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OmniPlex gets alcohol license; mayor: kids' events will be safe

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday voted to approve a special events alcohol license for the new OmniPlex Sports and Civic Center being built on Field of Miracles Drive Southwest, near the Donald E. Green Senior Center and Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center. While the license will expand the selection of activities and refreshments available at the location, Mayor Woody Jacobs assured the council and audience that the license will not impact youth and children's activities.

"That does not mean that they're going to be serving beer or wine at all the events down there," said Jacobs.

"That only means that if they have a particular event and it would be appropriate for that event – you have to get this ahead of time. So, like, at youth ball games, not going to happen."

The council also approved requests from Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism to update the special events alcohol licenses for the Special Events District and Arts District, following advice from the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to edit the wording of the existing licenses from "designated cup" to "designated container" to allow for alcohol to be served in a wider variety of open containers like the glasses used at the annual Dinner on First event.

Additionally, the council approved a request from Shane Quick for an on-premises alcohol license for a new restaurant located at 105 First Ave. NE, Suite B, listed as Tacomarg LLC.

The council approved a special event request from Hunter Graveman of Desperation Church for » PAGE 2

Cullman No. 5 in Site Selection Magazine's Micropolitan Rankings



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Representatives from REHAU, Cullman County and the City of Cullman were joined by Governor Kay Ivey at REHAU in Cullman Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 7, 2024, to celebrate the unveiling of its new $66 million paint line.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — For the 19th time in 23 years Cullman has earned a spot among the top micropolitan areas in the United States, ranking No. 5 in Site Selection Magazine's prestigious Micropolitan Rankings for 2025. That's out of over 570 eligible U.S. communities

Despite the challenges posed by the national economy and an uncertain future, the Cullman community has demonstrated resilience and unwavering confidence in its ability to thrive.

The recognition highlights the ongoing efforts of the Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the community as a whole to foster a strong local economy.

"We are grateful to be recognized again as a community that can grow even when it's a down year economically for the entire nation. There are a lot of people whose efforts go into keeping Cullman in the top of these rankings," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

"I am grateful for a great team at CEDA and the City government as well as the efforts of our (Cullman) County Commission, County and City Schools, and delegations on the local, state and federal level. You don't win recognitions like this without everyone doing a great job and caring about fostering the success of our community. This wasn't a win just for Cullman city but for every Cullman County resident."

High ranking reflects hard work and investment

According to CEDA Director Dale Greer, the No. 5 ranking is a result of the dedication and hard work of the Cullman community.

"Achieving such a high ranking is validation for the hard work our community puts in every day to push the bar forward and make Cullman a successful place to work and live," said Greer.

The rankings are based on the number of projects in the community, each meeting specific criteria such as creating at least 20 jobs, generating a $1 million capital investment or adding 20,000 square feet to facilities.

Greer said companies only make these kinds of significant investments when they have confi- » PAGE 2

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Baileyton Town Council approves new ordinances, discusses upcoming awards and senior programs



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Fairview Town Council honors late fire chief Alan Miner

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 5

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 5, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 3

- harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '19 Jeep; $500; Cherokee Ave. SW/24th St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $26; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $142; Olive St. SW

March 4

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

March 3-4

Chadderdon, Steven C.; 37

- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – fail to register vehicle (2 counts)

Hughey, Jaylen L.; 22

- FTA – open container in vehicle
- FTA – driving while suspended

Murphey, Aaron D.; 28

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Clements, Rachel G.; 31

- FTA – driving without a license (2 counts)

Alexander, Natosha J.; 42

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – driving without a license
- FTA – run red light

Long, Robert L.; 53

- driving under the influence

Pezzeca, Steven A.; 48

- burglary-3rd degree
- criminal mischief-2nd degree

Fuller, James L., Jr.; 75

- theft of property-4th degree

Lee, Hunter D.; 27

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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OmniPlex (from Front)

an Easter block party at 510 Fifth St. SW, on April 18, from 6-9 p.m. and April 19, from 4-7 p.m.

The council also approved a resolution to add $77,205 to its contract with Bulls Construction Group for a revised lighting plan for the Fourth Avenue Southwest and Fourth Street Southwest streetscape improvement project.

According to the mayor, the additional cost remains under the originally budgeted amount for the project.

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

Rankings (from Front)

dence in the community and its people.

Top rankings over the years

Cullman' s success is not a one-time achievement. With 570 micropolitan areas across the nation, Cullman has ranked in the top 20 a total of 19 times in the 23-year history of the ranking program. Additionally, the city has secured a spot in the top 3 rankings seven times.

Stanley Kennedy, project manager for CEDA, said Cullman's consistent success is a reflection of the city's sustained commitment to growth and development.

Cullman first earned a spot in the top 3 rankings in 2005.

Since then, the city has continued to build on its reputation as a thriving hub for economic development, with strong investments from both local and national entities.

The importance of ranking high

The high ranking in Site Selection Magazine's Micropolitan Rankings holds significant importance for Cullman's ongoing growth.

"Momentum is everything in development," said Kennedy. "If you aren't growing, you are falling behind. There is no status quo."

The ranking serves as a strong signal to potential companies looking to invest, showcasing Cullman as a place where success is possible.

Kennedy stressed that maintaining this momentum is essential for ensuring a prosperous future for both current residents and future generations.

A community effort

Both Greer and Kennedy acknowledged that Cullman's success is the result of a collective effort.

"Development is very much a community effort, even for those who do not think they do anything with development," Greer said.

From federal, state and local leadership to the hard-working individuals who contribute daily, every part of the community plays a role in the city's ongoing achievements, he said.

"We thank you for showing the nation and the world what a special place we have," added Greer.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Music Every Thursday Night in February at the Bethel Community Center

4-8 p.m. at the center, just off U.S. Highway 278, west of Cullman on County Road 1117. Bluegrass, gospel and country music. Musicians are welcome with acoustic instruments only. Covered dish supper and everyone is invited. Please join us! No entry fee, but donations are appreciated for building upkeep.

