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# CCSO: Body of second suspect wanted in Madison County found

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office on Thursday, June 11, reported that it recovered the body of the second suspect wanted by the Madison County Sheriff's Office. in connection with arson and drug-related charges.

According to WHNT-19 in Huntsville, "Kristin Slayton and Christopher Robertson were both out on bond following a previous arrest for conspiracy to commit murder when court documents state they intentionally set a fire on Hemlock Drive in Huntsville on Tuesday. A warrant was issued by a Madison County judge for both of their arrests."

Slayton's body was the first recovered, followed by Robertson's.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick said Slayton was 42 years old, from Fayetteville, Tennessee, while Robertson, 41, was from Huntsville.

The CCSO said it was contacted Tuesday, June 9, by the Madison County Sheriff's Office regarding two suspects wanted in connection with arson and drug charges. They were believed to be in Cullman County.

"After receiving a report of a structure fire near County Road 765, patrol deputies and investigators responded to the area," the CCSO said in a statement. » PAGE 8

# Jones Chapel VFD acquires new fire truck



CLINT THRASHER

*The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of its newest fire truck on Thursday, June 11, 2026, part of the department's five-year plan to transform its fleet.*

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**JONES CHAPEL, Ala.** — The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department recently acquired a newer fire truck, following a plan created back in 2022.

Chief Clint Thrasher said four years ago, the JCVFD began a five-year plan to start cycling through equipment that was beyond its lifespan and started creating goals for the future of the department.

"At that time we were spending an astronomical amount of money on truck maintenance trying to keep our fleet on the road," Thrasher said. "Over the course of the last 4.5 years, we have replaced a 1979 pumper, 1984 pumper, 1989 pumper, 1976 mini pumper, 1981 brush truck and a 1998 medical truck. We are successfully transforming our fleet into not only a newer fleet, but also a safer fleet."

Former Chief Micah Netherton promoted Thrasher to assistant chief in 2020 when he was elected as the chief, which pushed him to help make the department better.

"Micah is a great leader and mentor because he is an 'old-school' guy and came up in the fire department when times were tougher," Thrasher said. "The forefathers of our department built this place with their bare hands and their own money. Not many of the original folks are still around, but they did it the hard way. They struggled and got this all started. Micah was instrumental in guiding me on doing it the right way."

Thrasher said although his former leader was "old school," he was also a believer in "new school" and was always open to what he brought to the table.

"He understood that we needed more and always had my back," Thrasher said. "In 2022, Micah retired and I was elected chief. I've always had some farfetched ideas, but we as a team have made them happen. We could not be where we are with our community who supports us. Without our founders who got it started and our community to support us, we wouldn't be here. I am proud to be a small part of this team that I consider my family. We haven't arrived yet; we aren't stopping – we are going to continue serving this community. When we look at major investments such as this new truck, we look at the future just like our founders did. When we looked at this truck, I explained that I expect this truck to last long enough for my kids to fight fire off of it."

The new truck arrived on June 11, and for the guys of the JCVFD, it was a surprise delivery.

"My guys knew we were getting it, but they didn't know when," Thrasher said. "I just sent out a group text asking for help to unload something off a trailer."

Thrasher shared that they formed a truck committee in January to start » PAGE 4

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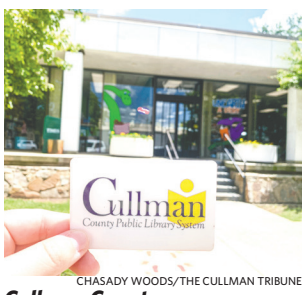
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# Arrests and incidents reported June 12

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 12, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**June 8**

- theft of property; CR 1651
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; Colony Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 544
- theft of property; Campbell Dr.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1545

**June 9**

- domestic violence; Commercial St. NE
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- violation of protection order; CR 1435
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 68
- domestic violence; Leonard Rd.

**June 10**

- domestic violence; US. 31
- harassing communications; US. 31
- violation of protection order; CR 1073
- theft of property; CR 1427
- theft of property; CR 1144
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- burglary; CR 38
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

**ARRESTS**

**June 8-10**

Allred, Haley L.; 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Baker, Frank R.; 51
- FTA – robbery-purse snatching, theft with use of force

Fields, Shelton I.; 36
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Frock, Donovan M.; 39
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Harris, Jacob D.; 26
- sex offense-electronic solicitation of a child (3 counts)
- obscenity-obscene material-distribute (7 counts)

Harrison, Tricia M.; 42
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of derivative or opium
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Henry, Christopher C.; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

James, Jimmy H.; 53
- public intoxication

Martin, Vanessa R.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Powers, Michelle; 50
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Roberson, Ryan A.; 26
- theft-miscellaneous

Stillwell, Logan J.; 28
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Trussell, Mary S.; 37
- FTA – unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle (no theft or damage)
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Vanhorn, Alicia N.; 32
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Vanhorn, Jeremy K.; 36
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Wilks, John W.; 44
- attempting to elude a police officer

Yeager, Christopher E.; 54
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – resisting arrest

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**June 7**

- Organized retail theft; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,263; Hwy. 157 and Olive St. SW

**June 10**

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $22; Olive St. SW

**June 11**

- theft of property-3rd degree; D.R. Horton; miscellaneous; $648; Ashland Dr. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; Beth St. NW
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157

**ARRESTS**

**June 10-11**

Gabel, Jeri B.; 46
- theft of property-4th degree

Parsons, Ashton M.; 24
- stalking-2nd degree

Cates, Sunee; 56
- public intoxication

Orange, John B.; 42
- theft of property-4th degree

Walker, Teresa L.; 62
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Sumrall, Michael T.; 33
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Elms, Andy V.; 55
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – expired tag

Evans, Cameran A.; 32
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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




# Camp (from Front)

**Gauge Day**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The third annual Bartlett Baseball Camp will be held on June 18 at the Cold Springs High School baseball field. The one-day camp, led by former University of Alabama in Huntsville baseball player and Cold Springs High alumnus Brody Bartlett, will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and is open to players ages 5 and older.

