managed a hereditary skin cancer condition throughout his life and overcame brain cancer at age 83. But at 88 he was unable to shake pneumonia, and he died on June 5, 2026, surrounded by family and loved ones.

Ray was born July 16, 1937, in Tennessee, the eldest child of Millard R. and Nell Buchmann. The family soon moved to Cullman, Alabama, where they were the original owners of several well known businesses, including the B & B Cafe, the All Steak Restaurant and Buchmann Tire & Retreading. By night, they were musicians, performing throughout the region as the Millard Buchmann Orchestra. Ray worked in the family businesses and played tenor saxophone in the band. A graduate of Cullman High School, he distinguished himself both academically and athletically, serving as co-captain of the Cullman High School basketball team in 1955 and earning recognition as Most Valuable Player of the Tennessee Valley Conference Basketball Western Division that same year. His drive and discipline earned him a basketball scholarship to St. Bernard Junior College, where he earned a degree in 1957. He went on to the University of Alabama, where he earned a B.S. pre-med degree and competed in All Intramural Basketball in 1959. Ray served as a staff sergeant in the Alabama Air National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1966. He also earned a private pilot license —an achievement that reflected his adventurous spirit and readiness to meet challenges with confidence and skill. In business, Ray's work ethic and leadership were exceptional. He expanded the family business as president and owner of Buchmann Tire, which became one of the largest tire retreading operations in the country, and also operated 11 People's Tires & Service stores in North Alabama and Tennessee. His influence extended well beyond his own company: he served as president of both the Alabama Tire Dealers Association and the National Tire Dealers Association. He was chairman of the Sunbelt Tire Marketers Group and represented tire dealers from the U.S. and Canada at BIPAVER (International Tire Dealers Association) in Monaco. Ray's life was also rich with music and friendship. In 1955, he was first chair clarinet in the Cullman High School Band and was selected for All State. In addition to the family orchestra, he was a performer and business manager for the University of Alabama Rock and Roll Playboys band, and played sax with The Larks combo in Cullman. Whether in business, music, or daily life, Ray was a dynamic and engaging presence with a gift for bringing people together. He also gave generously of his time and talents to the community. Ray served as chairman for Cullman County's first cancer crusade and served on the city of Cullman's first three-member personnel board. Appointed by Sen. Howell Heflin, he represented Alabama at the White House Conference on Small Business, attending meetings led by President Ronald Reagan. He was president of the Cullman County Chamber of Commerce and led the fundraising efforts to build the Colonel Cullman home — work that reflected his commitment to preserving and strengthening the place he called home. Baptized at First Baptist Church in Cullman, Ray's faith remained an important part of his life. In 2015, he was confirmed and became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman. At the heart of Ray's life was his devoted love for his wife, Benton, and their family. Ray and Benton were childhood acquaintances in Cullman who fell in love during college and married in 1965. Their two children, Ray Brindley and Anna, were born soon after. Ray and Benton worked hard in the tire business while also making time for their love for travel, flying the family to destinations around the country in Ray's airplane. Ray was also the family chef who excelled at grilling and baking, honing his skills by attending Paul Prudhomme's culinary academy in New Orleans. Ray was a superlative father who loved spending time with his children and mentoring them and their friends. He took great pride in his kids' accomplishments, never failing to mention their academic credentials when he introduced them to others. After both children married and settled in the San Francisco Bay Area, Ray and Benton were thrilled to welcome four grandchildren, frequently traveling to California to spend time with their growing family, and taking them all on trips around the country. After retiring, Ray and Benton rediscovered a passion for fly-fishing, traveling not just to rivers and lakes in the Southeast, but to destinations as far away as Alaska, the Bahamas and New Zealand. Ray built a hobby business building custom fishing rods while Benton taught the fly-tying course for "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" sponsored by Alabama Game & Fish. Their partnership was not only enduring, but active, filled with shared purpose, laughter and the kind of companionship that grows deeper with time. Ray and Benton also poured their energy into others. For 12 years, they organized a fishing event for the children at Childhaven in Cullman, supported by volunteer instructors and cooks. Each all-day outing welcomed 40–50 children who learned to fish, then enjoyed their catch at a cookout that included Ray's famous homemade ice cream. In another lasting act of generosity, the Buchmanns restored and donated their family instruments and purchased dozens of new ones for students in the band program at Cullman Middle School. Throughout his life, Ray remained a learner: curious, practical and determined to keep moving forward. By the early 2000s he and Benton had sold the old retreading plant property in Cullman on Highway 31, which became a Walgreen's, as well as their remaining store, the original People's Tires, which was replaced by a Dick's Sporting Goods and Publix Super Market. Ray welcomed this new chapter by immediately doing two things: enrolling in a community-college computer class for seniors, and seeking out information to deepen his knowledge of finances and investments. It was a fitting reflection of a man who met every season with resolve and good sense. Ray was preceded in death by his father, Millard R. Buchmann, and his mother, Nell (Brindley) Buchmann, alongside his son-in-law, Nathan Gilbert. Surviving are his loving wife of 61 years, Benton; sisters Kay Yager (widow of Harold) and Jeanie Brindley-Barnett (Steve); son, Ray Brindley (Marjorie); daughter, Anna Gilbert (widow of Nathan); and grandchildren, Evan Brindley, Jillian Brindley, Spencer Gilbert and Mary Joy Gilbert. Ray often said that this song lyric, heard on "The Gaither Gospel Hour," perfectly captured his devotion to Benton: "We've been down the road of life together, yes we've gone a mile or two, but I couldn't have made this journey without you." In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman, Alabama.

