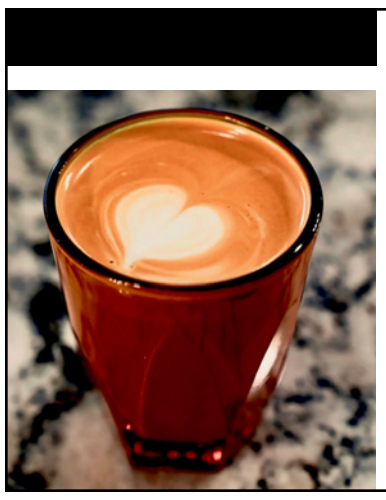


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Trump sworn in

Staff Reports
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Donald Trump, who overcame impeachments, criminal indictments and a pair of assassination attempts to win another term in the White House, was sworn in Monday as the 47th U.S. president, taking charge as Republicans claim unified control of Washington and set out to reshape the country's institutions.

"Trump's swearing-in was moved indoors to the Capitol Rotunda — the first time that has happened in 40 years — and the inaugural parade was replaced by an event at a downtown arena. Throngs of Trump supporters who descended on the city to watch the inaugural ceremony on the West Front of the Capitol from the National Mall were left to find somewhere else to view the festivities. Some guests were invited into the Capitol Visitors (sic) Center to watch on a big screen." (AP News)

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey issued the following statement after Monday's inauguration:

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President Donald Trump speaks during his inauguration on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.

Tolbert files counterclaim refuting allegations by local realtor





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CULLMAN, Ala. — A countersuit filed by Jeff Tolbert in the Circuit Court of Cullman County offered a detailed response to claims made against him in a lawsuit filed by Melissa Curtis of Lake League Real Estate at the end of 2024. The legal response, submitted Jan. 14, 2025, refuted allegations and provided alleged supporting evidence in the form of financial records and text communications.

The countersuit directly challenged the claims by presenting purported evidence, including checks and text messages, which aimed to substantiate Tolbert's version of events. The included checks reportedly contradict assertions made in the original suit, allegedly illustrating financial transactions that align with Tolbert's defense narrative. Additionally, text message exchanges presented in the counterclaim allegedly provide further context and clarification regarding key disputed interactions.

Key issues highlighted in the countersuit include:

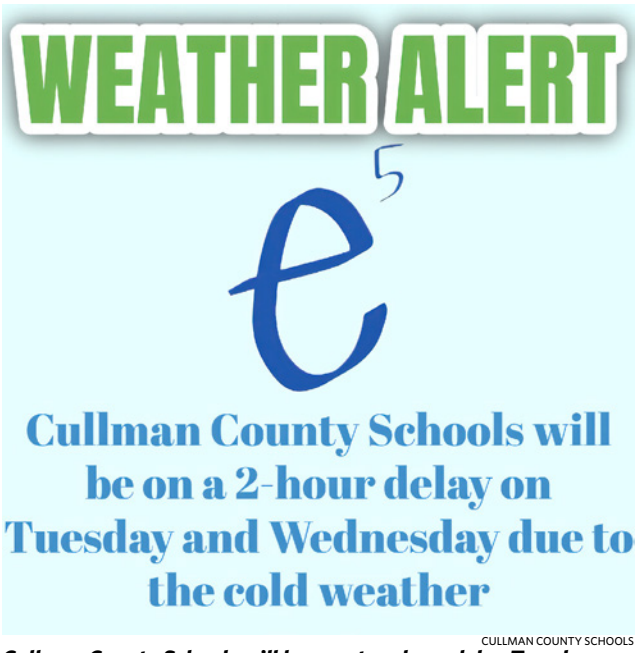
• **Misrepresentation of financial transactions:** Tolbert's legal team asserted that Curtis mischaracterized financial dealings, with the checks showing a different narrative than what was claimed in the initial filing. The checks include details of payments that Tolbert's team claims are consistent with prior agreements between the parties, challenging the timeline and intent suggested by Curtis.

• **Context of communication:** Text messages presented as evidence by Tolbert's team are cited to demonstrate discrepancies in Curtis' account of events. For example, one message from Curtis to Tolbert reads, "Let's move forward as we discussed last week — everything looks good on my end." This message, Tolbert claims, reflects mutual agreement and understanding that contradict Curtis' assertions in the original lawsuit. Another text from Tolbert to Curtis states, "I've sent the payment as per the contract. Please confirm receipt." According to the countersuit, Curtis acknowledged this in her response, stating, "Got it — thanks for staying on top of this." Additionally, a text from Curtis to a colleague reportedly read, "He's harmless and vulnerable," which Tolbert's team argued undermined the sincerity of her allegations.

• **Travel timeline discrepancies:** Evidence provided by Tolbert included records indicating that he and Curtis arrived at Cedar Lodge on the evening of Oct. 1, 2023, and returned to Alabama on Oct. 3, 2023. These dates, Tolbert's team argues, conflict with claims made in Curtis' initial filing, particularly regarding the timeline of alleged events. » PAGE 8

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Jones Chapel VFD reports annual election results

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JONES CHAPEL, Ala. — The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department held its annual elections this month and recently announced the results.

