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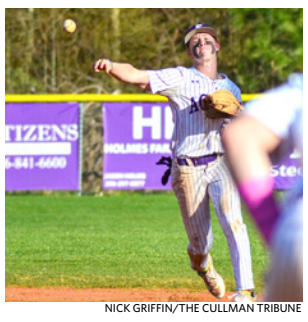
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COA looking to add pageant board of directors

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Aging is looking to add a board of directors for the Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant.

COA Director Stephanie Lawson said, "Board members play an active role in recruiting senior ladies to compete, securing sponsors and helping create a program book for the Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant.

"We will work closely with Ms. Senior Alabama, Inc. as our goal is to help Ms. Senior Cullman County to be successful at the next level."

Lawson said they are looking for individuals who have a heart and passion for senior women, as well as knowledge and experience of how pageants are organized.

"We would love to have a board of directors » PAGE 3



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Phyllis Hain was crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County 2019, and went to be crowned 2019 Ms. Senior Alabama. »

Sweet!

Alabama Strawberry Festival returns April 25-26



PHOTOS: SHERRY BROWN, CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTOS

Staff Reports
Contributor

The 2025 Alabama Strawberry Festival will take place Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, at Cullman's Depot Park. Festivities will kick off with Senior Day on Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The fun will continue when the festival opens to everyone at 3:30, with live music, vendors, contests and, of course, strawberries! The last act will take the stage at 9. On Saturday, the festivals picks up at 9 a.m. and goes until the last show is over after 9 p.m. Said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism: "No matter when you visit, the Alabama Strawberry Festival serves up delicious food, handcrafted goods and toe-tapping entertainment — so come hungry, bring your shopping bags and get ready for a berry good time!" Get lots more info at www.alabamastrawberryfest.com.



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State unemployment rate steady at 3.3%; Cullman Co. rate ticks up to 3.1%

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Tim and Dorothy Glover debuting agate rock candles at 41st Annual Bloomin' Festival



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Creations from Papa T's Candles

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Small Business Easter Market sees success



SHAYLA WALDNER

More than 1,000 shoppers turned out for the Small Business Easter Market on Saturday, March 22, in Cullman.

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System to host Women in Ag Workshop April 25-26

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 28, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 24

- harassment; CR 7
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565
- criminal mischief; CR 1332
- burglary; CR 750
- domestic violence; CR 38
- theft of property; CR 1839
- interference with domestic violence emergency call; domestic violence; CR 1025
- violation of protection order; CR 627
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Golf Course Rd.
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 437

March 25

- domestic violence; CR 544
- burglary; CR 750
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1564
- domestic violence; CR 703

March 26

- theft of property; CR 617
- harassment; CR 1435
- harassment; CR 1674
- harassing communications; Hwy. 91
- receiving stolen property; CR 568

ARRESTS

March 24-26

Bryant, Jahlina C.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Burns, Kinsey N.; 21
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- FTA – driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- giving false identification to law enforcement officer
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Champion, Jennifer L.; 41
- retail theft-3rd degree

Cunningham Jr., Patrick J.; 45
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Golden, Kate M.; 31
- public intoxication

Guthrie, Chadwick D.; 47
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Hale, Alton S.; 41
- GJ – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Hancock, Matthew J.; 36
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Harper, Kendra P.; 36
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Herndon Jr., Bobby J.; 41
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Holmes, Timothy A.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hooper, Steven D.; 43
- burglary-residence-no force

McCown, Katelynn M.; 31
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McKinnon, Roger L.; 61
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Nail, Jonathan T.; 41
- burglary-residence-no force

Peoples, Melissa G.; 43
- public intoxication
- FTA – not in possession of drivers license

Richards, James H.; 38
- FTA – burglary-residence-no force
- possession of dangerous drugs
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- theft-shoplifting, less than $500
- burglary-non-residence-no force (2 counts)
- receiving stolen vehicle
- burglary-residence-force (2 counts)

Sandifer, Matthew J.; 40
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – organized retail theft

Starnes, Carolyn J.; 58
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sterling, Christopher W.; 47
- possession of dangerous drugs

Swafford, Cutessa G.; 42
- FTA – failure to make child attend school

Washburn, Jodie R.; 44
- PROBATION VIOLATION – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Wilkerson, William R.; 21
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 22
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; theft of property-2nd degree; person; miscellaneous charges

March 26
- theft of property-1st degree; Spectrum; fiber cable; St. Joseph Dr. NW

March 27
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous charges

ARRESTS

March 26-27

Sandifer, Matthew J.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Raymond, Robert A.; 45
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Johnson, Dana S.; 50
- theft of property-4th degree

Johnston, Jeremiah L.; 24
- false reporting to law enforcement
- resisting arrest

Haynes, Alona F.; 19
- false reporting to law enforcement

Fulenwider, Alisha N.; 35
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Elam, Kyle P.; 27
- obstructing governmental operations
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Unemployment (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Department of Workforce Secretary Greg Reed on Friday, March 28, announced Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 3.3%, unchanged from January 2025's rate and up from February 2024's rate of 2.9%. The rate represents 77,813 unemployed persons, compared to 78,249 in January and 67,091 in February 2024.

Cullman County's February unemployment rate ticked up to 3.1% from 3.0% in January and 2.9% in February 2024.

Reed said Alabama's labor force participation rate for February increased to 57.7%, up from 57.6% in January.

The percentage of prime-age workers increased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 78.8% over the year. Prime-age workers are those aged 25-54 years.

"We're seeing positive trends in our labor force participation rate," said Reed. "Increases, even smaller ones, are pointing us in the right direction. Both the general labor force participation rate and the rate for prime age workers showed improvement.

"On top of that, more people are in the labor force than ever before, and more people are working than ever before. That's great news in Alabama!"

The number of people counted as employed increased by 26,691 over the year to 2,290,880, a new record high.

The civilian labor force also increased to 2,368,693, a new record high, with 37,413 more people joining over the year.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased by 19,500 to 2,195,400, with gains in the private education and health services sector (+7,300), the government sector (+6,400), and the manufacturing sector (+4,700), among others.

Over the month, wage and salary employment grew by 14,800, with gains in the professional and business services sector (+3,400), the private education and health services sector (+3,400), and the manufacturing sector (+2,800), among others.

"I'm also excited to report that Alabamians' paychecks are growing," continued Reed.

"Average weekly wages increased by nearly $80 a week since last year, representing a 7.7% increase, which is also a new record high."

Total private average weekly wages increased to $1,110.89 in February, representing an increase of $45.52 over the month, and an increase of $79.68 over the year.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Shelby at 2.7%; St. Clair at 2.8%; and Elmore, Limestone, Madison, Morgan and Marshall all at 2.9%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Greene at 8.3%, Perry at 6.8% and Wilcox at 6.4%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Trussville at 2.4%; Hoover, Homewood and Pelham all at 2.5%; and Vestavia Hills at 2.6%.

Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Prichard at 7.1%, Selma at 5.8% and Anniston at 5.0%.



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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Board (from Front)

in place by May 1," Lawson said.

"Our board will be dedicated to helping senior women find their purpose, empowering them to recognize the importance of being involved in their community."

Lawson shared that the Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant has been on pause since 2019 and the first hurdle in restoring the platform is identifying individuals who are willing to work together.

"If you have a passion for empowering senior women and would like to contribute your skills to an inspiring cause, we encourage you to apply to be a part of our Board of Directors. Together, we can create a platform that honors and uplifts these incredible women. For more information or to express interest, please contact us at 256-734-1241," the COA posted on Facebook.

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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
• Sunday, March 30 - 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 Spring Fling and Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show
Saturday, April 5, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will have a car show, vendors, games, music, bouncy houses. Car show registration is $20 and will begin at 8, with awards to be given out at 1 p.m. For more info, please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

Feed the Five, Food Drive and Singing
Saturday, April 5, at 5 p.m. At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435, Vinemont. One Voice, Loretta Jett and The Glory Echoes will be guest singers. Admission is five cans or boxes of nonperishable food per person.

41st Annual Bloomin' Festival
April 5-6, held adjacent to the beautiful Ave Maria Grotto. Over 150 arts and crafts vendors, delicious specialty foods and a welcoming community atmosphere. Gate donation: $10 per person (Children 12 and younger – FREE!) Grand Prize Giveaway: 2025 Buick Encore GX – Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. (You do not have to be present to win!) NO PETS ALLOWED. All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. For more information, visit www.bloominfestival.com.

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.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 14, at The Golden Corral Buffet, with a Dutch lunch beginning after 11 a.m., followed by meeting at noon. Our guest speaker will be Jennifer Prosser, implementation manager, UnitedHealthcare Retiree Solutions. For more info, call 256-708-5326.

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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PREP BASEBALL

Bearcats earn 6-3 win over Spain Park; Wednesday scoring recap

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The Cullman Tribune

HOOVER, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats are spending their spring break at this year's Hoover Tournament and they kicked things off with a win over Spain Park Wednesday night. The 'Cats led 6-0 at one point and fended off a late push from the Jaguars to collect a 6-3 win.

After a pair of scoreless innings, Cullman was able to put some runs on the board in the bottom of the third. Case Edwards drove a lead off single up the middle and Brooks Heatherly was hit by the next pitch to give the Bearcats a pair of runners. Bennett Johnson lined a single to right field to load the bases and Tyler Brock knocked a bases-clearing double into center field to put Cullman in front 3-0 going into the fourth.

The 'Cats added to their lead in the fifth. An RBI single from Cooper Loftin drove in Brock to make it a 4-0 game and later in the inning, Andrew Au lifted an RBI double into left field to score Loftin and make it 5-0 going into the sixth.

Carson Stancil sent an RBI double into right field to plate Caleb Heis and stretched the lead to 6-0 with one inning remaining. Spain Park finally found some offense in the top of the seventh, pushing three runs across the plate to cut into the deficit but it wasn't enough to overcome Cullman's lead and the 'Cats collected a 6-3 win over the Jaguars.

Brock finished the game with three hits and three RBIs. Loftin (one RBI) and Johnson each added a pair of hits as well. Fysher Dahlke went 6.1 innings on the mound, allowing three runs on just three hits and striking out eight batters.

Helena 13 – Fairview 5 (Baseball)
After a scoreless first inning, Helena hit hard in the top of the second, plating six runs to take a big lead early on. The Huskies added three more runs in the top of the third to make it a 9-0 game, but the Aggies answered in the bottom of the fourth.

Barrett York lined an RBI single into right field to trim the lead to 9-1 and later in the inning, Konnor Dunkin drove an RBI single back up the middle to make it 9-2. Lincoln Wright knocked a single into center field to plate two more runs and bring the lead down to 9-4 going into the fifth.

After Helena tacked on three more runs in the top of the fifth, Connor Scott scored on an error in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 12-5 game. The Huskies scored one more run in the seventh to wrap up a 13-5 win over Fairview.

Wright (two RBIs), York (one RBI), Scott and Jackson Earnest each posted a pair of hits in the loss.

Springville 10 – Holly Pond 0 (Baseball)
After taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning, Springville plated seven runs in the second to move ahead of the Broncos 8-0 early in this one. The Tigers added another run in the third and one more in the fourth to defeat Holly Pond 10-0 in five innings.

Ardmore 9 – Holly Pond 6 (Baseball)
Holly Pond jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first. An error allowed Sawyer Olinger to reach first base and he stole second, another error allowed him to advance to third. A few pitches later, Carson Ryan lined a single into right field plate Olinger and make it a 1-0 game. However, Ardmore answered with four runs in the bottom of the first and four more in the bottom of the second to take an 8-1 lead into the third.

With the bases loaded in the top of the third, Cole Eubanks was hit by a pitch, bringing Ryan home to score and trimming the lead to 8-2. Later in the inning, Jackson Miller punched an RBI single into right field to make it an 8-3 game. With a pair of runners on in the top of the fourth, an Ardmore error allowed two more Bronco runners to score, bringing the lead down to 8-5 going into the fifth.

After a scoreless fifth inning, Ardmore pushed one more run across in the sixth to move ahead 9-5. An RBI single from Ty Dunn cut the lead to three in the bottom of the seventh but Holly Pond couldn't chip away any more than that and Ardmore held on to win it 9-6.

Ryan, Eubanks and Miller each finished with a hit and an RBI in the loss.

Hewitt-Trussville 8 - Good Hope 1 (Softball)
An RBI groundout and a two-out single helped Hewitt-Trussville jump out to an early 3-0 lead in their opening at-bats. Natalie Miller drew a leadoff walk in the top of the second inning for Good Hope.

A groundball moved her over to second, and two pitches later, Brooklyn Lambert hit an RBI double to right field to cut it to 3-1. That would be the only run of the game for the Lady Raiders, as the Lady Huskies scored the final five runs of the contest, and they ended up defeating Good Hope 8-1.

Lambert finished with a hit and an RBI for the Lady Raiders, and Campbell Koch and Molly Benefield each added a hit of their own in the loss.

Morristown- Hamblen 9 - West Point 2 (Softball)
West Point struck first in its opening at-bats. Lauren Windham drew a four-pitch walk to start out the game. She stole second and a groundball moved her over to third. Brayley Phillips hit an RBI double to left field to give the Lady Warriors the early lead, but Morristown-Hamblen scored three runs in their half to take a 4-1 lead. The Lady Canes added two more runs in the second and one more in the third to make it 7-1. Macie Brown led off the top of the fourth inning with a single and later scored on an error to cut it to 7-2. Morristown-Hamblen put up two more runs in their half, and they would go on to knock off West Point 9-2.

Phillips finished with a hit and an RBI for the Lady Warriors. Katie Beth Yovino added a pair of hits, while Brown and Cabri Blackwood each collected a hit of their own in the loss.

