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Alabama EMA urges residents to prepare for extreme heat

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With summer heat settling across Alabama, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is reminding residents to prepare before extreme heat becomes dangerous.

The agency shared extreme heat safety guidance encouraging residents to recognize the signs of heat-related illness, know how to respond and take steps now to keep homes cooler during periods of high heat.

"Familiarize yourself with the signs of heat-related illnesses and ways to respond," it said. "If you are sick and need medical attention, contact your healthcare provider for advice and shelter in place if you can."

Extreme heat can become dangerous quickly, especially for older adults, young children, people with chronic medical conditions, outdoor workers, athletes and those without reliable access to air conditioning.

High humidity can make conditions worse by limiting the body's ability to cool itself.

Alabama EMA's preparedness guidance encourages residents to take several steps before extreme heat arrives.

Those include covering windows with drapes or shades, weather-stripping doors and windows, using window reflectors designed to push heat back outside, adding insulation, using a powered attic ventilator or attic fan and installing window air conditioners with proper insulation around them.

The agency also warns residents not to rely on a fan as a primary cooling device. Fans can create » PAGE 7

Cullman music scene gathers for 'Rock Around the Block'



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Case Graham and Justin Pace of local band Just In Case perform at 2nd Fridays in Cullman on Friday, June 12, 2026.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman music scene is getting continued exposure with 2nd Fridays making its return. The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce selected the theme "Rock Around the Block" for June 12's 2nd Fridays event.

This inspired vintage themes such as "Roll Cullman," where visitors were encouraged to bring their own skates to Depot Park. The first 10 skaters were offered free passes to Sportsworld Skate Center.

The event had three stages, two of which featured live bands. The Cullman Ballet Theatre School members danced on the center stage.

"We hope to see many familiar faces tonight," said Case Graham from local band Just In Case.

Graham is the band's guitarist and stood alongside lead singer, Justin Pace.

Pace explained how the name of their band came together, "I'm Justin and he's Case. We're Just In Case."

The two play songs ranging from 90s hits to country and even some occasional Elvis Presley.

Graham referred to "MTV Unplugged" as the inspiration for their sets.

Pace advised, "You never know what you're » PAGE 5



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 15, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 11

- trespassing; CR 1354
- domestic violence; CR 808
- elder abuse; CR 1772
- violation of protection order; CR 1177
- assault; Lick Creed Rd.
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 248
- harassment; CR 1107
- harassing communications; CR 1354
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S
- menacing; domestic violence; Kiki Dr.

June 12

- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 1372
- resisting arrest; CR 759
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 24th St. SW
- theft of property; CR 282
- theft of property; I65NB Exit 310
- domestic violence; CR 601
- burglary; Main St. NW Hanceville
- burglary; Commercial St. SE Hanceville

June 13

- theft of property; Main St. NW Hanceville
- domestic violence; CR 530
- theft of property; New Hope Rd.
- trespassing; CR 555
- burglary; CR 385
- burglary; CR 747
- theft of property; criminal mischief; violation of protection order; CR 522
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 762
- assault; CR 397

June 14

- trespassing; CR 520
- harassment; CR 397

ARRESTS

June 11-14

Bartlett, Chad E.; 50

- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity

Bauer, Paci C.; 21

- resisting arrest

Bell, Leslie H.; 50

- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-shoplifting, less than $500

Cawthon, Jeffrey C.; 34

- criminal trespass

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 51

- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – resisting arrest

Graves III, James L.; 55

- DUI (alcohol)

Hanners, Joshua E.; 37

- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity

Hoskins, Marcus T.; 44

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Jay, Adam P.; 38

- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Johnson, Dwight; 58

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mabry, Joel D.; 58

- FTA – criminal mischief-damage to business property
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-force
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

North, Rachael N.; 41

- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Ratliff, Daniela A.; 50

- FTA – contributing to delinquency of major
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Self, Deborah M.; 44

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Speegle, Marty H.; 28

- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Thomas, Alexander A.; 41

- FTA – assault-simple assault

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 10

- theft of property-4th degree; person; cash; Lee Ave. SW

June 11

- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged tire; $350; Northcrest Dr. NW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Ash Ave. NE

June 12

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; cash; Olive St. SW
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication

June 13

- theft of property; person; cash; $500

June 14

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '15 Honda Fit; $1,000; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Books-A-Million; general merchandise; $102; Cullman Shopping Center
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 1st St. SW

ARRESTS

June 12-14

Thomas, Alexander A.; 41

- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – fail to signal

Johnson, Mason C.; 30

- DUI

Graves III, James L.; 55

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Bauer, Paci C.; 21

- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree (2 counts)

Barboza, Jr., Rafael H.; 29

- criminal mischief-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Unsheltered Dinner & Charity Auction set for July 10 at Cotton Creek

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Unsheltered International will host its 2026 Dinner & Charity Auction on Friday, July 10, at The Venue at Cotton Creek in Cullman.

