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Annual Cullman Veterans Day Celebration this Saturday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional Airport will once again host the annual Cullman Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Presented by the Cullman Elks Lodge, this family-friendly event will feature historic aircraft displays, live demonstrations, reenactments and » PAGE 8



KENNY REESE

The Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, in all its glory, allowed attendees an opportunity to sit in the cockpit and become immersed in a time long since passed at the Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024.

– STATE VOLLEYBALL –

'We all did it for each other'

Addison downs Meek to capture 15th state championship



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison defeated Meek 3-0 at Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham on Wednesday to win its 15th state championship in school history.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Addison and Meek clashed in a Winston County themed 1A State Championship Match at Bill Harris Arena in Birmingham on Wednesday and the Bulldogs are adding some more hardware to an already packed trophy case. Addison defeated their county rivals 3-0 (25-14, 25-15, 28-26) to secure its 15th state championship and its first since 2022. Wednesday's appearance in the state finals was the first for Meek since 2017.

Bulldogs Head Coach Sadie Hall was thrilled to deliver the blue map to her team after the match and thanked everyone in the Addison community that supported the team on their way to another title run.

"I'm just so grateful for these kids and their parents, our faculty and staff, our administration, everybody. This community is just incredible and without them I don't think we could accomplish all we've accomplished," Hall said. "They've believed in us since day one. Since the beginning of summer back in June the girls have worked hard, and we had some rough days in the beginning, but it all paid off in the end. I'm just so thankful for the opportunity and I'm glad God placed us here and we give him all the glory for it."

The standards and expectations for Addison Volleyball have been as high as they can be for over 20 years now and Hall was proud to see her team embrace those expectations and deliver on the biggest stage.

"It's hard. I graduated here in 2011, and Coach (Pam) Wilkins built the standard of the program and when you get a taste of winning, you don't want to be the team that doesn't win," Hall said. "So, there's pressure from that and everyone is always on their A game when they play Addison because it means something to beat us, so we always have to be prepared. We practice hard and we get after them and push them because we know that what's on your chest means something."

Addison standout Annabeth Powell noticed a difference in this year's team, saying they played for each other and was proud to see it pay off in the long run

"The most important is that we all did it for each other.," Powell said. "I think in years that we've lost we've all been thinking about ourselves and this year we all did it as a group for each other."

Addison 3 – Meek 0 (25-14, 25-15, 28-26)

Addison jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the first set, but Meek battled back to cut it to 9-5. However, a 7-2 run by the Bulldogs extended the lead to 16-7 midway through the set and the Tigers were unable to recover the momentum, allowing Addison to pull away with a 25-14 win in the first set. Ava Bartlett recorded six kills in the opening set and Allie Ruth Powell added five. Callie Garrison (two aces) and Annabeth Powell each added four digs » PAGE 5

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Cullman woman sentenced for pulling shotgun on deputies



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Virginia Sarah Roberts
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Myrex sails to victory in State House District 12 Special General Election



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Republican Cindy Myrex on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, defeated Democrat Matthew Glover in the State House District 12 Special General Election.
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Teddy, the renaissance dog



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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. 31 – 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.
• Saturday, Nov. 1- 8 a.m. Mens breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, Nov. 2 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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, 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.

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 Eagle Forum Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Vinemont Fire Department, 60 Ridgeway St.. Bob Retsch and Susan Chipman will discuss election integrity efforts in Alabama. All are invited to attend.

39th Annual HO! HO! HO! Christmas Show
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE, #W-1 in Cullman. See classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and all things in between. All proceeds go directly to Cullman Caring for Kids, a child abuse prevention and advocacy organization best known for its very busy food pantry in downtown Cullman. To enter the show, participants can pay $20 or donate a toy valued at $20. Awards will be presented. www.Facebook.com/hohohochristmasshow.

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.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 10, at Freddie Day Catering. (1628 Second Ave. NW). Members and guests will assemble to eat Dutch lunch ($15) at 11 a.m. The guest speakers will be Senator Garlan Gudger and our Federal Blue Cross Representative Mr. Chris Alexander. Our program will begin at 11:30.

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.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 29

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 29, 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. 24
• theft of services-1st degree; person; $15,142; cash

Oct. 27
• identity theft; person

Oct. 28
• identity theft; person
• harassing communications; person
• identity theft; person
• theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $325; Ave. C. SE
• identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Oct. 27-28

Vinzant, Kimberly N.; 33
• retail theft of property-2nd degree
• organized retail theft

Paxton, Tony L.; 56
• FTA – driving while revoked

Agee, Nicholas B.; 37
• FTA – speeding

Sandlin, Benjamin C.; 40
• FTA – driving while revoked

Wren, Mahalla N.; 45
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Marshall, Shea M.; 46
• FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA – expired tag
• FTA – fail to yield to right of way

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported

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

Good Hope Council honors Shabel at final meeting

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council held its final October meeting on Monday, Oct. 27, and in addition to some new business items to pass, the council had a special recognition to mark. Monday's meeting was the last for Councilman Terry Shabel, who did not run for reelection this year.

