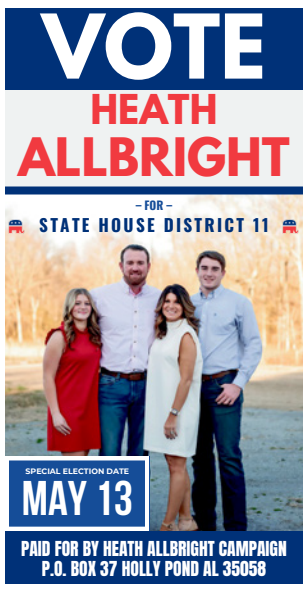


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Cullman Regional Foundation Gala XXIV to honor Brown, Lyrene, Culpepper, Jowers

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The annual Cullman Regional Foundation Gala will take place this Saturday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Venue at Cotton Creek. Gala XXIV's theme is "Old Florida." The evening will feature dinner, a special program and silent and live auctions.

"The annual event recognizes individuals who have played a significant role in advancing health care for our community through Cullman Regional," said Cullman Regional Foundation President Amy Wood.

"We are pleased to announce the H.C. Arnold Humanitarian Award » PAGE 2



CULLMAN REGIONAL FOUNDATION

Left to right are Charna Brown, Dr. George Lyrene, Tim Culpepper and Stephanie Jowers.

Strawberry Festival goodness



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

This year's Alabama Strawberry officially got underway at Depot Park in Cullman Friday morning, April 25, 2025.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A few festivalgoers race down the slide at the Alabama Strawberry Festival on Friday, April 25, 2025.



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Patsy Earnest (left) and Pam Nunn (right) enjoy the Ferris wheel at the Alabama Strawberry Festival on Friday, April 25, 2025.



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The Cadillacs perform during the Alabama Strawberry Festival Senior Day dance competitions on Friday, April 25, 2025.

3 candidates make bids for city BOE seats



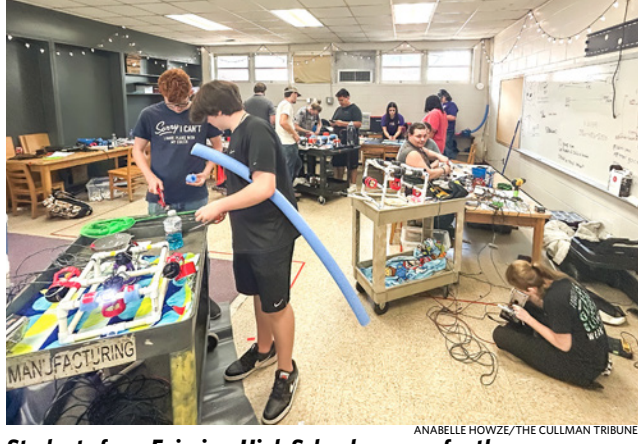
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 25, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 21
- domestic violence; CR 1716
- theft of property; CR 1693
- domestic violence; CR 1082
- domestic violence; CR 771
- violation of protection order; 4th Ave. NE

April 22
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 437
- harassment; CR 222
- criminal mischief; CR 1435
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 278E
- theft of property; Doss Rd.
- criminal mischief; Ryan Rd.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Welcome Rd.

April 23
- possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; CR 747
- burglary; CR 1488
- theft of property; CR 39
- burglary; CR 222
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- criminal mischief; CR 1435

ARRESTS

April 21-23

Bates, Mark A.; 47
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Bennett Jr., Jeffery A.; 31
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Bilozerov, Andrii; 54
- DUI (alcohol)

Bravo, Sarah F.; 37
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Cone, Jimmy L.; 56
- FTA – public intoxication (3 counts)

Gatlin, Joshua A.; 28
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Hale, Joshua S.; 31
- burglary-residence-no force

Hamby, Cory W.; 36
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hinkle, Taylor D.; 31
- cruelty to animals

Hobbs, Joseph M.; 37
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Holland Jr., Glennon W.; 42
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hunt, Kristin A.; 35
- DUI (alcohol)

Ingle, Kristie L.; 32
- FTA – public intoxication

Jordan, Brandy M.; 39
- Unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Lovell, Anthony R.; 50
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault-non-family-strong arm
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – criminal trespass

Lynn, Dalton L.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs
- assault-harassment
- criminal trespass
- criminal mischief – damaged property

Mackentepe, Rachel H.; 35
- public intoxication

Maddox Jr., James D.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Miller, Brasha N.; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs

Miller, David J.; 42
- drug trafficking (2 counts)
- attempting to elude a police officer

Pearson, Juwan I.; 28
- burglary-residence-no force

Pitt Jr., Mark C.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine

Powell, Daiquiri T.; 35
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- resisting arrest
- obstruction – governmental operations

Puckett, Logan I.; 23
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-2nd degree

Raines, Brian A.; 37
- assault-child abuse-simple-non-family
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- buying/receiving stolen property, $1500 or more
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Reynolds, David J.; 44
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Sides, Jeremy G.; 35
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 54
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Whitehead, Benjamin F.; 30
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- burglary-residence-no force

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 31
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 23
- harassing communications; person
- theft of lost property; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; wallets & contents, miscellaneous charges
- harassment; person

April 24
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '19 Buick Encore, cash
- unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; theft of property-4th degree; person; ladder; $50; Cherokee Ave. SW
- menacing; person

ARRESTS

April 23-24

Gean Jr., Clifford W.; 28
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Graves, Kevin D.; 39
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- public intoxication

Thirkield, Rashad D.; 26
- organized retail theft

Holloway, Andrew D.; 32
- organized retail theft

Laster, Shekinah F.; 31
- organized retail theft

Nail, Jonathan T.; 41
- theft of property-1st degree

Durant, Deborah J.; 73
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Lovell, Anthony R.; 50
- FTA – resisting arrest

Powell, Daiquiri T.; 35
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

Quick, Chad J.; 46
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Jones, Hagen E.; 30
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card (5 counts)

Lopez, Daniel K.; 35
- public intoxication

Hill, Daniel; 40
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance

Latham, Dylan W.; 26
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Pulling for Survivors: Fire truck pull to benefit Victim Services set for May 3

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Victim Services of Cullman will host its first-ever Pulling for Survivors fire truck pull event on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of WildWater Cullman. The family-friendly event is both a fundraiser and a show of support for community survivors of domestic violence.

Teams of 10, consisting of local first responders, businesses, schools and community members, will compete to pull a fully loaded fire truck across a set distance.

Spectators are encouraged to come out and support their favorite teams from the sidelines.

"This is our first year hosting this event, and we couldn't be more excited or more moved by the response we've already seen from the community," said Jessica Atchley, executive director of Victim Services.

