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Robles Martinez, Brannan named Fast Track Boys, Girls State representatives

Ginger Hogeland
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Giovanny Robles Martinez of Hanceville has been named Wallace State Community College Fast Track Boys State representative, and Brooke Brannan, also of Hanceville, has been named Wallace State Community College Fast Track Girls State representative.

Girls State and Boys State are prestigious leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion, respectively. These programs aim to educate and empower high school students through immersive experiences in government, civic responsibility and public service. Candidates are selected based on qualities such as a strong interest in government and current events, » PAGE 8



GINGER HOGELAND
Giovanny Robles Martinez and Brooke Brannan

Catholic community celebrates election of first US-born Pope


W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Students and faculty at St. Bernard Prep School, gathered for the announcement on Thursday, May 8, 2025, react to news that the new Pope is from the United States.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Just before lunchtime (local) on Thursday, May 8, 2025, the Vatican announced the election of a new Pope over the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, is an Augustinian friar from Chicago, the first Pope from the United States.

Serving for many years as a Bishop in Peru, Prevost most recently served as head of the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops and Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

With a mix of conservative and progressive views, Pope Leo is considered by many Vatican observers to be a "happy medium" between the two previous heads of the Church, Popes Benedict XVI and Francis.

Fr. Linus Klucsarits, prior of St. Bernard Abbey and incoming pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cullman, told The Tribune, "Abbot Marcus Voss and all the monks of Saint Bernard Abbey join the entire church with great joy to celebrate the election of Pope Leo XIV.

"Let us all join together and pray for our new Holy Father."

The office of the Diocese of Birmingham posted to social media, "Bishop Raica invites all in the diocese to join in prayer for Pope Leo XIV, asking God to grant him wisdom, strength, and discernment as he embarks on his sacred mission."

Wiggins announces candidacy for Cullman City Board of Education


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David Wiggins
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Wood announces candidacy for Cullman City Board of Education


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Uhrig, Weaver named principals at Good Hope, Holly Pond



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Ashley Uhrig and Danny Weaver
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Anderson, Johnson named principals at West Point, Vinemont



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 9

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 5

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 698
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1422
- criminal mischief; Finley Circle

May 6

- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; resisting arrest; Hwy. 69N
- criminal mischief; CR 518
- harassment; CR 1422
- harassment; CR 656

May 7

- harassing communications; CR 1168
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 668
- possession of marijuana; resisting arrest; Main St. NW Hanceville
- violation of protection order; CR 1609

ARRESTS

May 5-7

Alexander, Natosha, J.; 42
- possessing forged instrument

Armstrong, Abby M.; 25
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Asherbranner, Misty D.; 40
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- resisting arrest

Cabrera, Joshua; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ford, Montero J.; 32
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft of property-2nd degree, $500-less than $1500
- PROBATION VIOLATION – auto theft

Gambrell, John M.; 29
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Grace, Haley N.; 29
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Grider, Angel L.; 30
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of methamphetamine
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hankins, Vickie L.; 57
- assault-harassment

Harris, D'Koleman J.; 24
- buying/receiving stolen property

Hopper, Natalie G.; 23
- possession of synthetic narcotic

Johnson, Heath K.; 38
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of dangerous drugs

Lay, Jonathan; 34
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-parent

Myrex, Heather N.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Ray Jr., Phillip E.; 46
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Sawyer, Thomas K.; 43
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, James R.; 38
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest

Tubb, John W.; 37
- FTA – possession of marijuana

Twilley, Damon S.; 42
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Walton, Nina A.; 36
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Whitehead, Joseph C.; 43
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Yates, Jason L.; 46
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Yates, Sara D.; 47
- family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 4

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $38; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW

May 5

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Woodvale Dr. NW

May 7

- harassment; person; 3rd Ave. SE
- harassing communications; person
- harassment; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

May 8

- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- harassment; person; Elizabeth St. NE
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Clover Rd. SE
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

May 7-8

Chaffin, Ross E.; 33
- GJ – criminal mischief-1st degree (2 counts)
- GJ – reckless endangerment
- GJ – DUI

Todd, Hunter J.; 23
- FTA – violation of protection order

Gill, Steven D.; 53
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Mathews, Corey J.; 32
- DUI

Richards. Heather L.; 50
- assault-3rd degree

Jones, Johnathan C.; 40
- criminal trespass-3rd 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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OFFICE OF GOV. KAY IVEY

LuLu Gribbin watches as Gov. Kay Ivey signs LuLu's Law on May 6, 2025.

Ivey signs LuLu's Law, enabling shark alert system for coastal counties

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday, May 6, officially put her signature on House Bill 437, Lulu's Law, which establishes a shark alert system under the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for beaches and shorelines in Baldwin and Mobile counties.

The bill was inspired by Mountain Brook teen Lulu Gribbin, who lost her hand and leg as a result of a shark attack on Florida's Gulf Coast in 2024. It enables Mobile and Baldwin County Emergency Management Agencies to warn individuals of a shark attack by providing alerts to be sent to mobile cellular devices in localized areas and to first responders on duty.

After signing the bill into law, Ivey said, "Alabama is proud to have the safest and most beautiful beaches in the world.

"The added tool of having a shark alert system will help officials in Baldwin and Mobile counties keep our beachgoers safe and enjoying the refreshing waters of our Gulf of America. It was an honor to have Lulu Gribbin with me as I signed this bill into law."

The governor was joined in her office by Gribbin, as well as bill sponsors, Rep. David Faulkner, R-Mountain Brook, and Sen. Dan Roberts, R-Mountain Brook, House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-Rainsville, and members of the Gribbin family.

ALGOP announces qualifying for HD12 Special Election

Staff Reports
Contributor

HOOVER, Ala. — The Alabama Republican Party announces the opening of candidate qualifying for the upcoming special election in State House District 12. Qualifying will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, and will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Republican candidates may qualify online at www.algop.org or in person at ALGOP Headquarters, located at 3505 Lorna Road, Hoover, AL 35216.

House District 12 represents portions of Cullman County and was previously held by Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, who resigned to spend more time with his family.

"We appreciate Representative Harbison's decade of service to the people of Cullman County," said Alabama Republican Party Chairman John Wahl.

"As we look ahead to this special election, the Alabama Republican Party remains focused on supporting our candidates who uphold our conservative principles and will represent the people of House District 12 with integrity."

Special election dates are as follows:

- Special Primary Election: Tuesday, July 15, 2025
- Special Primary Runoff (if needed): Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025
- Special General Election: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025