Shabel's council seat will be filled by Billy Brown. Shabel has spent the last six years serving on the council and said he is proud of what he and his fellow council members have accomplished in that time.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett thanked Shabel for all the work he's put in over the years and said he will miss sitting next to him at future meetings.

"Terry has been sitting beside me for the past six years and he's just been an excellent council member," Bartlett said. "He comes up and signs checks every Wednesday, he always gives good advice to the council and we're really going to miss him."

Shabel said he will miss being part of the council and working to better his community, but he's also looking forward to spending more time with family.

"What I want people to remember is all the things we did," Shabel said. "We did so much stuff with the 305 exit and those three stores, all the sewer expansion, all the annexing we've done to make the city bigger; we built a park and there are a lot of other things coming up, too. I'm going to miss being a part of all this a lot. But I retired from my job, and both of my sons live in Rochester, Minnesota, so it'll give me more time to travel and see them."

In addition to recognizing Shabel, the council also approved the reappointment of members of both the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments.


NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Good Hope City Councilman Terry Shabel speaks at his final council meeting on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025.

Planning Commission – Six-year terms
• Sonja Fendley, chairman
• Jeremy Scott

Board of Adjustment – Three-year terms
• Calvin Mize, chairman
• Milford Parish
• Roger Gentry
• Tyler Mills
• Preston Prewett
• Roy Quick, alternate

The Good Hope City Council will hold an organizational meeting and swearing-in ceremony for the new council members on Monday, Nov. 3, at Good Hope City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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Upcoming holiday events at Gypsy Souls Nov. 1, 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things is getting into the holiday spirit this year with two fun-filled events to spread some Christmas cheer and create meaningful memories.

Tea Time with Mrs. Claus will take place on Friday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tickets are $15 per child and include juice served in whimsical tea cups, cookies, letters to Santa and storytime with Rosie the Reindeer.

A free photo opportunity with Mrs. Claus will also be available. Families can register by emailing owner Lindsey Blackwood at info@gypsysoulantique.com with their child's name.

The festivities will continue with Gypsy Soul's Christmas Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 6-8 p.m.

The evening will feature art and accessories from local artist Ginger Bailey, along with door prizes, wine tasting, fresh breads from Bailey's Bread and a charcuterie board for guests to enjoy.

Shoppers will also have a first look at Gypsy Soul's seasonal collection of holiday décor, design and fashion.

Along with Bailey's artwork and Bailey's Bread, Gervais & Lulu wines will help bring local flavor to the open house.

Blackwood said these events have become a beloved tradition.

"It's important to create moments for families and friends to bond over creating and repurposing. Gypsy Soul is all about making things new again."

She said that while online shopping may be convenient, she hopes these gatherings remind people of the importance of supporting local small businesses this holiday season.

"We live and work here with you," Blackwood said. "The best part of Cullman is the families that make up this beautiful community, and our goal with these events is to bring everyone a little closer together."

Gypsy Soul Antiques & Things is located at 218 First Ave. SE, in Cullman.

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Myrex (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Republican Cindy Myrex easily defeated Democrat Matthew Glover in the Tuesday, Oct. 28, State House District 12 Special General Election. Voter turnout was very low, at 6.4%.

Results reported by the Cullman County Probate Office Tuesday evening, with 28 of 29 boxes counted:

- Myrex: 87.06% (1,944)
- Glover: 12.85% (287)
- Write-in: .09% (2)

Back on Aug. 12, Myrex bested Republican Clint Hollingsworth in the State House District 12 Special Primary Runoff Election.

Hollingsworth collected 41.47% (2,160) of the vote, while Myrex got 58.53% (3,048).

The seat had been empty since former Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, resigned in April.

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Lions stay perfect with doubleheader thumping of Calhoun

Wallace State Sports Information

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cold weather, tough conditions, and a resilient opponent couldn't slow Wallace State flag football on Sunday, as the Lions pushed their record to 14-0 with back-to-back wins over Calhoun at Woodard Stadium. Wallace State opened the day with a hard-fought 33-20 victory before dominating game two, 31-6, to continue its unbeaten run.

Game One: Weathering the storm

The first game was played in cold, damp conditions that tested both sides. Wallace State broke through late in the first quarter when quarterback Emma Kile connected with Destinee Ealy for a 13-yard touchdown, giving the Lions a 6-0 lead.

Early in the second, Kile found Taylor Kindred on a 2-yard strike to extend the advantage to 12-0, but Calhoun responded with a 64-yard touchdown to trim the deficit to 12-7. The Lions answered with a steady, methodical drive, capped by a 25-yard scoring pass from Kile to Ma'Kyla "Toot" Williams to restore momentum. A successful conversion sent Wallace into halftime with a 20-7 lead.

The Lions stayed hot after the break as Kile connected with Maggie Patterson from a yard out to make it 27-7. But Calhoun battled back, scoring twice in the second half to pull within 26-20. With the game hanging in the balance, Wallace State sealed the win when Mariah Ragland broke free for a 12-yard touchdown run, securing the 33-20 final.

