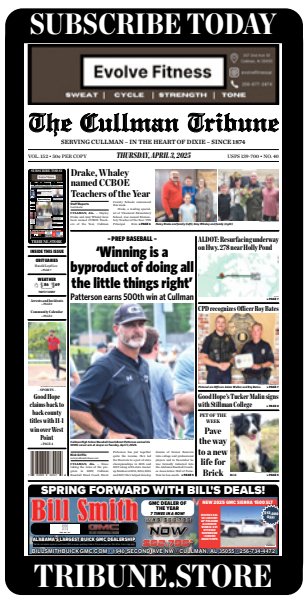
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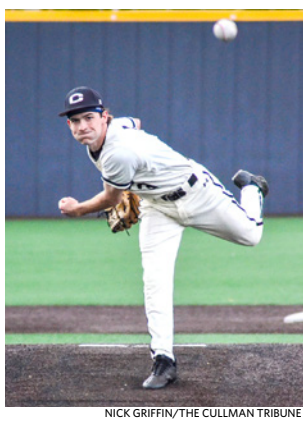
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Cullman sweeps series with Jasper, clinches playoff berth

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Cullman man caught surveilling child sentenced to 40 years

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A local man on Thursday, April 3, 2025, pleaded guilty to 10 counts of possession of obscene matter and received a sentence of 40 years.

Ethan Edward Richardson, 27, of Cullman, was indicted on 53 counts - including multiple counts each of possession of obscene matter, production of obscene matter and aggravated criminal surveillance - back on May 4, 2023.

Richardson was first arrested in February 2023 after using a cellphone to record images of a child in a restroom at the south Cullman Walmart on Olive Street. An investigation by the Cullman Police Department revealed at least 18 » PAGE 6



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ethan Edward Richardson

Bearcats collect senior night wins over Arab



ROCHELLE HOPPER

Cullman seniors Edwin Arcos, Gael Contreras, Samuel Montgomery, Ashton Selman, Aubrey Hastings, Nora Sheffield, Jose Viviesca, Josue Sanchez and Jed Hollis are seen Thursday, April 3, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's varsity girls' soccer team defeated Arab 6-1 Thursday night.

Eva Allen and Khloie Harris each scored a pair of goals in the win. Alexia Harris and Leslie Sanchez each added a goal as well. Alexia Harris also recorded two assists and Khloie Harris and Allen each posted an assist in the win.

Aubrey Hastings allowed just one goal on the night.

Between the girls' and boys' games, Bearcat seniors Aubrey Hastings, Nora Sheffield, Edwin Arcos, Gael Contreras, Jed Hollis, Samuel Montgomery, Josue Sanchez, Ashton Selman, Josie Viviesca and Matthew Wallace were recognized for their contributions to the CHS Soccer program.

The Bearcats blanked the Knights 3-0 in the boys' game. Josue Sanchez scored a pair of goals in the win and Reid Bissot scored a goal off an assist from JD Ellerbee.

"Our boys look good coming back from the break and winning against two difficult programs this week, Boaz 2-1 on Tuesday and then turning around again in 48 hours," Cullman Head Coach Will Drake said. "We saw how tough Arab makes things. They're strong, they have a great goalkeeper, and they play a physical game. Nothing is easy against them.

"We were versatile, though. Josue created two good goals under pressure. JD Ellerbee works hard and listens well, so he changed the game immediately when he came on.

"Reid finished up a good ball from JD as well, and it's always important for our back line and goalkeeper Sticher Smith to get the clean sheet."

Cullman girls and boys will continue area play next week, with matches against Mortimer Jordan on Tuesday and at Jasper on Friday.

April Walking Tours start today!

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Cullman County man convicted of 2019 escape from detention center



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Anthony Ray Beasley » PAGE 2

'It's been a very warm welcome': Coach Tammy West ready to take the reins at Cullman



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Hanceville welcomes new librarians

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Local author releases children's book



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Taylor Johnson reads her book "Finlee and Her Purple Glasses" for the "Bedtime Stories" series on The Cullman Tribune's YouTube channel. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 4

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 4, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 31

- domestic violence; CR 1101
- domestic violence; CR 1301
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Park St. SE
- criminal mischief; CR 2030
- reckless endangerment; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1087
- forgery; Doss Rd.
- public intoxication; CR 222

April 1

- harassment; CR 775
- domestic violence; CR 601
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 473
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1595
- theft of property; CR 1029

April 2

- public intoxication; CR 1196
- permitting dogs to run at large; Fairview Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1659
- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 438
- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 398

ARRESTS

March 31 – April 2

Bates, Justin R.; 39
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Bates, Reba J.; 63
- criminal trespass

Beasley, Anthony R.; 53
- escape
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – receiving stolen property, $500-less than $1500

Beasley, Janet R.; 48
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Burns, Kinsey N.; 21
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Burroughs, Randall G.; 57
- DUI (alcohol)

Champion, Jennifer L.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- obstructing justice using a false identity

Deboard, Gregory D.; 34
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Dettling, Alyssa C.; 29
- PROBATION VIOLATION – drug trafficking

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gatlin, Joshua A.; 28
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- distribute obscene material

Hagen, Shelley P.; 59
- FTA – unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

Hankins, Joshua J.; 35
- public intoxication

Holmes, Timothy A.; 44
- extortion – damaged property
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

King, Heath A.; 24
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Lawrence, Billy J.; 51
- DUI (alcohol)

Marsh, Michael D.; 38
- discharging firearm into unoccupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft

McKinnon, Penny L.; 52
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Pate, Hollie J.; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Pate, Joey B.; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Pearson, Adero C.; 28
- open container – alcohol in a vehicle
- driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Pilgrim, Nathaniel S.; 33
- assault-child abuse-simple-non-family
- possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Saint, Robert A.; 32
- FTA – burglary-residence-no force

Striker, Robert C.; 51
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Vandegriff, Tanya R.; 46
- FTA – exceeding reasonable road speed

Welsin, Maverick; 31
- FTA – resident license – freshwater fishing

Wilkins, Elizabeth G.; 42
- GJ – fraud – public assistance fraud
- GJ – theft-grand jury arrest warrant

Wilson Sr., Troy C.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine

Woods, Ashley N.; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 31
- identity theft (2 counts); theft of property-2nd degree (2 counts); forgery-3rd degree (2 counts); person/Merchants Bank

April 2
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $35; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW
- harassing communications; person

April 3
- theft of property-1st degree; person; miscellaneous; Moore Ave. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; cooler; $270; Golf Course Rd.
- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-1st degree; person; miscellaneous; Birmingham St. SW

ARRESTS

April 2-3

Wilkins, Toby A.; 51
- FTA – no tag
- FTA – improper lights
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – insurance violation

Box, Crystal N.; 39
- FTA – improper passing
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

Marsh, Thomas M.; 46
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Sandlin, Corey L.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree

Wynn, Gregory P.; 49
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Escape (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A local man was found guilty by a Cullman County jury on Thursday, April 3, 2025, of second-degree escape.

