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Winter Wonderland: 'This is going to be the best and biggest year yet'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The lights are on at the 23rd annual Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park!

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Kenneth Cornelius said the ribbon cutting, which took place Thursday, Nov. 20, was wonderful this year with much support from the community.

"We had (Cullman County) commissioners, council members » PAGE 4



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The lights are on at the 23rd annual Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park!

Christkindlmarkt open for the season



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The ribbon was cut Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, officially opening the 2025 Cullman Christkindlmarkt.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Christkindlmarkt is open for the season, with officials cutting the ribbon to kick of the holiday festivities on Thursday, Nov. 20, at Depot Park. This will be the market's longest run yet, and the City of Cullman and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism are anticipating an estimated $40 million in economic impact.

This year's market continues to highlight the strong partnership between local businesses, the City, sponsors and volunteers. Nearly 75% of vendor huts are occupied by local businesses, many of which temporarily expanded operations to participate in the 23-day market. Organizers credit that commitment, along with behind-the-scenes work by City staff and contractors, for shaping the event into a major regional and national attraction.

A centerpiece of the market is the Weihnachtspyramide, a traditional German Christmas season decoration known in English as a "Christmas pyramid."

It debuted in Cullman in 2019 as the largest Christmas pyramid in the U.S. and was built by German company Erzgebirgiisehe Holzkunst Gahlenz in Gahlenz. Representatives from the company traveled to Cullman in 2019 to install the 30-foot-tall symbol of Cullman's German heritage.

The pyramid represents one of several authentic elements inspired by the City's research trips to German holiday markets.

Visitors will also find a two-story carousel modeled after the one in Frankfurt, a Ferris wheel matching those in Erfurt and fire pits reminiscent of Berlin's traditional markets.

The Christkindlmarkt has also begun a charitable initiative this year.

Vendors will invite customers to round up purchases by $1, $5 or $10, with all proceeds supporting children-focused charities. Organizers anticipate raising at least $100,000, with the potential to exceed $300,000 as attendance grows.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, the Cullman City Council and many others were recognized for their significant roles and contributions in preparing the venue and its operations.

It was mentioned that last year's event brought crowds from across the country, from New York to Nevada, boosting business for hotels, restaurants and local shops.

Inspired by Germany's centuries-old Christmas markets, the Cullman Christkindlmarkt features illuminated wooden huts, handcrafted goods, traditional foods and a full season of entertainment.

Guests can enjoy authentic German sausages, chimney cakes, raclette, imported chocolates and candies, as well as crafts, ornaments, textiles, smokers, nutcrackers and more.

The market also offers ice skating, a Ferris wheel, a double-decker carousel, alpine slides, live music, acrobatic shows, troubadours and children's activities at Kinderplatz and Santa's Village, along with special appearances from Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Christkindl Express and so much more.

More information, event schedules and updates can be found at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

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St. Bernard student passes away at 17



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Fairview Elementary Aggie Ambassadors collect more than 500 pounds of food for Cullman Caring for Kids



FACEBOOK/FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fairview Elementary students recently hosted a canned food drive, collecting more than 500 pounds of food for Cullman Caring for Kids. Pictured are Ava Henderson, Naomi Avila, Amelia Hopkins, Sawyer Beck, Ella Bryan, Lia-Kate Gibbs, Maddie Plunkett, Kaci Kugler, Laken Jetton and Kayson Britton. » PAGE 4

Local author spotlight: 'More Than Enough: A Mother's Journey Back to What Matters'

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 21

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 21, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 17

- theft of property; CR 1174
- theft of property; CR 548
- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of cocaine; possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; CR 775
- theft of property; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1866
- burglary; CR 463
- sell-distribute drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of cocaine; possession of forged instrument; Hwy 278E

Nov. 18

- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; resisting arrest; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 264
- theft of property; CR 1668
- assault; CR 1127

Nov. 19

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- domestic violence; CR 1382
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; I65SB MM 304
- theft of property; CR 1141

ARRESTS

Nov. 17-19

Banks, Timothy R.; 45
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – financial exploitation of the elderly-2nd degree
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (11 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

Beasley, Janet R.; 48
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of drug paraphernalia
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – attempt to commit a controlled substance crime

Burns, Steven C.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Coker, Michael J.; 50
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled (2 counts)
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – improper tag classification

Coulter, Danielle N.; 36
- possession of cocaine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Faulkner, Timothy J.; 40
- cruelty to dog/cat

Harbison, Ann M.; 42
- theft-from residence, $500-less than $1500

Jackson, Timothy R.; 46
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- attempting to elude a police officer
- resisting arrest

Jones, Alex M.; 38
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Lee, Justin B.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Lewis, Christian N.; 43
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled (2 counts)
- FTA – auto theft

McDonald, Sarah D.; 65
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possessing forged instrument
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Morales, Oseas M.; 24
- GJ – arson-residence

Myers, David A.; 42
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications

Parris, Kaitlyn D.; 25
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – receiving stolen property
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – promote prison contraband
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Simms, John A.; 46
- assault-domestic-menacing-knife

Skinner, Paul L.; 51
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of dangerous drugs

Spurgeon, Wade L.; 26
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Stevens, Amber N.; 32
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Strong, Jacqueline F.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of cocaine

Thomas, Tyson D.; 53
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Thompson, Destiney K.; 28
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Tucker, Lisa M.; 45
- public intoxication

Turner, David F.; 50
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possessing forged instrument

