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Cullman City Council takes next step at airport

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday, May 12, approved the next step in a major overhaul of Cullman Regional Airport, voting to award the bid for an airport hangar to Newell, Park & Eleazer Construction, LLC in the amount of $2,734,670.

Airport Director Ben Harrison told the council that the north apron (aircraft parking area) will be rebuilt this year, along with the addition of a new taxiway and the approved hangar.

"It will be a good year," said Harrison. "Will be a lot of construction this year. So we're looking forward to moving forward and, once the apron is done, all of our major pavement » PAGE 4


CULLMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT
A 100,000-pound corporate jet sits on the apron at Cullman Regional Airport. Improvements will allow larger and heavier aircraft to use the facility.

Water, water everywhere . . .

Bolte Crossing residents address Cullman City Council about neighborhood flooding


ANN SWAYKA
Recent street flooding on Drake Street in Bolte Crossing

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday night got an earful about flooding in Bolte Crossing, a new residential development on Bolte Road on the city's southeast side. Residents complained about rainwater routinely flooding both streets and yards in the neighborhood.

Representing the Bolte Crossing Homeowners' Association, resident Ann Swayka delivered the following message verbally and in writing to the council:

"We appreciate the opportunity to present our drainage and flooding issues to the Cullman mayor and council members. Attached you will find photos of representation of the backyards, front yards and street flooding in Phase 1 of » PAGE 8


ANN SWAYKA
Security camera view of recent backyard flooding on Simmons Street in Bolte Crossing

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CCBOE breaks ground on new additions at Hanceville Middle, Child Development Center


NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman County Child Development Center students help with the groundbreaking at the CDC on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 14, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 13

• harassing communications; person

• theft of lost property; person; wallet & contents; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

May 12-13

Slaten, Russell J.; 44

• domestic violence-3rd degree

Farr, Jennifer L.; 38

• domestic violence-3rd degree

Snowden, Lisa G.; 58

• DUI – controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Niblet (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Niblet, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is an approximately 4-month-old domestic shorthair kitten who is ready for a home!

Niblet's coat has a dramatic silvery sheen over a tabby pattern.

This little fellow will love spending time with you, and toys are a favorite, along with exploring the cat tower. His personality lends itself to being agreeable and friendly – the perfect combination for a companion/therapy cat.

The adoption fee for this precious kitten is $100 and covers neutering, vaccines, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Come by and visit with Niblet today before it's too late! Also, be sure to visit with all his friends, as they are all looking for their forever homes, too!

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

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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
• Friday, May 16 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, May 17 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, May 18 - 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. Healing service at 5 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.

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.

Bates Family Reunion
Saturday, June 14, at 11 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center, 7744 County Road 813. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship.

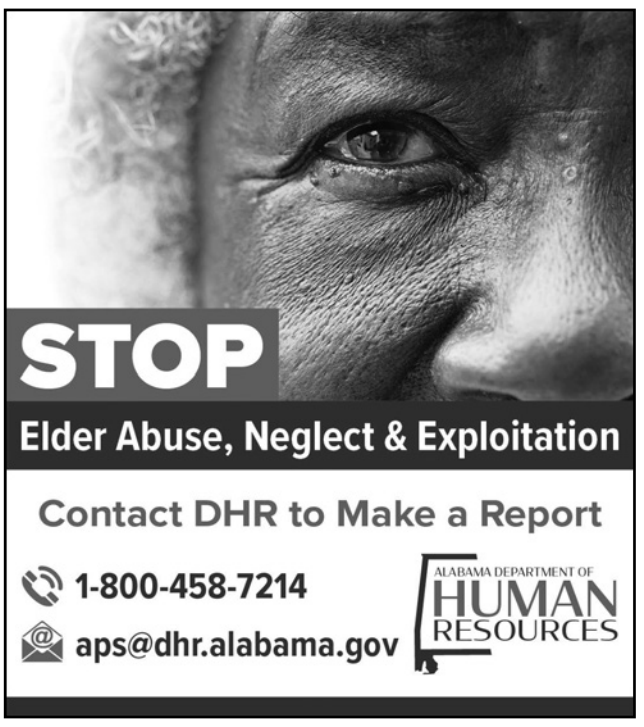
Fairview High School Class of 1975 Reunion
Saturday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at The Venue, 8575 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman, AL 35058. Cost is $45 per person. Contact Sheila Woods to RSVP at 256-347-6738. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great time.

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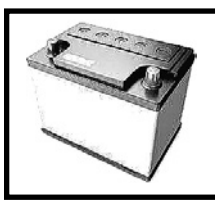
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WSCC BASEBALL

Lions finish runner up at ACCC Tournament

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The Wallace State Lions finished runner up at this year's ACCC Tournament in Oxford.

OXFORD, Ala. — The Wallace State Lions were on the field at Choccolocco Park in Oxford competing in this year's ACCC Tournament over the weekend and they played their way into the championship game on Sunday.

Wallace State dropped its first game of the tournament to Northwest Shoals 10-4 on Thursday but bounced back with a dominant, 13-3 win over Gadsden State on Friday.

The Lions took the rematch with Northwest Shoals on Saturday 7-2 and edged Coastal Alabama 6-5 in extra innings on Sunday to advance to Monday's championship game. However, the Lions couldn't find their rhythm offensively and they fell to Shelton State in the finals 7-1.

After a scoreless first inning, an RBI single off the bat of former Cullman standout Paxton Ponder gave Shelton State a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Andrew Lawrence lined a double into center field and Jamie Howze drew a walk to create a scoring opportunity for the Lions in the top of the third, but they were unable to capitalize, and the score remained 1-0.

The Bucs scored on a sacrifice bunt to stretch the lead to 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth, but Wallace was able to cut into the lead in the top of the fifth.

With one out on the board, Carson Heaps drove a solo home run over the left field wall to make it a 2-1 game going into the bottom half of the inning.

However, Shelton State answered with its own solo home run in the bottom of the fifth, building the lead back up to 3-1 going into the sixth inning.

The Bucs added to their lead with a 3-run home run in the bottom of the sixth, extending their lead to 6-1 going into the seventh.

Shelton State tacked one more run in the bottom of the eighth to wrap up a 7-1 win over the Lions and claim this year's ACCC Tournament Championship.