Anthony Ray Beasley, 53, of Cullman, was indicted on the escape charge back in September 2020. The charge stemmed from his escape from the Cullman County Detention Center on Oct. 17, 2019.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Assistant District Attorneys Nathan Brock and Michael Burleson prosecuted the case in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Emily Niezer Johnston.

"I hope this verdict sends the message that escapes will be fully prosecuted in Cullman County, and that it serves as a deterrent to others who would do the same," Crocker said in a statement on social media.

"I want to thank the Cullman County deputies who assisted in this case as well as Sheriff Matt Gentry, who testified at trial. I am also thankful to our jury for their service to the community by helping us clear the backlog of old cases like this one. Anthony Beasley escaped the jail for a little while but he didn't escape justice."

Sentencing is scheduled for May 6, 2025, at 1:15 p.m.

According to Alabama Code, second-degree escape is a Class C felony and carries a possible sentence of up to 10 years.

Tours (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Museum will be kick off its annual April Walking Tours today, Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. There will be tours every Saturday in April.

Cullman County Museum Events Coordinator and Researcher Julie Burks said, "The April Walking Tours is a state-sponsored program that started in 2003. Our museum has hosted the Walking Tours since 2006. Once held in June, the program dates moved to the month of April due to the many requests regarding the hot temperatures in June."

The tours are free and start from the front porch of the museum at 211 Second Ave. NE.

"The Walking Tours last about one hour and cover many sights in our downtown historic district," Burks said. "Returning to the museum, participants will have an opportunity to tour the museum, free of charge. Participants will be informed about historical locations but also the history of many businesses that are in operation today. This year each Saturday will have a different guide, who will bring unique insight and personal research to share on the tour."

Special Guest Tour Guides this year are:
- April 5: Robin Sterling
- April 12: Roberta McClellan
- April 19: Ben Harrison
- April 26: Michael Sullins, accompanied by Dr. Bill Peinhardt

"This will be the first time for Robin, Roberta and Ben to be a Special Guest Tour Guide, and we are excited that they chose to be a part of this program this year," Burks said. "Robin Sterling has authored several books on the history of Cullman, and is currently working on the school history book. Roberta, the education coordinator for Traditions Bank, is currently sharing her knowledge of our strawberry history by hosting presentations at our local schools. Michael and Dr. Bill are well known as local historians; (sic) this program would not be the same if they were not involved. Michael Sullins has been a guide since the first tour he conducted in 2007 as the local historical society president. Last, Ben Harrison is the director of the Cullman Regional Airport, and like the others has historical family ties with Cullman."

West (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — It's been a remarkable run for Coach Tammy West and the Cold Springs Lady Eagles. Since arriving as the varsity girls' basketball coach in 1992, West has led the Lady Eagles to 754 wins, seven county championships, eight Final Four appearances and four state titles and now she's excited to take on a new challenge. West was officially named the next head coach of the Cullman Lady Bearcats on March 10 and even though she hasn't had a chance to spend a lot of time on campus yet, West has enjoyed a warm welcome and is looking forward to getting started with her new team.

"I haven't had an opportunity to spend a lot of time there since I'm still teaching at Cold Springs through May, but it's been a very warm welcome from everyone that I have met, from the superintendent to the principal and the athletic director," West said.

"I've received texts from the coaches on staff there and I did have a meet and greet with the parents and the players that played last year so that was very good. Everyone seems super excited for us to get started and right now we're really looking at just trying to build a staff which we really can't start until we get into May. With me not being there it's been hard; I've been working on the schedule and summer planning and things like that, and we've just about got everything finished as far as that goes.

"I've been watching film obviously and they had a successful year last year. I'm just looking forward to building on that success and hopefully improving on what they did last year."

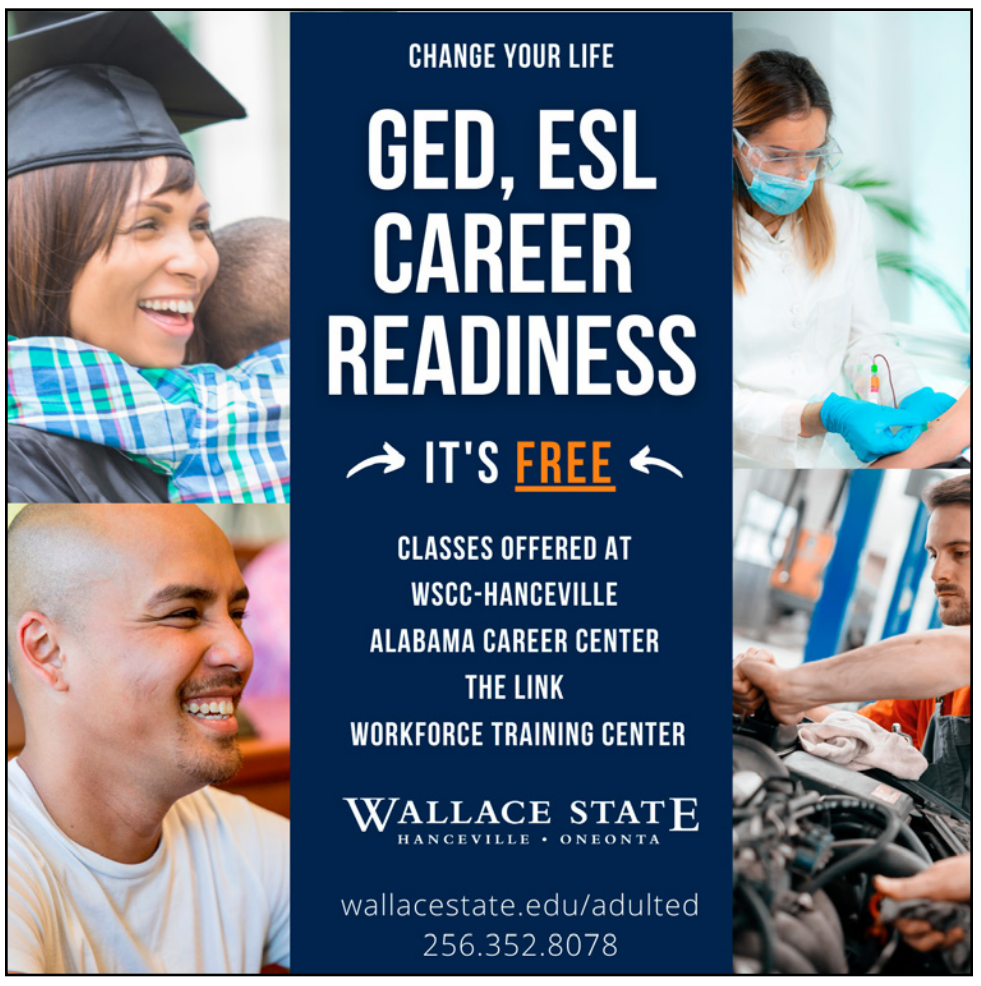
One of the biggest differences West is already navigating is scheduling. She's putting the finishing touches on the schedule for the upcoming season and she's already becoming more familiar with the teams the 'Cats will be competing against.