Participants will receive instruction in hitting, fielding, throwing, base running and overall game fundamentals, making the camp suitable for both beginners and more experienced athletes.

In addition to the youth instruction sessions, players ages 14 and older will have the opportunity to participate in a special showcase session designed to provide exposure to college scouts and recruiters. The advanced portion of the camp will allow older athletes to compete in a showcase-style setting while displaying their skills at a higher level.

Going on year three, Bartlett said one of his favorite parts of running this camp has become watching young players grow and develop their skills while learning to see baseball from a new angle.

"My favorite part about running the camp is teaching athletes a brand-new perspective on baseball," Bartlett said. "This is a game of failure, so the earlier kids can learn that, the better they will become."

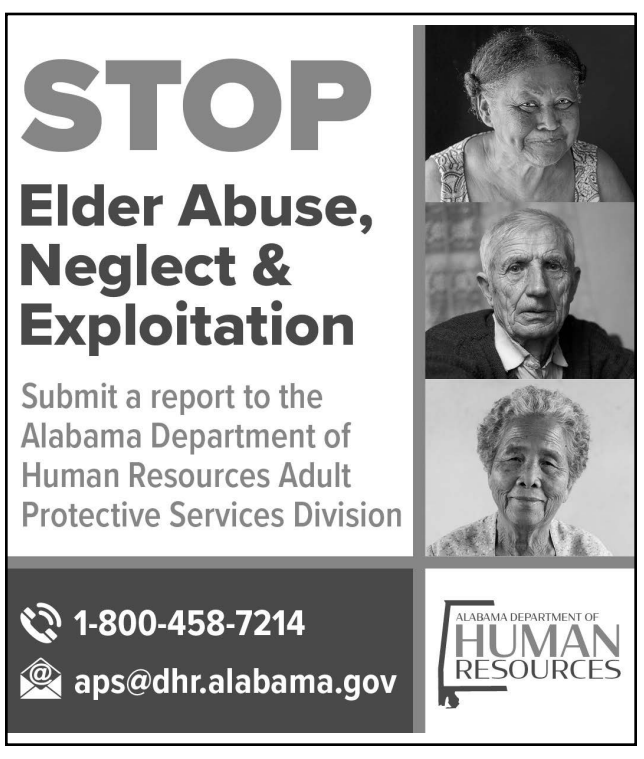
He added, "Watching players learn new things and using what they have learned to become a better ball player is one of the best feelings as a coach or instructor. My goal every camp is to teach every single kid one thing, and if they learn one new thing about the game in a day, I see that as a win."

Sign-ups will begin at the gate at 8:15 a.m. on the day of the camp. Pre-registration is also available online through the official camp registration form at https://tinyurl.com/3a8h6baw or by contacting Bartlett directly. Bartlett asks participants to arrive 30 to 45 minutes early to complete the registration process. The camp fee is $100 per player.

The camp will also provide lunch from noon-12:30 p.m., along with additional water throughout the day.

For more information about the camp or registration details, contact Brodee Bartlett at 256-636-6769 or via Facebook Messenger.

Cold Springs High School is located at 9010 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033.





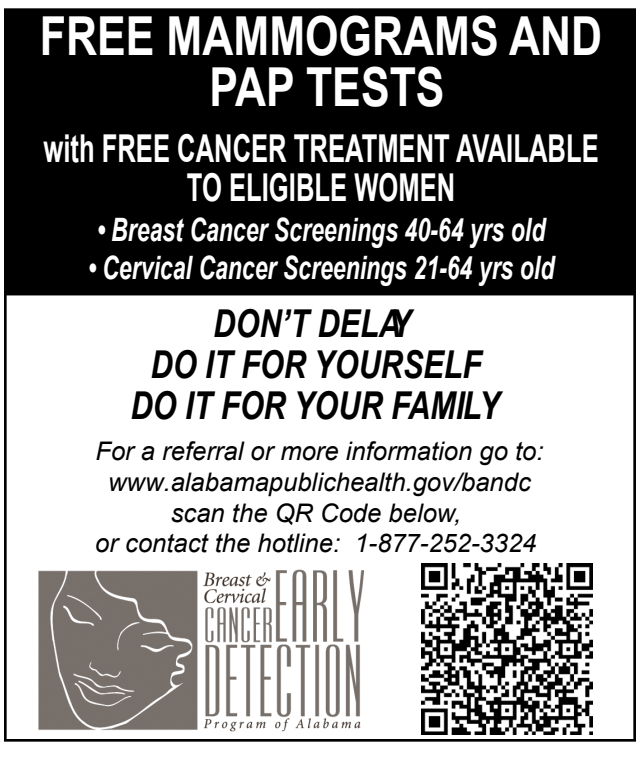










# Crash (from Front)

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**HOLLY POND, Ala.** — An Altoona man was killed Thursday morning in a two-vehicle crash in Cullman County.

According to Senior Trooper Brandon Bailey with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, the crash happened at approximately 6 a.m. Thursday, June 11, on Alabama Highway 91 near Cullman County Road 783, approximately 3 miles south of Holly Pond.

Troopers said Tyler E. Maddox, 32, was fatally injured when the 2019 Kawasaki Z650 motorcycle he was operating struck a 1997 Dodge Ram 3500 driven by Joshua H. Boatright, 53, of Cullman.

Maddox was pronounced dead at the scene.

ALEA said no additional information is available as Troopers with the Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

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# Colony (from Front)

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**COLONY, Ala.** — The Colony Town Council at its June meeting voted to postpone its clean-up event that was scheduled for June 13, due to weather. Mayor Jasmine Cole said the cleanup will be rescheduled.

"We will postpone until the weather permits," Cole advised.

The Council also had its first reading of Resolution No. 2026-2, which would allow Cole to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the town.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 2026-2 at the Council's next meeting on Tuesday, July 14.