The event is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year and will include dinner, a silent auction and a specialty cake auction.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner set to be served at 6:15. The Venue at Cotton Creek is located at 417 Third Ave. SW.

Tickets are available for $60 for individuals, $100 per couple and $400 per table.

Unsheltered International, based in Cullman, is a nonprofit organization serving men and women experiencing homelessness. The organization's work includes outreach, ministry and support for those facing homelessness and hardship.

Organizers are encouraging community members to purchase tickets and take part in the fundraiser.

"Have you gotten your tickets for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the dinner and charity auction?" the organization said in its announcement.

Purchase tickets or get more information at www.unsheltered.org. For questions or additional information, call 256-615-6024 or email Tara at tara@unsheltered.org.

Election (from Front)

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

See the Democrat and Republican sample ballots below.

REMINDER: If you voted in the Primary Election and want to vote in the Primary Runoff Election, you must vote in the Primary Runoff Election of the same political party that you chose in the Primary Election. If you did not vote in a political party's Primary Election and would like to vote in the Primary Runoff Election, you may choose which political party's Primary Runoff Election you would like to vote in.

Get more info at www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes

SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
JUNE 16, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ⬭ COMPLETELY! ⬬
IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for One)

- ⬭ DAKARAI LARRIETT
- ⬭ EVERETT WESS

"By casting this ballot, I do pledge myself to abide by the result of this Primary Election and to aid and support all the Nominees thereof in the ensuing General Election."

END OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
JUNE 16, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

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FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Vote for One)

- ⬭ WES ALLEN
- ⬭ JOHN WAHL

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for One)

- ⬭ JARED HUDSON
- ⬭ BARRY MOORE

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Vote for One)

- ⬭ JAY MITCHELL
- ⬭ KATHERINE ROBERTSON

FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES
(Vote for One)

- ⬭ COREY HILL
- ⬭ CHRISTINA WOERNER McINNIS

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2
(Vote for One)

- ⬭ CHRIS BEEKER
- ⬭ JIM ZIG ZEIGLER

END OF BALLOT

Dodge City (from Front)

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DODGE CITY, Ala. — The Dodge City Town Council met Thursday, June 11, to review town finances and discuss several community projects and maintenance needs.

Council members approved minutes from the previous meeting and reviewed monthly financial reports. Officials reported the town's general account ended the month with a balance of $393,825.08. Other accounts, including road, gas tax, sewer and community center funds, also maintained positive balances. During the financial report, officials noted that expenses were higher than usual due to costs associated with the town's new building.

The council also discussed electrical work for the new building and gutters for the senior center.

Officials provided an update on the guardrail project on County Road 216, which remains incomplete, and reported that a surveyor had been contacted but had not yet responded.

The next Dodge City Town Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, at 6 p.m.

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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
• Through Wednesday, June 17 – 5:30-8 p.m. VBS. K-sixth grade welcome!
• Wednesday, June 17 – 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 19 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided. Special guest – The Lovelady Center
• Saturday, June 20 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, June 21 – 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.

Knights of Columbus Bingo Fundraiser
The Knights of Columbus Council 1484 at Sacred Heart Church in Cullman would like to invite the community to our upcoming Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, June 20. The event will be held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart gym, located at 217 Second St. SE, Cullman. Guests can enjoy a full day of bingo, food, refreshments, fellowship and opportunities to win great prizes. This family-friendly event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend. The event serves as a fundraiser supporting the charitable works of Knights of Columbus Council 1484.

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.

Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets on sale now! www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/service/little-pink-dress-event



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Troy scores seven unanswered runs to eliminate Ole Miss from College World Series

Troy Athletics
Contributor

OMAHA, Neb. — Troy launched three homers and scored seven unanswered runs to top Ole Miss 12-8 in Sunday's College World Series elimination game.

The Trojans trailed 6-2 in the fifth before breaking through for three two-out runs to chase Ole Miss starter Hunter Elliott. Troy got two of its first three hitters on with singles from Josh Pyne and Jimmy Janicki before Drew Nelson drew a two-out walk to load the bases, putting Troy in position to grab the momentum.

