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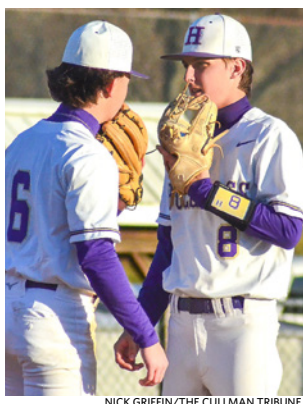
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Cullman City Schools: 6th-graders to remain at West, East next school year

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools on Friday, March 7, announced an adjustment to its sixth-grade transition plan due to ongoing construction delays at the new Cullman Middle School facility. While First Team Construction maintains that the project remains on schedule, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff expressed concerns about the timeline based on previous delays.

The original completion date for the new building was set for September 2024, later revised to March 2025, then June 2025 and now late July 2025. Given this shifting timeline, the district has determined it is in the best interest of students, employees and families to delay the sixth-grade transition until further notice.

During the 2025-2026 school year, sixth-grade students will remain at East and West Elementary Schools while the district continues to evaluate construction progress. A decision on the official transition date will be made in the coming months, with potential options including a mid-year move in December 2025 or a full transition in August 2026.

"Now is the time we must make concrete plans for the upcoming school year," said Kallhoff. "Once we put the wheels in motion, reversing course becomes extremely difficult if the delivery date gets pushed back further. Our priority is ensuring a smooth and well-prepared transition for our students."

The district is actively working behind the scenes on curriculum, coding, scheduling and funding to ensure that when the transition occurs, it is seamless for students, faculty and staff. Representatives from East Elementary School, West Elementary School and Cullman Middle School will soon communicate updates on adjustments to extracurricular activities and elective classes, including band, dance, STEM, art and music.

"We understand this may cause some inconvenience for families, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate this situation," said Kallhoff. "Unfortunately, we remain dependent on the progress of the general contractor and subcontractors for this project."

Cullman City Schools said it will continue to monitor construction progress closely and provide updates as needed.

SPECIAL HOMECOMING

Military dad surprises family at Harmony School event


ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Alabama National Guard Commander Tyler Herring with his wife Laura and children Carter and Emmie at Harmony School on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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LOGAN, Ala. — Harmony School was the scene of heartwarming homecoming on Wednesday, March 5. The school organized a special surprise and students, faculty, staff, county officials and community members gathered to welcome Commander Tyler Herring of the Alabama National Guard home, after 10 months, from his second deployment in Africa. Herring surprised his children, Emmie and Carter, who attend Harmony School.

Herring's wife, Laura, received news that her husband would be returning home, and she wanted to surprise their children with a special event.

Harmony School was more than happy to assist. Everyone dressed in red, white and blue and gathered in the gymnasium for what they thought was a "patriotic assembly." After a prayer led by a pastor from Jones Chapel First Baptist Church, a teacher sang the national anthem.

The Herring family was invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance on stage. Commander Herring entered the stage and greeted his children with a tearful hug as the family was honored for his military service. The children received bravery medals to commend their strength during their father's deployment.

Carter Herring was recognized for stepping up as the "man of the house" while his father was away, and Emmie Herring was celebrated for her courage. Commander Herring received a plaque recognizing his bravery and service.

In honor of the Herring family, Harmony students presented and performed. Eighth-grader Murphy Perdue recited Diana Hahlbohm's poem "I Am a Soldier," while the fourth grade put on a lively dance to "Proud to be an American."

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD THIS WEEKEND!



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 7, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Feb. 3
- trespassing; CR 1130
- domestic violence; CR 623
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1668
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 18
- theft of property; CR 1193
- theft of property; Mercury Dr.
- burglary; Hwy. 69S
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1338
- harassment; Welcome Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 972

Feb. 4
- possession of dangerous drugs; Beech Ave. SE
- harassing communications; CR 117
- possession of dangerous drugs; tampering with physical evidence; unlawful possession of synthetic marijuana; Lessman St.
- harassing communications; CR 703
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1718
- burglary; criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 216
- trespassing; CR 1130
- domestic violence; CR 623

Feb. 5
- domestic violence; CR 532
- permitting dogs to run at large; Edwards St. NE Hanceville
- harassing communications; Main St. NW Hanceville

ARRESTS
March 3-5
Alexander, Natosha J.; 42
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of methamphetamine

Anders, Jeremy K.; 32
- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle (with theft)
- criminal mischief – damaged property
- theft-shoplifting

Best, Terrence J.; 45
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Boshell, Rodney D.; 52
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Braswell, Kandace N.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Chadderdon, Steven C.; 37
- PROBATION VIOLATION – certain person forbidden possession of a pistol

Gean Jr., Clifford W.; 28
- possession of methamphetamine

George, Kevin T.; 34
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Gibbs, Chasten P.; 21
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Gold, Thomas A.; 57
- burglary-residence-no force (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Graham, Kye E.; 20
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-firearms
- PROBATION VIOLATION – auto theft
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Hill, Cade D.; 25
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – promote prison contraband

Johnson, Brandi M.; 36
- burglary-non-residence-force (2 counts)
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- obstructing justice using a false identity

Kelley, Kevin; 48
- insanitary sewage facilities menacing public health

Lopez, Daniel K.; 35
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- DUI (alcohol)

Martinez, Ivan V.; 31
- criminal trespass

May, Shawna S.; 31
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

McConnico, Deonte' J.; 23
- FTA – theft-from residence, $500-less than $1500
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – theft-shoplifting, $1500-2500

Miller, Steven E.; 57
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Minter, Brandon D.; 44
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Myers, Dusty N.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs – opium or derivative

Paris, Johnie D.; 53
- public intoxication

Self, Michelle; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Timothy S.; 43
- assault-harassment

Suggs, Sabrena L.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Swafford, Christopher J.; 47
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Tedder, Howard R.; 47
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Voit, Lora M.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Watson, Dang S.; 50
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Whitehead, Benjamin F.; 30
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wright, Brian A.; 24
- possession of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 5
- retail theft of property-3rd degree (5 counts); Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $164; Hwy. 157
- attempted burglary-3rd degree; person; Ave. B. SE
- attempted burglary-3rd degree; person; Ave. B. SE
- attempted burglary-3rd degree; person; 13th St. SE
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $440; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS
March 5-6
Warren, Christina R.; 38
- public intoxication

Boshell, Rodney D.; 52
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Stanley, Charles A.; 32
- DUI (other substance)

Wise, Dustin R.; 32
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Ellis, Max T.; 37
- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Parker, Byron B.; 63
- DUI
- obstructing governmental operations

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made; a map indicating specifically the territory to be annexed is on file for public inspection in the office of the probate judge:

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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; to alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Cullman in Cullman County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Cullman in Cullman County are altered and rearranged to include within the corporate limits of the municipality, in addition to the lands now included, all of the following territory:

PARCEL I:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, thence North 87°11'54" West a distance of 1326.31 feet to a point, thence North 1°54'13" East a distance of 661.42 feet to a point, thence South 87°11'54' East a distance of 1326.31 feet to a point, thence South 1°54'13" West a distance of 661.42 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and containing 20.14 acres, more or less.