Cole announced that Colony shirts will be on sale until Friday, July 10. For more information, call 256-287-1192.

In park updates, the council approved the purchase of a new rectangular sunshade for the park pavilion for $200.

During public comments individuals reported power surges during the storms that persisted over the past month.

They expressed concerns about how this could affect appliances and complicate things in the future.

Cole tasked Councilwoman Mallonee Hall, of the sanitation and utilities committee, to reach out to the Cullman Electric Cooperative to check transformers throughout the town.

The Colony Town Council will meet next on Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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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
• Sunday, June 14 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

**Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville**
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• 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
• 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 16, 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.

**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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# Wallace State Student-Athletes, Teams Earn ACCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll Recognition

**Wallace State Sports Information**

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Wallace State Community College student-athletes and athletic teams were well represented on the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Spring 2026 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll, recognizing individuals and teams that achieved a grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Wallace State had 145 student-athletes and 12 athletic teams recognized on the ACCC Spring 2026 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

The honor recognizes student-athletes who successfully balanced the demands of academics and athletics during the spring semester.

"These student-athletes and teams should be extremely proud of themselves, as they have balanced academics with practice and games," ACCC Commissioner Dean Myrick said.

"I am very proud of them, along with the faculty and staff at our amazing colleges for the work they do in preparing our student-athletes for life outside of athletics."

Wallace State had student-athletes from baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's cross country, volleyball, cheer and flag football earn recognition on the honor roll.

Among those recognized were softball standouts Brooklynn Sertell, Kaelyn Jones, Leah Graves, Madeline Howard, Ava Smith and Charli Kyser; men's tennis national champion Angel Gautier along with Alexander Grube Andersen, Tom Koepf, Luka Uzelac, Francois Van Wyk, Matias Vargas and others; and cross country runners Luke Allen, Beau Branscome, Jackson Brown, Elliott Denard, Thomas Ferster, Carson Masterson, Samuel McCrary, Rene Moreno, William Wiggins and Auston Wilkes.

Flag football honorees included Emma Kile, Carley Paschal, Maggie Patterson, Ruby Perez Arriaga, Telecia Ransom, Jayla Rudolph and Romajah Walton. Women's basketball representatives included Leah Childress, Zamyra Goode, Idaysia Mercer, Jada Peterson, Chloe Rule, Kameron Sanders, Taylor Smith, Bailey Tetro, Heather Tetro and Karma Wynn.

In addition to the individual honors, 11 Wallace State athletic programs were recognized for posting a combined fall and spring team GPA above 3.00.

**Wallace State Teams Named to the ACCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll**

- Baseball
- Women's Basketball
- Cheer
- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Cross Country
- Men's Golf
- Women's Golf
- Men's Soccer
- Softball
- Men's Tennis
- Women's Tennis
- Volleyball

The recognition continues Wallace State's tradition of academic success, highlighting the commitment of its student-athletes to excellence both in competition and in the classroom.

## COLUMN

# Whether Sorsby plays or not, Texas Tech is raiding college football of its integrity

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Rules no longer have bearing in college football, but we already knew that.

What we didn't know was to what extent, but we found out earlier this week after Texas Tech quarterback Brendan Sorsby won his injunction against the NCAA, ruling him eligible to play this year (the ruling judge was a Texas Tech graduate and fan, by the way) after it was made public he placed over 40 bets on his own team while at Indiana in 2022.

40 among the reported number of 9,000 total bets, especially when he wasn't playing at the time, seems like a drop in the bucket. Pro leagues like MLB and the NBA have banned players for life for far less, though.

College football wants to function like a professional league, but the lack of regulation from the top has left it vulnerable to people like Cody Campbell, a former Red Raider offensive lineman and current oil tycoon.

Campbell is Tech's top booster and de-facto owner of the team, and has stepped to the plate for Sorsby through backlash over Monday's ruling. This is nothing new, we saw Ole Miss' Trinidad Chambliss and Tennessee's Joey Aguilar backed for their cases against the NCAA, but Campbell is taking things a step further.

Rightfully, other teams in the Big 12 conference have made their feelings public, with Kansas State's Athletic Director, Gene Taylor, releasing an expletive-laced statement on Tuesday.

The feelings are strong, and united, against Texas Tech, to the point where teams in the conference are reportedly threatening to boycott games against the Raiders.

"It's because the college football world doesn't think that Texas Tech should be as good as we are. You know, we've this we've been a disruptor, just like Indiana has, And so we're a target, and we have been before any of this started," Campbell said in an interview Dan Dakich this week.

He added, "And you know, people don't want to compete with us. Of course ADs in the Big 12 are saying crazy things and, you know, saying they don't want to play as well. They don't want to play us because they know he's good and they don't want us to be as competitive. They want to have a better chance at winning the conference. So they're, inherently conflicted in their opinion. So, we're gonna do the right thing by this kid and follow the law."

Campbell, with his net worth of $6 billion dollars, alleges he wants "to do right by this kid," but ask yourself, would you hire an alcoholic to be a bartender?

If Sorsby's addiction is as volatile as it seems, putting him right back in the situation it was bred in does not exactly sound like it's in the best interest of the kid.

Now, Sorsby messed up, he's owned up to that and has taken the proper channels to get treatment. Going through this in the public spotlight of sports is probably extremely taxing, but the fallout of the injunction is not Sorsby's fault, and I don't believe the anger from fans should be directed at him.

He's a talented kid who wants to play football, and had a chance to do so for a lot of money, but made a mistake. Well, at least 40 of them. Dragging Sorsby through an angry town square to still prop him up at quarterback at the end of it, however, serves no one's benefit but their own.




NATHAN GIESE/AVALANCHE-JOURNAL / USA TODAY NETWORK VIA IMAGN IMAGES

***Texas Tech's Brendan Sorsby will play college football in the fall after a ruling on Monday cleared the way.***

# Social (from Front)

**Noah Galilee**
noah@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Seniors across Cullman County are invited to grab their boots, cowboy hats and western attire for the Boots & BBQ Senior Social on Thursday, July 30, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cotton Creek Warehouse. Space is limited to the first 200 guests. Register by calling the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241.