West Point 11 - Lynn 1 (Softball)
Lynn's RBI single to start out the game gave them a 1-0 lead, but West Point countered in the bottom of the first inning. Yovino hit a double to left field to lead off the inning, and Windham's single up the middle brought home Yovino, as that tied the game up at one.

The Lady Warriors broke the tie in the second. Kealie Harbison drew a leadoff walk and later stole second. Alissa Stephenson hit an RBI triple to right field to give West Point a 2-1 lead. Yovino bunted on the first pitch, and Stephenson came home to score to extend their lead to 3-1.

The Lady Warriors added to their lead in the third. Macie Brown hit a leadoff double, and after she stole third, Blackwood drove her in on an RBI triple to make it 4-1. Later that inning, Averee Folds bunted Blackwood home to put West Point ahead, 5-1, and Stephenson added an RBI single to give them a 6-1 lead. Windham led off the Lady Warrior fourth with a double. She would later come around to score on a sacrifice fly by Brown to make it 7-1.

Yovino hit a single to lead off the sixth for West Point. She stole second and came around to score on an RBI single by Windham to extend their lead to 8-1. Phillips followed that up with an RBI double to give them a 9-1 lead. One out later, Blackwood hit a two-run inside-the-park home run to put the finishing touches on an 11-1 win for the Lady Warriors.

Blackwood led the way for West Point with a pair of hits and three RBIs. Windham (three hits) and Stephenson (two hits) each added a pair of RBIs. Yovino finished four-for-four with an RBI, while Phillips (two hits), Brown (one hit), and Folds (one hit) all drove in a run in the win. Kortni Baker went the distance for the Lady Warriors, as she gave up just four hits and one unearned run and struck out three.

PREP BASEBALL

Fairview collects 5-3 win over Calera; Thursday scoring recap

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HOOVER, Ala. — The Fairview Aggies were on the road competing at this year's Hoover Tournament this week and they collected a 5-3 win over Calera Thursday night. The Eagles led 3-2 at one point but the Aggies plated three unanswered runs to pull away with a 5-3 win.

Lincoln Wright led off the top of the first with a single and Connor Scott moved home over to second with a sacrifice bunt. A few pitches later, Camden Cullen sent a double into left field to plate Wright and make it a 1-0 game. Calera answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first to take a 2-1 lead into the second inning.

After a couple of scoreless innings, Fairview tied things up at 2 in the top of the fourth when Barrett York scored on a Konnor Dunkin sacrifice fly. Calera scored in the bottom of the fourth to pull ahead 3-2 but the Aggies claimed the lead for good in the top of the fifth. A double from Scott and a single from Cullen put runners on the corners and Cullen scored on a fielder's choice later in the inning to tie the game at 3. Three pitches later, a sacrifice fly from York drove in Colton Jennings and gave Fairview a 4-3 lead.

The Aggies tacked on another run in the sixth when Wright lined an RBI single into left field to make it a 5-3 game. Fairview collected the final three outs in the bottom of the seventh to secure a 5-3 win over Calera.

Jaxon Robertson tossed a complete game on the mound, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out three to earn the win. Wright (one RBI), Cullen (one RBI) and Nelson each posted two hits in the win.

West Point 9 – McAdory 6 (Baseball)
After falling behind 3-0, West Point plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the third to make it a 3-2 game and scored four more in the bottom of the fourth to take a 6-3 lead. The momentum continued in the fifth when the Warriors put three more runs on the board to stretch the lead to 9-3.

The Yellowjackets scored a pair of runs in the sixth to cut into the lead and pushed one more across in the seventh, but it wasn't enough to erase the deficit and West Point held on to a 9-6 win.

Cooper Howard (one hit) led the Warriors with three RBIs in the win. Hunter Graves (one RBI) and Charlie Ashley each posted a pair of hits. Titan Thornton earned the win on the mound after pitching 6.2 innings, allowing four earned runs on seven hits and striking out four.

West Point 3 – Douglas 2 (Baseball)
After a scoreless first and second inning, the Warriors scored on an error to take a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third. Douglas responded with a run in the top of the fourth to tie the game at 1 and the Eagles tacked on another run in the fifth to move in front 2-1. West Point answered in the bottom of the sixth, scoring a pair of runs on back to back singles to retake a 3-2 lead. The Warriors collected the final three outs in the top of the seventh to wrap up a 3-2 win over Douglas.

Charlie Ashley (one RBI), Cade Welborn (one RBI), Skylar Echols and Titan Thornton each recorded hits in the win.

Cullman 11 – Lincoln County 9 (Baseball)
The Bearcats jumped out to a fast start in this one, putting four runs on the board in the top of the first to take an early lead. Lincoln County cut into the lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first, making it a 4-2 game but after a couple of scoreless innings, Cullman added to its lead in the fourth. The 'Cats took advantage of four walks and three hits to plate five more runs and extend the lead to 9-2.

Cullman put two more runs on the board in the sixth to make it an 11-2 game, but the Bearcats had to fend off a big rally from Lincoln County.

The Falcons scored seven runs in the final frame but couldn't complete the comeback and the 'Cats survived with an 11-9 win.

Tyler Brock led Cullman with three hits in the win and Knox Mauldin (one hit) racked up a game-high four RBIs.

Oak Mountain 12 – Cullman 1 (Baseball)
Oak Mountain jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The 'Cats loaded the bases in the bottom half of the inning but weren't able to bring any runners in to score, leaving the lead at 6-0. The Eagles tacked on two more runs in the second to make it an 8-0 game but after a scoreless third inning, Bennett Johnson lined an RBI single into center field to get Cullman on the board and cut the lead to 8-1. Unfortunately, that was the only run the Bearcats were able to score in this one and Oak Mountain pulled away to win it 12-1.

Johnson (one RBI) finished the game with a pair of hits and Cale Graves and Caleb Heis each added hits as well.

Vinemont 5 – Elkmont 1 (Baseball)
After a scoreless first inning, Elkmont took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second, but it was the only run Vinemont allowed in the game. The Eagles responded with three runs in the top of the third, highlighted by a 2-run off the bat of Kayden Henderson.

Josh Rhodes led off the top of the fourth with a solo home run to make it a 4-1 game and a Jake Hale RBI single stretched the lead to 5-1 going into the fifth. Neither offense was able to put any more runs on the board the rest of the way and the Eagles secured a 5-1 win at Toyota Field in Huntsville.

Hale (three hits) finished with a pair of RBIs in the win and Henderson (HR) added a pair of RBIs as well.

