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Local woman charged with murder in Simcoe-area shooting

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A local woman has been arrested and charged with murder in the Oct. 15, 2025, shooting death of Jessy Hooper, 29, in the Simcoe area.

Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Emily Nicole Battles, 30, of Cullman, on Oct. 20.

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Emily Nicole Battles

Cullman's Abby Sosa places in Miss University of Alabama competition



WILLIE MOORE

Left to right are Caroline Gibson, Julia Schumacher, Hailey Adams, Rylie Dewley and Abby Sosa.

Staff Reports
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Abby Sosa of Cullman was named fourth runner-up at the Miss University of Alabama competition on Oct. 10, at the Bama Theatre.

Sosa earned an $1,100 scholarship. She is a nursing major and her Community Service Initiative is "Bridging the Gap: Inspiring Latinx generational transformation."

Hailey Adams was crowned Miss University of Alabama 2026. She is a junior from Birmingham majoring in public relations.

The Miss University of Alabama Court includes:

- Fourth Runner-Up – Abby Sosa ($1,100 scholarship)
- Third Runner-Up – Caroline Gibson ($1,400 scholarship)
- Second Runner-Up – Rylie Dewley ($1,700 scholarship)
- First Runner-Up – Julia Schumacher ($2,000 scholarship)

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Hazel's heartwarming curiosity wins hearts



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 22, 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

Oct. 17

• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

Oct. 20

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Town Square SW

• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $800; Olive St. SW

• leaving the scene of an accident; Tony Serra Nissan; damage to '25 Nissan; $1,500; Cherokee Ave. SW

• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous charges

• identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Oct. 20-21

Shadrix, Austin B.; 25

• disorderly conduct

Elsberry, David M.; 41

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

• FTA – insurance violation

Mitchell, David S.; 27

• unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

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.

Grief Support: Lost a Loved One Recently? Thinking about the coming holidays?
Come to a six-session support group once a week through Nov. 16, Sundays at 2 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
• 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, Oct. 24 – 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 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Oct. 26 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 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.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville
• Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
• Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. Fall Harvest Costume Party! Come dressed in your favorite character and bring a food dish to share. Hanceville Mayor Jim Sawyer will judge the costumes. Take your picture with Dracula!
• Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. Storytime read by Lashae Vogelpohl
• Saturday Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mystery Book Sale for Mud Creek Festival
• Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Storytime read by Briana Taylor
• Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner everyone to bring a covered dish
• Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. Storytime with Melissa Porter
• Wednesday, Nov. 26: Open. No storytime
• Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. "Let it Shine Puppets" presents a song and dance Christmas presentation
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Agriplex-the sweet smells of Christmas, an evergreen program
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Christmas Dinner everyone to bring a food dish
• Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Santa & author Dorenda Doyle "The kid and the dog" take your picture with Mrs. Santa
• Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. New Year's theme storytime

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
• www.agriplex.org
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary — Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary — Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills — Make and Take Christmas Ornaments. Let's get a jump on Christmas decorations! This is a make and take class where we will use a variety of mediums to make Christmas ornaments. Youth, ages 12 to15 must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $30 fee
• Friday, Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — Fritz and the Beautiful Horse. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8 per child, max $16 per family.
• Saturday, Nov. 15, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club — Agriplex Barn Dance. Grab your partner and head to the pavilion for a family friendly lesson in this fun, traditional dancing style. All ages welcome! Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
• Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes — Natural Parenting Class- Farmhouse Midwifery. Join us as we learn a holistic approach to parenting. We will cover baby wearing, making your own baby food, cloth diapering, natural remedies for common illnesses, the importance of sunlight and bare feet and more. Max $15 per family.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage and a drink for a donation to eat in or take out. Come join us and bring your friends! Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. The proceeds will benefit the Lions Club projects.

First Priority Cullman Cornhole Classic
Saturday, Oct. 25, at Crosshaven Church in Hanceville, beginning at 8 a.m. with practice. Bags fly at 9. Two-man teams, double elimination. Social division $30 per team, championship division, $50 per team. All entry fees benefit Curt's Closet. For info or to register, go to www.fpdecatur.org or call 256-432-7900.

Seventh Street Baptist Church FREE Community Fall Carnival
Sunday, Oct. 26, from 5-7 p.m. 708 Seventh St. SW, downtown Cullman. Enjoy an evening full of fun with carnival rides, hay rides, a rock climbing wall, bounce castle and tropical marble slide, popcorn and cotton candy, carnival games and prizes, face painting, music, candy, hot dogs and sodas, and a fall carnival photo wall. It's going to be a night of food, fun and fellowship for all ages, and best of all, it's completely free! We can't wait to see you there!

Cullman Police Department Trunk of Treat
Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at the police department, 601 Second Ave. NE. Candy, music, police cars, fire trucks, helicopter.

Chambers Family Annual Reunion
Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, with dinner starting at noon. The address is 3309 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman (same location as many previous years). Plan to attend and invite others and share in good family/friend fellowship. Bring several favorite food dishes along with photos, stories, family research and information to share. If you can assist with setup, arrive at 10. For further information, contact Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235 (message), 256-347-2092 (text) or Rodger's Facebook page.