PARCEL II:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northeast

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Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, thence North 87°47'24" East a distance of 538.10 feet to a point and the true point of beginning, thence continue North 87°47'24" East a distance of 788.21 feet to a point on the West right of way of a county road, thence South 1°32'46" East along said right of way a distance of 1240.13 feet to a point, thence South 28°55'06" West along said right of way a distance of 83.48 feet to a point, thence South 19°01'32" West along said right of way a distance of 281.19 feet to a point on the North right of way of Alabama Highway 157, thence North 72°59' West along said right of way a distance of 679.54 feet to a point, thence North 1°40' West a distance of 1350.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Said land lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and containing 26.17 acres, more or less.

Section 2. In accordance with Section 11-42-6 of the Code of Alabama 1975, a map showing the proposed territory to be altered, rearranged, and extended from the City of Cullman is on file and open to public inspection in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Cullman County, Alabama.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

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Unspoken to bring night of worship to Bethany Baptist Church – March 20

Gauge Day
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CRANE HILL, Ala. – Bethany Baptist Church in Crane Hill is set to host an evening of worship and music with the popular Christian band Unspoken on Thursday, March 20. Known for hits like "Start A Fire," "Reason" and "Good Fight," Unspoken has built a reputation for their soulful sound and faith-driven lyrics. As stated on the event page, "The band's mission is to share hope and inspire faith through music."

"It is exciting to see award winning artists in our community sharing the love of Jesus through music," shared Brad Philbeck, senior pastor of Bethany Baptist Church. "It is a great opportunity to enjoy an awesome night of worship for a great price. Tickets are limited so get them while you can and come have fun!"

The concert will take place at Bethany Baptist Church with doors opening at 5:15 p.m. for VIP ticket holders and at 6. for general admission. VIP tickets are priced at $25, while general admission tickets are $15. A two-for-one general admission special is available for $24. Tickets are available for purchase online at https://showops.co/e/1260/an-evening-with-unspoken.

For more information, contact Bethany Baptist Church at 256-747-6435 or office@bethanybysmithlake.com or visit www.bethanybysmithlake.com.

Bethany Baptist Church is located at 1612 County Road 201, Crane Hill, AL 35053.

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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
• 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.

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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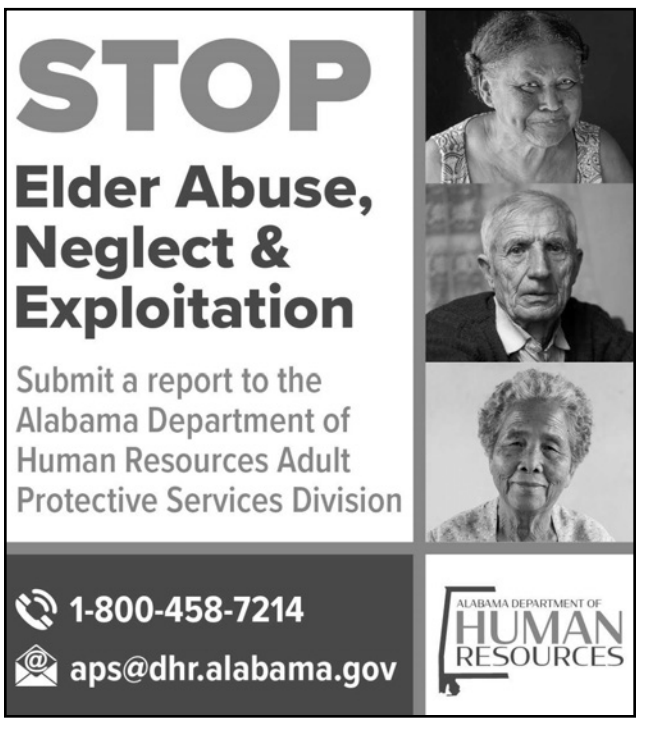
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PREP BASEBALL

Hanceville falls to Susan Moore 6-2, Thursday scoring recap

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After collecting a dominant, 20-2 win at Fultondale earlier this week, the Hanceville Bulldogs were back home to take on Susan Moore Thursday night. The Bulldogs fell behind 4-0 in the second inning and plated a couple runs to cut into the lead in the third but couldn't overcome the early lead and dropped the matchup with Susan Moore 6-2.

Susan Moore put runners on the corners to lead off the game, and a passed ball put them on the scoreboard first. A two-run single gave them a 3-0 lead, then an RBI single in the top of the second made it 4-0. Hanceville got something going in the bottom of the second. Cordarryl Wilson drew a one-out walk and later moved to second on an error. Hunter Black drew a walk of his own to put runners on first and second with one out. Wilson scored on a passed ball to cut it to 4-1, then an out later, Jackson Howell hit an RBI single to make it a two-run game.

Susan Moore added two more runs in the top of the fourth on a ground ball and an RBI double, and Hanceville couldn't get going after that, as Susan Moore would go on to defeat Hanceville, 6-2.

Howell collected a pair of hits and an RBI for Hanceville.

Cold Springs 14 - Addison 11 (Softball)

Cold Springs struck first in the bottom of the first inning. They put runners on first and second to lead off the inning, and Brooklyn Ingram lined a two-run double to center field to give them the early lead. One out later, Ingram scored on an Addison error to make it 3-0. The Lady Bulldogs countered in the top of the second. Summer Evans hit an RBI double to center field to put them on the scoreboard, and Kayce Wood later scored on an Lady Eagle error to cut it to 3-2. Later that inning, Savannah Miller hit an RBI single to tie the game up at three, then an error allowed Miller and Mackenzie Carter to score to give the Lady Bulldogs a 5-3 lead.

Back-to-back RBI doubles by Kaydance Williams and Ingram tied the game up at five in Cold Springs' half of the second. Ingram later scored on an error, and Cloe Shelton added an RBI single to give them a 7-5 lead. Addison got the lead right back in the top of the third. Evans hit an RBI single, and back-to-back RBI groundouts by Katie Barrett and Preslei Atkins saw them retake the lead at 8-7. A two-run single by Williams, followed by an RBI triple by Ingram, gave the Lady Eagles the lead right back at 10-8 in their half. Ingram and Shelton each scored on another Lady Bulldog error later that inning to extend their lead to 12-8.

Addison cut it to 12-9 in the top of the fourth on an RBI bunt single by Mattie Johnson and in the sixth, they made it a one-run game on a two-run single by Annabeth Powell. Cold Springs, though, countered in their half, as Williams' two-run single made it 14-11. The Lady Bulldogs loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the seventh, but a fly out to right field ended the game, and Cold Springs would go on to hold off Addison, 14-11.

Williams (five RBIs) and Ingram (four RBIs) each finished with three hits for the Lady Eagles, and Shelton added a hit and three RBIs. For Addison, Powell (two hits), Evans (two hits), and Barrett (one hit) all finished with a pair of RBIs, while Miller (four hits), Johnson (two hits), and Atkins (one hit) all collected an RBI of their own in the game.