Heaps finished with a hit and an RBI in the loss. Sam Henegar posted two hits and Colten Payton and Lawrence each added a hit as well.

Wallace State pitcher Luke Fernandez was named the ACCC Athletics Division I Pitcher of the Year and he along with Howze, Peyton and Lawrence each received all-tournament honors.

PREP SPORTS

'I have created unbreakable bonds'

Vinemont's Morgan Flanagan reflect on Eagle years

Sammy Confer
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VINEMONT, Ala. -- Vinemont senior Morgan Flanagan is set to graduate this weekend and in this interview, she reflected on her favorite memories playing volleyball and basketball alongside so many great friends and teammates.

"For volleyball, my favorite memory is playing with my friends for my final year and having a successful season. Our record was 44-12, which is a great season, and we played under an amazing coach in Bobby Daniels.

"For basketball, my favorite memory was Christmas caroling with our basketball team after some great wins this season. We made it far and had some tough games ahead of us, but spending time with the team outside of basketball was my favorite memory,"

Flanagan said. "Playing alongside my friends in both sports was great. We took the seasons serious, but we also had some fun outside of our respective sport. I learned a lot from my friends through the years.

"What I learned from them is valuable social and teamwork skills, while building confidence playing sports. I have created unbreakable bonds with all of the girls."

Morgan played with some great seniors and had fun playing with them. She had a blast playing under a couple of first-year head coaches at Vinemont in Bobby Daniels and Emme Willoughby.

"It was a good year with them. They were all great players, and everyone contributed to the team in different ways. I'm also super excited to go to Bevil State Community College with one of my closest friends, Carley Stephens, to continue my volleyball career. What I learned from them is that being more verbal and leading by example from past seniors can get you far," Flanagan said.

"My favorite volleyball games were during the area tournament. It was competitive, and you just have to focus and stay calm to succeed.

"I loved playing in all of the basketball games, but I especially loved playing in the county games. We had multiple great wins that were tough, but if I had to truly pick a favorite game, it would have to be our game against West Point on our home court," Flanagan said. "Playing for coach Daniels was a great experience. I learned plenty of skills that I was never taught. He taught me to always keep my head up and to think about the next point mentality. Coach Willoughby was an amazing first-year head coach for our basketball program. She taught me to play with confidence and always believed in me to do things some coaches never thought I was capable of."

Morgan will miss playing at Vinemont next season, and she shared some of her favorite high school memories. Being an Eagle meant the world to her and she'll miss representing Vinemont on the court.

"What I'll remember and miss the most about Vinemont is all of my friends that I'm leaving behind and the great coaches I had for my senior year," she said.

"My favorite high school memories were homecoming week, going to football and baseball games, our senior sunrise, and Spring Fling. Vinemont is such a special place to go to, because we are a small school, and you know everyone, which can create even more memories. Our teachers at Vinemont are also some great people and would do anything for you if you ask.

"They gave you some great advice on how to succeed in the future. I'll remember and miss all of our small get-togethers we had and seeing my friends daily."

Being a role model is something Morgan cares a lot about, and she shared some advice for the students that will be starting high school in August.

"Being a good role model is so important, because kids look up to you and watch you, even when you think they're not. Setting a good example influences their behavior and values. Making sure you're a good role model can influence them for the better," she said.

"I suggest you find some good friends and stick with them through high school. Putting yourself around good people will help your high school experience be great. I wish everyone the best of luck."

Outside of sports, Morgan was also in several clubs at Vinemont, and she enjoyed every second of that experience. She earned a scholarship to continue playing volleyball at Bevil State Community College where she will play with one of her closest friends, Carley Stephens, reunite with coach Daniels.

"I was in the FCCLA, Eagle Pride, and the FCA. In the FCCLA, I learned about planning, goal setting, decision-making, and interpersonal communication. It was a great experience learning about things to help my future.

"The FCA is a club for Christians. You do early morning Bible studies before school starts and learn about God's creation of the world and humanity," she said.

"Receiving the scholarship was one of the best feelings in the world. I get to continue to play volleyball with one of my closest friends and my all-time favorite coach, coach Daniels.



MORGAN FLANAGAN

Vinemont's Morgan Flanagan

"It's something I'm looking forward to, and I can't wait for us to start playing and practicing. It's going to be a comfortable setting. I've already met all of the girls, and I'm already creating bonds with them like I did at Vinemont."

God has played a big role in Morgan's life, and she shared a couple of her favorite Bible verses.

"God has played a huge role in my life. I'm living out the story that God has written for me. I'm being guided step-by-step every day," she said. "One of my favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 40:31: 'But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary.' Another one of my favorite verses is Psalm 73:26: 'My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.' These Bible verses are my favorite ones, because they offer guidance, inspiration, and framework for understanding life's challenges and relationships."

Morgan shared some of the special traditions she shared with her teammates and talked about how she wants to be remembered.

"Something special I would do with my teammates is to say the Lord's prayer before every game, and we always had a team supper after games. During our time at school, we would have meetings to discuss who we were up against in the game we were playing next," she said.

"I want people to remember me as a good person and someone who made others feel important."

Airport (from Front)

will have been completely rebuilt since 2016. So the airport's in a lot different shape than it was 10 years ago."

Additionally, the council approved a resolution to apply for a fiscal year 2026 TAP grant for handicapped accessible sidewalks beginning at the intersection of Fourth Street Southwest and Third Avenue Southwest and extending south along Third Avenue Southwest to Fifth Street Southwest and then west along Fifth Street Southwest to the intersection of Fourth Avenue Southwest

The council also approved special event requests:

• From Helen Allen of the American Cancer Society to hold the annual Cullman County Relay For Life on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Depot Park

• From Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism to hold a "Roll Cullman" community roller skating event on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Depot Park

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

52nd annual Arley Day Festival this weekend - May 17

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ARLEY, Ala. — The 52nd annual Arley Day Festival will be held Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hamner Memorial Park in Arley. The free community event will feature a full day of activities, including a parade, car show, live tournaments (basketball and pickleball), local vendors and kids' attractions — all organized by the Arley Women's Club.