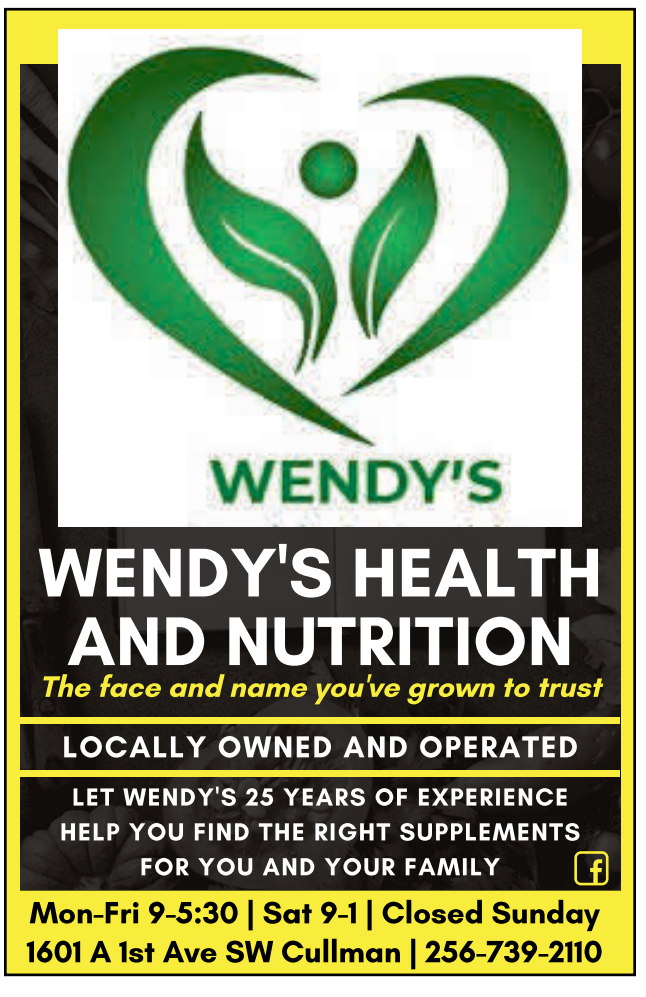
East Limestone 8 – Vinemont 2 (Baseball)
East Limestone jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and after a scoreless second inning, the Indians put three more runs on the board in the third to make it a 4-0 game going into the fourth.

East Limestone scored another run in the fourth to stretch its lead to 5-0 but in the top of the sixth, a Kayden Henderson RBI single trimmed the lead to 5-1 and Rylan McRae scored on a passed ball to make it 5-2.

However, the Eagles couldn't get any closer than that and the Indians pulled away to win it 8-2.

Henderson (one RBI), McRae, Hayden Robinson, Jake Hale, Owen McKinney and Josh Rhodes each recorded a hit in the loss.







Small Business Easter Market sees success

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CULLMAN, Ala. — More than 1,000 shoppers turned out for the Small Business Easter Market on Saturday, March 22, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

Small Business Market Founder Shayla Waldner said the first 60 shoppers in line received free gifts and overall, the market went really well.

"The kids loved the petting zoo, egg hunt and the Easter Bunny," Waldner said. "The train ride stayed busy and the shaved ice truck was a hit for the kids as well. There were a total of 87 vendors that included the food trucks and kids' activities together. Over 70 kids rode the train. We had over 1,000 to come through and shop."

Waldner said her vendors were happy and pleased with the overall success of the day.

"The ones I did have a chance to talk to want to return for our Christmas market again at the end of the year," she said.

"Our Christmas market is always bigger. With each market we hope to keep growing as we already have so far. We are looking into different things with each market to make the next one a little better than the last one. Our first 60 shoppers always get excited to receive their gift bag and/or gift cards to vendors inside."

For more information about the next event, visit Small Business Christmas/Easter Market on Facebook.



SHAYLA WALDNER

More than 1,000 shoppers turned out for the Small Business Easter Market on Saturday, March 22, in Cullman.



SHAYLA WALDNER

The Small Business Easter Market featured a petting zoo for children.

Candles (from Front)

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — The 41st Annual Bloomin' Festival welcomes first-time exhibitors Tim and Dorothy Glover of Iron City, Tennessee, whose stunning agate rock candles are sure to captivate festivalgoers. Inspired by a trip to Gatlinburg, Dorothy Glover's love for a unique rock candle sparked an unexpected passion that turned into a business — Papa T's Candles.

After retiring from the drug task force in Lauderdale County, Alabama, Tim Glover never imagined he would spend his days cutting and crafting rock candles.

However, at Dorothy Glover's encouragement, he took on the challenge, and together, they now create one-of-a-kind pieces using agate and amethyst sourced from Arizona, New Mexico, Kentucky and even Brazil.

Each candle begins as a carefully selected slab of rock. Tim Glover expertly drills and seals a reservoir at the bottom, fitting it with a permanent fiberglass wick designed for lifelong use. Customers receive a sample bottle of oil with each purchase and can easily refill their candles using a colorless, odorless lamp oil — though scented oils can be added for a custom aroma.

Prices range from $45 to $250, reflecting the uniqueness of each handcrafted piece.

Beyond candles, the Glovers make the most of every rock.

Tim Glover transforms leftover end pieces into wire tree sculptures, an art form that not only repurposes materials, but also helps alleviate the pain of his neuropathy.

Dorothy Glover is proud of her husband and is happy handling all bookkeeping and administration.

She ensures that production runs smoothly while continuing to work her full-time job.

Encouraged to join the Bloomin' Festival by longtime basketmaker Leonda Whetstone, the Glovers are excited to share their beautiful and functional rock creations with the community. Be sure to visit their booth and discover the natural artistry behind Papa T's Candles at St. Bernard Prep School April 5-6, 2025.



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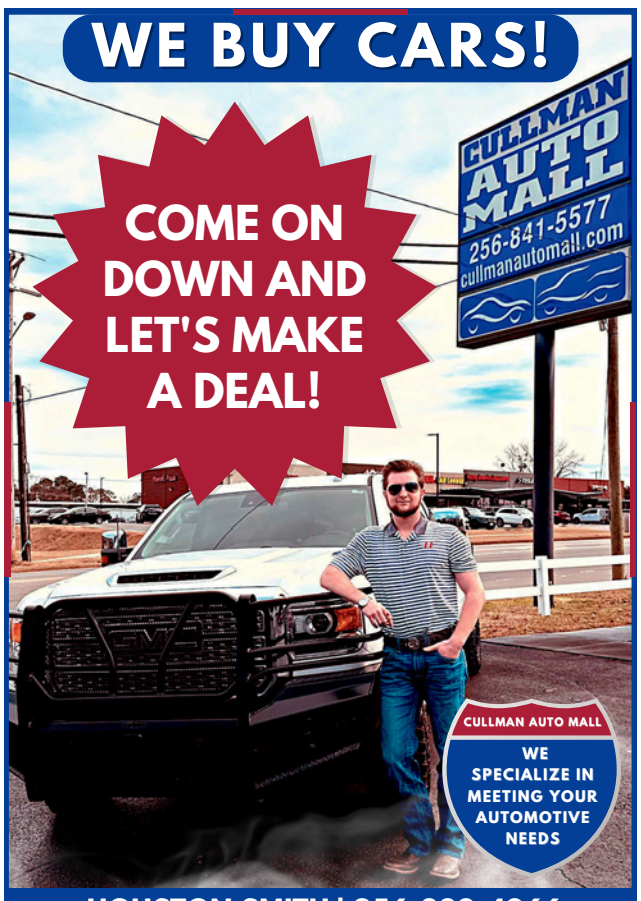
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19 things boys need growing up

Joe Hobby
Contributor

As I look back on the life I've lived, I seem to focus a lot on my childhood. I think most anyone does. As the time between now and then grows longer, our memories seem to grow fonder. However, I readily admit that life is mostly better nowadays, although it's a lot more complicated.

