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Good Hope, Garden City, Dodge City seat officials for new terms

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GOOD HOPE

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The City of Good Hope on Monday, Nov. 3, swore in council members and the mayor for their new terms. Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Nicholas administered the oaths of office.

Mayor Jerry Bartlett took the oath for another term, along with councilmembers Bill Brown (Place 1), Eric Phillips (Place 2), Susan Eller (Place 3), Greg Brown (Place 4) and Taft Dillashaw (Place 5).

Following the swearing-in, the council approved several resolutions, including the appointment of Dillashaw as mayor pro tempore and the adoption of new banking and administrative resolutions. Christie Chamblee was appointed city clerk and treasurer, Rita Nicholas city attorney and Chuck Chitwood of Canyon Engineering city engineer. Nicholas also administered oaths of office to Dillashaw, Chamblee and Nicholas in their respective roles.

The council additionally introduced ordinances to establish rules of order and procedure for the new term and to recognize the annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday before adjourning the meeting.

GARDEN CITY

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Love Like Lexi

Event highlights suicide prevention efforts



FACEBOOK/LOVE LIKE LEXI

Love Like Lexi Founder Andrea Mills with Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker at the second annual Love Like Lexi Gala on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker recently attended the second annual Love Like Lexi Gala, which was held Thursday, Oct. 30, at The Bibb Mill Event Center in Columbus, Georgia, in connection with the Helping Families Initiative (HFI).

Crocker received the "Speak Life" award, which is given to community leaders who have made contributions to the project's mission to promote hope and prevent suicide.

"The Helping Families Initiative began years ago as a school-community program in the Mobile County District Attorney's Office with the objective of identifying troubled youth in schools and connecting intervention services to their families," Crocker said. "My office, as well as around half of the DA's offices across the state, partner with local school systems through the Helping Families Initiative. My HFI team leader is Cortney Myrex, who joined this office in January after several years of working with the Cullman County school system."

Crocker shared that HFI primarily deals with students and families who are struggling with attendance, behavior and mental health issues.

"We have an interagency team of school officials, mental health professionals and other stakeholders to address these problems in our schools," he said. "In the last two years we have seen a spike in mental health referrals for students. We've got kids who are struggling, and HFI is here to provide assistance."

In August, Crocker said, his office partnered with Cullman County » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 5

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 5, 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. 30

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

Oct. 31

• identity theft; person

Nov. 3

• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,013; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person

Nov. 4

• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $969; Hwy. 157
• organized retail theft; retail theft of property-2nd degree; Monograms Plus; general merchandise; $769; Main Ave. NE
• theft of property-4th degree; Monograms Plus; general merchandise; $115; Main Ave. NE
• assault-3rd degree; person; 3rd Ave. SE

ARRESTS

Nov. 3-4

Feezell, Sherri L.; 51

• FTA – driving while suspended
• FTA – failure to register vehicle

Spurgeon, Wade L.; 26

• possession of controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Owens, Chad M.; 41

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA – switched tag
• FTA – insurance violation

Griffith, Fred T.; 44

• GJ – fraudulent use of credit/debit card

Tennison, Candace R.; 43

• possession of controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• public intoxication
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – attempt to elude
• FTA – obstructing governmental operations
• FTA – resisting arrest
• FTA – bicycle not equipped with light

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 38

• FTA – public intoxication

Bridges, Chance B.; 29

• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – driving while suspended
• FTA – fail to register vehicle

Moore, Makaila M.; 20

• retail theft of property-2nd degree

Hill, Ervin J.; 33

• burglary-3rd degree
• criminal mischief-3rd degree
• theft of property-4th degree

Stephens, Brandon S.; 47

• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – driving without license
• FTA – expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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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 Pres-by-terian 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 direct-ly 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 im-provements 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 liter-ature 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 encour-agement 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 mes-sage 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.

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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, Nov. 7 – 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. 8 – 9-11 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Lunch
• Sunday, Nov. 9 – 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.
• 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, tor-nadoes, 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 re-nowned 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 sun-light and bare feet and more. Max $15 per family.

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

Mt. Zion Church Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. at the church, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy on U.S. Highway 31 in Vinemont. Open at 8 for baked goods. Lunch begins at 10. Carry outs available. More info: 256-338-1959.

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.

15th Annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival
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.

Cullman Elks Annual Craft & Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Handmade crafts, Christmas decor, jewelry and more. Bene-fits 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 as-semble 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

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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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

6 local teams preparing for 1st round matchups

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2025 regular season is officially in the books, and six local teams are turning their attention to the postseason. Addison, Fairview and Good Hope will host first-round playoff games, while Meek, Vinemont and West Point will hit the road to open their postseason runs.