"There's a huge difference in your scheduling," West said. "I had to get with some coaching friends and get a lot of new contacts so that's been the biggest difference, just getting to know some of the other coaches in Birmingham and Huntsville where we are going to be playing a lot of those teams."

Leaving her position at Cold Springs wasn't an easy decision for West. Her family has been intertwined with the Lady Eagles basketball program for decades and West knows there will always be a strong connection between her family and the Cold Springs community.

"The fortunate thing for me is I will always have those relationships with those people there. The last 33 years have been the best years of my life. My whole family was involved in everything that we did at Cold Springs and obviously a piece of my heart is always going to be there," West said.

"The love and support that I've been given over the years there is just second to none. It's just family and we'll be forever connected. With the memories we have and the love that was shown to us, it's just been an honor to be part of the Cold Springs community."



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SAVE THE DATE! Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Table for eight for $450. Tickets available from Jennifer Limerick (256-201-2521 or jenniferalrealtor@gmail.com) or Judy Grissom (256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com) or www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com. Benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

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: Broken Heart for Repair
Every Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 615 Third Ave. SE. Contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962 2521 for more information.

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
• St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Sunday, April 6 - 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.
• Sunday, April 6 - 2 p.m. Prayer service
• Tuesday, April 8 - 6 p.m. Adult dinner and game night. Join us for food, fun and fellowship.
• Sunday, April 13 - 5 p.m. Healing service

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 County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW, in Cullman.

BBQ Stuffed Potato Fundraiser
Wednesday, April 9, from 4-7 p.m. at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1441 U.S. Highway 278 East in Cullman. Drive-through only. No walk-ups. $12. Supports Women's Ministry.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, April 11, from 5-7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church Family Life Center. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Dine in or carry out (through drive-through). Choice of fried or baked fish, coleslaw, fries and hush puppies. Cost is $12 each up to four plates. Additions plates are $10 each. Everyone is encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

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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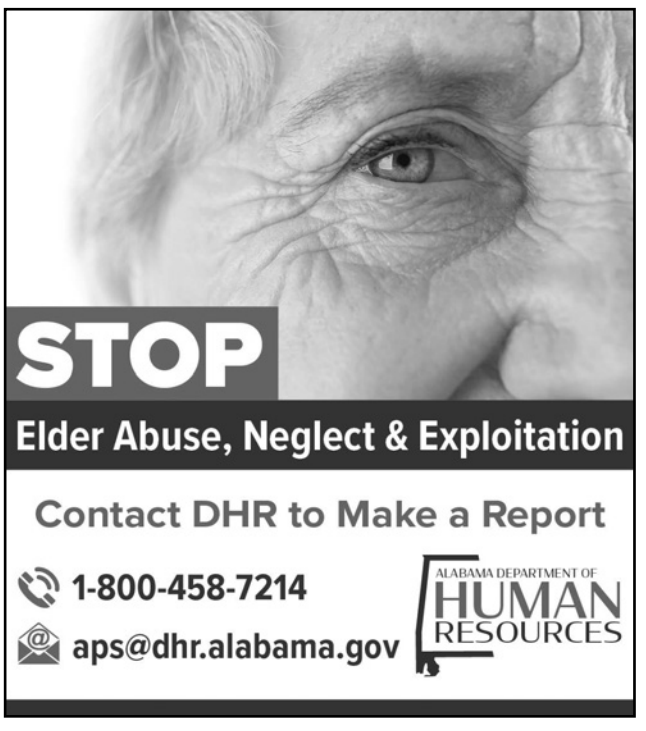
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PREP BASEBALL

Cullman sweeps series with Jasper, clinches playoff berth

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After taking game one at Jasper Tuesday night, the Cullman Bearcats were back home Thursday night to continue their area series with the Vikings. The 'Cats dominated the first game of Thursday's doubleheader 16-3 to claim the series win and secure a spot in the state playoffs. In game two, Jasper jumped out to an early lead, but Cullman came from behind to earn a 7-2 win and complete the sweep. The Bearcats will have an opportunity to secure an area championship when they play Mortimer Jordan next week.

Bennett Johnson's second solo home run in as many games gave the Bearcats a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Cullman added to its lead in the second. Cale Graves drove another solo shot over the fence in left center field to make it a 2-0 game. Cooper Loftin singled up the middle and Case Edwards was hit by a pitch to keep the inning going. A few pitches later, Brooks Heatherly lined an RBI single to right field to plate Loftin and extend the lead to 3-0. Cullman tacked on another run when Colter Bowen ripped an RBI single to right field and Carson Stancil drew a walk with bases loaded later in the inning to give the 'Cats a 5-0 lead going into the third.

After a pair of scoreless innings, Jasper strung together three hits and took advantage of a balk and a passed ball to cut the lead to 5-3 in the top of the fifth.

Cullman responded in the bottom half of the inning. Stancil singled to left field and Tyler Brock was hit by a pitch to give the 'Cats a pair of runners and Graves lined a 2-run single to left field to make it a 7-3 game. With the bases loaded later in the inning,

Heatherly drew a walk to bring in another run and stretch the lead to 8-3. Loftin scored on a passed ball to make it 9-3 and Johnson was hit by a pitch to force another run across the plate and give Cullman a 10-3 lead. Brock Drew another walk and Knox Mauldin was hit by a pitch to plate two more runs and make it a 12-3 game going into the sixth.

Loftin led off the bottom of the sixth with a single, Mack David Robertson was hit by a pitch and Heatherly drew a walk to load the bases for Bowen. A few pitches later, Bowen sent a walk-off grand slam over the wall in left center to cap a 16-3 win for the Bearcats and secure a postseason berth.

Fysher Dahlke tossed all six innings to earn the win, allowing two earned runs on six hits and striking out 10.

Bowen (two hits) racked up five RBIs in the win. Graves (two hits) added three RBIs and Heatherly (two hits) and Johnson (one hit) each posted a pair of RBIs. Loftin finished the game with three hits.