Brewer 13 - Cullman 2 (Softball)

Hattie Graham's RBI single gave Cullman the early lead, but an error and an RBI single gave Brewer a 2-1 lead in their half of the first. A sacrifice fly made it a 3-1 game in the bottom of the second. Kynlei Storey's RBI groundout in the top of the third trimmed the deficit to 3-2, but the Lady Patriots exploded for eight runs in their half to break the game wide open. Cullman couldn't recover from that, as Brewer would go on to roll past the Lady Bearcats, 13-2.

Graham finished with a hit and an RBI for Cullman, and Abby Maples collected a hit of her own in the loss.

Good Hope 10 - Fairview 0 (Softball)

Good Hope got out to a quick lead, and Molly Benefield pitched another superb game on the mound, as the Lady Raiders ended up shutting out Fairview on the road, 10-0.

Maggie O'Neil drew a leadoff walk and later scored on an RBI single by Campbell Koch to give Good Hope a 1-0 lead. Lizzy Steed's two-run double in the top of the second made it a 3-0 game. Kylee Smith added a two-run double of her own in the top of the third, as that extended the Lady Raider lead to 5-0. An RBI single by O'Neil made it 6-0 in the top of the fourth. Steed later scored to make it 7-0, and Natalie Miller hit a two-run triple to stretch their lead to 9-0. Steed added an RBI double in the top of the fifth to put the final score at 10-0.

Steed finished with three hits and three RBIs for Good Hope. Smith (two hits) and Miller (one hit) each added a pair of RBIs, while Koch (two hits) and O'Neil (one hit) each collected an RBI in the game. Benefield pitched a one-hit shutout for the Lady Raiders, as she walked one and struck out nine. Ayda Payne's double was the only hit of the game for the Lady Aggies.

West Point 15 - Hanceville 0 (Softball)

It was all West Point in this one, as a big fourth inning helped propel them to a dominating win on the road over Hanceville.

Jones finished with a grand slam and a double in the game for the Lady Warriors. Cabri Blackwood (two hits), Lauren Wyndham (one hit) and Brayley Phillips (one hit) all posted a hit and two RBIs, and Katie Beth Yovino collected an RBI of her own in the win. Kortni Baker gave up just three hits in her four innings of work, walked one, and struck out two. Alex Twitty finished with a pair of hits for Hanceville, and Bella Spinks added a hit of her own in the loss.

Good Hope 8 - Vinemont 7 (Baseball)

Vinemont struck first in its opening at-bats. Rylan McRae drew a two-out walk and would come around to score on an RBI single by Hayden Robinson to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. Robinson later scored on a wild pitch to make it 2-0. Vinemont made it 3-0 in the top of the second on an RBI double by Nicolas Jankowski. Good Hope cut into the deficit in the bottom of the third. A pair of RBI singles by Carter Rutherford and Carter Naramore made it a one-run game.

An RBI groundout by Tucker Mauter and a suicide squeeze play by Jankowski gave Vinemont a 5-2 lead in the top of the fourth, but Parker Johnson's RBI single with one out cut it to 5-3 in the Raider half of the fourth. Robinson drew a one-out walk in the top of the fifth, and after he moved up to second on an error, Owen McKinney hit a two-run home run over the left field fence to extend the Eagle lead to 7-3.

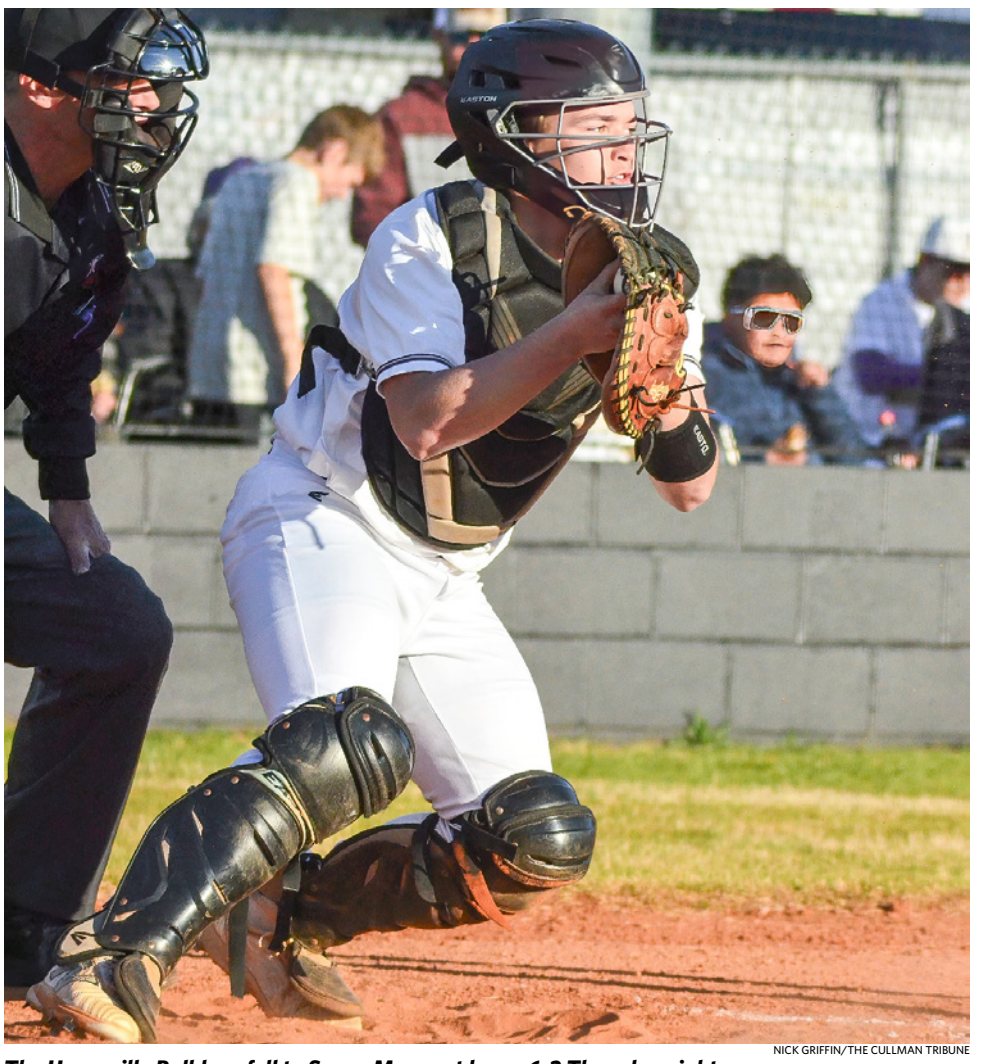
A hit by pitch and a walk with two outs put Good Hope in business in their half, and Caden Drake hit the second pitch he saw over the left field fence to trim the deficit to 7-6.

The Raiders carried that momentum over into the sixth inning. Mason Drake hit a one-out single, and after he stole second, Naramore drove him in on an RBI single, as that tied the game up at seven. Vinemont loaded the bases with two outs in the top of the seventh, but a ground ball got Caden Drake out of the inning unscathed.

