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Fairview awarded $144.5K for sewer project necessary to build Jack's restaurant

Staff Reports
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Town of Fairview was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $144,500.

Gov. Kay Ivey's office said the grant "will extend sewer service to facilitate local business development including a restaurant that is expected to bring 30 new jobs to the small town of Fairview." It will "fund an infrastructure project necessary to build a new Jack's restaurant in the town of 543 people. The project will extend the sanitary sewer system to the planned site of the fast-food restaurant on Alabama Highway 69. The extended sewer service will also be capable of accommodating other businesses, and town leaders said they will use it as a marketing tool to help grow Fairview's economy."

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Fairview Town Hall

68th annual Spring Festival



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond K-8 School hosted the 68th annual Spring Festival on Thursday, May 1, 2025.



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CCSO makes 2 separate drug trafficking arrests



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Stacey Cleveland Hogeland and James Lee Lovelace were arrested in separate incidents.

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Jordan's Junk Drawer raises over $2.6K



REBEKAH LLOYD

Left to right are Hope Gulledge, Kayla Beckham, Christina Jones, Amber Thornton, Shelby Creekmore and Laura Benton. The women dropped off sensory kits at the main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System.

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Metcalfe, Stallings named April CCBOE/AmFirst Teacher, Staff Member of the Month

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'This is really about inspiring a love of reading'



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An event for Cullman County's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was held at the Cullman County Public Library in downtown Cullman in April.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 2

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 2, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 28

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession with intent to sell; unlawful possession of chemical compounds; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; CR 1816
- criminal mischief; reckless endangerment; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 255
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; CR 571
- harassing communications; CR 437
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 1223
- possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1533

April 29

- trafficking drugs; CR 1662
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; Midfield Dr.
- burglary; CR 351
- harassment; CR 1868
- burglary; CR 431
- menacing; CR 1371
- burglary; Hwy. 69S
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; CR 1111

April 30

- trafficking drugs; CR 1662
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; Midfield Dr.
- burglary; CR 351
- harassment; CR 1868
- burglary; CR 431
- menacing; CR 1371
- burglary; Hwy. 69S
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; CR 1111
- harassment; CR 1355
- domestic violence; CR 1776
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1339
- theft of property; Annette Pl. Hanceville
- possession of marijuana; US. 31
- harassing communications; CR 157
- trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 316

ARRESTS

April 28-30

Arnold, Zachary C.; 35
- GJ – cruelty to animals (3 counts)

Boyd, Lacie M.; 28
- unlawful possession of certain chemical compounds
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Burks, Adam M.; 45
- GJ – rape-strong arm
- GJ – sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years – forcible fondling (2 counts)
- GJ – directing a child to engage in sexual intercourse

Collins, Joshua T.; 34
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Deschan L.; 26
- GJ – homicide-manslaughter
- GJ – assault-1st degree
- GJ – improper lane usage

Davis, Michael C.; 36
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Ellis, Stephanie J.; 43
- PROBATION REVOKED – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- PROBATION REVOKED – public intoxication

Fossett, Asa H.; 19
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hendrix, Natasha N.; 29
- FTA – possession of sawed off rifle/shotgun
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – unlawful possession of certain chemical compounds
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hill, James E.; 55
- FTA – drug trafficking
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hogeland, Stacy C.; 53
- drug trafficking

Jones, Hagen E.; 30
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Jennifer K.; 36
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Kreps, Steven J.; 32
- possession of dangerous drugs

Lovelace, James L.; 42
- drug trafficking (2 counts)
- possession of opium or derivative
- possessing stolen property, $1500 or more (3 counts)
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of cocaine (2 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Newman, Travis M.; 39
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- GJ – burglary-residence-force

Parris, Kaitlyn D.; 24
- FTA – buying/receiving stolen property
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Patterson, Dawson J.; 28
- public intoxication

Peebles, Ronald P.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of heroin
- burglary-residence-force

Pendergraft, James E.; 54
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – giving false identification to law enforcement

Ragsdale, Brian L.; 42
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Reese, Dante J.; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Schubert Jr., Steven M.; 40
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500
- FTA – receiving stolen property, $500-less than $1500

Sneed, Shane A.; 32
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree

Speakman, Tyler L.; 30
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stephens, Jackie W.; 59
- destruction of property by prisoner

Taylor, Joshua L.; 48
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Underwood, Jamie K.; 50
- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 30

- theft of property-3rd degree; person; debit card
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NE
- identity theft; person
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person

May 1

- harassment; person; Field of Miracles Dr. SW
- menacing; criminal mischief; person; damage to '23 Hyundai; $500
- burglary-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; Ellsworth Loop Rd. SW

ARRESTS

April 30 – May 1

Jones, Brandy B.; 45
- FTA – insurance violation

Jones, Jennifer K.; 36
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – expired tag

Butts, Dale P.; 51
- unlawful possession/receiving of controlled substance

Canaday, Sherry R.; 58
- unlawful possession/receiving of controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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





2nd annual Pickleball Tournament returns to Arley Day Festival May 17

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Arley Day Festival will host its second annual Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, May 17, at Hamner Memorial Park in Arley. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and will follow a mixed doubles round-robin format. Entry is $25 per player and proceeds will benefit the Arley Women's Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting the Arley area.

"This is our second annual pickleball tournament held as part of the Arley Day Festival and all proceeds go directly back into the community in the form of grants," said tournament organizer Jane Shirah.

"We have two giving cycles throughout the year when any local nonprofit organization can apply. These grants are typically given to support unmet needs in local schools, the library, volunteer fire departments and more. We also use the money to fund scholarships, park improvements and a literacy program in the elementary school."

Funds raised from this year's tournament will support a variety of ongoing projects, including expanding a scholarship program for Meek High School seniors, supporting literacy development at Meek Elementary through a new story time program, purchasing educational tools for local schools and enhancing Hamner Park with additional pickleball courts and walking trail extensions.

Additionally, funds will help the Arley Women's Club continue sponsoring the Arley Day Festival, Parade and Car Show, maintain a local recycling program now in its eighth year of operations and provide support to local EMS and volunteer fire departments.

