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Baileyton changes polling location; Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 12

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — The Baileyton Town Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Windell Calloway and opened with an invocation by Councilman Dewayne Sumner on Monday, April 7.

At its previous meeting, the council passed a resolution to hold the Town's Municipal Election at the Baileyton Community Center. However, because Cullman County's General Election is the same day, the council amended Resolution 2025-2 to move the Municipal Election from the community center to Baileyton Town Hall. Both elections will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.

The Town of Baileyton will hosts its 2025 Easter Egg Hunt this » PAGE 5



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The Baileyton Town Council is seen on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Young artists shine in art contest

Local students place in 2025 4th Congressional District Art Competition

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, announced the winners of the 2025 4th Congressional District Art Competition during a special awards ceremony held Monday morning, April 7, at Wallace State Community College.

Elianna Hollis, a student at Cullman High School, placed first in the Drawings category. Maria Agnello, a student at St. Bernard Prep School, placed first in the Computer Graphics category. Other local winners included Frankie Kate Kruger from Cullman High School (third place, Collages), Emma Beavers from West Point High School (second place, Prints) and Harper Granger from Cullman High School (third place, Mixed Media).

The top honor, Best of Show, was awarded to Natalie Jones, an 11th grader at DAR School in Grant. Natalie's exceptional piece—a colorful 3D crocheted tree—will be displayed in the United States Capitol for the next year as part of the national Congressional Art Competition exhibit. As the Best of Show winner, Natalie will also travel to Washington, D.C. this summer to participate in the national awards ceremony. In addi- » PAGE 7





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Wallace State Theatre to present 'Little Women: The Musical' April 11-13



WALLACE STATE

Rebekah Clay, Allie Bess Chenault, Tahauny Cleghorn and ReaAnna Rusk rehearse a scene from Wallace State Theatre's upcoming production of "Little Women: The Musical."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 9, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 3

- theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $1,999

April 4

- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; 4th St. SW

April 6

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Warnke Rd. NW

April 7

- harassment; person
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Days Inn; damaged door; 4th St. SW
- burglary-3rd degree; domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 4th St. SW
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Hwy. 157

April 8

- theft of property-2nd degree; person; Utility Trailer; $2,000; Hwy. 157
- harassment; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

April 7-8

Grove, Andrew J.; 28

- public intoxication

Lancaster, Christy J.; 47

- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Vincent, Phillip R.; 52

- GJ – organized retail theft

Boone, John T.; 40

- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Mooney, Cheranda R.; 39

- FTA – public intoxication

Goodnight, Clayton J.; 36

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Doyle, Roger L.; 39

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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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
For more information, contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962-2521.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
- 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Friday, April 11 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Sunday, April 13 - 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 13 - 5 p.m. Healing service

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.

Men's Breakfast at Seventh Street Baptist Church
Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 a.m. Join us for a special Men's Breakfast! This is an event you won't want to miss as we welcome Dr. Kenneth Vandervoort as our keynote speaker. Dr. Vandervoort, a dentist from Snead, Alabama, has an incredible story to share. Not only is he a former Navy SEAL, but he also played football for the Alabama Crimson Tide. His experiences of discipline, teamwork and faith will inspire and challenge you. Bring a friend and enjoy a hearty breakfast, fellowship and encouragement as we grow together in Christ.

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.

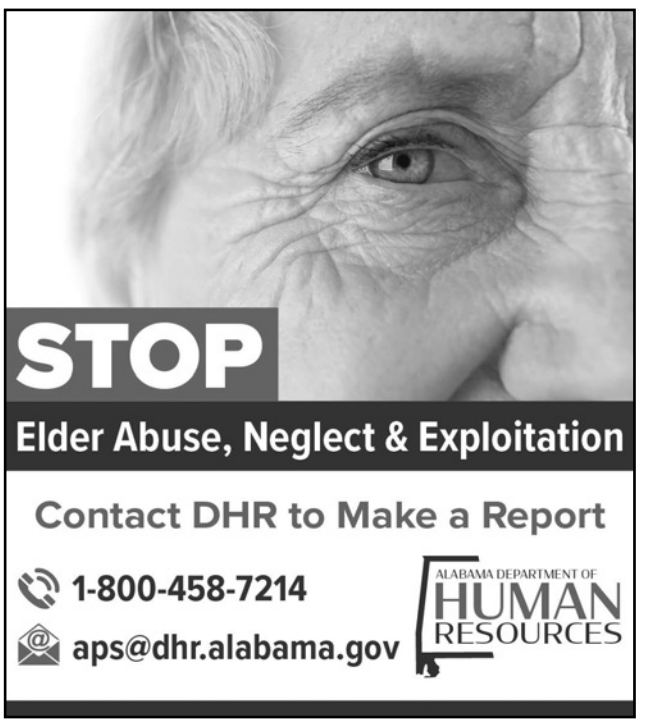
Cullman Farm-City Committee Meeting
Please join us for the first Farm-City Committee meeting of the year on Monday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Cullman County Economic Development boardroom at 325 Second St. SE. Lunch provided if you RSVP by Friday, April 18. RSVP to Tiffany at toldacre@co.cullman.al.us or 256-962-3657.

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

Cullman claims area title with 4-2 win over Mortimer Jordan; Tuesday scoring recap

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman starter Cooper Loftin (30) tossed six innings to earn the win against Mortimer Jordan on Tuesday, allowing just one run on five hits and striking out nine batters.

CULLMAN, Ala. — After collecting a pair of wins over the weekend, the Bearcats continued area play with a matchup against Mortimer Jordan Tuesday night. Cullman jumped out to an early lead and starting pitcher Cooper Loftin kept the Blue Devils' bats at bay to secure a 4-2 win and the 6A, Area 13 title. Loftin tossed six innings to earn the win, allowing just one run on five hits and striking out nine batters.

After a scoreless first inning, the Bearcats took the lead in the bottom of the second. Tyler Brock reached base on an error and Knox Mauldin was hit by a pitch and Cooper Loftin drew a walk to load the bases. Brock scored on a passed ball to give the 'Cats a 1-0 lead and Brooks Heatherly lined an RBI single into center field to make it 2-0. Colter Bowen drew a walk with the bases loaded to bring in a third run and a sacrifice fly from Bennett Johnson made it a 4-0 game going into the third inning.

The Blue Devils put one run on the board in the third to trim the lead to 4-1 and both teams had a hard time getting their bats going the rest of the way.

After three scoreless innings, Mortimer Jordan was able to push one across in the top of the seventh to trim the lead to 4-2 but it wasn't enough to overcome Cullman's lead and the 'Cats held on to win it 4-2.

Heatherly, Bowen and Johnson each recorded a hit and an RBI in the win.

The Bearcats will continue the series at Mortimer Jordan on Thursday.