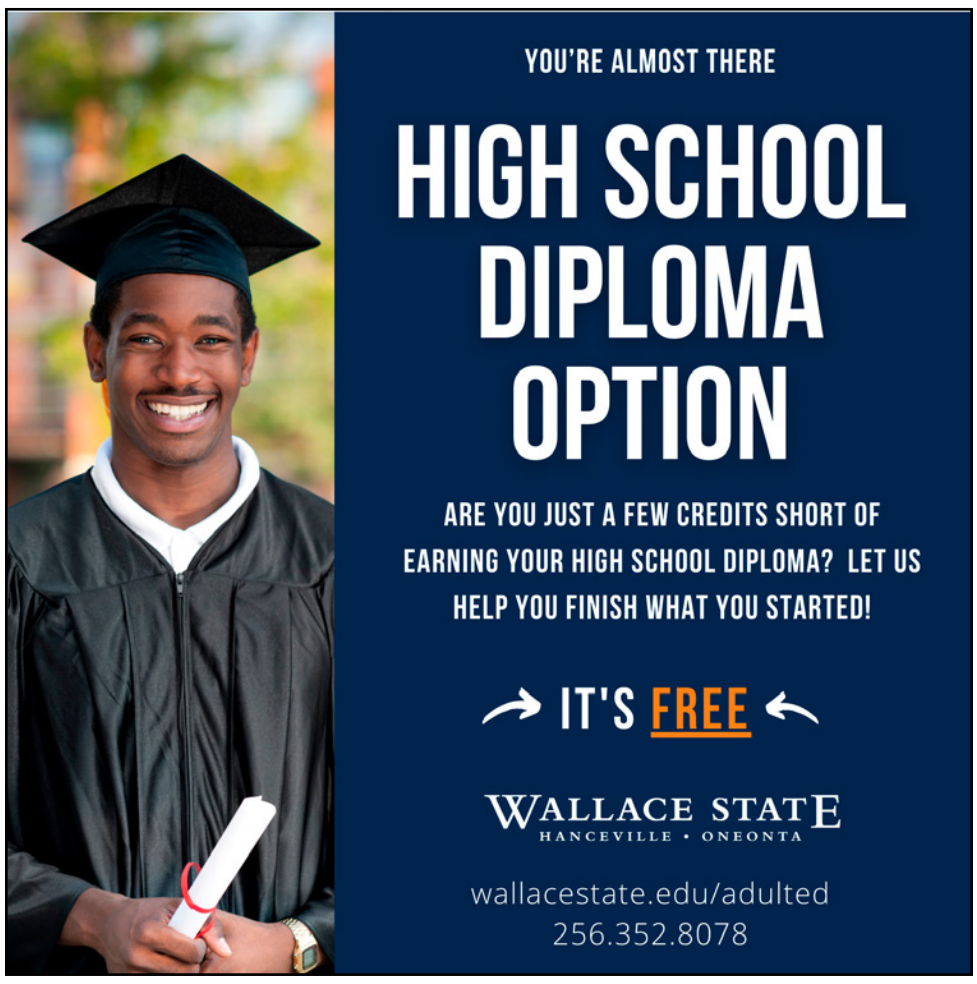
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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
• Sunday, May 11 - 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.

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program
• Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program. Children from ages 2 to 12 are welcome.
• June 3: McWane Science Center
• June 10: Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District
• June17: Cullman County Extension Office (ACES)
• June 24: North Alabama Agriplex
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226. Leave a message if needed. We look forward to having you join us for a morning of fun.

Red Book Singing
Saturday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Ryans Creek Baptist Church, County Road 222, Brushy Pond.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, May 12, at The Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant. Chapter member, Rita Black, will provide the meeting program, "Games to work our brains." Dutch lunch prior to meeting, which begins at noon. Members and non-members welcome!

Hamm Family Reunion
Saturday, May 16, at noon, at the Hanceville Lions Club, 111 Michelle St. NW in Hanceville. Please bring a covered dish. For more information contact Scott Hamm at 256-924-6272.

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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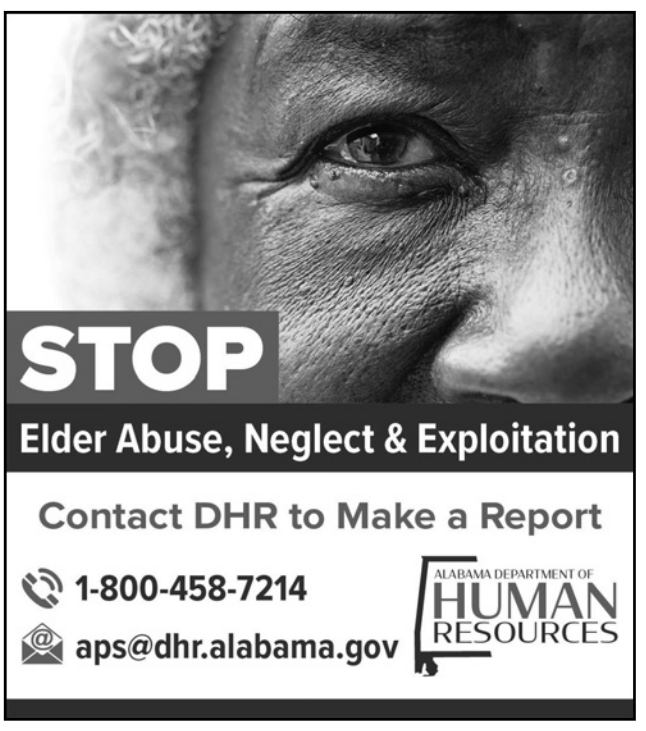
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Hanceville library hosting free makeup class May 15

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville's Shirley Burden Public Library will host a free makeup class on Thursday, May 15, at 4 p.m.

Faith Hershberger will be leading the demonstration. Hershberger is a Hanceville resident, Mary Kay consultant and a part-time commercial pilot.

Those interested in attending the event do not need to bring supplies.

During the class, Hershberger will analyze participants' face shapes and discuss makeup and skincare techniques.

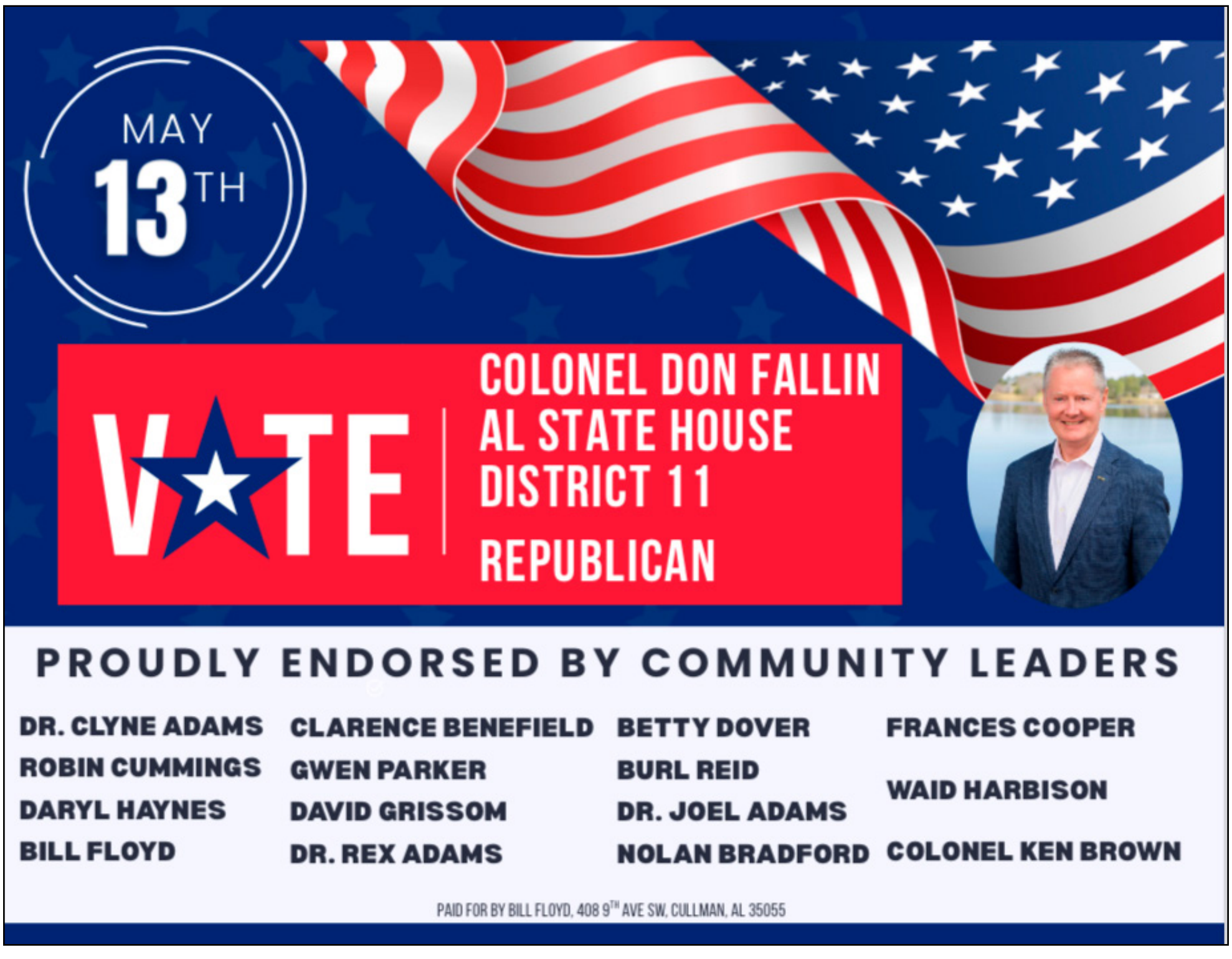
Branch Manager Teresa Rivera stated, "Faith will teach skincare for the elderly as well as nice makeup techniques for the young, teaching them how to apply it in a classy way."