(4A) Good Hope (8-2) v. Cherokee County (7-3) – Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.
The Good Hope Raiders return to the postseason with an 8-2 record and a 6-1 mark in Class 4A, Region 5, earning the No. 2 seed. They'll host Cherokee County (7-3), the Region 6 No. 3 seed.

Good Hope's offense averaged 35 points per game, while its defense allowed only 11. Cherokee County scored 28 per game and allowed 18.

The Raiders went 5-0 at home this season; the Warriors were 2-3 on the road. This will be the third meeting between the two programs, with Good Hope still seeking its first win in the series.

The Raiders will look to keep their home streak intact and ride the energy of their crowd into round two.

(5A) Fairview (10-0) v. Arab (4-6) – Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.
For the second straight season, Fairview finished the regular season undefeated and claimed the Class 5A, Region 7 championship. The Aggies have now won 21 straight regular season games dating back to 2023.

Fairview averaged 38 points per game and allowed just 14. Arab averaged 18 points and gave up 24. The teams last met in 1977, with Arab holding a 9-0 all-time record in the series. Fairview went 5-0 at home this season; Arab finished 2-3 on the road.

If the Aggies continue their balanced play on both sides of the ball, they'll advance to the second round.

(5A) West Point (5-5) at Scottsboro (6-4) – Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.
West Point improved under second-year head coach Kevin McCravy, jumping from two wins last season to five and earning a playoff berth. The Warriors secured the No. 4 seed from Class 5A, Region 7 with a 25-20 win over Ardmore.

They'll face Scottsboro (6-4), the Region 8 champion, in the first-ever meeting between the schools.

West Point averaged 20 points per game and allowed 23, while Scottsboro scored 30 and gave up 17. The Warriors were 2-3 on the road; the Wildcats went 3-2 at home.

For West Point to pull the upset, it will need to control the line of scrimmage and contain a potent Scottsboro offense.

(1A) Addison (9-1) v. Ragland (5-5) – Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.
Addison didn't miss a beat under first-year head coach Mark Hastings, rolling to a 9-1 record and another region title. The Bulldogs went 7-0 in Class 1A, Region 7, earning the top seed and the right to host Ragland (5-5), the No. 4 seed from Region 8.

Addison's offense averaged nearly 44 points per game, while its defense allowed only 11. Ragland averaged 33 points but gave up 31. The Bulldogs went 4-1 at home; the Purple Devils were 2-3 on the road. This will be the fourth all-time meeting between the teams and the first since 2013.

If Addison's offense and defense perform as they have all year, the Bulldogs will move on to round two.

(1A) Meek (7-3) at Woodville (7-3) – Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.
For the fifth straight year, the Meek Tigers are headed to the playoffs. They finished 7-3 overall and 5-2 in Class 1A, Region 7, closing the regular season on a three-game win streak in which they outscored Cherokee, Vina and Carbon Hill by a combined 138-20.

Meek averaged 38 points per game while allowing just 18, and will now face Region 8 runner-up Woodville, which scored more than 32 points per game and allowed 30.

The Tigers went 3-2 on the road this season; Woodville was 4-1 at home. The teams meet for the third time overall and the first since 2013.

Meek will look to strike early and often while limiting Woodville's explosive offense. If the Tigers execute on both sides of the ball, they'll advance to round two.

(3A) Vinemont (6-4) at Westminster Christian (9-1) – Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.
The Vinemont Eagles are back in the playoffs for a sixth consecutive season after finishing 6-4 overall and 5-2 in Class 3A, Region 5. They'll travel to face Westminster Christian (9-1), the Region 6 runner-up.

Vinemont averaged 27 points per game and allowed 24, while Westminster posted 44 points per game and gave up only 12.

The teams have met twice before, most recently in 2019 when the Warriors won 35-0. The Eagles went 3-2 on the road; Westminster was unbeaten at home (5-0).

Vinemont upset then-No. 5 Gordo in Week 8 and will look to replicate that performance against another ranked opponent.

Berlin (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — New and incumbent members of the Berlin Town Council were sworn in at the council's meeting on Monday, Nov. 3.

Vinemont Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser administered the oaths of office for Mayor Patrick Bates and Councilmembers Donald Gunter, Edith Stevenson, Eudon Bates and Keith Hardman. Councilman Steven Michael Clark was not in attendance and will be sworn in at a later date.

Bates continued the meeting by prompting, "Next item is the election of the mayor pro tem. Since we have been founded our mayor pro tem has been Donald Gunter."

"Council," he asked, "do we want a different pro tem or do we want to continue with Mr. Gunter?"

Gunter expressed that he would like to resign the duty. In his place, the council chose Hardman as the new mayor pro tem.

"We are also required to hire a town clerk at this meeting," Bates laughed.

Council members motioned for Keirstyn Montgomery, and Sasser swore her in.