Grief Support Group

Every Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 615 Third Ave. SE. Contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962 2521.

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
- Friday, March 7 - 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.
- Saturday, March 8 - 8:30 a.m.-noon. Women's spring conference
- Sunday, March 9 - 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.

Cullman Rotary Club 52nd Annual Auction

Thursday, March 6, at Loft 212 beginning at 4:30 p.m. All proceeds go back to the club's local community service projects and local nonprofits.

RESCHEDULED: Cullman County Relay For Life Kickoff

Thursday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Cullman.

Fairview Lions Club Soup and Chili Supper

Saturday, March 8, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $8. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Holly Pond Lions Club Annual Beans and Greens Dinner

Saturday, March 8, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club. Donations only. Proceeds will benefit our community service projects. We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for your support. We will accept donated canned and non-perishable food items to benefit the food pantry located between Holly Pond Town Hall and the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. Drop them off at the food pantry or when you join us at the Beans and Greens Dinner on March 8.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting

Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

United Way of Cullman County Crawfish Boil 2025

Friday, March 14, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. $50 all you can eat. Join us for an evening of fun, food and giving back! The bayou-bred team from Hank's Sports Bar will be boiling up fresh crawfish and veggies right on-site! Goat Island Brewing will be serving the perfect drafts to pair with your meal. Featuring the Rally Stripe Band! Get tickets at https://tinyurl.com/crawfishtix.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing

Sunday, March 16, at 5 p.m. with The Taylor Family. Everyone is welcome. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

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.

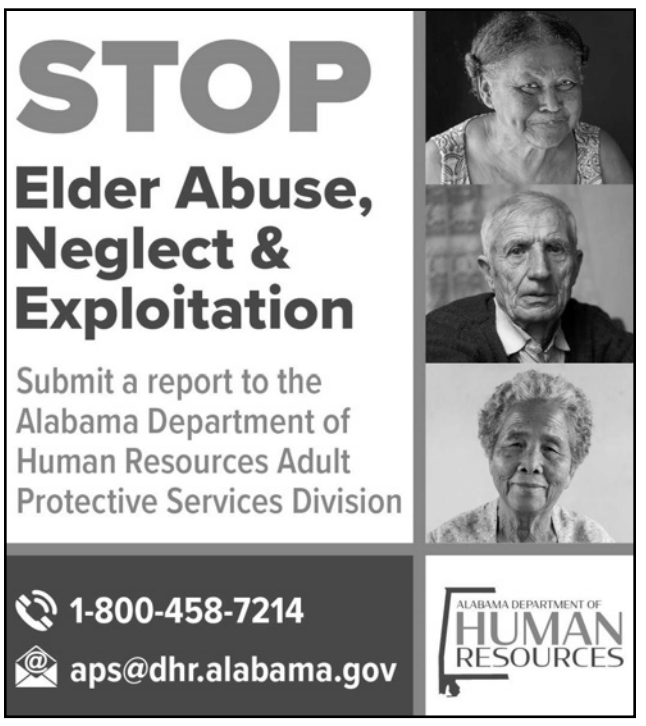
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Spring Revival

Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, April 7-9, at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Bro. Jared Dixon. The Dixons" will be singing Sunday. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

Ladies' Conference

Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch at noon. At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Guest speaker Kristy Garrison Harris: Trusting God through every season. There will be games and door prizes. Please join us.







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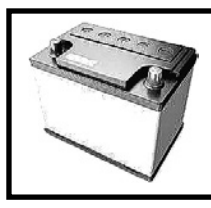
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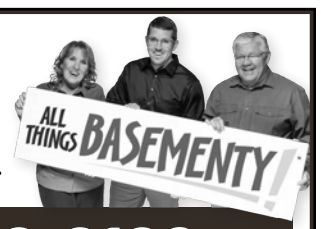
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PREP SOFTBALL

Good Hope downs West Point on the road 7-1

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WEST POINT, Ala. – Good Hope traveled to West Point for a varsity matchup with the Lady Warriors Monday night and after four scoreless innings, the Raiders' bats came alive in the fifth. Good Hope put seven runs on the board in the final three frames to pull away and claim a 7-1 win over West Point.

Molly Benefield got the start and the win for the Lady Raiders, allowing just one run on three hits and racking up 14 strikeouts.

Neither team was able to put a runner on base in the first inning.

Brayley Phillips reached first in the bottom of the second with a single but was left stranded, keeping the game scoreless.

Lizzy Steed led off the top of the fourth with a single into right field, but Good Hope was unable to capitalize, and the game remained scoreless going into the fifth.

In the top of the fifth, Natalie Miller knocked a double into center field to give the Raider a runner in scoring position with one out.

Miller was tagged out at third on a fielder's choice but after Addyson Burgess drew a walk, Brooklyn Lambert drove a single into left field to bring Kylee Smith home in and give Good Hope a 1-0 lead. Two pitches later, Steed put an RBI double into center field to put the Raiders on top 2-0 going into the bottom half of the inning.

The Warriors went down in order in the bottom of the fifth and Good Hope added to its lead in the top of the sixth. Campbell Koch drew a walk and Haley Lay reached on an error to give the Raiders a pair of runners on base.

Later in the inning, Miller knocked an RBI single into center field to plate Koch and make it a 3-0 game.