Fairview 15 – Brewer 5 (Baseball)
Camden Cullen scored on a passed ball to give Fairview a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and the Aggies added to their lead in the second.

Barrett York scored on an error and Collin Nelson scored on a wild pitch to make it a 3-0 game going into the third.

Brewer responded with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth to cut the lead to 3-2 but Fairview's bats put more runs on the board in the bottom half of the inning.

Nelson scored on a bases-loaded walk to make it a 4-2 game and a few pitches later, an error allowed two more runs to score and stretched the lead to 6-2. Connor Scott scored on a fielder's choice later in the inning to extend the lead to 7-2 going into the fifth.

The Patriots pushed three more runs across in the top of the fifth to trim the lead to 7-5 but that was as close as they got the rest of the way. An RBI double from Lincoln Wright made it 8-5 in the bottom of the fifth and an error allowed Nic Gregory to score and make it 9-5 two pitches later.

Wright scored on a passed ball later in the inning to put Fairview in front 10-5 and Jackson Earnest plated two more runs with an RBI double to left field. York lined an RBI single into center field to make it a 13-5 game and after an error allowed York to score later in the inning, Wright drew a walk with the bases loaded to wrap up a 15-5 area win for the Aggies.

Earnest (one hit) led Fairview with three RBIs in the win and Wright (one hit) and Scott each posted a pair of RBIs.

Russellville 5 – West Point 2 (Baseball)
Russellville jumped out to an early lead in this one, scoring once in the bottom of the first, twice in the second and another run in the third to make it a 4-0 game going into the fourth inning. After a pair of scoreless innings, the Tigers added another run in the sixth to make it a 5-0 game, but West Point was able to get on the board in the final frame.

Cade Welborn led off the top of the seventh with a double into center field and Cooper Howard followed with a single to put runners on the corners. An error allowed both of them to score later in the inning, cutting the lead to three but that was as close as the Warriors could climb back and Russellville held on to win it 5-2.

Welborn, Howard and Jay Lamar each recorded a hit in the loss.

Winston County 4 – Cold Springs 1 (Baseball)
Winston County took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first but after a scoreless second inning, the Eagles tied things up at 1 in the top of the third when Brandon Chasteen scored on a fielder's choice. The Yellow Jackets moved back ahead 2-1 in the bottom of the third and after a scoreless fourth inning, Winston County scored two more runs in the fifth to make it a 4-1 game.

Cold Springs was unable to chip into any more of the lead the rest of the way and the Yellow Jackets held on to win it 4-1.

Cooper Johnson (one hit) finished with an RBI in the loss and Brady Phillips and Chasteen each recorded a pair of hits.

Locust Fork 5 – Holly Pond 4 (Baseball)
Locust Fork scored in the bottom of the first to take a 1-0 lead but after a pair of scoreless innings, the Broncos pulled ahead in the top of the fourth. Boston Gibbs scored on a fielder's choice to tie the game at 1 and a balk allowed another run to score a few pitches later, putting Holly Pond ahead 2-1.

The Hornets scored two more runs in the bottom half of the fourth to retake a 3-2 lead and they added another run in the fifth to make it a 4-2 game. Locust Fork stretched its lead to 5-2 in the sixth, but the Broncos wouldn't go away quietly. Sawyer Olinger led off the top of the seventh with a double and Carson Ryan was hit by a pitch to give Holly Pond a pair of runners. Olinger scored on an error to trim the lead to 5-3 and a few pitches later, Ryan scored on a fielder's choice to make it 5-4. Unfortunately, the Broncos were unable to chip away any more of the lead and Locust Fork held on to defeat Holly Pond 5-4.

Olinger finished with a pair of hits in the loss and Gibbs and Derrek Nelson each added a hit as well.

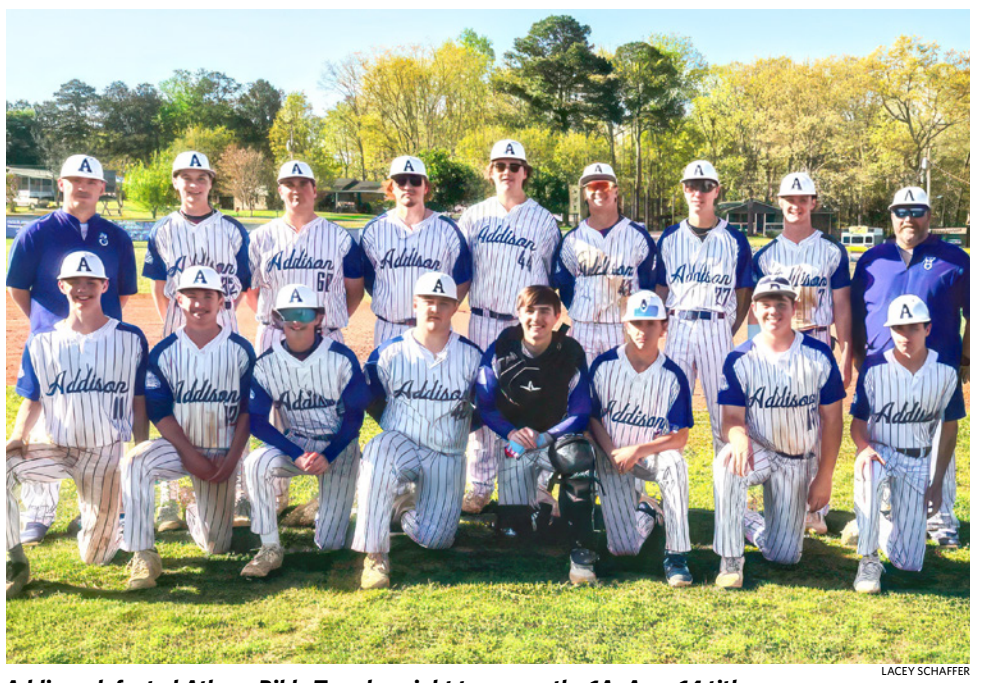
J.B. Pennington 5 – Hanceville 1 (Baseball)
The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but Hanceville responded in the top of the second when Jackson Howell scored on an error to tie things up at 1. After a scoreless third inning, J.B. Pennington pushed another run across in the bottom of the fourth to make it a 2-1 game. The Tigers added another run in the fifth and two more in the sixth to pull ahead 5-1 and Hanceville wasn't able to answer the scoring run, allowing Pennington to claim a 5-1 win over the Bulldogs.

Howell recorded the lone hit for Hanceville in the loss.

PREP BASEBALL

Addison sweeps Athens Bible to win area championship

Todd Walker
Correspondent



LACEY SCHAFFER

Addison defeated Athens Bible Tuesday night to secure the 1A, Area 14 title.