Kane Anderson led off the Good Hope seventh with a single. He moved up to second on an error, and Nash Landon hit a single of his own to put runners on the corners with nobody out. One out later, Blake Cordes lined the third pitch he saw to left field for the game-winning RBI single, as the Raiders picked up a huge 8-7 come-from-behind win over Vinemont at home.

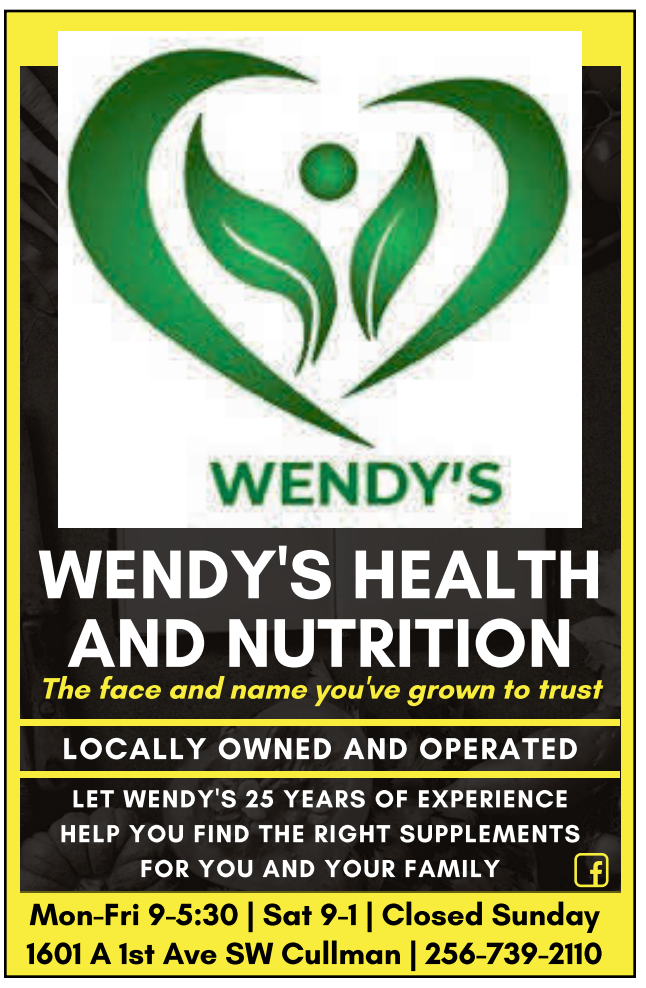
Caden Drake finished with the three-run home run for Good Hope.

Naramore added a trio of hits and two RBIs. Johnson and Rutherford each posted a pair of hits and an RBI, while Cordes collected the game-winning hit for the Raiders. McKinney finished with the two-run home run for the Eagles. Jankowski added a hit and two RBIs, while Robinson (one hit) and Mauter each collected an RBI in the game.



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The Hanceville Bulldogs fell to Susan Moore at home 6-2 Thursday night





LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOE ALAN MEAD, * CASE NO. PC2023-271
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE

TO: JODY ALAN MEAD AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF JOE ALAN MEAD, DECEASED.

Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge of Personal Representative received by 6th day of November, 2024, made Court record the 12th day of November, 2024, by Daphne Mead, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing has been rescheduled on this matter for the **3rd day of April, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

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

Done this the 5th day of March, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Melvin Hasting
PO Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0517

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JERRY WAYNE HARDEN, * CASE NO. PC2024-446
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE and FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: CHRIS HARDEN, KENNY HARDEN AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF JERRY WAYNE HARDEN, DECEASED.

Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary received by 13th day of December, 2024, made Court record the 17th day of December, 2024, by Linda Lee, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing has been rescheduled on this matter for the **3rd day of April, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

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

Done this the 5th day of March, 2025.

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

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Melvin Hasting
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
VICTORIA LEE YOUNG a/k/a * CASE NO: PC2025-002
VICKIE LEE YOUNG, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JAMES MICHAEL YOUNG AND CASSONDRA YOUNG, as Co-Personal Representatives, of the ESTATE OF VICTORIA LEE YOUNG a/k/a VICKIE LEE YOUNG, deceased, on the 24th day of February 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.

James Michael Young and Cassondra Young
Co-Personal Representatives

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioners
PO Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

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 25th day of February, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

House passes the Back the Blue Protection Act

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama House of Representatives has passed HB202, the Back the Blue Protection Act.

The Back the Blue Protection Act would repeal the existing peace-officer immunity law and replace it with expanded civil liability protections for law enforcement officers performing their official duties.

The language of HB202 says:

Under existing law, a peace officer is protected from tort liability arising out of his or her conduct in performance of any discretionary function within the line and scope of his or her law enforcement duties. Under court precedents interpreting existing law, a peace officer is not entitled to this protection when he or she acts willfully, maliciously, fraudulently, in bad faith, beyond his or her authority, or under a mistaken interpretation of the law.

This bill would repeal existing law concerning peace officer immunity and establish a new form of legal protection for law enforcement officers. This new protection would foreclose any claim that seeks to impose civil liability against a law enforcement officer premised on conduct performed within his or her discretionary authority unless: (1) the law enforcement officer acted recklessly without law enforcement justification or (2) the conduct violated a clearly established state or federal statutory or constitutional right of the plaintiff. This bill would also establish a heightened pleading standard and an automatic stay of proceedings to remain in effect while the law enforcement officer seeks to establish that the protection applies.

This bill would also provide that a law enforcement officer is justified in, and immune from criminal prosecution for, the use of physical force against a person in the performance of conduct within his or her discretionary authority unless the use of force violates the person's constitutional rights to be free from excessive force. The bill would entitle a law enforcement officer to a pretrial hearing to establish the applicability of this protection. The bill would also provide for an automatic stay of any criminal prosecution while the law enforcement officer seeks to establish that the protection applies.

"The House sent a clear message to Alabama's law enforcement officers that we have their backs and sincerely appreciate all they do to protect and serve our great state," said Speaker of the House Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville.

"The Back the Blue Protection Act is the most pro-law enforcement bill to ever pass in the House, and I appreciate the work of Rep. (Rex) Reynolds and our members to advance this landmark legislation."

Under this new protection, a law enforcement officer would be shielded from a lawsuit unless he or she was acting "recklessly without law enforcement justification" or he or she was violating a person's clearly established rights.

Reynolds, R-Huntsville, is the former chief of police for the city of Huntsville and the sponsor of HB202.

"This legislation is solely focused on enhancing protections for law enforcement officers so they can continue protecting our communities," said Reynolds.

"By doing that, we are supporting recruitment and retention efforts statewide while also reassuring law enforcement that they can do their jobs with confidence. I am proud of the work we have done on this legislation, and I want my fellow officers to know that Alabama stands behind them."

According to Ledbetter's office, "The Back the Blue Protection Act is part of the Safe Alabama Package, which includes six pieces of legislation, one Constitutional Amendment and one resolution.

"The goal of the package is to provide Alabama's law enforcement community with additional resources to protect communities while also addressing recruitment and retention challenges across the state."