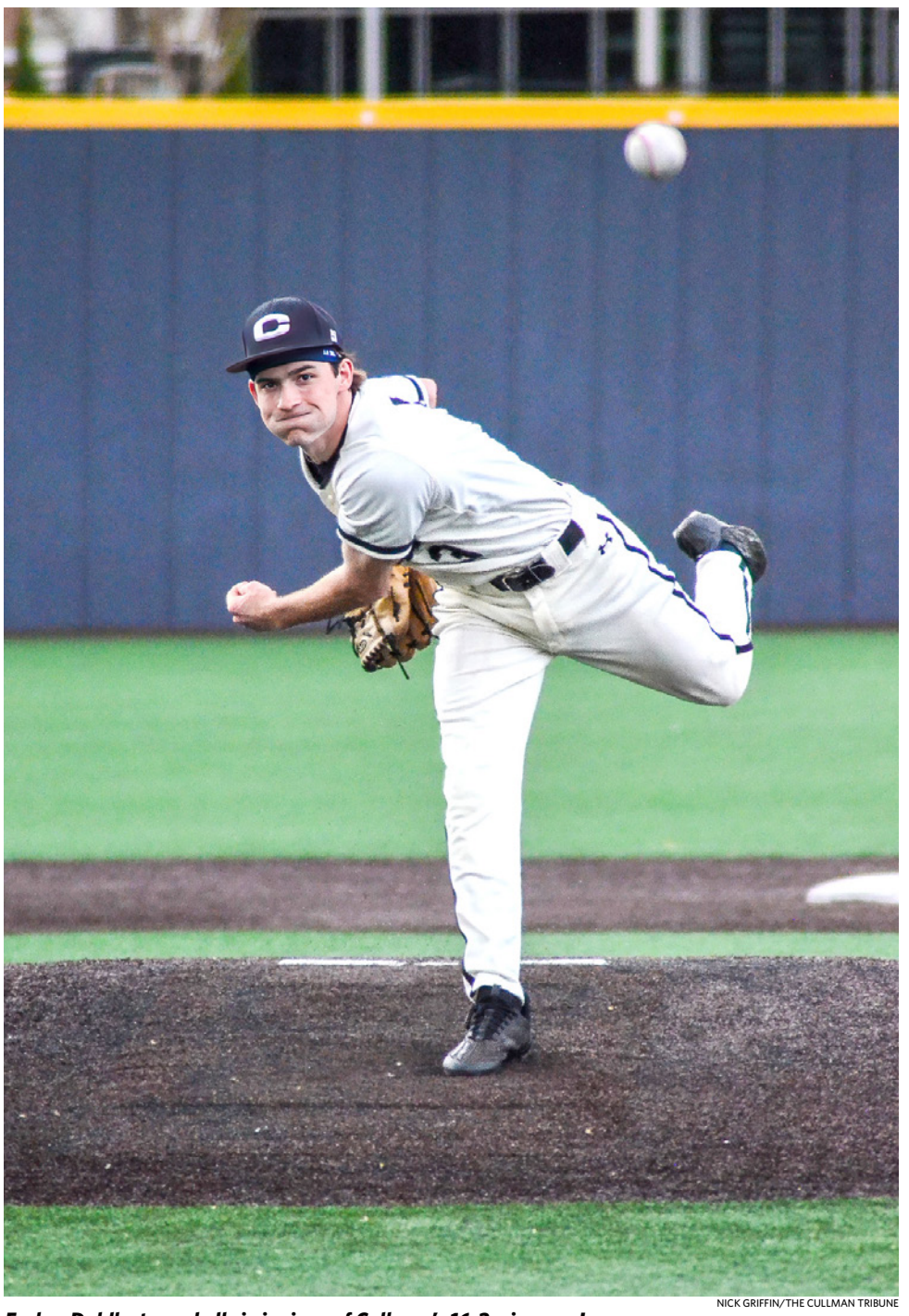
Cullman 7 – Jasper 2 (Game Two)

After a scoreless first inning, Jasper scored on a sacrifice bunt to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the second. The Vikings tacked on another run in the top of the third to make it a 2-0 game, but Cullman was able to pull ahead in the bottom half of the inning.

Brooks Heatherly was hit by a pitch and Colter Bowen singled on a bunt down the third base line to put runners on the corners. Heatherly scored on a sacrifice fly from Bennett Johnson a few pitches later to trim the lead to 2-1 and Carson Stancil lined a double into center field to plate Bowen and tie things up at 2. Cale Graves kept the momentum going with an RBI double to right field, putting the Bearcats in front 3-2 and he came around to score on a passed ball later in the inning to make it 4-2 going into the fourth.

Case Edwards led off the bottom of the fourth with a double and Cross Bowen entered the game to run for him. After stealing third, Bowen scored on an error to stretch the lead to 5-2 headed into the fifth. A 2-run double off the bat of Stancil made it a 7-2 game in the bottom of the sixth. The 'Cats collected the final three outs they needed in the top of the seventh to wrap up a 7-2 win and sweep the Vikings.

Stancil (two hits) recorded three RBIs in the win and Johnson (one hit) and Graves (one hit) each added an RBI as well.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fysher Dahlke tossed all six innings of Cullman's 16-3 win over Jasper on Thursday, allowing two earned runs on six hits and striking out 10.

PREP BASEBALL

Vinemont clinches area title with 12-1 win at Locust Fork

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LOCUST FORK, Ala. — After handling the Hornets at home 11-1 on Tuesday, Vinemont traveled to Locust Fork to finish the area series Wednesday night, and the Eagles wrapped it up comfortably with a 12-1 win. With the win over the Hornets, Vinemont secured this year's 3A, Area 12 title and will be hosting the first round of the state playoffs.

Owen McKinney was hit by a pitch, Kayden Henderson reached on an error and Rylan McRae drew a walk to load the bases in the top of the first. Hayden Robinson then drew another walk to bring in McKinney, giving Vinemont a 1-0 lead and not long after that, Henderson scored on a wild pitch to make it a 2-0 game. Locust Fork was able to trim the lead to 2-1 in the bottom half of the first but after a pair of scoreless innings, the Eagles added to their lead in the fourth.

Robinson and Tucker Mauter walked to give Vinemont a pair of runners and Robinson scored on an error just a few pitches later to stretch the lead to 3-1. Mauter scored on a wild pitch later in the inning to put the Eagles on top 4-1 going into the fifth. An RBI double off the bat of Robinson made it a 5-1 game in the top of the fifth and Vinemont put things away in the top of the sixth.

With the bases loaded once again, Jake Hale drove an RBI single back up the middle to give the Eagles a 6-1 lead. Josh Rhodes and McKinney were both hit by pitches, allowing two more runs to score and extending the lead to 8-1.

The big inning continued with an RBI single from Henderson that made it 9-1 and after McRae drew a walk to bring in another run, an error allowed two more Eagles to score, putting Vinemont ahead 12-1 headed into the bottom of the sixth. The Eagles secured the final three outs they needed to seal a 12-1 win and the area title.