Elliott worked a 1-2 count to Sean Darnell before a balk brought home the first run. Darnell followed it with a single through the left side to cut the Ole Miss lead to 6-5.

Darnell, who was on base five times, going 3-for-3 with a walk and a hit-by-pitch, was responsible for four of the five runs against Elliott in his 4.2 innings. In the second inning, the senior second baseman had crushed a two-run homer 416 feet off of the Ole Miss lefty.

Troy claimed its first lead off the ballgame with a four-spot in the seventh, starting with a game-tying homer from Jimmy Janicki off of JP Robertson.

Janicki lasered a line drive 417 feet off the Rebel right-hander before a one-out single from Nelson forced Ole Miss to bring in lefty Walker Hooks.

After a Darnell walk, Jabe Boroff broke the tie with a two-run double down the left field line, which were his 20th and 21st RBIs of the NCAA Tournament, the most since Georgia's Rich Poythress in 2008. Fellow Pike Road, Alabama native Houston Markham extended the lead to 9-6 with a base hit up the middle.

Troy tacked on three more in the eighth with a backside blast from Blake Cavill before two runs came in on a dropped popup hit by Boroff after Nelson walked and Darnell singled.

On the mound, sophomore Noah Thigpen was dynamite out of the Trojan bullpen, going five innings with six hits, two runs, one walk and five strikeouts after taking over in the fourth.

It was the longest relief appearance of his career, while his five punchouts matched his career high.

Thigpen exited after a leadoff single by Hayden Federico in the ninth before getting into a 2-0 count against Owen Paino. The Trojans brought on lefty Zach Crotchfelt, who punched out Paino, got Austin Fawley to fly out and struck out Brayden Randle to end the ballgame.

Early in the ballgame, Ole Miss struck first with two runs in the first inning, both unearned to Trojan starter Tommy Egan.

An error on a ground ball to first base allowed Ole Miss leadoff man Dom Decker to reach second base and score on a Judd Utermark single. With two outs, Federico knocked in Utermark on a double down the left field line.

Egan's day ended after a leaoff walk in the third, finishing with two-plus innings pitched, four hits, four runs – two earned, two walks and two strikeouts. The Rebels added two in the second with a single by Fawley and a two-run blast by Randle.

Lefty Hayden Smith punched out two in the third to strand the inherited runner from Egan's walk, but the Rebels scored two on a two-run blast from Collin Reuter in the fourth. The Trojans turned to righty Noah Thigpen after a walk to Decker, who started his spectacular day with two strikeouts in the frame.

Notables

- Troy moves to 19-20 all-time in the NCAA Tournament, 7-2 in this season's NCAA Tournament, and 8-4 in the NCAA Tournament under Skylar Meade.
- Troy is 5-0 when facing elimination in this year's NCAA Tournament. The Trojans won four straight to win the Gainesville Regional after dropping their opening game to Miami.
- Troy is 5-4 against teams from the SEC this season. The Trojans have wins over Georgia, Alabama, Florida (2x) and Ole Miss. Troy's SEC losses have come to Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, Georgia and Alabama.
- Troy's overcame a four-run deficit in the win. It was its sixth comeback of four-plus runs this season – all six have come since the start of April. It was also Troy's second four-run comeback of the NCAA Tournament. The Trojans overcame a 6-2 deficit to defeat Miami 9-6 in the Gainesville Regional
- Tommy Egan's first strikeout of the day to end the first inning was his 100th of the season. He's the first Trojan with 100 strikeouts in a season since Shane McCain in 2014.
- Hayden Smith made his first relief appearance since April 21 against Jacksonville State. His previous seven appearances had been starts.
- Noah Thigpen's five innings were the longest relief appearance of his career.
- Thigpen's five strikeouts matched his career high. It was his fourth time recording five strikeouts, and his third time this season.
- Sean Darnell's two-run homer in the second inning was his fifth homer of the season. It traveled 416 feet with a 103 MPH exit velocity. It was the furthest home run of his career, surpassing the 415-foot homer he hit at UAB on May 14.
- Darnell recorded his second three-hit game of the season.
- Darnell's four RBIs matched his season high. He also drove in four with a grand slam against Alabama State on March 31.
- Jabe Boroff's two-run double in the seventh inning gave him 21 in the NCAA Tournament. It's the most NCAA Tournament RBIs since Georgia's Rich Poythress also had 21 in 2008.
- Jimmy Janicki's solo homer in the seventh inning was his 21st of the season, fourth of the NCAA Tournament, and second of the CWS. It traveled 417 feet with a 111 MPH exit velocity.
- Janicki's first CWS homer against West Virginia tied the game in the seventh inning. He's the third player with multiple go-ahead/game-tying homers in the seventh inning or later in a single CWS in the past 30 seasons, joining LSU's Tommy White (2023) and Texas's Cameron Rupp (2009).
- Janicki's 21 homers this season are tied with Michael Rivera (1996) for the sixth-most in Troy history.
- Janicki recorded his 87th RBI of the season, which breaks a tie with Georgia's Daniel Jackson for the second-most in college baseball. It is also the Troy single-season record.
- Drew Nelson played centerfield for the first time in his college career. He moved to centerfield from left field after Steven Meier exited due to injury in the seventh inning. Meier was replaced by Zaid Diaz, who went to left field.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy's Sean Darnell