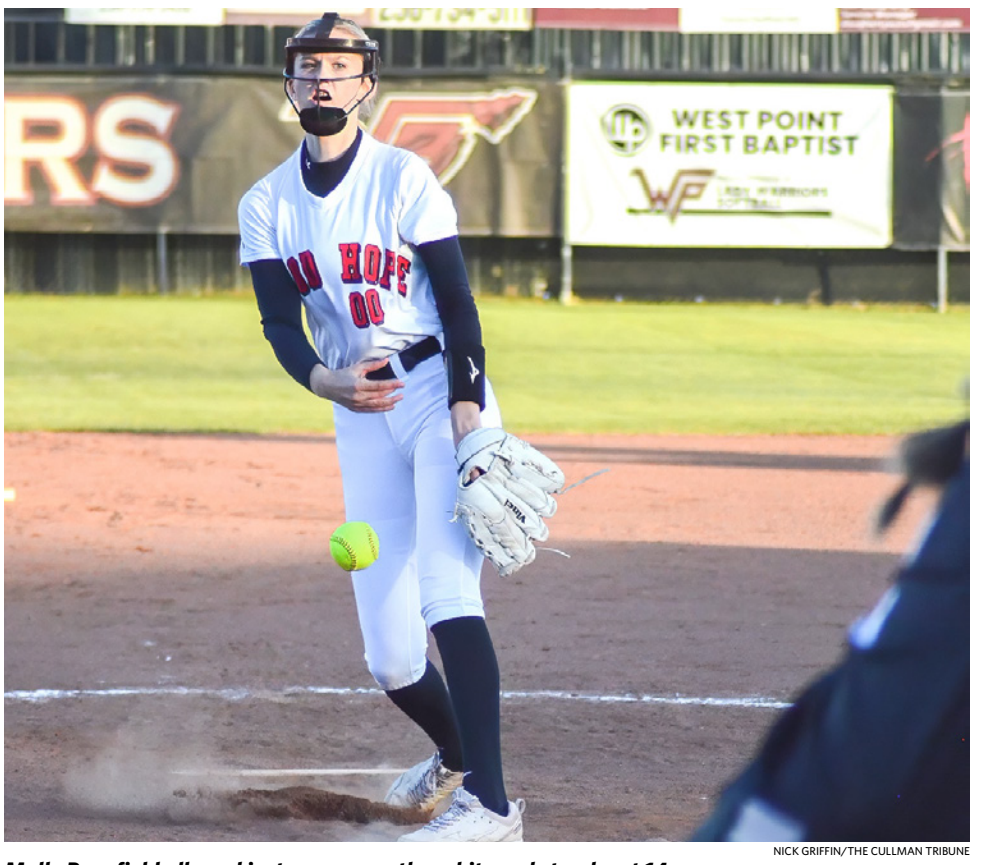
A couple pitches later, Smith put one in play to allow Gracie Garmon to score and extend the lead to 4-0 going into bottom of the sixth.

West Point got on the board in the bottom half of the inning with an RBI single from Macie Brown but Good Hope added to its lead in the top of the seventh.

Lambert led off seventh with a single and scored on an error just two pitches later to make it a 5-1 game.

Back to back RBI singles from Maggie O'Neil and Koch stretched the Raider lead to 7-1 and Good Hope collected the final three outs in the bottom of the seventh to wrap up a 7-1 road win.

Steed (one RBI), Miller (one RBI) and Lambert (one RBI) each posted a pair of hits for Good Hope in the win. Katherine Yovino, Brown (one RBI) and Phillips each recorded hits for West Point.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Molly Benefield allowed just one run on three hits and struck out 14 batters in Good Hope's 7-1 win at West Point Tuesday night.

PREP SOFTBALL

Hanceville hammers Susan Moore 16-1

Sammy Confer
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville hosted Susan Moore for a varsity matchup Monday afternoon and the Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead and never looked back in this one. They continued adding to their lead as the game went on and ended up routing Susan Moore 16-1.

Hanceville got things going offensively in their opening at-bats. Bentley Childers got hit by the pitch, then she stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Maddyson Bryant drew a walk, and Josi Jones hit a two-run triple to right field to put them on the scoreboard first. Jones and Karrigan Pipkin each scored on a passed ball to extend their lead to 4-0. Susan Moore cut it to 4-1 in the top of the second on a Hanceville error.

Hanceville added to their lead in their half. Childers drew a leadoff walk and later scored on a passed ball to make it 5-1. After Bryant drew a walk, she stole second, then Bella Spinks hit an RBI single to right field, as that pushed their lead to 6-1. After a Susan Moore error, Kynzlee Farr hit a two-run double to extend their lead to 8-1. Alex Twitty followed that up with an RBI double of her own to make it 9-1. Piper Butts increased their lead to 10-1 on a ground ball.

Jones and Spinks each hit an RBI double in the bottom of the third to make it 12-1. Mariano hit a sacrifice fly, Farr scored on an error, and Childers drove in a run on a bunt single to give Hanceville a 15-1 lead.

Back-to-back errors in the fourth allowed Jones to cross the plate, as Hanceville would go on to defeat Susan Moore, 16-1.

Jones led the way for Hanceville with two hits and three RBIs. Spinks and Farr each added a pair of hits and two RBIs. Childers (one hit), Alex Twitty (one hit), Mariano, and Butts all drove in a run for Hanceville. Spinks and Farr gave up a combined one hit and no earned runs and struck out four.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Bella Spinks tossed two innings, allowing one unearned run and striking out two batters in Hanceville's 16-1 win over Susan Moore on Monday.

No. 1 Auburn falls at No. 22 Texas A&M, Tigers' first SEC road loss

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Making his first career start, Tahaad Pettiford made six 3-pointers and scored 19 points, but No. 1 Auburn fell to No. 22 Texas A&M 83-72 Tuesday at Reed Arena, ending the Tigers' six-game winning streak.

"We just didn't step up," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "They physically dominated the game. We got pushed around tonight. Give Texas A&M credit. They've beaten us before this way."

Starting in place of Denver Jones, who was injured in Auburn's SEC championship-clinching win Saturday at Kentucky, Pettiford made 5 of 8 3-point attempts in the second half.

Chad Baker-Mazara scored 15 points and led Auburn with five assists. Miles Kelly was a perfect 10-for-10 from the free-throw line, adding 12 points and four assists.