This year's Arley Day Festival will feature over 65 vendors lining the promenade, offering a wide variety of goods and services, from handmade crafts and boutique clothing to jewelry, woodworks, candles, toys and even a fully stocked Tupperware tent. Local churches, fire departments and service organizations will also be set up alongside specialty participants like Dive Seek and Recovery Scuba, Pine Valley Outdoor Recreation and the Winston County Sheriff's Department, which will host a dunking booth. Additionally, Smokey Bear is set to make an appearance for photo opportunities.

Kids will have the opportunity to enjoy free water slides, games and horseback rides throughout the day. The popular Looney Balloony character will be on hand creating balloon hats and animals, all at no cost. Kids will also eat free, with a free bag lunch that will be available at the concession stand.

"This is the 52nd annual Arley Day Festival. Each year we add something new and bring back the most popular features, like the free horse rides and two water slides," said Beth Sargent, vice president of the Arley Women's Club. "The Kidz Town has also been expanded, making this year's event one of the largest yet!"

She added, "I love the parade, the car show, the interesting vendors — and the idea that we have something for all ages is special.

"It's a wonderful way to explore our community and experience the warmth of our town."

The day kicks off early with a pancake breakfast from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Arley Fire Station, provided by Arley First Baptist Church. Donations are accepted to benefit the Arley Fire Department.

The parade line-up begins at 7:30 in the Dollar General parking lot, with the parade starting at 8 and traveling down Highway 41 to Hamner Park. Vehicles entering the car show are also invited to join the parade along the way.

Additionally, the festival will feature two tournaments, including the second annual Pickleball Tournament at 8 a.m. and a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament starting at 9 a.m. Registration information can be found by using the QR code provided on the flyer.

Over 20 food vendors will be set up, offering a variety of festival favorites — from crawfish and hamburgers to funnel cakes and ice cream. Attendees can enjoy the shaded food court pavilion as well.

Near the food court, the Arley Women's Club tent will host a bake sale, silent auction and giveaway drawing for a Kamado grill package. Tickets for the giveaway are $5 each or five for $20 and will be available at the AWC tent.

"The silent auction will include five separate gift baskets, each representing a variety of vendor coupons and other items from various businesses: The Best of Arley, the Best of Addison, the Best of Double Springs, the Best of Jasper and Taste of Alabama," Sargent stated.

Festivalgoers can also stop by the United Way tent near Kidz Town to register children for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a free book-by-mail program for children under the age of 5. "Children from birth to age five will receive a brand-new book each month in the mail — absolutely free," explained Sargent. "All you need to do is sign up!"

As the Arley Women's Club wraps up preparations for the big day, Club President Laurie McGriff reflected on the heart behind the festival and why it continues to be such a cherished tradition in the community.

"The best part of the Arley Day Festival is that it is a free event for our community. No admission cost — all kids' activities, including a hot dog lunch, are free! The Arley Women's Club is honored to host this event as a way to give back and celebrate the town of Arley, the heart of Smith Lake," McGriff said.

"The festival is a must-see event, as it is the culmination of many hours of work by the women of the Arley Women's Club to provide the town of Arley a celebration like no other! We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the fun," she added.

For more information about the festival, visit the Arley Women's Club page on Facebook.

Good Hope Council recognizes Future Foundation Scholarship recipient

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — At its first May meeting on Monday night, the Good Hope City Council kicked things off by recognizing Good Hope senior Tyler Wright, this year's City of Good Hope Future Foundation Scholarship recipient. Wright is the fourth Good Hope student to receive the scholarship since the city began awarding them in 2022. He will attend Wallace State Community College next year and plans to become an accountant.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- Recipients will receive a scholarship award to fund up to full tuition, fees, books and supplies.
- Open to all graduating seniors from Good Hope High School
- Recipient must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Recipients must demonstrate financial need (as determined by the FAFSA and additional funds awarded from other sources) and an essay explaining their need for scholarship assistance and why they have chosen their career field.

After recognizing Wright, the Council moved on to other business, approving an ordinance to renew its franchise agreement with Charter Communication.

Ordinance No: 011-2025 Franchise Agreement Renewal

"This Franchise Agreement ("Franchise") is between the City of Good Hope, Alabama hereinafter referred to as the "Grantor" and Spectrum Southeast, LLC, locally known as CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee."

The Grantor hereby acknowledges that the Grantee has substantially complied with the material terms of the current Franchise under applicable law, and that the financial, legal, and technical ability of the Grantee is reasonably sufficient to provide services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, and having afforded the public adequate notice and opportunity for comment, desires to enter into this Franchise with the Grantee for the construction and operation of a cable system on the terms set forth herein.

1. Definitions:

A. "Cable Act" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, P.L. 98-549, 47 U.S.C. §521 Supp., as it may be amended or superseded.

B. "Cable System," "Cable Service," and "Basic Cable Service" shall be defined as set forth in the Cable Act.

C. "Franchise" means the authorization granted hereunder of a franchise, privilege, permit, license or otherwise to construct, operate and maintain a Cable System within the Service Area.

D. "Gross Revenue" means any revenue, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, received by the Grantee from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in the Franchise Area, provided, however, that such phrase shall not include: (1) any taxes, fees or assessments collected by the Grantee from Subscribers for pass-through to a government agency, including, without limitation, any state or federal regulatory fees, the franchise fee, or any sales or utility taxes; (2) unrecovered bad debt; (3) credits, refunds and deposits paid to Subscribers; (4) any exclusions available under applicable State law.

E. "Service Area" shall mean the geographic boundaries of the Grantor.

F. "Streets" means the public streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, concourses, driveways, bridges, tunnels, parks, parkways, waterways, alleys, all other rights-of-way and easements, including but not limited to public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses now or hereafter, and the public grounds, places or water within the geographic boundaries of Grantor.

G. "Subscriber" means any person lawfully receiving any Cable Service from the Grantee.

C. The Cable System shall be designed, constructed and operated so as to meet those technical standards adopted by the FCC relating to Cable Systems contained in part 76 of the FCC's rules and regulations as they may, from time to time, be amended.

6. Service

A. The Grantee shall continue to provide Cable Service to all residences within the Service Area where Grantee currently provides Cable Service. Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to extend the Cable System into any other portion of the Service Area, including annexed areas. Cable Service offered to Subscribers pursuant to this Franchise shall be conditioned upon Grantee having legal access on reasonable terms and conditions to any such Subscriber's dwelling unit or other units wherein such Cable Service is provided.