The event, open to those 55 and older, will include a free lunch, music, dancing, door prizes, a photo booth and contests for best boots, best cowboy hat and best western attire.

The senior social will be held at Cotton Creek Warehouse, located at 4317 Third Ave. SW in Cullman.

The Cullman County Commission on Aging said community partners reached out to help provide the event for seniors in the community.

"We had our wonderful community partners Cornerstone Caregiving-Cullman, Woodland Village Rehab & Healthcare Center, The Sanctuary at the Woodlands and Cullman Health and Rehab Center reach out to us to do an event for the seniors in our community," the agency said. "So bring your dancing shoes and boots along with your cowboy and cowgirl attire for a boot-scootin' good time on July 30 at Cotton Creek Warehouse."

Those who would like to attend are asked to register by calling the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241.

Those who have already signed up at one of the county's senior centers do not need to call again, as they are already on the list.

The event is presented by Cornerstone Caregiving, Venza Care and community partners.

# Truck (from Front)

looking for one for their department.

"Our five-year plan consisted of buying a truck in 2026, once the loan was paid off on the first truck we purchased in 2022," he said. "Throughout the last six months, the committee of six people including myself have looked at hundreds of trucks. This truck was located at a dealer in Sioux City, Iowa and was originally Engine 18 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

"It is a 2014 replacing a 1997 so it's a great upgrade for our community. We voted to purchase it last week and worked out. Last week, we began doing paperwork with Peoples Bank and took delivery of the truck on Thursday, June 11."

Thrasher shared that many vehicles in the department's fleet have specialties, whether they are rescue or have other specifications.

"Some have rope gear or hazmat gear," Thrasher said. "This truck will primarily be for fire response, but will be equipped with all the medical equipment that our medical trucks have as a rescue tool."

For community members interesting in becoming volunteers, Thrasher said, "The only requirements we have is a clean background check, valid Alabama driver's license and passing a drug screen.

"Once that is completed, new members will be trained during a probationary period to make sure they are capable of performing the tasks."

He said the department also has fun.

"We train every Monday and have a lot of fun during that," Thrasher said. "In years past, we have met together to watch ball games at the station and do potlucks. We have also had family night and a few movie nights at the station.

"Most of the members' kids get together and have fun on Monday nights while the adults train.

"We had a fire department dove hunt and skeet shoot this year as well. We are a family oriented organization and encourage the spouses and kids of members to be present when they can."

For more information or to join, email joneschapelfire@gmail.com, message the department on Facebook at Facebook/Jones Chapel Fire Department or call 256-747-3654. You can also stop by any Monday at 6:30 p.m. during training. The department is located at 96 County Road 940, Cullman, AL 35057.



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# A summer day out for the family

**Chasady Woods**
chasady@cullmantribune.com

Summertime heat in Alabama can be brutal, but the need for outdoor fun doesn't stop! If you're looking for a way to have a nice early morning or mid-afternoon trip out of the house, here is a perfectly mapped out adventure for you.

**Things you will need for the trip:**

- Purse, wallet, keys and so on...
- Waters, snacks and a packed lunch
- Pool essentials like sunscreen, bathing suits, change of clothes, sunglasses, hats and anything your family will require

Once everyone is buckled in and ready to go, put on your favorite tunes. It's time to take a trip to see soaring sights!

Located at 7465 County Road 1435 in Vinemont is a Marathon convenience store you need to see. The fun of this stop is what's outside the store.

An airplane is displayed overhead – a twin-engine 1939 Beechcraft 18, to be exact. Check out the details and grab your favorite juice from inside.

Once you've taken it all in, head to Cullman County Public Library at 200 Clark St. NE downtown. Here you can get a library card, if you don't have one already, and pick out a movie or two and a good family friendly book.

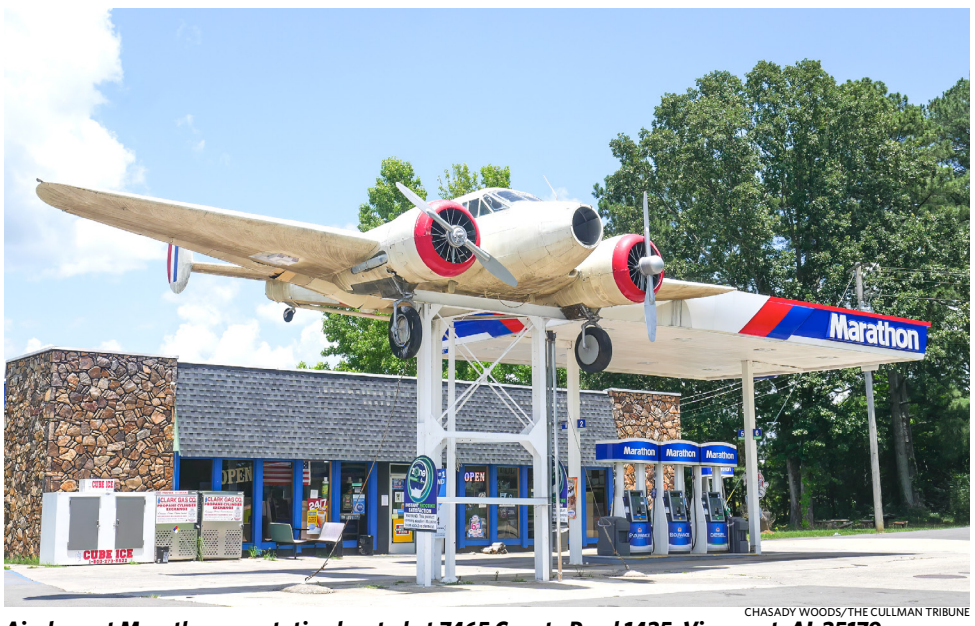
Grab your items and wave goodbye to your new library friends, because it's snack time!