Fire Chief Clint Thrasher said if all active members are in good standing, they have a vote.

"We take nominations and then vote if more than one person is nominated," he said. "Any active member in good standing in the department is eligible for any elected position."

The expectations of each member can vary depending on if you want to be an interior firefighter, EMS responder or a support staff, Thrasher said.

"All fire and EMS training is paid for by the fire department," he continued. "To be a support member, no specialized training is required. No experience is necessary for any of the positions."

The following individuals were elected to serve as in leadership positions for 2025:

- Clint Thrasher, fire chief, call sign JC 01
- Brandy Thrasher, secretary/treasurer, call sign JC 06
- Lindsey Bryant, treasurer, call sign JC 04

The following members were re-appointed by Thrasher to serve in 2025:

- Brad Atkins, assistant chief, call sign JC 02
- Brian Maze, assistant chief, call sign JC 03
- Lindsey Bryant, EMS captain, call sign JC 04
- Shannon Bryant, fire captain, call sign JC 05
- Morris Williams, lieutenant, call sign JC 07
- Austin Thomas, lieutenant, call sign JC 08
- Brian Burchett, lieutenant, call sign JC 09

"Thanks to everyone for your support of our department," Thrasher said. "We hope you have a wonderful year."



CLINT THRASHER

The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of this 75-foot ladder truck in October 2024.

The Garage to host My Bloody Valentine Novice Powerlifting Meet Feb. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Garage and Cullman Barbell will host the My Bloody Valentine Novice Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. The competition, designed specifically for up-and-coming lifters, follows World Raw Powerlifting Federation (WRPF) rules and provides amateur competitors with a unique opportunity to test their strength in a Full Power (squat, bench press and deadlift), raw, no-wraps meet while competing for cash prizes.

Unlike traditional powerlifting competitions, this event caps DOTS scores at 400, ensuring a level playing field for newer lifters. DOTS is a coefficient-based scoring system that ranks lifters across different weight classes. By limiting the maximum DOTS score, The Garage and Cullman Barbell aim to give novice lifters and hobbyists a real shot at winning cash prizes.

Weigh-ins will take place on Feb. 7, from 4-7 p.m., at The Garage. The male and female overall winners will be determined based on the highest DOTS score. The entry fee is $120, with payouts depending on participation. Spectator admission is $10, while coaches pay a $20 fee. The Garage merchandise will be available for purchase and Tamales El Carrenton will be on-site.

"The first year just inspired us to do them more often," said Zack Gordon, owner of Cullman Barbell. "We made big changes this year, like integrating calibrated competition plates just like in an official event. We also geared this specific competition towards our novice competitors by capping the DOTS score to give them a shot at the money."

The meet serves as more than just a competition; it's also a chance for the community to experience powerlifting firsthand. "I'd encourage the community to come check it out in general," Gordon added. "It's a quality spectator sport. It's also a sport that's welcoming and has cheap start-up costs compared to other things. Not much is required other than a singlet and effort."

Those interested in competing can contact Cullman Barbell at 256-590-6371 or search for "My Bloody Valentine Novice Powerlifting Meet" on Facebook. For more information about The Garage, call 256-962-0463 between 4-8 p.m.



THE GARAGE

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Ivey invites students to apply for 2025 Summer Internship Program

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey recently announced that the application period for the Governor's Office Summer Internship Program is now open. This nine-week program offers college students a unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience in state government, while working alongside dedicated professionals in the executive branch.

"A staunch advocate for education and a former teacher," Ivey encourages all college students, who are potentially interested in obtaining experience in the governmental sector, to apply for the program.

"I am looking forward to welcoming a new class of bright and talented students to join us in Montgomery this summer. Our interns are an integral part of the Governor's Office, working closely with my team to address important issues that affect the people of our state," said Ivey. "This program is an excellent opportunity for our young people to gain a deeper understanding of how our government works and make a meaningful impact on Alabama."

Eligible applicants must be current college students with a strong interest in public service and government. Selected interns will work directly with staff, participate in special projects and have the chance to engage with key issues impacting Alabama.

The internship will run from May 26, 2025, through July 25, 2025. The deadline



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to apply is March 21, 2025, by close of business.

For more information about the program and how to apply, visit https://governor.alabama.gov/administration/internship-program.

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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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Wednesday, Jan. 22 - 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 at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Jan. 24 - 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! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Jan. 26 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 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.

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.

Southern Miss Wonderland Pageant
Sunday, Jan. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Benefits the Vinemont High School color guard; 25% of registration fees will go to the team. Register at https://tinyurl.com/vinemont.

Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at WildWater and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Two names will be drawn from the participants who take the plunge! One winner will receive a one-year family membership CWAC and one winner will receive a four-pack of 2025 season passes to WildWater! You MUST be present to win! The event is FREE to enter, and we are accepting optional donations for our partner, Special Olympics! Register at www.waiverfile.com/b/CullmanCityParksRecreation/Waiver.aspx.