Game Two: Lions in control

Wallace State wasted no time taking charge in game two. Late in the opening quarter, Kile launched a 38-yard touchdown strike to Ragland for a 6-0 lead. Defensive pressure then swung the game even further in the Lions' favor, as Carley Paschal recorded back-to-back sacks to force a punt. The Lions capitalized with another score, this time on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Kindred to Patterson for a 12-0 lead.

Calhoun cut into the margin with a 14-yard touchdown pass midway through the second quarter, but Wallace locked down defensively the rest of the way. Kindred delivered a backbreaking play in the third, intercepting a pass and returning it 25 yards for a touchdown. Williams followed with a dazzling 32-yard punt return score on the first play of the fourth quarter, putting the game out of reach. Kile then added one final highlight, hauling in a 1-yard touchdown pass from Kindred to close out the 31-6 victory.

Lions by the numbers

Wallace State's offense was relentless across both games. Kile finished the day completing 43 of 70 passes for 448 yards and five touchdowns, while also catching one herself.



WALLACE STATE

Ma'Kyla "Toot" Williams catches a touchdown pass earlier in the season in a win over Calhoun.

Kindred showcased her versatility, hauling in 17 catches for 161 yards and a touchdown, tossing two scores, recording 13 flag pulls, and adding a pick-six on defense.

Ragland powered the ground game with 82 rushing yards and a touchdown, while also adding 65 receiving yards and a score. Williams contributed three catches for 40 yards and a touchdown, plus a 32-yard punt return TD. Ealy (73 yards, 1 TD), Telecia Ransom (81 yards), and Patterson (two touchdown catches) also delivered key performances. Defensively, Paschal tallied two sacks and a blocked punt, while Jayla Rudolph added an interception.

Up next

Wallace State (14-0) will look to keep its undefeated season alive on Sunday, Nov. 2, when the Lions travel to Florence for a doubleheader showdown with Northwest-Shoals.

Woman (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman woman on Tuesday, Oct. 28, was tried and convicted of obstructing government operations and menacing. Virginia Sarah Roberts, 53, was sentenced to 18 months in jail.

This case stemmed from a May 11, 2025, incident in which Roberts used physical force to prevent a Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputy from arresting another subject. She also pulled a shotgun and verbally threatened to shoot multiple deputies.

Court records state Roberts "interfered with an active investigation by using physical force to prevent a law enforcement officer from detaining the suspect of the investigation" and "attempted to use a shotgun to prevent the arrest of another after telling Deputy Nelson Hernandez she would shoot deputies."

Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd presided over the trial and sentenced Roberts to the maximum terms of 12 months and six months on the two charges.

"This situation could have ended a lot worse. The deputies involved in this case testified in court and displayed the highest professionalism," said Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker. "I hope this outcome sends the message that anyone who fights and pulls guns on law enforcement is going to jail. I appreciate the work of my staff, especially ADA Mike Burleson, who tried this case."

Teddy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Teddy is an 8-month-old Lab/Terrier mix with a heart as big as his potential. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

With low to medium energy, this unassuming guy is smart and eager to learn, taking to the hurdles quickly and walking like a true gentleman on his leash.

With a little encouragement, Teddy thrives in your presence and gets along wonderfully with dogs both great and small. His common sense and love for people make him the perfect candidate for a therapy, companion, hiking or even reading dog — a real renaissance dog, indeed.

His adoption fee is $130, which covers neuter, 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 Teddy isn't the one for you, stop by and meet some of his friends who are also waiting for their forever homes.

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

Curt's Closet (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet is preparing to bring the magic of Christmas to children and families across Cullman County through its annual Curt's Christmas program.

Executive Director and Founder of Curt's Closet Ashley Wilson said over the years, this beloved community initiative has supported thousands of local children, ensuring that, no matter a family's financial circumstances, every child can experience the joy and wonder of Christmas morning.

"The need has grown exponentially in the past year," Wilson said. "Last year, we had just over 200 applicants for Curt's Christmas; this year, that number has grown to over 350. Every number represents a child, a face, a story, a little one who deserves to feel seen and loved on Christmas morning."

Wilson shared that each year, Curt's Closet works closely with local schools to identify families facing real social and economic hardship.

"Guidance counselors and administrators help connect children who might otherwise go without gifts or basic necessities to this meaningful program," Wilson said. "For many of these families, Curt's Christmas is about more than toys under the tree — it's about restoring a sense of hope and dignity. Christmas morning is such a special time for these kids. Sometimes that is the only magic they get throughout the year. Knowing that someone in their community cares enough to make their morning special can change the way they see themselves, and the world around them."

Wilson said the impact extends to parents as well.

"When parents pick up their children's gifts, you can see both relief and gratitude in their eyes," she said. "They want so badly to give their kids the Christmas they deserve, and this program helps make that possible. Sponsoring a child, or a family, is so rewarding. You can shop for those kids individually, actually picking out their gifts and imagining their joy as they open them. It's a reminder that generosity doesn't have to be complicated, it just has to be heartfelt."

Wilson shared that Curt's Christmas isn't just about giving toys, it's about giving hope.

"It's about telling children, 'You matter, and your community believes in you,'" she said. "And the beauty of the program is that every act of support, big or small, matters. You don't have to do something huge to make a difference. One toy, one gift card, one act of kindness — it all adds up to joy."

