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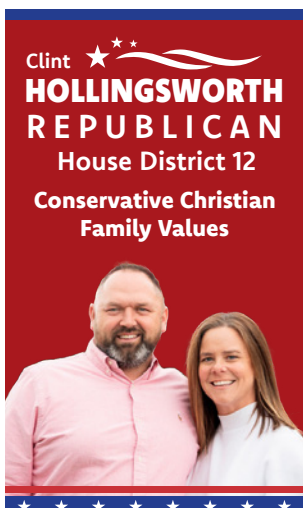
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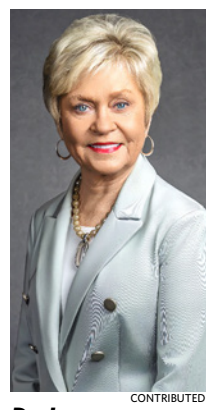
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## Brad Smith announces Cullman City Council candidacy



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# Local, state law enforcement: Memorial Day Weekend sees decreased activity



CITY OF CULLMAN, CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ALEA

*Left to right are Cullman Assistant Police Chief Brandon Patterson, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Secretary Hal Taylor.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency reported decreased Memorial Day Weekend activity.

Cullman Police Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson said CPD officers managed two DUI arrests over the weekend, and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said the weekend wasn't bad overall for deputies.

"We had two DUI arrests, six drug-related arrests, multiple domestic violence arrests and warrants served," Gentry said.

The CPD and CCSO had additional officers and deputies patroling over the weekend to help enforce safety amid Memorial Day celebrations.

ALEA reported fewer lives lost over Memorial Day Weekend 2025, announcing a notable decrease in traffic- and marine-related fatalities compared to the same period last year.

"From Friday, May 23, to Monday, May 26, ALEA Troopers only investigated three traffic-related fatalities this year, a 50% reduction from six in 2024. Additionally, there were no boating fatalities on Alabama's waterways, a marked improvement from one recorded during the 2024 holiday weekend," said a media release from ALEA. "The fatal traffic crashes occurred in Pike, Morgan and Bibb counties."

It continued, "While the Agency emphasizes that even one loss of life is one too many, the decline in fatalities on both roadways and waterways is a positive indication that the continuous efforts of ALEA Troopers assigned to both the Highway and Marine Patrol Divisions, along with the Agency's strategic education and safety messaging, are truly having an impact."

"This year's numbers reflect progress, but we are reminded that each statistic represents a life lost and families forever changed," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "Our goal is always zero fatalities, and we remain committed to enforcing traffic and boating laws, while educating the public on safe practices throughout the summer months."

Memorial Day Weekend also marked the official launch of ALEA's annual "101 Days of Summer Safety" campaign, which runs through Labor Day.

The campaign focuses on reducing crashes, fatalities and injuries through increased enforcement and public outreach during the busy summer travel season.

"Our Troopers in both Highway Patrol and Marine Patrol will be out » PAGE 7

## Good Hope Council vacates portion of Williams Drive, awards bid for multi-use community center



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## Vinemont council moves forward on water bottle refill station at South Vinemont Trail



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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported May 28

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 28, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**May 22**

- burglary; criminal mischief; Finley Cir.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 940
- domestic violence; CR 933
- theft of property; Main St. SE Hanceville
- criminal mischief; CR 1338
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; CR 730
- violation of protection order; CR 702
- trespassing; Brighter St. Hanceville
- criminal mischief; CR 2114
- assault; CR 1659

**May 23**

- domestic violence; College Dr. NE
- aggravated assault; attempted murder; CR 515
- theft of property; CR 316
- theft of property; domestic violence; Colony Rd.
- theft of property; CR 88
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 530
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1732
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1643
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 747
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; I65SB MM 299
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N

**May 24**

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 1598
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd Ave. SE
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 813
- domestic violence; CR 723
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1043
- reckless endangerment; CR 649

**May 25**

- cruelty to animals; CR 573
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1281
- domestic violence; CR 573
- burglary; Gladys Pl. Hanceville
- domestic violence; Heatherly Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 430

**ARRESTS**

**May 22-25**

**Aycock, Gregory W.; 55**
- FTA – homicide-manslaughter (2 counts)
- FTA – abuse of a corpse

**Beasley, Anthony R.; 53**
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – follow too close

**Blackstock, Katelyn S.; 29**
- permitting dogs to run at large

**Burks, Kenneth A.; 24**
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

**Conn, Fredrick W.; 65**
- possession of methamphetamine

**Falls, Russell L.; 31**
- permitting dogs to run at large

**Farr, Larry D.; 64**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

**Feemster, Dakota A.; 18**
- attempting to elude a police officer

**Fowler, Jason T.; 34**
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

**Fulton, Brandon K.; 41**
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

**Gann, Karanda L.; 35**
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

**Goff, Jamar M.; 22**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-aggravated assault police officer-other weapon

**Hale, Joshua S.; 31**
- driving while license suspended

**Hilburn, Kevin L.; 39**
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – DUI (alcohol)
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Lee, Richard D.; 39**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Maddux, Felicia N.; 34**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Marshall, Shea M.; 45**
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

**Moctezuma, Kimberly L.; 32**
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

**Mooney, Cheranda R.; 39**
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Myrick, Brandi M.; 48**
- possession of methamphetamine

**Nichols, Quittney L.; 32**
- FTA – passing forged instrument

**Paris, Johnie D.; 54**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Perry, Michael C.; 43**
- possession of methamphetamine
- tampering with physical evidence
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of synthetic narcotic

**Powell, Daiquiri T.; 35**
- FTA – failure to signal

**Pugh, Sabrina K.; 47**
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

**Rammirez, Juan J.; 48**
- DUI (alcohol)

**Riggs, Jennifer N.; 35**
- DUI (other substance)

**Salazar, Michael T.; 20**
- FTA – resident license – freshwater fishing

**Simmons, Amanda R.; 43**
- public intoxication

**Stevens, Leroy C.; 42**
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – violation of a domestic violence protection order

**Tackett, Cainon R.; 21**
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

**Taylor, Joshua L.; 48**
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

**Turner, Franklin J.; 46**
- PROBATION VIOLATION – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- PROBATION VIOLATION – buying/receiving stolen property
- PROBATION VIOLATION – attempting to elude a police officer

**Villa, Alexis B.; 22**
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

**Westbrook, Leah D.; 34**
- FTA – burglary-residence-force
- harassing communications

**Wilson Sr., Troy C.; 39**
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

**Woodruff, Charles R.; 48**
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-gun
- assault-aggravated assault-a to m aggravated assault (attempted murder)

**Wynn, Danny B.; 54**
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic violence - strangulation or suffocation

**Yeager, Jason L.; 43**
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**May 21**
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; St. Joseph St. NW