To register for the tournament or more information, participants can scan the QR code on the event flyer or contact Jane Shirah directly at 205-540-5020 or janeshirah@gmail.com.

A full preview of the upcoming Arley Day Festival will be released at a later date.

Arrests (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office took multiple firearms and a large amount of narcotics off the streets recently in two separate incidents.

On April 29, deputies responded to the report of a crash in the Fairview area. Stacey Cleveland Hogeland, 53, of Cullman, was identified as the driver. Alabama State Troopers also responded to the scene and allegedly determined that Hogeland was intoxicated. A subsequent search of the vehicle allegedly yielded a substantial amount of narcotics.

Troopers arrested Hogeland and charged her with driving under the influence. Deputies charged her with drug trafficking.

Hogeland is currently being held on a $502,000 bond.

On April 30, the CCSO Investigations Division conducted a search pursuant to a search warrant in the Crane Hill community. James Lee Lovelace, 42, of Crane Hill, was located at the residence in question.

Multiple guns, stolen property, drug paraphernalia and various amounts and types of narcotics were allegedly located as a result of the search warrant.

Lovelace was arrested and is currently being held at the Cullman County Detention Center on a $1,020,800 bond.

He is charged with two counts of drug trafficking (dangerous drugs), unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (opium or derivative), three counts of receiving stolen property ($1,500 or more), illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of unlawful possession of cocaine and second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana.

"This search warrant was a culmination of a tremendous amount of work by our investigators. I am proud of their tenacity and determination to see this through. This is a major victory for the sheriff's office, the victims involved and all the citizens of Cullman County," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

LEGALS

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.

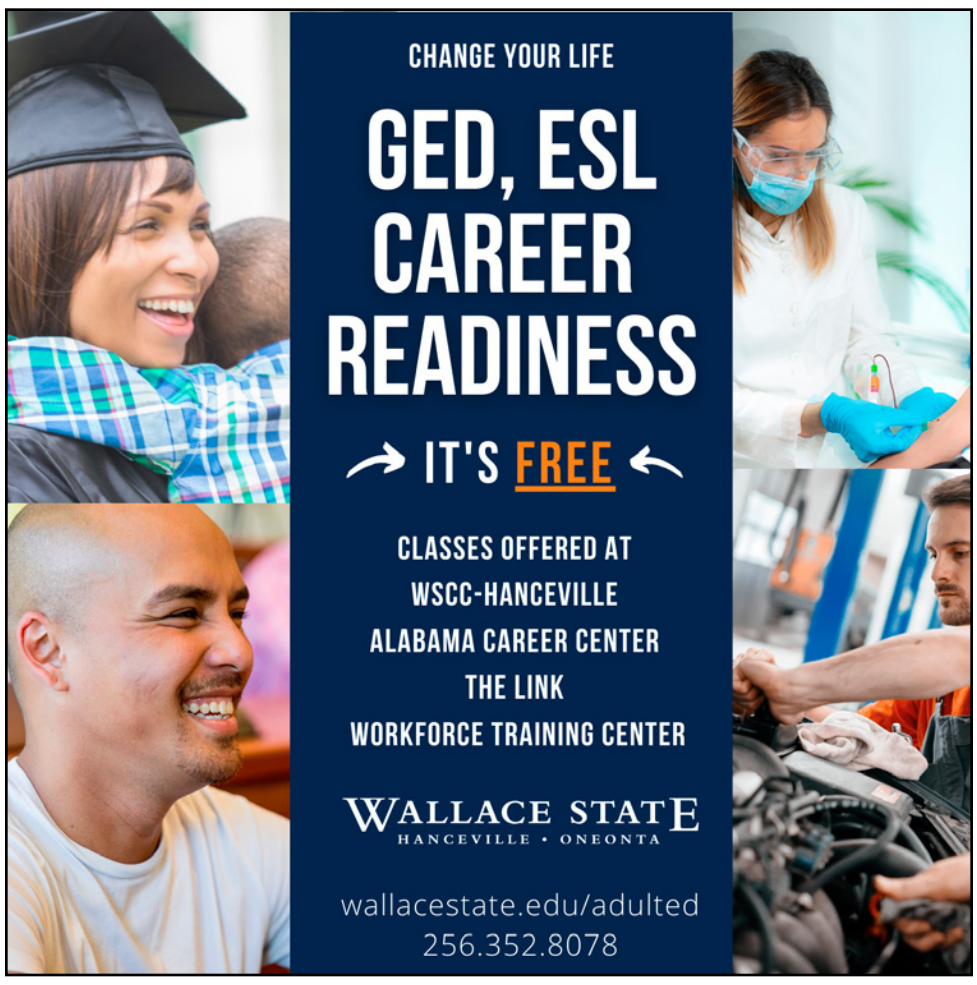
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

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
• Saturday, May 3 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry outreach program
• Sunday, May 4 - 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Singing
Saturday, May 3, at 5 p.m. At The Food Of The Cross Church on Eva Road, 2.5 miles from Alabama Highway 157, on the left. Loretta Jent will be guest singer.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend
• Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4.
• 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.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Holly Pond Cemetery
The Holly Pond Lions Club is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 17, at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building from 6-9 a.m. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage and a drink for a donation to eat in or take out. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Cemetery. Come join us and bring your friends! Thank you in advance for your support.