Vasquez, Ramon M.; 20
- FTA – homicide-murder-non-family gun (3 counts)
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood
- FTA – selling alcohol during prohibited hours
- FTA – reckless driving
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – murder-reckless (3 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – attempting to elude a police officer
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE –underage purchase/consumption/possession/transportation of alcohol
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – reckless driving

Watwood, Carson C.; 53
- possession of cocaine
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Whitehead, Joshua N.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 18
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Housing Authority; Logan St. SW

Nov. 19
- identity theft; person
- identity theft; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $6; Hwy. 157
- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-4th degree; Auburn University; miscellaneous; CR 1466

Nov. 20
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Stadium Dr. NE
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Nov. 19-20

Robertson, Elizabeth A.; 46
- public intoxication
- obstructing governmental operations

Terry, Eric T.; 45
- harassment

Gilland, Gregory D.; 63
- harassment

Shadrix, Austin B.; 25
- theft of property-4th degree

Whitehead, Joshua N.; 42
- burglary-3rd degree
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Scott, Jack C.; 48
- burglary-3rd degree

Taylor, Charles J.; 18
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Allen, Loriann; 56
- theft of property-4th degree

Villa, Patricia D.; 44
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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The Link launches Open Season on Hunger

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After SNAP benefits were in limbo and as deer hunting season begins in the area, The Link of Cullman County has launched Open Season on Hunger.

The nonprofit's food pantry, The Pantry at The Link, is encouraging hunters to share their bounties and select cuts from their game to donate.

The Link is partnering with Weaver Meat Processing and Brothers Processing for these donations.

With this partnership, meat can be brought directly to the facilities to be divided into what is donated and what is going home with the consumer.

From there, whatever is donated will be set aside for The Pantry and picked up in due time. This makes it easier for hunters to donate without having to bring it by the facility.

The Link encourages any participants in Open Season on Hunger to call these establishments ahead of bringing their game in.

As deer hunting is kicking off, they have the potential to be very busy. Letting them know beforehand helps ensure the best use of your time and theirs, and helps The Link properly plan for donation pickups.

For Weaver Meat Processing, call 256-462-1034. It is located at 2098 Highway 55 W, Hartselle, AL 35640.

For Brothers Processing, call 205-388-7049. It is located at 551 County Road 485, Hanceville, AL 35077.

If you have additional questions for The Link, call 256-775-0028 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. You can also email info@linkingcullman.org. For more information about Open Season on Hunger, email jonathancreekmore@linkingcullman.org.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on January 12, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of the ordinance set forth in full below will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - ___

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, Cullman Christian School, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

PPIN: 11877. Parcel No. : 17-05-22-4-001-001.000. Property Address: 1803 Beech Avenue SE.

Legal Description: Lot #2 of the Re-subdivision of Golden Rod Broilers Property, as shown and known on the recorded plat filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama on March 8, 1990, in Plat Record B-98AA.

This conveyance is subject to the following:

1. Rights of way for Beech Avenue SE and Sheraton Road SE.
2. All matters as set out and shown by the plat of Lots 1 & 2 of the Resubdivision of Golden Road Broilers Property as recorded in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 98A, including the right of way for L & N Railroad along the West line and all other rights of way.
3. That certain Memorandum of Lease between Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. and Cullman County ARC as recorded Miscellaneous Book 285, Page 573.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as M-1 Manufacturing District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from M-1 Manufacturing District to B-3 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 12th day of January, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

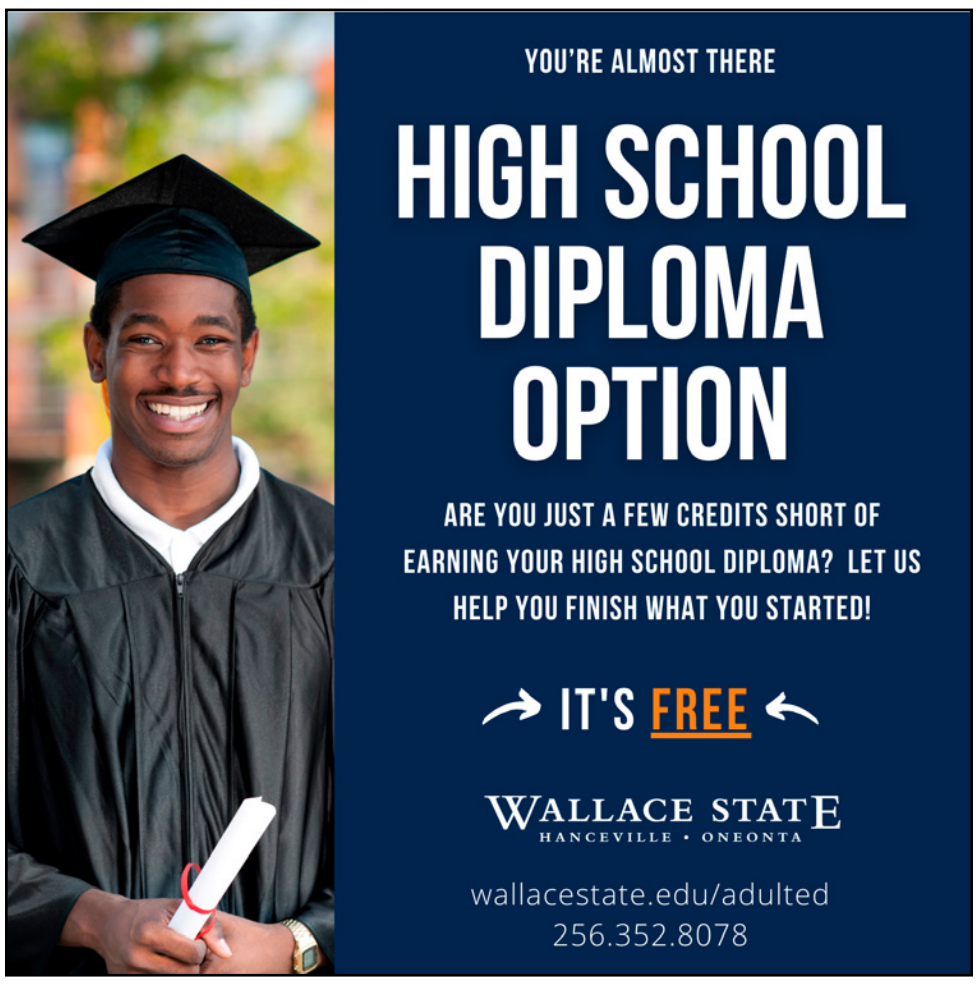
SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 12th day of January, 2026.