"The idea for the event came from a deep desire to create something meaningful, a space where people could come together, raise awareness and stand with survivors of domestic violence in a visible, powerful way."

Individuals can also support the cause by sponsoring a team or donating directly through each team's spotlight page on the Victim Services Facebook page.

Additionally, the event will include bounce houses, live entertainment and food vendors including The Butcher Chuck Wagon, Carnival Cravings, Beto's Tacos and The Street Kitchen.

Some of the participating teams include Cullman Fire Rescue, the Cullman Police Department, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, the Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department, The Garage, Premier Bank of the South, 3Sixty Jeep Club and the Cullman VFW.

Funds raised through the event will directly benefit Victim Services, which provides critical resources such as emergency sheltering, counseling, legal advocacy and recovery support to survivors in the Cullman area.

"The funds raised from this event go directly into our Victim Services program, which means they're helping someone at the hardest moment of their life," said Atchley.

"When people show up for this event, they're showing up for their neighbors, their coworkers, their classmates — because the truth is, most of us know someone who has been affected by violence, even if we don't realize it. This is a chance for our community to stand in solidarity."

She added, "We've poured so much heart into planning this because we know how needed it is. Victims of domestic violence often suffer in silence and we wanted to create an event that says, 'You are not invisible. You matter and we are here for you. While this may be the first year, it's the beginning of what we hope will become a longstanding tradition, one rooted in compassion, community and healing."

To register a team, become a sponsor, or donate, contact Jessica Atchley at jessica@victimservices.online or Lacey Lemley at lacey@victimservices.online.

For more information about Victim Services, call 256-775-2600 or visit the Victim Services of Cullman Facebook page.

WildWater Cullman is located at 1707 Main Ave. SW, in Cullman.

Gala (from Front)

honoree, Mr. Tim Culpepper; the Dr. Herman C. Ensor Excellence in Heath Care honoree, Mrs. Charna Brown; McAfee Commitment to a Cause honoree, Dr. George Lyrene; and the Spirit of Volunteerism Honoree, Mrs. Stephanie Jowers."

Cullman Regional Service Guild members help with the organization of the Gala and are led by President Amanda Knappenberger. Annual fundraising events like the Gala give community members an opportunity to become more involved in local philanthropy.

The event will include live entertainment by the Rock Candy Band and a special dinner catered by JW Steakhouse.

For tickets or additional information, contact the Cullman Regional Foundation at 256-737-2565 or crmcfoundation@cullmanregional.com.

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LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama code 32-13-1, Verhine Service Center, Inc, will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on May, 26, 2025@ 7:00am at 401 Main St. NW Hanceville

2007 Toyota Tacoma	5TEPX42N372410098
2015 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited	1C4BJWDG2FL586482

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Rogers Group, Chilton Contractors, and J.C. Cheeks Contractors have completed their portion of the construction phase of the City of Cullman CDBG & ARC County Road 222 Reconstruction Project (LR-ED-PF-22-015 & AL-21352). This project consisted of making base repairs, milling, resurfacing, and striping of County Road 222 from the intersection of the I-65 Exit 205 Interchange extending west to the Topre America metal stamping facility. Rogers Group, Chilton Contractors, and J.C. Cheeks Contractors hereby give Notice of Completion of the above referenced project. Any person or party having an unpaid claim against the Contractors listed above for supplying labor, materials, supplies or workmanship on this project should notify the City of Cullman Engineering Department, 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35056 or by phone at 256-775-7109 within the next thirty days.

4/26, 5/3, 5/10/25

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
TROY HANSEL CLEGHORN, * **CASE NO. PC 2025-107**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Nikki Cleghorn Jenkins as Administrator of the Estate of Troy Hansel Cleghorn, deceased, on the 24th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge
Cullman County, Alabama

To: The Editor and 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.

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Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop, Inc, will offer for sale on Public Auction the following vehicles on June 26, 2025 at 7:00am at 2251 Decatur Ave,Cullman

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA

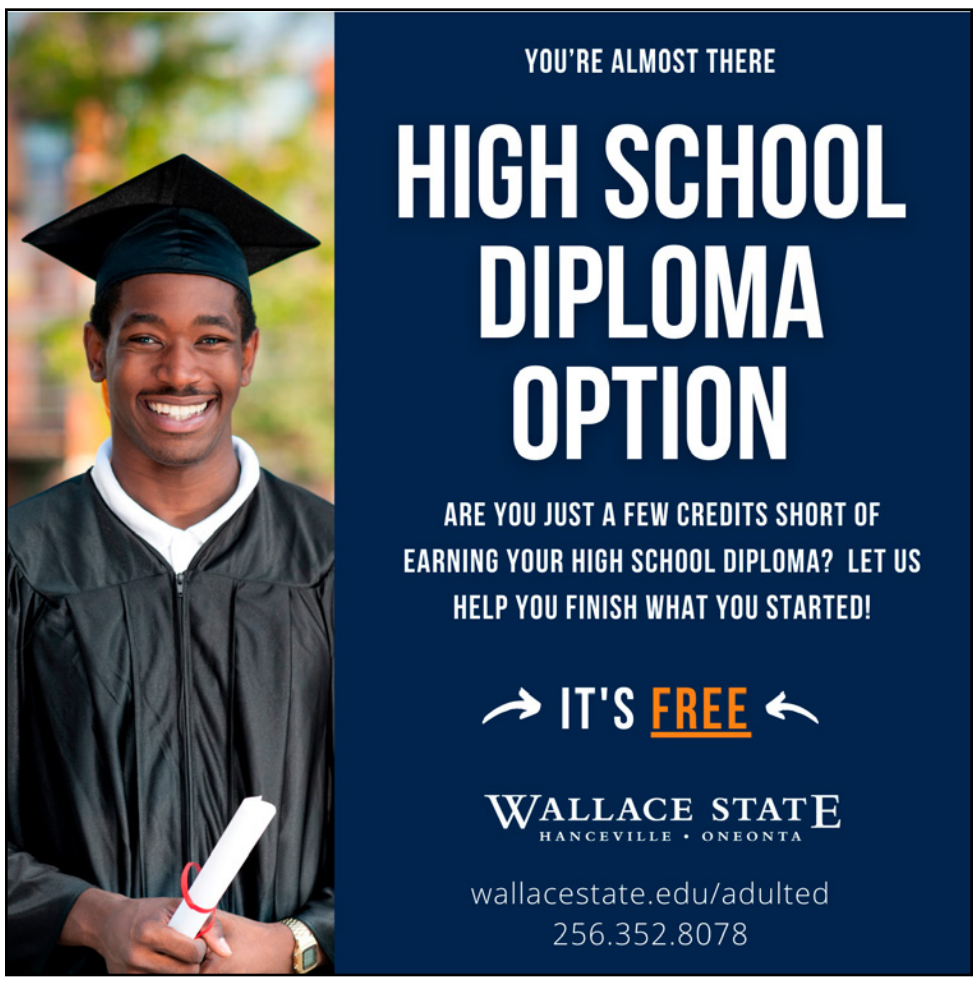
NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDING - Case No: PR-2025-000392

TO: any unknown father of BBB A/K/A BWB, a minor; whose whereabouts are unknown Please take notice that a Petition to adopt BBB A/K/A BWB a male born to Daina Eve Elizabeth Bauernfeind on March 17, 2025 in Jasper, Cullman County, Alabama has been filed in the Probate Court of Shelby County, alleging that the identity of the biological parent of said minor child may be unknown or has not been disclosed to the court, and whose relationship of said possible unknown or undisclosed biological parent to the aforesaid minor child is that of the biological father. As a notified party, you may appear in the adoption proceeding to contest or support the Petition for Adoption.

Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the last day this Notice of Adoption Proceeding is published with the attorney for said Petitioner, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Chief Clerk of the Shelby County Probate Court at P.O. Box 825, Columbiana, Alabama 35051. If you fail to respond within said thirty (30) days, the Court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

This the 09 day of April, 2025.

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Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend clean-up announcement
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4. Please have all old worn flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 27. Any flowers and decorations remaining after April 27, will be subject to removal by cemetery maintenance with respect to condition. We ask that all new flowers and decorations be kept as close to the monuments as possible to aid in mowing. Solar lights are not allowed unless they are directly in a flower arrangement. Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Good Hope Public Cemetery, P.O. Box 355 Cullman, AL 35056 or placed in the donation box on site. Donations are tax deductible and are essential to pay for cemetery upkeep.

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
- Sunday, April 27 - 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.

Jim Phillips at the Cullman Senior Center
Thursday, May 8, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Jim Phillips will talk about Old American currency, coins, bottles and Bibles, offering FREE appraisals on those items. A donation to the senior center is appreciated for hosting.

Shibori Dyeing Class
Monday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center, 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. $32 per person. Space is limited. Sign up today. Call 256-734-0145 M-F 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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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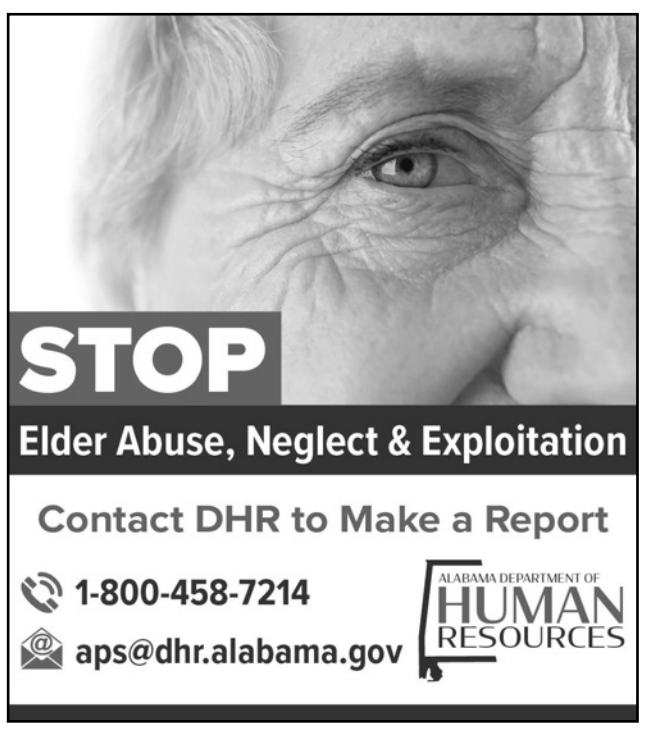
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PREP SOFTBALL

'Everyone truly wants the best for each other': Fairview's Jordan Simmons reflects on Aggie career

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview senior Jordan Simmons has spent the last six seasons playing on the Aggies' JV and varsity softball teams and in this interview, she shared some of her favorite memories from all that time spent on the field alongside her friends and teammates.

"Honestly, it's just the little stuff. Watching and playing with some of my best friends and the greatest girls always makes for good times," Simmons said.

"It's a blessing. Not many people can say that they have such a great bunch of teammates. They've really helped me become the best person I can be. Most of us grew up together, and we've really influenced each other."

Jordan talked about her favorite softball game that she was a part of. She learned so much from her coaches, and she'll deeply miss playing at Fairview.

"Most of the games were pretty fun, but my favorite was probably the county championship last year. The game was intense, but everyone was high in spirits and fought hard," Simmons said. "All of our coaches were amazing. They taught us to give it our all and to enjoy the things around us. I'll always remember the fun I had, and I'll miss the team the most."

Jordan shared some of her favorite memories made in school as well. Fairview will always hold a special place in her heart, and she'll remember the friends that she was able to make there. She also gave some advice to younger students preparing to start high school in August.

"My favorite high school memories were going to the football games, homecoming week, and playing softball. It's an amazing community with a strong sense of family. Everyone truly wants the best for each other.

"I'll remember getting to be around my friends, and I'll definitely miss them the most," Simmons said. "Do everything you want to, every sport, and every club. Try your best, and be kind to yourself and to others," she said. "Honestly, all of my teachers and my current coaches have been amazing role models, as well as our secretary, Mrs. Nichols. They all mean the world to me, and I wouldn't trade them for anything."

Jordan also participated in some clubs at Fairview and talked about receiving a scholarship from UAB.

"I was in the Honor Society and the Youth Leadership Development Program. Those clubs helped teach me to give back. It was an amazing feeling to receive a scholarship from UAB," Simmons said. "Lots of hard work went into school, so seeing the rewards of it is truly so special. It was a huge relief to have some money to put towards furthering my education."

Jordan has learned a lot during her time as an Aggie and her faith has played a big role in her life.

"I think I really learned how important it is to surround yourself with the right people," she said.

"I always pray before games for the safety of my team and our opponents. If someone came to me telling me about troubles that they were having, I offer to pray for/with them. God has always played a major role in my life, and I believe that He led my parents here and has guided me throughout my life here. My favorite Bible verses are Psalm 46 and Joshua 1:9. They helped me so much, and they reminded me that I'm not alone, and that God will always be with me."



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Bradberry announces candidacy for Cullman City Board of Education

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Jill Bradberry recently announced her candidacy for Place 1 on the Cullman City Board of Education.

Below is Bradberry's announcement, unedited and in full.

Lifelong Cullman resident Jill Bradberry has officially announced her candidacy for the Cullman City School Board.

Since her appointment to the Board in 2023, she has shown her dedication to the district and its students.

Jill is focused on student and staff safety, providing teachers with the tools they need to succeed, and ensuring that all students have access to meaningful learning opportunities .