The council then moved on to approve resolutions 15, 16 and 17:

• Resolution 15 states the council is authorized to store funds at any bank or savings and loan in Cullman County that is qualified by the State. It also provides the council with the flexibility to move banks if necessary.

• Resolution 16 acknowledges mileage reimbursement rates. It states the council will follow the standard millage rate given by the IRS, which is currently 70 cents a mile.

• Resolution 17 addresses the time and place for Berlin Town Council meetings. The council members collectively agreed on the third Monday of each month at 7p.m.

The Berlin Town Council will hold its next meeting on Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall at 461 County Road 1615, Cullman, AL 35058.

For more information, contact Montgomery 256-736-3138 or clerk@berlinal.gov.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser, left, swears in Berlin Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025.

Terms (from Front)

City also held its swearing-in ceremony Monday night at Garden City Town Hall, reaffirming the Town's leadership for the upcoming term.

Mayor Tim Eskew was sworn in for another term, along with Councilman Place 1 Butch Bradford, Councilman Place 2 Jonathan Sharp, Councilman Place 3 Michael Black, Councilman Place 4 Scott Arnold and Councilman Place 5 Barrett Hardin.

Other officials who were reappointed during the meeting included Clerk/Treasurer Amy Black, Town Attorney Heath Meherg, Fire Chief Zach Thomas and Maintenance Manager Mitch Black.

DODGE CITY

DODGE CITY, Ala. — The Town of Dodge City Council also held its organizational meeting Monday evening, during which all current officials were reaffirmed to their positions for the upcoming term.

Mayor Jason Burney was sworn in for another term, along with all five members of the town council: Place 1 Teeara Johns, Place 2 Heather Langley, Place 3 and Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Lynn, Place 4 Chayton Grimmett and Place 5 Robert South.

No changes were made to the council lineup during the meeting.

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — It was a night of new beginnings in Fairview Monday, Nov. 3, as new Mayor Clint Haynes and several new council members were officially sworn in. Friends, family and residents filled the town hall to show their support and welcome the new leadership.

Haynes thanked outgoing Mayor Keith Henry and council members for their commitment and service to the town of Fairview.

There was not any new business on the agenda, but the council did review a few ongoing projects. One highlight was an update on the new Jack's restaurant, which it expected to open on Nov. 19, 2025. The restaurant is already generating excitement among residents eager for another local dining spot.



DANIELLE STANFIELD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Outgoing Mayor Keith Henry swears in new mayor and new council members

Council members also discussed the urgent need for tree removal at the town park. The Town plans to begin the work soon.

The Fairview Town Council meets the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall.



New Cullman City Council, officers seated

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman swore in its new city council and named City officials in front of a packed city hall auditorium Monday evening. Judges Rusty Turner and Emily Niezer Johnston swore in Mayor Woody Jacobs and a mix of new and returning council members:

- Place 1 – Chuck Shikle
- Place 2 – David Moss
- Place 3 – Jason Willoughby
- Place 4 – Paul Schaffer
- Place 5 – Kim Hall

Hall, who defeated previous Council President Jenny Folsom, was elected by the council as its new president, and returning Councilman David Moss was named president pro tem.

The council then made committee assignments:

General Government: Administration, Economic Development, Education, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and Marketing
- Chairman: Kim Hall
- Vice Chairman: Chuck Shikle
- Members: David Moss, Paul Schaffer and Jason Willoughby

Public Works: Building, Engineering, Garage, Maintenance, Right of Way, Sanitation, Street and Traffic
- Chairman: Jason Willoughby
- Vice Chairman: Kim Hall
- Members: David Moss, Paul Schaffer and Chuck Shikle

Public Safety: Police, Fire, Communications (Dispatch), EMA and Risk Management
- Chairman: Chuck Shikle
- Vice Chairman: Jason Willoughby
- Members: David Moss, Paul Schaffer and Kim Hall

Tourism: Airport, Chamber of Commerce, Museum, Parks and Recreation (CPRST) and Tourism Bureau
- Chairman: David Moss
- Vice Chairman: Paul Schaffer
- Members: Kim Hall, Jason Willoughby and Chuck Shikle

Utilities: Electricity, Gas, Sewer, Utilities Board, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water
- Chairman: Paul Schaffer
- Vice Chairman: David Moss
- Members: Kim Hall, Jason Willoughby, and Chuck Shikle

The council formally named City officials, mostly confirming previous appointments:
- Wesley Moore – City Clerk
- Sherry Compton – City Treasurer
- Joey Duncan – Police Chief
- Darren Peeples – Fire Chief
- Brandy Lee (replacing retiring City Attorney Roy Williams) – City Attorney
- Jason Knight – Municipal Judge
- Jeremy Cline – City Prosecutor
- Dale Greer – Director of Economic Development
- Sam Dillender – Superintendent, Sanitation Department
- Scotty Talley – Superintendent, Street Department
- Shannon (Jake) Calloway – Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Chris Freeman – Superintendent, Water and Sewer Department
- Joshua Brown – Superintendent, Garage Department



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The freshly sworn-in Cullman City Council gets down to business Monday evening, Nov. 3, 2025.