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Meals (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Here's a list of local Thanksgiving meal events. Know of one we missed? Email us at news@cullmantribune.com.

Spirit Life Church Thanksgiving Holiday Giveaway – drive-through food bank (free)
- Monday, Nov. 24, 9-11 a.m.
- Spirit Life Church, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, 256-739-3326

10th Annual Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner (free)
- Monday, Nov. 24, noon-6 p.m.
- Brandin' Iron Steakhouse, 87 County Road 1242, West Point, 256-739-1112
- All veterans and their spouses/caregivers get a free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings!

City of Good Hope Community Thanksgiving Meal (free)
- Wednesday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Good Hope High School lunchroom, 210 Good Hope School Road
- Dine in or carry out (5 maximum); Call ahead for delivery inside Good Hope city limits, 256-739-3757

Friendsgiving at The National
- Wednesday, Nov. 26, 4-8 p.m.
- The National, 216 First Ave. SE, Cullman
- Reservations optional, 256-735-4645
- Specialty menu of smoked turkey or ham and all the fixings. You and your friends are invited to join us!

Unsheltered International Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (free)
- Wednesday, Nov. 26, 6 p.m.
- Temple Baptist Church gym, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman
- RSVP at info@unsheltered.org, 256-615-6024

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.

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.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Monday, Nov. 24 – 9-11 a.m. Thanksgiving drive-through food bank
- Wednesday, Nov. 26 – Classes canceled. Happy Thanksgiving!
- Friday, Nov. 28 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Sunday, Nov. 30 – 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.

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.

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, 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, Dec. 4, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary - Winter Wonderland Terrarium. In this hands-on workshop, you'll combine creativity and nature to construct your own enchanting miniature landscape with fun seasonal elements. $15 fee/max $30 per family.
- Thursday, Dec. 4, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary - Keepsake Resin Ornaments. In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to create personalized ornaments that preserve something special to you! Bring a treasure, all other supplies provided. $20 per person.
- Saturday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m., Living Landscapes - Wreath- Make and Take. Make your own reusable grapevine wreath using Cullman County grapevine. Decorate your base with native greenery and nature's bounty for a stunning holiday garland. $35 per person.
- Friday, Dec. 12, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers - The Hat. 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, Dec. 13, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club - Cozy Craft & Cookie Decorating. Settle in, craft up something cozy, then try your hand at Christmas cookie decorating. Take home treats and a few new skills. $20 per person.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
Nov. 22-Dec. 23 | Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. | Sundays, noon- 8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 11 | Admission: Free | www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com

7th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Nov. 22-23, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 4-7, Dec. 11-23 | 11 a.m.- 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and noon-8 p.m., Sundays; lights on at 5 p.m. | Ave Maria Grotto | Admission: Adults $12 | Seniors $10 | Military/first responders $9 | Teens (13–17) $10 | Kids (5–12) $9 | Kids 4 and younger FREE | Wagon rides (Dec 13 and 14 only) $5. Don't miss the Grotto's BIG weekend Dec 13 and 14! Live music, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa!

23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park
Nov. 22-23, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 3-7, Dec. 10-23, Dec. 26-28 (Christmas lights only), 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. Admission is $10 per car and $20 per bus. Enjoy a drive-through Christmas light display. Santa will be here, and there will be horse and carriage rides on select nights and we will have our magical Christmas Train rides!

Arley Women's Club Annual Fall Bake Sale
Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m.-noon, at Traditions Bank - 19 Helicon Road, Arley. Let the fabulous bakers of AWC help with your holiday preparations. This event is sponsored by the Arley Women's Club, Inc, a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization. 100% of all funds raised will stay in the community.

Small Business Christmas Market
Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. $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.

Community Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Good Hope High School lunchroom. Dine in or carry out (five max). Call ahead for delivery in the Good Hope city limits: 256-739-3757.

36th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 6, at noon. Route: Michele Street and U.S. Highway 31 South to Park Street, ending at Veterans Park. Admission: Free. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the holiday spirit as floats, bands and community groups fill the streets with Christmas cheer! Presented by the Hanceville Civitan Club.

Baldwin Heights Baptist Church Warm Clothing Giveaway
Sunday, Dec. 7, from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at 2489 U.S. Highway 278 West in the Baldwin community, which is about 2 miles from Cullman.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 6 Addison advances to semifinals with 28-22 win at Marion County

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GUIN, Ala. — After dominating their second-round matchup against Berry 39-6 last week, the Bulldogs hit the road for a quarterfinal battle at Marion County Thursday night.