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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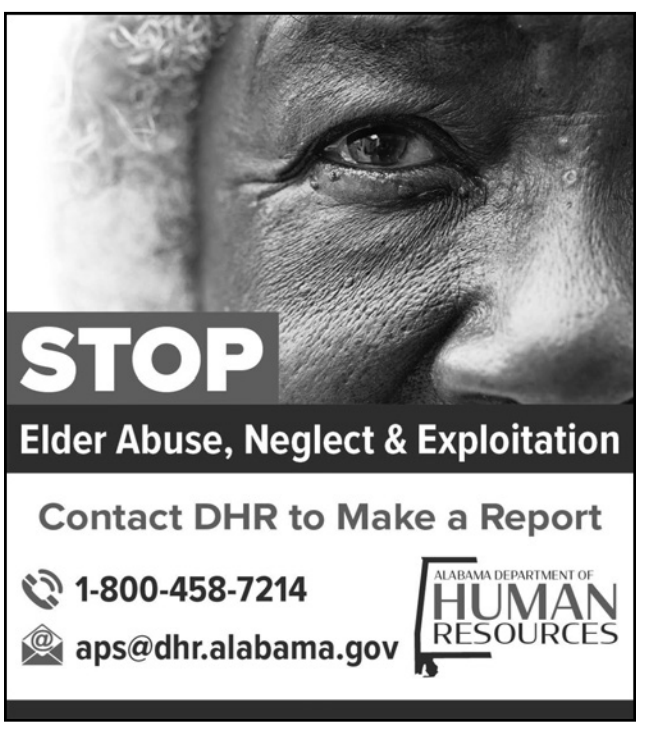
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14th annual Bow-Up Against Breast Cancer Archery Tournament set for Memorial Day Weekend

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The 14th annual Bow-Up Against Breast Cancer 3D Archery Tournament is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25, at the Cullman Community Archery Park. Hosted by the Heritage Archery Club and the Bowhunters of Alabama, the event welcomes archers of all ages and skill levels to compete in support of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA).

"Bow-Up is a fun weekend of friendly competition that draws archers from across the state," said Rachel Beatty, marketing and communications coordinator for the BCRFA.

"The yearly tournament has contributed $240,000 to local, lifesaving breast cancer research since 2012. This year, event organizers expect to cross the $250,000 mark."

Check-in for the tournament begins at 7 a.m. each day with the last scorecards handed out at 2 p.m.

Participants may shoot at any time between 7 a.m.-2 p.m., allowing archers to complete the course at their own pace.

Awards will be given to top shooters in several competition classes including Fixed Pins, Open Class, Traditional and Youth.

Team awards will also be presented for the highest score and most charitable team. Adult registrants receive an event T-shirt while supplies last.

Registration is $125 per team of up to five archers. Fees are $25 for adults and $15 for youth 15 and younger. Online registration ends May 21 at noon, but on-site registration will be available during the event, starting at 7 a.m.

Additionally, free tribute signs will be available for participants who want to honor their loved ones by adding their names to the event's tribute wall.

Beth Davis, president and CEO of the BCRFA, emphasized the importance of the event, saying, "Bow-Up Against Breast Cancer is an archery event to support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama. The tournament was created by Alabama's archery and bowhunting community to raise funds for research.

"Our goal is to eradicate breast cancer with the help of local groundbreaking advancements in breast cancer diagnostics, treatment and prevention. All funds raised at Bow-Up stay in Alabama."

She added, "Alabama is expected to see almost 5,000 new cases of breast cancer this year alone.

"The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama is leading the way in funding research to address this critical need. Nearly everyone knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer.

"Bow-Up is an exciting and impactful way to honor those affected and give them hope for the future."

For more information or to register, visit www.bow-up.org or call BCRFA at 205-413-4600. The Cullman Community Archery Park is located at 2602 County Road 490, Hanceville, AL 35077.

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Addison sweeps Lynn to advance to 1A semifinals

Todd Walker
Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — After defeating Pickens Academy on the road in round two, the Addison Bulldogs were back home hosting Lynn in the Class 1A quarterfinals on Thursday. The Bulldogs dominated game one 12-1 and after falling behind early in game two, they rallied to defeat Lynn 11-6 and punch their ticket to the semifinals for the first time since 1995.

Addison 12 - Lynn 1 (Game One)

Addison got off to a terrific start. After holding the Bears scoreless in the top of the first, the Bulldogs struck first, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first. Jed Wilkins and Tucker Thompson led off the game with back-to-back singles. Stone Talley was hit by a pitch which loaded the bases with no one out. A fielder's choice kept the bases loaded as Wilkins was forced out at home. Thompson scored on a wild pitch and Kiah Lake walked to reload the bases. Catcher Jaxson Williams singled scoring two runs to push the Bulldog lead to 3-0. Lake scored on a fielder's choice and Addison led 4-0 after one inning.

The score stayed the same until the bottom of the third when Addison plated one more run for a 5-0 lead. After a hit batter and two walks, Kaden Dyson hit a sacrifice fly to left field scoring Talley.

Lynn answered back in the top of the fourth inning with a run of their own. The inning started off great for the Bears as they loaded the bases with no outs as Bryce Baughn and Coby Sherer singled and Ashton Hopkins walked.

Bulldog pitcher Kiah Lake showed his mettle by only giving up one run, on a David Uptain fielder's choice.

The Bulldogs iced the game in the bottom of the fourth as they scored seven runs to go up 12-1. Addison pulled off a rare event by scoring seven runs and getting only one hit in the inning. Dathan Cleghorn and Wilkins walked. Two wild pitches later had Cleghorn scoring.

Thompson singled, moving Wilkins to third. Talley walked loading the bases. A passed ball scored Wilkins. Lane Stewart walked loading the bases. Lake walked bringing home another run.

Another passed ball scores a run. Williams hit a sacrifice fly to center field bringing a run home. Dyson was hit by a pitch and advanced on a Bear error, bringing home a run. Carter Pratt hit a sacrifice fly to left field for the last run of the inning.

Lake got the Bears down 1-2-3 in the fifth to end the game and pick up the pitching win.

Unofficial stats

Addison: Lake got the complete game giving up one run on three hits. Lake had three walks and three strikeouts.

Thompson went 2-3 with 2 runs scored. Talley didn't have an official at bat but scored 3 runs with 3 walks and a stolen base.

Williams went 1-2 with 3 RBIs. Lake didn't have an official at bat but also had 3 walks, 1 RBI and 2 runs scored. Dyson went 0-1 with 2 RBIs, 1 walk and a run scored.

Lynn had Baughn go for 1-2 with a run scored. Sherer went 1-1 with a walk. Hopkins went 1-1 with a walk. Uptain had an RBI and a walk.

Addison 11 - Lynn 6 (Game Two)

Addison scored first as the visiting team in the second game as Wilkins singled and advanced all the way to third base on an error and a passed ball. Wilkins scored on a Thompson fielder's choice to give the Bulldogs a short lived 1-0 lead.