**May 22**
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $56; Olive St. SW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- burglary-3rd degree; person; dogs; $3,600; Katherine St. NW
- theft of lost property; person; purse & contents; MarktPlatz Ctr. SW

**May 23**
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $28; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $32; Olive St. SW

**May 24**
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $217; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $45; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; Cooper Cir. SW

**May 25**
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Derby Dr. SE
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; City of Cullman; Lee Ave. SW
- harassing communications; person

**May 26**
- theft of property-4th degree; Pepsi Cola Distributing Co.; miscellaneous; $24; Casey Ave. SE
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Convent Rd. NE

**May 27**
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; City of Cullman; miscellaneous; 2nd Ave. NE

**ARRESTS**

**May 21**

**Little, James E.; 42**
- certain person forbidden to possess firearm

**Walker, Amanda H.; 43**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Link, Adam C.; 33**
- public intoxication

**Fuller, Kagun D.; 29**
- theft of property-4th degree

**Smith, Rickey K.; 41**
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)

**Brunner, James L.; 58**
- GJ – theft of property-2nd degree
- GJ – possessing forged instrument

**Smith Jr., John T.; 41**
- FTA – driving while suspended

**Ali, Dawaad A.; 20**
- stalking

**Ball, Brian J.; 47**
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – switched tag

**Lindsey, Claire E.; 28**
- public intoxication

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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• 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 Repair**
New session begins June 1, at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. 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**
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• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

**Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD**
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, May 30 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, June 1 - 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.

**Cullman County Relay For Life Benefit Car Show**
Saturday, May 31, from 5-9 p.m. at Depot Park. Organized as part of Cullman's Relay For Life efforts, the event aims to raise funds for cancer research and support services. Registration for vehicles will begin at 4:30 p.m., with cars, trucks, bikes, rat rods and project vehicles welcome to participate. Vehicles will park on both sides of Arnold Street, with overflow parking available along the side streets and around the Depot Park. A $20 donation is requested to enter a vehicle into the show, with all proceeds benefiting the Cullman Relay For Life through the Cars for a Cure team.

**Relay For Life of Cullman County**
Saturday, May 31, from 5-10 p.m. at Depot Park. This event is not just about raising awareness; it's about taking decisive action to enhance the lives of those touched by cancer. Your participation fuels vital programs in advocacy, research, and patient support, ensuring that no one faces cancer alone. Together, we can make a genuine difference!

**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.

**Rock the South**
Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21 at York Farms, 1872 County Road 469, Cullman. Headliners include Hank Williams Jr., Kid Rock and Nickelback. Get tickets and more info at www.rockthesouth.com.

**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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# 'I want to be remembered as the kind of person that never turned anyone away': Cullman Christian's Destiny Siegel reflects on Lion years

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman Christian's Destiny Siegel collected her diploma recently and in this interview, she shares some of her favorite memories from her time cheerleading alongside her friends and teammates.

"Some of my favorite memories are from going on trips to other schools for away games. I especially loved being able to talk to my friends on the way there and the calm rides back after the games. My best friend, Reagan Calvert, cheered with me as well, and I remember sitting next to her almost every bus ride just talking for hours. The practices after school were sometimes tedious and a struggle, but I had some of the best times with the other girls on the team," Siegel said. "It was hard at times. However, I learned a lot about friendship from them. They stood up for me and helped me with anything I needed help with. They really showed me what Christian friendships were like and how to build a good foundation of people around you to really thrive in a community like that. They were always there for me."

Destiny cheered under a couple of different coaches at Cullman Christian, and she soaked up as much as she could from both of them.

"My first year, I had Rebekah Lockhart. She was incredibly motivational and supportive to the entire squad. She put us first on quite a few occasions and made sure we practiced and looked good on the court. My second year, I had Amanda Rice, and she led the team with kindness while also making sure we did what we needed to do. She even drove me to an away game one time when I didn't have a ride, and she never once complained. Even if we continuously messed up on one thing, she talked us through it and made sure we all had smiles on our faces at the end of the day, no matter what," Siegel said. "I learned determination and setting goals that help you grow and learn from Mrs. Lockhart, and from Mrs. Rice, I learned how to be kind while also being respected and listened to."

Some of her favorite memories came from bus rides with her teammates and she will miss so much about cheering at Cullman Christian.

"I definitely enjoyed away games more than home games. Seeing the courts at other schools and having those long bus rides are some things I'll definitely cherish when I look back on my high school years," Siegel said. "I will remember the friendships and the feeling of accomplishment when I finally got something I'd been practicing for weeks. My friends stood by me for all four years at Cullman Christian, and they helped me get through the hardest times of my life. I'll always miss them and try to visit them as much as I can, because they supported me so much."

Destiny made so many great high school memories at Cullman Christian that it was hard for her narrow it down

"I loved anything that I did with Reagan, from the plays and performances we did through theater and choir, to being in class and asking our teachers questions about life. I enjoyed talking to a few of my teachers about anything and everything, especially Mrs. Robertson. She was always close to me and my problems and always supported my love of reading and writing. I still feel like I can't thank her enough for what she's done. Another one of my favorite memories is making a diamond painting of my Bible teacher, Mr. Rutherford, as a gag gift for Christmas. It had hundreds of dots, and it took Reagan and I hours to complete it. One thing I'll definitely remember is the look on his face as we gave it to him. I also remember all of the speeches I gave during my time at Cullman Christian. I found a love of public speaking through all of my time writing, revising, and giving speeches there."

She will cherish the time that she spent at Cullman Christian, and a lot of people helped her out in a big way while she was there.

"What made Cullman Christian special to go to was the community. My teachers and friends supported me throughout everything. When I was struggling with my faith, I went to my teachers. They gave me one-on-one advice about specific things I was dealing with and even gave me Bible verses for me to look at when I needed to. The friends I made there are still around and still keep up with me, even the ones that have already graduated. All of my friends were there for me when I needed it, late nights or early mornings. The community of people there is unmatched. The amount of time the teachers spend learning about their students and creating lifelong relationships with them is amazing."

Destiny participated in several clubs while she was in school and learned a lot from those experiences as well.

"I'll always remember the advice my teachers gave me when I was having a tough day, and I was overwhelmed with everything. They always told me to pray and that God will provide for me, and He won't give me anything I can't get through. I'll miss all the people that helped me through my journey, all the time I spent with my classmates, and I know I'll miss learning Trigonometry, Apologetics, and English from those that also taught me how to care for others, be empathetic, and never give up," she said. "I did Choir and theater my whole four years at Cullman Christian, and I was part of the Math Team with the rest of my Trigonometry class. I did the Chic-fil-A Leader Academy with my classmates, and I was also part of the 30s Club for my reading score on the ACT," she said.