ADDISON, Ala. — The fifth-ranked Addison Bulldogs hosted No. 7 Athens Bible Trojans for an area double header Tuesday night, and they took care of business, clinching the area title with a 10-0 win in game one. Addison kept the momentum going with a 13-0 win in the second game as well. Addison will host the first round of the state playoffs next week and Athens Bible will travel for its first-round game.

Addison 10- Athens Bible 0 (Game One)
Addison started their ace Kiah Lake, and he pitched as well as he possibly could on this night. After getting the Trojans three up three down in the top of the first, Lake helped his own cause with a two out two run single in the bottom of the first. Lake's single brought home Jed Wilkins and Lane Stewart to give Addi the 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third inning Addison struck for two more runs as Wilkins led off with a walk, Tucker Thompson stroked a double to put runners at second and third with no one out. Stone Talley grounded out to score Wilkins and move Thompson to third. Stewart grounded out to bring in Thompson. After three innings, Addison led 4-0 and the Trojans were still without a baserunner.

In the top of the fourth inning, Trojan Luke Murrell led off with a double that came with inches of being caught by Wilkins in centerfield. This was the first Trojan baserunner and hit. A Lake wild pitch moved Murrell to third with no one out. This is where Lake showed what he was made of. Lake got a hard-hit ground ball right at third base, holding the runner at third. Lake then got two infield pop ups to strand the Trojan runner at third and keep the Trojans off the board.

Addison would explode for four runs in the fourth inning to salt the game away. After a one out walk to Dathan Cleghorn, Wilkins singled to center to move Cleghorn to third base. Thompson then singled, scoring Wilkins and Cleghorn to move the Addison lead to 6-0. Talley then crushed a ball to centerfield for a double to score Thompson. An error and a wild pitch allowed Thompson to score, and Addison led 8-0 after 4 innings.

Lake mowed down the Trojans in the top of the fifth and Addison plated two runs to end the game after five innings, 10-0. Stewart was able to single in two runs to get the magic number of ten needed to end the game.

Lake went the five innings for the one hit shutout. Lake struck out five and walked no one.

Thompson went 2-3 with 3 runs scored, a stolen base and 2 RBIs. Talley went 1-3 with 2 RBIs, a double and 2 stolen bases. Stewart went 1-3 with 3 RBIs, a stolen base and a run scored. Wilkins went 1-2 with 3 runs scored, a stolen base and a walk. Lake went 1-1 with 2 walks and 2 RBIs.

Addison 13 - Athens Bible 0 (Game Two)
Addison didn't waste any time in dominating the Trojans in game two. Addison starter Tucker Thompson allowed Trojan Ethan Barnes to single in the first with two outs but was able to get out of the inning. Addison scored 4 runs in the bottom of the first and never looked back. The Trojan pitcher walked two of the first three batters and with runners on second and third with one out, Stewart squared up a single scoring two runs to give Addison the quick 2-0 lead.

Lake singled to push Stewart to third base and then Jaxson Williams singled to score Stewart to give Addison the 3-0 lead. Kaden Dyson hit a sacrifice fly to right field and that scored Lake. At the end of the first inning Addison looked focused and determined to get the sweep of the Trojans as they led 4-0.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Bulldogs were able to plate three runs without recording a hit. With one out, Wilkins walked and was able to advance to third base on a two-base error on the Trojan pitcher.

Thompson was then hit by a pitch, then pinch runner Casin "Wheels" Hill stole second base. Talley grounded out to second, but Wilkins was able to score on the play to up Addison's lead to 5-0. Stewart was then hit by a pitch and after a wild pitch, "Wheels" came home and Stewart went to third. Stewart scored on an error by the Trojans and at the end of the second inning, Addison had extended their lead to 7-0.

The Addison third was a good inning for the Dawgs. With one out , Carter Pratt reached on an error and then stole second base.

After a hard hit line drive out by his twin brother, Owen Pratt, Wilkins deployed a ball to dead center field and the ball landed a good five to ten feet beyond the fence for a two-run home run. Thompson, Talley and Stewart then followed with three consecutive doubles. Talley and Stewart's double each scoring a run. Lake singled home the final run of the inning and Addison was up 12-0.

The bottom of the fourth, Wilkins grounded out, but this allowed Owen Pratt to score as he led off the inning with a walk, a stolen base and advanced to third on an error.

The Bulldogs got the Trojans out in order in the 5th and that was the ball game. Addison had won 13-0 in five innings.

Tucker Thompson went four innings for the win and allowed only the first inning single. Thompson struck out four while walking none. Carter Pratt came in and finished off the fifth, getting a strike out.

Wilkins went 1-2 with 3 runs scored, 2 RBIs, a home run, 2 walks and a stolen base. Talley went 2-3 with 2 runs scored, 2 RBIs, 2 doubles, 2 stolen bases and a walk.

Stewart went 2-3 with 3 runs scored 3 RBIs and a double. Lake went 2-3 with a rbi and a run scored. Thompson went 1-2 with 2 runs scored, a double and a stolen base.

Addison Head Coach Lee Williams
"We are playing really good baseball right now. Our last three series we played the No. 1 team in 1A Hackleburg and beat them, swept two games from Meek and just swept a ranked Athens Bible team," Williams said.

"I challenged my guys to show up and take care of business and they have. I believe the biggest difference in this team from last year's is their mentality. We are tougher mentally this year than last.

"We don't let the little things get us down. We are also hitting much better with men on base. We left a ton of guys on base last year and we just aren't doing that this year."

Addison will host Carbon Hill on Friday and then they will host a first-round playoff game next week.

Gypsy Soul hosting Easter Tablescape event with Cullman Florist April 15

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gypsy Soul Antiques and Things is hosting "Come to the Table," a community Easter Tablescape event on Tuesday, April 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at 218 First Ave. SE, in Cullman.

Owner Lindsey Blackwood said, "Come learn a whimsical approach to your table settings, along with modern and simple ways to design your floral arrangements using both real and silk flowers from Cullman Florist. All are welcome at our table at Gypsy Soul Antiques and Things as we will have lunch provided for all guests. Grab your ticket today and bring a friend."

Blackwood said the table is such a huge part of the Passover and Easter story. "The table has long been such a central feature to homes as generations gather around it to celebrate and break bread together," she said. "It is the reason Cullman Florist and Gypsy Soul crossed paths as we both gathered with other women around a table to learn and grow and celebrate each other. We want to invite you to the table because we believe all are welcome and all are a gift from God. Also, who doesn't want to have their home gloriously decorated for such a special day with family."

Blackwood said they want to have more "Come to the Table" events yearly and workshops about how to have beautiful tablescapes that look like a magazine cover, but on a budget. She said you don't have to spend a lot to have a beautiful display.