Next up

Troy will face the loser of Sunday night's winner's bracket game between No. 4 North Carolina and No. 16 West Virginia at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.



THREE BEES THRIFT & MORE

Home (from Front)

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HARTSELLE, Ala. — Sneezy is looking for his people! He has been carefully looked after by the employees at Three Bees Thrift Store in Hartselle, but is in search of his forever home.

Alexandra Lauren Vengrouskie is the owner of Three Bees Thrift & More. "Going on six years!" she told The Tribune.

Vengrouskie has been searching for the perfect home for Sneezy, and said they've had a long journey with him.

Sneezy was found in Cullman County where he wandered up to a woman's trailer, crying.

"It was Jennifer, from the Spotted Ladybug Thrift Store, she called me about the cat. She knew I had rescued animals in some bad situations," Vengrouskie said. "Not my first rodeo with one-eyed pets! She sent me videos of this poor kitty. His eyes were so bad and he was so dirty – he just looked about half dead! I took him home, gave him a bath and cleaned him up. I had a strong feeling he was going to lose his eyes so I started his long process of vet checkups, eye medications, oral medications and we were having to give him amoxicillin every 12 hours."

She explained that due to frequent drainage he was very snotty and would sneeze constantly. Thus his name, Sneezy.

"When he was about 7 months old we neutered him and sewed up one of his eyes. Let me tell you, he was a whole different cat! After no more drainage or sneezing you could just tell he felt so much better! He was actually playing. He was feisty and spunky. He loves to carry around little toys in the store and to go outside. It was literally like having a whole different cat," Vengrouskie said.

She said Sneezy still has one of his eyes, though it may eventually need to be removed. For now, he is happy and healthy!

"He loves to hang out at the store. Just the other day he kept trying to get in a customer's car seat with the baby and be carried around. He loves people, dogs, other cats and he just loves everybody.

"And so many customers love him, too. I'm just happy I could help him have a better life than where he started," Vengrouskie noted.

She advised that they will only be considering very serious adopters who know Sneezy and have met him to understand what they're taking on.

"Come talk to me in person at the shop in the afternoons if you think you're the best fit for him," She wrote on a recent Facebook post.

Visit the Three Bees Thrift & More Facebook page to inquire about Sneezy!

Jubilee (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Jubilee Kitchen and Bar will host its summer menu launch and wine party, Spanish Summer, on Wednesday, June 17, from 4-9 p.m.

Owner/Operator Katie Fine said they wanted to create an evening where guests can be among the first to explore new summer dishes and enjoy Spanish-inspired tastings.

"We want participants to interact with wine in a fun and approachable way through pairing and aroma challenges," Fine said. "We want to encourage guests to explore the new offerings. Anyone who purchases a featured new menu item during the event will enjoy a complimentary Bread & Butter Board served with Jubilee's trio of signature flavored salts (one per person)."

Fine said that choosing a favorite on the night would be impossible.

"Chef Becky absolutely outdid herself with this menu," she said. "We're bringing back our Prosciutto-Wrapped Dates, which guests have been asking for, and introducing new items such as Truffled Lobster Mac & Cheese, Pimento Cheese Bruschetta, Citrus Beet Salad and Pork Osso Bucco. We're also adding Breakfast Pizza, Strawberry Bruschetta and Prosciutto Sliders to our regular brunch lineup."

Jubilee Kitchen and Bar is located at 515 Fourth St. SW Suite 101 in the Cullman Savings Bank/Flying Fifty building.

For more information, visit Facebook/Jubilee Kitchen and Bar.