"All of those extracurricular activities helped me with my determination and perseverance throughout my school years. Choir and theater were a bit anxiety-inducing at some points, but they really helped me break out of my shell back when I was really shy. My Math Team practice really helped me to focus and push through while also helping my critical thinking. What I'll really take away from all of those activities is the partnership and bonds I made with the people around me. We all helped each other study and practice so we could be the best together."

Destiny earned several scholarships from some multiple colleges, and she is looking forward to getting started at the University of North Alabama this fall.

"I got a Presidential Scholarship to Alabama A&M and Wallace State, an Honors College Scholarship to UNA, along with another $7,500 scholarship to UNA. I received the Tennessee Valley Scholarship and the Raymond F. and Mary Deeters Endowed Scholarship from UNA as well. I was truly honored to have all of those scholarships. It made me feel incredibly accomplished and like all of my hard work really paid off. I'll be attending UNA this August, and I will major in Entrepreneurship. I really enjoyed the way the school felt overall. The town of Florence, while being a big town, has a small town feel to it and is somewhat reminiscent of Cullman. The people at UNA were welcoming and accepting. The campus felt like home, and the people felt like my friends already."

Destiny shared some advice with the students that will be starting high school in August and she talked about the role God has played in her life as well.

"I'd definitely tell them to go in with an open mind and a loving heart. As someone that had a rough time in elementary and middle school, I felt very closed off starting high school. The people at Cullman Christian helped me come out of my shell, but it took a lot. You never know what could be going on in someone's life when you see them, so I would just say to look at people for who they are, not what they seem to be," she said. "He has been a foundation of my life since I was a kid, and He's always been there for me. When I felt like I was alone, I would pray and talk to Him, and He would show me the people in my life I cared about. When I wanted to give up, He put people in my life that encouraged me and built me up, and when I felt like I wasn't good enough, He assured me through signs and through my friends that I was on the right track. I just needed to keep believing in Him, and everything would work out in His glory."

Destiny shared a couple of her favorite Bible verses that helped her through tough times in her life.

"One of my favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 16:24: 'Kind words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones'. This has been my favorite verse for years now. This verse has inspired me to use kinder words when talking to people, and not to put others down. After attending Cullman Christian, I learned how important it is to be nice to others and to show the love of God through your words. Another verse that has meant a lot to me recently has been Luke 6:27-31: 'But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you'," Destiny said. "This verse means so much to me, because I truly have struggled with forgiving those that have hurt me. After discovering this verse, I prayed on it for a long time and was eventually able to let go of all my resentment and pain from my younger years, and it lifted a huge burden off my shoulders. This verse really did help me with the things I had struggled with in my darkest times."

She wants people to remember for the way she was around other people and for helping point them towards God.

"I want people to remember me as the kind of person they could go to for anything and not be judged. I tried my best to support those around me and give the best advice I could while pointing them towards God. I want to be remembered as the kind of person that never turned anyone away because of their past and accepted everyone for who they are.

"I hope that people remember me as the kind of person that truly cared for others and genuinely wanted to know them for who they are and not the person people say they are. The amount of people at Cullman Christian that came to me with issues they were too afraid to talk about with anyone else encouraged me to keep pushing through my own struggles so I could give more experienced advice with certain things."



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***Cullman Christian's Destiny Siegel***







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# Record number complete Wallace State Adult Education, Workforce programs

**Special to The Cullman Tribune**

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Wallace State Community College celebrated the accomplishments of hundreds of students who over the last year have earned more than 2,000 individual certifications and degrees through its Adult Education, Workforce Development and Skills for Success programs.

"Graduates, congratulations all that you have accomplished," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "We are very proud to be a part of your story and wish you continued success as you move forward in your education or career."

"Collectively, you have earned 2,298 individual certifications and degrees, including 72 high school diplomas, 745 industry-recognized credentials/certifications and 1,293 ACCS Skills for Success certifications," said Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement and innovation at Wallace State.

"While each of you may have traveled a different path to be here tonight, your accomplishments are great, and Wallace State is honored to have been a part of your journey," Harbin said.

Adult Education Director Patti Wilkins encouraged those graduating with their GED and Alabama Career Essentials (ACE) Certifications to continue their education.

"Please do not stop here," she said. "We have many resources to help you pay for tuition to earn a degree or certification that will help you enter the workforce with a bright future.

"We are here to assist you and stand ready to support you in transitioning into a training or certification program. Tonight marks the beginning of the next chapter in your journey."

Wilkins also presented two instructors with Gold Star Teacher Awards during the ceremony — GED and ESL instructor Vicki Leggett and CDL instructor Steven Adams.

Two graduates were chosen to speak about their journey — Kayden Howell, who earned a Phlebotomy certificate, and Tiffany Hanes who earned her GED.

Howell said he first took the phlebotomy course out of curiosity. His experience in the program provided a boost in confidence and has inspired him to continue his education at Wallace State, where he will apply to the Nursing program.

"I have found a passion I didn't know I had and I'm more excited to see where it takes me," Howell said.

Hanes began taking GED and ACE classes at The Link of Cullman County while recovering from addiction through the Restoring Women Outreach program. "I'm now two years sober and I have this exciting opportunity to pursue my dream of going to college," she said. "Finally, I found my worth and I'm reaching for my dreams despite my fears." She plans to start taking classes at Wallace State this fall, and her long-term goal is to earn a degree in counseling.

They were followed by guest speaker Lindsay Cline, the Southeastern Regional Director at the U.S. Navy Maritime Industrial Base.

"To sum up my life, well, it did not go as planned," Cline said. "I'm honored to be here and tell you about that and to tell you what lies on the other side of a life that doesn't go as planned when you just refuse to quit."

Cline said every graduate has experienced struggles, but they made the choice to persist.

"Not a single person in this room had it easy," she said. "Every last one of you has struggled. Every last one of you has experienced something so tough that you may not have even talked about it. And every last one of you have been in a situation that required tremendous courage to overcome. And all of you had a choice – a choice to quit or the choice to persevere. You chose to live, and you chose to be here.

"Not everyone is blessed with the critical opportunity to learn the lessons that folks who don't have it easy get to learn," she continued. "You're different. You've been given a chance that not everyone receives. The chance to use all of those struggles and all of those stories and all those heartbreaks to build the life of your dreams."

As is tradition at Wallace State graduation ceremonies, several graduates are spotlighted to share their success story.

**Cynthia Lara**
Lara successfully completed the phlebotomy program in December 2024 while also serving as a volunteer firefighter with Hanceville, Harbin said. She demonstrated exceptional dedication and compassion in her clinical training. She is currently employed as a phlebotomist at Decatur Morgan Hospital.

**Zackery Pritt**
Pritt began his career exploration in the Skills for Success program. After completing multiple classes, he built a strong foundation and interest in learning more. He went on to complete a Welding Boot Camp, where he gained practical skills and industry knowledge. Now preparing to start work in the welding field, Zackery is also finishing his GED. He plans to enroll in the Wallace State welding program this fall to continue advancing his education and career goals.