The Bears struck back quickly as they scored 3 runs in the bottom of the first. Thompson was able to get two of the first three Bears out as Austin Dodd singled and stood at first with two outs. Caden Key was hit by a pitch and then Baughn singled home Dodd. Sherer singled in two runs to give the Bears a 3-1 lead.

Addison struck right back in the top of the second. After the first two Bulldogs got out, Dyson walked and advanced to third on a Bear error and a wild pitch.

Carter Pratt singled bringing home Dyson to cut the Lynn lead to 3-2.

Lynn would stretch their lead to 6-2 as they scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning. After a Bulldog error, Dylan Dunagan singled and Key singled home Dodd. Dunagan scored on a fielder's choice by Baughn.

Key scored on another Bulldog error, but Addison was able to get out of the inning without giving up any other runs.

The top of the fourth inning had Addison to continue to chip into the lead by adding another run to cut the lead down to 6-3. Carter Pratt hit a sacrifice fly to left field scoring Tanner Gaither.

Addison tied the game up in the fifth with a huge inning.

The momentum swung this inning as Addison scored three runs, two coming on a big Talley home run to right field. Dyson drove in the game tying run with a single.

The Bulldogs sealed the game with a big sixth inning as they scored five runs. Again, Addison only had two hits as they scored five runs.

After a Cleghorn single to left, Wilkins destroyed a ball to center field for a huge two run shot that ignited the crowd and the Bulldog dugout as Addison took the lead 8-6.

Lynn didn't help themselves as walks and errors hurt them in this inning. Addison plated three more runs while not getting any hits.

Addison pitcher Thompson really struggled for the first three innings but fought and fought and was able to stone the Bears in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, keeping the Bulldogs in the game and letting his offense take the lead.

Young Mr. Thompson tired in the seventh and left with the bases full of Bears and one out. Bulldog Closer Talley came in and got an infield fly pop up and a ground ball to end the game and send Addison to the fourth round.

Unofficial stats

Addison had Wilkins go 5-5 with 2 RBIs, 2 runs scored, a stolen base and a home run. Talley went 1-4, with 2 runs and 2 RBIs, a walk and a home run. Williams went 1-3, a walk. Carter Pratt went 1-3 with 2 RBIs. Dyson went 1-3 with a run scored, 2 RBIs and 2 stolen bases.

Thompson got the Bulldog win while Talley got the save.

Lynn had Key go 2-3 with 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Baughn went 2-4 with 2 RBIs and a run scored. Hopkins went 2-4. Sherer went 1-4 with 2 RBIs.

Addison Head Coach Lee Williams

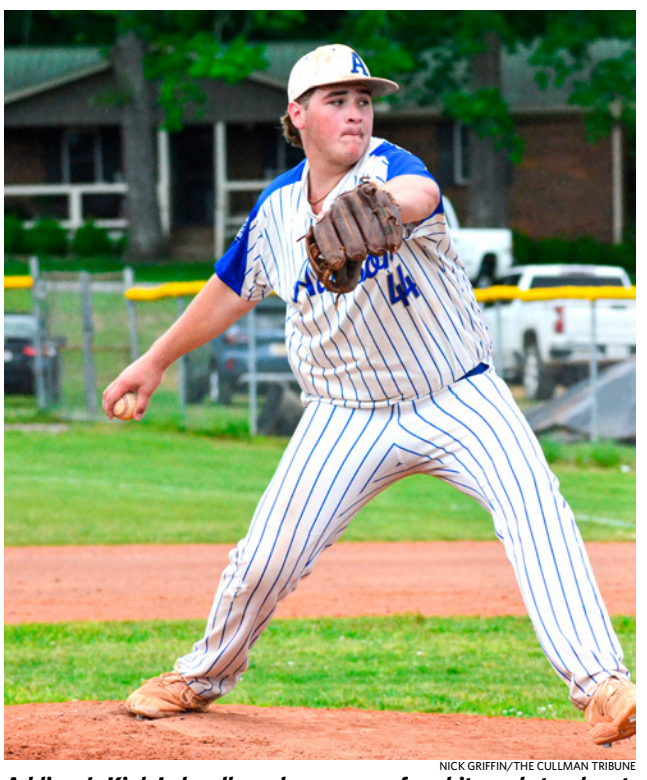
"Feel good about where we are at as a team. These guys are bought in and they really love each other and support each other.

"There isn't any jealousy about playing time or who has better stats. This is just a great bunch of guys.

"These guys know their individual talents and what their teammates do well and not so well.

"We are really seeing the ball well right now and scoring a ton of runs. If we continue to blister the ball like we are doing know we are going to be hard to beat."

Fun fact: The last time Addison made it to the state semifinals in baseball was in 1995 and they were put out by Lynn in three games. Addison's Head Coach Lee Williams was a key player on that Lynn team that beat the Bulldogs.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison's Kiah Lake allowed one run on four hits and struck out three batters in the Bulldogs 12-1 win over Lynn on Thursday.





Fairview (from Front)

Ivey's office said the Town of Fairview contributed $58,160 to the project.

"This project represents an investment in economic growth for this Cullman County town and its residents," Ivey said.

"For starters, the jobs this new business provides will have a significant impact on Fairview. Furthermore, these sewer upgrades should also pave the way for more development and future jobs."

Fairview does not have its own sewer system, and the only sewer service is at the town's elementary, middle and high schools.

The sewer system used by the schools is operated by Living Water Services, a wastewater utility company. The sewer system will need to be extended by about 1 mile to accommodate the new Jack's restaurant, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Reading (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County recently celebrated the relaunch of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Now, the UWCC oversees the Imagination Library for Cullman and Winston counties. The event was held at the Cullman County Public Library in downtown Cullman.

The Imagination Library provides children from birth to age 5 free, age-appropriate books delivered directly to their homes each month. The program is available to all families, regardless of income, and enrollment can be completed at www.uwaycc.org/DPIL or in person at designated events.

Ariel Thompson, community engagement coordinator for Alabama's Imagination Library, said this is a great way to encourage a love of reading at a young age.