- Brandon Lewis – Chief Building Official
- Christopher Dotson – Director of Risk Management
- Jacob Smith – Director of Information Technology
- Rothal (Clain) Fletcher – Superintendent, ROW Maintenance Department
- Erica York – Director of Engineering
- Kyle Clark – Director (Operations) of Parks and Recreation
- Nathan Anderson – Director (Executive) of Parks and Recreation
- Michelle Bates – Director of Human Resources
- Blake Lee Cockrell – Court Clerk
- Brian Bradberry – Public Safety Director

The council also appointed members to various City boards:
- David Moss, Chuck Shikle, Paul Schaffer and Mayor Jacobs to the Cullman Jefferson Gas Board
- Kim Hall, Paul Schaffer and Jason Willoughby to the Cullman Utilities Board
- Mayor Jacobs and Vincent Karolewics to the Airport Board
- Kim Hall to the CATS 55 Board
- David Moss to the Tourism Bureau of Cullman County

Mayor Jacobs concluded the meeting, saying, "Let's get to work."

The Cullman City Council meets next at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

'12 Angry Jurors' opens Nov. 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Community Theatre is trading in musical numbers for high-stakes deliberation with its newest production, "12 Angry Jurors," opening Thursday, Nov. 6, at The Byre at St. Bernard.

Directed by Co-Chairs Kristy Crickard and Rodney Basenberg, "12 Angry Jurors" is a modern adaptation of the 1957 film "12 Angry Men."

"The jurors are sequestered in the jury room and must decide the fate of a 19-year-old man accused of murdering his father," Crickard explained. "It's a really important exploration of our justice system, its flaws, as well as its importance. It also examines biases and assumptions that we make, especially in a world where we're bombarded with quick information and even quicker judgments."

This production will be staged in the round, with the audience surrounding the actors to create an immersive atmosphere. Crickard described it as if the audience would be part of the jury room.

The show is part of the group's first full performance season, which features a mix of musicals, comedies and dramas. Crickard said this is a deliberate move to expand the group's artistic range.

"In the spring, we'll be doing 'Pride and Prejudice,' a romantic comedy. We want to offer a variety of productions for both our audiences and our performers to learn and grow from," said Crickard.

To better prepare themselves for the roles they would take on, the cast visited the Cullman County Courthouse for an up-close look at the judicial process.

"Some of our actors had never even been in a courthouse. We got to sit in jury seats, visit the jury room and hear stories from a longtime bailiff. It made us realize how true to life this story really is," Crickard said.

She said she hopes the theme of "12 Angry Jurors" will resonate deeply with local audiences. The production also includes an interactive twist where attendees will be given jury numbers upon arrival and can cast their own "verdicts" before leaving the theater.

In addition to the performance, Cullman Community Theatre will host a canned food drive during the show's run to benefit Cullman Caring for Kids. Audience members are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to donate.

"If you love theater, you're going to love this," Crickard said. "Whether you're a fan of courtroom drama or not, it's just great theater."

Showtimes are Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. All performances will take place at The Byre at St. Bernard. Seating is limited; it is recommended to arrive early.

Get tickets at https://cullmancotheatre.ludus.com.

West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Town Council on Monday, Nov. 3, held an organizational meeting and swearing-in ceremony. Members were seated on the town council and appointed to leadership roles for the upcoming term.

Since no candidate qualified to run for mayor in the August Municipal Election, and outgoing Mayor Gerald Schafer did not run for re-election, following state procedure, the newly seated council voted to appoint Timmy Smith as mayor. Smith has been elected to Place 4 in the August, so that seat is now vacant.

The council also elected Ashlee Phillips (Place 5) as mayor pro tempore. Returning council members include Darion Daniel (Place 2) and Steve Link (Place 3).

Places 1 and 4 remain vacant and will be filled at a later date.

The meeting included recognitions for outgoing Mayor Gerald Schafer and Councilmember Frankie Jones for their service and dedication to the town.

The council voted to reappoint Dan Willingham as the town attorney and Joann Jones as the town clerk.

The council also voted to continue using the Town's current depository accounts and adopted Robert's Rules of Order as its official procedure for conducting fair meetings and decision-making.

Regular meetings of the West Point Town Council will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall.

The council opted to postpone the appointment of committees until the two vacant council seats are filled.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mayor Timmy Smith is sworn in.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mayor pro tempore Ashlee Phillips is sworn in.

Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Town of Holly Pond swore in the mayor and council for their new terms on Monday, Nov. 3. The meeting began with an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Carla Hart.

Before taking her oath Hart stated, "We do this because we love our town and we love our people."

The oaths of the office for Hart and councilmembers Ricky Carr, Paul Brown, Deborah Holcomb and Thomas Kidd were then administered by Town Clerk and Treasurer Connie Moore.

Hart opened the meeting's agenda by addressing the need to elect a mayor pro-tem. She stated Brown had been their pro-tem for years and that she would like to nominate him again if he agreed. He accepted, and the other members of the council also motioned their approval.

Hart also suggested the re-appointment of Moore as town clerk and treasurer. The council agree. Moore's oath was administered by Berlin Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery.

The mayor and council proceeded to address resolutions, beginning with Resolution No. 20251103-03 to discuss designated depositories for various Town funds.

"We can use any bank or savings and loans established in the county, which are recognized by the State of Alabama for public depositories," said Moore.

Hart agreed and said, "Yes. We will continue to use those that are local. People and Traditions Bank."

All council members approved the resolution with no concerns.

Hart brought forward Resolution No. 20251103-04 regarding mileage rate reimbursement to Town employees and officers. All council members were in favor of this resolution.

The council discussed the time and place for regular town council meetings, addressing Resolution No. 20251103-05, and collectively decided to persist with the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

Moving on to the topic of Ordinance No. 20251103, to hire Hart as utility superintendent, the council agreed to reserve more time setting the salary.

Councilmember Holcomb stated, "The amount needs to be changed and she deserves the cap."

"Is it possible we could investigate what similar towns are paying and see what the mayoral salary is?" Kidd proposed.

The council ultimately settled on entertaining further details at its December meeting.

Hart directed the discussion toward the town hall's new hours. She stated it would change to Mondays from noon-5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The motion was approved with all in favor.

The mayor went on to address the following announcements:
- A replacement for Council Place 5 (Gladys Wisener vacated her seat in October) will be announced at the December meeting
- On Dec. 6, from 5:30-8 p.m., the town of Holly Pond will have its Christmas tree lighting in the park. "We will have the tree lighting, choir band and an overall night of Christmas celebration for the town," Hart stated.
- In the park behind Holly Pond Town Hall there is to be the first ever bathroom facility. Hart assured its completion before Dec. 6.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Town of Holly Pond held its organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025.

Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting and to continue to "make this town a better place."

The next Holly Pond Town Council meeting will take place on Dec. 1, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Guy Hunt Library and Museum Con. Room located at 60 Lions Park Road.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GARRISON LOGISTICS, INC., *
PLAINTIFF, *
V. * CASE NO. DV 2025 – 900483
RAMANS TRANSPORT, INC., *
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 District Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on October 8, 2025. Attempts have been made to serve Defendant, Ramans Transport, Inc., with the Summons and Complaint by Certified U.S. Mail at the last known addresses of the Defendant, 11201 5th Street, Apt. C104, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730. Please be advised that Ramans Transport, Inc., 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 35056.

Done this 3rd day of November, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:)
VIRGINIA FAYE HULSLANDER,) CASE NO. PC-2025- PC 2025
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to MARTY KEITH WADDLE on the 24th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur or the same will be barred.

/s/Marty Keith Waddle
Marty Keith Waddle, Personal Representative of the Estate of Virginia Faye Hulslander

Seth B. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner
Marty Keith Waddle

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TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **MATTHEW WEAVER AND SPOUSE, APRIL WEAVER,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Matthew Weaver and spouse, April Weaver dated October 2, 2014, and recorded on October 9, 2014, in Mortgage Book 1745 Page 576 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:
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.

PUBLICATION DATES: October 30, November 6 and November 13, 2025.

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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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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
LISA MCSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ Shay Persall
Attorney for Plaintiff

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:
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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.

PUBLICATION DATES: October 30, November 6 and November 13, 2025.

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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.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-October 23, 30, November 6, 2025

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Brittaney Lashae Lands, An Unmarried Woman and Evelyn Faye Lands, An Unmarried Woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for ROYAL PACIFIC FUNDING CORP., its successors and assigns dated January 4, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on January 8, 2024 in Deed Book 2072, Page 188, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2132, Page 862, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Lot No. Ten (10) of Sunny Acres Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat of said subdivision as recorded in Map book 6, Page 225, in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.
Also a 50 foot R.O.W. along an existing gravel drive being described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot No. 9 of Sunny Acres Subdivision as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Map Book 6, Page 225; thence North 17 degrees 07' 40" East 247.43 feet along the East line of Lot No. 9 to a point of the South R.O.W. of County Road No. 738; thence South 86 degrees 56' 50" East 50.00 feet along said R.O.W. to the Northwest Corner of Lot No. 11; thence South 16 degrees 53' 16" West 280.00 feet to the Southwest Corner of Lot No. 12; thence North 50 degrees 31' 57" West 53.70 feet along the North line of Lot No. 10, back to the point of beginning. Description taken from survey of James W. Baldy, AL. License No. 11845, dated July 16, 2010.