The Red Raiders were able to build a 16-8 lead over Addison in the first half, but the Bulldogs' offense started to click in the second half, putting 20 more points on the board to come from behind and win it 28-22, securing a spot in the semifinals for the first time since 2016.

Marion County put together an impressive drive on its opening possession, moving the ball down the field and into the end zone for an early, 8-0 lead over Addison.

The Bulldogs responded on the ensuing possession, moving into the red zone with a big pickup on a pass from quarterback Elijah Roberts down the sideline to Scout Flynn.

A few plays later, Judah Wilkins took a handoff on a jet sweep into the end zone from 5 yards out to get Addison on the board. Roberts punched in the two-point conversion and the game was tied at 8 with two minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Marion County turned it over on downs early in the second quarter and the Bulldogs punted it back to them with eight minutes to play in the first half.

Addison made a big play on defense when Conner Lane intercepted a Red Raider pass, but the Bulldogs were forced to punt a few plays later.

That's when Marion County put together another nice drive, capping it with a 21-yard touchdown pass in the final seconds of the first half to extend its lead to 16-8 going into the locker room at the break.

Addison got off to a fast start in the second half, scoring on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Roberts to Wilkins to cut the lead to 16-14 with just under eight minutes to play in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs made big plays in the secondary as well. On the ensuing possession,

Wilkins laid out to make a touchdown-saving deflection and on the next play, a tipped ball was intercepted by Trennon Burns and returned all the way down to the 30-yard line.

Early in the fourth quarter, a big gain on a pass from Roberts to Seth Hammack moved the ball down inside the Red Raiders' 5-yard line, setting up a 4-yard Roberts touchdown run a couple plays later.

Roberts added a two-point pass to put the Bulldogs in front 22-16 with eight minutes on the clock. Addison came up with another big play on defense later in the fourth when Joey Wilson came up with a sack on fourth down to force a turnover on downs.



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The Addison Bulldogs defeated Marion County on the road 28-22 Thursday night to advance to the 1A state semifinals.

The Bulldogs punted it away a few plays later, but another Marion County turnover gave it back to Addison on the 2-yard line.

Hammack punched it in on the next play to make it a 28-16 game with 3:45 remaining.

The Red Raiders were able to put together a nice drive and score another touchdown with 23 seconds on the clock, but the Bulldogs recovered the ensuing onside kick to secure a 28-22 win and punch their ticket to the semifinals.

Addison (12-1) will face the winner of Wadley and Hubbertville next week.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 4 Fairview's postseason run ends with 16-14 loss to Scottsboro

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview advanced with a road win over Jacksonville last week and were back home at Dafford Smith Stadium Thursday night to face Scottsboro in the 5A quarterfinals. The Wildcats took advantage of several explosive plays to build a 13-7 lead in the first half, but the Aggies stepped up defensively in the second half to limit Scottsboro's offense.

Unfortunately for the home crowd, the Wildcats continued to play great defense as well, and a 27-yard field goal in the final 90 seconds of regulation lifted Scottsboro to a 16-14 win over Fairview.

Fairview was forced to punt on its opening possession. Scottsboro hit some big plays to keep the chains moving but the Aggie defense stiffened in the red zone, forcing the Wildcats to settle for a field goal and a 3-0 lead early in the first quarter.

After a booming Fairview punt flipped the field later in the period, Scottsboro picked up another big gain through the air to move the ball out near midfield. After converting a fourth and 5 to keep the chains moving, the Wildcats capped the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run to stretch the lead to 10-0 with just 13 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

However, the Aggies responded on the ensuing possession, putting together a methodical drive with tough runs from Jake Harper and Kolt Redding along with some quick passes. After a physical, 14-yard run by Harper moved the ball down inside the 10, Redding ran one into the end zone from 6 yards out to get Fairview on the board and trim the lead to 10-7 with eight minutes to play in the second quarter.

Scottsboro began driving down the field once again, but Zayden Cruce picked off a pass at the 5-yard line and returned it out to the 45 to cut the scoring opportunity short.

The Aggies drove down into field goal range but Fairview's 38-yard field goal attempt with 31 seconds on the clock was no good and the score remained 10-7.

Scottsboro took advantage of another explosive pass and a Fairview penalty to move into field goal range, and the Wildcats drilled a 35-yarder as the second quarter expired to take a 13-7 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Aggie defense got a quick stop to open up the second half and the offense built on the momentum when they got the ball. Fairview kept the chains moving on the ensuing possession and a 35-yard run by Redding moved Fairview deep into Scottsboro territory. Harper capped the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run to give the Aggies their first lead of the night at 14-13 with seven minutes to play in the third quarter.

It was tough for either offense to find its footing the rest of the way. An interception by Conner Scott set up Fairview's offense with excellent field position but they were stopped on fourth down a few plays later and the Wildcats took over.

Both teams exchanged punts on the next two possessions, but Scottsboro got the ball back with just under 10 minutes on the clock. The Wildcats methodically worked their way down the field, converting several third downs and keeping the clock moving.

Eventually, Scottsboro reached Fairview's 10-yard line with less than two minutes to play, and the Wildcats nailed a 27-yard field goal to pull ahead 16-14. With no timeouts remaining, it was difficult for the Aggies to control the clock on the ensuing possession.