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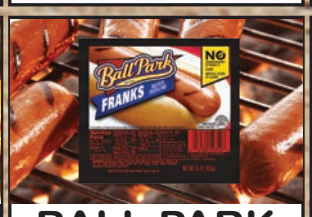
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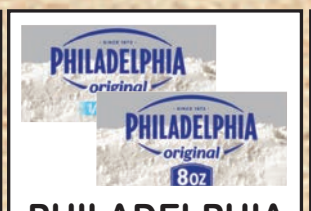
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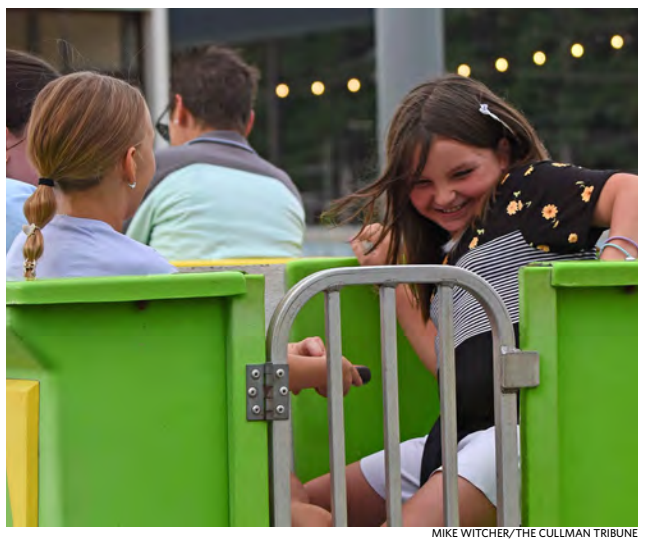
The first song the band played ahead of the night was “Everlong” by The Foo Fighters.

The event also showcased other bands such as Avenue G Band and Reese Gutherie.

The next 2nd Fridays events will be Friday, July 10, with a patriotic America 250 theme and Friday, Aug. 14, with a “Neon Moon” theme. Events take place from 5:30-9 p.m. in the Warehouse District and Depot Park.


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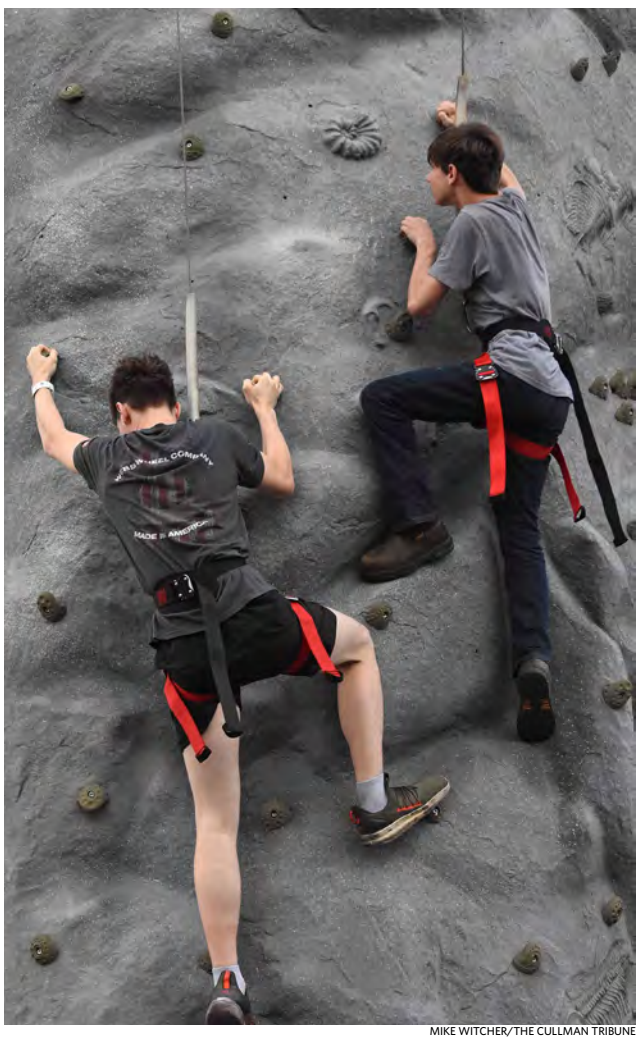

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June 18 at the Hanceville library: Bats, Bats & More Bats!

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville will have a special program about bats on Thursday, June 18, at 10 a.m.

Local Boy Scout Colin Hyde will lead the presentation, Bats, Bats & More Bats!

He'll discuss:

- Where are bats located in Hanceville, Alabama?
- How do they help the environment?
- How can we protect them?