**Abbie Lewis**
At the age of 2, Lewis lost her father to violence and the years that followed were filled with trials, transitions and searching for belonging, stability and love. But she held on and hoped. At 16, she found her forever family, who not only gave her a home, but their hearts. They believed in her, supported her and helped her believe in herself. Today, she has earned her GED and plans to pursue a degree in cosmetology.

**Katie Holmes**
Holmes struggled in school due to various health issues and became homeschooled during elementary school. She since became a wife and mother but had always desired to get her high school diploma with the goal of possibly starting a career in the medical coding field. She learned of the GED program in Arley from her brother, who completing his GED and decided to enroll. Still struggling with health concerns, Holmes pressed forward and has successfully earned her GED. She thanks her instructor, Krista Givens, whom she calls a godsend.

**Haley Copeland**
Through her training and hands-on experience, Copeland has developed a solid foundation in both clinical and administrative aspects of pharmacy operations. After completing the program, she began her career at Specialty RX Pharmacy in Cullman, a closed-door pharmacy that demands precision, independence and strong collaboration skills. She has shown exceptional proficiency in pharmacy software systems, meticulous attention to detail and outstanding organizational skills.

**Taylor Mullinax**
Through hard work and determination, Mullinax achieved significant milestones: earning her high school diploma, the Alabama Certified Employee (ACE) certification, the Healthcare MAP certification and the Skills for Success Mental Health Worker certificate. These accomplishments reflect her perseverance and the support of Compass Ministries' Compass Group volunteers, workers and leaders.

**Devon Clark**
Devyon began his journey with Wallace State as an Adult Education student and has excelled through multiple Workforce programs with outstanding determination. His growth, commitment and eagerness to learn have made a lasting impression on everyone who has worked with him. He is graduating tonight with a record breaking 10 Skills for Success credentials as well as completing Diesel Boot Camp and was named the Outstanding Adult Education and Workforce Student of the Year. He is currently enrolled at Wallace State taking his prerequisites for the physical therapy assistant program.

**Mary-Tarisa Jimenez**
Over the past three years, Jimenez demonstrated strength in overcoming hindrances to complete her GED. She has remained focused on her educational goals, consistently demonstrating a genuine passion for learning and a willingness to help fellow students. Additionally, Jimenez has set an inspiring example by actively seeking feedback to improve her understanding of challenging subjects. Her journey is an ideal example of what can be accomplished through a positive attitude, hard work, perseverance and dedication. She was named the Outstanding Adult Education GED Student of the Year.

**Mario Nunez Gonzalez**
Last year, Gonzalez was selected as our Outstanding English Language Learner of the Year. He has shown extraordinary dedication and resilience in his educational journey and His story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the importance of support systems in the workforce. This year Wallace State is excited to honor him as a GED graduate.

For more information about Wallace State's Adult Education courses, visit www.wallacestate.edu/adulted or call 256-352-7859. For more information about opportunities available through the Center for Career and Workforce Development, visit www.wallacestate.edu/ccwd or call 256-352-7451.

# Good Hope (from Front)

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**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** — Good Hope's City Council held its second May meeting at Good Hope City Hall Tuesday night and they kicked things off with a public hearing regarding the vacation of Williams Drive. After hearing public comments, the council closed the hearing and approved Resolution No: 010-2025 to vacate the property. The Council then moved on to its next new business items, appointing officers for the upcoming Municipal election and adjusting pay for the city attorney.

Before adjourning, the council discussed bids for the city's multi-use community center project and after going through different funding options, awarded the bid to Waggoner Engineering. The bid with Waggoner is also contingent on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approval.

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

**RESOLUTION**
**NO: 010-2025**
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF WILLIAMS DRIVE

"WHEREAS, the City of Good Hope, an Alabama municipality, is the owner of the street known as Williams Drive, legal description marked as Exhibit "B" Road to be Vacated; and

WHEREAS, CITY OF GOOD HOPE, an Alabama Municipality, is the owner of the

WHEREAS, a Petition to vacate a portion of the southwesterly right-of-way of County Road #437, duly executed by CITY OF GOOD HOPE, as the abutting property owner, has been presented to the City Council (the "City Council') of the City of Good Hope, Alabama (the "City"), a municipal corporation, for the assent and approval of the governing body, said Petition with map attached being hereto affixed, marked Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Petition is filed in accordance with the provisions of 823-4-20, Code of

Alabama, 1975, which provides that any street or alley may be vacated, in whole or in part, by the owner or owners of the land abutting the street or alley or abutting that portion of the street or alley desired to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the right-of-way of Williams Drive to be vacated is more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the purported Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama; Thence along the accepted North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 589°47'57" W 848.96 Feet to a point; Thence S05°49'57" W 17.67 feet to a found magnetic nail at the intersection of the center Of Williams Drive (Known as Old Bremen Road) and the Southerly Right of Way Of Municipal Drive being the point of beginning of the center of said road to be Vacated (Right of Way being 10 feet either side of the following described Centerline); Thence along the center of Williams Drive (Know as Old Bremen Road) the following chord bearings and distances: S05°49'57" W 63.37 feet to a Found magnetic nail; Thence S12°42'30" W 69.44 feet to a found magnetic nail; Thence S12°40'19" Wfeet to a found magnetic nail; Thence S23°06'27" W 64.70 Feet to a found magnetic nail; Thence S13°44'37" W 43.23 feet to a found ½" Capped rebar (Conn L.S. #17831); Thence S14°41'49" W 24.53 feet to a found ½" capped rebar (Conn L.S. #17831); Thence S15°03'33" W 93.54 feet to a Set magnetic nail; Thence S14°59'01" W 56.92 feet to a set magnetic nail; Thence S17°23'36"' W 36.16 feet to a set magnetic nail; Thence S20°07'36" W 25.47 feet To a set magnetic nail; Thence S27°47'09" W 18.02 feet to a set magnetic nail on The Northerly Right of Way of Municipal Drive being the end of the center of Said road.

Being further described according to and as shown on that certain survey or drawing prepared by Kelly L. Whitfield, Registered Surveyor, Licensed Professional No. 19901, attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B".

WHEREAS, said portion of Williams Drive - Exhibit B is not being used by anyone as a public street; and

WHEREAS, the Petition states that no property owners will be deprived of any right they may have to convenient and reasonable means of ingress and egress to and from their property as a result of the requested vacation; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the City Council on the day of May 27, 2025 at which all persons were given the opportunity to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the public hearing was provided in accordance with §23-4-2, Code of Alabama, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to vacate said portion as described in the attached Petition and said portion of the right-of-way of said street should be vacated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Good Hope that the vacation of the above-described portion of is assented to and approved and the same is hereby vacated pursuant to the provisions of Section 23-4-20, et.seq. of the Code of Alabama, and also pursuant to said Code in §35-2-54, subject to the conditions below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vacation of said portion of the southwesterly right-of-way of County Road #437, and the conveyance of the vacated right-of-way to Petitioner are subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions by Petitioner:

The Petitioner shall convey to the Utilities Board of the City of Good Hope, in a form satisfactory to the Board, any utility easement as depicted on the survey or drawing prepared by Kelly L. Whitfield, Registered Surveyor, attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B".