Fairview hit a big pass down the sideline to get close to field goal range, but the final second ticked off the clock before they could get out of bounds and another stellar season for the Aggies came to an end with a 16-14 loss in the 5A quarterfinals.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 10 Good Hope falls to No. 5 Plainview in quarterfinals 28-7

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — After advancing with a 31-7 win at West Morgan last week, the Good Hope Raiders were back home at James W. Shabel Stadium to host Plainview in the quarterfinals Thursday night. The Raiders had their hands full with the Bears in this one. The score was knotted at 7 at one point but Plainview found the end zone one more time before the half to take a lead at the break and the Bears tacked on two more scores in the second half to pull away with a 28-7 win, bringing Good Hope's season to an end in round three.

It was the battle of the defenses early on, as both teams combined to get just two first downs on the first four drives of the game. Plainview would get the ball back after a Good Hope punt, and a pair of big runs put them at the 29. Later on in the drive, a penalty by the Raiders on fourth down kept their series alive, and three plays later, they scored on a five-yard run to give them a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter.

The Raiders looked to capitalize on their next drive. On second down, Web Buchanan found Ayden Young for five yards, and on the next play, Buchanan connected with Carter Rutherford on a huge 33-yard pass play. Three plays later, Buchanan hit Rutherford on a 26-yard pass, as that put the ball at the two. Mason Drake punched it in from a yard out two plays later to tie the game up at seven. The running game for Plainview wore out Good Hope's defense on its next series, and they finished it off by scoring on a 28-yard quarterback keeper to take a 14-7 lead.

After collecting a first down on an 11-yard run by Rutherford, an illegal chop block penalty on the Raiders on second down quickly put them behind the sticks, and they were forced to punt. The Bears' running game helped them get down the field on its next series. They got down to the 35, and Good Hope's defense stuffed them on three straight plays, but on fourth down, a 30-yard touchdown pass stretched Plainview's lead to 21-7 at the half.

The Raider offense started out on fire to start out the second half. Drake broke free for a 24-yard run on the first play of the third quarter, then Buchanan found him for 16 more, as that put them at the 29. On the next play, though, Good Hope fumbled the ball, and the Bears ended up recovering the ball.

Back-to-back punts gave the ball back to Plainview, and a 53-yard run quickly put them at the 11-yard line. They scored on a seven-yard run two plays later to make it a 28-7 lead late in the third quarter. The running game helped the Raiders move the ball down the field, and a huge run on fourth down by Buchanan kept their drive alive. They didn't do much after that, though, as they were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

After a 44-yard pass play put the Bears at the 28, they quickly went backwards after that, and they were forced to punt. Good Hope went on a long, methodical drive, as Buchanan used his arm and legs to help the Raiders move the ball down the field. He picked up back-to-back first downs, then two plays later, he picked up another first down on the ground. After a penalty moved them behind the sticks, he later found Rutherford for 10 yards and a first down.

Another penalty backed them up to the 17, and they went backwards after that, as a sack on fourth down gave the ball to Plainview. The Bears kneeled a couple of times, and Good Hope ends their season with a 28-7 loss to Plainview.

Buchanan finished 15/22 for 174 yards for the Raiders in the loss. Drake collected 49 rushing yards and a touchdown, while Rutherford ended up with 109 yards on seven receptions.

Good Hope finishes the year with a 10-3 record, it's third 10-win season in the last six years.

Ambassadors (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview Elementary students recently hosted a canned food drive, collecting more than 500 pounds of food for Cullman Caring for Kids.

Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Steven Sutter said recently the community has really stepped in to help meet the need and donations have been excellent.

"We have people from all walks of life pouring out their love through giving to the food banks," Sutter said. "There are still multiple schools, businesses, organizations and churches, as well as individuals, doing food drives and asking what we need."

Fairview Elementary Fifth-Grade Teacher and Aggie Ambassador Angela Kee said the year before she took over as sponsor, the Aggie Ambassadors had a canned food drive and it was a successful event, so they were excited to do it again with Cullman Caring for Kids.

"During college, I volunteered at Cullman Caring for Kids a few times and saw the need in our area," Kee said.

"So I merged the two ideas when I became sponsor. I planned the food drive so the donations would be available to families during the Thanksgiving season.

"This year it happened to correspond with families struggling due to SNAP benefits being placed on hold."

The fourth- and fifth-grade Aggie Ambassadors were all involved with the canned food drive, Kee said.

"I'm so proud of the Aggie Ambassadors for being willing to lead this project," Kee said.

"I am also so very thankful to each student and their families who donated items to this project and helped it be such a success. They made posters to hang in the hall, gathered food from each teacher at the end of the week and helped load it in my car."

Fourth-grade Aggie Ambassadors include Naomi Avila, Sawyer Beck, Ella Bryan, Tate Dutton, Evie Fales, Ava Henderson, Amelia Hopkins and Lucas Lancaster.

Fifth-grade Aggie Ambassadors include Kayson Britton, Emily Calloway, Adeline Fales, Lia-Kate Gibbs, Savannah Harbison, Laken Jetton, Kaci Kugler and Maddie Plunkett.

"I know this has been a very stressful time for some, but I think it has opened a lot of eyes to an ongoing need in our community for help," Sutter shared.

Cullman Caring for Kids is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It is located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W1 in Cullman. For more information or to donate, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

Wonderland (from Front)

and other leaders from all over our great city and county — it was a huge crowd to kick off our opening of the Sportsman Lake Winter Wonderland," he said.

"This is going to be the best and biggest year yet. We have added some new displays throughout the park while keeping the old-fashion favorites."

Cornelius said everyone needs to come and see if they can pick out the new additions.

"We are looking for over 12,000 visitors hopefully this year with all the Christmas spirit we have here in Cullman to offer our citizens and others across our great state," Cornelius said.