Frame Loom Weaving Class
Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. $42 per person, which includes all supplies. Seating is limited, so those interested are encouraged to sign up soon. The class will be taught by Emily Wallace with Handwoven Designs. Sign up at https://square.link/u/XjtHP68k or by stopping by the center. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Get more info by calling 256-734-0145 or visiting Cullman Senior Center and Travel on Facebook.

Youth Rally
Sunday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. At the Foot of the Cross Church, 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. Tyler Williams and Ryan Wilburn preaching. Please join us for a great time in the Lord.

Fused Glass Art Class
Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. For $22 per person, participants can make a fused glass flowerpot magnet to take home. Seating for the class, taught by Kimberly Love, is limited, so sign up soon. Sign up at https://square.link/u/mdLS2ZtL or by stopping by the center. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Get more info by calling 256-734-0145 or visiting Cullman Senior Center and Travel on Facebook.



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COUNTY TOURNAMENT

5 JV teams secure semifinal spots on day 1

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament officially tipped off at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Saturday and day one was packed with JV matchups. By the end of the night, five JV squads had secured their spots in the county semifinals with wins.

Fairview 42 – Holly Pond 28 (JV Boys Game One)

Quick baskets by Connor Scott and Meighton McParlin tied the game at 2 early in the opening period. Jonah Shockley hit a pair of free throws and then laid one in on the following possession to put the Broncos in front 6-5 later in the period but Konnon Dunkin and Ty Babb responded with three-pointers on the other end to give the Aggies an 11-6 lead. McParlin scored in the final seconds of the first to trim the lead to 11-8 going into the second.

Cash Huddleston drilled a three to tie the game at 11 at the start of the second quarter but Babb answered with a three of his own to keep Fairview in front 14-11. Another Shockley basket made it a 1-point game but a three from Ayden Batz on the other end extended the Aggie lead to 17-13. Scott laid one in to make it a 19-13 game but after Shockley split a pair of free throws, Ty Dunn drained a three to cut the lead to 19-17. However, Colt Dean knocked down a three, drew a foul and added the free throw in the final seconds of the half to give Fairview a 23-17 advantage at the break.

The Aggies slowed things down in the third quarter and added to their lead. Baskets by Babb, Dunkin and Dean stretched the lead to 29-17 and after Walker Marks laid one in to stop the run, Batz responded with a three on the other end to put Fairview ahead 32-19. Marks got one more shot to fall before the end of the period and the Broncos went into the final frame trailing the Aggies 32-21.

Eli StDenny and McParlin exchanged baskets early in the fourth to make it a 34-23 game and Scott converted an and-one play at the line to make it 37-23. Dean knocked down a jumper to add to Fairview's lead and put things out of reach for Holly Pond. The Aggies went on to defeat the Broncos 42-28 and advance to the JV Boys semifinals.

Dean led the Aggies with 10 points in the win, followed by Babb with nine and Scott with seven. Shockley led Holly Pond with seven points in the loss and McParlin added six.

West Point 40 – Holly Pond 35 (JV Girls Game One)

It was a scoreless game through the more than three minutes of the opening quarter, but Mary Beth Penn scored down low with 3:52 left to put West Point on the scoreboard first. With less than two minutes to go in the first, a three by Kynleigh Wood gave Holly Pond a 3-2 lead. Milly Huddleston rattled in a trey just before the buzzer to give the Lady Broncos a 6-2 lead going into the second.

Huddleston carried that momentum over into the second period, as her rebound and putback, plus her three-point play, extended Holly Pond's lead to 11-2 almost midway through the second. It was the Lady Warriors' turn to go on a run of their own. Kenadi Pagan scored five straight points, then Reese Guthrie drained a pair of free throws to cut it to 11-9 with 2:38 remaining in the first half. Hanna McKenney scored the next five points for the Lady Warriors, as that gave them a 14-11 lead. Audrey Blocker scored a basket down low, then Huddleston dropped in a floater, and Wood added a short jumper from the free throw line to give the Lady Broncos the lead right back at 17-14 going into the locker room.

The lead-swapping didn't stop to start the second half. Pagan drilled four straight free throws to give West Point an 18-17 lead, but Wood's trey on the other end gave Holly Pond the lead right back at 20-18. Huddleston put in a pair of floaters to increase the Lady Bronco lead to 24-19. Mckenzie Nix put in back-to-back baskets, then Penn added a free throw to tie the game up at 24 with 2:26 remaining in the third. Pagan broke the tie with a pair of free throws, then Penn scored down low to give the Lady Warriors a 28-24 lead late in the third. Wood buried a trey to trim it to just a one-point game at 28-27 going into the final period.

Penn put in a basket in the paint, then Chloe Hale drained a floater and later drilled a trey to extend West Point's lead to 35-27. Wood knocked down a three from the right wing, and Huddleston scored off a steal to make it a 35-32 game more than midway through the fourth quarter. Penn banked in a short jumper, then Nix nailed a jumper of her own to stretch the Lady Warrior lead to 39-32 with 1:39 to go in the game. Wood's fifth trey of the game made it a 39-35 contest, but Pagan knocked down a free throw to help seal the 40-35 win for West Point.