Organizers suggest arriving a bit early for the program. Residents are encouraged to attend.

The Shirley Burden Public Library is located at 201 Commercial St. 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. Call 256-352-0685 or follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.



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Obituary Announcements: June 13-15

Carl James Chambers, 84

Carl James Chambers, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and cherished member of his community, passed away on June 12, 2026, at CRMC. Born on March 14, 1942, in Alabama, Carl lived a full and meaningful life marked by dedication to his family, his passions, and his craft. Carl's lifelong love for Alabama football and NASCAR reflected his deep connection to his roots and the vibrant spirit of his state. An avid fisherman and a skilled carpenter, he was a man of many trades who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. A proud Ford enthusiast, Carl also had a profound affection for the mountains, where he found peace and inspiration. Above all, his greatest joy came from his family, especially his grandchildren, to whom he was deeply devoted. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Reba Chambers, who stood by his side through all life's seasons. They were blessed with two sons, Tim (Amy) Chambers and Tony Chambers, who carry forward Carl's legacy of strength and love. His sister, Shirley Eidson Coad, along with his grandchildren, Cody (Tabitha) Chambers, Taylor (Geremy) Hooks, Emma Chambers (Patrick McKeehan), Lily Chambers, and Ty Chambers, each of whom held a special place in his heart. Carl's family circle also includes his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vera and David White; numerous nieces and nephews, extended family, friends, and his beloved dog, Snooker, all of whom greatly enriched his life. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert Lonnie and Elizabeth Berrens Chambers, whose values and example helped shape the man he became. He also mourns the loss of his brothers, Elbert Chambers, Jr., Herbert Chambers, and David Chambers, as well as his sisters, Mary Chambers, Millie Griffith, and Dorothy Harbison. Additionally, his daughter-in-law, Beth Chambers, passed before him. A funeral service celebrating Carl's life will be held at Cullman Funeral Home and Crematory, located at 461 U.S. Highway 278, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on June 18, 2026. The service will begin at 2 p.m., visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Steve Rodgers will officiate the service and interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. All who knew Carl and loved him are invited to attend and honor his memory. Carl James Chambers lived a life defined by compassion, hard work, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. He leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew him. His presence will be profoundly missed, but his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends.

Drusilla Lynn Parris, 67

Drusilla Lynn Parris, age 67, of Arley, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Drusilla was born on Dec. 16, 1958, in Jasper, Alabama to Eugene and Mavis Strickland. She enjoyed horseback riding, playing board games, coloring and planting gardens. Drusilla was a faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 1-2 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in Addison, where the service will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will be held at Liberty Cemetery in the Helicon Community Brother Mike Tidwell will officiate. Drusilla is survived by her husband, Timothy Parris; siblings, Pam (Maurice) McCain, Bobby Strickland, Doug Strickland, Eric (Charmaine) Strickland, and Erica (Jayme) Sparks; nieces and nephews, Lane Strickland, Jessica Strickland, Levi (Morgin) Strickland, Ethan (Maison) Strickland, Caim Strickland, Yazzie Strickland, Zach Strickland, Dalton (Sarah) Sparks, Garrett (Andrea) Sparks; and great-niece and nephew, Hattie Strickland and Colter Strickland. She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Strickland; mother, Mavis Strickland; and father-in-law, Alvin A. Parris.

Reverend Jimmy D. Baker, 79

Funeral services for Reverend Jimmy D. Baker will be held at Cullman Funeral Home on Tuesday June 16, 2026, at 2 p.m. with visitation from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. and burial at Simcoe Baptist Cemetery. Reverend Jimmy D. Baker passed away at his home surrounded by his family on June 13, 2026. He was born on April 29, 1947, in East Tallassee, Alabama to Azell and Ineree Baker. Jimmy grew up in Dadeville, Alabama where he met the love of his life, Sandra Easterwood. They were married in August of 1964 and were devoted to each other for almost 62 years. They have three daughters: Donna Sears, Brenda Thompson, and Teresa England. Jimmy was ordained as a Minister in 1981. He pastored three churches before moving to Cullman in 1985 where he pastored at Simcoe Baptist Church until his retirement in 2022 due to his declining health. In 1998 he was recognized as Alabama Baptist Minister of the Year. During the 41 years he pastored, he had the honor of leading many people to Christ. He spent his life doing his best to honor the Lord. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Azell and Ineree Baker, his brother, Bobby Jack Baker, and his son-in-law, Darian Sears. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Baker, who lovingly cared for him during his battle with Parkinson's Disease for the last 12 years. She never left his side and has been a true example of unconditional love. Jimmy is also survived by his daughters, Donna Sears, Brenda Thompson (Matt), and Teresa England; grandchildren, Caitlin Chambers (Andy), Brianna McClure (Josh), Kelsey Nichols (Cody), Kristin Kelso, Alex England, and Jeremiah Thompson (Bailey); great grandchildren, Ella, Paxleigh, Emersyn, Waylon, Ansleigh, and Eastyn. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Ryan Patrick Taylor, 37