This event will take place Thursday, May 15, at 4 p.m. at the Shirley Burden Public Library, 201 Commercial St., Hanceville.









‘We’re all they have’

Spotlight on local VFDs

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TRIMBLE, Ala. — Cullman County is home to more than two dozen volunteer fire departments, all of which share the same mission of serving and protecting their communities. Operating with limited resources but a drive to serve, these departments are staffed by everyday people who give their time, skills and courage, with no pay.

“We’re all they have,” said Trimble Volunteer Fire Department Chief Adam Taylor. “If a house catches fire during the day in a rural area, and there are not many people around, you may see five to 10 departments respond just to make up the numbers.”

Departments in more rural areas of the county face severe personnel shortages, especially during the daytime, when most volunteers work full-time jobs.

Trimble VFD Assistant Chief Bruce Whitlock noted, “We average about 40% of the time with no one available to respond.

”Everybody’s working. That’s our biggest challenge — just getting the right people on scene when they’re needed.”

But the problem goes beyond just staffing. Training, equipment and facilities are all limited. Firefighter 160, a 160-hour training requirement, can be challenging to access in some areas.

Taylor is certified to teach, drawing in volunteers from across the county to the Trimble fire station.

“We’ve got people from Fairview, Berlin — young guys, eager to learn.

”We’re proud to offer this training, not just for Trimble, but for the whole county,” he said.

While the department receives fire emergency calls, most calls are related to medical emergencies.

Many volunteers are trained in first aid, CPR and AED use, some even holding advanced certifications.

“I’m a paramedic and a flight medic for Survival Flight,” said Taylor. “We go on everything — fires, medicals, lake rescues. The job’s different every day.”

Because Trimble is situated on Smith Lake, responders must be prepared to assist in emergencies on the lake.

The department operates a dive team with two boats. It works strategically with other nearby VFDs like Crane Hill, which specializes in underwater scanning.

The Trimble VFD has 10 active volunteers, with four to five being trained for medical calls.

The department needs more volunteers for firefighting, driving trucks, running water pumps, assisting EMTs or even helping with rehab services like bringing water and checking vitals on-scene.

“If someone’s got a bum knee and can’t swing an axe, that’s OK,” Whitlock said. “They can still drive a truck or help take blood pressure. Every role matters.”

The VFD is also seeking assistance around the station. The department is currently building living quarters and break rooms to support the staff. Carpenters, electricians and handypersons willing to donate their time would also be appreciated.

Residents interested in volunteering or supporting their local department can stop by their nearest fire station, especially in the evenings around the first Monday of each month. While many departments lack fully staffed offices or working phone lines, community members can find someone by visiting during training sessions or meetings.

Background checks are required for all new volunteers.

“You’ve got to love your community,” said Whitlock. “That’s what this is about — neighbors helping neighbors.”

“It’s not about the pay,” addedTaylor. “It’s about the people. And it’s incredibly rewarding.”



Trimble Volunteer Fire Department vehicles



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PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Addison falls at No. 2 Hackleburg in 1A semifinals

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HACKLEBURG, Ala. — Addison handled Lynn in round three and they were back on the field for a highly-ranked battle at Hackleburg Thursday night, competing in the Class 1A semifinals for the first time since 1995. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs' stellar playoff run ended there with a pair of losses to the Panthers (8-2, 13-3).

Hackleburg 8 – Addison 2 (Game One)

Jed Wilkins led off the top of the first with a single and later in the inning, Lane Stewart lined an RBI single to right field to plate Wilkins and give Addison a 1-0 lead. However, Hackleburg responded with three runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 3-1 lead into the second. Both teams were scoreless in the second and third innings, but the Panthers added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth to stretch the lead to 6-1.

Back to back singles from Tucker Thompson and Stone Talley put runners on the corners in the top of the fifth. A sacrifice fly from Stewart allowed Thompson to score and cut the lead to 6-2 but Hackleburg answered with two more runs in the bottom half of the fifth to make it an 8-2 game going into the sixth.

The Bulldogs were unable to chip away any more in the final two innings and the Panthers took game one 8-2.

Stewart (one hit) recorded a pair of RBIs in the loss and Talley posted a pair of hits. Wilkins, Thompson and Carter Pratt each added a hit as well.

Hackleburg 13 – Addison 3 (Game Two)

The Panthers plated one run in the top of the first to take an early lead and they added two more runs in the top of the second to make it a 3-0 game. Hackleburg kept the momentum going in the top of the third, tacking on nine more runs to move in front 12-0. Jed Wilkins launched a solo home run over the left field wall to trim the lead to 12-1 in the bottom of the third. After the Panthers scored another run to pull ahead 13-1, Addison was able to load the bases in the bottom of the fourth but couldn't bring any of the runners home and Hackleburg maintained a 12-run lead.

After Wilkins lined a single to left field, Stone Talley blasted a 2-run home run in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 13-3 game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison fell to Hackleburg on the road in the Class 1A semifinals Thursday night.

However, the Bulldogs were unable to score enough to extend the game and their season came to an end with a 13-3 loss.

Wilkins (two hits) finished with one RBI in the loss and Talley (HR) drove in a pair of RBIs. Tucker Thompson, Lane Stewart, Kiah Lake and Kaden Dyson each added a hit as well.

PREP SOFTBALL

Meek's season ends at East Regional with 6-4 loss to Appalachian

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ALBERTVILLE, Ala. — After splitting their first two games at the East Regional on Wednesday, the Meek Tigers were back on the field Thursday morning for an elimination game with Appalachian. The Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game and force extra innings, but the Eagles scored two runs in the eighth to win it 6-4 and end Meek's season.

After a scoreless first inning, Appalachian took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, but the Tigers responded in the bottom of the third.

Back to back singles from Makayla Phillips and Hadley Murrah gave Meek a pair of runners and an RBI single from Addisyn Williams tied the game at 1 run apiece.

After a pair of scoreless innings, a 3-run home run put the Eagles ahead 4-1 in the top of the sixth.

However, Meek was able to answer in the bottom half of the inning. Molli Sandlin drew a leadoff walk, and Camryn Daughtery knocked a single up the middle to put a pair of runners on base.

A few pitches later, Sadi Farley blasted a 2-run triple into center field to cut the lead to 4-3. Kadence Cox followed with an RBI double that tied the game at 4 going into the seventh inning.



MEEK HIGH SCHOOL

Meek's season came to an end at the East Regional on Thursday with a 6-4 loss to Appalachian.

Neither team was able to score in the seventh and the game went into extra innings.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, Appalachian put two runs on the board in the top of the eighth and they were unable to answer in the bottom half of the inning, bringing their season to an end with a 6-4 loss.

Cox pitched all eight innings for Meek, allowing just two earned runs and striking out two batters.

At the plate, Farley led the way with two hits and two RBIs. Cox added two hits and an RBI as well.

WSCC SOFTBALL

Charli Kyser's 2 HRs and 4 RBIs lead Lions past Snead State

Wallace State Athletics
WSCC

ALABASTER, Ala. — Wallace State rebounded from their loss yesterday to eliminate Snead State 6-0 in the loser's bracket of the ACCC Div I Softball Championships. Wallace State improves to 47-12 while Snead State ends their season at 28-32.

The Lions will play later today against the winner of Coastal Alabama-South and Calhoun.