Pagan led the Lady Warriors with 12 points in the win and Penn finished just behind her with 10. Wood posted a game-high 17 points for Holly Pond and Huddleston added 16.

West Point will advance to take on top-seeded Cold Springs in the JV Girls semifinals Thursday at 5 p.m.

Good Hope 59 – Hanceville 33 (JV Boys Game Two)

Baskets by Cayden Adamson and Ryker Hancock and a three-pointer from Ayden Young put the Raiders ahead 7-2 early in the opening period. Adamson finished an and-one play at the line to make it a 10-2 game, but Hanceville responded with buckets from Kade Schulz and Javus Leusby to trim the lead to 10-6. However, Young knocked down another three just before the end of the first quarter to give Good Hope a 13-6 lead at the start of the second.

Eli Drake scored the first four points of the second quarter to stretch the Raider lead to 17-6 and Christian Sims buried a three on Good Hope's next possession to make it 20-7. Parker Johnson laid one in and Young scored off a turnover to add to the Raider lead midway through the period. Young's third three-pointer of the game put Good Hope in front 27-9 and Ian Moody followed with a three of his own to make it a 30-9 game. AJ Carnathan responded with a pair of threes on the other end to cut into the Raider lead, but the Bulldogs went into the locker room trailing 32-15 at halftime.

Carnathan knocked down a jumper and Nick Davis hit a pair of free throws to chip away at the lead early in the third quarter, but it didn't take long for Good Hope to respond.

Hancock scored five of the Raiders' first seven points to start the second half to help build a 20-point lead and baskets by Web Buchanan and Drake made it a 44-19 game midway through the third. Schulz drilled a three on the other end to help cut into the lead, but Adamson buried another three for Good Hope and Young scored in the final seconds of the period to help keep the Raiders in front 54-27 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Young laid one in and Caleb Boles knocked down a three from the right corner to make it a 59-27 game early in the fourth. Leusby and Carnathan continued scoring on the other end to cut into the lead, but it was too little, too late and Good Hope secured a spot in the semifinals with a 59-33 win over the Bulldogs.

Young led the Raiders with 18 points in the win. Adamson added 11, Drake posted eight and Hancock finished with seven. Carnathan led Hanceville with 13 points in the loss and Leusby finished with seven.

Good Hope will face Cold Springs in the JV Boys semifinals on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Fairview 48 – Vinemont 33 (JV Girls Game Two)

Fairview got on the scoreboard first on a free throw by Acelyn Cruce, and Brooklyn Merriman laid it in to give the Lady Aggies a 3-0 lead. Cruce nailed a pair of treys, and Emmy Walker added one of her own from long-range to extend Fairview's lead to 12-0 late in the first quarter. Cali Golden scored down low to make it a 14-0 game going into the second.

Bryleigh Basinger banked in a three from the top of the key to cut it to 14-3 early in the second quarter. Golden and Redding each knocked down a three to give Fairview a 20-3 lead. Another three by Basinger made it a 20-6 game. Later in the second, Lee knocked down a pair of free throws to cut it to 23-10, but a rebound and putback by Kensli Redding pushed the Lady Aggie lead to 25-10. Jayden Knott and Merriman each traded threes to keep it at a 15-point game at 28-13. Basinger knocked down a short jumper to trim it to 13 at 28-15, but Fairview would take a 29-15 lead into the locker room.

Basinger nailed a short jumper, then Knott later drilled a three from the right wing to cut the Vinemont deficit to nine at 29-20 with less than five minutes to go in the third quarter. Walker drained a trey from the left wing to make it a 33-20 game, but Basinger knocked down one of her own from long-range to trim it to 10 at 33-23 going into the fourth quarter.

Basinger scored in the paint to make it a 33-25 game with a little over five minutes to go in the contest, but Redding put in a pair of baskets down low to put Fairview ahead 37-25. She later added two more baskets to give the Lady Aggies a 41-27 lead, and Merriman scored the next seven points to extend their lead to 48-27. Fairview would go on to defeat Vinemont 48-33 and advance to the semifinals.

Merriman and Redding each posted 14 points in the win and Cruce and Walker each finished with seven. Basinger led the Lady Eagles with 17 points in the loss.

The Lady Aggies will take on (2) Good Hope in the JV Girls semifinals Friday at 5 p.m.

Cold Springs 61 – Vinemont 19 (JV Boys Game Three)

Baskets by Wyatt Barker and Lindan Hill gave Cold Springs a 4-0 start in the first quarter and Cash Dickerson knocked down a three to make it 7-0. Dickerson and Hill each scored inside to make it an 11-0 game and Vinemont got its first basket of the game when Keegan Stricklin laid one in to trim the lead to 11-2. However, another score by Hill and two more baskets from Barker put Cold Springs in front 17-2 at the end of the opening period.