Ryan Patrick Taylor, born on Oct. 19, 1988, in Alabama, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2026, at UAB Hospital. He was a man whose life was deeply rooted in family, love, and the joys found in nature and sport. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Smith Lake Park, Zack Freeman officiating. Ryan possessed a heartfelt passion for fishing and hunting, pastimes that brought him closer to the outdoors and provided cherished moments of peace and reflection. He held a special affection for his boat, a vessel that not only carried him across waters but also symbolized a canvas for lifelong memories shared with loved ones. Alabama football was yet another source of joy and spirited enthusiasm in his life, reflecting his deep connection to his home state and its traditions. More than anything, Ryan's heart was devoted to his family and children. His nurturing spirit and unwavering loyalty were constants in the lives of those closest to him. He was also greatly valued by the many people he worked alongside; colleagues knew him as a dependable and friendly presence who enriched their days. Ryan is survived by his beloved parents, Pamela and Billy Taylor; his devoted wife Amanda Taylor; his sons, Nate and Jake Taylor; and his step-daughter, Chloe Speegle. He also leaves behind his brother Ethan Taylor and sister Emily Taylor (Ben Doss). The warmth of Ryan's family circle extends to treasured extended family members, among them Stephen and Jessica Taylor, Lauren Carroll (Brody), Eli Taylor, Freda and Reggie Clarke, Kara and Clay McAnally, Danny Morrow, Josh and Amy Morrow, Brant and Elini Morrow, Jeffrey and Kim Brown, Justin Brown, Tyler and Brittani Brown, as well as many other family and friends who held him dear. Ryan's journey is also marked by the memory of those who preceded him in death: his grandparents Ranelle Gray, Charles Brown, Alicia Morrow, Annette and Doug Taylor, and his beloved niece Olivia Doss. Their legacy remains a cherished part of his story. As we remember Ryan Patrick Taylor, we honor a life filled with heart, purpose, and connection. His love for his family, his passions, and his community will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all whose lives he touched. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Render Aid Alabama hosts elder abuse awareness event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Render Aid Alabama hosted its annual event Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Friday, June 12, at the Traditions Bank event building.

Render Aid Co-founder Candie Cummings said more than 150 people attended the free event.

"This event is important because senior citizens are targets for a lot of scams as they are not always tech savvy," Cummings said. "Many times the scammers are very convincing and make them think they owe money or have to pay something to not go to jail. They are often physically and mentally abused by caregivers and family members. Situations such as these need to be shared with our community."

Cummings said if local seniors are the victims of a scam they should contact the Cullman County Sheriff's Office or Cullman Police Department.

Speakers included Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Cullman County Sheriff-Elect Chad Whaley.

"There are a lot of professional crooks who target our seniors for ill-gotten gain," said Crocker.

"For that reason, I stressed the signs of elder abuse and how to report it. My purpose for speaking was to empower people with knowledge of what to look for if it happens to them, or if they see it happening to someone else.

"We need that, because getting justice is everybody's business. I appreciate Render Aid, Traditions Bank and our other community partners for facilitating this event."

Cummings said Elder Abuse Awareness Day is to let people know what elder abuse is and how to help when it is witnessed.

"Render Aid Alabama is a nonprofit whose mission is to normalize compassion for humanity," she said.

"We currently have two large events per year. One being Elder Abuse Awareness Day and the other is the Boo Festival.

"We started Render Aid Alabama after our dad passed in 2021 from elder abuse. We realized there wasn't a law requiring people to report when they see someone in a life or death situation."

To get more information, email renderaidalabama@gmail.com or visit https://renderaidalabama.wixsite.com/renderaidalabama.



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Sheriff-Elect Chad Whaley speaks at Render Aid Alabama's Elder Abuse Awareness Day event on Friday, June 12, 2026.

Heat (from Front)

airflow and a sense of comfort, but they do not lower body temperature or prevent heat-related illnesses during dangerous heat.

Residents are also encouraged to identify places in their community where they can get cool, such as libraries, shopping centers or other public buildings.