With 30 years of experience in banking, Jill brings valuable financial expertise and a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility to the board.

The mother of three Cullman High School graduates — Will, Kate, and Reid — who were actively involved in baseball, football, and the award-winning theatre department, Jill understands the important role extracurricular activities play in students' lives.

She is committed to supporting these programs to ensure they continue to benefit students.

She is married to Brian Bradberry and is the daughter of longtime educators Richard and Doris Patterson.

The municipal election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.

Carter announces re-election bid for Cullman City Board of Education

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Amy Carter recently announced she is seeking re-election to Place 5 on the Cullman City Board of Education.

Below is Carter's announcement, unedited and in full.

Amy Carter is seeking re-election to the Cullman City Board of Education after proudly serving for five years, including two as President. With a Bachelor of Science in Education from Samford University and experience as a Clinical Oncology Specialist, Amy is deeply committed to the success and growth of our schools and community.

During her tenure, Amy has been instrumental in implementing the safety and growth plan that prepares our schools for the future. Her leadership has fostered a strong partnership between the Board, Superintendent, Mayor, and City Council to secure funding and drive meaningful progress.

Some of her key accomplishments include:

- Reducing chronic absenteeism from 14.51% in 2018 to 8.33% in 2024.
- Investing $192,000 annually in School Resource Officers for student safety.
- $764,000 invested in security upgrades, including cameras and door access control across all campuses.
- Chromebook funding to ensure student devices are updated every three years with an investment of $335,000 per cycle.
- Expansion of STEM and CTE programs to prepare students for the future.
- Highest State Report Card scores ever in 2024 for the system and schools.
- National Blue-Ribbon School recognition for East Elementary in 2024.
- Employee retention initiatives, including a revamped mentoring program and an onboarding process to keep our talented staff.
- Fiscal responsibility, maintaining over three months of reserves and increasing per pupil spending from $10,684 to $12,429.

Amy's dedication to education is also reflected in the $85.72 million allocated to various school projects, such as new facilities, turf fields, and security upgrades.

"One of the accomplishments I am most proud of is our comprehensive safety and growth plan, which is designed to prepare our schools for the future," said Carter.

"I have greatly valued the opportunity to collaborate closely with the Board, Superintendent, and city leaders to turn this vision into reality, both logistically and financially."

Amy is proud to call Cullman home, where she lives with her husband, Matt, and their son, a student at Cullman High School.

"I respectfully ask for your support and vote in the upcoming School Board Election, so I can continue working to ensure a bright future for our students and community."

The municipal election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.

Harrison announces re-election bid for Cullman City Board of Education

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cheryl Gable Harrison recently announced she is seeking re-election to Place 3 on the Cullman City Board of Education.

Below is Harrison's announcement, unedited and in full.

Cheryl Gable Harrison announces her re-election bid for Cullman City School Board, Place 3.

Harrison, a lifelong resident of Cullman, has served on the Cullman City School Board for the past five years, including a two-year term as Board President. Following her election in August 2020, the board quickly set a clear vision for Cullman City Schools. Many of their visionary projects have already come to fruition, yet Harrison emphasizes that much more remains to be accomplished.

Reflecting on her candidacy, Harrison stated, "When I first ran five years ago, I was eager to learn and leverage my professional experience to advocate for education. Over the course of my first term, I gained a deeper understanding of what it takes to uphold the high academic standards Cullman City Schools has for their students. Now, as I seek re-election, I want to highlight the tangible successes of our board, which demonstrate our commitment to student success and the continued growth of our school system."

During her tenure on the school board, a strategic plan successfully reduced chronic absenteeism from 14.51% to 8.33% over six years. The board prioritized school safety by implementing door access entry systems across all campuses, significantly strengthening student safety. These safety measures were recognized at the state level when Cullman City Primary School was honored with the Alabama Attorney General's Safe Schools Award.

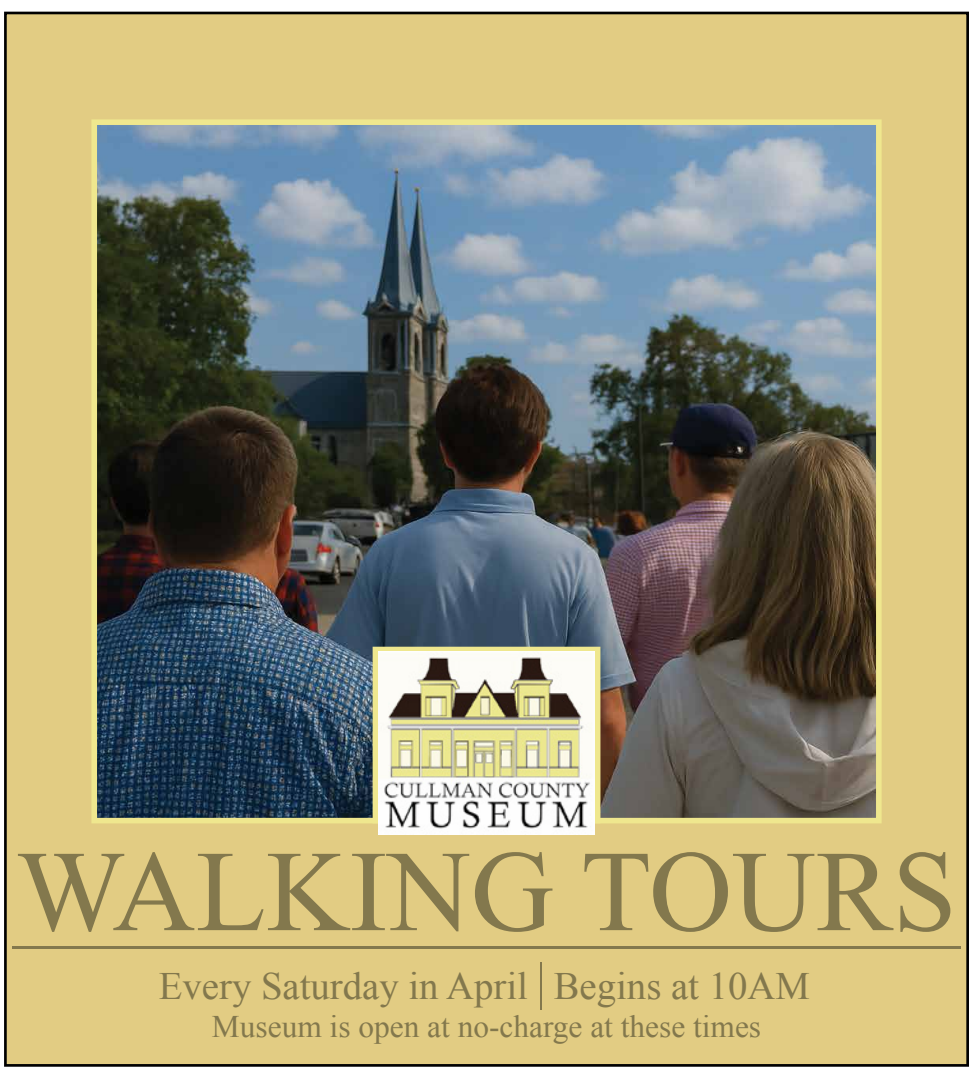
Building on these accomplishments, Harrison emphasized, "Student safety, alongside curriculum investment, remains a top priority," The board has expanded and prioritized both STEM and Career and Technical Education (CTE) curriculums across all campuses. A key achievement has been increasing access to Wallace State Dual Enrollment for Cullman High School students, with dual enrollment numbers rising from 282 in 2024 to an expected 401 in 2025. Furthermore, the school system earned an "A" rating on the state report card for two consecutive years, with three schools receiving the highest ratings in the district's history.