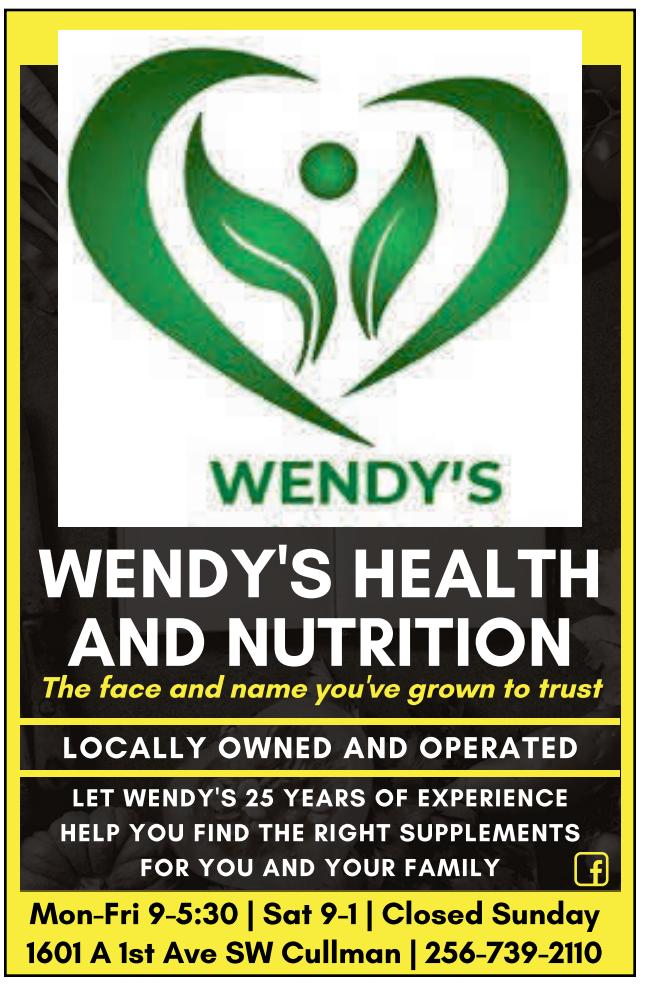
Ryne Dalton tossed all six innings on the mound to earn the win, allowing one run on just one hit and striking out three. At the plate, Henderson (one RBI) led the way with three hits and Robinson (one hit) led the team with three RBIs.



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The Vinemont Eagles defeated Locust Fork on the road 12-1 Wednesday night to clinch the 3A, Area 12 title.







Organizers hope to expand Prom Closet

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — For many students, prom is a highlight of their high school years. But with the price of formal wear rising, shopping for a dream dress can be unaffordable and discouraging. Jennifer Garcia, president of Timeless Homeschool Events in Cullman and administrator of Alabama STEAM Academy, is working to change that through the Prom Closet event.

The event, which was held on March 22, was created to ensure every student can enjoy prom, regardless of financial situation, with a system that allows students to borrow a prom dress for a deposit of $20, which is returned when the dress is brought back clean.

"We never want a child to miss prom because they can't afford a dress," Garcia said. "If you need one, come get one."

The event has already grown and caught the community's eye. Hanceville's King's Home Thrift assisted in donating 30 dresses to the closet, and additional dresses were purchased online and received from donors in Huntsville.

Garcia hopes the program will grow with partnerships with other local thrift stores and community organizations over the next year.

"So many prom dresses are worn once and then sit in a closet," she explained.

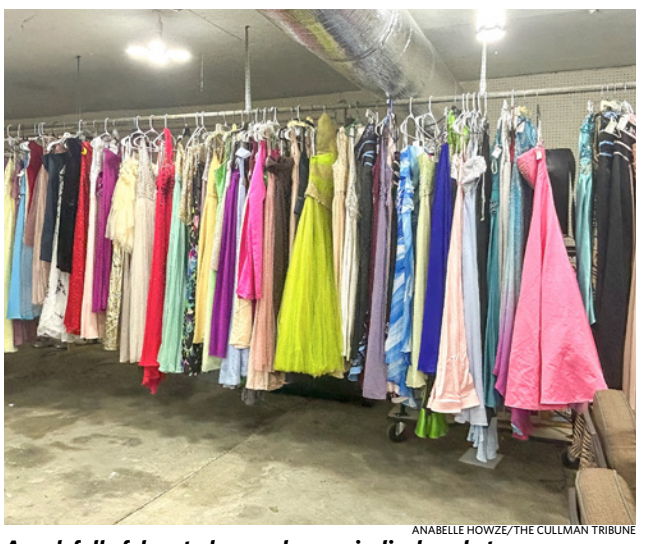
"By donating them, people can help create a memorable experience for students who might otherwise miss out."

The closet is open to all students across the county, whether attending a homeschool prom or another prom in the area.

Plans are already in motion to expand the event. Garcia and her team want to host larger venues with various styles and sizes to accommodate every students' needs and wishes.

Community members can get involved with the Prom Closet by donating gently used prom dresses, making financial contributions to help purchase more dresses and cover event costs and volunteering to help with dress distribution, fittings and event coordination.

Get more information at www.timelesscullman.org or timelesshomeschoolcullman@gmail.com.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A rack full of donated prom dresses is displayed at the Prom Closet event on March 22, 2025.

Book (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman woman recently released a children's book titled "Finlee and Her Purple Glasses."

Taylor Johnson is a Cullman native who wears many hats as an active and passionate member of the community.

Johnson said she feels she is an artist at heart and has been a writer since childhood.

"I try and bring creativity and imagination to every story I tell," she said. "Though I juggle numerous roles, my favorite title is 'mom.' I find endless inspiration in my two children, Oliver Ray and River Grace, whose adventures and curiosity fuel my storytelling."

When Johnson isn't writing or creating art, she's deeply involved in community projects, pouring her heart into making her hometown a vibrant place to live.

"'Finlee and Her Purple Glasses' is a heartfelt tale inspired by my son Oliver's preschool friendship, celebrating confidence, friendship and the joy of seeing the world clearly," she explained. "My passion for storytelling and love for my children shine through every page. I try to make my stories cherished treasures for young readers and their families."

Johnson said she has always wanted to publish a book, and working alongside Dolly Parton's Imagination Library through her role as resource development & outreach manager for the United Way of Cullman County really pushed her to chase her dream.

"'Finlee and Her Purple Glasses' is not the first children's book I have written," she said.

"I have actually written four. This was the first one that I finally decided to chase my dream with and give a chance with some faith and prayers.

"Growing up, I had glasses and the lowest self-esteem. One day my little boy came home from school talking nonstop about a little girl in his class, Finlee, who had gotten new purple glasses. He was so amazed by them. This inspired me to help babies with self-esteem and embracing their differences."

Follow Johnson at Facebook/Taylor Blake Johnson to learn more. She will be on WAFF 48 News' "Tennessee Valley Living" at the end of this month to talk about the book with Finlee herself.

Get a copy of "Finlee and Her Purple Glasses" on Amazon or at Wren + Revel in Cullman's Warehouse District.



TAYLOR JOHNSON

Left to right are Wren + Revel Owner Tanya Carter, (main character) Finlee Richter and author Taylor Johnson.

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additional victims.

The indictment listed 19 unnamed victims, all under the age of 17. All charges except for 10 counts of possession of obscene matter were dismissed.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said, following the plea agreement, "I have zero sympathy and say good riddance to anyone who would harm a child.

"This settlement was made after consultation with the only known victim's family and Cullman Police Department investigators.

"This should send a strong message that we do not tolerate such behavior in Cullman County."

Crocker thanked the Cullman Police Department for its assistance in the case and Walmart for its cooperation throughout the entire process.

The Cullman Police Department commended Lead Investigator Sgt. Shannon Cheatwood for his hard work, along with the rest of the Investigation Division and Officer Rob Long, who was the initial responding officer to the incident at Walmart.

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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
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

David Lee Jones
Attorney for Petitioner
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Guntersville, Alabama 35976

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

WEDA B. NAILS, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2024-397

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF WEDA B. NAILS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Julia D. Stricklin on the 2nd day of April, 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.