Cullman Elks Annual Craft & Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Handmade crafts, Christmas decor, jewelry and more. Benefits Elks local charity, 1525 Brantley Avenue NW, Cullman. With entry fee you are entered for door prizes.

Small Business Christmas Market
The Small Business Christmas Market will welcome dozens of vendors and will take place at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. $3 entry and free parking available. The first 60 shoppers in line will receive a free gift. For more information, contact Shayla Waldner at 256-595-8133 or Shayladenney2018@gmail.com. Get more details at Facebook/Small Business Christmas/Easter Market.

Berlin (from Front)

Katie Spicer
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BERLIN, Ala. — Mayor Patrick Bates on Monday, Oct. 20, opened the Berlin Town Council meeting, which began with a discussion on budget adjustments for the new fiscal year.

Budget adjustments included moving money from the General Fund to complete the Berlin Farmers Market project. The road budget got an additional $100,000 moved over for the repaving of County Road 1614, which is just waiting on the Cullman County Water Department to relocate a water meter. The council accepted these changes unanimously.

The next order of business pertained to the Farmers Market site development. Bates provided an update on construction progress and said he has struck a deal with the electricians on site.

"They're going to have it hooked up before the end of the week," he said.

Town Clerk Kierstyn Montgomery added, "We'll have power before Halloween!" just in time for the trunk or treat. The annual Trunk or Treat is happening on Halloween night – Friday, Oct. 31, from 6-8, at the Berlin Farmers Market.

"This year is extra special — it will be the first event at our brand-new Farmers Market location!" said Montgomery. She said it will be an evening full of candy, costumes and community fun. The market is located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive, Cullman, AL 35058. If you are interested in setting up a trunk, contact Montgomery at 256-736-3138 or clerk@berlinal.gov.

The Berlin Town Council will have an organizational meeting Monday, Nov. 3, to swear in council members for the new term. The council will meet at 3 p.m. at the Berlin Town Hall.

Bates thanked outgoing Councilman Tony Duke for his years of service on the council. Duke replied, "It's been a pleasure to work with y'all the past years."

The next regular meeting of the Berlin Town Council is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Berlin Town Hall is located at 461 County Road 1615, Cullman, AL 35058.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Cold Springs Eagles, Lady Eagles win 22nd, 20th consecutive county titles

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Cross Country Championships were held in Fairview on Tuesday, and it was a familiar sight when the Cold Springs Eagles and Lady Eagles hoisted two more trophies. Cold Springs' boys (34 points) secured their 22nd consecutive county title and the girls (15 points) secured their 20th straight county crown.

Individually, Cold Springs' Reese Swidecki (20:27.81) won the girls' championship and Vinemont's Brady Johnson (16:14.57) captured this year's boys' championship. In the JV competition, West Point (15 points) claimed the boys' championship in the JV girls' race, Good Hope outpaced West Point to secure the title. Individually, West Point Lincoln Parker (12:23.88) placed first in the JV boys' race and Good Hope's Jada Alsup (13:59.60) won the JV girls' race.

BOYS RESULTS

COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL (1st Place)
- 3rd Garrett Scheer: 17:42.60
- 4th Logan Perdue: 17:42.99
- 8th Carson Rice: 18:42.11
- 9th James Baggett: 19:29.93
- 10th Blake Belcher: 20:06.69
- 29th Easton Freeman: 24:05.58
- 31st Lucas Freeman: 24:23.88

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL (2nd Place)
- 1st Brady Johnson: 16:14.57
- 6th Anakin Powell: 18:08.77
- 14th Clark Johnson: 21:06.02
- 16th Abram Powell: 21:13.06
- 30th Logan Holt: 24:10.52

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL (3rd Place)
- 2nd Drake Nichols: 17:33.55
- 12th Johnathan Murphy: 20:21.05
- 21st Roger Miller: 22:23.83
- 22nd Oliver Horvath: 22:34.45
- 23rd Makinnon Holt: 22:34.52

WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL (4th Place)
- 7th Jesus Tovar: 18:27.49
- 11th Zeth McCain: 20:08.01
- 20th Wyatt Lindsey: 22:06.42
- 24th Carson Jones: 22:43.54
- 27th Malachi Meade: 23:48.17

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (5th Place)
- 13th Danny Martin: 21:02.12
- 17th Tucker Kimbrough: 21:34.77
- 18th Jackson Haynes: 21:57.83
- 19th Steven Heredia: 22:01.12
- 33rd Iker Gallardo: 26:15.06
- 34th Jonathan Ayala: 32:21.73

HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL (6th Place)
- 5th Travis Barnett: 17:58.00
- 15th Khison Alldredge: 21:07.14
- 25th Titus Smothers: 23:06.06
- 26th Eli Morrow: 23:06.30
- 28th Bryson Mullins: 23:59.92

HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- 32nd Lincoln Jones: 25:39.90

GIRLS RESULTS

COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL (1st Place)
- 1st Reese Swidecki: 20:27.81
- 2nd Paizley Whitlow: 20:55.89
- 3rd Kynzlie Myrex: 21:23.76
- 5th Macie Huffstutler: 22:33.02
- 7th Claire Huffstutler: 22:59.27
- 8th Ayla Kate Huff: 23:12.22
- 9th Ally Mavers: 23:16.28
- 10th Claire Hancock: 23:21.37
- 13th Marissa Mavers: 24:06.34
- 16th Baylee Rowan: 25:13.44
- 18th Leslie Jones: 26:37.15
- 19th Alana Smith: 26:41.72
- 28th Analyn Huff: 31:15.40

HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL (2nd Place)
- 11th Bella Gambrill: 23:58.14
- 12th Addison Gambrill: 24:03.86
- 15th Kynleigh Wood: 25:12.88
- 23rd Kyliahna Alldredge: 28:47.47
- 30th Peyton Reed: 32:24.24
- 31st Kylie Twilley: 32:56.31

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (3rd Place)
- 17th Joselin Parra: 26:24.63
- 20th Violeta Castaneda: 27:34.67
- 22nd Lola Haynes: 28:33.03
- 24th Desi Pruett: 29:17.82
- 26th Paisley Hopper: 30:08.61
- 27th AnnaBelle Smith: 30:56.08
- 29th Naveah Horton: 31:35.89
- 33rd Emma Buckelew: 39:01.53

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL
- 14th Cadence Watson: 24:10.36
- 25th Aubrey Scott: 29:53.57
- 32nd Evelyn Quinn: 33:05.96

WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL
- 6th Dorothy Salter: 22:41.20
- 21st Alondra Hernandez: 28:15.71

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL
- 4th Aurellia Powell: 21:37.68

JV BOYS RESULTS

WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL (1st Place)
- 1st Lincoln Parker: 12:23.88
- 2nd Griffin Jones: 12:27.22
- 3rd Collin Clark: 13:14.52
- 5th Kollin Knighten: 13:51.21
- 6th Brayden Self: 13:59.52
- 11th Gabe Pace: 15:38.94
- 15th Brandon Salter: 18:17.73
- 16th Zeth McCain: 18:18.61
- 17th Declan Rawls: 18:58.91
- 19th John Lombardi: 22:14.77
- 21st James Lombardi: 23:09.23

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (2nd Place)
- 7th James Short: 14:15.56
- 10th Will Henry: 15:25.73
- 12th Jon Short: 15:51.40
- 14th Charlie Haynes: 18:14.30
- 20th Wyatt Smith: 22:59.88

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL
- 9th Benjamin Regas: 15:07.96
- 13th Ryland Quinn: 17:39.98

HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- 4th Damian Wilson: 13:30.09
- 8th Elijah Minor: 14:53.95

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL
- 18th Karson Wright: 19:07.95

JV GIRLS RESULTS

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL (1ST PLACE)
- 1st Jada Alsup: 13:59.60
- 6th Chloe Campbell: 15:15.90
- 7th Makenna Deridder: 15:21.85
- 8th Sara Self: 15:38.52
- 10th Ashton Gray: 15:42.61
- 15th Ella Quinn: 19:23.49

WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL (2ND PLACE)
- 2nd Judy Salter: 14:26.00
- 5th Raelynn Lindley: 15:14.70
- 9th Harleigh Long: 15:40.74
- 11th Alex Will: 15:51.37
- 12th Lyric Antone: 16:13.51
- 16th Krymson Dial: 20:07.99
- 17th Alondra Hernandez: 20:28.06
- 19th Hannah Pike: 22:35.95

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (3RD PLACE)
- 3rd Elliana Hunt: 14:42.58
- 14th Ella Carter: 19:08.83
- 18th Catallaya Benns: 20:36.54
- 20th Isabella Brewer: 23:13.65
- 21st Luna Castaneda: 23:18.83
- 22nd Violeta Castaneda: 23:57.19

HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- 4th Crimson Watts: 15:14.18

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL
- 13th Josie Johnson: 17:01.07



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cold Springs Eagles and Lady Eagles captured their 22nd and 20th consecutive county championships at Fairview on Tuesday.

WSCC FLAG FOOTBALL

Lions collect dominant wins over Lurleen B. Wallace, Bishop State

Wallace State Sports Information

MILLBROOK, Ala. — Wallace State flag football delivered another dominant performance on Sunday, rolling to a 54-0 conference win over Lurleen B. Wallace at 17 Springs. The Lions capped off a dominant day at 17 Springs on Sunday with a 48-0 victory over Bishop State, improving to 12-0 on the season. The Lions controlled every phase of the game, piling up 203 yards of offense in less than three quarters while holding the Wildcats to just 75 total yards.

Wallace State 54 – Lurleen B. Wallace 0

The Lions wasted no time setting the tone. Quarterback Emma Kile capped the opening drive with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Taylor Kindred for a 7-0 lead. Late in the first quarter, Mariah Ragland broke free for a 27-yard touchdown run to extend the advantage to 13-0.

The second quarter belonged to Wallace State. Kile connected with Destinee Ealy for an 11-yard score, then capitalized on a Kindred interception with a 9-yard touchdown strike to Ragland. Following a defensive stop, Ragland added a 16-yard touchdown run to push the lead to 31-0. Just before halftime, Kile and Ealy hooked up again, this time from nine yards out, to give the Lions a commanding 38-0 cushion at the break.