B. The Grantor shall promptly provide written notice to the Grantee of its annexation of any territory which is being provided Cable Service by the Grantee or its affiliates. Such annexed area will be subject to the provisions of this Franchise upon sixty (60) days' written notice from the Grantor, subject to the conditions set forth below and subsection (a) above. The Grantor shall also notify Grantee in writing of all new street address assignments or changes within the Service Area. Grantee shall within ninety (90) days after receipt of the annexation notice, pay the Grantor franchise fees on revenue received from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in any area annexed by the Grantor if the Grantor has provided a written annexation notice that includes the addresses that will be moved into the Service Area in an Excel format or in a format that will allow Grantee to change its billing system. If the annexation notice does not include the addresses that will be moved into the Service Area, Grantee shall pay franchise fees within ninety (90) days after it receives the annexed addresses as set forth above. All notices due under this section shall be sent by electronic or certified mail, return receipt requested to the addresses set forth in Section 13 with a copy to the Director of Government Relations. In any audit of franchise fees due under this Agreement, Grantee shall not be liable for franchise fees on annexed areas unless and until Grantee has received notification and information that meets the standards set forth in this section.

7. Insurance/Indemnity

A. The Grantee shall maintain throughout the term of the Franchise insurance in amounts at least as follows:

Workers' Compensation
Statutory Limits
Commercial General Liability
$1,000,000 per occurrence,
Combined Single Limit (C.S.L.)
$2,000,000 General Aggregate

Equal Protection

If any other provider of cable services or video services (without regard to the technology used to deliver such services) is lawfully authorized by the Grantor or by any other state or federal governmental entity to provide such services using facilities located wholly or partly in the public rights-of-way of the Grantor, the Grantor shall, within thirty (30) days of a written request from Grantee, modify this Franchise to insure that the obligations applicable to Grantee are no more burdensome than those imposed on the new competing provider. If the Grantor fails to make modifications consistent with this requirement, Grantee's Franchise shall be deemed so modified thirty (30) days after the Grantee's initial written notice. As an alternative to the Franchise modification request, the Grantee shall have the right and may choose to have this Franchise with the Grantor be deemed expired thirty (30) days after written notice to the Grantor. Nothing in this Franchise shall impair the right of the Grantee to terminate this Franchise and, at Grantee's option, negotiate a renewal or replacement franchise, license, consent, certificate or other authorization with any appropriate government entity. Nothing in this Section 9 shall be deemed a waiver of any remedies available to Franchisee under federal, state or municipal law, including but not limited to Section 625 of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 545.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

L-R: Good Hope City Council members Greg Brown and Taft Dillashaw, Good Hope High senior Tyler Wright, Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett and Council members Susan Eller and Eric Phillips.

Compliance with Laws

Grantor and Grantee shall conform to all applicable state and federal laws and rules regarding cable television as they become effective. Grantee shall also conform with all generally applicable Grantor ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations heretofore or hereafter adopted or established during the entire term of the Franchise. In the event of a conflict between Grantor ordinances, resolutions, rules or regulations and the provisions of this Franchise, the provisions of this Franchise shall govern.

Change in Law

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Franchise, in the event any change to state or federal law occurring during the term of this Franchise eliminates the requirement for any person desiring to provide video service or Cable Service to obtain a franchise from the Grantor, then Grantee shall have the right to terminate this Franchise and operate the system under the terms and conditions established in applicable law. If Grantee chooses to terminate this Franchise pursuant to this provision, this Franchise shall be deemed to have expired by its terms on the effective date of any such change in law, whether or not such law allows existing franchise agreements to continue until the date of expiration provided in any existing franchise.

Confidentiality

If Grantee provides any books, records or maps to the Grantor, the Grantor agrees to treat as confidential such books, records or maps that constitute proprietary or confidential information. Until otherwise ordered by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, the Grantor agrees that, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, it shall deny access to any of Grantee's books, records or maps marked confidential to any person.

Notices, Miscellaneous

A. Unless otherwise provided by federal, state or local law, all notices, reports or demands pursuant to this Franchise shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given upon delivery to a Person at the address set forth below, or by Grantor. In the event any other cable franchise or authorization to provide video service provides for a lesser franchise fee than this Franchise, Grantee's obligation to pay a Franchise Fee under this Section 15 shall be reduced by an equivalent amount.

C. Each year during which the Franchise is in force, Grantee shall pay Grantor no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each calendar year the franchise fees required by this section. The Grantor shall have the right to review the previous year's books of the Grantee to the extent necessary to ensure proper payment of the fees payable hereunder.

Effective Date

The Franchise granted herein will take effect and be in full force from such date of acceptance by Grantee recorded on the signature page of this Franchise."

Good Hope's Sizzlin' Seniors will meet at Good Hope City Hall Tuesday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a fish fry. The Good Hope City Council will hold its next meeting at Good Hope City Hall on Tuesday, May 27, the day after Memorial Day.



Debate (from Front)

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The Tribune 2025 Debate Series continues...

Following the first debate series, which turned into a question-and-answer session, for Alabama House District 11, The Tribune is releasing the following information for voters and candidates before the next series of debates.

We work with candidates, but if they do not reply to emails or calls, there's nothing much we can do to accommodate that candidate or candidates.

The General Election set for Alabama House District 11 is set for Tuesday, Aug. 26. The Tribune will host a follow-up debate for that election on Saturday, Aug. 24.

This series has been a way for candidates to come in and speak to the people. All candidates are told explicitly when invited that if they do not show up, they forfeit their time to the other candidate.

Rules sent to all candidates say, "If one candidate agrees to participate but the other candidate does not, then the candidate participating will have more of an open question and answer session, so we implore that both attend."

An empty chair or chairs will sit beside those who decided to appear.

The Cullman Tribune will continue its debate series with the 2025 Special Election - House of Representatives District 12. The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, July 15.

The first debate for HD 12 is scheduled for Saturday, July 12. All candidates invited and encouraged to attend.

The Run-Off Election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 22 and The Tribune will hold a debate on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Before the vote of HD 12, Municipal Elections first take place and the face-off in HD 11 on Aug. 26 in the General Election. The Tribune will host these elections between Aug. 16-Aug. 23.

Once HD 12 is settled then the General Election is set for Tuesday, Oct. 28. The Tribune will host a series of debates Oct. 18-25.