Julia D. Stricklin, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JERRY WAYNE HARDEN, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-446**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Linda Lee, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jerry Wayne Harden, deceased, on the 3rd day of April, 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.

Linda Lee
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
PO Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0517

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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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Estate of Katherine D. Johnson, Deceased
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TAMMY BROWN
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHARLES AND CATHY SOVIA, Plaintiffs,
vs.
MICHAEL BRIAN LARUE, Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER: CV-2024-900332

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
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DANNY BRADFORD WYNN
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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, 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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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.

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
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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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2025-092

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRUCE ROLAND SURRETT, SR., DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ELAINE SURRETT, as Administratrix of the Estate of BRUCE ROLAND SURRETT, SR., Deceased, on the 2nd day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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

ELAINE SURRETT
Administratrix of the
Estate of
Bruce Roland Surrett, Sr., Deceased

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

March madness wasn't just basketball

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Sports fans, especially college basketball fans, can tell you that March Madness is the nickname of the NCAA Championship Tournament. Basketball, however, is not the only madness that happens in March, and strangely enough, it isn't always contained in March. This year's tournament, along with two-remaining SEC teams, will carry over into April. Let's pray that another March madness does not carry over.

A couple of weeks ago, Jean and I witnessed the results of the other madness. On our trip to northeast Alabama, we passed through the small hamlet of Winterboro, Alabama. A few days prior, an unwelcomed visitor, an EF-2 tornado, passed through there and left quite a mess in its wake. I was deeply saddened when I saw the destruction. Later, I learned that one local gentleman lost his life in that storm.

I was a child when I first heard of this community. My cousin-in-law, Ronald Howard, lived near there and attended school there. In case you don't know what a cousin-in-law is, I'm not completely sure there is such, but I don't know what else to call him. He was my oldest brother's wife's nephew. He and I were not actually cousins, but we were the best of buds. I had known him since I was 3 and he was 4. I visited his Winterboro home several times.

He must have lived at least 3,000 miles from my hometown of Rainsville, or so it seemed. My friend moved on to Heaven long before I made several return visits to Winterboro. A few years ago, I began singing and playing music with a wonderful group of songwriters from that general area. We had meetings to hone our craft, but we also took any opportunities given to perform. We used to joke that every restaurant where we performed soon closed its doors! I don't think the restaurant owners found that as funny as we did. Actually, I don't think the music of our songwriters was to be blamed!

One of the places where we performed numerous times was the Aljerald Powers Memorial Lodge, or Plank Road Station, in Winterboro. The old wooden building was built as a Masonic Lodge around 1920. It served as such until 1958.

The historic building sat empty for a number of years. In 2002, the Alabama Historical Commission asked the Winterboro Education Foundation about saving and restoring the building. They relocated it to its current location, which is next door to the old high school. It has served as host to all kinds of events since its rebirth. I have fond memories of performing there at arts-and-crafts fairs, chili dinners and who knows what else. There was something special about simply being in the old lodge building.

I was saddened to see the damage the March storm caused. The school suffered severe damage, especially the gymnasium. Fortunately, the church next door was not damaged. The twister mowed a wide path through the nearby woods. I did not stop for a close-up look, but it looked like the lodge may have been dealt its final blow, but I sure hope not. The roof looked severely damaged, so everything inside, included newly installed floors, was flooded with rain. I was told later that the old relic had been shifted from its foundation.

The community was blessed that more lives were not lost. Our prayers are certainly with those who did lose a loved one, as well as those who lost their homes or suffered serious damage. It is now April, but more March madness has been predicted. Enjoy the remaining games and please stay safe!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: April 5, 1962

To and Fro

Three Cullman artists are among those who have paintings on exhibit in the Southeast Jury Show at the Birmingham Museum. Mrs. Finis St. John, Jr. has two paintings chosen for the show which will last through April 27. Mrs. E. B. Barnes and Mrs. Louis Graf, Jr. each has a painting on display.

Cullman's F.F.A. String Band walked away with top honors at the ten-county North Alabama district Future Farmers contest last Saturday in Albertville. This band, which includes Tommy Lee, Jimmy Lee, Melvin Thornton and W. D. Derrick, will compete in the State contest later this year.

In a "straw" ballot on candidates for governor taken at the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Mobile last week by the Mobile Press 334 ballots were cast with Wallace getting 139; de Graffenried, 68; Connor, 36; Folsom, 30; Boutwell and Gallion, 20 each; Ralph Price, 9; Henderson, 3; and Jennings, 0. (Price is a candidate for lieutenant governor.)

"Business" will be the theme of the annual convention of Automobile Dealers Association of Alabama on April 8-9 in Montgomery. Roy Drinkard of Cullman is one of the association directors.

While in Indianapolis, Ind., last week end Mr. and Mrs. Chester McClendon found one of the feature articles in The Indianapolis Star was concerning Alabama Governor's race. The title was "Vaudeville Tactics Lure Alabama Voters." The article pointed out the "importance" of "rural rhythm" in this state's political campaigns, listing the candidates – at least 5 of them – who take along "mountain music" with them on the campaign trail.

After three years in Madrid, Spain, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Thomas H. McNeil and children, Toni and Paul, will arrive in Cullman April 20 for a 30 day furlough. He has been in military service nineteen years and will, after the visit here, go to Bedford, Mass., for a new assignment.

Leaving Friday for tour of duty as skipper of a squadron on the Midway in the Mediterranean will be Commander Rayburn Bradford, who is now based on the West Coast.

Visitor at The Tribune last Saturday was a former Cullman boy, Albert Doub, now a resident of New Hebron, Miss. In discussing bygone days there, Albert stated that he remembers when the L&N tracks were at street level and the railroad station was east of the Al Richter building, located on First Avenue West.

Elected president of S.T.A.R. Club on Tuesday was Gail Kinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Kinney.

Back to Savannah, Ga., has gone Lt. Warren St. John after a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flinis St. John, Jr.

Among candidates for graduation at Snead College is Patsy Rebecca Bailey of Rt. 2, Cullman. She will receive an A.A. degree in secretarial studies.

Now stationed about 75 miles from each other in Germany are Pfc. Larry G. Hudson and Pfc. Tommy W. Hudson, grandsons of Mrs. Ida McGraw of 211 West Arnold St. They expect to be home in May of 1963.

LP-gas dealer Glenn Hulgan of Baileyton returned recently from Atlanta where he attended the 12th annual Southeastern Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association convention and trade show.

Former Cullman residents, the Milo R. Dickermans, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on March 23rd at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, where Mr. Dickerman has been a patient for several weeks recuperating from injuries he received when he was hit by an automobile. The Dickermans have recently enjoyed a visit from their son, Robert, and his wife, who flew from Santa Monica, Calif. Their other child, Mrs. Bruce H. Wallace, lives in Fairhope, where Mr. Wallace is now a member of the Fairhope High School faculty.



POET'S CORNER

Horse and Buggy Days | By: Randy C. Hale

I should have been born in Horse
and Buggy days, I sometime think.
Not in these times when technology
makes me look extinct.