Wallace State kept rolling in the second half. Kindred hauled in four passes on the opening drive, including a 2-yard touchdown from Kile to stretch the lead to 45-0. The defense joined in on the scoring early in the fourth quarter when Aliyah Yarbrough recorded a sack for a safety. Two plays later, Kile and Kindred sealed the victory with a 50-yard touchdown connection to cap the scoring at 54-0.

The Lions' offense piled up 349 total yards, including 291 through the air, while the defense suffocated LBW, holding them to -8 yards of offense and -38 rushing yards.

Kile finished the day an efficient 25-of-35 for 291 yards, six touchdowns, and one interception. Kindred was unstoppable with 12 receptions for 149 yards and three touchdowns, plus an interception and six flag pulls on defense.

Ragland added 77 yards rushing and two scores on just four carries, while also catching five passes for 54 yards and a touchdown. Ealy contributed two touchdown receptions, and Talecia Ransom chipped in with four catches for 44 yards.

Defensively, Romajah Walton led the Lions with seven flag pulls, while Williams and Yarbrough each recorded drive-killing sacks.

Wallace State 48 – Bishop State 0

The Lions opened the scoring on their first possession when Ma'Kyla "Toot" Williams powered in from one yard out to make it 7-0. Williams then made an impact on defense, recording a sack to help force Bishop's first punt. A 13-yard punt return by Talecia Ransom set up Wallace State at the Bishop 19-yard line, and three plays later Emma Kile found Taylor Kindred for a three-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

The defense continued to dominate as ZaNiya Mitchell recorded a sack for a nine-yard loss to stall Bishop's next drive.

Early in the second quarter, Kile extended the lead with a one-yard touchdown run. Moments later, Mariah Ragland intercepted a pass and returned it to the two-yard line, setting up another Kile-to-Kindred connection from two yards out to make it 28-0.

Ragland wasn't finished, hauling in two more interceptions in the quarter. Her third pick led to a six-yard touchdown pass from Kile to Maggie Patterson.

On Bishop's next possession, Jayla Rudolph added a defensive score with a 35-yard interception return, sending the Lions into halftime with a commanding 42-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Kile and Ransom connected for a 31-yard touchdown to cap Wallace State's scoring at 48-0. Bishop State put together its best drive of the day on the ensuing possession, but Romajah Walton ended the threat with an interception. Following the play, multiple unsportsmanlike penalties were assessed, and the game was ultimately called with 6:48 remaining in the third quarter after Bishop State was left without enough eligible players to continue.

Kile turned in another efficient performance, completing 18-of-27 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns while adding a rushing score. Ransom led all receivers with six catches for 89 yards and a touchdown, while Kindred added six receptions for 48 yards and two touchdowns, along with five flag pulls defensively. Ragland's three interceptions and five flag pulls anchored the defensive effort, while Walton and Rudolph also picked off passes.

Wallace State (12-0) returns to action on Sunday in Cullman, facing rival Calhoun in a doubleheader at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Oliver Woodard Stadium.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Wallace State Lions flag football team improved to 12-0 with wins over Lurleen B. Wallace and Bishop State on Sunday.

City School Board approves vape and AI policies

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education met Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, approving a full slate of policy updates, personnel changes and recognitions.

The meeting opened with a series of recognitions honoring Cullman Middle School students, employees and the school's FFA chapter. Board members were also recognized for their service to Cullman City Schools.

Two new board policies were formally adopted: Policy 4.2.8 – Vape Awareness, Education & Prevention and Policy 4.9.6 – Generative Artificial Intelligence. Both initiatives are designed to strengthen student education and districtwide policy clarity on emerging behavioral and technological issues.

The board also approved the August 2025 Financial Report and designated voting and alternate delegates for the Alabama Association of School Boards Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly, to be held Dec. 4, in Montgomery.

The board approved multiple operational and student activity items, including:

- A new Employee Drug Screening Agreement
- A contract with Stored for Good, LLC for data management and destruction services
- Salvaging of equipment from Cullman High School, including a 2016 DB floor machine, a 32-inch Vizio TV and two lawn mowers
- Cullman High School Jazz Band's trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, April 10–11, 2026, to perform at The Island
- Cullman Middle School FFA Chapter's trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, Oct. 28-31, 2025, for the 98th National FFA Convention
- Implementation of the L.E.A.D. Program at Cullman City Primary School
- A partnership between Cullman City Primary School and The Link's VIPs mentor program

The board accepted several resignations, including Carissa Blair, academic affairs coordinator at the Central Office, effective Oct. 31; Madison Bagwell, Extended Day Program; Kim Davis, custodian at East Elementary; and Brittany Heard, who transitioned from a classified to certified position.

Transfers included Marci Watts, moving from Education Manager at Head Start to Pre-K Education Manager Specialist at Cullman City Primary School.

New hires under conditional employment include:

- Tiffany Buck, OSR Pre-K teacher
- Syvella Gabrielle Dillingham, permanent substitute
- Brittany Heard, Special Education teacher
- Phillip Paul Screws, support services coordinator
- Andrew Blake Tetro, Special Education Instructional Assistant-Itinerant

Leaves of absence were approved for Caleigh Anderson, Nina Jones and Abbie Martin covering various dates from September through January.

Stipends were awarded to more than 25 educators for participation in "Being a Writer" training held July 28, 2025.