The rules for all debates are as follows:

1. No friends, family or political advisers allowed inside during the debate.
2. No electronic devices are allowed during the debate.
3. The questions will alternate so no one candidate will be answering first each time.
4. Each candidate will have an opening statement limited to 60 seconds. This can be a prepared statement, but this is the only allowed prepared statement or notes of any kind. People want to hear from you, not talking points.
5. Each candidate will have a 90 second closing statement, but this cannot be written down and read.
6. We will alternate questions so no one candidate is forced to answer every question first or last.
7. Each candidate will have one rebuttal per question and the time is limited to 45 seconds.
8. Come with facts and not accusations. If you can't prove it, then leave it at the door.

The Tribune welcomes all candidates and looks forward to giving each his or her time to speak to voters.

2025 Special Election -
House of Representatives District 11
- General - Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025

2025 Special Election -
House of Representatives District 12
- Primary - Tuesday, July 15, 2025
- Run-Off - Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2025
- General - Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025

2025 Municipal Elections
- Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025

Allbright (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Republican Heath Allbright won the special primary election for Alabama House of Representatives District 11 on Tuesday night, beating out fellow Republican Donald Fallin.

Unofficial results (total from both counties)
- Allbright: 1,909 votes, 54.26%
- Fallin: 1,609 votes, 45.74%

Unofficial results from Cullman County
- Allbright: 1,444 votes
- Fallin: 1,420 votes

Unofficial results from Blount County
- Allbright: 465 votes
- Fallin: 189 votes

Allbright has secured the Republican nomination and will advance to the Special General Election on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, when he will face Democrat Alex Braswell.

Allbright posted to his campaign Facebook page: "Thank you, District 11! I am deeply honored by the trust voters in District 11 have placed in me. I'm ready to fight for our families, schools, and businesses, ensuring our community thrives while preserving the values that make Blount and Cullman Counties home."

Alabama Republican Party Chairman John Wahl said in a statement, "Congratulations to Heath Allbright on winning the Republican nomination for House District 11.

"We're grateful to both candidates for stepping forward to serve, and to the voters who participated in this important election. With so much at stake in our state, it's critical that we continue to elect leaders who will stand for conservative values and fight for the people of Alabama. I look forward to supporting Heath Allbright as we head toward the general election in August."

The District 11 seat became vacant earlier this year when former Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, joined the staff of Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

REGISTRATION AND VOTING AIDS

State of Alabama

Cullman County

Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown

Judge of Probate

Cullman County

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-122

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK DANIEL BAILEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANK DANIEL BAILEY

TO: THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF FRANK DANIEL BAILEY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of Lawrence Edwin Gorff to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Frank Daniel Bailey, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 17th day of July, 2025, at 10.00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
GLENDA BULLARD,) Case No.: PC-2025-145
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Dian Morrow as the Personal Representative of the Estate of GLENDA BULLARD, deceased, on the 29th 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.

Dian Morrow
Dian Morrow
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Glenda Bullard, deceased

TO: **THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston, Attorney for
the Estate of Glenda Bullard, deceased
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-3970

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN PROBATE JUDGE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Brandon Lock, a married person to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, its successors and assigns dated September 10, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on September 12, 2019 in Deed Book 1889, Page 187, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 374, Page 112, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on June 16, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 2 West; thence S 87° 58' W a distance of 160.4 feet to a point and the true point of beginning; thence continue S 87° 58' W a distance of 375.1 feet to a point on the east right of way line of the Gold Ridge Road; thence N 03° 20' E along said road a distance of 317 feet to a point on a gravel road; thence N 81° 48' E a distance of 89 feet to a point; thence S 79° 07' E a distance of 262.24 feet to a point; thence S 02° 02' E a distance of 266.34 feet to the true point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to any part of the described Land lying within the easement and/or right of way of the gravel road at or near the north line of the Land.

Said property is commonly known as **64 County Road 1514, Cullman, AL 35058**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-06910AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Inez Chambers and Leonard Ray Chambers A/K/A Ray Chambers, wife and husband Kim Brown FKA Kim Chambers, a married woman and Gene Brown, her husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns dated April 8, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on April 22, 2016 in Deed Book 1785, Page 938, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 392, Page 559, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on June 26, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

BEGINNING AT THE CENTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST 408.12 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 27 MINUTES EAST 377.82 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF A PUBLIC ROAD AND THE WEST MARGIN OF U.S. HIGHWAY 231 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 420 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST 155 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE JOSEPH MASON LOT; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST 420 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF A PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 155 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said property is commonly known as **800 County Road 1838, Arab, AL 35016**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
as holder of said mortgage
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On Monday, May 19, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Special Exception request at 900 Logan Avenue SW for an accessory dwelling
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Obituary Announcements: May 13-14