Said property is commonly known as **85 County Road 738, Cullman, AL 35055**.

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

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

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

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

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Lexi (from Front)

Schools, Cullman City Schools and Premier Bank to bring the Love Like Lexi Project to local high schools.

"The project, founded by Andrea Mills after her daughter Lexi's death, aims to equip students with tools to handle life's challenges through a curriculum of assemblies, workbooks and community projects," Crocker said. "We have facilitated Love Like Lexi at three local high schools so far and are working to schedule more before the end of the school year."

For more information, visit www.lovelikelexi.com: "The Love Like Lexi Project brings a message of hope. This message was celebrated at the Love Like Lexi Annual Live Gala on Oct. 30, which would have been Lexi's 25th birthday. No matter what kind of mistake or trouble someone has, there is always hope. By promoting hope, the Love Like Lexi Project is not only raising suicide awareness, but also saving lives."

Luna (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Luna, a 7-month-old domestic shorthair tuxedo cat, is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Sociable and affectionate, Luna enjoys the company of both people and other cats.

She greets her caretakers with a delicate meow, especially around feeding time, and delights in exploring every nook and cranny of her surroundings. With her calm nature and friendly demeanor, Luna is an ideal candidate for a therapy, companion or reading cat.

Since Luna arrived at the shelter already spayed, her adoption fee has been reduced to just $35. A small price for a cat with such a big heart! It covers vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam. Shelter staff noted her reduced fee is not reflective of her worth, but rather a gesture to help her find a loving home more quickly.

If you're interested in adopting Luna or meeting other pets in need of forever homes, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

Beginning November 10

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PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE ALCOHOL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE

This letter is to inform the public of a meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Drive. The public hearing will be held for the approval of an alcohol license for:

Rujul Patel
Good Hope Marathon
1690 County Road 437
Cullman, AL 35055

All interested in the above item are welcome to attend the public hearing and express themselves concerning the same.

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

POSTED: 11/4/2025 9: 51 AM

The City of Good Hope's regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, November 10, at 6:30 PM has been **rescheduled** to Thursday, November 13, 2025 @ 6:30 PM and will include a discussion of a 772 Agreement. The promotion of local economic and commercial development will be driven by additional revenue from a new multi-use event venue, which will also create jobs and increase tax revenues for the citizens of Good Hope. All persons interested in the above matter are invited to attend the meeting which is held to provide an opportunity for public comment.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of
Joseph H. Tremblay
Deceased

Case No. PC 2025-395

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
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
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LEGAL NOTICE

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc., gives notice of completion of contract with the Town of Fairview for construction of Project No: Wesley Avenue Resurfacing and Shoulder Stone. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Thursday, November 6, 2025 and ending on Thursday, November 27, 2025. All claims should be filed at 110 Office Park Drive, Suite 300, Birmingham, Al 35223 during this period. Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.

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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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

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 4-5

Tammy Elaine Thompson, 59
Tammy Elaine White Thompson, age 59, of Cullman, Alabama passed from this life Novem-ber 2, 2025, at her residence. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Pleasant View First Congre-gation Methodist Church from 1-3 p.m. The family will gather from 12-1 p.m. at the church. Tammy was born March 13, 1966, to Larry Eugene 'Bob' White and the late Carolyn Ann Bryan White. She was preceded in death by her mother, Carolyn White; her grandparents, Hershel and Wyneta White and Calvin and Savilla Bryan. Survivors include her children, Cody (Blair) Thompson, Jessica (Jason) Hurt; grandchildren, Austin (Caleigh) Hurt, Brinley and Cooper Hurt, Harleigh and Tucker Thompson; one grandchild, Ivy Hurt; her dad, Larry Eugene 'Bob' White; siblings, Tina (Phillip) Fincher, Greg (Car-la) White, Susan (Jimmy) McClendon, Sandi (Randy) Williams, Genia (Allen) Williams, Phil-lip (Janie) White and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Written by her family: Tammy was a loving mother and granna. She always went out of her way to be there for her family. Tammy was known as a hard worker and a great co-worker. She always was going out of her way to make things easier for everyone. She loved her job as a lunch lady at Har-mony for years. She couldn't get enough of cooking, so she worked at Cracker Barrel in the summer and on holidays. Tammy was a strong and mighty warrior. She fought and beat her first diagnosis of breast cancer in 2011. After being cancer free for fourteen years, she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in September. She was up against a tougher battle this time. In the beginning she was willing to tackle this enemy, but in the end it was a much larger battle than her body could handle. That is when she put the fight in God's hand and asked Him to finish for her. She has won the fight at last. She is celebrating in her new body (with no scars) in Heaven with her mom. She fought a good fight! She was a mighty warrior! This isn't a goodbye; it's a see you later kind of day. We love you!