"This is really about inspiring a love of reading at the very beginning of life. We're helping build vocabulary, brain development and social-emotional skills — just through books," she said.

For families who choose to sponsor their child for $35 a year, the State provides matching funds to support an additional child.

Thompson emphasized, "It's not just about free books; it's about creating a culture of literacy and community support."

Local author and UWCC Resource Development & Outreach Manager Taylor Johnson, spoke at the event about her personal experience with the Imagination Library, her son having graduated from the program after receiving books throughout the pandemic.

"Those books were our happiness. They arrived every month, even during uncertain times, and gave us something to look forward to," she said.

"Watching my son grow with them has been incredible."

Johnson recently published her first children's book, "Finlee and Her Purple Glasses," inspired by both her work with the Imagination Library and a classmate of her son's with unique glasses. The story celebrates self-esteem and differences. Johnson said she hopes the message of her story will resonate with young readers.

"Having your children proud of you hits differently," Johnson shared. "That's what makes writing for kids so meaningful."

Sponsoring a child through the Imagination Library costs $35 per year, and thanks to State matching funds, each sponsorship helps provide books for two children.

"Even if you start at age 3, your child can still receive two full years of books. And if you're in a position to sponsor, you're also helping another child in your community," Johnson said.

For more information or to enroll, visit www.uwaycc.org/DPIL or call 256-739-2948.

Drawer (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A group of local residents, through a charitable drive born out of Leadership Cullman County – Jordan's Junk Drawer – recently assembled and distributed 50 sensory kits to schools, hospitals, libraries and other spaces. The drive raised $2,630 and collected 343 sensory items.

Organizers had planned to create only 35 kits, but the group ended up making more, thanks to overwhelming financial and material support from individuals and local businesses.

"We were able to exceed everyone's request," said organizer Rebekah Lloyd, part of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Adult Leadership class.

"It was a good challenge to have — figuring out how to spend the extra money and how to fit everything in our cars."

There were many standout donors during the drive, including the Cullman Electric Cooperative, which provided fully assembled sensory kits that required only minor adjustments, and TriGreen Equipment, which custom-made 35 tractor-shaped poppets that became a favorite among the kits.

"We told businesses they could contribute sensory-related marketing items, and TriGreen answered the call perfectly. The tractor poppets were absolutely adorable," said Lloyd.

The kits were assembled at the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), where students assisted. Their instructor, Sara Kirkpatrick, plans to use the leftover sensory materials to help students prepare for their future classrooms.

More than a dozen individual donors supported the cause, including many parents of children with sensory needs.

Thirty kits were sent to the central office of Cullman County Schools to be distributed at each campus across elementary, middle and high schools.

Fourteen kits were delivered to the Cullman County Child Development Center. Additional kits were donated to the Cullman County Public Library System, The Sanctuary at the Woodlands and Cullman Regional.

Two kits' worth of items were donated to the Future Educators program at CATA.

Even though the drive has ended, organizers hope the community will continue to support them and that their work positively impacts individuals with sensory needs in a meaningful and encouraging manner.

"Let's not let it stop here," Lloyd urged. "We want this passion and vision to continue after our group graduates.

"We hope that the recipients feel seen, heard and valued.

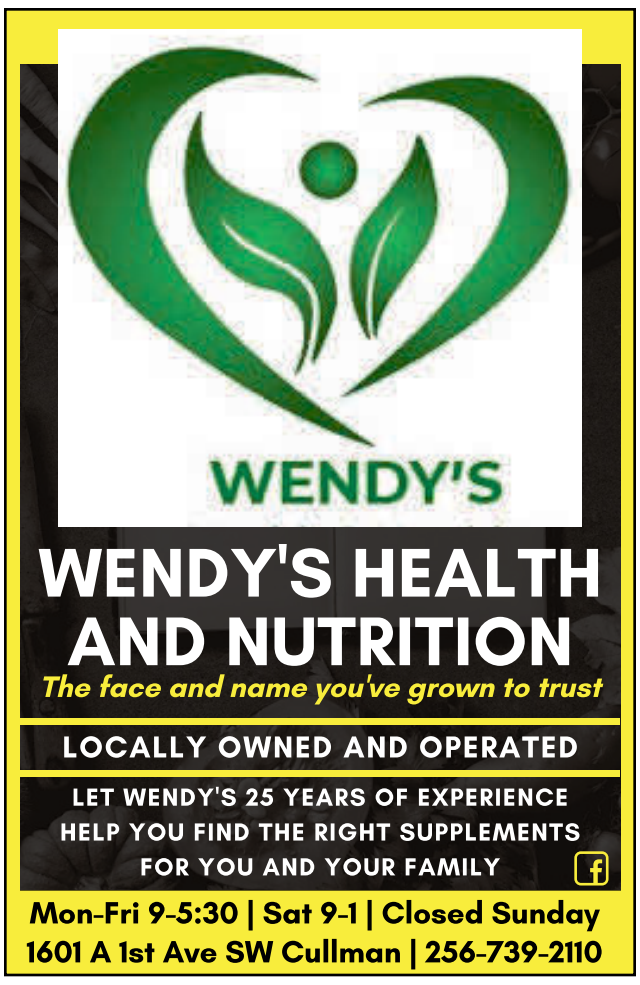
"Everyone has different needs, and these kits are a small way of acknowledging that and providing support."

If you or someone you know still wishes to donate, Lloyd recommended contacting local schools, starting with guidance counselors or principals, to find out what sensory items might be needed.

Facilities such as The Sanctuary at the Woodlands and Cullman County Public Library System branches also need supplies.













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

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

1991	Chev Truck	IGCCS14Z5M8135276
2016	Chev Malibu	IG1ZE5ST9GF272057
2005	Nissan Altima	IN4BL11D25C121051
2004	NISSAN 350Z	JN1AZ34E24T062119
2016	CHEV EQUINOX	2GNALCEK0G6225390

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.

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

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT OF COMPLETION
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that MECO, INC has completed the Contract for CSMS#2 DIESEL FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT, CONTRACT #AC-24-C-0051-S, located at 2340 CHEROKEE AVE SW CULLMAN, AL 35055, for the Armory Commission of Alabama, Owner, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Armory Commission of Alabama, P.O. Box 3711, Montgomery, Alabama 36109-0711.