Johni Broome contributed eight points and a team-high seven rebounds.

The defeat cost Auburn an opportunity to go 9-0 in SEC road games, ending the Tigers' streak of nine consecutive conference road victories dating back to the end of last season.

Trailing by six at the half, Auburn fell behind by 13 early in the second half before back-to-back 3-pointers by Pettiford brought the Tigers back within six, leading to an Aggies' timeout with 14:32 remaining.

Pettiford's third 3-pointer of the half kept the Tigers within six points, but the Aggies hurt Auburn with 29 second-chance points, outrebounding the visitors 41-25, including 24 offensive boards.

The Tigers pulled within eight points five more times in the half but each time, the Aggies answered, outrebounding Auburn 22-8 in the second half.

"We obviously missed Denver Jones as our most physical defender," Pearl said.

"If you can defensively keep them squared up a little bit more and not have the frontline have to come over, rotate and help, then you've got a fighting chance."

Baker-Mazara, who led the Tigers with 10 first-half points, ended the opening half with a long 3-pointer that cut Texas A&M's lead to 40-34 at intermission, but the Aggies opened the second half with a 6-0 run and never trailed.

Auburn (27-3, 15-2) returns to Neville Arena Saturday for Senior Day, hosting No. 7 Alabama at 1:30 p.m. CT on ESPN and the Auburn Sports Network.



ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

Tahaad Pettiford posted 19 points in Auburn's 83-72 loss at Texas A&M Tuesday night

"We'll be excited about playing at home on Saturday," Pearl said.

"You'd like to be playing your best basketball heading into postseason. We've got the conference championships wrapped up. We'd like to try to wrap up the No. 1 seed.

"We think the resume is strong enough to get the No. 1 seed overall, which I think is important. More importantly, I want to see how we respond."

Cullman City Schools celebrates Read Across America Week

Students in Cullman City Schools are celebrating Read Across America Week, with themed days and reading-focused initiatives across dozens of classrooms. Tonya Trammell's kindergarten class at Cullman City Primary School celebrated by reading some Dr. Seuss classics, including books like "Green Eggs and Ham." The Read Across America initiative, which coincides with Dr. Seuss' March 2 birthday, is a week-long event encouraging students across the country to take time to read a book and learn something new.

COURTESY CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS





Vinemont's monthly senior lunch March 17

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Town of Vinemont will host its annual senior event on Monday, March 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. This month's lunch will have a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser said, "Having these events allows our senior citizens to get out to socialize, have a good meal and play games.

"We have been hosting these events since January of 2022."

She said the seniors love to play games.

"Bingo is their go-to game and Moss Funeral Service usually comes and handles that," Sasser said.

"This month we are gonna have someone come in and do karaoke for everyone.'

The Vinemont Community Center is located at 88 Ridgeway St.

These monthly events are free and open to all senior citizens in Cullman County.

From farm to freezer: Blue Ridge Cattle Co. to provide expert advice on buying bulk beef and pork – March 13

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex is offering a chance to learn directly from a livestock industry expert with its upcoming workshop, "Tips and Tricks for Buying Bulk Beef and Pork." Scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m., this event is part of the Living Landscapes educational series, which focuses on sustainability practices that can be applied right in your backyard.

The workshop will be led by Dylan Gilbert of Blue Ridge Cattle Co., a local farm owned and operated by veterans Dylan (U.S. Air Force) and Kali (U.S. Navy) Gilbert. After their military service, the Gilberts established their farm in Cullman, specializing in freezer beef and pork products. Dylan Gilbert, who holds a degree in Animal Science, Livestock Production and Management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, brings a wealth of experience in feedlot management and livestock production. His expertise ensures that Blue Ridge Cattle Co. delivers high-quality meat products directly to consumers.

During the workshop, he will cover essential information for purchasing meat directly from local farmers. Participants will learn about the different cuts of meat, how to determine the appropriate quantities and best practices for storing bulk beef and pork. With many cattle and pork growers across north Alabama offering options to buy meat by the side, half, or quarter, this workshop aims to simplify the process for consumers who want to make more informed purchasing decisions.

The event is open to the public with a registration fee of $15. Youth aged 12 to 15 are welcome to attend but must register and be accompanied by a paid, registered adult. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and gain insights into ordering freezer meat directly from farmers, from ground beef to steaks, ribs and roasts.

To register for the workshop, visit https://agriplex.org/WPtest/living-landscapes or call 256- 297-1044 for more information.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. in Cullman.



NORTH ALABAMA AGRIPLEX

The North Alabama Agriplex will host a meat-driven workshop titled "Tips and Tricks for Buying Bulk Beef and Pork." The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. Registration is $15 per person.

Cullman Stock Yard, Inc.
75 County Road 1339
Cullman, AL 35058
(256) 734-4531
www.cullmanstockyard.com
Hoagy and Callahan Parrish
Cattle Sale – Tuesday - 8:30 a.m.



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LEGALS

REQUEST FOR COMPETITVE PROPOSALS

The City of Cullman is currently accepting competitive bid proposals for the Design and Build Services with a base bid to construct **a 10,000 square foot (100'x100') Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) hangar with an attached 3,200 square foot office building** and **a 1,600 square foot building with a large open area that has an interior ceiling with a minimum height of twenty feet in the clear**. All competitive bid proposals must be submitted on time and meet the criteria set forth in the RFP instructions to be considered. All bid bonds, performance bonds, business licensing, state licensing, insurance requirements, and other bonding requirements must be included with the competitive bid proposal. The Cullman Regional Airport, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals. The Cullman Regional Airport, the City of Cullman, and the Cullman County Commission accept no responsibility for expenses incurred in the preparation, the presentation, and/or any other expenses related to the submittal of a competitive bid proposal. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the contractor submitting the bid proposal. All sealed bid proposals are due by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Cullman City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and at said time shall be opened publicly and read aloud. Interested parties can obtain all information about this project from the Airport General Manager Ben Harrison by emailing bharrison@cullmanal.gov.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KEVIN PAUL WINSLOW, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on February 11, 2022, to Angel Kay Lamey by the 27 day of March, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

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Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CLETUS SIMS, * CASE NO.: PC2025-022
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Janet Turner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Cletus Sims, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County.