Wallace State 6 - Snead State 0

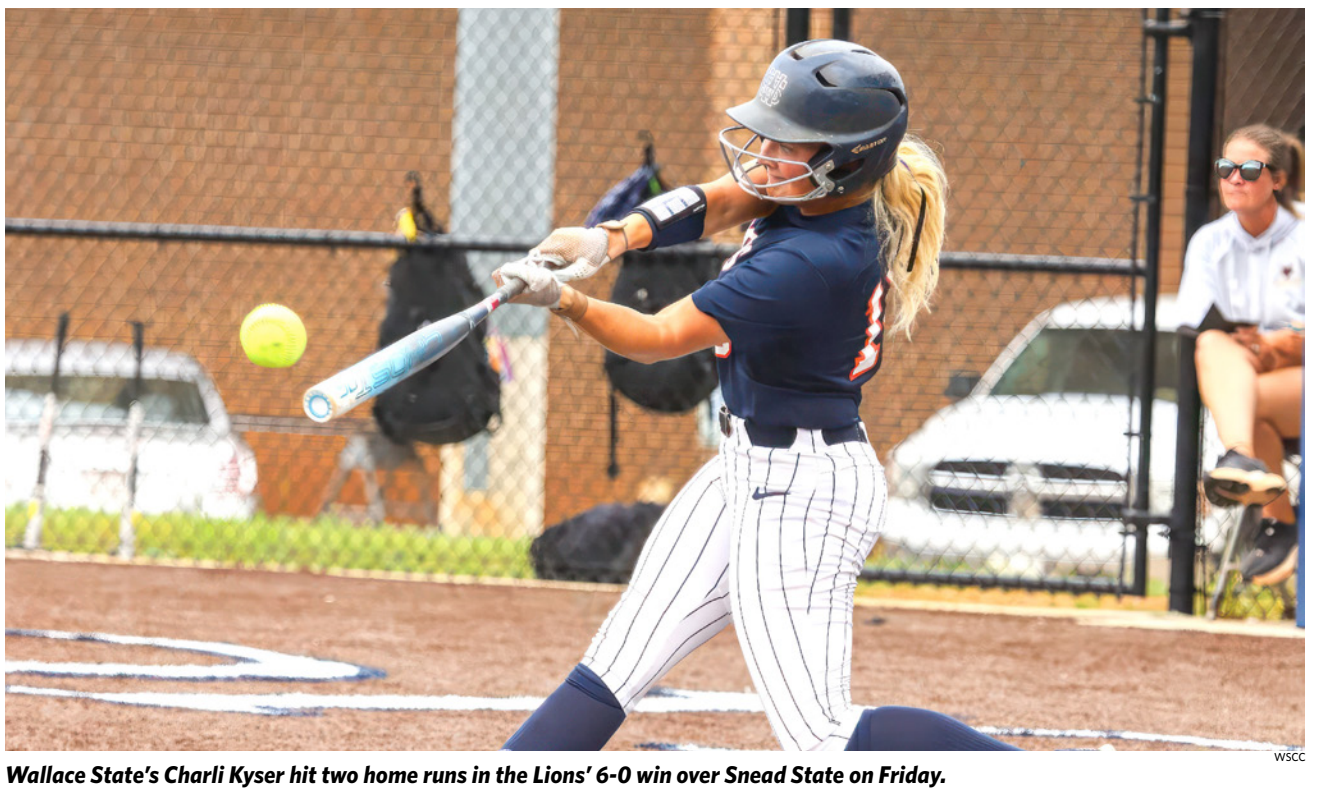
Wallace State took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning when Charli Kyser hit a home run to center field.

The Lions added to their lead in the third, scoring four runs to extend the lead to 5-0. The first run came on an Ashlyn Burns home run to left field. Tinayja Thomas and Kaelyn Jones had back-to-back singles. After Brandy Phillips' sacrifice bunt moved Thomas and Jones to second and third, Kyser hit her second home run to clear the bases.

They added one final run in the bottom of the fifth when Leah Graves' single drove home Brooklyn Sertell for a 6-0 lead.

Phillips was a dominant force in the circle as she held Snead State to five hits, striking out six in her complete game shutout.

Kyser finished 3-of-4 with two home runs, four RBIs, and two runs scored. Jones and Sertell both had two hits and scored a run. Graves added two hits and an RBI.



WSCC

Wallace State's Charli Kyser hit two home runs in the Lions' 6-0 win over Snead State on Friday.

Aderholt announces over $1.9M in FAA grants for Cullman, Albertville airports

Staff Reports
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, on Wednesday announced that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded over $1.9 million in federal Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) to support critical improvements at two regional airports in Alabama's 4th Congressional District.

"These federal investments in airport infrastructure are vital to supporting economic growth and public safety across north Alabama," said Aderholt.

"By upgrading and expanding our aviation facilities, we are ensuring they can continue to serve our communities for years to come. I'm pleased to see both Cullman and Albertville airports receiving these funds for important construction and modernization projects."

Cullman Regional Airport – Folsom Field

- Grant amount: $1,011,708
- Project: Construction of a new 600-foot Midfield Taxiway to accommodate increased aircraft activity. This grant funds Phase 2, which includes the construction phase of the project.
- Recipient: City and County of Cullman
- FAA grant number: 3-01-0022-037-2025

Albertville Regional Airport – Thomas J. Brumlik Field

- Grant amount: $939,038
- Project: Reconstruction of runway and taxiway lighting on Runway 5/23 and Taxiway A, which have reached the end of their service life
- Recipient: City of Albertville
- FAA grant number: 3-01-0004-038-2025

These grants are awarded under the Fiscal Year 2025 Airport Grant (AIG) program.

Ben Harrison, director of Cullman Regional Airport, praised the funding and the collaborative effort behind the project, saying, "We are thankful for this grant and the opportunities it will provide to develop the airport for the next 10–15 years.

"After careful collaboration with the airport board, city council, county commission, ALDOT Aeronautics, the FAA and our engineers, we have a good project that will help our entire community continue to advance forward and meet the ever-changing needs in aviation."

"These grants will help ensure that local airports continue to meet modern safety standards and serve the needs of the community," Aderholt added.

"Airports like Cullman and Albertville are vital assets for rural areas, supporting both economic development and emergency services."



SCREENSHOT/OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT ADERHOLT

A small aircraft is seen at Cullman Regional Airport.

DA: 58 cases dismissed due to Hanceville PD's illegal actions

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The Cullman Tribune

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker on Wednesday, May 7, said that 58 felony cases have been dismissed due to the illegal actions of former Hanceville Police Department officers, including the police chief.

"Since Day 1, I have committed to being transparent and open with the citizens of Cullman County. Keeping with that commitment please find below the Alabama State Bureau of Investigations completed evidence audit of the Hanceville Police Department," Crocker posted to his official Facebook page.

He continued, "The Grand Jury that unanimously indicted the former Hanceville police officers determined that those officers' cases, and other cases from the Hanceville Police Department were unprosecutable.

The same Grand Jury reconvened in April and voted to no-bill, or dismiss, 58 felony cases due to the illegal actions of those former Hanceville officers.

Most of these cases involved drugs, and only a few were personal crimes with victims. One dismissal is too many, but the Grand Jury had no other recourse."

Five Hanceville Police Department officers and one spouse of an officer were indicted by a grand jury and arrested in February following an investigation into the August 2024 death of dispatcher Christopher Michael Willingham, 49.

The grand jury also recommended the Hanceville Police Department be abolished. The arrests were announced Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025.