MECO, INC
2808 DAY ST
MONTGOMERY, AL 36108
334.263.5502

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GLADYS DYE SPEAKMAN,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2025-078

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

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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.

Attorney:
AMY M. OSBORNE ESQ
4770 EASTERN VALLEY ROAD, SUITE 111 THE SHOPPES AT LETSON FARMS, PMB 106 MCCALLA, AL 35111
(205)515-9271

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
LAURA JAMES BOWNES,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC2023-048

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

TO: ALBERT DEAN JOHNSON, MICHAEL ANTHONY BOWNES, CATHERINE BETH BOWNES JOHNSON, PATRICK BART BOWNES, KELLY ANNE BOWNES, PATRICK CONNOR JOHNSON, BRENNAN BOWNES JOHNSON AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge of Personal Representative* has been filed by Michael Anthony Bownes, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Alex J Chaney. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been rescheduled for the **10th day of June, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, 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 30th day of April, 2025.

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

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for the Petitioner
PO Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GORMAN MAX CULWELL, JR.,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-385

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
Attorney for Administrator
419 Second Avenue SW
Suite A
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-9445 (Phone)

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

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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
TERESA ANN COBBS,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2025 - 133

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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Cullman, AL 35055
(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
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
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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
Thelma Sandlin Thomas,
Deceased.

Case No. PC 24-432

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELEANOR RUTH FREY,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2025-134

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

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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,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2025-043

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

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

STATE OF ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS a vacancy exists in the Alabama House of Representatives in District 12;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, it is my duty as Governor, by proclamation, to call and set the dates of all special elections to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term for which Representative Corey Harbison was elected;

WHEREAS due consideration should be given to the rights and privileges of the citizens of Cullman County who live in House of Representatives District 12 to be afforded full representation in the Alabama Legislature; and

WHEREAS all interested citizens and political parties should be allowed to reasonably participate in the process of selecting a new representative for House of Representatives District 12;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim and call the following special elections to be held in Cullman County, State of Alabama, House of Representatives District 12, for the purpose of electing a member of the Alabama House of Representatives for District 12:

A Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

A Special Primary Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, if necessitated by one candidate not receiving a majority of the votes cast in the Special Primary Election for either major party.

A Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

FURTHERMORE, all candidates qualifying with major political parties should be advised that the last day for any candidate to qualify with their respective parties regarding this election will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The two major political parties shall certify their qualified candidates to the Secretary of State as soon as possible after the qualification deadline but by no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

FURTHERMORE, all independent candidates and any minor parties seeking ballot access are advised that the deadline for filing the appropriate notification, petitions, or supporting paperwork with the Secretary of State shall be Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the State Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 29th day of April 2025.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:

Wes Allen
Wes Allen
Secretary of State

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A fresh coat of paint works wonders

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



She said, "What do you not do? You write, you sing, you play instruments and you even build instruments. Do you paint?"

I grinned and said, "Oh, yes ma'am, I sure do paint."

Then she asked, "When did first begin painting?"

I replied, "I can't say for certain, but I think the first painting I ever did was when I was about 9 or 10 years old."

She was amazed and said, "That's so young."

When she asked, "What mediums?" I must have looked a bit puzzled, so she said, "You know, acrylics, oils, watercolors, pastels?"

I chuckled slightly and said, "Oh, my first painting was a watercolor." I failed to tell her it was a paint-by-number kit. She still had not realized I was teasing.

With a slightly puzzled look, she cocked her head to one side as she squinted and asked, "Do you paint mostly still life, landscapes or portraits?"

The gig was finally up when I said, "Well, actually, right now I'm in the middle of painting my back porch and deck, but I have painted my entire house!"

A young man was out of work and therefore out of money. He knocked on several doors and asked the owners if they needed anything painted.

One man said, "Why yes, I'll pay you $300 to go out back and paint my porch. There is a gallon of paint and a brush already back there."

A couple of hours later, he knocked on the door and said, "I'm all finished, but sir, that is not a Porsche. I believe that is a Ferrari!"

I have doubts about the reality of the last story, and I may have used a little writer's license on parts of the first one.

That being said, I really am a painter. That first paint-by-number painting was supposed to be a horse, but it looked more like a purple elephant when I finished. That's about as close to any real artistic painting as I've ever come.

I never painted a Porsche or a Ferrari, but I have painted quite a few vehicles. I did not use a brush to paint any of them. As a teenager, I worked for my oldest brother in his automobile paint-and-body shop.

I learned to spray paint at the ripe old age of 14. I can say that I have painted with acrylics...acrylic enamel car paint, that is!

I have done my share of painting with a brush and roller, but never on a car.

When I was a broke college student, I worked part time at a nearby high school. We cleaned, did maintenance and painted. Twice each year, we painted the entire interior of the school.

We covered up all the graffiti in all the bathrooms, so the students would have a clean place to do their artwork! I've done odd paint jobs since then, and I've done all the painting on my own houses.

I have just finished repainting my back porch (not to be confused with Porsche) and deck. If you ask me if I have a large porch and deck, I would have answered, "No, not really." Now that I've finished painting it, I would answer, "I sure do!"

A fresh coat of paint on most things really does work wonders. It may not make something look brand new, but it can cover up a multitude of ugly.

With all the years and miles I have on me now, not to mention a few health issues along the way, I wonder if a fresh coat of paint might help me some! Still, I am thankful for this old house I'm living in!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: May 3, 1934

From the files of May 3, 1934

CLASSIFIED ADS

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ROLL FILMS DEVELOPED—Two guaranteed prints of each, good negative, 25c cain. Reprints 2½c, daily service, try us. G. C. Kehres, 2112 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. 3may-4-o.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—Rucker SELECTED No. 1, 75c per bu. Carl E. Kugler, Cullman R. 4. 3may-1x

EVA NEWS

Eva, May 2.—Miss Ruby Hamilton and Miss Tula Murle Wigginson of Florette, spent Thursday night with Miss Lorene Puryear.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams was laid to rest in the Eva cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince Ford of Decatur, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Halyard Hawkins.