Taylor Zachary McWaters, 32
Funeral Service for Taylor Zachary McWaters, age 32 of Harvest, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Donnie McWaters and Glenn Ha-good officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. McWaters passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the University Of Alabama Hos-pital. He was born April 4, 1993, to Ashley McWaters and Paige Hagood. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gary Martin "Grandad". Survivors include his mother, Paige (Glenn) Hagood and Ashley (Stacy) McWaters; his sib-lings, Karsyn McWaters, Brandon Howard, Briana Howard, Bryli Howard, Breyden Howard and Legend McWaters; grandparents, Kathy Martin, Donnie McWaters (Carol) "Grandad", Wanda McWaters "MiMi"; aunt, Stacy Walker (Randy); uncle, Lance McWaters (Vicki); cous-ins, Thad, Ross & Ben Walker, Davey McWaters and Riley Strickland.

Lawrence "Ox" Stroud, 73
Oxford Lawrence Stroud, age 73 of Cullman, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025, at Cullman Health Care Center. He was born September 20, 1952, to Oxford Simeon Stroud and Mary Anne Porter Stroud. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his longtime companion, Deborah Lynne Woodard-Phillips; his siblings, Lynne Pennock, Philip (Ann) Stroud, Laura (Alan) Fox, Robert Jefferson Stroud; daughters, Angelyn Stroud, Casey Farler, Lindsay English and a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Terry Dewayne Martin, 55
Funeral services for Terry Dewayne Martin, 55, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Friday November 7th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Mountain Grove Bap-tist Church cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Martin was born August 16, 1970, in Cullman, Alabama to Raymond & Judy Martin. He passed away November 2, 2025, in Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Martin was a simple man who found joy in the everyday things of life. Terry especially en-joyed working on cars and could often be known to lend a hand to anyone who needed help. He will be remembered for his kind heart, quiet strength, and willingness to help others. Ter-ry's love for family, friends, and his passion for cars will always be cherished by those who knew him. Mr. Martin is survived by his children, Amber Martin, and Skyler Martin; his parents, Raymond and Judy Martin; sister, Tonya Brock; nieces and nephews, Emma Brock, Caitlin Martin, Gavin Brock, and Collin Brock. Mr. Martin was preceded in death by his grandparents, Max and Eva Martin, and Curtis & Pearl Phillips; and his uncle, Kenneth Martin. Serving as pallbearers will be Kevin Crawford, Kelly Crawford, Wayne Scott, Jason Twilley, Eli Speegle, and Roy Gillilan.

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Cullman Power Board outlines early winter preparedness plans

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With early cold fronts beginning to roll across Alabama, Utilities Board of the City of Cullman CEO Allison Bright says her team has already been hard at work ensuring the city's electrical system is ready for winter's challenges.

From tree trimming and infrastructure upgrades to new technology and coordinated emergency planning, Bright outlined how the utility prepares for whatever the season may bring.

"One of the most effective steps we take to prepare for severe weather is proactive tree trimming," Bright said. "Keeping rights-of-way clear of danger trees is a key defense against storm-related outages."

Beyond vegetation management, the power board continues to invest in infrastructure improvements.

"We regularly invest in infrastructure upgrades such as pole replacements, guy wire modifications and equipment rating enhancements," she explained. "Any time we replace aging equipment, we're strengthening the system — not just for everyday reliability, but especially for extreme weather conditions."

Bright also highlighted new technology that's changing how crews respond during storms.

"We have also deployed SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) technology at our substations," she said. "As we continue expanding this system, it allows us to monitor and respond to outages more quickly and safely during winter storms."

Cullman Power Board's online outage map has become one of its most popular public tools, offering customers real-time updates during service interruptions.

"We're actively exploring ways to expand our communication tools, including mobile alerts and text notifications," Bright said. "Our goal is to provide real-time updates through the channels that work best for each customer, ensuring timely and accessible information during outages."

Recognizing that not every customer is online, Bright added, "We work closely with local partners to ensure outage updates reach as many people as possible. In addition to our website and outage map, we rely on trusted community networks and word-of-mouth to share timely, accurate information with those who may not be online."

Preparation begins long before a storm hits.

"When winter weather is in the forecast, we take a proactive approach," Bright said. "We typically supplement our standby crew with additional employees on call and equipped with company vehicles to respond quickly if needed."

The power board also coordinates with other utilities for extra support when necessary.