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

Janet Turner
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
JOHN BURT MCALPIN) CASE NO.: PC 2024 - 304
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Christopher McAlpin, as Administrator of the Estate of John Burt McAlpin, deceased, on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Christopher McAlpin

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GARRELL RAYBURN WHITE * CASE NO.: PC2025-001
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said estate having been granted to JOY CARTRON by the HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of CULLMAN County, Alabama on the 4th day of March, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all parties having any claims against the estate must present the same within the time required by law or they will be barred. This notice in no way acknowledges the validity of any claim filed, and the Estate reserves the right to contest any claim filed.

JOY CARTRON
Personal Representative

A copy of said claim shall also be served upon Petitioner's counsel of record.

CLEMENT J. CARTRON
Attorney for The Estate of Garrell Rayburn White
Cartron & Jacobs LLC
2310 Market Place, Suite B
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 533-0900
(256) 533-0937 - fax

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
DAVID TIMOTHY SMITH, * CASE NO.: PC2024-405
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CECELIA ELOUISE SMITH, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF DAVID TIMOTHY SMITH, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

Cecelia Elouise Smith
Administrator of the Estate of
David Timothy Smith, deceased

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Attorney for the Estate of
David Timothy Smith, deceased.
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
bposton@beverlypaschalposton.com

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 4th day of March, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 31, 2007 by Christopher Peed, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1533, Page 207 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on March 21, 2025:

Parcel 1 (31-09-30-0-000-004.000 and -004.001):
All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Range 4 West, lying and being South of public road running East and West across said forty and being 20 acres, more or less.

Less and Except: A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Range 4 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point where the South line of a county road intersects the West line of said forty; thence South along the West line to the Southwest corner of said forty; thence East along the South line 150 feet, more or less, to a stake; thence Northwesterly 539 feet, more or less, to a stake on the South right of way of said County Road being a point 85 feet from the point of beginning; thence Westerly along the South right of way of said road 85 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning an containing 1.45 acres, more or less.

Also Less and Except: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 13 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as; Commencing at a found 3 inch capped pipe marking the Southwest corner of Section 30; thence due East along the South line of said Section a distance of 764.97 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run North 8 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 640.17 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South right of way County Road 4; thence North 80 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East along said South right of way a distance of 304.94 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on an agreed fence line; thence leaving said right of way run South 01 degree 43 minutes 31 seconds East along said agreed fence line a distance of 683.68 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South line of said Section 30; thence due West along said South line a distance of 227.73 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 4.00 acres, more or less.

Also Less and Except: A parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30; Township 13 South, Range 4 West, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the East line of the forty and the South right of way of County Road # 4 (Wolf Road); thence Southerly along the East forty line to the Southeast corner of said forty; thence West along the South line of the forty 315 feet; thence North to the South line of County Road # 4; thence Easterly along the South line of County Road # 4 315 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

The property conveyed hereby is subject to the following: Right of way for public road extending 30 feet from the centerline of County Road #4 granted to Cullman County, Alabama, as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 527 Page 240 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Utility Easement granted to South Central Bell Telephone Company by instruments recorded in Deed Book 331 Page 439 and Deed Book 331 Page 443 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Parcel 2 (3 l-09-31-0-000-003.001):
A tract of land being the East Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 13, Range 4 West, being 40 acres more or less, Cullman County, Alabama.

Source of Title/Description: Deed Book 556 Page 252

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

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 Haley Jenice Gaines An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for CIS Financial Services, Inc., dba CIS Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated January 14, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on January 28, 2019, in Book 1869, Page 74 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to CIS Financial Services, Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2111, Page 250 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, CIS Financial Services, Inc., 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 the 20th day of March, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE ALONG THE EAST FORTY LINE S0-47' 28" E 485.63 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2" REBAR BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID FORTY LINE S0-47' 28" E 105.00 FEET TO A FOUND 1" IRON. THENCE S82-38' 13" W 420.20 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2" REBAR. THENCE N0-47' 28" W 105.00 FEET TO A CAPPED 1/2" REBAR. THENCE N82-38' 13" E 420.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING 1.006 ACRES MORE OR LESS, LESS AND EXCEPT ALL POWERLINE RIGHT OF WAYS AND ALL OTHER RIGHT OF WAYS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Said property is commonly known as 130 County Road 532, Hanceville, AL 35077.
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.
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.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

CIS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street North, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 24-06489AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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 David Bryan Morrow An Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Royal Pacific Funding Corp., its successors and assigns dated October 20, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on October 24, 2023, in Book 2066, Page 394 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Royal Pacific Funding Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2112, Page 727 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, Royal Pacific Funding Corporation, 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 the 1st day of May, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commencing at a 5/8 inch rebar at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, T10S, R1W of the Huntsville Meridian; thence North a distance of 315.91 feet; thence West a distance of 188.18 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar, Cap #CA-0078 in Community Center Road at the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 44' 57" West a distance of 118.14 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 01 degrees 13' 07" East a distance of 210.00 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar capped #5742; thence South 88 degrees 46' 52" East a distance of 253.06 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar Cap #CA-0078 in Community Center Road; thence South 33 degrees 55' 55" West a distance of 249.67 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to right of way for Community Center Road and all existing rights of ways and or easements of record.

Said property is commonly known as 173 County Road 663, Hanceville, AL 35077.
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.
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ROYAL PACIFIC FUNDING CORPORATION
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 216-4238
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Mr. Hanover (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet the respectable and dignified Mr. Hanover, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. He is a shepherd mix who is approximately 5-6 years old.