"I have worked with (Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director) Nathan Anderson to help each of our attractions become better each year. We have a magical place here in Cullman County and we take it to another level at Christmas."

Cornelius wanted to thank the Winter Wonderland sponsors Visit Cullman, Havoline Xpress Lube, Jack's Western and Outdoor Wear, RusCorr and Traditions Bank.

Admission is $10 per car or $20 per bus. In addition to the drive-through light display, attractions include the Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more.

This year, attendees will be also able to enjoy an all-in-one experience at Christmas at the Grotto, Cullman Christkindlmarkt and the 23rd annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park. Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism; Cullman County Parks and Recreation; and the Ave Maria Grotto have joined forces to offer a free shuttle service attendees can use to move among these amazing Christmas destinations.

Dates and times will be the same and shuttles will connect all three events. The free shuttle service will be available from 4:30-9:30 p.m.23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park

Nov. 22-23, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 3-7, Dec. 10-23, Dec. 26-28 (Christmas lights only) | 5-9 p.m. | Last day for train rides is Dec. 23

Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman. For more information, call 256-734-3052.

LOCAL AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT:

'More Than Enough: A Mother's Journey Back to What Matters'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local author and business owner Brittany Hamm held a meet and greet at the Cullman County Public Library in downtown Cullman Thursday, Nov. 20.

She debuted her book, "More Than Enough: A Mother's Journey Back to What Matters."

In her book, Hamm writes about her challenges entering the world of entrepreneurship. As a recent widow and mother to two small daughters, she said, she struggled to keep focus on what is most important.

"I forgot what I was surviving for," Hamm read to attendees from the first chapter.

She spoke of her day-to-day life dealing with grief and how negative self-worth seemed to consume her.

Hamm explained she would wake in the morning with her mind instantly betraying her: "I have to pay bills, there's laundry to do and my house is dirty."

All of this on top of trying to manage her own start up, now known as Cullman Business Spaces, was suffocating, she said, until one Tuesday morning when it all came into perspective.

When you read "More Than Enough: A Mother's Journey Back to What Matters," you'll discover:

- How to transform daily routines into joyful, memorable moments
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- Why "enough" might be more than you ever imagined
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For additional information about the book, email diaryofamomtrepreneur@gmail.com.

To learn ore about Cullman Business Spaces, call 256-615-8127 or email brittany@cullmanspaces.com.

Hamm will host the "Purpose, Profits & Parenthood Workshop" on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m. at the library, which is located at 200 Clark St NE, Cullman.



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Brittany Hamm and her daughter, Bella Hamm, at the Cullman County Public Library in downtown Cullman on Nov. 20, 2025

Student (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Preparatory School lost one of its students suddenly this week.

The school said in a statement Friday morning, "St. Bernard Preparatory School grieves the heartbreaking loss of junior student Sarah Cumbie, who passed away yesterday following a sudden and grave illness earlier this week. With profound sadness, the school community joins Dr. Craig Mann and his family in mourning a young life marked by remarkable resilience, compassion, and promise."

The statement said Sarah fell critically ill on Sunday, Nov. 16, after being found unresponsive at home. She was transported to Cullman Regional Medical Center and later transferred to Children's Hospital in Birmingham, where she received intensive care. Despite the tireless efforts of medical professionals, Sarah was declared dead, having been on life support since Nov.16.

"Sarah's story is one of courage and grace. She first came to St. Bernard as a 7th grader, shortly before the tragic loss of her father to illness. Sixteen days later, Sarah's mother died in a tragic car accident. In the months that followed, she was first welcomed into the St. Bernard girls dorm, then into the home and heart of St. Bernard teacher Dr. Craig Mann and his wife and family. The Mann family continued to guide her through her formative years.

Despite the hardships she faced at such a young age, Sarah grew into a thoughtful, generous, and resilient young woman who became an integral part of the St. Bernard family.

"Academically gifted, Sarah learned just this month that her ACT 'super score' had reached an impressive 32, positioning her for four years of tuition-free study at the University of Alabama — her dream school. Her future was bright, and she pursued it with quiet determination and humility."

It continued, "Beyond the classroom, Sarah carried a deep love for service. One of her greatest passions was volunteering at Curt's Closet, where she formed a special bond with founder Ashley Wilson. She was eager to participate in this year's Curt's Christmas program, reflecting her desire to bring joy and dignity to children in need. In honor of Sarah's memory, Dr. Mann encourages those who wish to pay tribute to consider supporting this ministry that meant so much to her.

"Sarah was also an organ donor for the life of others — one final, selfless gift that reflects the generosity and kindness she embodied. According to hospital officials, her gift can save up to eight lives and improve the quality of life for another 50."

It concluded, "The faculty and staff of the school and the monks of the Abbey are committed to the care of St. Bernard students and the whole St. Bernard family in the days ahead as they live through this profound loss.

"Priests, counselors, and licensed therapists are available on campus, and the chapel remains open for all who seek quiet prayer and reflection. Faculty and staff continue to provide spaces for students to grieve, support one another, and remember Sarah as the radiant young woman she was."

"We place our trust in God during this unimaginably difficult time," said Headmaster Phuong Nguyen. "Sarah was dearly loved by her classmates, teachers, and all who knew her. We ask our community to join us in lifting Sarah, Dr. Mann, and their family in prayer."