Nevertheless, many of us still pine for the simple days of long ago; the days before social media and iPhones ruled kids' lives. The days when Google was a set of World Book Encyclopedias.

There are lots of people, places and things that were important to me when I was growing up (not including parents or siblings - that's a given). All of them certainly enriched my childhood, and many of them gave me life lessons I still use to this day. Some of them got me in trouble, some of them gave me a heartache - of course, now I can see that it was all part of the growing up experience.

Let me list a few of mine for you. I hope it makes you think about some of your own.

A BB gun. It made you feel like a grown up. It also taught you responsibility.

A pocket knife. You were allowed to possess something that can be used for good or bad - to create or destroy.

A pedal tractor. Once you got on a pedal tractor, you quickly found out that moving forward is up to you.

A dog. There is no better way to learn about loyalty and unconditional love.

A Monopoly game. To help you acquire patience.

A two-wheeled bicycle. This was the first thing you owned that gave you a yearning to travel. Learning how to ride it did wonders for my young self-esteem. And helped my sense of balance. And taught me about skinned knees.

Mercurochrome. Closely related to the bike. All of us need to know that sometimes it hurts to heal.

An unassembled model airplane kit. If you've ever put one together, you learned about dealing with frustration.

A first kiss. A watershed event that you remember for the rest of your life.

A best friend - In time, you will discover that this is one of your most valuable possessions.

A vacant lot. Every child needs a place to explore and imagine.

A hideout/clubhouse. Tied closely to the vacant lot. A hideout had to be first thing you ever built - it was a physical manifestation of your imagination. It was made from logs, brush, discarded Christmas trees and scrap lumber that came from who knows where.

A high school sweetheart/breakup You'll discover both the joy of love and the pain of loss.

A favorite teacher. Gave you a role model outside of your family.

A favorite TV show. Mine was "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." featuring Napoleon Solo and Illya Kuryakin. It was the first time I saw what cool guys acted like. And it was full of girls, guns and gadgets. That's a pretty good list for grownup men today.

A cardboard box full of comics. Fuel for your imagination. You'd be a millionaire if you kept them, but your mom threw all of them away.

A flashlight. Your first true gadget. It allowed you to read comic books in bed after your mom said, "Lights out!"

A two-story house. I don't know why, but growing up, I always wanted to live in one. Maybe it was a sense of mystery, a place to get away. It's probably why I have one today. And now, I hardly ever go upstairs.

A favorite movie. For me, "The Day The Earth Stood Still" takes first prize. Scary. And the original black-and-white film made in the 50s still holds up well today. My three boys would undoubtedly pick "The Goonies." It was and is the ultimate boy movie. It had it all: a neighborhood gang, a noble quest, really bad guys, treasure and secret passages. I love it, too. A close second is "Stand By Me."

I wonder what my dad's favorite movie would've been. Probably "Gone With The Wind" or "The Wizard of Oz." The other part of his list might have looked a lot different than mine. Many of the things that influenced me didn't even exist during his boyhood.

But I'm sure that dogs, teachers, sweethearts and best friends would've made dad's list. and his dad's, and his granddad's and his great-granddad's.

Some things never change. Thank goodness.

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TONY BRADFORD WYNN, * CASE NO.: PC2019-320
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ANDRIA SIMS THE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED OF THE ESTATE OF TONY BRADFORD WYNN, FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY AND FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: EVA BANK
MAHINDRA FINANCE USA, LLC
DANNY BRADFORD WYNN
GREGORY PAUL WYNN
HUNTER C. WYNN
JAMES ISZICK WYNN
CHASE WYNN
AND ANY CREDITORS OF AND ALL PERSON INTERESED IN THE ESTATE OF TONY BRADFORD WYNN, DECEASED.

Please take notice a *Petition of Andria Sims the Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Tony Bradford Wynn, for a Declaration of Insolvency and Final Discharge* was filed on the 7th day of March, 2025, made court record the 10th day of March, 2025 by Andria Sims, Administrator of the Estate of Tony Bradford Wynn, by and through her Attorney of record, Seth B. Thompson. A hearing on said Petition has been **SET FOR THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025, AT 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 27th day of March, 2025.

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

To the Publisher of: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Please run the above publication in The Cullman Tribune for three (3) successive weeks and return a proof of publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JANE FRANCES IMBUSCH, * CASE NO.: PC2025-067
DECEASED. *

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JANE FRANCES IMBUSCH

TO: David Lincoln, James Timothy Lincoln, Rebecca Lincoln Hanks, Rachael Lincoln Lane, Michael Joseph Wachter, Anthony Paul Wachter, Mary Claire Wachter, Mary Candice Wachter, Melissa Misegades, Tracey Jane Misegades Waldrop, John Frederick Misegades, Judith Dianne Misegades Piette, Mark Allen Imbusch, Robert Imbusch, Anna Marie Imbusch Porter, Mary Catherine Wachter Faulk, Molly Virginia Misegades, Hannah Wachter and Erin Kendrick.

The Petition of William C. Porter to admit to Probate the Last Will and Testament of Jane Frances Imbusch, deceased, has been set for a hearing on the 15th day of May, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said Petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune*

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

DONE this 13th day of March, 2025.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO PC 2023-374
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: **KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES**

Verified Petition for Probate of Will filed by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, David Lee Jones, has been scheduled for the **15th day of May, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 28th day of March, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHARLES AND CATHY SOVIA, §
Plaintiffs, §
vs. § CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:
MICHAEL BRIAN LARUE, § CV-2024-900332
Defendant. §

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO:

Michael Brian Larue
1350 Tabernacle Road
Cleveland, Alabama 35049

Michael Brian Larue
260 Tankersley Road
Blountsville, Alabama

You are hereby notified that a lawsuit has been filed against you by the Plaintiff in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama for personal injury and damages arising out of a motor vehicle collision which occurred on March 7, 2023, in the City of Cullman, County of Cullman, Alabama, and that by reason of an Order for service by publication hereinbefore entered by the Court, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Court, and to serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, Jonathan Metz, 216 Summit Blvd, Suite 300, Birmingham, AL 35243, an answer to the Complaint within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or by the 24th day of May, 2025.

Done this 27th day of March, 2025

Lisa McElheran
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
ETTA CHRISTEEN TOLBERT,) CASE NO. PC 2025-082
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Randell Wayne Williams as the Administrator of the Estate of Etta Christeen Tolbert, deceased, on the 27th day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

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.