Cold Springs continued to pour it on in the second quarter. Eli Voce and Brayden Harbison exchanged three-pointers to make it a 20-5 game, but Dickerson followed with 10 straight points to give Cold Springs a 30-5 lead. Baskets by Hill and Barker helped build a 34-7 lead later in the period and Bradley Hancock buried a three just before the buzzer to put Cold Springs ahead 37-7 at halftime.

Back to back scores from Hill made it a 41-7 game early in the third quarter and Cold Springs kept adding to its lead. Baskets by Barker, Hill and Dickerson stretched the lead to 47-10 midway through the period and Voce and Cooper Johnson both scored a pair of buckets before the end of the third to give Cold Springs a commanding, 55-13 lead at the start of the fourth.

Stricklin split a pair of free throws and Thrower Sandlin laid one in to trim the lead to 55-16 early in the fourth. Dickerson responded with a pair of buckets on the other end to keep Cold Springs ahead 59-16. Vinemont wasn't able to overcome the early lead and Cold Springs punched its ticket to the JV Boys semifinals with a convincing, 61-19 win over the Eagles of Vinemont.

Dickerson led Cold Springs with 21 points in the win. Hill finished with 14 and Barker added 10. Stricklin led Vinemont with seven points in the loss.

Cold Springs will face (3) Good Hope in the JV Boys semifinals Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Ty Babb (4) posted 9 points in the JV Aggies' 42-28 win over Holly Pond on Saturday.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Lady Warriors defeated Holly Pond 40-35 on Saturday to advance to the JV Girls semifinals.



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Ayden Young led Good Hope with 18 points in the Raiders' 59-33 win over Hanceville on Saturday.

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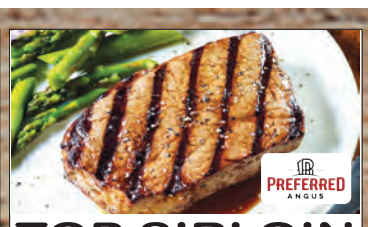
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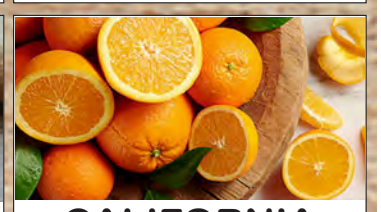
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Cullman County Basketball Tournament

This year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament officially tipped off at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, and day one was packed with JV matchups. By the end of the night, five JV squads had secured their spots in the county semifinals with wins.

Photos: Nick Griffin/The Cullman Tribune

Fairview vs. Holly Pond JV Boys



Holly Pond Vs. West Point JV Girls



Good Hope vs. Hanceville JV Boys



Cold Springs vs. Vinemont JV Boys



Vinemont vs. Fairview JV Girls









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Planning Commission

On Monday February 3, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – 308 & 314 2nd Avenue SE – create two lots

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Try Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve for a change

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

Nature lovers are blessed with abundant recreational and travel opportunities the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources offers in north Alabama, like Joe Wheeler State Park, Monte Sano State Park and several wildlife management areas. But the possibilities don't end there.

For those who love to explore new territory, I've got a perfect place to get in a robust hike and learn a great deal about Alabama's natural history and how Alabama's beaches were once located in the upper reaches of the state.

Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve just a few miles south of Tuscumbia, Alabama, may not be on the hiking crowd's radar, but it provides a unique look at one of the state's most diverse habitats.

Jim and Faye Lacefield bought 40 acres in Colbert County about 45 years ago and turned it into a passion project that ballooned to more than 700 acres that included Cane Creek Canyon.

"We bought the back 40 of a property that was being divided," said Jim, an award-winning educator in biology and earth science who taught the last 10 years of his career at the University of North Alabama (UNA). "That was all we had for a while, and then we added, little by little, land that nobody else really wanted. It was down in the canyon, and you couldn't get to it very easily. We got the idea very early on that it would be a great place for a nature preserve because it was fairly unspoiled."

One factor that contributed to the Lacefields' land acquisition goals was the end of the prohibition of alcohol sales in Colbert County.

"When we came, it was right at the end of the big-time bootlegging days," Jim said. "Every little hollow had a still or two. When the county went wet, it drove the bootleggers out of business, and we were able to buy some more land that wasn't any good for anything except for bootlegging.

"It was hidden and hard to get to, but it had some things we really liked about it. The biodiversity was really high with lots of rare plants and lots of wildlife and fairly restricted access. We didn't have any trouble with folks coming in and leaving trash or starting fires or anything."

The Lacefields eventually acquired 713 acres that was groomed for public access to 15 miles of hiking trails that are rated as moderate in the hiking world because of the elevation change of about 350 feet from the canyon rim to the bottom. I have one suggestion after making the 3.25-mile trek to the overlook – have quality hiking shoes or boots that you lace tightly for the descent into the canyon. A visitor support station is at the entrance to the preserve with maps and loaner hiking sticks, which I highly recommend.