I would have been okay walking
where I went
or riding in a wagon.
I think I could have shot my dinner,
and sometimes throw a horseshoe
winner.

Just playing checkers would have
been okay with me or
some other kind of game where
I could pause and think.

Going to bed at dark couldn't
have been that bad,
then getting up at sunrise and
doing what my paw said.

Now, I know they had it rough,
worked long and hard hours.
And the medicine they had then
was far below ours.

But living here now to me is
such a challenge
and life just goes too fast.
And most of the things,
that's catching on, I find I finish last.

So sometimes I find a spot
and set upon a stump.
And read a book or watch
the birds and give my mind a rest.
Then pray to God for guidance
in all this hurry mess.

Yes, being born in olden days
would fit more my behavior,
just living life a slower pace
and knowing all my neighbors.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

APRIL 5

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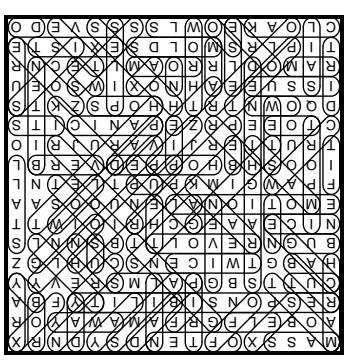
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MIKE MULLANEY

Goat Island Brewing's Cotton Creek location features a small brewing unit to allow more experimentation with new flavors.

Get your Goat in a whole new way: Goat Island Brewing opens 2nd location

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The owners of south Cullman-based Goat Island Brewing decided they knew a good thing when they saw it, and decided to open a second location closer to the heart of the city where they will be more accessible to the rapidly growing social life downtown. The new site at 417 Third Ave. SW Suite 135 in the Cotton Creek complex, opened on March 19, 2025.

"We opened the second location to have a downtown Cullman presence and to be part of the up-and-coming arts district of Cullman," said Goat Island's Mike Mullaney. "We also needed a pilot system. This location, with a smaller brew system, will allow us to create new and interesting beers.

"We will serve craft beer at Cotton Creek as well as occasionally have small acoustic players on our smaller stage. There is a large outdoor area with a stage for large events. We will not serve food, but as with the original location, we encourage people to bring their own or order in. We look forward to the Half Shell (Oyster House) restaurant opening next door which will allow us to have more options for food."

What about the "old" location?

Mullaney said, "The new location will not change anything we do at the original location. We still have the big stage where we will have larger bands and the cool mystique of being right next to the larger manufacturing brew system."

A second location means the folks at Goat Island must feel pretty good about where their business is going as they approach the nine-year mark this month. In fact, the brewery will hold an anniversary celebration on April 12, 2025, at its original location at 1646 John Cooper Dr. in Cullman.

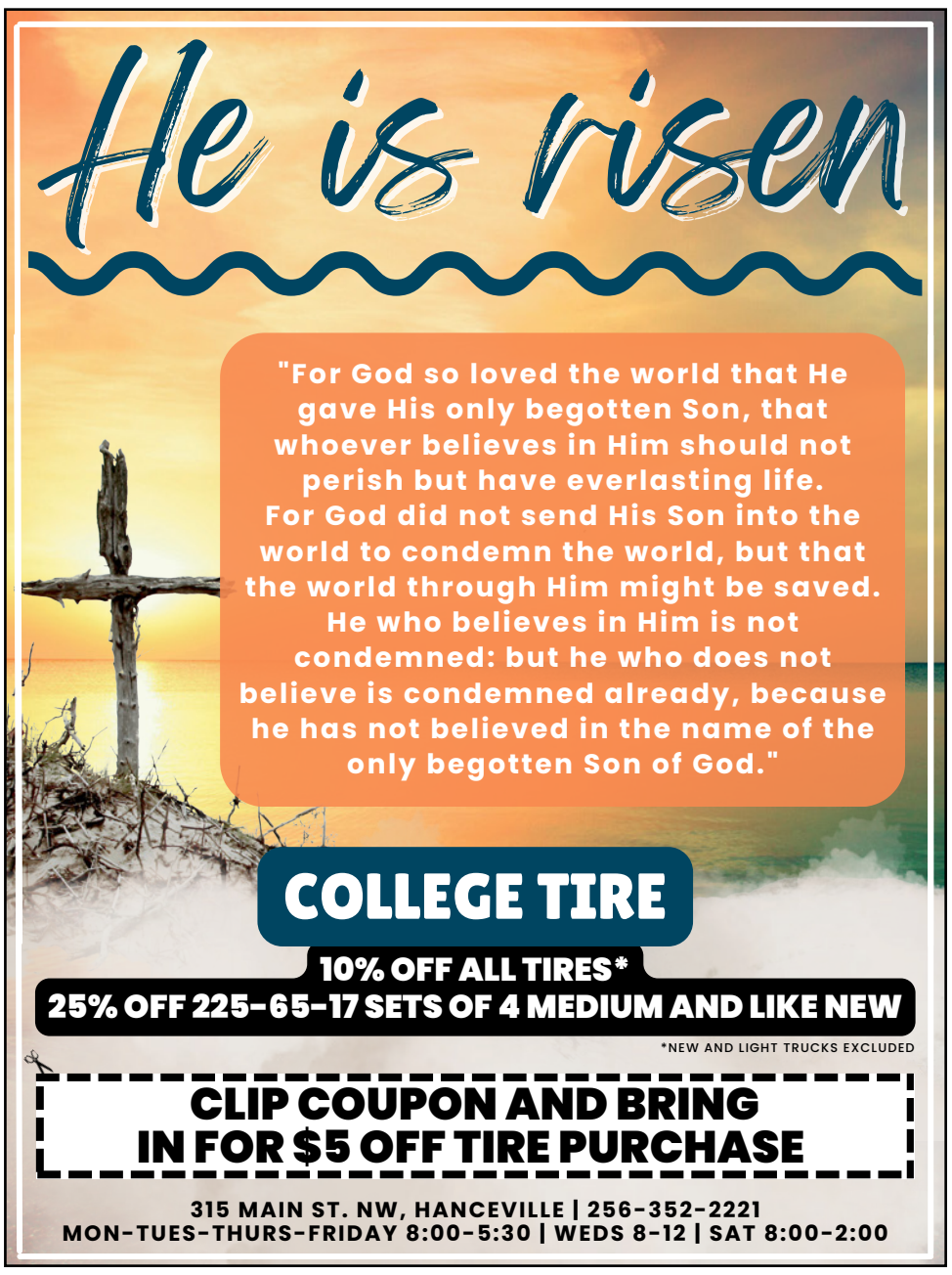
"Goat Island Brewing is doing well," said Mullaney. "Goat Island continues to grow our distribution footprint. We are in Nashville, Chattanooga, Georgia, Alabama and the panhandle of Florida."

The brewery has recently introduced two new beers:

- Goat Island Blonde, a collaboration with the Alabama/Northwest Florida section of the PGA. A portion of the proceeds from each beer goes to its golf charity, which promotes golf for underprivileged kids. Mullaney called the beer "an easy drinking classic American blonde ale."