The six people charged are:

Officer Cody Alan Kelso

- Two counts of computer tampering – accessing records of the case of Ronald Dewayne Hogan, charged in the 2023 murder of Jeffery Glenn Wilhite, and accessing vehicle records to provide vehicle tag information to Eric Michael Kelso
- Solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime – solicited anabolic steroids from Eric and Donna Kelso
- Use of office for personal gain – traveled to a local hospital while on duty to receive a steroid injection from Donna Kelso
- Tampering with physical evidence – removing or mishandling evidence from the HPD evidence room

Officer William Andrew Shelnutt

- Tampering with physical evidence – removing or mishandling evidence from the HPD evidence room

Officer Jason Scott Wilbanks

- Two counts of computer tampering – accessing records to provide information about unnamed individuals to "co-conspirator #1" and "co-conspirator #2"
- Two counts of use of office for personal gain – using a department phone to solicit controlled substances, and traveling to a local hospital while on duty to receive an anabolic steroid injection from Donna Kelso
- Tampering with physical evidence – removing or mishandling evidence from the HPD evidence room
- Two counts of solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime – soliciting anabolic steroids from Eric and Donna Kelso, and soliciting Hydrocodone from Eric Kelso

Chief Jason Shane Marlin

- Two counts of failure to report ethics crime – failing to report Jason Wilbanks and Cody Kelso for ethics violations after being notified by the State Bureau of Investigation
- Tampering with physical evidence – removing or mishandling evidence from the HPD evidence room

Officer Eric Michael Kelso

- Four counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance – delivering anabolic steroids to Jason Wilbanks and Cody Kelso, Adderall to a Steven Wilhite not otherwise named in this case, and Hydrocodone to Jason Wilbanks
- Two counts of conspiracy to unlawfully distribute a controlled substance – conspiring with wife Donna Kelso to deliver steroids to Jason Wilbanks and Cody Kelso

Donna Reid Kelso (spouse of Eric Kelso)

- Two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance – delivering anabolic steroids to Jason Wilbanks and Cody Kelso
- Two counts of conspiracy to unlawfully distribute a controlled substance – conspiring with husband Eric Kelso to deliver steroids to Wilbanks and Cody Kelso

The grand jury in February also issued the following findings and recommendations:

- That any current or former officer of Hanceville Police Department indicted be suspended from law enforcement by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission.
- That the Hanceville Police department be immediately abolished.
- That another law enforcement agency, whether state or local, be tasked with protecting the citizens of Hanceville.
- Based upon the investigation by State Bureau of Investigation, we find that the Hanceville Police Department is a particular and ongoing threat to public safety.
- There is a rampant culture of corruption in the Hanceville PD which has recently operated as more of a criminal enterprise than a law enforcement agency.
- That the Hanceville PD has abused public trust by its failure of oversight, lack of leadership and negligent training and hiring.
- That the Hanceville police department has failed to account for, preserve and maintain evidence and in doing so has failed crime victims and the public at large. The evidence is unusable.
- This grand jury toured the Hanceville Jail on Feb 12, 2025. We have zero confidence in the Hanceville police department's ability to maintain a jail or to meet basic health and safety needs of jail personnel or inmates.
- That the death of former Hanceville dispatcher Chris Willingham is the direct result of Hanceville Police Department's negligence, lack of procedure, general incompetence, and disregard for human life.

In March, the Hanceville City Council voted to suspend the police department.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Hanceville Police Department is seen on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025.

Chamblee named new Cullman County Schools transportation director

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette is recommending Kyle Chamblee as the next Cullman County Schools transportation director.

Chamblee is currently the principal of Vinemont Middle School. He will replace Jeff Harper, who recently announced his retirement.

Chamblee will oversee day-to-day operations of the entire fleet of more than 150 school buses as well as other system vehicles. Cullman County Schools transports more than half of the students in its system to and from school, totaling 4,300 miles every school day.

Chamblee has 21 years of educational experience with Cullman County Schools. Prior to serving at Vinemont, he held administration roles at Hanceville and West Point.

"I want to thank everyone in the Vinemont community for their support over the past four years," said Chamblee. "I want to thank Dr. Barnette and the board for the trust they are placing in me. I'm excited for the opportunity to serve the entire district in this new role. Mr. Harper has done a great job as transportation director and I hope to be able to continue what he has set in place."

Pending board approval, Chamblee will assume his new role effective July 1, 2025.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Kyle Chamblee

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HANCEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

May 22nd Special Needs
Registration 7:30am
Starts at 8am

May 23rd Senior Citizens Division 55+
Registration starts at 7:30am
Starts at 8am

May 24th Kid's Division
Registration starts at 7:30am
Starts at 8am

This will be a free event. Providing Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners across various age groups and divisions. We will be giving out door prizes. Offering lunch for attendees.

Veterans Memorial Park
503 Park Street Hanceville, Al 35077

OP-ED

Powering America's future starts in Alabama

Sen. Arthur Orr, Senate Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter

America's economic future hinges on energy — its reliability, affordability and availability. Nowhere is that future being written more decisively than in Alabama.

While much of the country debates how to adapt to growing energy demands, Alabama is acting. With foresight and purpose, our state is building a foundation of energy strength that is not only fueling our own growth but offering a model for the nation. We're not following trends — we're setting them.

Earlier this year, Alabama took a historic leap forward with the passage of the Powering Growth legislative package, which is on its way to Governor Kay Ivey's desk. This landmark initiative positions our state to compete and win in the global race for high-quality jobs, advanced manufacturing and next-generation industry.

At the heart of Powering Growth is a simple, powerful idea: economic strength begins with energy strength. That's why we're investing in the infrastructure that powers everything — from rural development to robotics, from advanced manufacturing to domestic reshoring.

What makes Alabama stand out with Powering Growth:

• Proactive planning: We didn't wait for crisis or grid strain to act. Working with the Alabama Department of Commerce and the Alabama Growth Alliance as well as our energy providers, we commissioned a top-tier, independent study to guide our steps. The result is a strategic, data-backed energy blueprint tailored for long-term success.

• Private-sector focused: There are no massive government bureaucracies or tax hikes hiding in this plan. Alabama is harnessing market forces and private investment to drive results — especially in rural communities that other states often overlook.

• Real infrastructure, real jobs: Through the creation of the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Bank (AEIB), we now have a fiscally conservative financing tool to accelerate the buildout of power systems that serve industrial sites. This means faster permitting, fewer bottlenecks and shovel-ready opportunities for American companies looking to grow.

• Conservative values in action: Alabama's approach doesn't just make economic sense — it reflects our core principles: smaller government, smarter investment, energy independence and national security. It's an "America First" strategy built for the 21st century.

Other states have made big moves in energy infrastructure. But Alabama is matching that momentum with smart, agile legislation — and winning attention from industry leaders who see the value in our business climate and energy readiness.

This is not just about lights staying on — it's about keeping America on.

From Huntsville's aerospace hubs to auto manufacturers across rural Alabama to our thriving ports in the southern part of the state, Alabama's economy is evolving, and we're making sure our power grid is evolving with it.

We've seen what happens when infrastructure is neglected — whether it's blackouts abroad or costly slowdowns at home that halts job creation in its tracks. Alabama isn't waiting for a crisis. We're preparing for a future of growth, resilience and global competitiveness.

The Powering Growth package is a promise to the people of our state that Alabama will lead with vision, act with discipline and compete with confidence.

Our message to the rest of the world is clear: if you want to see how energy and economic policy can work hand in hand, look no further than Sweet Home Alabama.

We're not just powering Alabama — we're powering what's next.

Wiggins (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — David Wiggins recently announced his candidacy for Place 2 on the Cullman City Board of Education.

Below is Wiggins' announcement, unedited and in full.

I am declaring my candidacy for Place 2 on the Cullman City Schools Board of Education. This decision comes after careful consideration, much deliberation, many conversations and an abundance of prayer. Cullman has accepted both me and my family since our arrival in 2006, and I simply seek to give back to my adopted hometown.

As a career educator, I have discovered that retiring as principal of East Elementary School did not diminish the passion or calling to serve the students and the faculties within our great system.

It is my intention to be an advocate for students, parents, and teachers while working with the superintendent and fellow Board members to ensure that our system remain vigilant in ensuring school safety, academic preparedness and personal development while also being fiscally responsible.

I do not take this decision lightly, and I look forward to visiting with many familiar faces, as well as meeting new friends along this journey.

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

Wood (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Amy Wood recently announced her candidacy for Place 4 on the Cullman City Board of Education.

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

I am excited to officially announce that I am running for the Cullman City School Board, Place 4.

As a proud graduate of Cullman High School and dedicated community leader, I am running with a heart for service and a vision for all students to thrive.