Those who need help finding cooling options can contact the Cullman EMA at 256-739-5410.

According to heat safety guidance from the National Weather Service and federal health officials, heat exhaustion symptoms may include heavy sweating, weakness, tiredness, cool or clammy skin, a fast or weak pulse, muscle cramps, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting or fainting.

Anyone showing signs of heat exhaustion should be moved to a cooler location. Clothing should be loosened, cool wet cloths may be applied and small sips of water may be offered if the person is alert and able to drink.

Heat stroke is more serious and can become life-threatening.

Symptoms may include confusion, slurred speech, loss of consciousness, seizures, hot or dry skin, a rapid pulse or a very high body temperature.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency, and 911 should be called immediately.

During periods of extreme heat, residents should drink plenty of fluids, avoid high-energy activity during the hottest part of the day, take cool showers or baths, wear loose and lightweight clothing and limit the use of ovens and other heat-producing appliances.

Alabama EMA also encourages residents to check on family members, older adults, neighbors and others who may be more vulnerable during extreme heat.

Pet safety should also be considered. Animals should have access to shade and plenty of cool water.

Pets should never be left in a vehicle, and owners should remember that asphalt and dark pavement can become hot enough to burn paws.

Residents should stay aware of local forecasts, heat advisories and warnings. Those who need emergency medical assistance should call 911.

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LEGALS

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

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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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

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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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.

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Balloon releases: Environmental impacts and eco-friendly alternatives

Lexi Adkison and Kerry Steedley

Balloon releases have long been a popular way to mark special occasions such as weddings, graduations, and memorials. While it may seem harmless to watch colorful balloons float into the sky, the reality is far more troubling. Every balloon released eventually returns to earth, where it becomes dangerous litter that threatens wildlife and pollutes the environment.

Impact on wildlife

Wild animals are especially at risk from balloon debris. Sea turtles, for example, often mistake floating balloons for jellyfish, one of their natural prey. When swallowed, the soft, rubbery material can block their digestive systems, leading to starvation, internal injury and death. Soft plastics, like balloons, are among the deadliest materials when ingested by seabirds. Even small fragments of balloon material can cause fatal blockages, making them far more hazardous than harder plastic items.

The attached strings and ribbons on balloons create additional dangers. Animals such as dolphins, whales, seals, seabirds and even land animals including livestock can become tangled. Entanglement restricts movement, causes injuries and can cut off circulation, often leading to a slow and painful death.

Additional negative impacts

The dangers do not stop with individual animals. Balloon pollution affects entire ecosystems. When predators consume prey that has ingested balloon fragments, plastic materials can accumulate throughout the food chain, potentially harming reproduction, growth and survival rates. This weakening of wildlife populations can disrupt the natural balance and health of entire ecosystems.

Balloons also create serious safety hazards for people. Mylar balloons are highly conductive and can cause power outages when they come into contact with electrical lines. Hundreds of outages across the country each year are linked to balloon-related incidents, leading to fires, costly repairs and service disruptions.

A persistent problem

The environmental impact of balloon litter is long-lasting. While some balloons are advertised as biodegradable, research has shown that balloons made of natural latex material can take years to break down, particularly in oceans where sunlight and oxygen are limited.

Mylar balloons (foil balloons) are made from a synthetic polyester film that is coated with a very thin layer of metal. They are considered non-biodegradable. As these materials break into smaller pieces, either by physical forces or UV-driven photodegradation, they contribute to the growing problem of microplastic pollution, contaminating waterways, soils and even the air. Microplastics have been detected in a wide range of organisms, from marine life to farm animals, and have even entered human food and drinking water sources.

In response to these widespread problems, many communities and governments have introduced bans and restrictions on balloon releases. These efforts are part of a growing movement to protect wildlife, reduce pollution and ensure public safety.

Alternatives to balloon releases

Thankfully, there are many meaningful and safe alternatives that allow people to celebrate without harming the environment.

No mess throw streamers (also called no mess confetti poppers) are widely available online and offer a fun way to celebrate without the plastic litter and clean up.

Other thoughtful ways to honor special moments could include blowing bubbles, lighting candles or sparklers, planting trees or wildflowers, flying kites or organizing community service projects. Paper pom poms, streamers, and lanterns are affordable, sustainable decor options that could also be used in place of balloons.

By choosing alternatives to balloon releases, each person can make a positive difference. Small changes in tradition can help protect wildlife, reduce pollution and preserve the beauty and health of our planet for generations to come.



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