He is a low- to medium-energy young chap who walks respectfully on his leash and takes treats from your fingers like a true gentleman.

He has a pensive demeanor in all situations, and his remarkable personality makes him a perfect therapy/companion/hiking/reading fellow.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Feel free to stop by to meet Mr. Hanover. If he's been adopted, don't worry, as many of his friends are just waiting for you to take them home!

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullman-animalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
M.K.W., * CASE NO.: JU 22-558.02
a minor, DOB: 02-11-2022. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Angel Kay Lamey on February 11, 2022, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 27 day of March, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 12th day of February, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
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Obituary Announcements: March 4-5

James Robert Caswell, Sr., 72
James Robert 'Bob' Caswell Sr., 72, of Warrior, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2025. The family will be holding a private memorial service in his honor at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Caswell was born Oct. 4, 1952, to James Wade and Mary Francis Cook Caswell. He was a machinist for over 40 years and the owner of I-65 Package and A-Z Produce for 13 years. He was lovingly called 'Nightmare' by his grandchildren because of the humor he used with them. He was preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Lynn Marie Barton Caswell and his parents. Survivors include his sons, James Robert (Rosie) Caswell Jr. and Loren Wade Caswell; brother, Steven Wade Caswell; grandchildren, Zackery Wade Caswell, Briana Elizabeth Bagwell (Patrick) Ward, Gavin Isaiah (Krislyn) Bagwell; great- granddaughter, Lily-Mae Nicole Ward; and a host of family and friends.

Dewayne Neal Morris, 93
Dewayne Neal Morris, age 93, passed away on March 3rd, 2025, after a long and wonderful life. He was born on June 30, 1931, to Alberta and Richard Hobson Morris on Eva Road in Cullman County, Alabama. After graduating from Cullman High school, he enlisted in the marines where he served as a corporal in the Korean War, working in supply warehouses. He later went to the University of Alabama and earned both his undergraduate and law degrees on the GI Bill. He was appointed to the Jefferson County Board of Equalization, which gave him an insight into the real estate business. This would become a cornerstone of his career. His company Morris Properties specializes in renting to the underserved communities and Dewayne was proud to keep up his property in a way that gave dignity to those who needed it most. Also a practicing attorney, Dewayne was the incorporating lawyer for Sunbelt Fabricators, a steel fabricating company in Steele, Alabama. He immediately saw the value in the business and told the partners he would be interested in investing, if they needed another partner. He ended up obtaining controlling interest and grew that business, adopting the principles of open book management espoused by Jack Stack. Dewayne was a big believer in letting the employees see and be motivated by the bottom line, and was legendary for the profit sharing plans he implemented in the businesses he ran. This practice continued when he saw an opportunity to own a bank from his hometown, then called the First Bank of Eva. After acquiring stock from multiple sources, the boy from Eva Road became the primary shareholder and immediately implemented the open book management style there, eventually growing this privately held bank to 7 branches across North Alabama, and changing the name to EvaBank. Dewayne was known for his generosity. He gave willingly of his time, money, and expertise to his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends and employees. In business especially, many people are grateful to him for his mentorship. At age 59, Dewayne started running, a hobby that would consume the next 25 to 30 years of his life. Always a competitor, he was motivated by the medals and trophies he won as the fastest man in his age group. At one point he held the record for the fastest man of his age in Alabama in the 5k, 10k, and half marathon. Dewayne grew up in Flint Creek Baptist Church. He raised his family at South Avondale Baptist Church and later transferred his membership to Dawson Memorial Baptist Church. His faith was important to him and the way he lived was a testament to his beliefs. One of the races he ran every year was Dawson's Perseverance 5k Run, based on Hebrews 12:1-2 which says "let us run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith." This verse sums up his life, as he took advantages of his God given opportunities, and always stayed focused on his call to his family and his work. He is survived by his wife of over 67 years, Jo Tankersley Morris, his daughter Martha Bailey and son-in-law Ward Bailey, his daughter Gay Weber, his grandchildren Lee Bailey (Heather), Copeland Bailey, Ann Morris Bailey Merline (Will), Scott Weber (Rebecca), Brooks Weber (fiancé Chris Zachara), Ross Weber (Lindsay) and Cole Weber. He is also survived by his brother Jack Morris (Betty Ann) and sister Anna Faye Hite (Ray). He is predeceased by his parents Alberta and Richard Hobson Morris, his brother, Richard Hobson Morris, Jr., (Vertie) and his son-in-law, Ray Weber. Visitation will be Friday morning, March 7th at the chapel at Dawson at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. A lunch will be served afterwards. A graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Flint Creek Baptist Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully requests donations in his honor be made to Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, www.dawsonchurch.org, or Flint Creek Baptist Church, 3048 County Road 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179.

Daniel Wayne Burks, 69
Mr. Burks passed away on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Woodland Village Health Care. He was born May 4, 1955, to William Alton Burks and Jessie Lee Burks. A Memorial will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday March 26, 2025, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, in West Point. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, William Ronnie Burks. Survivors include his sister, Donna (Curtis) Woodard; nephew, Brian Daniel (Sherriden) Woodard; great niece, Mackenzie Woodard; great nephew, Jordan Woodard and longtime companion, Sue Terrell and a host of cousins, family and friends. Danny was a 40-year veteran of the trucking industry with over 4,000,000 miles behind him, fulfilling his childhood dream. In the 80s he co-owned a trucking company with his father Alton. Danny earned his associates degree in transportation and proudly claimed he was a "Highway Engineer". He loved God, family, Alabama football, cruising and exploring the country while driving his rig. He received many service awards throughout his professional driving career. Danny enjoyed eating Saturday breakfast with his buddies and playing poker with his friends. Anyone who knew or met Danny instantly felt the contagious laughter and smiles he evoked. He always said kids and dogs loved him. He loved classic cars, riding his motorcycle and enjoyed his boat on the lake. He was a lifetime member of Gethsemane Baptist Church from his home state of Michigan and enjoyed going to the church reunions every Year. Danny had a great sense of humor and loved pulling jokes on his family and friends. Everybody had a good time when Danny was around, he was known affectionately by all his fellow truckers as "Beach Bum". He is now truly home. He is with his mom, his dad, and he finally gets to meet his brother Ronnie. What a reunion in Heaven. Danny will be dearly missed by all that knew him and loved him.