With 28 years of experience as an interior designer in my family's business, Cullman Cabinet & Supply, I have a well-rounded perspective on long-term planning, design, and stewardship - skills that translate directly into supporting school system growth and facilities.

All four of my children - Olivia, Nicholas, Alexander, and Wilson - are graduates of Cullman High School and were actively involved in SGA, band, theatre, and cross-country.

Through years of cheering from the sidelines, volunteering behind the scenes, and staying connected with faculty and families, I have gained a deep understanding of the needs and strengths of Cullman's school community.

I am especially passionate about advocating for students with special needs and ensuring that every child has access to meaningful educational opportunities.

I am a lifetime member of First Baptist Church, and I currently serve as President of the Cullman Regional Foundation. I am active in the CRMC Service Guild and Share Club, a longtime board member of the Cullman City Schools Foundation, and a member of Cullman Women's League. I am committed to "giving back", and it is woven into every area of my life.

I believe we can protect what makes Cullman so special while welcoming new families with open arms.

It starts with strong schools, strong values, and putting our students first.

I appreciate your support and your vote in the municipal election scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.

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Uhrig (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette has recommended Ashley Uhrig as the next principal of Good Hope Primary School and Danny Weaver as principal of Holly Pond Middle School.

Uhrig has worked for Cullman County Schools for 12 years. She currently serves as assistant principal at Good Hope Primary and Good Hope Elementary. She has taught Kindergarten and first grade at Good Hope Primary, then served as reading specialist at Good Hope Elementary before entering administration.

Uhrig holds an Educational Specialist degree in Teaching English as a Second Language, and a Master's in Instructional Leadership.

"It is with heartfelt gratitude and great excitement that I step into the role of principal at Good Hope Primary School," she said.

"After serving as assistant principal, I am deeply honored to continue this journey with the Good Hope family. It's a great day to be a Raider!"

Weaver will become the principal of Holly Pond Middle School following the separation of Holly Pond K-8 into distinct elementary and middle schools.

The schools were previously combined due to low enrollment, but recent growth has prompted Cullman County Schools to seek and receive state approval and funding to hire a dedicated principal for grades 6–8.

Weaver currently serves as assistant principal of Holly Pond K-8. He has worked for the system for 11 years, also serving as an instructional aide and elementary teacher.

Weaver is a graduate of Wallace State and Athens State, and earned both his Master's and Educational Specialist degrees in Administration from Auburn University at Montgomery.

"I am so excited about the opportunity to serve the students, staff and community as the new principal of Holly Pond Middle School," said Weaver.

"Holly Pond is a very special place where everyone supports and looks out for one another, and I could not be more proud to call it home. I would like to thank Dr. Barnette, Mr. Hays and the entire board for trusting me with this opportunity."

Pending board approval, Uhrig and Weaver will assume their new roles effective July 1, 2025.

Fast Track (from Front)

leadership abilities, high moral character, above-average academic achievement and active participation in their schools and communities.

Robles Martinez, a student at Hanceville High School and Wallace State Community College, is on track to earn both his high school diploma and an Associate of Science in General Studies by May 2026.

He maintains a 3.85 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society.

He participates in multiple extracurricular activities, including the marching, symphonic and jazz bands, as well as the high school math team.

He earned fourth place at the 2024 Cullman County Science Fair and serves as a board member of the First Source for Women Young Professionals Board, where he receives leadership training and customer service experience.

He is also a dedicated volunteer, known for his positive attitude, teamwork and commitment to community service. Bilingual in Spanish and English, he exemplifies the values Boys State seeks in its delegates.

Brannan is a driven and self-motivated 11th-grade student at Hanceville High School and Wallace State Community College Fast Track Academy.

She maintains a 3.8 GPA while balancing rigorous academic coursework and extensive community involvement.

She has completed over 90 hours of community service, having actively participated in several leadership organizations, including the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program, TRIO and Youth Leadership Development Program.

She has held various leadership roles such as treasurer of Future Business Leaders of America and ambassador for the business program at the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA), and serves as historian for Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society at Wallace State. She has received multiple academic awards, including first place at the Hanceville High Science Fair, third place at the Cullman County Science Fair, and the November Fast Track shining Star Award.

In addition to her academic accomplishments, she works part time, serves as the Hanceville High School mascot and volunteers with the Leo Club and Diamond Dolls.

Her dedication, leadership and community spirit make her an outstanding representative for Girls State.

Anderson (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette has recommended Shannon Anderson as the next principal of West Point Elementary School and Todd Johnson as the next principal of Vinemont Middle School.

Anderson will assume the role at West Point Elementary, replacing Principal Michael Lindsey, who recently accepted the principal position at Hanceville Primary School. Anderson has more than two decades of experience in education, including 19 years in Morgan County Schools where she served as a fifth-grade math teacher, Title I and reading teacher, Jobs for Alabama Graduates (JAG) specialist and assistant principal at both Danville Middle and Danville High Schools. For the past two years, she has served as assistant principal at West Point High School, where she has continued her commitment to student success and instructional leadership.

"I am truly honored to join West Point Elementary School as principal," said Anderson.

"I look forward to partnering with our dedicated staff, supportive families and incredible students to foster a safe, nurturing and inspiring learning environment where every child can thrive."

Johnson will step into the role of principal at Vinemont Middle School, succeeding Kyle Chamblee, following the announcement of Chamblee's promotion to Cullman County Schools transportation director. Johnson is a dedicated educational leader with over 22 years of experience in teaching, coaching and administration, all within the Vinemont school community. His roles have included middle school teacher, high school teacher and coach and most recently, assistant principal at Vinemont High School. He has a strong vision for academic excellence, student character development and community engagement.

"I would like to thank Dr. Barnette and the interview panel for this opportunity to serve as principal at Vinemont Middle School," said Johnson.

"I look forward to working with a seasoned staff that does an outstanding job. I welcome the challenges and opportunities this new position will bring. I also want to thank Dr. Netherton and the staff here at VHS — they do an amazing job day in and day out, and I have truly enjoyed my last 15 years at Vinemont High School. I love the Vinemont community and look forward to continuing my relationship with students, parents and community members. Go Eagles!"

Pending board approval, Anderson and Johnson will officially begin their new roles on July 1, 2025.

'Memories mean more to me than any crown'

Auburn Burtis crowned as Miss West Point Princess

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WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point High School held its annual Miss West Point Pageant on April 19 and freshman Auburn Burtis beat out the competition to take home the Miss West Point Princess crown. Auburn has been competing in pageants for 12 years, and she had a lot of fun representing her school. She was around so many talented girls and learned a lot from them.

"School pageants are always so much fun, because I get to compete with my friends. It always feels good to be able to represent my school," Burtis said. "There is so much talent at West Point. What I learned the most from the other girls is there are so many personalities that it helps you become more well-rounded."

Auburn talked about how much help she had leading up to the pageant and how much everyone else's reactions meant to her when she found out that she had won.

"I compete in pageants outside of school, so I feel like I'm always practicing my walk and my posture. My mom is always trying new hair styles. I'm learning to do my own makeup also. This leads up to me working on my talent, my speaking, and my interview skills. There is so much that goes into preparing for a pageant. My mom is my coach, so she is always helping me out at night and on the weekends," Burtis said.

"The special thing that I did before the pageant was getting to spend the day with my mom. She is my coach and my everything. It's always a surprise. You have three judges in every pageant that have different opinions on any given days. I love that I can hear my family and friends in the audience."

Auburn talked about a cause that means the world to her. A lot of girls watched her during the pageant and being a role model for them is important to her.

"I will always support the cause of child hunger. It's very close to me, and any chance I get, I will be there to support in any way I can. I want everyone to know that hunger hurts, and no child should feel that way," she said. "I work with little girls all the time. I help my mom with hair and makeup. I help with modeling lessons. I want every little girl to be able to look at me and be proud that they know me."

She shared some advice for any girls that want to compete in pageants themselves.

"My advice to them is to remember that every judge has their own opinion, and it could be a different winner on any day. Go out and be yourself," she said.