Curt's Closet invites the community to join in spreading joy this season. There are several simple ways to make a difference:

- Donate new, unopened toys at one of the many Curt's Christmas toy drive locations across Cullman County
- Host a toy drive through your business, school, church or civic group
- Sponsor a child or family and shop directly from their Christmas wish lists

Curt's Closet is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing clothing, shoes and essentials to children in need throughout Cullman County. Founded in memory of Ashley Wilson's late son, Curt, the organization has a mission is to spread love, dignity and hope, one outfit and one child at a time. Through year-round efforts and programs like Curt's Christmas, Curt's Closet continues to serve as a beacon of kindness, community and compassion for local families.

For more information on how to donate, host a toy drive or sponsor a family this holiday season, visit www.curtscloset.org or www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset or call 256-735-4557.

Curt's Closet Christmas Open House

The community is invited to Curts Closet's first ever Christmas Open House on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 4-6 p.m.

Said the nonprofit: "Enjoy a cozy cup of cocoa, fresh cookies, and a picture with Santa while soaking in the holiday spirit.

"This is also a special opportunity to step behind the scenes at Curt's Closet; tour our showroom, where families shop with dignity, and our warehouse, where every donation is sorted, tagged, folded and hung by our amazing team. You'll see firsthand how your support helps us clothe children in need and bring hope to families right here in our community.

"If you've ever wondered how to get involved, whether through volunteering, donating or partnering, you'll leave inspired and equipped to make a difference.

"We can't wait to celebrate with our friends, neighbors and community members while sharing the heart of Curt's Closet this Christmas season."

Curt's Closet is located at 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman.



WildWater trunk-or-treat makes triumphant return

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After a few years off, WildWater Cullman's trunk-or-treat event made its triumphant return Tuesday, Oct. 28, with more than 2,000 visitors to the family-friendly Halloween celebration.

WildWater General Manager Michael Schwitek said the event had been on pause while the park focused on its rapid growth and summer operations, but this year marked a successful comeback.

"It was like picking up right where we left off; there was just as much community excitement and participation as ever," Schwitek said.

Decorated trunks competed for the "best decorated" title with some displays featuring favorite themes and characters, including Ratatouille, Inside Out, Legoland and Super Mario. The Ratatouille-themed trunk won first place, and Inside Out came in second.

Families could also participate in a children's costume contest, grab a bite to eat from local food trucks and get a chance to interact with Cullman Fire Rescue, which brought along a fire truck and a Dalmatian.

Schwitek said local families and businesses interested in joining next year's event can reach out to the park directly at swim@cprst.org once planning begins.

Even though the park is now closed for the season, WildWater has more fun planned for the upcoming months, including its annual Polar Bear Plunge in January.

"We love seeing all the kids having fun, even when the park isn't open," Schwitek said. "It's a great way to stay connected with the community year-round."



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Nearly 2K trick-or-treaters attend Smith Lake Park event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Smith Lake Park hosted its annual trick-or-treat event on Saturday, Oct. 25, bringing the largest crowd the event has ever seen. Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Kenneth Cornelius said the event welcomed an estimated 2,000 trick-or-treaters and a nearly full campground of participants.

"All of our campers participate and hand out candy," Cornelius said. "I talked to several who said they gave out hundreds of dollars' worth."

The park also featured themed attractions, including an American Bandstand setup where children could dance to music and a haunted house setup inside one of the pavilions.

This year's event was supported by Heavy Machines, LLC, which donated $500 worth of candy for park staff to distribute.

Although the tradition began in 2017, Cornelius said the event has grown rapidly, especially over the past two years.

He credited the park's close-knit camping community for helping make the event special each year, saying, "They're like a big family. They love doing it for the kids and always look forward to coming back."

Those who want to participate in the fun next year can reserve a campsite through the Smith Lake Park office. It is best to reserve a spot in advance, as spots fill up fast on Halloween weekend.

Cornelius also expressed gratitude to the staff and volunteers who brought the event to life.

"They work tirelessly and make it fun. We couldn't do it without our campers and our team," he said.



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Halloween safety tips

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year, full of fun costumes, thrilling events and activities, and delicious candy. While it's essential to have fun and enjoy the holiday, it's also important to stay safe.

Trick-or-treating safety

For those who will be trick-or-treating or welcoming trick-or-treaters:

A responsible adult should accompany young children at all times while making rounds. If older children are going alone, plan a route and a specific time for them to come home. Teach children never to enter a stranger's home or car, and instruct them to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and to stay with their friends. A buddy system is always a good option, even for older kids.

Tell children not to eat any candy until an adult has had a chance to check it for potential food allergies or other hazards. Parents should teach children not to accept or eat treats that aren't commercially wrapped.

Homemade baked goods should be avoided unless they're from someone you know and trust.

Throw away any wrapped candies with an unusual appearance, such as discoloration, pinholes or tears in the wrappers.

Adding a strip of reflective tape to costumes and bags, and having kids carry glow sticks or flashlights, will greatly increase visibility. When crossing the street, try to use well-lit areas, crosswalks or intersections, and always look both ways.