Nelda Sue Beasley, 86
Nelda Sue Beasley, dedicated wife and beloved mother, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on March 1, 2025. Nelda was born Dec. 24, 1938, in Trimble, Alabama to Joseph "Wheeler" Smith and Clercy Alberta Calvert Smith. She was married to her loving husband, Denver, for an impressive 68 years. Nelda graduated in 1957 from Cullman high school. She was a supportive military spouse, working when needed, including teaching Spanish-speaking children English in California for several years, and continued her work with children later on in Virginia. Nelda's love for travel took her across the globe, with a special fondness for Europe, where she visited France fifteen times. She had a knack for aesthetics, as a lover of fashion, antiques, and interior design. She loved tending to her herb and flower garden, with a particular affinity to pink roses. In addition to her professional and personal accomplishments, Nelda was an amazing cook. Nelda is survived by her husband Denver Beasley; children Russell (Brenda) Beasley and Denise (Brian) Beasley-Pirkle; grandchildren Rachel (Jason) Word, Ryan Beasley, Stephanie Beasley, Jillian Beasley and John Beasley; great-grandchildren Katie, Brayden and Rosie; and a host of extended family and dear friends. Nelda was preceded in death by her parents Wheeler and Clercy Smith, and siblings Fred, Gaynell and Joe. Nelda was a picture-perfect example of a Proverbs 31 woman, and will be deeply missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. A celebration of life visitation will be held Thursday March 6, 2025 at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055 from 1 p.m. until the funeral service time at 2 p.m., with burial to follow at Sardis Baptist Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ronnie Mack Butler, 54
Ronnie Mack Butler, age 54, of Warrior, Alabama passed away on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Tina Butler; children: Melisa (Devin) Dunn, Donald Butler, Kevin (Kimmie) Butler, and Jordan Edwards; 11 grandchildren; three great grandchildren and sisters, a brother, a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until the Celebration of Ronnie's life which will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Moss Service Funeral Home.

John T. Buchanan, 84
Memorial service for John T. Buchanan, 84, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Buchanan passed away peacefully on March 3, 2025, at his residence. He was born July 10, 1940, to Albert P. and Mary Buchanan. He owned and operated the Sundrop Company for many years. He was a huge Alabama fan and Cullman Bearcat football fan and didn't miss any games for a long while. He also enjoyed golfing. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife and mother of his children, Dorothy Buchanan and his second wife, Corene Buchanan. Survivors include his son, Tommy (Debbie) Buchanan; daughter, Judy (Danny) Curtis; sister, Margerate Jetton; grandchildren, John Charles Curtis, Corey Buchanan, Kailey (Adam) Billiot; great-grandchildren, Carter, Blakely, Remi; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Janet Elrod Easterwood, 63
Janet Elrod Easterwood passed away peacefully at her home on March 4, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She left this world and walked straight into the arms of Jesus. Janet was a devoted wife, mother, Granna and friend. She was a member of Brooklyn Church and was a devout Christian who loved the Lord with all her heart. Janet worked for Cullman County Schools as the secretary of Holly Pond High School and retired in July 2021 after 35 years of service. Just a few weeks before her death, Janet wrote, "He knows our yesterday, today and tomorrow. In Christ, nothing can separate us from God's love, and we can run to Him no matter how bad we may be shaken from what's going on around us. He will never leave us or forsake us!" Her family remembers that Janet's favorite saying was " Trusting God through it all," which she did every day of her life. Her faith in her Savior never wavered. If you knew Janet, you were truly blessed; she never met a stranger and always greeted everyone with a smile and loving arms. She had a generous heart and prayed for many people, even in her final days. Janet always put others before herself. Janet's grandbabies were the joy of her life. She was always on the lookout for a fun craft or activity to do with them. Her face lit up and her voice went soft when she told a story about what one of them had done or said. She had to leave her precious little ones too soon, but her tender love will live on through them forever. Her gentle spirit has gone from this earth, but the memory of how she inspired so many people with her tremendous faith will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Ja net had a way of making everyone feel cherished. She often asked how she could pray for the concerns of others, and if Janet said she would pray you could count on it. She truly loved her family and friends with her whole heart every single day until God took her home. Janet was born on June 2, 1961, in Dade County, Florida to Hobert and Ruby Merring Elrod. She married the love of her life, Tim on August 1, 1986. She is survived by her husband, Tim Easterwood, her daughters, Hannah (Scott) Bennett, Lanna (Jared) Hogeland and Anna (Joey) Pace. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Elizabeth, Avery, Stella, Lyla, Cora and Sheppard and by her mother Ruby Elrod, her in-laws, Felton and Polly Easterwood and sisters, Wanda Chambers, Paula (Shane) Edge, Bonnie (Wade) Yarbrough, as well as her honorary sister, Melissa (Don) Roberts and her brother-in-law Tom (Lynette) Easterwood along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Janet was predeceased by her father, Hobert Elrod, brother, Robert Elrod, brother-in-law, Tam Easterwood and brother-in-law, Charley Chambers. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at Brooklyn Church on Friday, March 7, 2025, at 11 a.m., and will be officiated by Bro. Sam Gregory, with burial to follow at Brooklyn Church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Janet's nephews: Baliey Easterwood, Trent Martin, Kenneth Chambers, Lance Hall, Patrick Chambers, Chris Maynard and Tyler Weeks.