Near the 600 block of First Avenue Southeast is the Cullman County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden. This features a small walking trail with several park benches to sit and share your lunch.

When you're finished eating, explore the summer blooms and a shaded walk beneath the trees. Remember to pick up after yourself to keep beautiful community places such as this clean.

If you ate all your lunch, drank your juice and found the Demonstration Garden's butterfly – it's time to go splash around!

Sportsman Lake Park at1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW has much to offer! From its playground to train rides, hiking, mini-golf and splash pad. You're guaranteed to find something fun to do, though on a hot day the splash pad is highly recommended!




CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

***Airplane at Marathon gas station located at 7465 County Road 1435, Vinemont, AL 35179***

After this endeavor, I advise you to round up and head back home! Get in comfy clothes and put on one of those movies you picked up from the library!

During the movie you can color pretty pictures of the fun day you all had. These will be perfect additions to your refrigerator.

As the day is nearing its end, gather around once more and read your book together.

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First Team Construction Co.Inc.
475 North Dean Road
Auburn, AL 36830

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 Travis Stewart, a married man and Tommie Rea Stewart, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated May 9, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on May 14, 2024 in Deed Book 2083, Page 794 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2169, Page 221 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, 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 16, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT (IPS 1/2" REBAR CAPPED STAMPED PLS20637) THAT IS NORTH 02 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 857.05 FEET AND NORTH 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 390.75 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, SAID POB BEING LOCATED ON THE APPROXIMATE WEST RIGHT OF WAY (40') OF DAY GAP ROAD; THENCE FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY 208.63 FEET TO A POINT (IPS 1/2" REBAR CAPPED STAMPED PLS20637); THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 109.31 FEET TO A POINT (IPS 1/2" REBAR CAPPED STAMPED PLS20637); THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 152.32 FEET TO A POINT (IPS 1/2" REBAR CAPPED STAMPED PLS20637); THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 93.93 FEET TO A POINT (IPS 1/2" REBAR CAPPED STAMPED PLS20637), SAID POINT BEING LOCATED ON THE APPROXIMATE WEST RIGHT OF WAY (40') OF DAY GAP ROAD: THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG AND WITH SAID APPROXIMATE RIGHT OF WAY THE FOLLOWING BEARNGS AND DISTANCES: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 97.64 FEET, SOUTH 28 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 101.05 FEET, SOUTH 33 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 103.67 FEET; AND SOUTH 41 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 33.21 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said property is commonly known as **1447 Day Gap Rd, Cullman, AL 35057**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF** * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
**ROSE W. SWANN,** * **CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**
**DECEASED** * **CASE NO.** PC 2026-218

**NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS**

Letters Testamentary as Personal Representative of the Will of **ROSE W. SWANN,** deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of June, 2026, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

**RICKY D. SWANN**
Personal Representative

Terry Gillis, LLC
Attorney for Personal Representative
204 4th Street SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967
Phone: 256-845-9800

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in your newspaper and forward your publisher's certificate together with your statement of charges to this office.

Tammy Brown
PROBATE JUDGE

ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC 2026 -216
BERTHA WOOD DECEASED, * **PROBATE COURT**

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **LINDA BARTLETT,** on the 4th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Linda Bartlett
**LINDA BARTLETT**
**Personal Representative/Executor**

Billy W. Jackson
**BILLY W. JACKSON**
Attorney for the Estate of BERTHA WOOD, Deceased
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Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Dr. Shane Barnett, Superintendent, Cullman County Schools, 402 Arnold Street, NE, Cullman, AL 35055 | 256-734-2933, **until 2:00 PM Central Time, Thursday, June 30, 2026** then opened and read aloud.

All General Contractors bidding on this project shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions and shall be arranged by the contractor with the Board of Education.

All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to **Cullman County Schools** in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the Lathan McKee website at www.lathanmckee.com and under "Project Bid List" selecting "Montgomery". The documents may be viewed on-line and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Notices of Addenda being posted will be provided to entities that have *CONFIRMED* bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. **NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work.

**Owner:** Dr. Shane Barnett, Superintendent, Cullman County Schools, 402 Arnold Street, NE, Cullman, AL 35055, Phone: 256-734-2933

**Architect:** Lathan McKee Architects, 3500 Eastern Blvd., Suite 300, Montgomery, Alabama 36116, Phone: 334-834-9933

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

IN RE: The Estate of
RUTH ETTA DOTY,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2026-176

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to TERRY DOTY, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of RUTH ETTA DOTY, Deceased, on this the 11th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and 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.

Sara Doty
SARA DOTY,
Attorney for The Estate of Ruth Etta Doty

Sara Doty, Attorney at Law, LLC
4725 Whitesburg Drive, Suite 202
Huntsville, AL 35802
Phone: 256-519-9970
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN,
*Cullman County, Judge of Probate*

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CHARLES A. DANSBY, SR., *
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Deceased. *

CASE NO.: PC 2026-099

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Charla Maxwell, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles A. Dansby, Sr., deceased, on the 3rd 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.

Charla Maxwell
Personal Representative

David P. Dunford
317 W Market St, Suite 201
Athens, Alabama 35611

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF** *
**NANETTE LOVELL FORTENBERRY,** * **CASE NO.: PC2026-217**
**Deceased.** *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Bailey Neal Byrd as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nanette Lovell Fortenberry deceased, on the 3rd 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 will be barred.

Bailey Neal Byrd
Personal Representative

Atty for Estate:
F. Wade Steed
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-213

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANCES T. BELL, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Sandra B. Couey on the 4th 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.

Sandra B. Couey
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

Steven C. Smith
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-214

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**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY F. SMITH, DECEASED.**

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Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Lisa Faye Cox and Karran Michelle Rusk on the 4th 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.