Keep electronic devices down and eyes up while walking. If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic and try to stay as far to the left as possible, or walk in yards.

If you plan to welcome trick-or-treaters to your doorstep this year, make sure outdoor lights are on and working correctly so they know your home is stop friendly and their path is well lit.

Secure any items of significant value you may have outside or any objects that could potentially trip someone. Put up pets so they do not jump, bite or frighten visitors.

Costume safety for young children

What's Halloween without a good costume? While dressing up is part of the fun, make sure your young one's costume doesn't prevent them or others from having a great time.

Ensure costumes fit well to prevent tripping or catching on objects. Avoid long or sharp swords, sticks or canes that could cause injury if a child falls or bumps into another.

Before applying costume makeup, test a small patch on a child's skin, like the back of their hand, to check for potential allergic reactions. Choose hats and masks that do not obstruct vision, and avoid decorative contact lenses unless prescribed by an eye specialist.

Safety tips for drivers

Drivers should be aware that around Halloween, there will likely be more people on the roads and in unexpected places. Children can easily break away from parents and wander into the street, and sometimes costumes make them harder to see at night. Remain alert throughout the night, especially when driving through residential areas. Slow down and watch for children who may dart out unexpectedly. If you see a suspected drunk driver, contact law enforcement immediately.

Halloween parties and get-togethers

Halloween isn't just for children. If you're attending a Halloween party where alcohol is served and plan to drink, choose a designated driver or arrange another safe form of transportation ahead of time. Never drive under the influence; even a small amount of alcohol can impair your senses.

If you're hosting a get-together, take responsibility to ensure everyone gets home safely.

Be prepared to call a ride, provide sleeping arrangements or drive guests home if you're sober. Collect car keys from those who are indulging, and offer plenty of food, water and non-alcoholic beverages for those who may not wish to drink or have had enough.

By following these safety tips, everyone can help make this Halloween both safe and fun. Happy Halloween, Cullman!

Championship (from Front)

in the set as well. Addie Cate Henderson posted six digs for Meek on the other side of the net.

The Bulldogs built another early lead in the second set, getting off to a 6-1 start but the Tigers rallied once again, clawing back to tie things up at 11 later in the set. Addison answered with a 7-2 run, giving the Bulldogs an 18-13 lead and they rode that momentum to a 25-15 win in the second set, building the lead up to 2-0. Bartlett racked up 10 kills in the second set and Powell added another six. Garrison posted three aces and a team-high 10 digs for Addison. On the other side of the net, Henderson recorded 15 digs, and Zarah Harden added four kills.

The third set was a tight one. The score was tied at 3 early, stayed knotted at 12 as the set went on and both teams were still tied at 15 midway through the set. Neither team could create separation as play continued.

The score remained tied at 20, then 22 and then 24 until finally, the Bulldogs were able to edge out a 28-26 win, completing the sweep of the Tigers and securing the 15th blue map in program history.

Bartlett earned State Tournament MVP honors after recording 18 kills and five digs in the win over Meek. Annabeth Powell (30 assists, nine digs, three kills), Kendall Wyatt (13 digs, three assists) and Allie Ruth Powell (13 kills, 11 digs) earned All-Tournament honors as well.

Meek's Addie Cate Henderson (22 digs, 10 kills), Khloie Cook (five kills, two digs) and Zarah Harden (six kills) were also selected to the All-Tournament team.

Tigers Head Coach Callie Brewer was proud of the way her team battled back after a slow start. Brewer could feel a different energy around the team this season and believes this year's postseason run has laid a foundation for a bright future on the court in Arley.

"We just came out super nervous in the first two sets and when you get down two sets to none to a team like that it's hard to come back," Brewer said. "I think the biggest difference for sure is the community has started talking about playing for state championships and winning and it's taken a long time for us to get back to that. Eight years ago, Meek was playing in this game, and it's taken that long for us to get that belief back in the community. Hopefully this group has laid a foundation for years to come."



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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday November 3, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request at 1803 Beech Avenue SE from M-1 to B-3
2. Short form subdivision – 1404 2nd Avenue NE – create two lots

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

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

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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
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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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

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; thence N54°32'27"W along said right-of-way 85.39 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078; thence N54°0 1'38"W along said right-of-way 164.61 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078 being the point of beginning; thence N37°16'22"E 140.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078; thence N69°50'55"W 45.43 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078; thence S55°40'36"W 143.45 feet to a 1/2" rebar Cap No. CA-0078 on the northeast right-of-way of a county road; thence along said road S58°49'51"E 89.21 feet to the point of beginning. Property being in Cullman County, Alabama.

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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES E. EDGE a/k/a *
JAMES EARL EDGE, * CASE NO.: PC2025-382
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JAMIE EDGE NELSON and JAMES ROBERT EDGE, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of JAMES E. EDGE a/k/a JAMES EARL EDGE deceased, on the 27th 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 be barred.

JAMIE EDGE NELSON/and
JAMES ROBERT EDGE
Co-Personal Representatives

Atty for Petitioner:
Nancy C. Hughes
Maynard Nexsen, P.C.
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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 Judge of Probate.