Rev. Floyd Leon Bradford, 97
Funeral service for Rev. Floyd Leon Bradford, 97, of Falkville will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Bro. Derald Briscoe, Bro. Gordon Wilbanks, Bro. Rusty Hodges will officiate. The family will receive friends Friday evening at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. and again on Saturday from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.Bro. Bradford passed away Monday, May 12, 2025, at his residence. He was born November 22, 1927 to John Newton and Lillie Mae McClendon Bradford. He served faithfully in the ministry for over 55 years. He was an instructor at Wallace State in the Machine Shop for 15 years. He served his country in the U.S. Army. Floyd loved bass fishing. He was a musician and singer. Matthew 25:23 His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord. Bro. Floyd was preceded in death by his son, David Bradford.Survivors include his wife, Grace Crumbley Bradford; children, Butch Bradford (Donna); daughter, Donna Cagle (Steve); daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Bradford; six grandchildren, Jessica Henderson, Holly Ball (Marvin), Stephanie Cagle, Brandon Cagle (Kim), Jeremy Bradford (Angie) and Ashley Allen (Jimmy); eleven great-grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; Robert Crumbley (Anita), Denise Crumbley; five grandchildren, Jessica Kanser (Joe), Bethany Myers, Amanda Allen (Jason), Allison Crumbley, Will Crumbley; two great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends.Pallbearers will be Jeremy Bradford, Brandon Cagle, Jimmy Allen, Billy Brown, Mark Roberts, Simon Kramer; honorary pallbearers will be Jim Wellington, Brian WilbanksFriends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Clema Jean Rusk, 91
Clema Jean Rusk age 91 of Hanceville, Alabama went to her heavenly home on Saturday, May 10, 2025.Jean was known for many things, but her devotion to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was among the most evident. There was no doubt that she was musically gifted, playing both the twelve-string guitar and piano-even creating a few of her own songs. Her love for southern gospel music was noteworthy, and it was not uncommon to find her singing or dancing. Jean was especially creative with her hands, as she spent lots of time crocheting and quilting. She could often be spotted wearing some of her own hand-made apparel. She loved gardening, and was partial to fruit trees in particular; raising an impressive eleven pear trees! She was an incredible cook and was especially known for her famous fried apple pies, a favorite among family and friends. A woman of many talents and hobbies, Jean was a motivated and kind-hearted servant of the Lord and will be dearly missed.Jean is preceded in death by her parents M. H. Sr. and Audrey Jones, husband Hubert Rusk, sons Paul and Robbie Taylor, sisters Roberta Beard, Nelma George and Montez Moore, and brothers Carlton, Norman, and John Henry Jones. She is survived by her sons Ronald and Daniel Rusk, daughter Patricia Ann Taylor, sister Wanda Ellison, brother M. H. Jones Jr, and a host of nieces and nephews.A visitation will be held Thursday May 15, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. until the service time at 2 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Jean will be laid to rest at Emeus Baptist Cemetery 2246 County Road 831, Logan, AL 35098. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Catherine Williams Doyle, 94
Catherine Williams Doyle, age 94, of Cullman, Alabama, appropriately entered Heaven on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2025. She was born in Phenix City, Alabama on March 13, 1931, and lived in Alabama, England, Illinois, and Florida during her lifetime. She met the love of her life, Jim, at Auburn University, and received her B.S. in Home Economics from Auburn University in 1952 (The Alabama Polytechnic Institute). She taught primary education, worked in various sales positions, and was a devoted wife for over 50 years and beloved mother for over 70 years. She was also a loving dog mom to Maxine, Pepper, John, DJ, and most recently, Roxie. Her love of Elvis Presley music was surpassed only by her loyalty to Auburn University. Since retirement, she enjoyed many years of travel all over the world and was very fortunate to have traveled numerous times with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.Although a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Phenix City for many years, she started attending Temple Baptist Church, Cullman, in 2022, and was proud to publicly proclaim her faith at age 93 in Believer's Baptism on June 27, 2024.She was preceded in death by her parents, Catherine Wakefield Williams and Frank Wiliford Williams, Sr., her brother and his wife, Frank and Margaret Williams, her husband of 50 years, James Norman Doyle, and life-long family friends, Joe and Nell Hennessy. Survivors include her son and his wife, Francis James Doyle II (Jimmy) and Dorenda Doyle, and her daughter, Kaylyn Anne Colafrancesco, all of Cullman; eight grandchildren—Trey Doyle (Heather), Derrick Taff (Patricia), Lindsey James (Nathan), Tony Colafrancesco (Laura), Katrina Colafrancesco, Steven (Bo) Colafrancesco, Nick Colafrancesco, and Michael Colafrancesco; nineteen great-grandchildren—Maddie, Tyson, Bentlie, Libby, Appleton, Letty, Loxley, Christian, Michael, Giovanni, Araya, Gaia, Anthony, Jolee, Kiera, Beth, Rebecca, Abby, and Gabriel; and three great-great grandchildren.The family will receive friends from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at Moss Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama, with services following at 4 p.m., officiated by Bro. Jaylynn Milligan of Temple Baptist Church. Grandchildren, Trey Doyle, Derrick Taff, Anthony Colafrancesco, Nathan James, Michael Colafrancesco, and Tyson James will be honorary pallbearers. Interment will be held Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Bayview Memorial Park in Pensacola, Florida, at 3:30 p.m.In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Temple Baptist Church of Cullman, Alabama (https://templebaptistcullman.com/temple-baptist-church-giving.html) or the American Humane Society (https://www.americanhumane.org/).

Wendell Thomas Copeland, 94
Wendell Thomas Copeland, 94, of Cullman, AL, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2025, at his home surrounded by family. He was born on June 7, 1930, to Robert F. Copeland and Mary Louise Jester Copeland in Cullman.Wendell served in the U.S. Air Force in active duty and reserve from 1952-59 during the Korean War. After discharge he lived in Birmingham and worked at Hayes Aircraft before eventually relocating to Cullman to raise his family. In 1968, he co-founded C&F Carwash and Pressure Systems, a business that built car washes across North Alabama and surrounding states, leaving a lasting impact on the local economy.Wendell was a dedicated and active member of the Cullman community, where he poured his time and energy into civic organizations and the economic growth of the area. Wendell served on the City of Cullman Planning Commission for 34 years, helping to shape the development of the community he loved. He was a proud member of the Lions Club for 62 years and served on the board of Hospice of Cullman County, reflecting his lifelong dedication to service and care for others.Wendell's faith was the cornerstone of his life. A lifelong member of St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church in Cullman, he sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. He was a proud member of the North Alabama Emmaus Community, serving on Walk #5. He approached life with humility, kindness, and a deep sense of duty, always striving to lead by example.Above all, Wendell was a devoted family man and a servant-hearted leader. He was preceded in death by his parents, two siblings (Mary Lorene Bates and Bobby Glenn), his son Brian Gregory, and beloved wife of 51 years, Jackie.Wendell is survived by his devoted wife of 17 years, Helen Marie Copeland, and his sisters, Shirley Copeland Hays and Betty Copeland Blackwood. Son-in-Law and daughters Lee and Helen Dunn, and Susan Copeland His grandchildren, Thaddeus Copeland (Ryan Bagley), Bess House, Sarah Dunn, Katelyn (Matt) Yarnold, Laura (Brandon) Reeder; seven great-grandchildren, Haddon, Henry, Adelaide, Walter Reeder, Kinley, Collin, and Walter Yarnold. Visitation will take place at St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church in Cullman from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. A celebration of life service will occur Friday, May 16 at St. Andrews at 11 a.m. followed by a graveside service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrews Global Methodist Church and Cullman Caring for Kids.