"We have some guided hikes we recommend," Jim said. "One is a 3 1/4-mile hike that goes down into the canyon, past the waterfalls to the scenic overlook at the point. People who have a half-a-day can take the longer hike that ends up being about 7.5 miles, roundtrip.

"In all, we have about 25 miles of trails. There are about 12 good-size waterfalls on the preserve. The largest one is a 60-footer that is on the way into the preserve. Almost everybody sees it, but it's just the first of many. There are several side canyons that come together, and every one of those has a waterfall at the head of it."

When I visited, the area hadn't had any rainfall in three months, so the waterfalls were down to trickles.



JIM LACEFIELD

Waterfalls are numerous in Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve near Tuscumbia.

"But it flows well for most of the spring and winter," Jim said. "Those are our peak flow times. The preserve is good to visit during every season. When the rains start in late November until the first of May is when the waterflow is best. Then you start getting that evapotranspiration in the woods that sucks the water out of the ground."

Faye, also a retired educator, added that many of the visitors to the preserve come from the Midwest where they have some of the same geological features as the preserve.

"One reason we have a particularly biodiverse area is that we're right at the overlap area for a variety of physiographic provinces and landscape regions of Alabama," Jim said. "We've got a little bit of everything mixed in here. We've got the coastal plain. All the ridgetops around here have this rounded gravel, and that defines the coastal plain area. This was the edge of the Gulf of Mexico back during dinosaur times.

"The canyon wall is part of the interior low plateau. We're on the southern edge of the time the continents were coming back to form Pangaea, when all the continents came together for a period of time and then separated again. All of the (Hartselle) sandstone in the bluffs was from the barrier island beaches."

After his retirement from UNA, Jim worked on a revised and expanded edition of a book dealing with the history of Alabama's geology. In 2013, his Lost World of Alabama Rocks, A Guide to the State's Ancient Life and Landscapes was published.

"It deals with the history of the land in Alabama through time," Jim said.

The Lacefields' children live on the opposite side of the country. Their son is in New York at Columbia University researching nerve cell regeneration, and their daughter, who has degrees in archaeology and anthropology, lives in Redwood City, California, where she specializes in graphic art.

"Our two children were unlikely to step into what we were doing, and about two years ago I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease," Jim said. "I knew I had only a short time to do what I was doing to keep the preserve open. There's a lot of work involved in keeping the trails open, removing trees that had fallen and repairing bridges after floods. We went looking for conservation organizations to take it over."

The Land Trust of North Alabama out of Huntsville ended up as the best option to take over the preserve. The Lacefields kept 20 acres where their house overlooks the entrance to the preserve.

"It was a big step for them to expand 75-80 miles out in this direction," Jim said. "We worked out an agreement and passed the land to them. We took over the task of helping people getting started on the preserve. They took our maps and got a company to produce new trail maps. Before the Land Trust took over, we were getting 15,000-16,000 visitors a year, so there were a lot of people using it. We got written up in a lot of magazines.

"It was one of our life projects to get it more accessible to people. It wasn't just for the hardcore hikers. A lot of people bring families. Anybody who is halfway in physical condition is able to go on a hike."

For more information, visit www.landtrustnal.org/explore-our-lands/preserves-north-alabama/cane-creek-canyon-preserve or www.colbertcountytourism.org. The folks at Colbert County Tourism can also guide you to the other great features in northwest Alabama, including Helen Keller's birthplace, and the famous studios that produced the iconic Muscle Shoals music at FAME Recording Studios, Muscle Shoals Sound and Cypress Moon Studios.

ACES: Take to the skies at the 2025 Spray Drone End-User Conference

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is hosting the third annual Spray Drone End-User Conference March 23-26 at the Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama. After the success of the 2024 conference, Steve Li, an Alabama Extension associate professor, and his team are excited to continue offering the conference in a hybrid format.

"The conference was the most comprehensive, end-user-focused spraying event in North America in 2024," Li said. "We are so excited that it is back for 2025 with the generous support of our sponsors. Last year, we had more than 400 registered participants from 40 states in the United States and 26 countries. We expect the attendance this year will double compared to last year."

Registration

Online registration is available on the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu/go/DroneConference. There are two registration fees based on attendance preferences.

Registration for in-person attendance is $400 but will increase to $500 after Jan. 31.

Registration for fully remote attendance is $250 but will increase to $350 after Jan. 31.

Remote attendees will have live access to all presentations and panel sessions via Zoom. Recordings of the presentations and panel discussion will be available to all participants after the conference.

Conference sessions

There are 24 sessions on tap for the conference. The following topics and many others will be covered:

- Complete field solutions for drone work.
- Regulatory updates from the Federal Aviation Administration and Environmental Protection Agency.
- Presentations from renowned researchers, equipment manufacturers, distributors and experienced drone operators.
- Panel discussions and question-and-answer sessions with regulatory agency representatives, researchers, equipment manufacturers and experienced custom-spray-drone operators.
- Guidance for those interested in beginning a drone spraying business.
- Drone basics, including maintenance, repair, liability, mixing trailer setup, software, etc.

Read more about each session on the conference program web page at www.aces.edu.