David Bruce Conway, 58

David Bruce Conway, a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2026, at UAB Hospital. Born on Aug. 28, 1967, in Alabama, David lived a life marked by dedication, skill, and profound love for his family and community. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com David was preceded in death by his parents, Zennie Conway and Barbara Jean Crawford Conway, his bonus child Morgan Chase Boatright, and his father-in-law Charles Boatright. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him, yet his memory lives on through the many lives he touched. He is lovingly survived by his wife of 27 years, Bonnie Conway, whose partnership and devotion were a cornerstone of his life. Together, they nurtured a beautiful family, including their sons Joshua Conway (Katie), and Ivan Conway. His bonus children, Damian Boatright and his wife Bailey, and Makayla Boatright and her husband Josh, also carry forward his legacy of kindness and strength. David was also a cherished brother, surviving siblings include Jeff Cole and his wife Maria, Alan Conway and his wife Barbara, and his sister Camilla Headley. He is lovingly remembered by his mother-in-law, Glenda Boatright. A man of many talents, David was known for his handyman skills, possessing the remarkable ability to fix nearly anything. His hands built and mended, reflecting the care and attention he brought to every aspect of his life. A proud Navy veteran, David served his country with honor and discipline. Following his service, he devoted 27 years to American Tire, where he was not only a dedicated employee but a beloved colleague, deeply respected and appreciated by those fortunate enough to work alongside him. David's passions extended beyond his work and family; he was a passionate collector of knives and vintage items, treasures that told stories of times past and reflected his unique character and interests. Those close to him affectionately called him "Pops," a testament to the warmth and love he radiated and the irreplaceable role he held in his family. David Bruce Conway's legacy is one of steadfast love, unwavering dedication, and a life well-lived. His kindness and skill left an indelible mark on his family, friends, and community. He will be remembered not only for what he accomplished but for who he was—a man who loved deeply, worked faithfully, and lived genuinely.

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
TED WAGNON,) CASE NO PC 2024-283
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: MIKE WAGNON and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of TED WAGNON, deceased.

The Petition for Final Settlement, Amended Petition for Final Settlement and Amended Petition for Final Settlement of Dawn Wagnon for the estate of Ted Wagnon, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **25th day of August, 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 5th day of June, 2026.

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

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

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
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2026-185

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILBURN PAUL KNIGHT, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MICHAEL W. KNIGHT, as Administrator of the Estate of WILBURN PAUL KNIGHT, Deceased, on the 5th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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

MICHAEL W. KNIGHT
Administrator of the
Estate of Wilburn Paul Knight,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

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

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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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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-212

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID STARK, DECEASED.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Judy Ann Stark on the 8th day of June, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Judy Ann Stark
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE 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
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Perry D. Knight
Attorney for the Estate
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DHR: Summer EBT benefits coming to families with eligible school children

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR), in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), plans to distribute Alabama SUN Bucks (Summer EBT) benefits to eligible children again this summer. Alabama SUN Bucks will provide a one-time issuance of $120 per school-aged child to low-income families to assist them in purchasing groceries over the summer. These benefits are a summer supplement to the free and reduced-price meals that are provided to students during the school year.

Alabama SUN Bucks will be automatically issued to school-aged children who have been approved by application or direct certification and attending a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs.

Children that are directly certified through the ALSDE in programs such as SNAP, TANF or Medicaid will be automatically eligible for Alabama SUN Bucks.

If not automatically enrolled, each student may apply for Alabama SUN Bucks.

Students receiving free meals through the Community Eligibility Provision will not automatically qualify; however, students may still be eligible for the benefits based on the household's income. Households should visit the Alabama SUN Bucks website to apply or receive additional information.

"With the rising costs of groceries and gas, the summer break can be challenging for families when children are at home," said Alabama DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner.

"This benefit will help families across the state make it through summer break while also encouraging healthy and nutritious eating."

An Alabama SUN Bucks card will be issued for students who qualify for the program.

Alabama SUN Bucks customer service representatives are available to answer Summer EBT questions by phone at 1-800-443-3536 or email at support@alabama-sunbucks.com from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Learn more at www.alabama-sunbucks.com.



Academy (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department will host a one-day Citizens Academy on Saturday, July 11, giving residents an inside look at local law enforcement, police operations and the criminal justice system.

The academy will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Police Department.

The program is designed to help participants better understand the work of officers and the decisions they face while serving the community.

According to the department, the Citizens Academy will include presentations and discussions with Cullman Police Department officers, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Juvenile Probation Director Kay Bell.

Participants will learn about police operations, investigations and other areas of public safety.

The academy will also include interactive scenarios intended to provide a hands-on understanding of the challenges officers encounter in the field. The department said the program is aimed at building understanding, strengthening community connections and creating more informed citizens. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Only 15 spots are available for the class. Those interested may apply by visiting cullmanal.gov/citizens-academy.