"My most memorable moment from the pageant is when my friend Bella was able to crown me. She was out of town when I won the middle school crown two years ago, so to come back this year and have her crown me meant so much."

Auburn made so many great memories alongside her fellow participants. Her faith is important to her as well and Auburn feels like God has been there for her every step of the way.

"Memories mean more to me than any crown. To be able to spend the day with these girls and to make these memories with them, it's everything," she said.

"I was raised to know that my personal relationship with God is with me in every experience every day. For that, I am thankful. My favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 16:14: 'Do everything in love.' Love is strong. We show love and we feel love. I want everyone to feel love from me. I learned to always trust myself and Mom, to not doubt myself when I start to get nervous, and to always be myself. This is all about having fun and learning so much from this experience."



AUBURN BURTIS

West Point's Auburn Burtis

Obituary Announcements: May 8-9

James Melvin Parks, 68
A memorial service for James Melvin Parks, 68, of Vinemont will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Parks was born on Aug. 24, 1956, he passed away April 20, 2025, at Woodland Village. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife (his radar love), Cherie Davis Parks. Survivors include his son, Jeff (Krissi) McLendon; granddaughter, Jayden Owens; his beloved dog, Baxter; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

David DeJuan Reese, 68
Funeral service for David DeJuan Reese, age 68, of Cullman, will be Friday, May 9, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church, with Pastor Malcom Carter II, Bro. Travis Sharpe, and Bro. Mike King officiating. Visitation will be held at the church prior to the service from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Burial will be at Spring Hill Cemetery and will be officiated by Bro. Doyle Berry and "Poppy" Cupp. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Reese was born Sept. 24, 1956, to Carl and Cara Parris Reese. He passed away on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Cynthia Ann Carnes Reese; daughter, DeWana Reese Bowling (Jeremy); son, Shane Reese (Cheranda); grandchildren, Rylee Baker (Eli), Blake Reese (Destiny), Sarah Bowling, Hagen Reese, Timber Reese; great-grandchildren, Amelia Baker, Renlee Baker, Colter Reese, Maverick Baker; sister, Connie Dutton (Larry); niece, Michelle Bolinger (Steven); great-niece, Cara Jewel Bolinger; great-nephew, Vance Bolinger; a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be, Phillip Carnes, Larry Dutton, Steven Bolinger, Dathan Campbell, Mason Jones and Tray Kimbril Honorary Pallbearers will be, Terry wright, Darren Campbell, Lavaughn Butts and Myles Carnes.

Margarette 'Kitty' Elaine Lee, 73
Margarette Elaine Lee, age 73, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2025. Margarette Elaine Lee was born on May 23rd, 1951, in Cullman, Alabama. Better known to everyone as Kitty, she spent her life in Cullman, dedicated to the friends and family she loved. She passed from here Sunday, May 4, 2025. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth "Boots" Lee and her father, Charles Luther Lee, Sr., and great-nephew Curtis Wilson. Kitty is survived by her brother, Charles Luther "C.L." Lee, Jr., nephews Dillon (Denise) Lee and Brandon (Helen) Lewis, nieces Chassi (Derrick) Waddell and Ashley Wilson, great-nephews Bishop Lee, Blaise (Kayland) Wilson, and Luke Wilson, great-niece Everette "Evie" Lee, her beloved "Golden Girl" cousins Jean (Jim) Ward, Kelley (David) Warren, and Jan Johnson, and many other loving family members and friends. Kitty never married or had children of her own, but that is not her legacy. Kitty was a second mother to her niece, Chassi and her nephew, Dillon. She helped raise them alongside their grandparents and her brother, C.L. When with her, they never experienced want; they never lacked for love and support. Kitty spent countless hours with Chassi and Dillon in their youth, entertaining their flights of fancy and spoiling them with her attention. When Dillon's children, Evie and Bishop were born, Kitty became another grandparent, doting on them both. If given all the choices on a weekend, Bishop and Evie would choose Kitty everytime. There was a mischievousness to Kitty, as is the purview of the favored aunt. She was much more likely to give sly "yes" to the requests of her nieces and nephews. She would let them watch a movie their parents may have said no to or let them stay up and snack far past their bedtime. She cherished those moments of wily permissiveness, but beyond them she was an ever-present fan of their accomplishments. She attended every school event she could, keeping mementos and reminders of their triumphs, however small. In her own unique way, she created a place in which children could be themselves, comforted in the knowledge that they were safe and loved. And spoiled. Evie and Bishop knew, as did Chassi and Dillon before, that her love was unwavering and unshakeable. For her, they were and remained the most important thing in her world. Kitty could be terse, private, and reserved; some would even call her grouchy or grumpy. And that veneer was certainly true, but it was only the surface. Perhaps it was to protect her own gentle heart or perhaps it was a product of her German heritage. Regardless, those that knew Kitty knew she was much more than that. Underneath it all, she loved mightily and, as was her character, stubbornly. They knew a Kitty that was ready to take from life whatever joy was available, from a drink and long talk with a beloved friend, to a spur of the moment holiday trip, to an Alabama Crimson Tide football victory. They knew a Kitty that faced a cancer diagnosis over a decade ago and fought it, so she could remain to take care of her family. Through it all, she remained stubbornly present, fighting her fight with dignity, while looking after her family and stealing her moments of joy. Though Kitty is gone from this world, her legacy remains. In her absence, all those that loved her should be encouraged to honor her by also loving stubbornly. You do not need to do so with an outpouring of affection, gentle words, or letters of encouragement. You must simply be present, dependable, unmoving in your love, as Kitty was. Create that safe harbor for those that are important to you. Be the person upon which those you love can depend, regardless of the need. That is the way her family will remember her. That is the way she lived her life to the very end. On Friday, May 23, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Ruehl Building from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. A small private ceremony interring the ashes will follow at the family plot at Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Curt's Closet in Kitty's memory.

Carol Eugene Callan, 76
Funeral Service for Carol Eugene Callan, age 76 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Steven Hastings officiating; burial at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Callan passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at his residence. He was born Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1948, to Willie "Bill" Eugene Callan and Doris Callan. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Michael Callan; sister, Janice Massey. Survivors include his wife, Paula Callan; children; Jon (Tina) Callan, David Golden, Paul Golden, Kara (Jeremy) Snyder, and Matt (Dustie) Marks; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

Charles 'Chuck' Henry Dorough, 52
Charles "Chuck" Henry Dorough, age 52, of Blountsville, Alabama formerly of Pell City, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Chuck Dorough, a devoted family man, husband, father, and Pop, Chuck loved his family and their farm, D6. D6 farm was not a source of livelihood for Chuck's family but a testament to his passion and commitment. Chuck was a hardworking individual who always put others before himself, embodying the spirit of a true son of God. His willingness to help others and his dedication to his family were evident in every aspect of his life. Chuck's commitment to excellence was demonstrated all over the United States over the last 20 years through his service and excellent work with HARCO Services Inc. Chuck was preceded in death by his mother, Kathy Calhoun Dorough. He is survived by his loving wife, Holli; Children: Meghan (Beau) Thacker, Drew (Maggie) Dorough, Maddie (Levi Carter), Devin (Brandie Shelton), and Alan McCulley; Grandchildren: Carter and Nathanael Thacker and Zoey and Easton Carter; father, Charlie Dorough; sisters: Stacy (Lynn) Horton, Kristie Dorough and Melanie Cook; a host of co-workers at HARCO, extended family members, and fiends. A celebration of life visitation for Chuck will be held Friday, May 9, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Kilgroe Funeral Home, 2219 Second Avenue N, Pell City, AL 35125, followed by a a celebration of life funeral service at 7 p.m. The private interment for Chuck will occur at a later time. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Free Obituary Listings

Have your funeral home contact us

Email: robin@cullmantribune.com • Phone: 256-739-1351

Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.