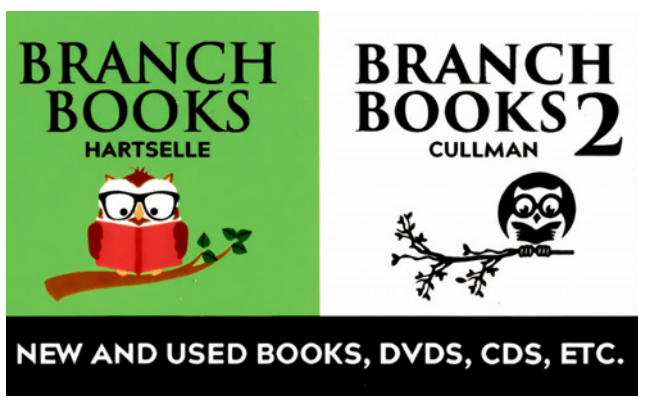
The staff of The Cullman Tribune also extends prayers and condolences to the Mann family. Craig Mann is a reporter for the paper, and a longtime friend.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BRUCE ROLAND SURRETT SR., * **CASE NO.: PC2025-092**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR SPOUSE TO RECEIVE REAL PROPERTY

TO: TONYA NEAL, BRUCE SURRETT, JASON SURRETT, BOBBY SURRETT, BRIAN SURRETT, HUNTER SURRETT, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the *Petition for Spouse to Receive Real Property,* filed by Elaine Surrett, Petitioner, by and through her attorney of record, Perry D. Knight, is set for a hearing on the **13th day of January, 2026, at 11:00 am**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 20th day of November, 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 is said newspaper.

Perry D. Knight- Attorney for Petitioner

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
PATRICIA F. HURLEY,
Deceased.
Case Number: PC2025- 370

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Patricia F. Hurley, Deceased

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of November, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Tracie M. Hurley Clarke
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
RICKY WAYNE LEE, * CASE NO. PC2025-397
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL (SELF-PROVED WILL)

TO: GREGORY J. LEE, F. ELIZABETH LEE, MACKENZIE LEE, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF RICKY WAYNE LEE, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will), filed the 24th day of October, 2025, made Court record the 27th day of October, 2025, by Steven C. Smith, Attorney for Petitioner Ricky Lee Durden, has been scheduled for the **8th day of January, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 20th day of November, 2025.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
FRED M. HALE, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-300**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to CLARA M. LEVERICH as Personal Representative of the Estate of FRED M. HALE deceased, on the 12th day of November, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

CLARA M. LEVERICH
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JUDY LARAE GOFORTH,
DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PC2025-359

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **ERIN G. ADAMS,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **JUDY LARAE GOFORTH,** deceased, on the 4th day of November, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 20-21

Terry Herman Freeman, 60
Funeral service for Terry Freeman, 60, of Cullman will be Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 12 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Bro. Monty Bridgewater and Bro. Anthony Freeman will officiate. Interment will be at a later date at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Terry passed away Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born June 2, 1965, to Herman B. & Elvie Ophelia Thompson Freeman. He was a huge Alabama fan, great mechanic and loved working on cars, and loved fishing and playing softball when he was younger. Terry is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Charles Freeman, Derrell Freeman. Survivors include his wife, Vickie Beecher; son, Nicholas Beecher; daughters, Tabitha (Keith) Rudder, Jessica (Joshua) Scott, Ashley (Owen) Johnston; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Madisyn, Chandra, Zayne; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Floyd Gilbert Dyer, 86
Funeral Service for Floyd Gilbert Dyer, age 86 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at Center Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Jerry Hall and Bro. Jason Vinson officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Floyd was a Godly man who loved his family and grandchildren more than his own life. He had a heart of gold and loved being outdoors on his farm, raising chickens and cows. Floyd was a Mason for over 50 years and worked for the State of Alabama for 25 years until his retirement. Mr. Dyer will be greatly missed by all those that knew him. Mr. Dyer passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at his residence. He was born, March 25, 1939, to Boyd G. Dyer and Ruby Camp Dyer. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Jacqueline Dyer; son, Larry McNabb; 7 brothers; 3 sisters; 2 step-brothers; and 1 step-sister. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Mary E. Dyer; children, Scott (Teresa) Dyer, Pamela Robin (Bill) Pierce, Kay Cason, Abby (Jeff) Frasier, Belinda Creel; daughter-in-law, Carol McNabb; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Steven McNabb, Kaleb McNabb, Calvin McNabb, Matthew Dyer, Micah Dyer and Noah Hobbs. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Bosom Buddies, P.O. Box 123, Vinemont, AL 35179.