"We maintain mutual aid relationships with other utilities so that extra help can be brought in quickly for large-scale restoration efforts if needed," she said.

When it comes to restoring power, Bright said the approach follows a clear order.

"We begin with substations and primary power lines (known as feeders), which serve the largest number of homes and businesses," she explained. "Once those are back online, we address smaller neighborhood outages and then individual service lines."

Throughout the process, critical facilities remain a top concern.

"We prioritize hospitals, assisted living centers, nursing homes, emergency services and major traffic intersections," Bright said. "While schools are often closed during winter storms, if they are in session, we work to restore them as quickly as reasonably possible."

She added that grocery stores and other large public buildings may also be prioritized if they can serve as temporary warming spaces for residents.

"Every storm is unique," she noted. "While we have restoration plans in place, the extent and nature of damage can vary widely. Whether during routine disruptions or major events, our focus remains on the safety and well-being of our customers in the city of Cullman."



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Utilities Board of the City of Cullman CEO Allison Bright

When outages last several hours or longer, the Cullman Power Board coordinates with local officials to provide relief options.

"We coordinate with City officials to identify warming centers or other safe locations for residents," Bright said. "Each situation is unique, so we help assess community needs and available resources to develop an appropriate response plan."

While the utility does not have a separate budget category for winter hardening, Bright said the work is built into its regular operations.

"Many of our annual infrastructure projects contribute to overall system resilience," she said. "All upgrades (including pole replacements, line improvements and other enhancements) are designed to meet local standards for temperature, wind, ice, snow and electrical load."

Funding opportunities are always on the radar.

"State and federal funding for large-scale hardening projects typically becomes available after major storms that qualify for FEMA assistance," she said. "We actively monitor these opportunities to strengthen our infrastructure while minimizing costs for our customers."

As winter approaches, Bright emphasized that preparation is year-round and community-driven. Through ongoing upgrades, technology and partnerships, the Cullman Power Board aims to keep residents safe, warm and connected through even the coldest months ahead.

Find the Cullman Power Board online at www.cullmanpowerboard.com. Outages can be reported by calling 256-734-2343 or texting 833-92-POWER (833-927-6937).



Ivey says she's releasing $2M in emergency funds for 8 food banks

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday, Nov. 4, announced she is releasing $2 million of the State's emergency funds to go towards eight food banks, serving all of Alabama's 67 counties.

This comes on the fourth day of the month, which is the first day some of the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will miss an issuance of those benefits to their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.

In Alabama, SNAP benefits are issued to recipients' EBT cards on a specific day from the 4th of the month to the 23rd.

As the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) has noted, SNAP benefits are 100% federally funded.

Throughout this shutdown period, DHR is also assisting by redirecting an additional $3 million to the Feeding Alabama food banks network, which touches all 67 counties, for a total of $9 million for FY26.

There are currently 11,434 children in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and DHR is sending an additional $300 for each of those children to their caregivers, according to Ivey's office.

"There are real Alabama families who rely on SNAP to put food on their tables, and that includes more than 300,000 children, more than 102,000 seniors and those who are disabled. That is why I am directing $2 million in emergency funding to go towards food banks serving the people of our state," said Ivey.

"We are now in the longest federal government shutdown in history, and it is absolutely ridiculous that families all across our country are suffering – whether that is the school children who rely on SNAP, the air traffic controller not receiving a paycheck or even our military and high number of federal government worker families in Alabama. Hear me loud and clear when I say Alabama cannot be both the state and federal government. And like states all across the country, Alabama is stepping up to help, but this is not sustainable by any means. U.S. Senate Democrats must vote to reopen the federal government now."

In the meantime, she said, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced SNAP guidance has been sent to states to help partially fund the program while the federal government remains shut down.

The team at Alabama DHR is closely reviewing those details today to act as quickly as possible. As Secretary Rollins noted, she said, this will be a cumbersome process for states and will result in delayed benefits. At this point in Alabama, that exact time frame is unknown.

A few members of the Alabama Legislature have also inquired about a special session to tap into Rainy Day funds. The governor has said she has no plans to call a special session. According to the law, in order to use Rainy Day funds, the State would need to be in proration, which is not the case.

The governor added, "There is only one true solution and that is for Congress to do their one job and reopen the federal government now."

Food banks included in the governor's $2 million assistance are Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, Food Bank of East Alabama, Food Bank of North Alabama, Feeding the Gulf Coast, Heart of Alabama Food Bank, Selma Area Food Bank, West Alabama Food Bank and the Wiregrass Area Food Bank.

Sights from the 2025 Hanceville Mud Creek Marching Festival



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs Marching Band



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview Marching Band



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope Marching Band



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville Marching Band



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond Marching Band



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point Marching Band