The Petitioner shall convey to the City of Good Hope, in a form satisfactory to the City Attorney, an easement for the installation, replacement, inspection, maintenance and repair of an environmental monitoring well as depicted on the survey or drawing prepared by Kelly L. Whitfield, Registered Surveyor, attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Good Hope, Alabama, a municipal corporation, remise, release and quitclaim unto CITY OF GOOD HOPE, whatever right, title and interest the said City of Good Hope, Alabama, may have acquired in and to the above-described portion of South 10 Street by virtue of the dedication or vacation of said roadway or otherwise, subject to the reservation of the above-described water main easement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon satisfaction of the above conditions, Jerry Bartlett, the Mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, a municipal corporation, be and he is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to execute a quitclaim deed to CITY OF GOOD HOPE, subject to the reservation of the above-described water main easement, for the purpose of carrying out the intent and intention of this Resolution and that Christie Chamblee, City Clerk, be and is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to attest the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk will cause a copy of this Resolution to be filed in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and shall further cause a copy of this Resolution to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama, no less than fourteen (14) days after its adoption."

**RESOLUTION #012-2025**
RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS

"WHEREAS, a Regular Municipal Election will be held in the City of Good Hope on the 26th day of August, 2025; and a runoff election to be held, if necessary, on the 23rd day of September, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides, in part, that the municipal governing body, not less than 15 days before the holding of any municipal election, shall appoint from the qualified electors of the municipality, officers to hold the election as follows: where electronic ballot counters are used, at least one inspector and three clerks.

Inspector pay for election day to be $150.00 and all other clerks will be $125.00. Additional $25.00 to be added for attending election class on Thursday, August 7, 2025, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Good Hope,

Alabama that the election officers for said election shall be as follows:

Inspector: Roger Gentry
Registration List Clerk: Wendy Waldrep
Poll List Clerk: Tammy Howard
Ballot Clerk: Will Waldrep
Ballot Clerk: Cynthia Shabel

**RESOLUTION**
**NO: 013-2025**
REVISE CITY ATTORNEY PAY

"BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Good Hope, Alabama that the Honorable Rita P. Nicholas, Attorney at Law, was appointed to the office of Good Hope City Attorney and hold such office until such time as her successor is appointed and qualified with Resolution No: 017-2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said City Attorney shall not only truly represent the City of Good Hope but that it shall be her duty to represent and be the Attorney for each and all of the Boards and Commissions that do operate or may during the term of this appointment operate with and under the municipal authority of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, as proved by the laws of the State of Alabama. It shall be the duty of the City Attorney to advise and consult with the Mayor, Council, Clerk, Department Supervisors, Officials of the various municipal boards and other municipal officers with regard to various legal problems that may arise in their respective positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Attorney shall receive a retainer of $1,000.00 as a monthly retainer and such additional sums as the Council may from time to time approve, beginning on the 1st day of June, 2025."

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# Folsom (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman City Council President Dr. Jenny Folsom has announced her re-election bid. Folsom began her fourth term on Nov. 2, 2020. She served as council president pro tem during her first three terms and was named council president in August 2018. Folsom serves in Place 5 and chairs the Council's General Government Committee.

**Below is Folsom's re-election bid announcement:**

Dr. Jenny Folsom has announced her intent to seek re-election to Place 5 on the Cullman City Council, emphasizing a record of results, strong community relationships, and a commitment to building on the progress made over the past term. She currently serves as the President of the Cullman City Council and is Chairman of the General Government Committee which includes finance, economic development, and human resources.

"Serving the people of Cullman has been one of the greatest honors of my life," said Councilwoman Folsom.

"We've worked hard to strengthen public safety, support local businesses, improve infrastructure, and ensure that Cullman remains one of the best places in Alabama to live and raise a family."

Folsom spent her career in education as both a teacher and administrator. After graduating from Cullman High School, she obtained a bachelor's degree from Auburn University, a master's from UAB, and a doctorate degree from the University of Alabama. She spent the last 22 years of her career at Wallace State Community College where she served as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs.

Jenny is an experienced city leader who understands our community and brings a proven track record of leadership, planning, financial responsibility, and increasing quality of life opportunities. During her time in office, Jenny has played a role in numerous initiatives that have delivered tangible results such as widening AL Hwy 157, constructing a new civic center/OmniPlex, securing modern equipment for the police and fire departments, and the recent purchase of a new community arts facility. She is especially proud of the renovation of community parks that are now inclusive for children of all ages and abilities.

"I look forward to representing everyone fairly as we move into a new chapter that includes responsible growth, improved infrastructure, and financial stability. While I am proud of what the council has accomplished, there is more work to do," Folsom said. One of her top priorities is continuing the work to acquire funding for the widening of the St. Bernard Bridge and addressing issues the City of Cullman is facing such as an increase in traffic and advocating for responsible growth.

During her tenure, Cullman has thrived in economic development and achieved the lowest unemployment rate in the history of Cullman. Local industries have invested over $1 Billion into the economy, and Cullman continuously ranks #1 in Alabama for expanding industries.

As a career educator, Jenny is especially proud of the city's 10-year commitment of $600,000 per year to the Cullman City Schools long-term capital improvement plan – without increasing taxes.

Folsom stated, "It is a privilege to serve my community. I believe my track record speaks for itself. Cullman deserves leadership that knows the job and is ready to keep delivering on day one. I will listen to the concerns of all community members while continuing to lead with transparency and honesty. I respectfully ask for your vote on August 26th."

**Cullman's Municipal Election will take place Aug. 26, 2025.**

LEGALS

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 Eddie M Forster, and spouse and Glenda A Forster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AHL Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 14, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on September 7, 2007 in Deed Book 1536, Page 419, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 290, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, 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 July 10, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 2014.18 feet to a found iron at the Southeast Corner of Lot 9 of Richmond Estates Subdivision (Plat Book B, Page 323 A); thence South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along the accepted east line of said forty a distance of 347.32 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning, continue South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along said accepted east line a distance of 313.01 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the accepted Southeast Corner of the above described forty; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds West the accepted south line of said forty a distance of 153.55 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 313.95 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 153.55 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **741 County Road 695, Holly Pond, AL 35083**.

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.

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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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INVITATION TO BID

Project: Sanitary Sewer System Expansion for Proposed Jack's Family Restaurant
(herein referred to as the 'Project').