Misses Irene Patterson and Thelma Lindler, Brooks Lindler and son, Paul, were business visitors in Falkville and Hartselle Saturday.

Miss Lucy Frost spent the week end with Mrs. Fisher in Cullman.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Ford of Decatur, spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mr. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen McCain are spending this week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Woodruff in Tennessee.

Miss Bernice Bryant spent Thursday night with Miss Fay Self.

Mrs. Gib Frost spent Monday night with Mrs. Lillian Patterson.

Miss Lillie Mae Livingston spent Monday night with Miss Thelma Lindler.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Puryear of Moulton Heights, spent Monday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Puryear.

Mrs. Ed Puryear is seriously ill at this writing.

WEST POINT NEWS

Vinemont R. 1, April 24.—The primary grades closed at this place last Friday. A large crowd attended the closing exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Yates and family attended preaching at New Hope Sunday.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson is very sick.

Ellis Tankersley, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Morrow of Scottsboro, were the week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris.

We are glad to report L. T. Absher is improving after a recent illness.

Judge and John Morris, D. A., J. B. and Ardis Buckelew, Otto Morris and Sherman Talley motored to Cullman Monday.

Mildred Harden is ill with the roseola.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Buckelew were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard King near Cross Roads.

Mrs. Fred Bland and little son are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Morrow in Scottsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Harden and mother are visiting in Morgan county.

Mrs. B. L. Cornelius and daughter, Ruby, motored to Cullman Friday.



POET'S CORNER

Little Flower | By: Randy C. Hale

Among our Chinese Privet,
a wild rose invades.
Most of the year,
its pesky thorns treacherous
and I almost forget
how dazzling and dainty
it becomes each spring.
When all will be forgiven,
breathing in royal fragrance,
sighing at its finest hour.
The little flower stamens
bursting forth as sun rays
from a center white petticoat
of petals, tinged in
pastel pink,
reaching for her pistils,
anthers plump with pollen
unto a snowy laced blue sky.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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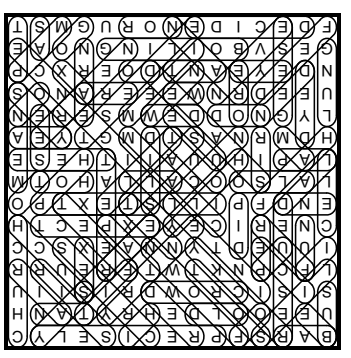
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

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CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Students from East and West Elementary Schools spent Thursday, May 1, making marshmallow catapults, learning computer code and more as part of the annual STEM Day.

Cullman elementary students enjoy STEM Day

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Students from East and West Elementary Schools spent Thursday, May 1, making marshmallow catapults, learning computer code and more as part of the annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Day.

STEM Day is a key part of Cullman City Schools' curriculum because it celebrates four fields that are key to innovation, problem-solving and the future of society.

It's a day meant to get students excited about how STEM shapes the world around them, and to show how skills like critical thinking, creativity and collaboration are essential not just for careers, but for solving real-world challenges.

"At this year's STEM Day, students learn a mix of skills and concepts designed to be fun, challenging and useful," Jennifer Tidwell, STEM teacher at East and West Elementary Schools, explained.

"As a STEM teacher, I believe programs like our annual STEM Day are essential for inspiring the next generation of thinkers, builders and problem-solvers. STEM education doesn't just teach science and math — it teaches creativity, innovation and critical thinking."

Some activities students had the opportunity to experience include a sand-to-structure 3D-printing lab, an egg drop challenge, a catapult to launch marshmallows, technology actives including robotics and coding, building a life-sized marble run, plus a human senses lab provided by Wallace State STEM Ecosystem and a team member who helped conduct a NASA experiment in microgravity.

"My hope is to see this program grow even stronger, reaching more students and families each year," Tidwell added.

"By expanding partnerships with local businesses and stakeholders offering more hands-on projects, and encouraging students from all backgrounds to participate, we can build a community where curiosity and discovery are celebrated.

"Investing in STEM today means investing in a future where our students are prepared to lead, to create and to make a difference."

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Month (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools and AmFirst recognize a teacher and staff member each month of the school year who are going above and beyond in their professions.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured left to right are Holly Pond K-8 Assistant Principal Danny Weaver, AmFirst Cullman Branch Manager Daniel Boggan, AmFirst Teacher of the Month Beth Metcalfe, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Holly Pond K-8 Principal Karen Sparks.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH
Beth Metcalfe, sixth-grade math, Holly Pond K-8

Beth Metcalfe teaches math at Holly Pond K-8.

"Beth is an exemplary candidate for Teacher of the Month due to her dedication to Holly Pond and its students over her 20-year tenure here," said Danny Weaver, Holly Pond K-8 assistant principal. "Beth consistently goes above and beyond, eagerly volunteering for events... has a positive attitude and willingly supports her colleagues... and she embodies the values of dedication, enthusiasm, and community involvement."



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured left to right are AmFirst Cullman Branch Manager Daniel Boggan, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, AmFirst Staff Member of the Month Connie Stallings and Cullman County Child Development Center Principal Trett Hardman.

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Connie Stallings, CNP, Cullman County Child Development Center

Connie Stallings works in the lunchroom at the Child Development Center.

"Connie is one of our hardest working employees," said Emily Smith, Cullman County child nutrition director. "She makes it a point to ask each child that comes through the line if they are having a good day, and will take care of them the entire time they are in the lunchroom. She makes sure her students do not leave that lunchroom hungry."

Cullman County Schools thanked AmFirst for sponsoring the program. Each Teacher and Staff Member of the Month receives a $100 gift card.

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Obituary Announcements: May 1-2

Marilou Kremsner, 60

Funeral Service for Marilou Kremsner, age 60 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Micah Andrews officiating; burial at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Kremsner passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at her residence. She was born, August 2, 1964 to Louis Kremsner and Marie Kremsner. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Donna Sims and life partner, Jackie Knight. Survivors include her, daughter, Erin (Joey) Schulte; grandchildren, Ashlin Schulte and Lawson Schulte; sister, Janice Peak; brother, James (Cindy) Kremsner; nieces and nephews, David (Stephine) Sandlin, Jeffery Sandlin, Teri (John) Moffet, Andrew (Dana) Thomaston, Coral Kremsner, and Connor Kremsner; and a host of family and friends.