Supplements were issued to staff members for the 2025–2026 school year, including:

- Connor Adams, Girls JV basketball coach
- Caroline Burress, Administrative supplement
- Michelle Greenlee, indoor track head coach
- Jana Grimes, CMS Archery sponsor
- Chris Kennedy, scoreboard supplement
- Phillip Paul Screws, Level 2 Administrative supplement
- Danielle Taylor, CMS Student Council sponsor

The board also approved contracted roles for Extended Day staff, a long-term library substitute and reading and Special Education tutoring positions running through the school year.

Members approved a Resolution for Employee Incentive Pay. (See separate story)

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff provided his report and reminded the public that the next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov.18, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the Cullman City Board of Education.

City School Board approves employee incentive pay

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education has approved a resolution to provide one-time incentive payments to all employees. The board said the incentive recognizes employees' continued commitment, dedication and exemplary service to the students of Cullman City Schools.

"This resolution — a gesture of appreciation initiated by the outgoing Board of Education — underscores the Board's long-standing commitment to valuing the people who make Cullman City Schools successful," said a media release from the district.

"This same Board also approved the comprehensive pay increase in 2022, which positively impacted all employees across the system."

The approved incentive provides all full-time employees with a one-time payment of $1,000 and all part-time employees with a one-time payment of $500.

These payments will be included in the November payroll, arriving just in time for the holiday season.

"From the classroom to the cafeteria and all areas in between, we understand how hard our employees work, and we wanted to show our appreciation to all of them," said Board President Amy Carter.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff expressed gratitude for the Board's continued support of employees and acknowledged the teamwork that made the incentive possible.

"I appreciate the gesture from our Board of Education.

"In a year with no state raise for our employees, they were adamant about making this happen if we met our three-month reserve target.

"Hats off to CSFO James Brumley, for financially making this happen behind the scenes," said Kallhoff.

"The incentive resolution serves as a fitting conclusion to the outgoing Board's tenure — one defined by strong financial stewardship, employee support and a clear commitment to the success of Cullman City Schools," said the release.

Goat Island Brewing holding 'Operation: Beer for Warriors' Nov. 8

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing will host a Veterans Day celebration on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, honoring local service members and their families through Operation: Beer for Warriors. The event will begin at noon, with doors opening at 11 a.m., and will feature live music performances by the Natchez Trace Band and Jesse Priest Music. Veterans and one guest will receive a free meal, with food provided by Smokin' Joe's BBQ LLC and Freddie Day Catering.

Local veteran and retired Air Force Col. Ken Brown, who is helping organize the event, said the celebration holds special meaning for Cullman's veteran community.

"We have over 7,000 military veterans and their families living in Cullman County," Brown said. "Many of these vets have been deployed on multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. That and their families have been through a lot. They like to think that our folks at home recognize and appreciate what they have done. So, when businesses and individuals come together to fund and organize an event like Goat Island is doing, it means a lot."

For more information about the event or other upcoming activities, contact Goat Island Brewing at 256-747-5556 or mandy.hamm@goatislandbrewing.com or follow the official Facebook page, Goat Island Brewing.

Goat Island Brewing is located at 1646 John H. Cooper Dr. in Cullman.

15th annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival set for Nov. 8 in downtown Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The 15th annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in historic downtown Hanceville at 106 Commercial St. NE. The day-long street festival is free and will feature dozens of arts and crafts vendors, kids' activities and plenty of food from both food trucks and local eateries.

Shoppers can expect a wide variety of handmade goods and gift items, including everything from woodwork, jewelry and seasonal décor to frozen candy treats, 3D-printed pieces and unique trinkets — along with family activities throughout the day.

"Mud Creek has always been about bringing people together in the heart of Hanceville to celebrate creativity, small businesses and community," said event organizer Nolan Bradford.

"Whether you're hunting for handmade gifts, grabbing lunch from a local food truck or letting the kids enjoy the bounce houses, there's something for everyone.

"We're excited to welcome new vendors and longtime favorites back to downtown on Nov.8."

Vendor applications for the festival are still open. A 10′ x 10′ booth is $40, and space is available while supplies last.

Sponsorships are also available and must be received by Nov. 1 to be included on the event banner; tier details are listed on the festival flyer.

Prospective vendors and sponsors may contact event organizer Nolan Bradford at 205-249-5588 or friendsofthehefestivalal@gmail.com for applications and information.

Hazel (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hazel, a 5-month-old white tabby kitten, is as affectionate as she is curious. She is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Whether she is exploring the cat tower alongside her feline friends or curling up close to her favorite person, this sweet girl has a natural gift for companionship.

With her bright spirit and gentle demeanor, Hazel embodies the perfect therapy, companion or reading kitten.

Hazel shares her sweetness with everyone she meets, and you cannot help but fall in love with her.

Her adoption fee of $100 covers spay, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam, everything she needs to start her new life healthy and happy.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Hazel has already found her forever home, do not worry, many of her friends are still waiting to meet you and are ready to fill your home with love.

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



Shooting (from Front)

lows an intensive investigation, according to the CCSO. The incident was initially reported as an isolated event.

The investigation is ongoing, and no further details are being released at this time.

Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

"We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as we continue to pursue justice in this case," Sheriff Matt Gentry said.

LEGALS

Notice of Public Meeting

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicants listed: Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, 727 2nd Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055 – Restaurant Alcohol License.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MIKAYLA WILLIAMS,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2025-900213.00**

JOHN CODY WILLIAMS,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

John Cody Williams, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Mikayla Williams' Complaint for Divorce by December 15th, 2025, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2025-900213.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 7th day of October, 2025.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
MIKAYLA WILLIAMS
411 COUNTY ROAD 605
HANCEVILLE, AL 35077

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO: AD-2025-053

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:
DOUGLAS EDWARD CANTER, JR. and CASSANDRA KIMBERLY CANTER

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD K.J.W., DATE OF BIRTH 12/2/2024 BORN TO MARIE MAUS.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY DOUGLAS AND CASSANDRA CANTER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE this the 23rd day of September, 2025.

Brandon C. Little
Attorney at Law
Berry, Berry, Little, & Chaney
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

LISA MCSWAIN, CLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GARRISON LOGISTICS, INC., *
PLAINTIFF, *
v. * CASE NO. CV 2025 – 900185
MASTER TRUCKING, LLC, *
DEFENDANT. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint in the above-styled matter was filed by Plaintiff, Garrison Logistics, Inc., in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on May 14, 2025. Attempts have been made to serve Defendant, Master Trucking, LLC, with the Summons and Complaint by Certified U.S. Mail and by Private Process Server at the last known address of the Defendant, at 3737 S Park Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85713, and at the last known address for the Registered Agent, 263 W View Point Drive, No. 12, Nogales, Arizona 85621. Please be advised that Master Trucking, as the named Defendant, has thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said Complaint and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, Shay Persall Law, LLC, 611 7th Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this 10th day of October, 2025.

LISA MCSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff

Case# PC2025-324
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BENNIE DALE STRONG, * CASE NO.: PC2020-282
Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2025-324

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
MOTION TO DISMISS CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: MARK STRONG AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Bennie Dale Strong, Deceased, filed by Phyllis Marshall Simmons, Petitioner through Attorney Pamela E. Nail. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **2nd day of December, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
Judge of Probate Office
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 14th day of October, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Petitioner's Attorney:
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Petitioner's Attorney:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **JACKSON NICOLAS CHANDLER, a single man,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Jackson Nicolas Chandler dated April 26, 2023, and recorded on May 1, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2048 Page 446 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **18th day of November, 2025**, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Parcel I

Commencing at the southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 1 West Cullman Co, AL; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of said quarter-quarter a distance of 373.72 feet to a point on the northeast boundary line of a paved county road; thence turn an angle of 36°15' to the right and along the northeast boundary line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point and the point of beginning; thence turn an angle of 00°53' to the left and continue along said boundary line a distance of 250 feet to a point; thence turn an angle of 90°00' to the right for a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence turn angle of 74°21.5' to the right for a distance of 259.61 feet to a point; thence turn an angle of 105°38.5' to the right for a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Commencing at a rock/one-inch pipe at the center of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 1 West Cullman County, Alabama; thence N90°00'00"W 363.81 feet to a 3/4" rebar on the northeast right-of-way of a county road; thence N53°13'18"W along said right-of-way 210.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar being the point of beginning; thence N36°46'42"E 210.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078; thence N69°50' 55"W 25.50 feet a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078; thence 553°21'26"W 213.55 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078 on the northeast right-of-way of a county road; thence along said road S54°32'27"E 85.39 feet to the point of beginning. Property being in Cullman County, Alabama

Parcel II

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Property Address: 3170 County Road 1669, Holly Pond, AL 35083

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

PUBLICATION DATES: October 23, October 30 and November 6, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DEBORAH MCCANN,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) CASE NO.: CV-2025-900110.00
GINO ADAMSON,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on the final settlement of the Estate of Myrtie M. Adamson, deceased, has been set for the 4th day of **November, 2025,** at **9:00 a.m.** before Gregory A. Nicholas, Circuit Judge, Cullman County, Alabama and located at Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

All persons interested in this estate may appear at said time and place and contest the same, if they see proper.

DONE this 6th day of October, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court
500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk of Cullman County, Alabama.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LARRY DOUGLAS ODEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-335**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DONNA W. ODEN as Personal Representative of the Estate of LARRY DOUGLAS ODEN, deceased, on the 7th day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Donna W. Oden
Personal Representative

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MCCAN DEBORAH,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2022-900110.00
ADAMSON GINO,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

Based on the motion submitted, it appears that all issues have been resolved and the parties are ready to proceed to final settlement. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the personal representative of the above styled estate shall make a final settlement of the estate as required by law. It is further ORDERED that a hearing is hereby set for November 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the final settlement. Notice of the date, time and place for the hearing shall be given by the Personal Representative to all persons entitled to receive notice and shall also be given by advertisement for three successive weeks in a newspaper published in this county or as otherwise provided by law. In the event waivers and consents to final settlement are obtained from all necessary individuals, the order of final settlement will be signed immediately without the necessity of a hearing pursuant to § 43-2-506 Ala. Code.