At the April 15 event, there will be a door prize giveaway from Cullman Florist and Gypsy Soul Antiques and Things. There will also be 20% discounts in both stores for guests.

Tickets are $40 and available at https://square.link/u/WGSlgGoG. For more information, email info@gypsysoulantique.com.

Falkville hosting Eggfest Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 12

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FALKVILLE, Ala. — The Town of Falkville is hosting the Eggfest Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at South Park in the track area.

The event is free to the public and will include a visit from the Easter Bunny, food and drinks, a massive egg hunt with 5,000 eggs and Golden Egg prizes. Event Coordinator Danielle Hayes said if you find a golden egg, bring it to the Pepsi trailer to pick out a special prize. "Bring your cameras, family, friends and a festive spirit. It's going to be a fantastic time for all ages," Hayes said. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/townoffalkville.

Cullman County archery teams shine at state tournaments in Montgomery

Cullman County Schools
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Cullman County Schools were well represented at the State Bullseye and IBO Tournaments held in Montgomery this past weekend, with multiple schools bringing home top honors and individual accolades.

Vinemont High School led the way by claiming the IBO State Championship title with an impressive team score 1688. In the Bullseye competition, VHS earned a strong 2nd-place finish.

High School archers that stood out individually:

- AnnaLee McRae placed 2nd overall, shooting a 288
- Tyson James also took 2nd place, scoring a 293
- Noah May placed 3rd with a score of 293
- Tucker Robinson finished 7th in the high school boy's division
- Caroline Miller finished 8th in the high school girl's division

High School Team Results:

- Vinemont – 2nd place
- Good Hope – 8th place
- Fairview – 9th place

Middle School Division:

- Vinemont placed 3rd in both Bullseye and IBO

Elementary School Division:

- Vinemont finished 2nd in both Bullseye and IBO
- Hanceville placed 8th overall

Elementary Individual Highlights:

- Ty Chambers (Hanceville Elementary) – 4th overall elementary boys
- Maylin Malchow (Vinemont Elementary) - 5th overall elementary girls

Congratulations to our Cullman County archery teams for a fantastic showing at the state level!



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Vinemont High School won this year's IBO State Championship with a score of 1,688.

Baileyton Council (from Front)

Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m. Age categories are 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Pictures with the Easter Bunny and candy galore will be available for children of all ages with a special prize-filled golden egg also up for grabs! The hunt will take place at Baileyton Town Park, 606 Fire Station Road. Mayor Calloway stated, "Anybody that can help hide Easter eggs. We will unlock the park at 8 o'clock and we would be happy to have you."

In other business, the council discussed:

- Reminder to submit nominations for Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year; the deadline May 30, 2025, and nominations can be made via Facebook at www.facebook.com/thetownofbaileyton
- Don Fallin spoke to the council about his dedication to serving the community and to garner support for his run for Alabama House of Representatives, District 11
- Obtaining quotes from various companies regarding enhanced security systems for the senior center and town hall

The next town council meeting will be Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.

Cullman set to host MLF Tackle Warehouse Invitational Stop 3 at Lewis Smith Lake presented by Phoenix Boats

Joe Opager
Major League Fishing

CULLMAN, Ala. — The third Major League Fishing (MLF) Tackle Warehouse Invitational event of the season is set to take place next week, April 15-17, at Lewis Smith Lake – the Tackle Warehouse Invitational Stop 3 Presented by Phoenix Boats.

The three-day tournament, hosted by Visit Cullman, Alabama, will feature a field of professional bass anglers competing for a top prize of up to $115,000. Anglers will take to the water to catch their five biggest bass each day, and the winner will be determined by the heaviest three-day cumulative total.

"We are thrilled to welcome Major League Fishing and the Tackle Warehouse Invitational to Cullman County," said Harmony Heard, Executive Director for the Cullman County Tourism Bureau. "Our lakes and outdoor spaces provide the perfect backdrop for a world-class tournament, and we look forward to showcasing our hospitality to anglers and fans from across the country.

"This event not only highlights our incredible fishing resources but also brings a positive economic impact to our community. We can't wait to see some of the best anglers in the sport compete right here next week in Cullman."

Local standout pro Jordan Wiggins of Cullman, who has three top-10 finishes on Smith Lake in MLF competition – including two victories – knows this lake better than most, but he says even anglers who are extremely familiar with the lake will have to stay on their toes.

"Right now, the lake is five feet flooded. If the tournament was this week, it'd be unreal. But the water's going to be falling, which could make things a little tougher," Wiggins explained. "Still, I believe it's going to be a really good event and we are going to catch a ton of fish."

Wiggins said that right now Smith Lake has fish in all stages of the spawn.

"We're probably going see a little bit of everything – pre-spawn, spawn, and post-spawn," Wiggins said. "You'll be able to catch plenty of spawning spotted bass, even if you can't actually see them. There are key stretches they use every year, and that's where you'll find 'em."

While numbers shouldn't be a problem, Wiggins noted that size will be the difference-maker.

"You usually have to cull through a lot of little ones to get a decent bag. The key will be finding those sections where the bigger ones have pulled up."

When it comes to baits, Wiggins is keeping it simple.

"I'll have a shaky head with a green pumpkin Reaction Innovations Flirt Worm—that five-inch finesse worm is my go-to," he said. "I might also throw a Neko rig with the seven-inch, but more than likely, it's gonna be that shaky head doing the work."

As for weights, Wiggins predicts consistency will be crucial.

"You're gonna see a lot of 13-pound bags, but I think it'll take around 16 pounds a day to win. I predict the winner is going to have right around 48 pounds total over three days."

Anglers will launch at 6:30 a.m. CT each day from Smith Lake Park, located at 403 County Road 386 in Cullman, Alabama.

Weigh-ins will be held at Smith Lake Park and will begin at 2:30 p.m. Fans are welcome to attend all launch and weigh-in events and also encouraged to follow the event online throughout the day on the MLFNOW!® live stream and coverage at MajorLeagueFishing.com.

The 2025 Tackle Warehouse Invitationals feature a field of professional anglers competing across six invitational tournaments around the country, for a total purse of $4.3 million and valuable Fishing Clash Angler of the Year (AOY) points to qualify for the Invitationals Championship, set for Sept. 5-7 on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, and a coveted spot on the MLF Bass Pro Tour – the sport's premier circuit.

In Tackle Warehouse Invitationals competition, the full field compete in the two-day opening round on Tuesday and Wednesday in a five-fish, weigh-in format. Only the top 30 pros, based on their two-day cumulative weight, advance to the final round on Championship Thursday, where they will compete for the grand prize of up to $115,000.

The winner of the Tackle Warehouse Invitational Stop 3 at Lewis Smith Lake Presented by Phoenix Boats is determined by the heaviest three-day cumulative weight.