In her previous election bid, Harrison highlighted aging infrastructure as one of the school system's most pressing challenges. When elected in 2020, she and the board immediately addressed the issue. During their tenure, they completed an addition to Cullman City Primary School and are on track to complete the Cullman Middle School project this year. Additionally, construction is underway on the Cullman Intermediate School, which will consolidate all third through fifth-grade students, as well as a new Career and Technical Education addition at Cullman High School. The board also upgraded the athletic facilities by installing turf on the softball field, soccer field, and baseball practice diamonds.

Harrison's commitment to the community is deeply personal. Her son, Cole, will graduate from Cullman High School in May, following in the footsteps of her daughter, Sophie, who graduated in 2020. Harrison and her husband, Ben, are devoted to Cullman and remain steadfast advocates for the city. "The future of Cullman is bright, and it starts in our schools," Harrison stated.

The municipal election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.







Legal Notice

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

GERTIS WILLIAMS JR.,
Deceased.

CASE NO. : PC2024-279

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to **RICKY WILLIAMS**, as Administrator of the Estate of GERTIS WILLIAMS JR., deceased, on the 3rd day of March, 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Cullman County 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 forever barred.

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Administrator
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
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TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge of Cullman County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GORMAN MAX CULWELL, JR., * **CASE NO.: PC2024-385**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GRANT ALEXANDER CULWELL as Personal Representative of the Estate of GORMAN MAX CULWELL, JR., deceased, on the 15th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

GRANT ALEXANDER CULWELL
Administrator

Thomas E. Drake, II
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC2025-110

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN DARYL MOSHER, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JACOB MOSHER, as Administrator of the Estate of JONATHAN DARYL MOSHER, Deceased, on the 10th 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.

JACOB MOSHER
Administrator of the
Estate of
Jonathan Daryl Mosher, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Estate of
Jonathan Daryl Mosher, Deceased
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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
TERESA ANN COBBS, * CASE NO. PC 2025 - 133
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ashley Dawn Cobbs as Personal Representative of the Estate of Teresa Ann Cobbs, deceased, on the 15th day of April, 2025, 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.

Ashley Dawn Cobbs
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
)
Thelma Sandlin Thomas,) Case No. PC 24-432
)
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Debbie Freeman & Denise Hardin as Personal Representative of the Estate of Thelma Sandlin Thomas, deceased, on the 24th day of April, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Denise Hardin
Personal Representative
Debbie Freeman
Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ROBERT PAUL LINDSEY, * CASE NO.: PC2024-407
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KALENNA QUICK, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF ROBERT PAUL LINDSEY, deceased, on the 12th day of February 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Kalenna Quick
Administrator

Brandon C. Neal
Attorney for Administrator
217 – Second Avenue, East
Oneonta, Alabama 35121

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 12th day of February, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
NOAH LOUIS BOWLING, CASE NO.: PC 2024-314
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CAITLIN ELIZABETH BOWLING as Personal Representative of the Estate of NOAH LOUIS BOWLING deceased, on the 9th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Caitlin Elizabeth Bowling
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for the Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES KEITH RHODES, **Case Number: PC2025-043**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of James Keith Rhodes, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Mary Rebecca Rhodes Aaron
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ELEANOR RUTH FREY, * CASE NO.: PC2025-134
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Beverly Paschal Poston as the Administratrix of the Estate of Eleanor Ruth Frey, deceased, on the 16th 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.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Administratrix

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Attorney
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

K & M Electrical Contractors and Bright Landscapes, LLC, have completed their portion of the construction phase of the City of Cullman ARC Downtown Depot Park Renewal Project (ARC Project #AL-21600-2024). This project consisted of expanding Depot Park into the 3-acres of adjacent property to the north of the existing Depot Park. K & M Electrical Contractors and Bright Landscapes, LLC, hereby give Notice of Completion of their contracts for work performed as part of the above referenced project. Any person or party having an unpaid claim against the Contractors listed above for supplying labor, materials, supplies or workmanship on this project should notify the City of Cullman Engineering Department, 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35056 or by phone at 256-775-7109 within the next thirty days.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GLADYS DYE SPEAKMAN, * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-078**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROGER C. BLACK aka RODGER C. BLACK, Executor of the Estate of GLADYS DYE SPEAKMAN, deceased, on the 16th 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.

Roger C. Black aka Rodger C. Black
Executor of the Estate

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 7th Street, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
PHYLLIS HUDDLESTON, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-106**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to WILLIAM SCOTT JOHNSEY, as Administrator of the Estate of PHYLLIS HUDDLESTON, deceased, on the 9th 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.

WILLIAM SCOTT JOHNSEY
Administrator

G. Alan Smith
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PO Box 320589
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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DONE this 9th day of April, 2025.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants terms and conditions of that mortgage from St. Sebastian Estates, LLC, an Limited Liability Company, to BankFirst Financial Services, dated April 3, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama on April 10, 2023, in Mortgage Volume 2046 at Page 304; and
BankFirst Financial Services, as mortgagee, having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, that BankFirst Financial Services, as mortgagee, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) on the 21st day of May, 2025, the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama together with hereditaments and appurtenances there unto belonging and all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter existing, erected or installed thereon to-wit:
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Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as:

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Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, and any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record, including, but not limited to, those superior to said mortgage first set out above.
Said property will be sold on an "AS-IS" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Cake-baking day is one of the best

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I'm wondering if Saturdays have always been cake-baking day. That seemed to have been the case when I was a child, and now, many years later, actually, even many decades later, it still seems so. I have baked a few cakes myself, but it's been a while. While I am actually capable of baking a cake that is eatable, the truth is that the women in my life have always been the major-league bakers. I was raised by a great cake baker, I married one, and now our only daughter is one.