Owner: The Town of Fairview, Alabama
7525 Alabama Highway 69 North
Cullman, AL 35058

Engineer: St. John & Associates, Inc.
508 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Date: May 29, 2025

Sealed Bids for the completion of the Project located in Fairview, Alabama will be received at the location of the bid opening until 2:00 pm, local time, on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Any Bids received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 North, Cullman, AL 35058.

The Project generally consists of erosion and sediment control, installation of a prepackaged sanitary sewer pump station, construction of the associated force main including jack and bore casing installation for a highway crossing, associated appurtenances and site restoration upon start-up and substantial completion. The Project extends from the site of the former Narrell Tractor along the east side of Wesley Avenue to the existing system near Academic Drive. The Owner requires the Project to be substantially complete in 90 calendar days from the date that the Contract Times commence to run as indicated on the Notice to Proceed.

A prebid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 North, Cullman, AL 35058. Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project.

In order to Bid on the Project, the Bidder shall possess a valid General Contractor's license for work in the State of Alabama. The Contractor's license number shall be clearly indicated on the outside of sealed Bid envelopes. Bidder and its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable licensing requirements of the Code of Alabama, federal and local Laws or Regulations.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid must accompany the bidder's proposal. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) and evidence of insurance as prescribed in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are directed to the Instructions to Bidders - Document 00 21 15 and the other Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer; hard-copy documents may be obtained upon nonrefundable payment of $150.00 for each set of documents, including one set of drawings, legal requirements and specifications. Digital copies of the bid documents are also available at www.SJAOnline.com for a fee of $50.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the 'Planroom' link. For assistance and free registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bid shall be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

By: The Town of Fairview, Alabama
Mr. Keith Henry, Mayor

# Weekend (from Front)

in full force across Alabama to ensure everyone gets to their destinations and return home safely," Taylor added.

"We urge all motorists and boaters to do their part by staying alert, obeying laws and never operating a vehicle or vessel under the influence."

The release stated, "The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency extends its deepest condolences to the families impacted by this weekend's tragedies and remains dedicated to promoting safety on the roads and waterways throughout the state.

"ALEA's efforts over the Memorial Day weekend included increased patrols, driver license checkpoints, and public awareness campaigns aimed at reducing fatalities and injuries.

"The Agency's Marine Patrol Division conducted 726 vessel stops, issued 1,084 Marine Safety Warnings, and made 12 Boating Under the Influence (BUI) arrests. Concerning the state's new boating-safety laws, ALEA's Marine Patrol also issued 104 warnings for Non-Residents Operating Without a License/Certification, 104 warnings for Proximity Law Violations and 5 Warnings for Wake Sport Violations. ALEA's Highway Patrol Division investigated 316 traffic crashes, issued 224 seat belt citations, issued 1,899 citations for speeding and made 29 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests."

# Obituary Announcements: May 27-28

**Alta Gaye Freeman, 84**
Funeral Service for Alta Gaye Freeman, age 84, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jerry Lake officiating; burial at Bethlehem West Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Freeman passed away on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born January 5, 1941, to Talmage Little and Hazel Hogan Little. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother and one sister. Survivors include her husband, John Freeman; sons, Eric Sullins, Bret Sullins and Parnelli Freeman; daughter, Angie Williams, two grandchildren; six great grandchildren and two sisters.

**Randall James Reese, 81**
Randall James Reese, age 81, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Sunday evening, May 25, 2025, at his residence. He was born June 5, 1943, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Troy and Emma Reese. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sherrie Reese; son, Lance (Melissa) Reese; granddaughters Laine (Aron) Moss and Loren Reese; sister, Arminda (Bill) Floyd; nieces, Kim Johnson and Lisa Parker; and nephew Keith Floyd. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Linda (Bill) Brock; and nephews, Ray and Lee Brock. Randall was a committed Christian and a member of First Baptist Church of Cullman. He was a graduate of West Point High School, class of 1961. He was a machinist tool and die maker and was employed at American Trim until retirement. Randall enjoyed sports, specifically high school and college football. He greatly enjoyed Smith Lake and all water sports and was a dedicated runner. He restored his 1956 Chevy Stepside and enjoyed taking it to show at car shows. A celebration of Randall's life will be held on Friday, May 30, in the chapel of Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, 255 County Road 1435, Cullman, AL. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. until the service at 3 p.m. Interment will be at Cullman City Cemetery.

**Jo Helen Wilson, 92**
Jo Helen Morris Wilson, 92, of Cullman passed away peacefully from this earth into the glory of the Lord May 26, 2025. She died at home surrounded by loving family and caregivers. Jo was born July 7, 1932, the second child of Roy and Florence Morris. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Frank and Ernest, sister, Catherine, husband of almost 70 years, Bill Wilson and a grandson Curt Wilson. She is survived by sons, Jim (Bonnie) Wilson, Mark (Tobi) Wilson; grandchildren, Kayla (Mike) Zagorsky, Luke Wilson, Jessica King, Hobie (Jaimi) Wilson and a great grandson, Briggs Wilson. Jo and Bill were members at 7th Street Baptist Church. During their lifetime together, they owned and worked side by side in several businesses, teaching their sons the value of hard work, common sense, intelligent business practices and integrity. Jo was very creative, making ceramics, needlepoint and cross stitch pieces that family and friends treasure. When Bill and Jo retired, they "PLAYED" together, and with their grandchildren, who called them Paw-Paw and Jo-Jo. They Especially enjoyed time spent on the beach at their Fort Walton, Florida condominium. Visitation will be Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; funeral services following at 11 a.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Jimmy Sawyer officiating. Burial at Cullman Memory Gardens. The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to Jo's long time home caregivers, Kerrie Wigley, Kim Timmons and Amanda Ford, and to all the Hospice Caregivers who so faithfully and lovingly attended her.

**John Leland Wise, 83**
A graveside service for John Leland Wise, 83, of Bremen will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at Mt. Joy Cemetery. Mr. Wise was born April 1, 1942, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away May 26, 2025, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Wise is survived by his wife, Shirley Wise; daughter, Vickie Harbison (Phillip); grandchildren, Adam Harbison, Amanda Harbison Aby; great grandchildren, Rosalie Aby, Magnolia Aby; sister, Teresa Garmon. Mr. Wise was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond & Annie McLeroy-Wise; and his brothers, Billy Joe Wise, and Kelly Wise. In lieu of flowers the family request you make donations to SouthernCare New Beacon Hospice 417 Main Street NE, Hanceville, AL 35077, or Crane Hill Senior Center, 11540 County Road 222 Crane Hill, AL35053. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wise family.