Forward-facing and/or 360-degree sonar is limited to only days 1 and 3 of competition. No forward-facing and/or 360-degree sonar will be allowed on day 2 of competition.

The MLFNOW! broadcast team of Chad McKee and Rob Newell will break down the extended action live all three days of competition from 7 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. CT. MLFNOW! will be live streamed on MajorLeagueFishing.com, the MyOutdoorTV (MOTV) app and Rumble.

Television coverage of the MLF Tackle Warehouse Invitationals Stop 3 at Lewis Smith Lake Presented by Phoenix Boats will air as a two-hour episode, premiering at 9 a.m. ET, on Saturday, Oct. 18 on CBS Sports Network.

Proud sponsors of the 2025 MLF Tackle Warehouse Invitationals include: 7Brew Coffee, Abu Garcia, Athletic Brewing, B&W Trailer Hitches, Berkley, Bubba, Deep Dive, E3 Sports Apparel, Epic Baits, Fishing Clash, Grizzly, Humminbird, Lew's, Mercury, Minn Kota, Mossy Oak, Onyx, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Phoenix Boats, Polaris, Power-Pole, Precision Sonar, Strike King, Suzuki Marine, Tackle Warehouse, T-H Marine, Toyota, VOSKER, WIX Filters and YETI.

For complete details and updated information visit MajorLeagueFishing.com. For regular Tackle Warehouse Invitationals updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow the MLF5 social media outlets at Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

About Major League Fishing

Major League Fishing (MLF) is the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, producing more than 250 events annually at some of the most prestigious fisheries in the world, while broadcasting to America's living rooms on CBS, Discovery Channel, Outdoor Channel, CBS Sports Network, World Fishing Network and on demand on MyOutdoorTV (MOTV). Headquartered in Benton, Kentucky, the MLF roster of bass anglers includes the world's top pros and more than 30,000 competitors in all 50 states and 20 countries. Since its founding in 2011, MLF has advanced the sport of competitive fishing through its premier television broadcasts and livestreams and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for bass through research, education, fisheries enhancement and fish care.



MLF

The third Major League Fishing (MLF) Tackle Warehouse Invitational event of the season is set to take place next week, April 15-17, at Lewis Smith Lake.

Cullman Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday approved a slate of upcoming special events, while tabling a request from Michael McBrayer for the annual Rock the South music festival at York Family Farms in July. According to Council President Jenny Folsom, public safety staff have not yet completed and submitted their final reports. The council did not point to any issue between the City and RTS, treating the matter as routine.

The council did approve:

• A special event request from Leldon Maxcy to hold the annual Warehouse District Street Sale April 10-11, 2025

• A special event request from Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism to hold the annual Alabama Strawberry Festival in the Special Events District April 25-26, 2025

• A special event request from Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism to hold the annual Dinner on First in the Warehouse District on May 17, 2025

Clean City audit

The council approved a resolution accepting the City's 2024 financial audit. Folsom declared the audit clean, and thanked Mayor Woody Jacobs and a team of city hall staffers for their efforts in carrying out the audit.

Tax abatement for "Project Box"

The council also approved a tax abatement for an undisclosed company under the title of "Project Box." According to Folsom, the company plans to expand existing operations in the city with a $47 million capital investment.

The council also approved resolutions to:

• Enter into agreement with ALDOT to maintain a sidewalk on the 2000 block of Cherokee Avenue/Alabama Highway 69

• To surplus inventory not needed by the City for public or municipal purposes, and offer it for sale through govdeals.com

Mayor Jacobs announced that the City will proclaim April as "Fair Housing Month," saying that City Hall will soon issue a formal proclamation.

The Cullman City Council meets next at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025, in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Theatre (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College Theatre Department will present "Little Women: The Musical" Friday through Sunday, April 11-13, 2025, at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre inside Garlan E. Gudger Sr., Student Center.

Based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women: The Musical" follows the adventures of sisters, Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March. Jo is trying to sell her stories for publication, but the publishers are not interested – her friend, Professor Bhaer, tells her that she has to do better and write more from herself. Begrudgingly taking this advice, Jo weaves the story of herself and her sisters and their experience growing up in Civil War America.

"I have loved the story of 'Little Women' since childhood. Jo March (and by extension Louisa May Alcott) was a woman ahead of her time, and her desires and dreams are still so recognizable and universal," said Angela Green, Wallace State's Theatre program director. "I believe audiences, whether they have read the novel or not, will find relatable thoughts, feeling and actions in all of these characters. And the beautifully written score helps give more insight to these characters and their situations while also entertaining and enlightening all who attend the show."

The cast for "Little Women" includes Beth Roberts as Marmee March, Tahauny Cleghorn as Meg March, Alli Bess Chenault as Jo March, Rebekah Clay as Beth March and Rodrigo No. 2, ReAnna Rusk as Amy March and Clarissa, Em Sharp and Aunt March and Hag, Will Sprouse as Laurie Laurence, Trae Barker as Mr. Laurence, Conner Carter and Mr. John Brooke and Braxton, James Knear as Professor Bhaer, Brooke Cochran and Mrs. Kirk, Elijah Hammick as Rodrigo, Ariel Jacobs as Troll and Colter Drake as Knight.

Green serves as the director and choreographer. Assistant directors are Ella Gibbs and Nyjaa Rooks. Rehearsal assistants are Em Sharp and Brooke Cochran. Vocal director is Conner Carter. Vocal consultant is Tiffany Richter. Set designer is Mark Eccleston. Lighting and sound director is Wes Clabo. Costuming is Green, Brynn McCain and Rebekah Clay. Hair/wigs/makeup is Emma Sue Carnes. Stage managers are Rooks and Josiah Johnson. Spotlight operator is Ezra Quick. Lightboard operator is Josh Hancock. Stage crew/props is Breanna Briscoe, Sarah Whitfield, Illora Goodwin, Cade Reid and Kaleb Edwards.

"All of these students have been working so hard for these upcoming performances and I am beyond proud of their dedication, hard work and talent," Green said.

Shows will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m., matinee on Sunday. Admission is a $10 donation.

EARL'S BODY SHOP
2251 Decatur Ave., N.W.
734-2406

THE BARN
Portable Storage Buildings
Hanceville, AL
352-2737

Estate Sale, 2nd Part McGukin Sale, 1513 Maple Street Cullman, 7:00 a.m. April 11, April 12, House Contents, Garage and some sewing. Towncraft cookware, solid oak table and chairs, antiques, collectibles, everything must go!

Failure to Submit Initial Service Line Inventory

Joppa, Hulaco and Ryan Water Authority was required to submit an initial service line inventory, as required by EPA's Lead and Cooper Rule Revisions, to the Department by October 16th 2024. JHR Water Authority submitted the inventory on 10/24/2024 satisfying this requirement.