DONE this 15th day of September, 2025.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **ANTHONY JORDAN, an unmarried man,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Anthony Jordan dated February 3, 2022, and recorded on February 4, 2022, in Mortgage Book 2000 Page 843 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **18th day of November, 2025**, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, more particularly described as: Commencing at an existing 1" pipe marking the southeast corner of said forty; thence N 00 degrees 22'43" E along the east line of said forty a distance of 10.00 feet to a set 5/8" rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning continue N 00 degrees 22'43" along said east line a distance of 336.00 feet to a set rebar iron; thence N 88 degrees 46'02" W, parallel with the South line of said section a distance of 260.00 feet to a set 5/8" rebar iron; thence S 00 degrees 22'43" W a distance of 336.00 feet to a set 5/8" rebar iron; thence S 8 degrees 46'02" E a distance of 260.00 feet to the true point of beginning.

Subject to right of way for public road along the east boundary.

Property Address: 2070 County Road 549, Hanceville, AL 35077

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 23, 2020 by Jeremy E England, spouse of Connie England and Connie England, spouse of Jeremy E England, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1937, Page 586 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 17, 2025:

Begin at the point of intersection of the Southwest Corner of the South ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Northwest ¼, Section 10, Township 9, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and the East boundary line of Drake Road and go East along the South 40 line 90 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning for land herein conveyed; thence continue East 210 feet, more or less, to a point; thence go North 210 feet, more or less, to a point, thence go West 210 feet, more or less, to a point, thence go South 210 feet, more or less, to a point, thence go West 210 feet, more or less, to a point, thence go South 210 feet, more or less, back to the point of beginning for land herein conveyed. Lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

Also:
A twenty-five foot easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows: Begin at the point of intersection of the Southeast corner of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 10, Township 9, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and the East boundary line of Drake Road and go East along the South 40 line 90 feet, more or less, to the property previously deeded to Jeremy England in the deed dated March 20, 1992 and recorded in Book 447, Page 499.

Including a 1998 Fleetwood Stoneridge double wide mobile home.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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 part of the foreclosure process.

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Drake (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — "It is with great excitement that we report Wallace State Chief of Police Shane Drake has been announced as a winner of the 2025 ACCS Chancellor's Award in the administrator category," the department reported.

The Chancellor's Award is given annually in recognition of outstanding leadership and management, creativity and dedicated service within the 24 schools of the Alabama Community College System.

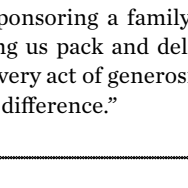
Drake began his law enforcement career in 1996 serving with the Cullman Police Department and later the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. In 2012 he joined the Wallace State Police Department serving in a variety of roles. In 2023, he was appointed the second chief of police in the history of the Wallace State Police Department.

"During Chief Drake's tenure, our police department has seen a period of growth and advancement, implementing the latest technology, training and policy to provide a full spectrum of law enforcement services to Wallace State and our campus community," said the department.

"In addition, Chief Drake's leadership has seen the department push forward the education mission on Wallace State, providing training to law enforcement agencies across the state of Alabama, multiple U.S. states and even law enforcement agencies from Canada that have come to Hanceville to learn. Great work, Chief!"

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Lodge (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Elks Lodge recently announced the launch of its Toys of Joy program, in partnership with the Cullman VFW.

Project Chair Jessica Atchley said for decades, the Elks have been known for their service to veterans, families and the community.

"In recent years, Cullman Elks Lodge has dedicated itself to sponsoring veterans during the holidays — providing gifts and support to every veteran living in local nursing homes, as well as assisting veteran families in need," Atchley said. "Last year alone, the Elks served over 150 veterans and their families, making sure they were honored and remembered during the holiday season."

This year, with the news that Toys for Tots will not be operating in Cullman County, the Elks voted to expand their mission, Atchley said.

"They are stepping in to fill this gap by establishing the Toys of Joy program, designed to serve local children who might otherwise go without," Atchley said. "Our members felt we could not let children in our community face Christmas morning without joy. Toys of Joy is a natural extension of what we've already been doing for veterans and their families. By broadening our reach, we can honor our commitment to service and ensure no child is left out this holiday season."

The Cullman Elks are calling on local businesses, civic groups, schools and individuals to help make Toys of Joy a success. Financial contributions, toy donations and volunteer time are all needed to meet the expected demand.

"Cullman has always been a community that pulls together," Atchley said. "We invite everyone to be part of this effort. Whether it's dropping a toy in a donation box, sponsoring a family or helping us pack and deliver gifts, every act of generosity makes a difference."