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

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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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **MATTHEW A. WEAVER AND SPOUSE, APRIL WEAVER,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Matthew A. Weaver and spouse, April Weaver dated April 27, 2019, and recorded on April 29, 2019, in Mortgage Book 1876 Page 682 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and further secured by Mortgage executed by Matthew A. Weaver and spouse, April Weaver dated January 29, 2025, and recorded on February 7, 2025, in Mortgage Book 2111 Page 556 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 **21st day of November, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in a part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the purported Southwest corner of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, said point being a 5/8" rebar and run N 00°34'08"E along the West boundary of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 for a distance of 876.04 feet to a capped iron and the point of beginning; thence continue N 00°34'08"E for a distance of 445.27 feet to the purported Northwest corner of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence run S 88°40'51"E along the North boundary of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 for a distance of 522.86 feet to a capped iron in the centerline of Cullman County Road 223; thence run S 55°13'39"E along said centerline a distance of 267.29 feet to a capped iron; thence run S 48°50'27"W for a distance of 232.07 feet to a capped iron on the East side of a 60 foot road easement; thence continue S 48°50'27"W for a distance of 87.19 feet to a capped iron on the West side of said easement; thence run N 06°09'12"W for a distance of 20.00 feet to a capped iron; thence run S 79°49'13"W for a distance of 512.26 feet to the point of beginning. Containing an area of 5.60 acres, more or less.

Subject to an easement for the right of ingress and egress; A strip of land 60 feet in width being in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being described along the centerline as follows: Commence at the purported Southwest corner of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4. said point being a 5/8" rebar and run N 00°34'08"E along the West boundary of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 for a distance of 500.79 feet to a capped iron; thence run N 48°50'27"E for a distance of 714.42 feet to a point in the center of a gravel road; thence run N 00°32'22"W along said centerline for a distance of 16.37 feet; thence run N 05°56'20"E along said centerline for a distance of 121.27 feet; thence run N 03°13'25"W along said centerline for a distance of 43.33 feet; thence run N 06°49'14"W along said centerline for a distance of 50.81 feet; thence run N 05°02'14"E along said centerline for a distance of 37.12 feet; thence run N 18°00'43"E along said centerline for a distance of 42.25 feet to a point on the West edge of County Road 223 and the ending point of said easement, shortening and extending the sidelines so as to terminate on the property line. Containing an area of 0.46 acre, more or less.

Property Address: 4040 County Road 223, 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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
)
Joseph H. Tremblay) Case No. PC 2025-395
)
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to G. Edward Coey as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph H. Tremblay, deceased, on the 28th day of October, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

G Edward Coey
Personal Representative
G. Edward Coey

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

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-394

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY LEE BURLESON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael P. Burleson and Timothy F. Burleson on the 28th day of October, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael P. Burleson and Timothy F. Burleson
Personal Representatives

To the 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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Five acres in the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 12, Range 3 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said forty; thence running North along the public road which is on the East line of said forty a distance of 175 yards; thence due West 140 yards; thence due South 175 yards to the South line of said forty; thence East along said South line 140 yards to the point of beginning.
Also: 15 acres evenly off the East side of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 12, Range 3 West.
Also: All that part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 12, Range 3 West, lying Southwest of Shelton Grove Road (County Road 223).

ALSO
One (1) used 1991 Spiral Oak Forest Mobile Home 45Ft. Length, 28Ft. Width, S/N #: SIAL3473A(B) together with all parts, attachments, accessories, repairs, improvements, and accessions whether now existing or hereafter acquired by debtor and used in conjunction therewith,
and proceeds thereof; wherever located but more particularly located at 4024 County Road 223, Hanceville, AL. 35077.

Property Address: 4024 County Road 223, 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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Support (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With the temporary suspension of SNAP benefits caused by the federal government shutdown, Cullman Caring for Kids is stepping forward to reassure local families that help is available.

In a video message posted to Facebook, Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Pastor Steven Sutter said the organization remains open and ready to serve anyone in need.

"We're not scared. We're not worried, because we know that God always has and always will provide," Sutter said.

"You don't have to be afraid because we're here and we're ready to help anyone in Cullman who needs assistance."

Cullman Caring for Kids operates the United Way Food Bank located at 402 Arnold St. NE, Ste. W1. The facility is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., closing from noon-1 p.m. each day for lunch and restocking.

Sutter encouraged both those in need and those able to give to reach out.

"If you would like to come alongside us and help, please give us a call at 256-739-1111," he said.

"We'll let you know how you can help and how you can impact our amazing community. Thank you, Cullman County, for stepping up like you always do. We look forward to getting through one more bump in the road, like we always have. God bless you."

For more information or to learn how to support the organization's efforts, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids.

Background

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) received specific guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) the evening of Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, regarding the suspension of SNAP benefits and procedures for the month of November due to the federal government shutdown.

Recipients will be able to use benefits issued to their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card prior to Nov. 1, 2025, at any SNAP authorized retailer.

The guidance states that effective Nov. 1, 2025, "FNS is suspending all November 2025 benefit allotments until...federal funding is provided, or until FNS directs State agencies otherwise."

No new benefits will be issued during the suspension; however, there are no other changes to the program or client requirements.