CATA students participate in SkillsUSA North District Competition

Kayla Manning
Cullman County Schools

Preston Hanners, a dedicated student at Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), recently competed in the North District Alabama SkillsUSA competition and achieved an outstanding first-place victory in Job Skill Demonstration A. This competition required students to demonstrate a specific technical skill within their career pathway, following the official SkillsUSA guidelines.

For his demonstration, Preston showcased his expertise in precision measuring tools, effectively teaching their proper use and importance in manufacturing. Competitors in Job Skill Demonstration A must present a skill that can be taught to others, ensuring clarity, accuracy and adherence to industry standards. The competition evaluates participants on organization, presentation skills, technical knowledge and the ability to engage the audience while demonstrating safe and effective techniques.

Preston's win highlights his strong communication skills, technical proficiency and ability to instruct others — qualities essential for success in the manufacturing industry. His achievement reflects his hard work, dedication and the high-quality training provided at Cullman Area Technology Academy. He will now advance to the next level, continuing to represent CATA with excellence.

Jesse Daniel, Cole Aaron and Brett Aaron competed in the Class Project Team.

The SkillsUSA Alabama Class Project Team competition challenges students to develop and present a project that benefits their school or community while showcasing teamwork, leadership and technical skills.

Teams must document their project's objectives, planning, execution and impact, following SkillsUSA guidelines.

CATA's Precision Machining students chose to highlight the live work they are performing for a private company, demonstrating real-world applications of their machining skills.

Their project showcased how classroom training translates into industry-relevant experience, emphasizing precision, quality control and collaboration.

Teams are evaluated on project originality, organization, teamwork and overall impact.

The students presented their project through a professional oral presentation, supported by visual documentation of their work. This competition reinforces career readiness, problem-solving and industry engagement, preparing students for success in the workforce.



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Preston Hanners competed in the Job Skill Demonstration A.

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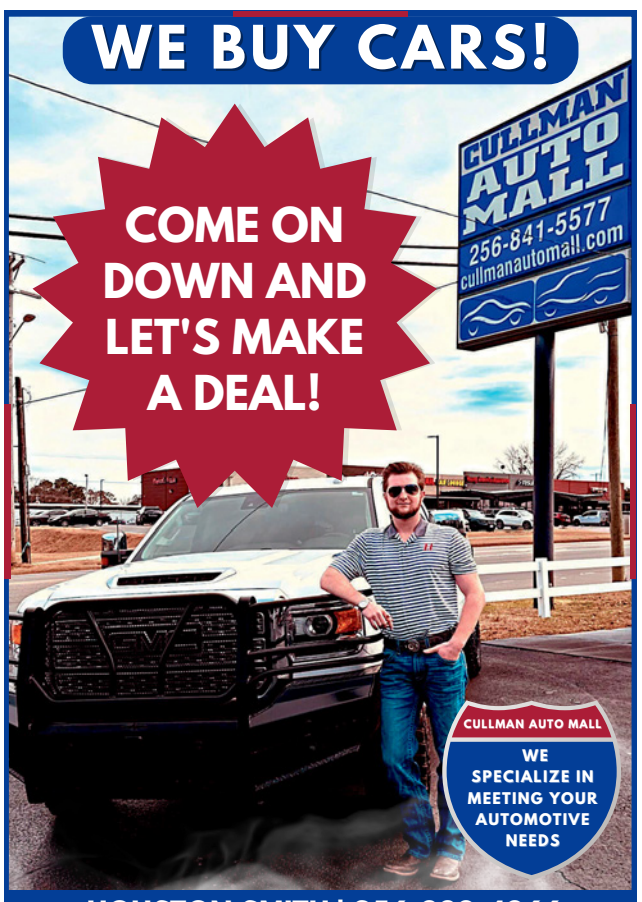
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LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA *
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY *
* CASE NO. PC 2025-054

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. CALVERT, SR., DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, LAURA HARRIS, on the 6th day of March, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 6th day of March, 2025.

Laura Harris
LAURA HARRIS
Personal Representative of the
Estate of James A. Calvert, Sr.,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of James A. Calvert, Sr., Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA)
) IN THE PROBATE COURT
MORGAN COUNTY)

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CATHERINE PHILLIPS CARTER TO PROBATE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JO ANNE BATES, DECEASED.

TO: JOSHUA WADE PHILLIPS – 100 County Road 1466, Cullman, AL 35055

AND TO ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN, IF ANY THERE BE, WHETHER THEY BE MINORS OR PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND.

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of October, 2024, Petitioner presented to the Court an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of JO ANNE BATES, deceased, and also filed therewith her petition, in writing, praying for an order of the Court admitting said instrument to probate as the Last Will and Testament of JO ANNE BATES, deceased, and that the 23rd day of April, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock AM, was appointed as a day and time for hearing said petition, at which time you can appear and contest, if you see proper.

This the 26th day of February, 2025.

Catherine Phillips Carter
Catherine Phillips Carter, Petitioner
701-A Main Street, West
Hartselle, Alabama 35640
(256) 773-6305-office
al_law@netscape.com

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CULLIE MICHAEL THOMPSON, CASE NO.: PC 2024-463
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RITA GRISHAM THOMPSON as Administrator of the Estate of CULLIE MICHAEL THOMPSON deceased, on the 6th day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Rita Grisham Thompson
Administrator

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Administrator
215 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
RAY MORRISON, * CASE NO.: PC2025-037
(aka Raymond Leslie Morrison) *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF RAY MORRISON (aka Raymond Leslie Morrison), DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Neal Gregory Morrison and Mary Elizabeth Morrison on the 26th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Neal Gregory Morrison and Mary Elizabeth Morrison
Joint Personal Representative

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Personal Representatives
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
Phone: (256) 734-4721

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

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

Cullman Regional Airport
Cullman, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received until **Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.** at Cullman Regional Airport Terminal Building located at 231 County Rd. 1360 Vinemont, AL 35179 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Midfield Development at Cullman Regional Airport. **Major items of work include: Grading, Drainage, Base, Pave (Asphalt), Concrete Flume, Marking and Electrical for the Midfield Development.**

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 10:30 A.M.** at the Cullman Regional Airport Terminal Building located at 231 County Road 1360 Vinemont, AL 35179. Attendance is non-mandatory, but encouraged.

Information for the Project can be found on the following website: https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 1906 E. Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36421, Attn: Patsy Stinson or email: patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of $20.00 for digital access/file sharing access and/or payment of $100 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed $50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Cullman.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. "A contractor must have a Heavy and Railroad major license or a Heavy and Railroad specialty license to **bid as prime for this project**."

Bids may be held by the City of Cullman for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Award of contract is subject to requirements in the contract documents including, but not limited to, the following Federal provisions:

1) Buy American Preference
2) Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances
3) Equal Employment Opportunity
4) Davis Bacon
5) Debarment and Suspension
6) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
7) Foreign Trade Restriction
8) Lobbying Federal Employees
9) Recovered Materials

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 10.74% has been established for this project. The City of Cullman / Cullman County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, [select businesses, or disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises] will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The City of Cullman / Cullman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor
City of Cullman
231 County Road 1360
Vinemont, AL 35179

STATE OF ALABAMA *
* IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-050

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY EDD FLETCHER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Marla N. Ayers on the 20th day of February, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Marla N. Ayers
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CONRAD H. ELLARD, * CASE NO.: PC2025-024
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Bruce Ellard as Personal Representative of the Estate of Conrad H. Ellard, deceased, on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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.