Frederick Michael Ellard, 73

Frederick Michael Ellard, of Athens, Alabama, passed away on April 28, 2025, at the age of 73. Mr. Ellard was born in Cullman County, Alabama, to the late Fred and Lois Graves Ellard. At a young age, Mike joined Holly Pond First Baptist Church. Mr. Ellard was a current member of Friendship Church in Athens. Mike was a graduate of Holly Pond High School. He then served our nation honorably in the United States Navy. Mr. Ellard obtained his college degree, along with several certificates, in his field of study. His knowledge and skill led him to work for many years in a management position within the computer science field. Mr. Ellard was a man with many talents and interests. He was a world traveler, blogger, and skilled photographer. He also enjoyed woodworking, computers, and a good book. Mr. Ellard listened to music from every genre, and among his favorite music you will find a multitude of artists and styles. A true outdoors man, Mike loved being on the water, where he enjoyed fishing and sailing, as well as camping and exploring nature. Mike was a Boy Scout as a youngster, and he became a leader and mentor for young men as he led the Scouts when his son was young. Mr. Ellard is preceded in death by his parents and daughters, Donna Ellard and Kristy Lowery. Those left to cherish Mike's memory includes his wife, Sandra Ellard; children, Michael John Melonas and Jennifer Marie Ellard; siblings, Carolyn Ellard Bryan (Bartee), Patsy Ellard Brown (Roger), Anthony Ellard (Mary), Tina Ellard Southerland (David); grandchildren, Alec Valera, Gabriel Valera, Zadie Melonas, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Melonas; a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends and co-workers. Friends are invited to join the Ellard family for a time of visitation on Monday, May 5, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m. Funeral services will immediately follow visitation, beginning at 3 p.m., with Bruce Ellard officiating. All services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Ellard will receive military honors as he is laid to rest in Holly Pond Cemetery where Jerry Parker, Mike Patterson, Chris Bryan, Bartee Bryan, Roger Brown, and David Southerland will serve as pallbearers alongside honorary pallbearers, Wes Ellard, Will Ellard, and Zane Brown. Mike leaves behind a legacy of dedication and honor, laughter and love, and the love of family and friends that will be remembered for generations to come. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ellard family, and our thoughts and prayers are with them during this time.

Lesa Jeanette Miller Carr, 61

Lesa Jeanette Miller Carr, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on April 29, 2025. Mrs. Carr was 61 years old. Lesa was born on August 18, 1963, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Edward Eugene Miller and Mary Jayne Parrish. Mrs. Carr is preceded in death by her mother, Jayne Knab as well as her father-in-law, Marvin Carr. Those left to cherish the memory of Lesa include her husband, Ricky Carr; daughter, Mary Carr; father, Gene Miller; brother, Gary Miller (Tasha); grandchildren, Lilly Anna Miller and Jayne Miller; mother-in-law, Wanda Carr; and cousin, Carol Lotta (Baron). Friends are invited to join the Carr family for a time of visitation on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. Funeral services will immediately follow visitation, beginning at 2 p.m., with Gary Waddell and Bruce Ellard officiating. All services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Lesa's memory to one of the following charities, both of which were dear to her heart - Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child or Alabama Baptist Children's Home. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Carr family, and our thoughts and prayers are with them during this time.

Jerald Wade Shannon, 79

Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Jerald Wade Shannon, 79, of Vinemont. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Shannon passed away May 1, 2025, at his residence. He was born May 8, 1945, to John Auther and Minnie Lou Cook Shannon. Jerald loved tinkering, gardening and tending to his roses, but woodworking was his favorite pastime. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen Shannon; brother Earnest Shannon. Survivors include his daughter, Leslie Shannon; son, Dewayne Shannon; grandchildren, Steven (Cassie) Speegle, John (Kelly) Johnson; great-grandchildren, Grace Speegle, Stella Johnson, Nova Johnson; and a host nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mary Frances Brock, 79

Mary Frances Brock, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and faithful servant of the Lord age 79 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away April 28, 2025. Born in Huntsville, Alabama, and a graduate of Cullman High School, Class of 1964, Mary Frances began working at the age of 15 and continued to do so until just months before her passing. She lived her life with grit and grace—always sassy and spirited. She had a special love for boutique shopping and a soft spot for her cherished weenie dog, Molly. Mary Frances was the devoted wife of Rev. Dudley Brock for 61 years. As the pastor's wife at Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, she was the most supportive partner one could ask for—serving in numerous roles throughout the years and pouring her heart into the life (and kitchen) of the church. She was a dedicated member of the Emmaus Ministry and exemplified the Proverbs 31 woman in every way. As Bro. Dudley affectionately recalls, "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Her bright blue eyes, which her daughter Kim lovingly envied reflected the light of her soul, especially when she was with her grandchildren, Cole and Sarah Abby—her pride and joy. Known as "Meme," they were her sunshine, as she reminded them often by singing the song "You Are My Sunshine." Mary Frances had a gift for making a house feel like home. Her laughter was contagious, her cooking unforgettable, and her love for family and faith unwavering. She leaves behind a legacy of strength, kindness, and devotion that will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. Mary is survived by her husband Bro. Dudley Brock, daughter Kim (Joel) Lay, son Scott (Deana) Brock, brother Elliot (Bonnie) Hughes, grandchildren Sarah Abby Brock (Tristian) Earick and Cole (Shelby) Lay, and a host of family and friends. A visitation will be held Saturday May 3, 2025, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. with a celebration of life service to follow Sunday May 4, 2025, at 2 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. You can join Mrs. Brock's family virtually through a live Facebook broadcast of the service that can be found on the Moss Service Funeral Home Facebook page or at this link: https://www.facebook.com/MossServiceFuneralHome/. Mrs. Brock will be laid to rest in Hopewell Cemetery 600 Hopewell Drive NE, Hanceville, AL 35077. Moss Service Funeral Home directing..

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