Read more at www.cullmantribune.com/2025/10/27/november-snap-benefits-suspended.

Link (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County is encouraging food, monetary and time donations to support needs across the community.

Executive Director Melissa Betts said local pantries are in desperate need of food items to be able to fulfill the void currently increasing in the community.

"Across Cullman County, food pantries are working harder than ever to meet the growing need for families facing food insecurity," Betts said. "The Link's Pantry alone now serves 900 households each month, many of them working families, seniors and parents with young children. The best way to help right now is simple — give, gather and serve."

Betts shared what each example can do to help with the need in the community.

GIVE: "A financial gift truly helps us make the biggest impact because pantries can purchase food in bulk at discounted rates. Donations to The Link can be made securely at www.linkingcullman.org or by giving directly to any pantry across the county. We are also working to secure some additional funds to make a bulk purchase soon."

GATHER: "Host a food drive at your church, workplace or school. Items like peanut butter, crackers, rice, cereal and kid-friendly snacks are always in demand — especially as the holidays approach and children are home from school. Every can, box or bag makes a difference. Email us at info@linkingcullman.org if you are collecting food for us and would like us to help you promote the drive."

SERVE: "Volunteers are the heart of every pantry. Whether it's sorting food, loading groceries, answering phones or sharing a smile, your time matters. You can sign up to volunteer by emailing info@linkingcullman.org or by contacting your nearest pantry. We believe that when we give, gather and serve together, we can ensure no one in Cullman County goes hungry. It's the simplest and truest way to live out our mission: Love your neighbor."

In order to receive assistance from The Pantry at the Link, you are required to bring your photo ID and be willing to give your date of birth.

"We focus on households in Cullman County, but we are not going to turn people who need food away," Betts said.

"We are a 'Neighbor's Choice' Pantry. People come sign in and tell us the size of their family. A prepacked box of staple items we have on inventory is placed in a shopping cart. They are able to then shop our cooler, freezer and shelves to make selections.

"Meat, dairy, produce, baked goods, condiments, snacks. Most households leave with a cart overflowing with food. I encourage you to pop in soon for a quick tour. It is pretty special."

For Betts, The Link has always been a place where people in need are referred.

"We don't say that to pat ourselves on the back — it's simply who we are," Betts said.

"When someone in our community faces a crisis, whether it's a family without food, a parent trying to rebuild or a neighbor simply unsure where to turn, The Link is where they come for help — and hope. But what makes this work possible isn't just our staff or our programs. It's our community. Every time someone gives, volunteers, donates food or simply spreads the word, they become the link that connects a family in need to the help they're looking for. We've been able to rise to meet moments of crisis because our community has always risen with us. And as we step into this season of both need and giving, that partnership matters more than ever. Together, we can make sure every neighbor knows they're seen, cared for and loved."

Right now, Betts shared, there is a call to action for our community. SNAP benefits are set to be suspended Nov. 1, due to the federal government shutdown.

"This is a moment for all of us to really stop and look at the ripple effect this crisis will have across Cullman County," Betts said. "Each month, over $1 million in SNAP benefits is distributed here. That's $1 million in grocery spending that flows through our local stores, supports our farmers and keeps food on the tables of families who are already doing their best to make ends meet. When that support pauses, that's $1 million missing from our local economy — and it's the small handful of food pantries in our county that will try to stand in the gap. Many of those same pantries are already stretched thin, operating with limited space, volunteers and benevolent funding. If you see a neighbor in need — just act. If you already give to a local pantry — keep giving. And if you've never been involved — come take a tour of The Link, see the need firsthand and consider setting up a recurring donation."

Betts said they are also seeking a small warehouse space to help them purchase and store food in bulk so they can be ready for what's ahead.

"Donor dollars toward those bulk purchases will help us sustain our response for the long haul," she said.

"Cullman has always shown up when our neighbors needed it most. I believe this time will be no different. Together, we can ensure that no family is left behind — and that love, generosity and community remain the heartbeat of this county."

See a tour of The Pantry at the Link with Supportive Services Manager Jonathan Creekmore at www.facebook.com/share/v/1aqgQig2Qy. Get more information at www.facebook.com/TheLinkofCullmanCounty or www.LinkingCullman.org.

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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
LISA MCSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 28-29