If you asked what my favorite cake is, I might say that it is red velvet with that white cream-cheese frosting, but I do love a good chocolate cake, or even white cake with fudge icing. Isn't red velvet simply a chocolate cake with red food coloring added to it? German chocolate is not bad either, now that I think about it, but then neither is coconut cake. I have discovered in more recent years that I really love key lime cake, almost as much as I love lemon cake. By the way, is cheesecake really cake? It doesn't look or taste like other cakes. Whatever it actually is, it actually is very good, especially with cherries or blueberries on top, or chocolate or caramel sauce. You may be thinking by now that I simply love all kinds of cake, and you may be 102% correct!

I walked in our house a few weeks ago, on a Saturday, and the smell of a cake baking in the oven hit my nose as soon as I opened the door. Jean said, "Come on in and sit down and you can sop the bowl." I automatically was transported back in time to the Saturdays when Mama used to say the same thing to me, many moons ago. It has been said that the best part of waking up is Folger's in your cup. Well, maybe so, but the best part of being up, in the middle of the day, is having two mixer beaters, one in each hand, dripping with icing or even cake batter, and knowing that as soon as you've licked each one completely clean, there is an almost empty bowl waiting for you. On really special days, they made a little too much icing and can't spread it all on the cake without it running off onto the floor. For the really skilled bowl cleaner, like myself, that is not one iota of a problem whatsoever. No amount of leftover icing is beyond our capabilities to get the job done. The thoughtful thing to do, is to get as much of the icing or batter out of the bowl as possible so the one washing the dishes is not terribly overworked by the chore at hand. Sometimes I have been that dishwasher too, so I simply made things easier on myself. Sometimes eating the icing was my payment for washing the bowls and beaters. I always figured, and still do, that it was a pretty good trade.

I have often heard it said that you can't have your cake and eat it, too. I must confess that I have never completely understood that statement, but whatever it means, I do believe that you can lick the beaters and clean out the bowls, and then eat your cake, too. I've seen it done...in the mirror!

Sometimes, it is the simplest things in life that are some of the most enjoyable... especially when they are shared with the people we love. Isn't life sweet?

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: April 26, 1934

From the files of April 26, 1934

WHITAKER'S NEWS STAND ROBBED SATURDAY NIGHT
Bold bandits entered Whitaker's news stand Saturday night late and at the point of a pistol held up and robbed the cash box of about $10.00.

No trace of the bandits have been discovered so far. Police are working on the case.

ARNOLD ABBOTT PRESENTED YE EDITOR WITH STRAWBERRIES
Arnold Abbott, a prominent young citizen and fine farmer of Cullman route eight, last Saturday presented the Tribune editor with a quart of fine large strawberries. These were the first strawberries we had seen for this season. Mr. Abbott will please accept our grateful thanks.

POLITICAL RALLY AT BAILEYTON TUESDAY
A rally of democratic candidates was held at Baileyton on Tuesday of this week.

A large number of the county and state candidates attended the rally and spoke in behalf of their nomination on May 1st in the democratic primary election. The rally was sponsored by the progressive citizens of Baileyton and was well attended by citizens from all parts of Cullman county.

ALL DAY SINGING
There will be a new book singing on the fifth Sunday in this month at Pleasant Grove church, three miles southwest of Gold Ridge school, formerly known as Mayhall's Chapel. Everybody come and bring your song books and spend the day. We are expecting a good singing.

CRANFORD WALDROP KICKED BY MULE MONDAY
Cranford Waldrop, son of Tom Waldrop, was kicked by a mule on the right leg between the ankle and knee Monday morning while plowing on his farm on Cullman R. 8. Mr. Waldrop is making a splendid recovery.

W. M. S. HANCEVILLE CHURCH SPONSORS DINNER AND RALLY
The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hanceville Methodist church, sponsored a supper and democratic candidate rally at the Sudduth building in Hanceville Wednesday evening.

Dinner was served at seven o'clock to about 300 people, the proceeds of which go to the benefit of the church.

Immediately after dinner was finished, Mr. Herman Thomas, Hanceville merchant, the toastmaster of the occasion, called for order and stated each candidate present or representative of a candidate would be expected to speak as called upon.

About 45 candidates for county and state offices were present and each spoke in behalf of his election in the coming democratic primary.

The function lasted until 11:00 o'clock and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

W. W. NeSMITH SUFFERS A BROKEN LEG AND COLLAR BONE TUESDAY
W. W. NeSmith suffered a broken leg and collar bone Tuesday morning, when something slipped on a stump puller he was operating on his farm near Ebenezer. Mr. NeSmith is reported to be in a serious condition but hopes are held for his recovery.

BIBB GRAVES SPEAKING AT THE COURT HOUSE SATURDAY, APRIL 28th
Tom Skinner and Buck Private H. H. Conway, speakers. Everybody asked to hear them.

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Those Hands | By: April McCay

The Father's hands
Forming and creating
The heavens and the earth,

Those same hands
Sculpting and molding
Crafters of my birth.

Those hands
Taking the cup
And breaking the bread,

Those hands
Near his betrayer
As the 12 were being fed.

Those hands
Now clasped in the garden
Praying for God's will,

Those hands
Moments later,
Touch and Heal.

Those hands
Carried the heaviness
Of the cross,

Those hands
Pierced for my sins
Redeemer of such loss.

Those hands
Now risen
On the third day

Those hands
A scarred reminder
He is the Truth, the
Life, the only Way.

Those hands
Fulfilling a promise
Spoken years ago,

Those hands
Of my Redeemer's
The Lover of my soul.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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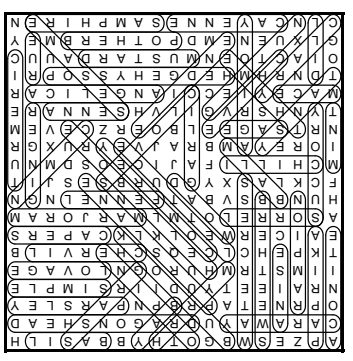
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Pops in the Park (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — April is Jazz Appreciation Month and the Holly Pond High School Band will host its fourth annual Pops in the Park tonight, Saturday, April 26, from 5-7:30 at Governor's Park.

Holly Pond Band Director Steven Porter said the jazz band will kick off the evening with some favorite numbers.

"We will also have a few originals, good food and fellowship," Porter said. "Our sixth-grade band (beginning band) will perform next.

"Our high school concert band will close the evening with some great music."

Porter said the band hosts this event every spring. "This will be the fourth one," he said. "I have always found that concerts in the park are something special. I play in the evening, around dinnertime. It is a family event."

No tickets are required. Kona Ice and Alabama Mud Coffee will be on-site and the HPHS Band Boosters will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers.

"The students look forward to this each year," Porter said.