Randy Butts, 55
Randy Butts, age 55 of Vinemont, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born Aug. 29, 1969, to Randall and Cathy Butts. A Memorial Visitation will be from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cloie A. Powell, 95
Cloie A. Powell, 95, longtime resident of Haleyville and the Nesmith community, passed away May 12, 2025 at Hanceville Rehabilitation & Nursing Home. She was a loving wife, mother and home maker, a member of the VFW Auxiliary, loved watching Crimson Tide Football, and an ardent supporter of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She attended Nesmith Methodist Church for many years. Visitation and funeral services are set for Friday, May 16, at Hanceville Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. and memorial service at noon with Bro. Joe Calvert officiating. Her great grandnephew, Bro. Steton Hayes, will officiate over graveside services at Nesmith Church on Helicon Road. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which had done so much for her late grandson, Danny Pinkard. Mrs. Powell is survived by husband, Odis Powell, Hanceville; sons, Gary Pinkard, James Garland Ray of Haleyville, Darryal Ray of Fairhope, Alabama, and David Randal Ray and wife, Brenda of Daphne; and stepdaughter, Norma Jean Wren of Cullman; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren; and a large number of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Clifford McDonald and Mary Magdalene Osborn McDonald, Adison, and her brother, Purvis McDonald; stepdaughter, Ima Jean Ray Hardin; stepson, Willie Joe Ray; grandson, Danny Pinkard; and two other husbands, Floyd Pinkard and Alton F. Ray.

Pamela Kay Schulze, 70
Pamela Kay Schulze, age 70, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Pam was preceded in death by her parents Carl Rufus Whaley and Edith woods, and her brother Carl Ray Whaley. Pamela Kay Schulze passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones. She will be remembered as a fiercely devoted grandmother who treasured time with her grandson and cherished every moment spent with her family. Pamela had a deep love for animals, especially cats, horses, and eagles. She also found true peace in the great outdoors, whether she was riding her John Deere mower, cruising on a motorcycle, or simply soaking in the beauty of nature. Pamela embraced life with energy and independence. A true fan of classic rock, the music often echoed through her home and in her heart. Her spirit was as free and enduring as the songs she loved. Pamela's warmth, strength, and unshakable love for her family will leave a legacy that will never fade. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Pam is survived by her husband Robert J. Schulze, daughters Victoria Kay Jarrett, Kimberly Morgan Mittleman, sister Shirley Fay Suddeth and grandson, Cayden Sanford. A visitation for Pam will be held Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home Parlor G&H, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, followed by a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 4:00 PM. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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‘It gives families something different to do together outdoors’

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ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Participants crawl through the mud at the Stony Lonesome 5K Sasquatch Mud Run on May 10, 2025.

BREMEN, Ala. — Stony Lonesome OHV Park held its annual 5K Sasquatch Mud Run this past Saturday, May 10. Launched initially as a basic 5K mud run, the event evolved to include the now-iconic Sasquatch mascot, whom Park Manager Tyler Lindsey played himself to kick off the activities.

“I was actually dressed as Sasquatch this morning. I don’t run the 5K, but I get everyone started. The kids love it!” he said.

The event includes two tracks. A 5K obstacle course for more competitive runners and a 1-mile fun run to accommodate more families with young children.

“You’ll see little ones out there with their parents, just getting muddy and having fun,” Lindsey said. “It’s sweet. It gives families something different to do together outdoors.”

Lindsey said the event has been running for about eight or nine years, with proceeds helping support Cullman County Parks and Recreation by funding staff, maintenance and various outdoor programs.

“We’re careful with taxpayer dollars because we’re taxpayers, too,” he said. “It’s important for the community to see us out here, involved.”

The setup and cleanup for the event take over two weeks, but despite the hard work, Lindsey said, he loves the event and his job.

“It’s work, but I’ve been here 15 years. Stony Lonesome is home,” he said. “The people who come here are hardworking, family-oriented folks who know how to live life.”

Stony Lonesome is open Friday through Monday. The 1,456-acre-plus park features trails for ATVs, rock crawlers, dirt bikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, hikers, pedestrians and more. Get more info at www.stonylonesomeohv.us.



Water (from Front)

the Bolte Crossing subdivision.

“These flooding and drainage issues have been an ongoing problem in our subdivision since we purchased and moved into our new homes. Rausch Coleman Homes recently was acquired by Lennar Homes, and we have been continually asking them to resolve this issue over the past year.

“We’ve been told the flooding should go down after 48 hours. This is obviously not fixing the drainage and flooding rivers we have flowing through our backyards and front yards. It takes approximately five days of no rain for our backyards to be somewhat useable, albeit a muddy mess still. We have consulted with several landscaping companies, all of whom have stated that the grading in our backyards was done incorrectly and that to fix this issue, more dirt with relaying of sod and installation of drain tiles is necessary to correct the problem.

“This issue is an issue that is affecting every home in the Bolte Crossing HOA. Since we have little input in our HOA due to it being under Lennar’s developer control, we are asking for your assistance in this matter. We understand that the City of Cullman engineers are presently working with Lennar engineers trying to resolve this drainage and flooding issues of the streets. We just really want to make sure that not only street flooding and drainage is addressed. But also, our backyards and front yards drainage and flooding are addressed.

“Thanks so much for your time and consideration. We appreciate your commitment to the residents of Cullman, and we look forward to resolving this issue and making our HOA one of the best communities Cullman has to offer.”

Another resident, Jessica Pennington, said that Lennar Homes had just told her to wait for her yard to dry out, and that the developer had requested residents not to talk to outside entities about the issue.

The council called City Engineer Erica York to the microphone to respond. York told the residents that she has seen the issue for herself, and that the City is working with Lennar Homes to resolve the matter.

York told the residents, “We have obviously let them know that this is unacceptable. We’ve also let them know that they have to correct this immediately.

”And they are working, they are actively working to correct it. I’ve been on-site with both the developer and the consultant engineer, as well as the design engineer of record. We’ve all been collaborating on this effort to try and get this resolved.”

York said that the first issue addressed was grading of the land in the back of the subdivision that failed to direct water toward holding ponds, and that the developer had built a berm to redirect runoff properly. The second step in the response will be a LiDAR scan of the current topography, currently underway, that will be compared to the originally approved site plan “to make sure that the lots are graded properly.”