Ronald Tafford Nix, 74
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Ronald Tafford Nix, 74, of Arley. Cullman Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the family. Mr. Nix passed away October 26, 2025, at his residence. He was born September 12, 1951, to Howard Taft and Mildred Anders Nix. Ronald grew up in the Jones Chapel community. He had many friends. He loved his family and he loved his cats. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bill Nix; sister, Bobby Sue Pilgrim; and his girlfriend, Ann Stewart. Survivors include his son, Justin Nix; daughter, Erin (Tony) Johnson; sisters, Virginia (Marvin) Cupp, Betty (E.D.) Graham; grandchildren, McKenzie Nix, Jareth Nix, Liam Johnson, Syrus Johnson; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jason Charles Johnson, 51
Jason Charles Johnson age 51 of Cullman, Alabama passed away October 24, 2025. He was born in Dothan, Alabama August 30, 1974. Jason is preceded in death by his parents Connie and Charles Johnson; and grandparents Athel and Lois Calvert; Troy and Azalee Johnson. He is survived by his brother Matt (Valerie) Johnson; aunts Libby Edmondson and Janice (C.L.) Sweatman; nieces Ava Cate and Adalynn Johnson; and a host of cousins and friends. Jeremy Parris, Ryan Key, Robin Key, Jeremy McCain, Cody McCain and Wesley Sweatmon will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers include Corey Freeman, Matt Patrick, Tim Laney and Wayne Blankenship. Jason was a loving brother, uncle and friend to many. He was an avid piano player and loved all things music. Jason was a faithful member at West Point Baptist Church serving as a keyboardist and assistant music director for many years. Jason loved spending time with his nieces and Alabama football more than anything. The family will receive friends for a visitation Wednesday October 29, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home chapel. A celebration of life funeral service will follow Thursday October 30, 2025, at 12 p.m. at West Point Baptist Church with internment to follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Jason will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the service time at 12 p.m. Bro. Samuel Tucker officiating. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Rayburn Luther Jones, 82
Funeral service for Rayburn Luther Jones, 82, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery, Bro. Delbert Freeman officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Jones was born April 29, 1943, to Colonel Luther and Jewel Hagamore Jones. He was a minister of the Gospel for many years. He loved his family and enjoyed building birdhouses in his spare time. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Martha Ann Smith; brothers, Johnny Ray Jones, Jimmy Jones and Alton G. Jones. Survivors include his wife Jennie Curvin Jones; brothers, Franklin D. (Rachel) Jones, Donald Wayne (Ruth) Jones; sister-in-law, Juanita Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Michael David Bradford, Sr., 71
A graveside service for Michael David Bradford Sr. will be 12 p.m., Thursday, October 30th, at Duck River cemetery. Mr. Bradford was born December 8, 1953, in Michigan. He passed away October 27, 2025, at his residence in Blountsville, Alabama. Mr. Bradford is survived by his son, Michael Bradford Jr.; and his granddaughter, Haylee Nethery. Mr. Bradford was preceded in death by his wife, Marsha Bradford; and his parents, Grady and Bobbie Bradford. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bradford family.

Emma Lou Davis, 92
A graveside service for Emma Lou Davis, 92, of McCalla will be 1 p.m. Tuesday November 4th at Garden City cemetery. Ms. Davis was born May 7, 1933, in Cullman County, Alabama. She passed away October 27, 2025, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Emma was a kind and gentle soul who was liked and loved by everyone she came in contact with. She was a devoted member of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, where her faith and caring nature touched many lives. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her. Ms. Davis is survived by her son, Glenn Davis (India); grandson, Andrew Davis (Amanda); great grandchildren, Zoe Kate Davis, Ivy Mae Davis; siblings, Risé Isaacs, Janice Powers; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph & Addie McCutcheon. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and caregivers at Plantation Manor in McCalla, Alabama, for their compassion, kindness, and care.

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Celebration (from Front)

patriotic tributes to those who have served. Admission and parking are free.

The event will be held rain or shine and all are welcome to attend.

The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., featuring a troop march-in, prayer and the national anthem.

Speakers will include Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs; and Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons.

Veterans will be recognized throughout the ceremony, with retired Col. Don Fallin introducing recently inducted members of the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame.

The Cullman Elks Lodge will be on-site to provide a free hot lunch for all veterans and their spouses at noon, while food trucks will be available to serve the general public.

This year's Cullman Veterans Day Celebration will feature a full day of programming, highlighted by a presentation from Colonel John Casper, a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who was shot down and rescued during the Vietnam War. Casper will share his story and the critical role the A-1 Sky Raider aircraft played in his rescue.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to view a Vietnam-era A-1 Sky Raider, a WWII Marine Corsair and a WWII Navy PBY up close, with related films shown in the airport terminal and on the flightline.

WWII reenactor "Major Pappy Boyington" will also be on-site to bring aviation history to life.

New to this year's event is the Gray Eagle, a military drone used in Iraq and Afghanistan, marking the first time a U.S. military drone has been featured at the Cullman Veterans Day event.

At 11 a.m., Skydive Alabama will perform a parachute jump in honor of veterans, followed by a precision flyover demonstration at 11:30 from a team of airline pilots and military veterans based in Atlanta.

The Cullman Community Band will perform a patriotic concert at noon, and at 1:15 p.m., attendees can look to the skies for a KC-135 jet tanker flyover.

For those interested in history, visitors can explore the Civil War reenactor tent, which will feature hourly presentations on the Abel Streight Raid of 1863 and the lives of women during that period.

Returning this year are the always-popular Huey helicopter rides, provided by the Friends of Army Aviation out of Ozark, Alabama.

The historic helicopter will be available for rides from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., with tickets priced at $80 per rider in advance (available through Oct. 30) or $90 at the event. Veterans may ride for $80.

The ground display will also allow attendees to sit in the cockpit, handle the mounted guns and meet Vietnam veterans who flew the Huey in combat.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.cullmanveteransday.com. Cullman Regional Airport is located at 231 County Road 1360 in Vinemont.



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