"It is a fun evening. I hope to see you there."

Robotics (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Students from Fairview High School are competing in the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) ROV Competition Northern Gulf Coast Regional at Dauphin Island Sea Lab. The competition, which takes place April 25-27, allows students to showcase underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) robots they have spent months building and testing.

Fairview teams are Tidal Tech, Coral Crew and the Octonauts. The regional competition has multiple levels, ranging from elementary to college age. Teams participate in real-world scenario challenges, including exploring shipwrecks, studying the effects of climate change on the Great Lakes, developing renewable energy solutions and performing mock repairs on floating solar power fields.

"Much of the task work involves moving PVC parts and matching specific technical requirements in the challenge," Fairview Science Teacher Elizabeth Lockhart explained. "But it's about more than that — it's about solving real problems and thinking critically."

The students have spent months fundraising extensively to afford the needed supplies and travel costs. Lockhart estimated it took dozens of hours outside the classroom, especially since many students are upperclassmen juggling jobs and extracurricular activities. She said they received support from the Fairview community and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, which helped ease the financial burden.

Along with a healthy sense of competition, participating offers numerous educational benefits. Students develop essential soft skills that apply to everyday life, including teamwork, problem-solving and effective communication. They created and practiced elevator pitches and community outreach for sponsorships. The preparation for the competition has also given students who wouldn't typically collaborate a chance to become friends with each other.

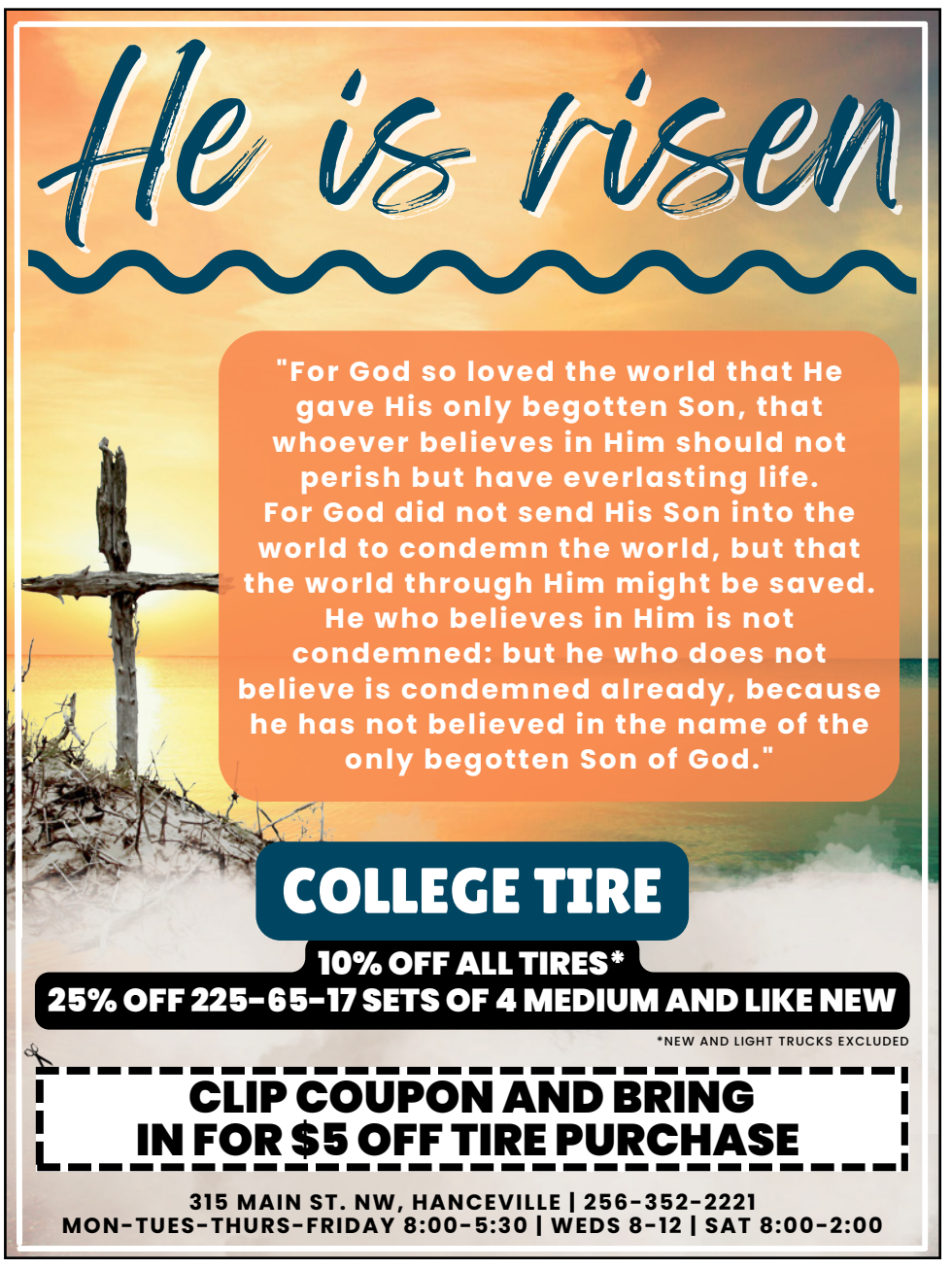
Parker Gutierrez, a Fairview High School senior and Tidal Tech team member, described designing and building an underwater ROV as a mix of creative thinking and trial and error. "There's been a lot of testing and redoing," Gutierrez said. "We had buoyancy issues, and financially, we couldn't get all the stuff other teams could. But we've made it work with what we have."

Gutierrez is also one of Fairview's chief science officers (CSOs) who promote science within the school community. This year's CSO initiative involves partnering with Parkside School to teach gardening and plant science.

"Our goal is to teach the younger generation about how plants work, photosynthesis and why it matters," he said. "It's about spreading science awareness."

For Lockhart, this program is more than a class — it's a deep connection with her and her students, and an opportunity to learn something new.

"I signed up for this because I wanted to learn something new. I didn't know how to build animatronics or ROVs, but now we're figuring it out together," she said. "Many of them had no idea what an underwater ROV even was. Now they've built one. They've failed, learned and done something hard. That's what matters."