How Toys of Joy works:

- Family signups: Nov. 3, 10 and 17, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge, 1609 Brantley Ave. NW
- Donations: Community members can support Toys of Joy by donating new, unwrapped toys. If your business is willing to be a donation drop-off site, please email toysofjoy1609@gmail.com.
- Distribution: Elks and VFW members will handle all shopping, wrapping and distribution, ensuring toys reach children directly in time for Christmas

How to help:

- Be willing to be a drop-off location for toys
- Sponsor a child or family by making a financial contribution directly to the Elks Lodge
- Spread the word by sharing the initiative with neighbors, coworkers and friends

For more information about Toys of Joy, to sign up or to learn how you can contribute, contact the Cullman Elks Lodge at toysofjoy@gmail.com or Facebook/Toys Of Joy.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 21-22

Margaret Ann Cassels, 88
Memorial service for Margaret Ann Cassels, 88, of Cullman, are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Cassels was born May 26, 1937, to Benjamin Marshall and Mary Ann Williams Burrage. Margaret was a member of Potter's House Church. She loved her family and Jesus and was a wonderful cook. Mrs. Cassels was preceded in death by her parents; son, Daniel R. Cassels Jr.; brother, Bobby Burrage; sisters, Alma Cleghorn, Opal McDaniel; and niece Louise Hines. Survivors include her husband, Daniel R. Cassels Sr.; daughters, Tracie Thornton, Pamela (Scott) Pattillo; grandchildren, Daniel (Kendal) Thornton, Jacob Thornton, Michael (Kaylee) Pfeffer, Benjamin (Kaitlyn) Pfeffer; step-grandchildren, Matthew Thornton, Keri Hawkins; great-grandchildren, Karigen, Korbin and Kenna Thornton, Greyson and Hudson Pfeffer, bonus great-grandson, Kade Holmes; son-in-law, Robert Thornton; bonus son, Wayne Chumley; and a host of family and friends.

Clifford Clenton Gibbs, 98
Funeral service for Clifford Clenton Gibbs, 98, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, Bro. Cameron Smith officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Gibbs passed away Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at his residence. He was born January 20, 1927, to Henry Bertis & Lillie Eunice Black Gibbs. He was a family man and loved his family. His favorite saying was, "Take care of your family, and love them". He loved to read the Bible and read it three times a day. He was the best leader and mentor to so many people. He would help anyone with a need and was there to help. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of over 66 years, Mary Gibbs; son, Clenton Gibbs; three grandchildren, Tamelia Lemons, Anthony Smith, Crystal Smith; great-grandchild, Jacob Watwood; great-great grandchild, Bentley Watwood; nine brothers and one sister. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Kilpatrick, Deborah Goggins; brother, Kenneth Gibbs; sisters, Reba Vaughn, Ezell Gibbs; seven grandchildren, Jimmy (Audy) Kilpatrick, Jerry (LaMoyne) Kilpatrick, Tammy (Paul) Carpenter, Shelia (Derick) Smith, Brandi Watwood, Jonathan Watwood, Zach Goggins; nineteen great-grandchildren, Brandon (Lauren) Smith, Wesley Smith, Emily (Ryan) McDonald, Robin (Emily) Carpenter, Casey (Teena) Carpenter, Cloie Watwood, Jackson Golden, Katie Watwood, Chris Golden, Leah (Riley) Gillilan, Mary Watwood, Abby Richter, Katie (Jacob) Whittle, Cameron (Christin) Smith, Kelsee Smith, Justin (Holly) Kilpatrick, Jeremy (Shannon) Kilpatrick, Jeff (Amy) Kilpatrick, Brian Kilpatrick; 27 great great grandchildren; one great great great grandchild; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jonathan Watwood, Brandon Smith, Jackson Golden, Derick Smith, Paul Carpenter, Riley Gillilan; honorary pallbearers will be Leah Gillilan, Zach Goggins, Wesley Smith. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Edward Bryce Moreland, Jr., 55
Edward Bryce Moreland Jr., age 55, of Hartselle, Alabama, formerly of Ohio and Talladega, Alabama. died October 20, 2025. After graduating from the University of Alabama, Eddie attended God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eddie was very active in the church. He lived, loved, and believed John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Eddie loved spending time with his family. His parents preceded him in death: Edward Bryce Moreland Sr., Florence Holston Moreland, and a brother, Harry Moreland. Eddie is survived by his sisters: Florah Moreland and Wendy (Dale) Dean; nieces, Savannah Wallace and Tammy Boshell; nephew, Tyler (Alex) Wallace; great nephews: Bently Wallace and River Hanson; god-parents, Tom and Barbara Parks; and a host of other family members and friends. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

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Render Aid Alabama hosting 3rd annual Boo Festival this Saturday

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Render Aid Alabama will host its third annual Boo Festival event on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4-8 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview.

Render Aid Co-founder Candie Cummings said all activities will be free.

"Jesse Priest will be our live music from 4-5 p.m.," Cummings said. "We're also doing our domestic violence awareness walk. We will be lining up at 3:45 p.m. to kick off the event."

Cummings said the community can get involved with Render Aid by coming to events or reaching out.

"On-site we will have Sweet Foam Alabama and we are doing hamburgers and hotdogs that will be donation only," Cummings said.

Render Aid Alabama is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to normalize compassion for humanity.

"We have events that focus on life threatening issues that could be prevented," Cummings said.

"We started in 2022. Our dad was a victim of elder abuse and he passed Dec. 29, 2021. The details behind his death is what started Render Aid Alabama.

"Our goal is to get people to 'speak up and be the change' that saves lives.

"We urge people to call 911 when they see or hear of life threatening situations."

For more information or to donate, visit www.renderaidalabama.wixsite.com/renderaidalabama

To learn more, contact Candie Cummings at Renderaidalabama@gmail.com or her sister Brandie Drane, co-founder, at 256-507-0822.





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