Backed by research

Li has made drones a high priority for his research team, as farmers across Alabama look for better spraying options in small and water-logged fields and areas that are difficult to access. Li began his focus on drone use in field crops in 2019.

"Four years ago, we began working with drones and precision technologies," Li said. "Now, we are heavily focused on delivering crop protection chemicals — including herbicide, fungicides and insecticides — as well as other chemicals that farmers typically use on the farm with these new technologies."

Since 2022, Li's research and outreach efforts include approximately 100 field trials, 42 live-drone demonstrations, more than 100 educational presentations and regular social media posts about spray drones. These efforts have reached more than 237,000 people across six continents.

More information

For more information, visit the conference web page at www.aces.edu/go/DroneConference or contact Li at steveli@auburn.edu.

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, 3 Feb 3 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: Redstone Federal Credit Union
vs.
Roger J. Duke
145 Neptune Drive
Arab, Alabama 35016

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Angie Johnson, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Roger J. Duke, to the property, described as follows:

Lot 3, Saddlebrook Estates First Addition, together with a 1/100 interest in one acre of lake property which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is located S57°50'E 1438.77 feet from the center of the NW1/4 of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, Cullman County, Alabama; thence from the point of beginning N54°16'E 210.0 feet to a point; thence S20°44'E 210.0 feet to a pont; thence N54°16'W 210.0 feet to a point; thence N20°44'W 210.0 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1 acre, more or less.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 20 November 2024 in case DV-2011-68 in the District Court of Marshall County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Roger J. Duke in and to the above-described real property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 7 day of January, 2025

BY: Matt Gentry, sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHARLES F. HENSLEY, * **CASE NO: PC2022-243**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: GINA E. HENSLEY HALL, JULIE D. HENSLEY, ANGELIA HENSLEY, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF CHARLES F. HENSLEY, DECEASED.

Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge received and made court record the 1st day of October, 2024, by Charles S. Hensley and Jason F. Hensley, Co-Personal Representatives, by and through Attorney Pamela E. Nail. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled the **27th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of January, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Pamela E. Nail
200 Second Avenue, southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO. PC2023-374
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, DECEASED.

Verified Petition for Probate of Will filed by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, through Attorney David Lee Jones. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **27th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of January, 2025.

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

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Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 18-20

Jerry Wayne Adams, 87
Jerry Wayne Adams passed away on Jan. 8, 2025, at the age of 87 in Huntsville, Alabama, surrounded by his children. His battle with serious medical issues in recent years showed his tenacity for life. Jerry was born on Dec. 31, 1937, in Winchester, Indiana. He was a proud graduate of Greensburg High School and St. Vincents College. He married his wife Judith Adams on May 9, 1964, and together they raised a beautiful family that they loved immensely. He was a working family man whose career took him and his family across the world from Greensburg, Pennsylvania to the Republic of Singapore until finally settling in Huntsville, Alabama. Jerry was fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide and enjoyed watching games with his family. A prolific player of the Sunday crossword, confident to fill out his answers in pen. Jerry loved spending time in the kitchen – making breakfast for his grandkids or baking. Every Christmas was filled with his cookies – known for his chocolate chip cookies, peanut butter blossoms and sugar cookies that he would decorate with his grandkids. Jerry was able to spend his final Christmas, birthday and New Years being visited by his family and passed surrounded by his children.

Donny Myers, 61
Don "Donny" Alan Myers, age 61 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Aug. 28, 1963, to Hugh Myers and Margaret Myers. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Jessica Myers Fite; sons, Justin (Jessica) Myers and Chris (Kayla) Myers; grandchildren, Weston, McKenzlie, Allye, Everett, Maverick, Kyston, Maddox, Makenna, Banker, Kallie and Celeste; sister, Sandy (Steve) Lumsden; nephew, Ross (Laura) Lumsden; niece, Maggie Lyn (Andrew) Williams. No services are planned at this time.

Robert Warren Byland, 75
Robert Warren Byland, age 75 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Oct. 18, 1949, to Richard Byland and Elizabeth Whitbeck. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard Byland. Survivors include his wife, Paula Byland; son, James (Shelly) Mason; daughters, Amanda O'Steen and Nikki Walls; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and a host of family and friends. No services are planned at this time.