The finding were no Lead or Galvanized lines in our system. The reason for the violation was due to not having it turned in at the approximate time, as of now we are in compliance EPA regulations.

LEAD-0
GALVANIZED REQUIRING REPLACEMENT-0
NON-LEAD- 2163
LEAD STATUS UNKNOWN- 0

Exposure to the lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreased in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of their adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and kidney, or nervous system problems.

Should you have any questions concerning this violation or monitoring requirements, please contact:

JHR Water Authority at the office: 256-586-5974

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JAMES LAROY GARNER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2024-900219.00**

RACHEL RENEE GARNER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Rachel Renee Garner, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer James Laroy Garner's Complaint for Divorce by May 31, 2025 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900219.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of April, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JERRY KILGO
413 FIRST ST SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: * CASE NO: JU-2024-441.03
T.C.T *
a minor child, DOB: 05-04-2024 *

NOTICE

The Petitioners having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Parents in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that any unknown father of T.C.T., born on 05-04-2024, respond to the Petition by the 15 day of May, 2025 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, 256-775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 2nd day of May, 2025.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 2nd Day of May, 2025
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

2024 Tax Year Delinquent Parcels

In accordance with Title 40, Chapter 10, Code of Ala. 1975 (§40-10-180 through 200), Cullman County Tax Collecting official has authority to auction and sell tax liens on properties for which ad valorem property taxes are delinquent. Effective with the 2024 delinquent property tax, a tax lien auction will take place via an online tax lien auction service, The Zeus Auction Program, on May 6, 2025, beginning at 10:00. To bid in the Cullman County tax lien auction of 2024 ad valorem property taxes, visit https://www.zeusauction.com and follow the instructions to create a bidder account.

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner for The State of Alabama, Cullman County and Municipalities therein.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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a minor child, DOB: 05-04-2024 *

NOTICE

The Petitioners having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Parents in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Biological Mother, Erin Kay Tackett, of T.C.T., born on 05-04-2024, respond to the Petition by the 15 day of May, 2025 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, 256-775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Witness my hand and official seal, this 2nd Day of April, 2025
Clerk of Circuit Court

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
WILLIAM JEFFREY BROTZGE, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2024-258**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BARBARA J. BROTZGE, as Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM JEFFREY BROTZGE, Deceased, on the 8th 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.

BARBARA J. BROTZGE,
Executor for the Estate of
William Jeffrey Brotzge, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

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

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

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Barbee Truck Sales, LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. DV 24-900515
Linda G. Isbell,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

To: Linda G. Isbell, Defendant, whose address is unknown.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

A Complaint for damages has been filed against you for breach of contract in the sum of $7,055.83, plus attorney fees of $250.00, plus all costs of court in this case. You must take immediate action to protect your rights. You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written Answer, either admitting or denying the allegation in the Complaint, to G. Edward Coey, the lawyer for the Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 834, Hanceville, AL 35077. YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN (14) FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE FINAL PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE newspaper OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Answer with the Clerk of Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Dated 4-8-25

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court
Cullman County, Alabama

Service by Publication:

To the Editor, The Cullman Tribune
Please publish this Notice for once a week for four successive weeks.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court
Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2025-100
BENNIE NATHAN HARVELL, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to April Harvell-Hulse on the 1st day of April, 2025, by the Honorable 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 same within time required by law or same will be barred.

April Harvell-Hulse
Personal Representative

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35056
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of * CASE NO. PC2025-070
MICHAEL DANE LOWE *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS, HEATHER LOWE AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RELATIVES OF MICHAEL DANE LOWE, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Michael Dane Lowe, Deceased, received the 24th day of February, 2025 and made court record the 25th day of February, 2025, by Stephen Clay Lowe, Petitioner, through Attorney Dan J. Willingham, has been scheduled for the **29th day of May, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 1st day of April, 2025.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Contest (from Front)

tion to this prestigious recognition, she has been awarded a full two-year scholarship to Wallace State Community College.

Reflecting on her piece, Jones said, "So, I really like the art collages and most of them that I see on places like Pinterest and other websites all the pieces are flat. I wanted to do something that came off of the canvas. Something that was really colorful and brought the colors of art and nature together."

Aderholt praised all the participating students for their creativity and talent, stating, "Each year I continue to be amazed at the level of artistic ability we see from students across the 4th District. The imagination and dedication these young artists pour into their work is truly inspiring. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Wallace State Community College and its president, Dr. Vicki Karolewics, for once again hosting this wonderful event and for their continued support of arts education in our schools."

ADDITIONAL WINNERS BY CATEGORY

Paintings
1. Lilli Gilliland – JB Pennington High School
2. Yadira Juan – Russellville High School
3. Yumiya Xie – Florence High School

Drawings
1. Elianna Hollis – Cullman High School
2. Ashley Pankey – Boaz High School
3. Luke McCurdy – Guntersville High School

Collages
1. Flor Gonzalez – DAR High School
2. Alexx Stadelman – DAR High School
3. Frankie Kate Kruger – Cullman High School

Prints
1. Holt Hurt – Florence High School
2. Emma Beavers – West Point High School
3. Peyton Millsap – Haleyville High School

Mixed Media
1. Vanessa Corona Rios – Guntersville High School
2. Isabella Smith – Sumiton Christian School
3. Harper Granger – Cullman High School

Computer Graphics
1. Maria Agnello – St. Bernard Prep School
2. Laiken Rice – DAR High School
3. Matthew Jiminez – Crossville High School

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Cullman Farmers' Market at the Festhalle open for season

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Farmers' Market has returned to Festhalle for the spring and summer seasons. The market thrives in the heart of the city, located adjacent to the Warehouse District and across the street from Depot Park and behind the Cullman County Museum.

From April to October, local farmers and growers come out every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. to sell their produce and goods.

The market officially opened to the public on Saturday, April 5, and due to the large crowd, vendors quickly ran low on products.

Vendors offer more than just produce. Jams and jellies, spices and seasonings, honey and even self-care products like bars of soap and sugar scrubs are some of the many things available.

The market is cherished by residents and visitors alike, described as having a vibrant and friendly atmosphere, making it the perfect destination to bring family and friends.

Get more information on visiting or selling at the Cullman Farmers' Market at the Festhalle at www.cullmanrecreation.org/festhalle or www.facebook.com/cullmanfarmersmarket or by calling 256-734-9157.

The Festhalle is located at 209 First Ave. NE in Cullman. The Cullman Farmers' Market is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, April through October, from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fairview Council (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Mayor Keith Henry commenced the monthly session of the Fairview Town Council on April 7, 2025. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Julie Grimes.

The council discussed a new resolution to apply for grants to install a new sewer line in hopes of welcoming new businesses to the community. Former Fairview Mayor Randall Shedd, met with Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman (whom Shedd works with in Montgomery) on behalf of the Town of Fairview to work on acquiring funds to support this new infrastructure item.