**Myrtis C. Shelton, 82**
Myrtis C. Shelton, age 82, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2025. Myrtis was preceded in death by her parents Jim Clingan and Sarah Addison Clingan, sisters Jimmy Lou Calvert, Margie Adams, Betty Joe Stanfield, brothers Sonny Clingan and Norman Clingan. She is survived by her husband J.V. Shelton, sons Byron (Janet) Shelton, and Barry Shelton, sister Juanita Jernigan, six grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. A visitation for Myrtis will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. The Lie-In-State will be on Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Shelton Grove Baptist Church, 1615 County Road 46, Hanceville, AL 35077. The funeral service will start at 2 p.m., officiated by Jeff Freeman followed by the graveside service at Shelton Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Alyene Partain, 82**
A Memorial Funeral service for Alyene Partain, 82, will be Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at Peck Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Wesley Stover officiating and Peck Funeral Home directing. No visitation is scheduled. Ms. Partain died on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at Brookwood Medical Center. She was born Jan. 21, 1943, in Cullman County, to John Daniel Williams and Velma Campbell Williams. She was a loving, caring mother, who loved her family dearly. She was employed by Porter Mills, as a seamtress, prior to her retirement. She was preceded in death by her son: Billy and her parents. Survivors include: Son - Brian Partain (Taylor), Daughter - Mitzi Partain, Brothers – Lester Williams and Frank Williams, Sisters - Faye Jordan, and Majorie Schultz, Grandchildren - Storm Partain and Billy Partain

**Jeffrey Austin Dean, 56**
Visitation for Jeffrey Austin Dean, age 56 of Birmingham, will be from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dean passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025, at University of Alabama Hospital. He was born, May 31, 1968, to Gary Austin Dean and Judy Dean. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, Judy Dean; son , Chandler (Kinley) Nunn; brother, Patrick (Christy) Dean; sister, Cheri Dean; grandson, Anderson Clay Nunn; nieces, Emma (Andrew) Durhan and Rae Hulsey, great niece, Adalyn Sawyer Durhan and special friend, Scott Judkins.

**James Hershel Morgan, Sr., 81**
James Hershel Morgan Sr. passed away peacefully on May 27, 2025, in Hanceville, Alabama, at the age of 81. James was born on June 19, 1943, in Birmingham, Alabama, to John Bracey and Johnnie Ruth Morgan. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Karen Morgan, and his son, James Hershel Morgan Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Jodi (James) Allison; his son, Jamie (Nisha) Morgan; his grandchildren, Wesley Moss, Kristen (Jared) Riddlesperger, Jeremy Morgan, Dustin Morgan, Briana (Madylyn) Morgan, DJ Morgan, Abigail Allison; and a host of great grandchildren. James was a gracious, selfless man, who spent his life giving everything he possibly could to help others. He was a devoted member of the Local 91 Union, where he worked as a welder for 55 years. He was also a life-long fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide, and his family will always share the fond memories of his cap being thrown during every football game. He often enjoyed fishing and tending to his land, and he poured his intense focus into everything he touched. Above all, he deeply loved the Lord and his cherished family. His devotion ran clear throughout everything he did - for his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his great grandchildren, and for the strong faith that guided him. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow the service at Damascus cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Morgan family.

**Daniel Derrick Culwell, 75**
Funeral services for Daniel Derrick Culwell, 75, of Blountsville will be 1 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will follow the service at Pleasant Hill cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Culwell began at age 20 driving a log truck with his uncle. Within a year he purchased logging equipment and had his own crew. He continued off and on in the timber industry for many years. Heavy equipment was his primary interest, leading him to bid utilities jobs in and around Jefferson and Shelby counties. He then obtained his Alabama General Contractors License completing many utility projects in and around Birmingham. He had several big trucks to move the equipment and began using the trucks in over the road transport or hauling logs. His last job was with another utility contractor operating an overhead crane. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Mr. Culwell, who was nicknamed Tucker at a very early age by his granddad, was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville, Alabama. He spent his entire life on the same mountain in Blount County, Alabama, where he was born at home. Mr. Culwell is survived by his wife, Sara Frances Culwell; children, Rachel (Glenn) Fischer, Casey (Melissa) Culwell; grandchildren, Justin (Hayley) Littleton, Zachary (Whitney) Williams, Brandon (Kayla) Williams, Austin Culwell; step grandchildren, Brad Fischer, Kayla Fischer; great grandchildren, Emma Kate Littleton, Jayden Littleton, Jason Sturgel; siblings, James Terry Culwell, Patricia (Michael) Jackman; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Mr. Culwell was preceded in death by his father, Bill S. Culwell; mother, Lucille Boren Culwell; brother, Jason Lee Culwell; and sisters-in-law, Sandra Culwell, and Candy Culwell. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Culwell family.

**April Dawn Steele, 47**
April Dawn Steele passed away on May 27, 2025, at the age of 47. April was born in Decatur, Alabama, on Feb. 2, 1978, to Leldon Junior and Vickie Diana Partain Steele. April is preceded in death by her parents. Those left to cherish her memory includes her fiancé, Christopher Lawson; son, Phillip Steele (Samantha); siblings, Terry Mears (Dana Blackman), Tammy Loyd (Christopher), Rhonda Weaver; grandson, Huxley; and lifetime best friend, Mary Peoples. Ms. Steele loved the outdoors, and she especially enjoyed spending time fishing. She liked thrifting and going to yard sales, collecting ink pens, coloring, and going to the movies. April had a good sense of humor and even through her hard days, she laughed and joked with her family. Ms. Steele loved her family and friends and enjoyed any time she spent with them. April also loved her little dog, Tinker Bell. April's legacy of laughter and love will be remembered for many years to come, and she will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing her. A memorial service for Ms. Steel will be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to help with April's final arrangements. A link has been provided below, and all donations will be applied to her account. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Steele family.

**Jane Carolyn Rice, 86**
Jane C. Rice age 86 of Cullman, Alabama passed away May 25, 2025. Jane was born May 11, 1939, in Blount County, Alabama. Jane is preceded in death by her husband Charles K Rice Sr., parents, two brothers, one sister, and her grandson Zachary Charles Wayne Rice. Jane is survived by her daughters Deborah Rice Mann, Myra Rice Richardson, son Charles K. Rice Jr., sister Jackie Jackson, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery 275 County Road 1615, Cullman, AL 35058. In lieu of flowers the family acts that donations be made to Birmingham Children's Hospital or the Alzheimer's association. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

**Mary Jane Schaffer, 84**
Mary Jane Schaffer, age 84, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, May 25, 2025. A visitation for Mary Jane will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Rosary will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 217 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 10 a.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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# West Point High Class of 1959



KENNETH CHAMBERS

*The West Point High School Class of 1959 met recently at the Brandin' Iron in West Point for its 66th anniversary. Present were (front row, left to right) John Sellers, Alice Pesto, Carolyn Kilgo Jones, Hilda Still Wright and Frankie Burnham, and (back row, left to right) Enoch Morris, Doys Jones, Marlin Raney, Wheeler Daniel, Dale Glover, Clyde Laney and Doyle Jones.*



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# Joe (from Front)

**Noah Galilee**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Meet Joe, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. He's an approximately 4-month-old chocolate lab mix who is ready for your love and attention!