- Strawberry Blonde Ale, released in time for the Alabama Strawberry Festival happening in Cullman later this month. Mullaney called it "a light blonde ale with a beautiful pink hue, and a refreshing ripe strawberry taste."

The Goat at Cotton Creek is currently open Thursdays noon-9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays noon-11 p.m. and Sundays noon-7 p.m. Those hours will expand when Half Shell Oyster House opens.



Librarians (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library has added two librarians to its staff. Library Manager Teresa Rivera said the library is fully staffed for the first time since last November. The new employees are Pam Reid and Cystal Stone.

"Pam Reid joined in February," Rivera said. "She is a local resident and retired educator. She had served on the library board for many years previously. Pam is also involved in the Culture Club. She is a mother and grandmother. Crystal Stone joined the library team in March, and loves to hike and enjoys art. She also is a local Hanceville resident. She is married and has family in the area. Both have contributed a lot to the library in their short term working. Stop in and meet their smiling faces."





SHIRLEY BURDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Crystal Stone and Pam Reid

The library has planned many events for April, including:

- Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m. - Prom Makeover Class
- Wednesday, April 16, at 10 a.m. - Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt
- Wednesday, April 23, at 10 a.m. - Game Club
- Wednesday, April 30, at 10 a.m. - Children's Book Club and storytime for younger children in the Shirley Burden Children's Room

"We have lots of fun planned for April," Rivera said. "Join us on Facebook for more weekly details for each week. The summer program starts May 28 with Mr. Larry's Magic Show, June 4- with Let It Shine Puppets singing and dancing for your enjoyment - a great show! Then on June 11, the Alabama Department of Archives. June 18 Snead's Farmhouse will present a program on their animals. June 25 the Hanceville Fire Department will show off the firetrucks and provide water for the children to play in, and July 2, the Science Lady will present a program on Color of Science."

Get more info at Facebook/Hanceville Public Library. The library is open Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 201 Commercial St.

Obituary Announcements: April 3-4

Daniel Lee Fowler, 85

Funeral services for Daniel Lee Fowler, 85, of Hanceville, Alabama, will be 12 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Jimmy Mattox and Delwin Kilgo will be officiating. The family will welcome friends for visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home on Saturday April 5th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Daniel Fowler, a man of faith, boundless kindness, and an infectious sense of humor, passed away on April 1, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center, leaving behind a legacy of love and joy that will never be forgotten. He was a selfless soul, always putting others before himself, and his heart knew no bounds when it came to helping those in need. A devoted Christian; Daniel lived his life guided by faith, integrity, and love. His wife, Shirley, was the absolute light of his life, and he adored her with every fiber of his being. Their love was a testament to commitment, laughter, and the beauty of a shared journey. He also held an unbreakable bond with his beloved daughter, always cherishing the moments they shared together. Daniel had a way of brightening every room he entered. His smile alone could lift spirits, and his famous orange shoes became a symbol of his vibrant personality. He was known for his quick wit and endless jokes, always making sure that laughter was a part of every conversation. His caring nature and ability to make people feel loved and valued touched more lives than can be counted. A true man of his word, Daniel would do anything for anyone, expecting nothing in return. He lived his life with an open heart and open arms, and those who had the privilege of knowing him were better for it. Though he may no longer walk among us, his spirit, his laughter, and his love will remain forever in the hearts of those he cherished. He was loved by many, and his impact on the world will never fade. Survivors include his daughter, Evon Fowler (Tom Alwine); sister, Ellen McDonald; sister-in-law, Jackie Fowler; brother-in-law, Paul Angell; and a host of many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved friends. Mr. Fowler was preceded in death by his loving wife, Shirley Fowler; parents, Millard and Bessie Fowler; and brothers, Donald Fowler and Jerry Fowler. His nephews will have the honor of serving as his pallbearers. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Fowler family. Daniel Fowler, a man who lived with joy, kindness, and faith, will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

John Kevin Jacobs, 67

A graveside service for John Kevin Jacobs of Cullman, Alabama, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church in Berlin, Alabama. John, a loving father, brother, and grandfather, passed away April 1, 2025, at the age of 67. He was born Dec. 28, 1957. He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph Woodrow Jacobs Sr. and Dean Vest Jacobs; his daughter, Claire Denise Jacobs Johnson; and his two sisters, Pam Jo Keller and Charlotte Diane Jacobs. He is survived by his daughters Tiffany (Josh) Cantrell and Abigail Jacobs; his brother Woody (Connie) Jacobs; two sisters, Debra (Dwight) Holcombe and Joyce Echols; six grandchildren, Olivia Cantrell, Madeline Cluxton, Ryder Cantrell, Chelsey Johnson, Savannah Johnson, and Shelby Johnson. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in John's honor to Hope Horses, Inc.

William Fred Richard, 83

Funeral service for Mr. William Fred Richard, 83, of Cullman will be at 12 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Pastor Joe McNulty and Bro. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be from 10-12 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Richard passed away Friday, April 4, 2025, at Woodland Nursing and Rehab. He was born Jan. 15, 1942, to William Ludwig and Margaret Lucille Jett Richard. He attended Cornerstone Nazarene Church. He loved working on his farm, loved antiques and loved shopping for them, and he loved yard sales. He loved his dog, Daisy Lou and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He will be missed. Mr. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 56 years, Wilma Inez Richard; a sister, Elsie Patterson; and his grandson, Micah Dean Richard. Survivors include his sons, William Darin (Melissa) Richard, Aaron Keith (Kendra) Richard, Jeremy (Brande) Richard; brothers, Donnie (Pat) Richard, Ivan (Michelle) Richard; sister, Sandra (James) Harris; grandchildren, Tyler Richard, Colton (Meagan) Richard, Machiela Richard, Austin (Meda) Richard, Alyssa (Quinton) Williams, Caitlin Richard, Morgan Richard, Huckleberry Graham; great-grandchildren, Clayton Dean Richard, John Raymond Richard, William Forrest Richard, Hunnter Ann Richard; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jacquelyn Virginia Teeter-Smith, 95

Loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Jacquelyn Teeter-Smith, (nee Holden), age 95, born Oct. 15, 1929, died on March 31, 2025. She was born in South Paris, Maine and spent years in California, Kentucky, and Alabama. She will be remembered for her love of her family, travel, photography, art, French culture and language and her early occupation of nursing. She leaves behind her children, daughter Stephanie and son-in-law Tom, daughter Robin and son-in-law David, daughter Tracy and son-in-law William, and son Eric and daughter-in-law Deanna. Surviving, also, is her sister, Sheila West, and many nieces and nephews. She was a loving grandmother to her eleven grandchildren, Lauren, Paige, Melissa, Marlee, Michael, Brittany, Greg, Carly, Michael, Parker, and Kaitlyn, as well as to her twenty-six great-grandchildren. Her first husband, Robert Wilford Teeter, predeceased her on May 10, 2001, age 71. Her second husband, Robert Smith, predeceased her on May 12, 2018. Her siblings, Pauline, Rene and Richard all predeceased her as well. A private burial will be held at Cullman Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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