Bruce Ellard
Personal Representative(s)

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

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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
WILLIAM JEFFREY BROTZGE, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2024-258

NOTICE OF HEARING
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YOU WILL HEREBY TAKE NOTICE that BARBARA J. BROTZGE has petitioned the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama for Probate of the Will in the Estate of WILLIAM JEFFREY BROTZGE, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that a date and time has been set for said hearing on said matter.

That said hearing shall be on the 8th day of April, 2025 at 11 o'clock a.m. at the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama.

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, Cullman, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

Cullman Regional Airport
Cullman, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received until **Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** at Cullman Regional Airport Terminal Building located at 231 County Rd. 1360 Vinemont, AL 35179 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: GA Apron Reconstruction and Terminal Apron Rehabilitation at Cullman Regional Airport. **Major items of work include: Pavement Removal, Grading, Drainage, Base, Pave (Asphalt & Concrete), Surface Treatment, Markings and Aircraft Tie-Downs for the GA Apron Reconstruction. Concrete Spall and Joint Repair for the Terminal Apron Rehabilitation.**

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 1:30 P.M.** at the Cullman Regional Airport Terminal Building located at 231 County Road 1360 Vinemont, AL 35179. Attendance is non-mandatory, but encouraged.

Information for the Project can be found on the following website: https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 1906 E. Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36421, Attn: Patsy Stinson or Email: patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of $20.00 for digital access/file sharing access and/or payment of $100 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed $50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Cullman.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. "A contractor must have a Heavy and Railroad major license or a Heavy and Railroad specialty license to **bid as prime for this project**."

Bids may be held by the City of Cullman / Cullman County for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Award of contract is subject to requirements in the contract documents including, but not limited to, the following Federal provisions:

1) Buy American Preference
2) Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances
3) Equal Employment Opportunity
4) Davis Bacon
5) Debarment and Suspension
6) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
7) Foreign Trade Restriction
8) Lobbying Federal Employees
9) Recovered Materials

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 10.74% has been established for this project. The City of Cullman / Cullman County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, [select businesses, or disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises] will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The City of Cullman / Cullman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor
City of Cullman
231 County Road 1360
Vinemont, AL 35179

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I'll take a bottle of Coke, please

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



My first drinks of choice were either a Sun-Rise Orange, Nehi Grape or NuGrape. When I was a little older, my favorite became Coca-Cola. The one I loved most came in a green-colored, 6.5-ounce, thick glass bottle. Maybe it is just my imagination, or my sentimental nostalgia, but I still believe those tasted better than any other size, shape or serving of the caramel-colored liquid. It seemed to be a just a bit stronger than the larger-sized ones. When I am asked if another brand will be okay, I answer, "Yes, is Monopoly money okay?"

The bottle itself was almost as much fun as guzzling the drink inside. Back then, the bottom of those bottles had raised letters that told the city and state where it had been bottled. My hometown of Rainsville, Alabama, did not have a bottling plant, but the larger neighboring towns of Scottsboro, Fort Payne and Albertville, did. The nearest bottling plant to Rainsville was Chavies. I can't remember a bottling plant ever being there, but I do remember occasionally making the rare discovery of a Coke bottle with Chavies, Alabama, on its bottom. That was almost as thrilling as finding one from some far away place like New Orleans. I probably would have passed out if I had found one from some city like Los Angeles or Chicago!

We played a game with those old bottles that was called "Pulling Cokes," or "Pulling Bottles." You could play with two people or any larger number. Many Coke coolers back then were the chest type. That was the kind my dad had in his store. We didn't even have to put money in it to get out a drink. We simply raised the lid, reached in and pulled out a bottle. I guess the name of the game came because we pulled out the bottle. Each person playing looked at the bottom of his bottle to see what city was there. We either played "Farthest Away" or "Closest to Home."

Depending on which game we played, if your bottle's city was the farthest away, or the closest to home, you won. This all had to be played for fun only, because Mama strictly did not allow any shape, form or fashion of gambling. The gambling part happened when whoever won either had to buy Cokes for everyone else, or everyone else bought his drink. This depended on the rules that had been agreed on, when Mama wasn't nearby. If we were ever caught "gambling," we might not be drinking anything stronger than water for the next several days!

Another great thing about those bottles was that they were worth money. If you left with the bottle, a deposit of 2 cents had to be paid. If you returned it later, you could get your money back, or trade that bottle for the deposit on another one. We could also earn a little spending money by gathering unbroken bottles from the sides of the roads. Back in those days, prior to the "Keep American Beautiful Campaign," many people treated the roadsides like a giant garbage can. That's another story for another time, but this did mean that money, in the shape of glass bottles, lined both sides of the roads just waiting there to be harvested.

Please don't litter, and by all means, don't throw away that which has worth. These bodies that we live in do not have a money-back deposit, but they are one of the most valuable possessions we have on Earth, other than the soul inside. Please take care of yours and certainly don't throw it away!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: March 8, 1917

From the files of March 8, 1917

250 CABBAGE PLANTS FREE

To get our new farm paper circulated in Cullman county we will send free, postpaid 250 genuine frost proof, Early Jersey cabbage plants to all who send $1.00 for a five years subscription to BALLEW'S FARMER, north Alabama's only farm paper. Ballew's Farmer, New Decatur, Ala.

DRIPPING SPRINGS NEWS.

Cullman R. 5, Feb. 28 - Health in this community is very good at this writing.

Dripping Springs school is progressing nicely with the exception of a few boys who on their way from church Sunday night stopped in at the school house and destroyed some of the property and strewed things around in disorder by cutting holes in the water bucket and hiding the dipper in the wall of the house. Upon such boys the law should be executed to the fullest extent. It is believed by some that they know who the boys were.

Mr. Marvin Jester of Russellville, has been visiting his sister Mrs. Lula Rooker.

Misses Annie White and Annie Mann's party was well attended at Mr. Jesse Hardin's.

Mr. Grady Hudson was seen in our burg Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Pentelon Alvis made a business trip to Cullman the 21st.

Mr. Jim NeSmith was the happy caller of Miss Lois Rainwater Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annie Tilley was all smiles Sunday her fellow was with her.

Miss Ludie Roberson spent Saturday night with Miss Lois Rainwater.

THE WOMANLESS WEDDING

One of the cleverest and most highly enjoyable entertainments ever given in the city was the Womanless Wedding by the ladies of the First Methodist church and despite the heavy rains a large audience was present to witness the marriage as is always the case "most all buildings are too small for a wedding and too large for prayer meetings," but this wedding being minus the lady was the more interesting and excited the curiosity of not only the men but the ladies as well, for they all knew the characters in the cast and were eager to see how they would look trying to look like ladies, and gentlemen. They were clever and their dress was interesting as to style and fashion from the bride to the bridesmaids.

PUMPKIN CENTER DOTS

Cullman R. 8, March 6 — The weather is very disagreeable now raining most of the time, while it is not raining it is so cold that people have to stay in doors most of the time.