Lisa Faye Cox and Karran Michelle Rusk
Personal Representatives

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Alabama is football country. So, what do we do when it's not football season? This week we had a most unusual sporting event. At Auburn's Jordan Hare Stadium, there wasn't a football game, but there was a futbol game. In our country, we usually call it soccer. Argentina played Iceland in a World Cup Soccer preliminary game. This was an opportunity to see some of the top players in the world. Drew, my soccer-playing grandson, was there. I stayed home and hid under the bed to avoid being run over by all that extra traffic!

We've also had softball and baseball...lots of softball and baseball. I'm proud to say our state teams have represented us well and have been so much fun to watch. The University of Alabama's women's softball team made it all the way to the semi-finals and finished one-win short of making it to the championship series.

Three of our college baseball teams made the Super Regionals. All three schools, Alabama, Auburn, and Troy, hosted those series. How about those Troy Trojans! Troy University was the first to punch their ticket to the College World Series in Omaha.

This is especially impressive since it will be their first time in the school's history. After a two-day, rain-delayed game against St. John, Alabama defeated them and will advance to join Troy in Omaha to compete in the World Series.

Unfortunately, Auburn did not advance to the series, or we would have had three teams from Alabama in the College World Series.

Last, but certainly not least, were the Mustangs. That would be the Mustang's womens softball team of Northeast Community College.

You may have never heard of this school, but they now have a national championship team. They have had a women's softball team for only two years. They didn't simply make it to the championship series, they won! They are the 2026 community college national champions! The school is located on top of Sand Mountain, near my hometown of Rainsville. It was there, at Northeast Alabama Junior College, that I began my college career. We were a young small college back then, but the school has had great growth since those days.

I'll proudly tell you that I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to learn there. During my freshman year, I'll confess that I majored in spades and minored in gin rummy.

Those classes met in the student center. I was not ready for college, but after having a heart-to-heart meeting with my English teacher there, I decided to get serious about school. For the then bargain tuition price of $67 per quarter, I took most of my 100 and 200 courses at Northeast. For a poor boy with no financial assistance from home, or anyone else, Northeast was a life saver. I received a quality education there and learned how to study and work at a college level. I am thankful for the education I received there. I never graduated from Northeast, but I received a solid foundation that enabled me to go on to graduate from Samford University and then twice from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. I am also thankful that college education start for me, and that those student athletes can compete in the sports they love and get a solid educational start at the same time.

For those young ladies to win that softball national championship, was like a David defeating a Goliath. They have shown us to never think we can't meet the challenge ahead of us, no matter how big it may be.

Congratulations to all who competed and especially to the national champion Mustangs. May those still playing do as well!

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HISTORY

# Files from Yesteryear: June 13, 1912

**From the files of June 13, 1912**

**Locals and Personals.**

Join it.—Commercial Club.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Richter, a daughter.

Mrs. Dwight Fuller is in Battle Creek, Mich.

A. C. Bice of near Hanceville, was in Cullman Saturday.

Miss Ruby Hanlin is at home from her school in Bessemer.

Mrs. Summers of Birmingham, is guest of Mrs. W. E. O'Brien.

W. E. Grimmett of Hanceville Route 4, was in the city recently.

Miss Lola Winton is recovering from an attack of malarial fever.

Pay your dues.—Commercial Club.

Just received a big line of men's sample shirts at the 5, 10 and 25c Store.

Mrs. S. E. Wilbourne has been entertaining Miss Sadler, of Sheffield.

Chas. L. Townes, State-Examiner, of Montgomery, is in the city today.

Miss Charlotte Pollak has returned from a protracted stay in New York.

Just received a big line of men and boys' sample hats at the 5, 10 and 25c Store.

Mrs. Dr. Mes and children leave next week for Holland for the summer.

Attend the meetings of the Commercial Club.

Mrs. Alice Forman came home from Ensley last week to spend the summer.

Thos. Howell, democratic nominee for Tax Assessor, was in the city Saturday.

Just received a big line of men's sample shirts at the 5, 10 and 25c store.

W. O. Winton, of Huntsville, spent last Sunday with his mother and sisters here.

Just received a big line of men and boys' sample hats at the 5, 10 and 25c Store.

Dr. W. R. Griffin has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Blount County.

Dr. and Mrs. Cottingham attended the meeting of the Dental Association in Tuscaloosa.

Have you realized how much the Commercial Club has already done for Cullman?

Mr. Hedrick, of Chicago, has been guest of his cousin, Mrs. James Kilpatrick this week.

Just received a car of Choice and No. 1 Alfalfa Hay.

S. E. Wilbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stiefelmeyer are guests of Mrs. C. Burkart at Orange Beach this week.

Mrs. John Allgood was taken to Birmingham Infirmary Monday to undergo an operation.

The Cullman Choral Society will hold a regular meeting at the city school house tonight.

Miss Dolly Ferguson, of Wylam, is spending a few weeks with Cullman relatives and friends.

Mrs. Chas. Smith and Mrs. Lanier DeLorme, of Anniston, are guests of Miss Lorine DeLorme.

The special invitation to the Ledger House-Warming was accepted by wireless in the Tribune office.

Mrs. A. G. Coe entertained Mrs. J. B. Brown and Mrs. J. H. McVeigh at dinner one evening last week.

Sidney T. Morrow, of Ky., is here in the city for a few days with his wife and baby son, at Mrs. J. H. Gillespie's.

For Rent.—Three large rooms on second floor in private home. Apply to J. H. Karter Co.

For Sale, cheap for cash, one 3-year-old mule; also one rubber-tire buggy at half price. At the Ganger Place. Call at once. 6.6.4.

Lost.—A pair of rimless nose glasses, with broken chain attached between the St. John's Lutheran church and German Bank. Reward.—Tribune Office.

Pastor L. F. Stansell will be absent two weeks in a




meeting at his old home, Russellville. Dr. Glenn will fill the pulpit next Sunday at M. E. Church South.

Wanted—Pine Lumber, 1 in. thick. Highest market price paid. Dreher Manufacturing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kilpatrick entertained at dinner on last Sunday a few of their friends in their beautiful bungalow, one of the handsomest homes in Cullman.