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Obituary Announcements: April 24-25

Mary Ann Clarke, 90
Mary Ann Clarke, age 90, of Crane Hill, passed away on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. She will be laid to rest at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Clarke was born March 27, 1935, to Charlie and Ophia Evans. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; Raymond Clarke; brothers, Vernard Evans, Walter Evans, Clarence Evans, Bill Evans, Charles Evans; sister's Margaret Evans and Ruth Willis. She is survived by her daughter, Ginger (Chad) Quick; son Jody Clarke; grandchildren. Sofie Clarke, Ian Quick, Michael Quick; sis-in-law, Syble Evans and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Myra Angela Deese, 56
Memorial Service for Myra Angela Deese will be April 25, 2025, at 4 p.m. with visitation at 3:30 p.m. for friends and family at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Obituary written by her loving family, Myra Angela Ray Deese was born on May 7, 1968, to Peggy Freeman (Curvin) and James Earl Ray. As the eldest of three daughters, she carried a strong sense of responsibility and resilience throughout her life. Myra was a devoted mother and a proud grandmother. Her three children were her greatest accomplishments, but it was her grandchildren—Caleb, Jacob, Keileigh, Novalee, and Baby B—who truly lit up her world and brought her endless joy. Life was not always easy for Myra. She became a mother at the young age of 15 when she welcomed her oldest son, Joshua Willingham. A decade later, she celebrated the birth of her daughter, LaKrishia Hailey, and three years after that, she welcomed her youngest, Taylor Deese. Though she never finished high school in the traditional sense, Myra was determined to create a better future for her family. With perseverance and dedication, she earned her GED through night classes and went on to receive her bachelor's degree in accounting in 2004. Myra faced many chapters of hardship. Through it all, she did her best to keep her head held high and her faith intact. In recent years, Myra's health began to decline. Though her journey was marked by ups and downs, Myra's life was filled with moments of joy, love, and perseverance. She will be remembered not only for her strength and determination but also for her deep love for her family, especially her grandchildren who brought her so much light. Through every season of her life, her love for Jesus remained consistent. Her faith was a source of strength, even in the midst of struggle. She believed in His grace, clung to His promises, and found hope in knowing that this world was not her final home. Though we grieve her absence, we take comfort in knowing she is now whole and at peace, spending eternity in the presence of her Savior. Her journey on earth may be complete, but her story continues in heaven—where joy has no end, and love never fades. Myra is preceded in death by her father, James Earl Ray, step-fathers Junior Freeman and Larry Slaughter. She is survived by her mother, Peggy Freeman, three children, Joshua Willingham, LaKrishia (Jesse) Hailey, and Taylor (Joe) Deese, sisters Tina Slaughter and Vickie Slaughter, mothers of her grandchildren, Mary and Tiffany. Her five grandchildren who were the light of her life: Caleb Willingham, Jacob Willingham, Keileigh Feria, Novalee Hailey, and Baby B Hailey.

Doyle Everett Sadler, 96
A graveside service for Doyle Everett Sadler, 96, of Cullman will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Garden City Cemetery Billy Randolph will be officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Doyle, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away April 22, 2025, at the age of 96. Known for his deep love of the outdoors, his faith, and his tireless work ethic, Doyle left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Born June 19, 1928, in Huntsville, Alabama, Doyle spent his life cultivating not only the land he loved, but also strong roots in his family and community. A true outdoorsman, he found joy in gardening, spending countless hours nurturing plants and tending to his yard. Whether it was planting flowers, growing vegetables, or simply sitting outside taking in the beauty around him, Doyle felt most at peace under the open sky. Doyle was also happiest behind the wheel—whether it was his tractor on the farm or one of the many trucks he drove throughout his 32-year career as a professional truck driver. There wasn't a vehicle with wheels that Doyle couldn't operate. His expertise and confidence on the road were matched only by his quiet humility and gentle spirit. In addition to his love of the land and the road, Doyle's life was centered around his faith. He served for many years as a song leader at his local church, lifting spirits and leading others in worship with a voice that reflected his deep devotion. Doyle will be remembered for his steady hands, kind heart, and the simple, profound way he loved—through hard work, steadfast faith, and quiet acts of service. Mr. Sadler is survived by his wife, Gloria Leigeber Sadler; son, Doyle Everett Sadler Jr.; stepsons, Barry Camper, Stephen Camper; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Mr. Sadler was preceded in death by his parents, Doyle & Cassie Sadler, and one sister. Serving as pallbearers will be Stephen Camper, Cody Camper, Barry Camper, Everett Sadler, Brandon Sadler, and Daniel Powrzanas.

Rosella Speegle Akers, 86
Rosella Speegle Akers, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. She was born on Sept. 14, 1938, to the late Loys and Gladys Entrekin Speegle, in Cullman County, Alabama. Rosella was preceded in death by her son Barry Akers; her parents Loys and Gladys Speegle; and her siblings Bobby (Frances) Speegle, Frances (Louie) Harbison, Harold Speegle, Horace Speegle, Douglas (Carol) Speegle, and Thomas Speegle. Rosella is survived by her children Dana (Paul) Conn and Tim (Kim) Akers; her daughter-in-law Sherri Akers; her grandchildren Joshua (Carolina) Conn, Lance (Debra) Conn, Amanda (Bien) Bordas, and Jessica (Andrew) Norwood; her great grandchildren Jazmin Conn, Sophia Conn, Eden Conn, Iris Conn, Lincoln Norwood, Otto Norwood, and Roman Bordas; her brother David (Rita) Speegle; her sisters-in-law Betty Speegle and Judy Wood; and a number of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends and family for visitation Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will be held Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home. Rosella will be laid to rest in Bowman's Chapel Cemetery at 7508 County Road 310, Crane Hill, AL 35053.

Roger 'Bud' Moon, 92
Roger "Bud" Moon, age 92, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Born and raised in Holly Pond, Alabama, he never lost his pride in his hometown. Bud is survived by his wife of 68 years, Wynona Fincher Moon, daughter Pamela Lasley (Steve), grandchildren, Luke Austin Lasley (Didi), Camille Lasley Wise (Connor), and a host of beloved nieces and nephews. Special love and thanks to caring and tireless companion, Joan Brannan. For 27 years, Bud served as the Master Mechanic Supervisor at the King Edward Cigar Plant where he was known for his diligence and dependability. After the plant's relocation, he took on a new role that reflected his love of the outdoors as Park Manager of Sportsman's Lake Park. He transformed the park into a beloved community destination and introduced a variety of attractions that continue to delight families to this day. After his retirement, his workshop was his haven and laboratory where he tinkered, built, and fixed with a creativity all his own. His greatest sanctuary was the deer camp at the Harris Creek Hunting Club- a place he cherished deeply. There, surrounded by close friends and the quiet beauty of nature, Bud found joy in countless hunting adventures and camaraderie that lasted a lifetime. A visitation for Bud will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, until the funeral service at 2 p.m. The interment will follow at Holly Pond Cemetery, 473-493 Cemetery Road, Holly Pond, AL 35083. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James Travis Hudson, 84
James Travis Hudson, age 84, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. James is survived by his wife of 17 years, Janice Hudson and his son, Jamie Hudson. A visitation for James will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The interment will follow at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 1150 County Road 9, Hayden, AL 35079. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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