Randell Wayne Williams
Administrator of the Estate of
Etta Christeen Tolbert, deceased

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

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

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BARBARA INEZ SMITH, * CASE NO.: PC2025-095
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to SHANNON LEA STEWART, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF BARBARA INEZ SMITH, deceased, on the 13th 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.

SHANNON LEA STEWART
Personal Representative

Veronica A. Smith, Esq.
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 360206
Hoover, AL 35236

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* CASE NO. PC 2025-085

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE D. JOHNSON, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, GARY JOHNSON, on the 26th 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 26th day of March, 2025.

GARY JOHNSON
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Katherine D. Johnson,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
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STATE OF ALABAMA *
* IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY *
* CASE NO. PC 2025-099

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA S. MOODY, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, EDSEL MOODY, on the 28th 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 28th day of March, 2025.

EDSEL MOODY
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Linda S. Moody,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Linda S. Moody, Deceased
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above 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

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

We took a trip back in time

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Jean and I just spent three days on a magnificent mountain that has, or is near, beautiful bluffs, gorgeous gorges, carved canyons, cavernous caves, wonderful waterfalls, wide waters, babbling brooks, crooked creeks and at least one rambling river that runs on top of a mountain. All of this is at the southern end of the Appalachians. Oh, and the area had enough antique stores to keep us busy when we weren't enjoying all that natural beauty that God spent so much time creating. Much of this is alongside the Tennessee River, but we never left Alabama. All of these things can be found in northeast Alabama, primarily in DeKalb and Jackson counties.

We took a long trip last week, but actually, we only traveled a short distance. We only drove about three-and-a-half-hours from our Opelika home, but we traveled about 80 years backward upon arrival.

I have never actually believed in the phenomenon of time travel, but our amazing destination took us back in time. Our mode of transportation was not a time machine but a house. When we entered the front door of the bed-and-breakfast farmhouse at Songbird Story Farm, located on top of Sand Mountain, near the towns of Pisgah and Rosalie, we suddenly found ourselves in the middle of the 1940s. The house was originally built by Buck and Ima McCormick, back in 1944, on their 40-acre farm. Their World War II-era house originally consisted of only four rooms. Since that humble beginning, more rooms, including an indoor bathroom, have been added. Out back is a beautiful open-air pavilion with period pieces, plus a wooden tower that overlooks the garden, cattle and donkeys.

Greg and Lesa Millican, owners of this modern-day B&B, have kept the inside décor of his grandparents' home much like its original 1940s, but with modern conveniences. The base of the bathroom sink is an antique Singer sewing machine iron bottom. There is even an oxymoronic microwave that looks like something from that long-gone era, but it is actually a modern microwave oven.

Our hosts provided some of my favorite goodies from my childhood. There was a basket filled with RC Colas and Moon Pies, Grapico, Fanta Orange and Cracker Jacks. Each morning, we listened to the songbirds chirping outside our window, while we drank coffee and enjoyed a muffin (or Moon Pie!).

We spent a good portion of one of our days in nearby Scottsboro. After a wonderful barbecue lunch as we looked out over the backed-up Tennessee River at Jackson County Park, we traveled back in time again that afternoon. We visited the old Payne Drug Store, which was established in 1869. It is now Payne's Sandwich Shop and Soda Fountain.

A life-size replica of Betty Boop, standing on the black-and-white checkered-tile floor, greeted us at the door. We could have bellied up to the red-and-white bar for a hot dog and root bear but chose a table instead. Did I mention they have ice cream? I'm not telling how many scoops I ate.

One the way back, we stopped to gaze off Gorham's Bluff, overlooking the Tennessee River from the brow of Sand Mountain.

With Fort Payne in the valley below, Mentone on neighboring Lookout Mountain and Scottsboro in the other valley, and all of them 30 minutes or less from us, we had our pick of places to visit. Next time we will plan a longer stay.

If you have never visited this part of our great state, you have missed beautiful treasures just waiting for you to discover them. If this all sounds like the kind of places you would like to visit and explore, I certainly understand. I might even see you there!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: March 29, 1928

From the files of March 29, 1928

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WE PURCHASE Mortgages on Cullman County Real Estate. Fuller-Smith & Co. 26jan-tf

EAST WELTI NEWS

Cullman R. 8, March 26—Farming is the order of the day at present.

We are sorrow to say there are several out school on account of the measles.

Misses Jewel and Lola Baker spent Saturday night with Misses Mollie and Audry Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lee of Birmingham, were the dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart, Sunday.

Miss Gracy spent Sunday-afternoon with Misses Ruby and Venie Glasscock.

Walter Stewart called on Miss Lela Pearl Herndon Sunday.

Clifford Davis of Birmingham, was the guest of Miss Mollie Norman Sunday.

We are glad to say the community has nearly completed H. H. Baker's new barn.

Lookout girls O. D. Norman is driving a good looking Chevrolet car.

Mrs. A. W. Stewart has returned home after visiting her sons in Gadsden.

Mrs. Annie McCutchen and children of Birmingham spent Saturday night with her mother in our burg.

Alex Ham is on the sick list at this time.

We are sorry to say E. F. Basenberg lost nearly all of his corn Friday night when his crib burned.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H., Nuss of Garden City, were visiting relatives in our burg Sunday.

HOLLY POND NEWS

Holly Pond, March 26.—We are proud to see our new school building started.

Sorry our merchants, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaw have had the flu.

Norris Estes and Buin House, Virgil and Jinnie Livesley are out of school with the measles.

Sorry to say our old friend, Uncle Ludie Crumbley continues very ill.

Miss Hester Crumbley had the misfortune of knocking her knee cap off Friday while playing base ball.

Denzer Shoemaker and Raymond Hawcock were the company of Misses Tessie Ellard and Rhea Dodson Sunday evening.

Alma Jones of Baileyton called on Miss Jewell Dodson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donie Burgess were seen passing through our burg Sunday afternoon.

Hulet King was the pleasant caller of Miss Louis Burks of Brooklyn Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to report the young people of this place have picked up energy enought to organize a Senior B. Y. P. U. We wish them God speed in their good works.

Mrs. B. O. Shuttles, who has been very ill is getting along nicely at this writing.

Our little place was visited by a hail storm last night. Hope no serious damage was done.

Some of young people attended the singing at Union Grove Sunday evening. They reported a good time.

All remember our singing.

Mrs. Vener Laster of Birmingham, spent the week end with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. N. J.



POET'S CORNER

A Stormy March Day | By: Randy C. Hale

Today, the March winds blow
a steady breeze.
A storm is coming, the pond moves
as the wind combs its surface.
The trees are bowing as in prayer.

The clouds are low and brooding,
the sky looks bruised a blueish black.
There are white blooms bouncing on
the pear trees, and daffodils shake
their yellow tops.

Nature can be a violent visitor,
coming down with her temper.
She has no intention of staying long,
but how her memories may linger.