Wanted—To buy 15 to 30 acre farm within 3 miles of Cullman or Holmes Gap. Small house and other improvements desired. Write particulars and give location.—T. O. Borton, Cullman, Ala.

Mrs. Dr. Carl Hartung and children will return to Crawford, Tenn., Sunday. Dr. Hartung bought the beautiful lot south of Dr. Bledsoe's residence and will one day make his home in Cullman.

## POET'S CORNER

### If

By: Rudyard Kipling
(1865-1936)

If you can keep your head when all about you
  Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
  But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
  Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
  And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
  If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
  And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
  Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
  And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
  And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
  And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
  To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
  Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
  Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
  If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
  With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
  And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

## CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

JUNE 13

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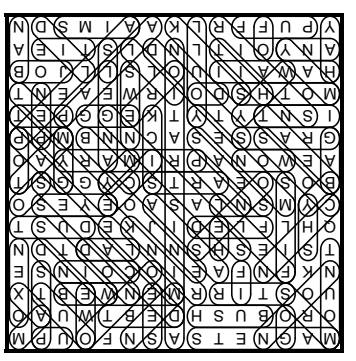
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# The Blooming Barista holds official grand opening

**Chasady Woods**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Blooming Barista held its official grand opening last weekend.

Owner Emma Thompson established The Blooming Barista in September 2025 and told The Tribune, "We like specialty lattes and to make it fun – fun flavors, foams and to make it kind of girly! Then if people want to do the flower bundle we keep it really cute."

Flowers are always displayed on a shelf for customers to pair with drinks.

They make perfect gifts for birthdays, holidays and as a way to show general appreciation.

The event featured giveaways throughout the weekend, such as free drinks, discounts and the new summer menu.



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***Coconut, caramel and white chocolate latte and flower bundle from The Blooming Barista***

Several lattes combinations have been added to the line-up. You can try these by visiting The Blooming Barista in the gravel lot beside the Cullman Basketball Complex at 1366 County Road 715.

Get more info at Facebook/The Blooming Barista.




# More than Nuisances: Mosquitoes pose serious health dangers

**Justin Miller**
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala.** – People know mosquitoes as those annoying insects that can ruin any outdoor activity. However, there is more to these flying pests than just an itchy bite. Mosquitoes are serious global health concerns for humans.

Carrying diseases such as West Nile virus and yellow fever, they are responsible for more than 700,000 deaths every year. Mosquitoes can also transmit animal diseases, such as eastern equine encephalitis. This is why controlling mosquito populations is important for both human and animal health.

To bring awareness to this need, the American Mosquito Control Association observes National Mosquito Control Awareness Week each year. This year, the awareness week is June 21-27 with a theme of "Yesterday's Threats, Today's Solutions."

Xing Ping Hu, an Alabama Extension entomologist at Auburn University, said many will share information throughout the week that outlines the impact mosquitoes have on daily life.

"Mosquitoes have long been some of the greatest rivals to human health," Hu said. "This year's theme calls attention to that as well as the innovation and advancements that have been made in protective measures and control practices. The week also highlights the vital service that is provided by mosquito control workers across the U.S. and worldwide."

**Prevention and defense**

To effectively control mosquito populations and mitigate their impact, Hu said a science-based, integrated pest management approach is needed. This includes both preventative and defensive tactics.

"Integrated pest management starts with surveillance and moves toward chemical treatments that target mosquitoes at various life stages," Hu said. "This approach includes the use of an adulticide, synergist and insect growth regulator."

A simple step to controlling populations is keeping grass cut and shrubs trimmed back. It is also crucial to eliminate potential mosquito breeding grounds. Many of the items around a house can easily become breeding grounds if they collect water. These include tree holes, gutters, pet dishes, birdbaths and plant pots.

"Do not let water collect and stand in any of these areas," Hu said. "For areas where you want to keep water — such as rain barrels and birdbaths — you can apply a biological larvicide.

"This will kill the larvae and pupae before they become biting adults."

Biological larvicides are available in a variety of applications, including bits, dunks, tablets, pellets, granules and briquettes. These products are made from natural substances, such as bacteria and insect growth regulators. They are also safe for people, pets and the environment.

For personal defense, there are several practical ways that people can prevent or limit mosquito bites. Hu recommends wearing long sleeves and pants while spending time outdoors. Also, the Environmental Protection Agency has approved several mosquito repellent products that people can use.

"Keep in mind that the effectiveness of any repellent is dependent on a number of factors," Hu said. "These factors can include different temperatures and environmental conditions, different species of mosquitoes and individual attractiveness of mosquitoes to people."

**More information**

More information on mosquito-prevention methods is available in Hu's Extension Brief, "Reducing the Impact of Mosquitoes." The publication can be accessed on the Alabama Extension website at aces.edu. For more information on National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, visit mosquito.org. There, the American Mosquito Control Association has created a dashboard of information, tools and resources.

# Body (from Front)

During the search of the property, the CCSO said, deputies located the first body in the Welti area on Wednesday, June 10.

The second body was recovered on the morning of June 11.

Sheriff Matt Gentry stated that the community is safe and thanked the public for its support and cooperation throughout the investigation.

He also commended the Investigation Unit for its dedication and perseverance during the search efforts.

"Our investigators worked tirelessly over the last 48 hours, enduring extreme heat and difficult terrain, to bring this case to a close," Gentry said Thursday.

"We are grateful for the dedication of our deputies and investigators and their continued commitment to serving our community and protecting our citizens."

Madison County Sheriff Kevin Turner said Wednesday, "This is the side of law enforcement the public doesn't always see. Investigations often require extensive coordination between agencies, and that's exactly what has taken place in this case.

"Our detectives have remained in close contact with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, sharing information and assisting their efforts. Strong partnerships between law enforcement agencies are essential."