Farmers are looking gloomy as the weather is so unfavorable they can not do any work.

Every one is ill or has been for several weeks.

Mr. Emanuel White happened to a bad accident last Saturday was a week ago by painfully cutting his leg. Has been suffering very much but he has stood it better than Miss Vera.

Miss Velva Rooker was greiving, afraid Mr. Everett Stevens had frozen to death, but she was all right when she looked out the school house window and saw two white horses passing by.

Miss Pearl Rodgers was sad last Sunday as it was so cold she must have thought Floyd Echols had frozen to death.

Miss Palmer White was all smiles last Sunday. Oh, yes a new beau. Lookout Mr. Joe you might get beat.

Mr. D. W. Chandler's family has nearly all been ill but are all right now.

MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING

A most delightful meeting of the Mothers' Club was held at the public school building last Friday afternoon. While the weather was exceedingly discouraging between thirty and forty ladies were present. Mrs. Baggley of Birmingham, president of the Alabama branch of the Parent Teachers Association was a guest of the Club, and gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the work of the Association.

If the Mothers of Cullman understood the good being done by the Club here in Cullman they would endeavor to set aside just one day each month (the first Friday) to attend these meetings and lend what little aid possible.

Do not allow just a few loyal mothers to take all the credit for making things easier and more helpful for your boys and girls, feel that you are doing something yourself come out to the next meeting the first Friday in April.

FOR RENT CHEAP

One nice cottage with city or well water, also a very good garden spot. Apply to A. H. Peinhardt. Phone 100.

PLANTING SEED
Genuine King's Early South Carolina
Cotton Seed
Per Bushel $1.66
Per Bag of 2 1-2 Bushels . $4.15
CLEVELAND IMPROVED BIG BOLL
Per Bushel $2.00
Per Bag of 3 Bushels . . $6.00
C. A. STIEFELMEYER.

POET'S CORNER

I Corinthians, chapter 13 | KJV

Though I speak with the tongues of men and
of angels, and have not charity, I am become
as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy,
and understand all mysteries, and all
knowledge; and though I have all faith,
so that I could remove mountains,
and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the
poor, and though I give my body to be burned,
and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is
kind; charity envieth not; charity
vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly,
seeketh not her own, is not easily
provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but
rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things,
hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether
there be prophecies, they shall
fail; whether there be tongues,
they shall cease; whether there be
knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and
we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect
is come, then that which is in
part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child,
I understood as a child, I thought
as a child: but when I became a
man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass,
darkly; but then face to face: now
I know in part; but then shall I
know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope,
charity, these three; but the
greatest of these is charity.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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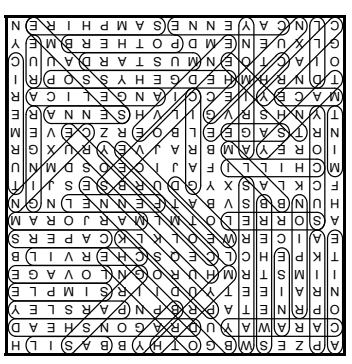
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Captivate Learning Center seeking students and educators

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local educator Lauren Rainwater opened the doors to Captivate Learning Center on Jan. 13, 2025, with the goal of changing the stigma and perception of tutoring by building students' confidence, creating a safe and supported environment and teaching children to love learning.

After serving in the education system for 11 years, Rainwater noticed a growing need for a place where students could receive tailored support while genuinely loving the learning process. "Captivate was born from my passion for creating captivating, hands-on learning experiences that empower children to thrive while supporting families every step of the way," she said. "I also wanted to create a community that supports and encourages other teachers who share this same vision, providing a space where they, too, can offer experiences that make a lasting impact on students' lives.

Rainwater holds a Bachelor's in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, a Master's in Differentiated Instruction with a focus on English Speakers of Other Languages and an Instructional Leadership Certificate with a micro-concentration in character education. She has also been LETRS-trained, which allows her to work with special populations of struggling readers such as those with dyslexia.

Rainwater is now seeking additional educators to help serve at the learning center. The center is seeking "innovative educators who bring enthusiasm, creativity, and a love for learning to the classroom." Upper elementary (third-sixth grade) educators with more than three years of experience and an active teacher certification are needed. This would require 1-2 hours per week. Interested parties can visit https://forms.gle/NBtrrG2Ki14PUk-LP6 or email captivatecullman@gmail.com for more information.

Students can register for one-on-one tutoring sessions or enroll in learning pods. Rainwater stated, "Learning pods are a student and family favorite because it's only 2-3 students all working on the same skill. With it being an hour-long session, you get the best of both worlds — some one-on-one time and the push and encouragement from peers in a small group setting."

Captivate Learning Center is located 410 First Ave. SE, Suite 201, in Cullman. To schedule a session or for information, email captivatecullman@gmail.com or reach out through Messenger on the Captivate Learning Center Facebook page.



Leave (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A paid parental leave bill could mean significant changes for educators and state employees across Alabama. The Alabama K-12 Public School and State Employee Paid Parental Leave Act of 2025 was filed on Feb. 25, and on Wednesday, it was passed by the Senate.

The Senate bill is sponsored by Sen. Vivian Figures, D-Mobile. HB327 in the House is carried by Rep. Ginny Shaver, R-Leesburg.

In her State of the State Address last month, Gov. Kay Ivey said, "First, if a teacher wants to start a family, she should have the proper maternity leave.

"That is why I am proud to have Sen. Vivian Figures and Rep. Ginny Shaver joining forces this year to pass a good, responsible parental leave bill to support both our state workers and teachers."

The Alabama K-12 Public School and State Employee Paid Parental Leave Act of 2025 will provide paid leave for eligible state employees and K-12 public school teachers under the following conditions:

- Birth of a child: Mothers receive up to eight weeks of paid leave; fathers receive up to two weeks of paid leave
- Stillbirth or miscarriage: Mothers will receive eight weeks of paid leave if the loss occurs at or after 12 weeks (miscarriage) or 20 weeks (stillbirth)
- Adoption: One eligible parent will receive eight weeks of paid leave for adopting a 3-year-old or younger child; if both parents are eligible employees, they must decide which parent will take the eight weeks, and the other parent will receive two weeks of paid leave

HB327 is scheduled to be considered by the House Ways and Means Education Committee.

For the bill to become law, it must have full legislative approval before it heads to Ivey's desk for her signature.

Said Ivey, "By investing in our people, we are investing in a stronger Alabama."

Incident (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — An incident involving a juvenile in the south Cullman Walmart parking lot on Wednesday night has been determined to be a misunderstanding, according to the City of Cullman.

The incident occurred on March 5 at approximately 7:30 p.m. when a woman reported that a young male opened the back passenger door of her vehicle while she was seated inside.

According to Cullman City Communications Director Mary Beth Sellers, the woman stated she had just gotten into her car when the door opened.

As she began to get out, the juvenile ran away. The woman contacted dispatch, and two Cullman Police Department officers arrived at the scene. One officer met with the woman while the other searched the immediate area.