Charles Kenneth Bowen, 80
Charles Kenneth Bowen, age 80, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, March 3, 2025. Charles was a veteran of the Vietnam war. He was always willing to help others. He particularly enjoyed working with children and youth serving at Good Hope schools and with his boy scout troop. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Grant Crouse; parents: Joseph and Mamie Barber Bowen; and his sisters: Julie Collier and Clara Sue Bowen. Charles is survived by his beloved wife, Helen Link Bowen; Daughter, Lisa (Richard) Bowen Crouse; son, Heath S. Bowen; grandchildren: Abbie Crouse, Mikel Bowen, Lilly Bowen, Isabel Crouse, Donny Bowen, Rhett Crouse, Ella Bowen, and Wyatt Crouse; and a host of other family members, and friends. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 1 p.m. until the celebration of Charles' life which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Schedule: WaLLi alumni trips

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Lifelong Learning Institute (WaLLi) is a program for those aged 50 and older. Said Program Coordinator LaDonna Allen, "The Alumni Association offers a travel program, and anyone may participate - no need to have attended WSCC. Funds raised from the trips are used for student scholarships."

Upcoming trips include:

2025 Ozarks Tour

- May 12-16, 2025
- Hot Springs, AR ; Branson, MO ; Eureka Springs, AR
- www.wsccalumni.org/ozarks
- Deadline to register: March 26

2025 Grand Ole Opry's 100th Birthday Celebration

- July 14-16, 2025
- Nashville, TN
- www.wsccalumni.org/opry25
- Deadline to register: May 1

2025 Wizard of Oz

- July 30, 2025
- Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, AL
- www.wsccalumni.org/oz
- Deadline to register: July 1

2025 Holiday Tour

- Dec. 2-5, 2025
- Pigeon Forge, TN & Asheville, NC
- www.wsccalumni.org/holiday25
- Deadline to register: Oct. 15

For more information, contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestate.edu.



Cullman City Schools job fair set for March 20

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools is hosting a job fair on Thursday, March 20, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Cullman City Primary School.

The district is looking to hire for positions including certified teachers, cafeteria workers, support personnel and clerical personnel.

School and school system representatives will be in attendance to meet and interview candidates for anticipated vacancies next school year.

Cullman City Primary School is located at 900 Hoehn Drive, Cullman, AL 35055.

Aderholt (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, on Wednesday issued a statement regarding the reported closures of local Social Security Administration offices.

Aderholt's full statement is below:

"Recent reports about the closure of Social Security offices in Alabama do not tell the full story. While changes are being made, I want to reassure residents that these offices will remain open and continue serving the public as they always have.

"It's our understanding the adjustments involve the cancellation of lease agreements for hearing spaces, not the areas used for daily operations. Social Security hearings are now done virtually, and these spaces have not been used for some time, but tax payers were still paying the rent. These changes will not impact residents' ability to access Social Security services at these locations.

"It's also important to recognize that the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) plays a necessary role in ensuring responsible management of federal resources. However, its actions are not aimed at cutting vital services like Social Security—programs that hardworking Americans have contributed to throughout their lives.

"My office remains in close contact with the Social Security Administration to ensure that essential services remain accessible to the people of Alabama. I will continue working to protect these critical programs and advocate for the services our communities rely on."





KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Baileyton Town Council is seen at its monthly meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Henry and opened with an invocation by Councilwoman Julie Grimes on Monday, March 3, 2025.

In the wake of Fairview Volunteer Fire Department Chief Alan Miner's passing on Feb. 8, the council discussed ways to show its respects. In lieu of flowers, the council decided to offer a donation to the fire department.

"The fire department was his baby; he thought a lot of it. We always donate flowers, but this time we want to do a little different. We want to do a little more," stated Henry.

The council opted to meet with the fire department to identify needs that can be met and make an official donation motion at the next town council meeting.

The next item of business was discussing the need of a new utility task vehicle for park maintenance.

Henry volunteered to research the best prices and said he would speak with the council when he finds an appropriate option. The council made a motion for the mayor to spend up to $12,000 and purchase the vehicle upon council approval via telephone as the UTV is needed before the next scheduled meeting.

In other business, the council discussed:

- Updated patching of Wesley Avenue, which is temporarily painted and will be finished with reflective paint once the asphalt has had time to cure

- The mayor will meet with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs on Thursday to discuss updating the sewer system in hopes of welcoming new businesses in the future

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on April 7, 2025, at Fairview Town Hall located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.



Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Mayor Windell Calloway commenced the monthly session of the Baileyton Town Council on March 3, 2025. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Councilman Greg Griffin.

Business began by reading and approving an ordinance for an electronic counting device at Baileyton Town Hall during election season.

Furthermore, another ordinance was proposed for immediate consideration due to a motion made by Griffin. This ordinance dictates that the Baileyton Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 26, for the purpose of electing a mayor and council members for Places 1,2,3,4 and 5. This ordinance also establishes the polling place as Baileyton Community Center, with an absentee ballot box located at Baileyton Town Hall.

Both ordinances passed unanimously. Full ordinances are available for public viewing at www.facebook.com/thetownofbaileyton.

In new business, Councilman Dewayne Sumner brought forth the topic of the annual Volunteer and Citizen of the Year Awards. Sumner stated, "We will post on Facebook to open up nominations for Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Anyone can make those nominations anytime."

Volunteer of the Year does not have to be a resident of the town; however, Citizen of the Year must be a Baileyton resident.

Nominations are due by the end of May, and official awards will be presented at the regularly scheduled June 2025 Baileyton Town Council session.

The Baileyton Senior Center currently operates one day a week. Councilwoman Donna Kent proposed adding an extra day for activities.

Kent made a motion to open the senior center building on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Sumner seconded the motion and the proposal passed unanimously.

Kent also made note of security issues at the senior center.

The council discussed damaged doorknobs and faulty window locks.

The council made a motion to update these areas of concern and Sumner offered to spearhead research to determine a more extensive security system equipped with cameras and alarms.

The next town council meeting date will be Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.