The trunk of the old oak, doesn't
move, and we count on his
stubborn form.
Soon the rain will come in torrents
and wash the dust away.

This March—stormy day.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MARCH 29

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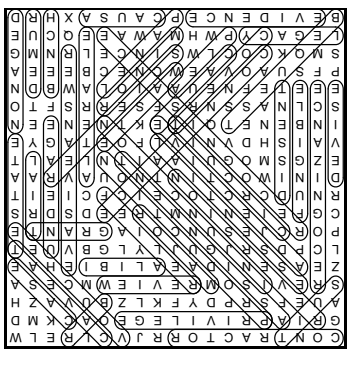
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Alabama Cooperative Extension System to host Women in Ag Workshop April 25-26

Gauge Day
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CLEVELAND, Ala. — Female farmers of any experience level are invited to attend the upcoming Women in Ag Workshop, a two-day, hands-on educational event April 25-26, at the Blount County Multipurpose Complex in Cleveland, Alabama. Open to anyone 19 and older, the workshop is designed by women, for women and provides practical training across a wide variety of agricultural topics.

Hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the workshop aims to build knowledge and confidence in core farming skills, with a particular focus on helping women gain hands-on experience in an encouraging and supportive environment.

The workshop will cover both livestock and horticulture production, including:

- Cattle evaluation
- Cattle handling and vaccines
- Calving demonstration
- Small fruit production
- Cut flower production
- Beekeeping basics
- Food preservation
- Tractor basics
- Trailer safety and backing
- Soil sampling
- Small engine maintenance
- Estate planning

"The Women in Ag event is an educational opportunity for female farm operators to increase their knowledge and confidence of basic farm skills such as tractor driving and trailer backing," said Dr. Kira Sims, Cullman County Extension coordinator.

"Many of the sessions will be hands-on so participants can learn by doing. This event will also feature both livestock and horticulture topics through breakout sessions."

She added, "Marketing the farm, estate planning and food preservation presentations are also in the lineup.

"There will also be a fun flower-arranging activity at the end of the first day as a way to unwind."

Instructors will include Alabama Extension professionals along with experienced local female farmers, who will lead and assist with the hands-on portions.

Guest speakers with expertise in farm marketing and estate planning will also provide presentations during the event.

"Some women are intimidated operating equipment on their farm or have a desire to learn these skills for future farm endeavors," Sims said.

"This event will create an encouraging learning environment for women to gain confidence in basic farming tasks and increase their knowledge of a variety of topics from beef to bees."

The workshop runs from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, and from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

Registration is $125, covering all meals, materials and supplies. The registration deadline is Friday, April 18, at 4 p.m. and space is limited. The registration fee is non-refundable.

Participants with accessibility needs should contact Dr. Kira Sims at 256-737-9386 by April 11.

To register, visit www.aces.edu/go/4884. For more information, contact Dr. Kira Sims at 256-737-9386 or kira.sims@auburn.edu.

The Blount County Multipurpose Complex is located at 6700 County Road 1, Cleveland, Alabama 35049.



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Obituary Announcements: March 27-28

Ronald Lee James, 77
Funeral service for Ronald Lee James, 77, of Baileyton will be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. James passed from this life March 25, 2025, at his residence. He was born June 5, 1947, to Homer and Ruth Box James. When he was able, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. He loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Bobby Joe James, Bert James, Lloyd James, Pete James, Elbert James; sister, Verline Reynolds. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Martha James; son, Joey James; brothers, Donald James, William James, Vernon (Debbie) James; sisters, Lois Branch, Joyce Wolfert; grandchildren, Zachery Smalley, Alexis James, Gracelynn Gilland, Lillie Wiley, Emma Wiley; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Joan McClellan Cleghorn, 78
Funeral service for Joan McClellan Cleghorn, 78, of Addison will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Addison Baptist Church with interment in Kemp Cemetery, Bro. Kyle Woodard and Justin Lee officiating. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. at Addison Baptist Church prior to the funeral. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Cleghorn passed away March 26, 2025 at UAB Hospital. She was born July 26,1946, to Horace and Ester Waid McClellan. Joan had a great personality. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, canning, hunting and making floral arrangements. She loved her family. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Herman McClellan. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Wayne Cleghorn; son, Darrell (Vickie) Smith; sisters, Ellan (Marcus) Oliver, Linda (Darrell) Lee; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Justin Lee, Patrick Cobb, Jake Lee, Roger Cleghorn, David Cleghorn, Anthony Delecruse. Honorary pallbearers will be Mack Lee, Kaden Lee, Knox Carden, Bryson Smalley. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Johnny Vann Scott, 76
Funeral Service for Johnny Vann Scott, age 76, of Logan, Alabama, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Scott passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at his residence. He was born June 8, 1948, to Vann Buron Scott and Mary Jane Craft Scott. He was preceded in death by, his wife Donna Gail Scott; father, Vann Buron Scott; his mother, Mary Jane Scott; two brothers, Roger Dale Scott and Michael Wayne Scott Survivors include his children, Jeffrey "Jeff" Dewayne Scott, Debra Susan Smith, Kim (Jason) Hall, Buron (Carman) Scott and Emily (Jason) Sellers; grandchildren, Cody Scott, Erin (Justin) Hightower, Magan (Clay) Scott, Madison Hall, Samantha Scott, Emma Sellers and Whitney Spooner; great grandchildren, Isaiah Martin, Kaylee Spooner, Kayden Spooner, Kymber Spooner, Kennedy Scott, Riley Scott, and Joe Scott and his little dog and companion, Two. Mr. Scott was married to his loving wife, Donna, for 53 years; He spent several years in the Army and had a love of music, where he learned to play 5 different musical instruments by ear. He loved his family, and was an avid outdoorsman that loved game fowl, hunting, and fishing.