Cullman Police Department investigators were able to locate the vehicle the juvenile was in and identify the juvenile the following day, March 6.

The juvenile told authorities he mistakenly believed the vehicle belonged to a friend, opened the rear passenger door, saw the woman inside and immediately ran off.

No charges were filed in the case. Sellers stated the woman decided an apology from the juvenile would be the best resolution.

"After the investigation was closed and the footage was reviewed, it was determined there was no attempted robbery or attempted carjacking from this incident," Sellers said.

"The complainant was contacted by Cullman PD, advised of the findings and decided an apology from the juvenile would be sufficient."

Sellers addressed rumors that the incident was a prank intended for social media, stating there was no evidence to support that claim.

However, she emphasized that the Cullman Police Department strongly advises against juveniles participating in pranks, as such actions could violate Alabama state law.

Additionally, Sellers refuted claims that the juvenile was the son of a City of Cullman employee, clarifying that his father is a law enforcement officer from a different agency, not Cullman PD.

The Cullman Police Department issued an initial statement with limited information due to the ongoing investigation.

The department stated the update was necessary due to numerous calls stemming from a social media blog post that inaccurately claimed an attempted carjacking and robbery had taken place.

"At that time, we were able to determine neither an attempted robbery nor attempted carjacking had taken place due to reviewing video surveillance footage of the incident," Sellers said.

Obituary Announcements: March 6-7

Anthony Patrick Hildreth, 41
A funeral service for Anthony Patrick Hildreth, 41, of Hanceville will be 4 p.m. Sunday March 9, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Hildreth was born June 21, 1983, in Covington, Louisiana, to Duane Hildreth and Nancy Spurduti. He passed away March 4, 2025, in Jasper, Alabama. A devoted husband, son, and father, who left us too soon. Anthony's love for his family was unmatched, and he leaves behind a legacy of kindness, hard work, and passion. For over a decade, Anthony was a proud member of Local 1192, where he dedicated himself to his craft and formed lifelong friendships. His work ethic and commitment to his union brothers and sisters were a testament to his character. Outside of work, Anthony found joy and freedom on his motorcycle. Riding was more than just a hobby—it was a passion that brought him peace and adventure. Whether cruising down open roads or tinkering in the garage, he embraced the spirit of the ride. Anthony will be deeply missed by his loving family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will forever ride on in our hearts. Mr. Hildreth is survived by his wife, Ashley Hildreth; children, Alayah Hildreth, Alli Freeman, Jaiden Freeman; father, Duane Hildreth; mother, Nancy Spurduti-Shelton; sister, Sarah Dietle (Mark); and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Hildreth was preceded in death by his grandparents, Forrest Everett Hildreth, and Emma June Hildreth. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hildreth family.

Beatrice 'Pat' Wright, 82
Funeral service for Beatrice "Pat" Wright, 82, of North Richland Hills, Texas, formerly of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Mt. Hope Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Perry Knight officiating. The family will receive friends from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. before the service on Sunday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Pat was born on April 27, 1942, to Allen Lester and Elsie Renee McCain Lay. Mrs. Wright loved to play the piano. She was the church pianist at Southside Baptist Church in Cullman and continued in her Sunday School class in Texas. She was active in The Dawn Class at church and was a long-time secretary at Cullman Chamber of Commerce. She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Elsie Lay; husband, Bill Wright; brother-in-law, Roland Freeman. Survivors include her son, Stephen (Stacey) Wright; brother, Kirby (Delilah) Lay; sister, Ann Freeman; grandson, Mason Parker Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Pallbearers will be Jerry McCain, Hiram Freeman, Baron Vincent, Austin Barrett, Perry Brown, Kevin Lay and honorary pallbearers Frankie Lay and Garry Lay. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Stanley Steven Graves, 83
A graveside service for Steve Graves, 83, of Hayden will be 11 a.m. Saturday March 8th at Graves Gap Cemetery in Hayden. Tommy Graves will be officiating. Mr. Graves was born July 7, 1941, in Blount County, Alabama to the late V.M. and Nannie White-Graves. He passed away March 5, 2025, in Huntsville, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Graves family.

Bonnie Joan Harp Blanton, 82
Bonnie Joan Harp Blanton went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 5, 2025. She was born Sept. 19, 1942, to Charles Wendel and Julianne Frances Rowell Harp. Bonnie was a devoted wife, mother, Grannie, and friend. She was known for her servant's heart, warmth, generosity, and strength. She was the fiercest of prayer warriors and very faithful to her church, Baldwin Heights Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for 40 years. She was also a nurse for over 40 years and never stopped caring for others much more than she cared for herself. What brought Bonnie the most joy was her grandchildren she saw almost every day. She loved attending their events and being involved in all aspects of their lives. She leaves behind a legacy of faith that will continue to inspire her children, grandchildren, and all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dr. Harold Lloyd Blanton; step-sons, Charlie and Jeff Blanton, and grandchildren, Lauren Reeves and Jelia Day. She is survived by her daughter, Bethany (AJ) Lamar and grandchildren, Jay Blanton, Rush, Kathryn, and Karis. She is also survived by her step-children, Gordon (Martha) Blanton, Marsha Bean, Valerie Tollison and grandchildren, Kim Shelton, Shane (Krysti) Blanton, Jodi Day Wallace, Bryan (Beth) Cross, Adrienne (Michael) Gower, Steven (Starr) Parnell, Tyler (Alex) Parnell, Zach (Kristen) Blanton, Caleb Blanton, and 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Funeral service for Bonnie J. Harp Blanton, 82, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church, with interment in Fellowship Cemetery, Revs. Steve Rodgers and John Garrison are officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in her memory to Baldwin Heights Baptist Church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Bertha Evoughn Bryant, 89
A graveside service for Bertha Evoughn Bryant, 89, of Berea, Kentucky, will be 1 p.m. Monday March 10th at Roswell Creek Cemetery in Blountsville. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Bryant was born Aug. 21, 1935. She passed away March 5, 2025. Survivors include her children, Janice Farmer, Olen Bryant, Ginger Vera and Rodney Bryant; 17 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; siblings, JD Landman, Eugene Landman, Willie Landman, George Landman, and Essie Corum. She was preceded in death by her children, Martha Witworth, Patricia Sanchez and Douglas Bryant; parents, George and Leola Landman; siblings, Willene Hamby, Donna Turner, GW Landman, Chris Landman, Ricky Landman and Travis Landman. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bryant family.

Charles 'Charlie' Henry Keaton, 85
Charles "Charlie" Henry Keaton, age 85, of Cullman, Alabama (Fairview Community) passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Charlie was born in Cullman, Alabama on July 11, 1939 to C.G. Keaton and Pauline Burks Keaton. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife: Faith Hadley Keaton. Funeral services will be on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with. Dr. David Chambers officiating. Interment will follow services in Fairview Methodist Church Cemetery. He is survived by: son: Keith Keaton, grandsons: Kyle (Brooke) Keaton, Justin Keaton, great grandchildren: Brylynn Keaton and Harlee Keaton, daughter-in-law: Debbie Keaton. Visitation will be on Monday, March 10, 2025, from 9 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

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