The council reported that Gudger assured Shedd that the majority of the funds could be secured; however, the Town would have to supply an additional $4,000 to complete the project. Henry proposed a resolution to apply for additional grants to meet their financial goal. After careful deliberation, the motion passed with 4 -1 approval from the council.

The council discussed solidifying a donation plan in memory of late Fairview Volunteer Fire Department Chief Alan Miner. At its previous meeting, the council voted to make a donation to the fire department rather than simply send flowers to show their respect.

Clint Hayes of the VFD spoke to the council about potential needs for the department. Hayes listed several items at varying price points and noted, "Whatever you feel like you can do, we'd love to have it." The council approved a $5,000 donation for the department to spend as needed.

In other business:
• Council approved a request from Angie Carter for a $100 donation to Ms. Senior Alabama
• Council adopted a resolution to change polling place for the Aug. 26, 2025, Municipal Election from town hall to the Fairview Senior Center due to the County's General Election being the same day at town hall
• Don Fallin spoke to the council about his dedication to serving the community and to garner support for his run for Alabama House of Representatives, District 11

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 5, 2025, at Fairview Town Hall, located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.

Obituary Announcements: April 8-9

Raymond Walter Kenna, Sr., 92
Raymond Walter Kenna Sr., 92, of Cullman passed away, Saturday, April 5, 2025. A memorial service will be held in his honor at a later date. Mr. Kenna was born Aug. 12, 1932, to parents, Edward and Grace Sarber Kenna. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and later became a line supervisor for AT&T. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, he will be greatly missed. Mr. Kenna was preceded in death by his parents; wife Lillian Freda Kenna; son, David Kenna; daughter, Ruth (John) Nemith; brother, Edward Nance. Survivors include his sons, Raymond Kenna Jr., Richard (Judy) Kenna, Ronald (Kathy) Kenna, Jeffrey (Bonnie) Kenna, Roger (Rhoda) Kenna; daughters, Dawn Wesoloski, Jeanine (Rodney) Kitterman; brothers, Timothy Kenna, Mark Kenna; 15 grandchildren; many, many great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

James 'Jimmy' Jennings, 83
Funeral Service for Mr. James Douglas Jennings will be Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 11 a.m., at Cullman Funeral Home with interment at Flint Creek Cemetery, Pastor Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., April 9, 2025. Mr. Jennings passed away Monday, April 7, 2025, at his residence in Vinemont, Alabama. He was born June 29, 1941, to Lonnie Duel and Esther Annie Jennings. James (Jimmy) loved spending time with his family and friends. He had a love for horses and riding his tractor. He never met a stranger and loved the opportunity to share a tale. He will be missed. Mr. Jennings was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Jennings was survived by two sons, Jim (Sherry) Jennings, Dewayne (Barbara) Jennings, Step Daughter Lori Martine, grandsons, Jacob Jennings and Robert Hale, four brothers Charles (late wife Linda) Jennings, Allen Jennings, Marlin (Brenda) Jennings, Larry (Pam) Jennings, and two sisters Emma Walker, Kathryn (late husband Terry) Rushing, 13 nieces and nephews and many other family members. Pallbearers are his nephews; Steven Jennings, Stan Jennings, Rusty Jennings, Randy Jennings, Rockie Rushing and Alex Jennings.

Orvelene Fulenwider, 93
Funeral Service for Orvelene Fulenwider, age 93 of Cullman, will be at 12 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with David Poole officiating; burial at Livingston Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Fulenwider passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025, at Folsom Center. She was born June 10, 1931, to T. V. Conn and Estelle Mewbourn Conn. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe B. Fulenwider, brothers and sister. Survivors include her sons, Delaine Fulenwider, Phillip Fulenwider, Ricky Fulenwider; grandchildren, Gabe (Wendy) Fulenwider, Carrie (Chris) McGriff, Joe (Melissa) Fulenwider, Ashley Fulenwider, Alisha Fulenwider; great grandchildren, Grant, Dexton, Charlee, Cody, Dakota, Gavin, Griffin, Dalton, Latham, Colton and Jordan.

Gene Burns, 96
Funeral Service for Earl Eugene Burns, age 96 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Truman Davis officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Burns passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025, at Woodland Village Health Care. He was born, Feb. 2, 1929, to Earl Burns and Eva Mae Pitts Burns. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Edna Ruth Burns and brother J.D. Burns. Survivors include his daughter, Theresa Burns and a host of nieces, nephew and friends.

Wilma Sheina Mooney, 76
Wilma Sheina Mooney, age 76, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Wilma is survived by her son Jeff Holmes (Jessica); her daughters Michelle Welch, Jackie Canales, Kim Looney and Melissa Smith, her sisters Janice Bean, Carolyn Rideway, Linda Smith, Debra Fowler and Teresa Whitlock (Kenny) and her brothers Randall Guess (Rhonda), Danny Guess, Chris Guess and Joseph Guess. Nineteen grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and a host of family and friends Wilma was preceded in death by her husband George Mooney; her parents Kenneth and Wilma Guess; her sister Pat Crumbley; her nephew Scotty James, her grandparents Darwin & Gladys Guess, Toll and Lois Kilgore, her granddaughters Tori Welch and Kylie Smith, and her grandson Dakota Lamons and her brother-in-law Wayne Ridgeway. A celebration of life visitation for Wilma will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Her celebration of life funeral service will be held Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Wilma will be laid to rest in Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Cemetery, 9154 Alabama Highway 69, Cullman, AL 35058. Serving as pallbearers are Jeff Holmes, Adrian Canales, Chase Jacobs, Isaiah Holmes, Kaleb Hudson and John Smalls. To leave condolences for the Mooney family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mark Benjamin Taylor, 69
Mark Benjamin Taylor was born at Mitchel Air Field near Hempstead, New York on Sept. 30, 1955. He passed away in San Marcos on April 2, 2025. Mark married the love of his life, Jo Ellen Korthals, in 1989. In 1990 they were blessed with a son, Benjamin Korthals Taylor. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Alice and Ed Taylor. He is survived by his wife Jo and son Ben of San Marcos, by his brother Jeff Taylor and wife Pam of Cullman, Alabama, and by eight nieces and two nephews. Mark and Jeff were raised by their parents while living in and traveling to places near and far. The family lived in Riverhead, New York; Madison, Wisconsin; Biloxi, Mississippi; Tripoli, Libya; Phoenix, Arizona; Melbourne, Florida; Columbus, Mississippi; and San Antonio. Mark earned a B.A.in Political Science at Mississippi State University and a J.D. at St. Mary's University School of Law. He was a senior associate editor at the St. Mary's Law Journal. The bulk of Mark's practice was in municipal and utilities law for the cities of Victoria and San Marcos and the Alliance Regional Water Authority. Mark was proudest, however, of his volunteer work, and that of his family, which connected them to nature and protected the San Marcos springs and river, and conserved parkland and natural areas in and near San Marcos. A private memorial service is planned. Donations in Mark's memory may be made to the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance, the San Marcos River Foundation, or the Great Springs Project.