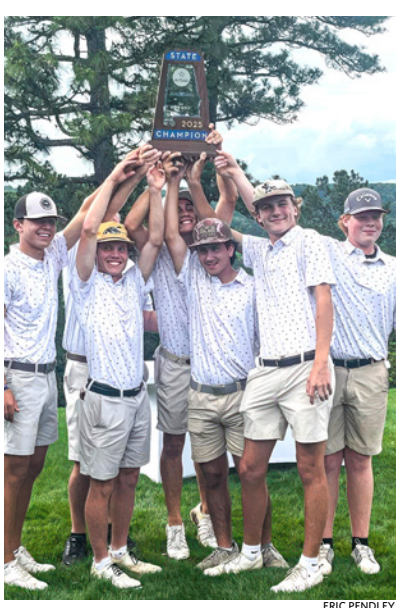
The developer has also been tasked to evaluate culverts installed in the neighborhood for proper drainage capacity.

York said that she felt like the developer was currently demonstrating a genuine desire to help the residents, and that her office will stay in contact with them to make sure the problem is resolved.

Tournament (from Front)

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — This year’s AHSAA State Golf Championships were held at RTJ Oxmoor Valley on Monday and Tuesday and our local golfers returned home with a lot of hardware. The West Point Warriors led the way by capturing their first 5A State Championship in program history, thanks in large part to stellar performances from Bailey Sutter (-10) and Rawlin Sutter (-5). Bailey earned low medalist honors and Rawlin earned a spot on the All-Tournament team. TB Pendley (+12) and Brooks Wilkins (+27) also posted counting scores for West Point.



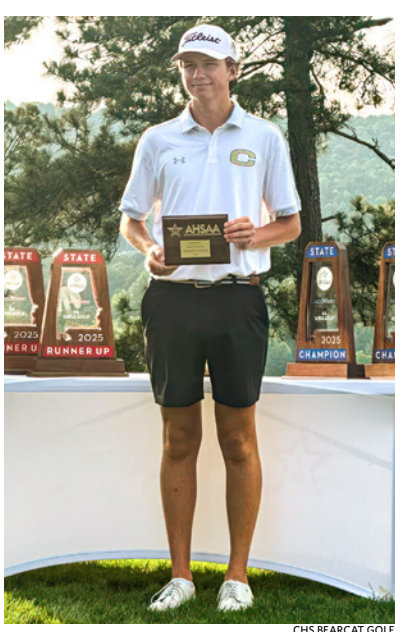
ERIC PENDLEY

The West Point Warriors won this year’s 5A State Championship at RTJ Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham on Tuesday.



WEST POINT GIRLS GOLF

The West Point Lady Warriors finished as the 5A runner up for the second consecutive season at RTJ Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham on Tuesday.



CHS BEARCAT GOLF

Cullman’s Will Drake shot -11 under par to finish as the 6A Boys state runner up at RTJ Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham.



VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Vinemont’s Abby Lee placed fifth in the 1A-3A Girls State Golf Tournament at RTJ Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham on Tuesday.

Meanwhile in the 4A-5A Girls’ competition, the West Point Lady Warriors were putting together a great performance as well, finishing as state runner ups for the second straight season. Brooklyn Sutter (+5) led the way for West Point and Charli Aris (+21) and Allie Freeman (+40) posted counting scores as well.

Individually, Cullman’s Will Drake capped his Bearcat career with two more great rounds in the 6A Boys tournament, starting with a 69 in round one and a personal best 64 in round two. His 36-hole score of -11 under par put him just one stroke behind Spain Park’s Chase Kyes, earning him state runner up honors.

Vinemont’s Abby Lee was in the field at the 1A-3A Girls tournament as well, finishing +25 after two rounds to place fifth.

Additions (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) was busy on Wednesday, loading up on a school bus in the morning and visiting several county schools. Two stops were particularly important, as the board officially celebrated the groundbreakings for new additions at Hanceville Middle School and the Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC).

Hanceville MS

The first stop was in Hanceville to break ground on a $3.3 million, long-awaited addition to Hanceville Middle School. The addition includes several classrooms, a library and meeting space, as well as a tornado shelter. The new building will replace Edmondson Hall, one of the oldest buildings in the district. The CCBOE will be able to complete this project by using state funds and grant funds.

“It’s no secret that Hanceville has been neglected for several years as far as our infrastructure here, but we’ve come a long way and we’re getting where we need to be.

”While these buildings that we tore down are super important to the history of Hanceville, we’ve got to move forward and look for what’s best for our kids. I think this is a huge addition to that,” Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said.

“We’re also remodeling the elementary building for the growth. Hanceville continues to grow and I’m sure you’ve heard that we’re going to separate it into two different schools.

”We’re going to have a Hanceville Primary School and a Hanceville Elementary School. That’ll allow us to be more hands on running those schools and allow for growth as well.”

“We are very excited because we’re growing. Numbers at the elementary school are huge and this will provide us the space to accommodate those students when they move up,” HMS Principal Elizabeth Watwood said. “It’s going to be nice. We’ll be spread out and have more classrooms. It’s been a while since we’ve had an update at the middle school so we’re all very excited.”

CDC

The next time they broke out the shovels was in Vinemont at the CDC. The $2.4 million addition will include eight classrooms, and each classroom will have a bathroom. The facility will also serve as a storm shelter for the campus.

These changes will also allow for the car rider line to move to the back of the campus, and more parking spaces will be added. This project is also being built using state funds and grant funds.

“We are extremely excited and extremely thankful to Dr. Barnette and the Cullman County Board of Education members for seeing the need to invest in our school and our students here.

”It’s been great. In the last two years here, we’ve had a lot of changes. We added the lobby, painted the building, made some facility upgrades and getting this new building is just kind of the cherry on top,” CDC Principal Trett Hardman said.

“It’s going to be additional classrooms on the back of the campus and some of our rooms here that are smaller in size will be able to move out there to have a full-size classroom.

”Within that we’ll also have bathrooms and with some of the needs of our students here that’s going to make it easier for our staff to help with that. We’re super thrilled and super excited to have it.”

Said Barnette, “As you could see from walking inside and seeing how cramped we are in there, we’re way behind schedule to have something like this. It’s much needed and this is just the beginning. I know we’re going to need some other facilities, but this will get us into the future a little bit. These kids are the reason why we’re doing it, and it can’t get done fast enough.”