Thelene Dean White, 88
A graveside service for Thelene Dean White, 88, of Hanceville will be 12:30 p.m. Friday March 28, at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until noon at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. White was born April 26, 1936, in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away March 26, 2025, in Hanceville, Alabama. Mrs. White is survived by her children, Tim White (Kathy), Mike White (Tammy); grandchildren, Clint White (Heather), Chad White (Cami), Trey White, Bailey White; great grandchildren, Ally White, Jace White, Jaxon White, Layne White; sister, Ruth Stovall (Jim); sister-in-law, Frances Dean. Mrs. White was preceded in death by her husband, Luther White Jr.; parents, Hessie Dean and Willie Lou Sanders; brother, James Ethredge Dean; and her nephew, Jeff Stovall. The family of Mrs. White would like to send a thank you to her primary caregiver, and grand daughter-in-law, Cami White, special friend Tracy White, and to Cullman Regional Medical Center Hospice for their love, care, and support throughout this time of their loss and transition. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandchildren; and friends Roy Manly, and Brandon Singleton. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Deborah Gail Waldrep, 77
Mrs. Deborah Gail Waldrep of Vinemont, Alabama, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the age of 77. A celebration of life service will be held at noon on Friday, March 28, 2025, at the Moss Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Matt Smith officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the service begins. Deborah became deaf in her elementary years. Although she lost the ability to hear, her spirit remained unbroken, and her love for her family, others, and Jesus Christ only grew stronger through her adversities. She was a faithful member of East Side Baptist Church for 32 years and truly cherished her pastor and church family. Deborah enjoyed serving the deaf community in Cullman County and strongly desired for everyone to have a personal relationship with Jesus. She also loved volunteering at Vacation Bible School (VBS) and teaching children sign language. She was known as a prayer warrior. When Deborah committed to pray for someone, she followed through and encouraged her church family to intercede as well. Deborah was also a beloved Auburn Tigers fan! She is preceded in death by her parents, James Campbell and Hazel Irene Rainey, husband Charles Waldrep, son Bruce Lee Waldrep, sisters Faye Mitchell and Janice Livingston, and brothers Rickey Campbell and Peyton Campbell. Survivors include her sister, Teena (James) Davis, brother, Tim Campbell, and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Missions Fund at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Luther Marlin Hyde, Sr., 76
Luther Marlin Hyde, Sr., 76, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on March 26, 2025. Luther was born to Richard and Eula Mae Butler Hyde on Oct. 13, 1948. Mr. Hyde served our country honorably in the United States Army, including a tour in Vietnam. He was a truck driver by trade, but he was also a mechanic and enjoyed small engine repair as well. Mr. Hyde is preceded in death by his parents; son, Luther Hyde, Jr.; daughter, Marla Hollis; and brother, Arty Hyde. Those surviving Luther includes his wife, Sandra Hyde; son, James Hyde; brother, Ricky Hyde (Penny); sister-in-law, Dot Hyde; grandchildren, Caleb Hollis, Sarah Hollis, Piper Hyde, Destiny Lovell, Desmond Hyde; great-grandchildren, Bowdie Pew, Mazie Whatley, Lowan Whatley, Josie Williams, Jemma Williams, Mark Williams, and Theo Williams. Described by his son as "the greatest man he has ever known," Luther leaves behind a legacy of love and loyalty and his memory will be cherished for generations to come. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hyde family.

Robie Lynn Cordes, 69
Robie Lynn Cordes, age 69, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. She was born on May 12, 1955, in Birmingham to Yewell Dayton and Eva Mae Holloway Clifton. Mrs. Cordes is preceded in death by: husband: James Henry Cordes, father: Yewell Dayton Clifton, sister: Ann Heath. Funeral services will be on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church. Mrs. Cordes will lie in state for one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow services in Good Hope Cemetery. Survivors are: mother: Eva Mae Nix, daughter: April Cordes (Greg) Ward, son: Matthew James Cordes, sisters: Valerie (Kenneth) Cordes, Tina (Brian) Shugarts, Yvetta (Ty) Chandler, brother: Dayton (Mary) Clifton, grandchildren: Katiah Ward, Trenten Cordes, Tyce Ward, Abigail Duncan. Visitation will be on Monday, March 31, 2025, at Moss Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Joyce Kugler, 65
A person's legacy is defined not by what happens on a single day or even by the words she uses. Instead, it is defined by the things she did with and for others. Joyce "Joy" Mann Kugler was a dearly loved and loving person. She was full of affection, compassion, and creativity. She shared her life with her husband Dennis. They were married 44 years, and together for 50. Dennis was by Joy's side when she passed the morning of March 25, 2025. Joy was so special to her family that she loved dearly, friends with whom she shared many wonderful times, and her numerous pets that were lucky enough to come to be loved and cared for by her. In addition to her love for her family, friends, and four-egged family, Joy also loved the arts-music, paintings, and sculpture. She was a talented and creative artist and seamstress. Joy was beautiful inside and out. She possessed a cool and perfectly unique sense of style. Joy left an indelible impression on many people. The following tribute reflects her life and legacy. "Aunt Joy was always so special to me. When I was small, I looked forward to talking to her and Uncle Dennis on the phone and spending a night on the weekends with them. The first few times I spent the night Joy and Dennis, Joy and I would sleep on the sofa (I was younger than 5). I would wake up hot, kicking off covers, only to wake up later with her afraid I was getting cold and covering me up with a quilt. And this repeated all night. We have always laughed about this memory. When I was older (pre-teen) I would spend the night with them after our family's Christmas gathering. I was always so excited to be around them— and the wonderful gifts they blessed me with! One specific memory is sticking my head out of Dennis' BMW's sunroof as we rode down Highway 31 near Top Hat BBQ. Joy always loved animals. She would take in stray cats and had numerous ones that were fortunate to find themselves in her care. On one occasion, she and I stopped on Interstate 65 to rescue two dogs that were stuck in the median. After saving the dogs and managing to not get ran over ourselves, we got the dogs returned to their owner within just a couple of hours. As I got older, Joy and I went to art shows, museums, and concerts. I even snuck us into the Galleria to camp out for Pearl Jam concert tickets (we got 13th row on the floor!) We saw countless wonderful shows at City Stages. One particularly fun memory is us dancing at a Toots and the Maytals performance. That show is just one of many. Another great memory is us going to see George Rodrigue paint one of his Blue Dog paintings. That evening a young man (my age, at the time) asked if we were sisters. Joy was an excellent chef. She could make so many delicious things. She taught me to love things I might not have ever tasted or experienced. I enjoyed many delicious meals with her and Dennis (he's also an excellent cook). I would leave Montevallo and Tuscaloosa to go spend the night with Joy and Dennis, and usually had a friend eagerly joining me. Spending the evening with them was better than any shenanigans available in Tuscaloosa or Montevallo. Joy was an artist, and created beautiful paintings. Her artwork was on display at a gallery in Birmingham, and it was a great night going to see it. Joy and Dennis love music. They exposed me to many different artists and musical styles. I've tried to share an expansive music palate with my kids to follow in their footsteps. I can't believe she's gone. But I treasure the love, memories, and time shared with Joy, and she will be with me forever." Joy was the daughter of the late Jack Mann and Faye Mann Graham. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Kugler; brother, Kenneth Mann; brother, Bill Kugler (Kim); niece, Aundrea Mann Snyder (Eric); nephew, Lawton Kugler; great-nieces and nephews, Sophia, Stella, and Oscar Snyder; aunt, Sherry Shedd (Dennis); great-aunt, Sharon Allen (Charles); along with other family members and close friends. A memorial service will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Frances "Gwen" Gwendolyn Welch, 89
Frances "Gwen" Gwendolyn Welch, age 89, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025. Gwen is survived by her children Glenn (Angela), Threesa & Eugene. Six Grandchildren, eleven Great Grandchildren, and a host of family and friends. Gwen was preceded in death by her husband Tracy Welch; her parents Amon & Clara Moon. as well as her siblings A celebration of life visitation for Gwen will be held Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 3 p.m. Gwen will be laid to rest in Shelton Grove Cemetery, 1615 County Road 46, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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