Merlin David Cone, 82
Funeral Service for Mr. Merlin David Cone, age 82 of Hanceville, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Rollo and Rev. Chris Chambless officiating; burial at Shelton Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Cone passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at his residence. He was born Oct. 24, 1942, to Verdie Cone and Bedith Edwards Cone. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Judy Cone; brothers, Lavon Cone, Donald Cone and Rayburn Cone. Survivors include his daughters, Katrina (James) Franklin and Lavonda (Kelley) Davis; sons, Van (Susan) Cone, Brandon (Cindy) Cone and Garrett (Rachel) Cone; grandchildren, Tristan (Alicia Breyne) Cone, Vandiver Cone, Matthew McKinney, Jessika (Anthony McCurry) Davis, Caden Franklin, Jonah Davis, Cash Cone, Elyse Cone and Austin Walker; sisters, Joyce Jones, Alice Anderton and brother, Albert Cone.

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CPD recovers stolen merchandise; 2 arrested

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Two Cullman residents were arrested recently after another resident reported the theft of a YETI cooler on Wednesday, April 2, according to the Cullman Police Department.

Kimberly Taylor Farmer, 31, has been charged with second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kagun David Fuller, 29, was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants.

CPD Public Relations Officer Adam Clark said once the theft report was received, Investigator Nicholas Watkins quickly discovered the cooler had been pawned on the same day as the theft.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Kimberly Taylor Farmer



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Kagun David Fuller

"Working alongside Investigator Hunter Riddlesperger and Lt. Trey Higginbotham, the team was able to track down the male and female suspects by Friday, April 4," Clark said.

Watkins is currently awaiting additional warrants related to the theft.

Both suspects remain in custody at the Cullman County Detention Center.

Police Chief Joey Duncan commended Watkins, Riddlesperger and Higginbotham for their dedication, thorough work and ongoing commitment to the safety of the community.

Marley (from Front)

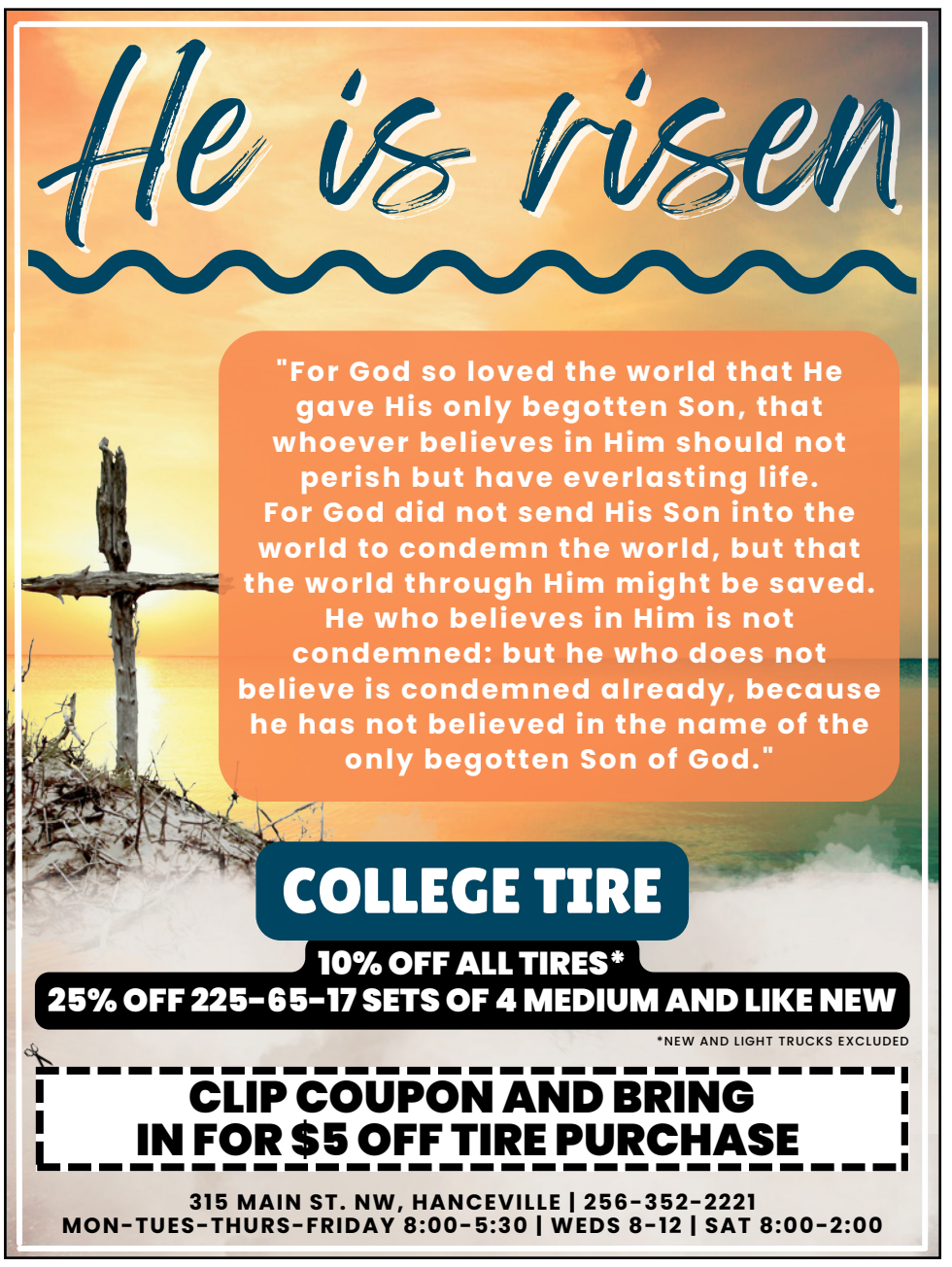
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Meet Marley, a Yellow Lab/Terrier mix, who is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. She is approximately a year old and exhibits medium/high energy.

At the moment she is struggling with shelter life. However, once out of her kennel, she's a different girl who adores your company! Marley understands leash etiquette. She knows when it's time to go outside, as she will sit until you put her leash on. Since she is already spayed, her adoption fee is reduced to only $35! That includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Come by, visit with Marley then take her home for an enjoyable life for all! If you stop by and Marley has been adopted, don't worry, as she has many friends just waiting for their forever homes.

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





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