# Obituary Announcements: June 11-12

**Johnny Paul Lipsey, 83**
Johnny Paul Lipsey, age 83 of Cullman, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at University of Alabama Hospital. He was born Oct. 15, 1942, to Clifford G. Lipsey and Mary Madeline Frazier. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Betty McGhee, Nelene McCollum and Diane Harris; brothers, Truman Lipsey and brother, Jimmy Lipsey. Survivors include his daughters, Justina (Justin) Tyus, Jessica Milburn; step-daughter, Shelley (Elliott) Bennett; step-son, Rickey Harris; grandchildren, Courtney (Matt) Goble, Justin (Taylor) Woljevack, Haley (Forrest) Bryant, Nathan (Cheyenne) Milburn, Ayden Tyus, Mason Tyus, Corbin Tyus, Abigail Brady; great grandchildren, Bella Gibson, Everett John Wells, Eloise and Maxine Woljevack, Silas, Thomas and Noah Bryant, Josie and Elijah Milburn, Emerson and Jackson Tyus; brothers, Charles (Darlene) Lipsey, David (Mary) Lipsey and Bobby (Connie) Lipsey and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. A memorial will be at a later date.

**Patsy Gail Winfrey, 75**
Funeral services for Patsy Gail Winfrey, 75, of Jasper, Alabama, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at New Hope No. 2 Cemetery in Holly Pond. Bro. Jimmy Maddox will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for viewing on Saturday, June 13, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Winfrey, born Feb. 21, 1951, and entered eternal rest on June 8, 2026. She was a woman whose presence graced the lives of all who knew her, being loved for the beauty of the angelic quality of her voice. Patsy's light shone brightly throughout her years, touching the hearts of family and friends. Truly, only God could fathom such radiance, as she embodied a rare and timeless beauty, inside and out. Patsy was, is, and always will be loved with a depth that words can't express. A devoted wife and cherished mother, Patsy is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Winfrey, Sr.; sons, Dewayne Hyde (Tammy) and Ronald Winfrey, Jr. (Liz Contreras); grandchildren, David Hyde, Liam Winfrey, Levi Winfrey, and Lelani Winfrey; great-grandchildren; Levi Smith and Kimberly Cobb. Patsy's life, however, was shadowed by the loss of some dearly loved family members including her son, Dewight Hyde, whose memory she held close; her mother, Pernie Swann-Carney, and her father, Carl "Poppy" Carney.

**Johnny L. Nail, 83**
Johnny L Nail, 83, was born Dec. 9, 1942, and passed away June 10, 2026. He will be remembered with deep respect for a life marked by steady devotion, quiet strength, and a generous spirit that touched those who knew him. His faith was a guiding presence, and his days reflected the dignity of someone who believed in showing up, doing what was right, and caring for others in practical, enduring ways. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fay Nail; his parents, C.D. and Velma Nail; his sister, Brenda Jean Nail; his brothers, Elbert Nail, Paul Nail, and Kenny Nail; and his brother-in-law, Henry Maddux. He is survived by his daughter, Robin (Mike) O'Berry;his grandchildren, Magen (Colby) Honey and Miles (Kristen) O'Berry; his sisters, Diann Maddux and sister in law Shirley Nail; his brothers, Quinton (Doris) Nail and Jeff (Annette) Nail. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on June 14, 2026, from noon-1 p.m. The Graveside Service will follow at Good Hope Cemetery on June 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. In honoring Johnny's life, family and friends will remember the example he set—one of diligent work, sincere kindness, and steadfast faith. His presence will be missed, and his memory will remain a lasting comfort to those who loved him. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Opal Roberta Herndon, 100**
Opal R. (Parker) Herndon, of Hanceville, Alabama, 100, received her Heavenly reward on Monday, June 9,2026. Opal was born July 28,1925 to George Washington Parker and Mettie (Chandler Parker) In Parma, Missouri. She married the love of her life, Paul J. Herndon, on July 19, 1946. They spent 61 1/2 happy years together before he passed in 2007. They raised 3 children, Sharee, Jeff and Tom. They also gave a home to many family members in their times of need. Opal retired from AC Spark Plug in 1982 after 27 1/2 years. She loved her savior and served Him from the age of 9 years. She loved baking, candy making, crafting, fishing, and feeding "everyone" who would eat. She was a member of Hopewell Rd. Church of God in Hanceville, Alabama. Preceding her in death are her husband, parents and several brothers and sisters. She was the last of her siblings. Surviving are her children, Sharee (Gary) Smith of Davison, Mi, Jeff Herndon of Hanceville, Ala., Tom Parker of Bancroft Mi., and special "daughter" Diane Herndon, five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren, Many nieces and nephews. Service for Opal will be Monday June 15th at Cullman Funeral Home at 2p.m. (Visitation at noon.) till time of service. Interment will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Hanceville along side of her beloved Paul.

**Larry Delane Williams, 64**
Larry Delane Williams, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Thursday morning, June 11, 2026, at the age of 64. Mr. Williams was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Oct. 7, 1961, to the late Benjamin Norris and Annie Lee Jacobs Williams. Larry is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Frank Williams, Wayne Williams; sisters, Barbara Kritner, Linda Kritner; brothers-in-law, Earl Kritner, Donald Kritner, and James Kritner. Those left to cherish the many memories of Larry includes his wife, Tracy Williams; children, Codey Delane Williams (Tabatha Collier), and Jody Lee Williams (Matt Stephens), brother, Tony Williams (Melissa); sisters, Doris Mobley (James), Peggy Beasley (Bob), Tina Kritner; sister-in-law, Barbara Williams; grandchildren, Kinslee Williams, Karlee Williams, Amber Jo Williams, Matthew Stephens, Justin Stephens, Luke Stephens, Daisy Dawson, Brantley Michael, Jackson Bradey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and family. Friends are invited to join the family on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, for a time of visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Visitation will be followed by services at 11 a.m. Mr. Williams will be laid to rest in New Hope #2 Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to help with Larry's final expenses. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Williams family.

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