Kim Fowler Smith, 68
In memory and honor of our beloved Kim Fowler Smith, age 68, a Celebration of Life beginning at 1 p.m. will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home 255 County Rd. 1435, Alabama 35058. Kim Elaine Fowler was born on December 15, 1956, to George Fowler and Dorothy Fisher Fowler. She left this earth as Kim Fowler Smith, a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, on December 30, 2024, to begin her life in eternity with the Lord. Kim is proceeded in death by her mother and father, sister, Kathy Fowler Kresse, daughter, Anna Holcomb, brother-in law, Charles Smith, and brother-in-law, Gary Smith. The surviving members of her family include her husband, Jerry Smith; daughter, Tommye (Rodney) Pruett; son, Chad Smith; granddaughters, Ryan (Ross) Lockhart, Alexa (Thomas) Davis, and Kaleigh (Jordan) Madison; grandsons, Michael Reinhardt, Jesse Smith, and Josh (Brandi) Pruett; great grandchildren, Sunnie Elaine, Samuel David, Cooper James, Jack, Ellie Jade, Tyson, and Rylan; sisters, Karen (Carlos) Baxley and Mary Fleming (Richard); brothers, George (Debbie) Fowler and Chris (Vandis) Fowler; sister-in law, Patsy Caroll and sister-in-law, Joyce McCartha. Kim was warm, compassionate, vibrant, caring, and would go out of her way to help others. She was a proud and dignified woman who had a passion for life. She had a wonderful sense of humor which endeared her to everyone she encountered, and it is a great testament to her nature that she formed so many long-lasting friendships over the years. An accomplished businesswoman who built up successful businesses with no more than a tenth-grade education. A self-made success. She loved the beach, white sands, four wheeling, sunshine, and sunflower fields. Momma had a way to bring the best out of life. She loved music and dancing, traveling, oh how she loved to travel and explore! She was a devoted wife and loved life to the fullest. She will be missed by all, but her memory will live on in us all forever. As a parent and friend, Kim had the extraordinary ability to make others feel strong and confident, giving a sense of independence and mental toughness, which has been an asset in many lives. Her presence brought immeasurable joy, love, and laughter, and for that, we are forever grateful. Thank you for loving hard, living free, dancing and embracing everyone with grace and mercy. A true inspiration to all. "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her," (Proverbs 31:25-28).

Barbara Ann Barnett Harris, 84
Barbara Ann Barnett Harris, 84, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2025. Born on July 17, 1940, she was the beloved daughter of the late Jethro Jesse and Sarah Belle Barnett. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Herman Barnett; her sisters, Bonzie Daniel (James), Mary Herndon (Wayne), Dot Duke (Escol), Joyce Gail Hatley (Don), Patsy Phillips (Jan) and Nancy Pendley (Randy); her husband, Ralph "Andy" Harris; and her children, Kimberly Harris Sapaugh and Andrew Michael Harris. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Elna Barnett; her cherished grandchildren, April Zark (Kacy Belew) and Sarah Zaldivar (Jorge); her adored great-grandchildren, Aidan Zark, Gavin Zark, Athena Zaldivar, and Kenichi Zaldivar; and many loving nieces, nephews, and their children. Barbara, affectionately known as "Nanny" to her grandchildren, was a woman of immense love, light, and humor. Her passions included gardening, painting, quilting, cross-stitching, and rug hooking, finding joy in creating beauty with her hands. A lover of travel, reading, and home improvement shows, Barbara embraced life with curiosity and creativity. She was deeply devoted to Jesus and her faith, treasuring her Bible studies and nurturing friendships she held as dear as family. Barbara's love knew no bounds, and her warmth and kindness touched everyone who knew her. Barbara's family would like to express their gratitude to her caregiver, Peggy Johnson, and her niece, Pam Barnett Couch, for their loving care and support during her final days. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Holly Pond Funeral Home with funeral services to be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025. Friends are invited to joint the family for a time of visitation, at the funeral home, from 1 p.m. until funeral services begin at 2 p.m. Burial to follow at Duck River Baptist Church. Barbara will be deeply missed by her family and friends, who will forever carry her memory in their hearts. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Harris family. Obituary provided by the Harris family.

John Olen Bailey, 79
Funeral Service for John Olen Bailey, age 79 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Hamby's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bailey passed away on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born May 25, 1945, to William Claud Bailey and Flossie Mae Bailey. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Ron Bennefield. Survivors include his wife, Kay Bailey; Children; Jonathan Bailey, Joseph (Casey) Bailey, Misty Partain, James (Kim) Messersmith, Christy Campbell grandchildren, Gabriel Bailey, Julian Bailey, Marida (Richard) Overton, James Calvin Messersmith, John Houston Messersmith, Calvin (Alexis) McNabb, Jachelle Partain, Kaleb McNabb, Cain Messersmith; great grandchildren, Brooklynn Overton, Anslee McNabb, Mattie Overton, Wrenlee Jo McNabb; siblings, Annie Ruth Bennefield, Willis (Sheila) Bailey, Anita (Daug) Jenkins and a Host of nieces and nephews.

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Counterclaim (from Front)

• **Allegations of bad faith filing:** Tolbert's countersuit accused Curtis of engaging in a pattern of misrepresentation and filing the lawsuit without proper grounds, resulting in unnecessary legal costs.

The countersuit claimed that Curtis' actions were designed to harm Tolbert's reputation and financial standing rather than resolve any genuine grievance.

Court documents are available at www.CullmanTribune.com.

Trump (from Front)

ful day for the United States of America as we swear in President Trump and Vice President Vance. Beginning today, President Trump will get to work for our people, as he unleashes American energy and secures our Border. Alabama stands ready to support his mission to foster a stronger than ever America. Congratulations to President Trump and Vice President Vance. I am confident our best days are ahead!"

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