LEGALS

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.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF DAVID LEVI HAYNES and AMBER ALTMAN HAYNES.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Christy Ella Lee Dixon
whose whereabouts and location are unknown

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DONE this 7th day of May, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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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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256-775-4444
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TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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

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,) 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

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
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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 *
TROY HANSEL CLEGHORN, * **CASE NO. PC 2025-** 102
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, 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ANGELA MOORE, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
now deceased. CASE NO. PC2023-197

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF ANGELA MOORE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted toSteven C. Smith on the 8th day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Steven C. Smith, Personal Representative (Administrator),

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
RICKEY CLIFTON LEE, *
Deceased. * **CASE NO.** PC 2025-079

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to SARA DOTY as administrator of the Estate of RICKEY CLIFTON LEE , deceased, on the 2ND day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

SARA DOTY, Administrator

Sara Doty, Attorney and Administrator
SARA DOTY ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
4725 Whitesburg Drive
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Huntsville, Alabama 35802
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(256) 519-9952 – fax

TO: The Publisher of Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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

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 *
LAURA JAMES BOWNES, * CASE NO. PC2023-048
Deceased. *

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

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DONE this 7th day of May, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

One to whom I owe so much

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Who was the first person in this world I ever laid eyes on? Okay, yes, the very first one may have been the doctor who delivered me, but I didn't know him, so he doesn't count. He was not the one with whom I had spent every moment of the last nine months. Although mom and I had visited him a few times during those months, he was not the one I wanted to see that day.

I may have been wondering about several things. I may have been wondering where I was and who had turned on the lights and turned up the sound. I may have been wondering why I was the only one crying and everyone was laughing and happy. Most of all, I probably was wondering where my mama was. Once doc helped me make my safe landing, I don't think he held me very long before he handed me off like a football.

Who was the first person to feed me and the only person to feed me for the next several months? Even when I had grown enough to feed myself, who was the person who cooked for me and did so most of the time until I was grown and gone?

Who was the first person to tell me she loved me? I'm sure my father loved me too, but I can't remember him ever telling me so. My mother told me every day. On some days she told me more times than my school teachers told me to sit down and be quiet.

Who was the person who washed my clothes, hung them outside on a clothes line to dry and then took them inside and ironed them? I might could have done with a little less starch on my shirts, but they didn't wrinkle. All that starch is probably what kept me from having any broken bones during my tree-climbing, ditch-jumping, bike-crashing, cousin-wrestling, dog-riding years. Who was the one who cleaned up and bandaged all those injuries?

Who was the person who had the patience of Job but a limit that knew when enough was enough...especially when I didn't know? Who was that person who loved me enough to tell me "No" sometimes, and taught me to make wise and appropriate choices at other times?

Who was that person who didn't simply send me to church, but went with me? She didn't go with me to my Sunday school class, and if she did have to come in there, I wasn't going to be happy about it when we got home. Sometimes, we didn't even make it home before I was not happy about it!

Who was that person who first told me about God and how much He loves me? She told me about Heaven, as well as that other place, and which one I needed to go to and how that was made possible.

God blessed me beyond what I deserved with his choice of a mother for me! She was not perfect, but then, neither am I. She gave me a great start with lots of love. She was there when I needed her.

This week, on Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day...we celebrate moms. I do realize that not everyone has happy memories of their mother, and I'm sorry. Many of us don't have our mother with us anymore, so the holiday brings a touch of sadness to us, but may we cherish the good memories. May we make new memories with the moms we still have. Happy Mother's Day!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: May 10, 1962

From the files of May 10, 1962

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40 YEARS AGO

Two people in Cullman County were killed by lightning on Saturday afternoon. Miss Myra E. Wood, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Wood of Holly Pond was struck by lightning in a field near her home at 3 p.m. and killed instantly. Julius Bassett, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bassett of Rt. 2, Hanceville, was struck and killed while picking strawberries.

Cullman High School elections are over with the following results: Boys' Council—Springton Long, president; Max Well, vice president; Conrad Copeland, secretary and treasurer; Frank Baird, judge; Edgar Ehrensperger, lawyer; Ed Bradford, football manager; George Burkart, assistant manager; Harvey Camp, baseball manager.

Dr. J. C. Martin and Dr. R. B. Dodson have moved into their handsome new offices in the upstairs of the new brick City Bakery Building on First Avenue East.

Applications for loans from the National Farm Loan Association may be made at either of the three branch offices in this county from managers Emil Alldrich, Cullman; Scott Hyatt, Crane Hill or W. J. Humphreys of Joppa.

Misses Amelia Hammack and Boyd Oldacre will go to Auburn next week for API commencement exercises.

Gilbert Partrick was home from Florence Normal for the week end.

The Rev. Henry Meyer is recovering from surgery, which he underwent in a Birmingham hospital last week.

Dr. S. O. Kimbrough is attending the general conference of the Methodist Church in Hot Springs, Ark.

Edna Lee Motley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Motley, has won first prize in a Birmingham Post comic contest.

The body of James T. Bailey arrived home Sunday from France. He was killed in battle Sept. 14, 1918.

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary Ruth Graham of Logan, a student at Alabama College, has been chosen as one of 19 American students to participate in an Institute of World Affairs at Salisbury, Mass., this summer. Students from Latin America, Canada and Europe will join those from the U.S.A. Miss Graham is the only one from the deep South.

A flag-raising ceremony at Meek High School will be held Saturday at 2:30 in honor of Russell Burdick Wade, the first U.S. Naval casualty of World War II. The Cullman American Legion Post, with Wm. R. Griffin as commander, is sponsoring the event. A motorcade will travel to Winston County for the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this week.

The Coterie sponsored a musical open on Sunday at 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church in observance of Music Week. Those participating on the program were Prof. Pat Bria, Jack Nesmith, Spencer Speegle, Mrs. J. W. Arnold, Mrs. John King, Miss Miriam Edwards, Mrs. F. B. Libon, Sr., Miss Charlotte Gibbs, Miss Martha Kate Nash and the Cullman High Glee Club. Ushers were Winfield Lovett, Jr., Douglass Fuller, Bill Griffin, Jr., and Paul Mehl.

In Auburn Sunday as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rehling were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rehling, Mrs. J. A. Lessley, Miss Mary Rehling, Herman Hankey, Walter Rehling of Ft. Benning, Ga., met them there for the day.

The Cullman Eastern Star chapter honored Mrs. J. A. Denhan, a Grand Officer of Alabama, last week when many Grand and Past Grand Officers were in attendance.

Sgt. Frederick H. Wolff of New Orleans and Cpl. Luther L. Wolff of Camp Pickett, Scala, are spending leave here with their father, F. O. Wolff, this week.

Marcus Davis of Cullman has been named sports editor for "The Alabamian," bi-monthly newspaper of Alabama College.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY — Dike Lee Moss celebrated his first birth anniversary on April 24. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Moss of Rt. 1, Cullman and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moss of Rt. 1, Cullman and Mrs. Cora Turner of Cullman.



POET'S CORNER

The Sounds of Rain | By: April McCay

Squish, squish, squish
Echoes from my hiking boots,
Stopped to see a raindrop
Drizzling down a dandelion's roots.

Splash, splash, splash
Winged creatures bathe and sip,
On my way to see them flutter
A raindrop kisses my lip.

Stomp, stomp, stomp
My footprints in the mud,
Trampling down
the wet grass
Creating places for
flowers to bud.

Swish, swish, swish
Wiggly worms
zigzag and play,
My clothes dripping wet
Evidence of a rainy day.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MAY 10

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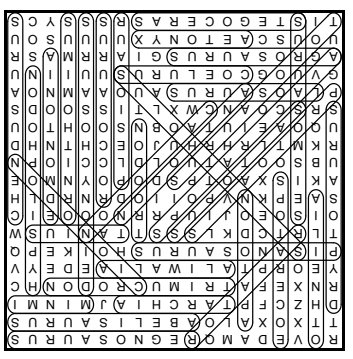
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Eoceratops
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Ornithomimus
Othneilia
Pisanosaurus
Plesiosaur
Protoavis
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Regnosaurus
Roccosaurus
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Stenotholus
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Troodon

CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

MAY 10

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ANSWERS:



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