This sweet pup has low/medium energy and just loves people. He is an unassuming soul who has captured the hearts of those caring for him. Joe is still very much a puppy with a brilliant, common-sense mind!

He is keen on learning new things, which makes him the absolutely perfect fellow for a therapy/companion/hiking dog! Joe's adoption fee is $130 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. Stop by today to say "Hey, Joe!" But if he's already adopted, he's asked that you visit with his friends, as they are all looking for their forever homes!

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullman-animalshelter@co.cullman.al.us. Remember: adopt, don't shop!

# Bishop (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman County Sheriff's Office Deputy and Retired U.S. Army Major Patrick Bishop on Memorial Day announced he is running for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor.

"I am running for lieutenant governor because Alabama deserves to be represented by a proven person who is not afraid to fight for what's right. Someone who will not bend his soul for votes. I am not a politician; I just know how to get things done! I have all of the strengths of politicians, but none of their weaknesses! Alabama residents know what they'll get with me. As lieutenant governor, I will be a champion for limited government, a fighter for our constitutional rights, a tireless advocate for the veterans and honorable law enforcement officers."

Bishop served 26 years in the United States Army after enlisting in 1990 as a Ramsay High School graduate, and several years in law enforcement.

Bishop and his wife Angela live in Trussville. He is a lifetime member of the VFW, immediate past director of military affairs for Alabama for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Cullman County Fraternal Order of Police, Military Officers of America Association, associate minister of Trinity Baptist Church, Southern States PBS and member of Tau Sigma Chapter (Birmingham Sigmas) of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. He was recently recognized with Cullman County's Outstanding Citizen Award by children of Cullman County Schools, and is active with many other community organizations.

The Alabama Statewide Primary Election will be May 19, 2026. The Primary Runoff Election will be June 16, 2026, and the General Election will be Nov. 3, 2026.

# Campbell (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Pastor Paul Campbell on Tuesday, May 27, declared his candidacy for mayor of Hanceville.

**Campbell's full, unedited announcement, provided by Ty Watwood, is below.**

With over two decades of dedicated service to the people of Hanceville as the pastor of Hanceville Methodist Church, Pastor Paul Campbell is proud to announce his candidacy for Mayor of Hanceville.

Rooted in a life of service, Brother Paul has spent more than 20 years ministering to the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of the Hanceville community. Now, he feels called to serve in a new way—by leading this city into a new chapter of opportunity and growth.

"Serving others has always been the purpose of my life," said Campbell. "Whether in the pulpit, at a hospital bedside, or volunteering in our neighborhoods, I've seen firsthand what happens when people come together in service to one another. That same heart for service is what I will bring to the Mayor's office."

Throughout his ministry, Brother Paul has been a steady presence through times of joy and hardship, offering leadership built on integrity, compassion, and faith. His campaign will focus on community development, public safety, support for local businesses, and creating a transparent government that listens and responds to the people it serves.

"The role of Mayor is not a position of power—it is a position of responsibility," Campbell continued. "I believe the best leaders are those who serve first. That's how I've led for the past 20+ years, and that's how I will continue to lead. I would appreciate your prayers and support on August 26."

Visit "Paul Campbell for Hanceville Mayor" on Facebook for more information.

**Hanceville's Municipal Election will take place Aug. 26, 2025.**

# Vinemont (from Front)

**Gauge Day**
gauge@cullmantribune.com

**VINEMONT, Ala.** — The Vinemont Town Council convened its monthly meeting on May 27 with all council members in attendance. Key highlights of the meeting included approving support for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Rodeo, discussing the potential purchase of a water bottle refill station at the South Vinemont Trail and Art Park, approving the purchase of a new printer/copier and authorizing a local real estate agent to sponsor and host a series of community movie nights.

The council voted to contribute $1,000 to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Rodeo, continuing its annual support.

Discussion during the work session focused heavily on a proposed water bottle refill station at the South Vinemont Trail behind the community center. While no final decision was made, the council approved moving forward with a refill station, pending further consultation with local professionals regarding upkeep and maintenance requirements.

The council also approved the purchase of a new printer/copier to support administrative operations.

Additionally, council members approved a request from a local real estate agent and mortgage lender to sponsor and host two community movie nights at the South Vinemont Trail. The planned screenings will feature "Moana 2" and "Shrek," with tentative dates set for June 20 and July 18.

The community movie nights will be free to the public. Further details will be provided at a later date.

**The council meeting ended with a discussion of upcoming community events. Those events include:**

- Senior Citizens' Day will be held at the Vinemont Community Center on June 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and lunch will be provided
- Municipal Election qualifying will open June 10 and end June 24

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be on Tuesday, June 10, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6.

Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.

# Smith (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman City Councilman Brad Smith has announced his candidacy. Smith was sworn in on June 6, 2022, to serve his first term on the city council. He was appointed to replace Andy Page, who passed away on Jan. 5, 2022. Smith serves in Place 1 and chairs the Council's Public Safety Committee.

**Below is Smith's announcement:**

Brad Smith has officially announced his candidacy for the Cullman City Council, Place 1 seat in the upcoming municipal election scheduled for August 26, 2025. Smith, who was appointed to the council in June 2022 following the passing of former Councilmember Andy Page, currently serves as the chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Smith has over 20 years of experience in the construction and concrete industries. He currently serves as a Senior Account Manager for Ready Mix USA, covering the North Alabama area. His professional background has provided him with a deep understanding of the local economy and infrastructure needs.

"I believe in the strength of our community and the power of local leadership to make a real difference. I want to be a voice for my constituents, ensure smart growth, and continue the reputation of excellence we have in Cullman," Smith said.

During his tenure on the council, Smith has been instrumental in several initiatives aimed at enhancing public safety and city services. Notably, he played a key role in the FY25 $188 million budget approved in September 2024, which included infrastructure improvements, development of a new facility for cultural and performing arts, and equipment upgrades for fire, police and dispatchers to increase service quality for the citizens of the City of Cullman.

**Smith's campaign focuses on three main priorities:**

- Public Safety: Ensuring that police, fire, and emergency services receive the resources and support they need to keep the community safe.
- Economic Development: Advocating for small businesses, revitalizing underutilized areas of the city, and supporting our existing industries.
- Education and Infrastructure: Collaborating with local schools and stakeholders to provide quality education and investing in infrastructure improvements to meet the city's growing needs.

"I am committed to serving the people of Cullman with integrity and dedication," said Smith. "Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous community for all."

Brad and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for 22 years and are both lifelong residents of Cullman. They are the proud parents of two sons who attend Cullman City Schools. Their deep roots in Cullman reflect Brad's strong commitment to serving and improving the community for future generations.

**Cullman's Municipal Election will take place Aug. 26, 2025.**