Lester Elwin Davies, Jr., 85
Lester Elwin Davies, Jr., age 85 of Vinemont, passed away on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at His Hanceville Nursing Home. He was born, November 15, 1940, in Pittston, Pennsylvania to Lester Elwin Davies, Sr. and Dorothy Davies. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday December 6, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mary B. Alleman, 85
Mary B. Alleman age 85 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away November 17, 2025. She was born July 3, 1940, in Pennsylvania. Mary is preceded in death by her husband of almost 50 years Clair G. Alleman; parents Harry E. and Mary E. Book; sisters Eva Walker and Geraldine Felmlee; and brothers Harry R. Book Jr., John E. Book, Galen S. Book, and Thaddeus J. Book. She is survived by her daughters Debra L. (Joe) Gillis and Pamela S. (Charles) Clayton; and grandchildren Zachary J. Clayton and Harrison B. Gillis. Mary was a strong willed and creative woman. She always knew what she wanted and it was said that "Mary did as Mary pleased." She was a seamstress for over 15 years. Mary went on to take up cross-stitching as a hobby, and she often gave her cross-stitch projects as gifts. She loved dogs and always had one throughout the years. Mary was a devoted member of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Toney, Alabama, for two decades. In later years, she joined Cullman First Church of the Nazarene. A visitation will be held for Mary in the Moss Service Funeral Home chapel Monday, November 24, 2025, starting at 4 p.m. with the service to follow starting at 5 p.m. Mary will be laid to rest in Huntsville Memory Gardens Tuesday November 25, 2025, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the building fund for Cullman First Church of the Nazarene (https://cullmanfirst.com/give). Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Margie Sue Hanson, 68
Funeral service for Margie Sue Hanson, 68, of Falkville will be at 2 p.m., Monday, November 24, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hanson passed away Thursday, November 20th, 2025, at her residence. She was born September 22, 1957, to Alfred Cecil & Pearl Marie Johnson Collier. She was an amazing, strong woman with a heart of gold. She loved her family and she never gave up on life. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Mary Anne Collier, Patricia Ann Seagroves; brother, Gary Collier. Survivors include her son, Johnny Lee (Jean) Hanson; daughter, Angela Thomas (Kenneth Brown); siblings, Charleston Collier, Brenda Collier, Junior Collier, Lee Collier, Paul Collier; grandchildren, Courtney (Johnathan) Reed, Christopher Thomas, Katie Thomas, Shawn Hanson, Cody Hanson, Amber Hanson; great-grandchildren, Kalila Thomas, Conner Reed, Zoii Cordes, Eva Thomas, Ava Thomas, Drake Hanson; many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Lorene Boatright Mann, 96
Lorene Boatright Mann, was born on November 7, 1929, and she passed away on November 19, 2025, at the age of 96. She is preceded in death by her husband: Jerry Martin Mann, sons: Jerry Wayne Mann, Edward Mann and granddaughter: April Mann. Lorene is survived by: 2 grandchildren: Martin (Stephanie) Mann, William (Katrina) Mann and 6 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service will be on Sunday November 23, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with interment following services at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday November 23, 2025, at Moss Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A penny for your thoughts

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The penny has been pronounced dead. Well, actually, there's plenty of them still rolling around, but rumor has it that their production has stopped. Some say that the last one was minted on Nov. 12. This marks the end of an era that has lasted 233 years, dating back to 1792.

I can hardly imagine life without pennies. We will be forced to come up with a whole new set of sayings and cliches. May I offer "A penny for your thoughts" on the matter, or maybe you would just like to "Add your own 2 cents."

They say the time will come when instead of paying with pennies, merchants will simply round up or down to the next nickel. I sure am glad that wasn't the way they did it when I was a kid. How would we have paid for our penny candies?

Five pennies back in those days would buy us a fully-grown Milky Way bar. Does that mean those would now cost us an entire quarter after rounding up? Hold on, wait just one minute, those already cost more than a quarter now. I'm getting a headache...I think we've created a mess here.

If we go broke, we won't be able to say, "I'm penniless," because, eventually, everybody will be...penniless, that is. I guess we'll have to say, "I'm nickel-less," but, who's to say the nickel won't be next on the chopping block?

Does anyone still wear penny loafers? I think the coin slots are too small to bump up to a nickel, so I guess you'll have to put in dimes. This makes me glad I don't have a pair anymore (loafers, not pennies), because 20 cents may be too much money to waste on shoe adornment.

I'm not sure when it may happen, but I suppose one day we will not be able to offer someone a penny for their thoughts. Obviously, this will eventually happen, because we won't have any more pennies to offer. Like everything else in this inflationary age, I guess we will have to offer a nickel for someone's thoughts. Since they tell us it costs close to 4 cents to make a penny, we might be just as well off to offer a nickel!

Before we go into a blind panic, let me "add my own 2 cents worth" on the subject. It will take us a quite some time to use up the billions of dollars in pennies that are currently in circulation. That's not to mention those under our seat cushions, under the car floor mat, or that 5-gallon water jug filled with pennies in your closet.

I know, you are saving them for a rainy day or for your next beach vacation. Honestly, who is going to count out and roll all those pennies for you? Besides that, there's probably only enough in there to get you halfway to Gulf Shores or Orange Beach.

One of these days, we may not have a penny to our name, or 2 cents to rub together. If that happens, just remember the old rhyme that says, "Winter is coming, the goose is getting fat – please put a nickel in the old man's hat – If you haven't got a nickel, then a penny will do – and if you haven't got a penny, then God bless you!"

The next time I see a penny on the sidewalk, I'm going to stop and pick it up. I don't believe they are lucky, and I don't believe pennies rain down from Heaven, but I do believe in Heaven and that we won't even need pennies there.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Nov. 22, 1962

From the files of Nov. 22, 1962

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From The TRIBUNE Files of 1922 — 1942

40 YEARS AGO
Wm. E. James was guest speaker at the American Legion banquet in Florence on Armistice Day.

T. A. Hill has the finest Irish potatoes in the county. In spite of the dry season he is making more than 200 bushels to the acre.

Rev. J. B. McWhirter will be the preacher at the union Thanksgiving service at the City Auditorium on Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Carl Heinrich Boehme, born in Austria in 1851, died on Nov. 18 at his home here. He will be remembered as the artist who did the beautiful wood carving in the Pollock residence here, now owned by Judge and Mrs. Joel B. Brown.

Vernie Quattlebaum and Edgar Calvert left Monday for Akron, Ohio, to work.

Miss Margaret Deppe is in Birmingham attending prenuptial parties for Miss Kate Harris.

Mrs. Adam Dreher's brother, Dr. H. Oberlander, died suddenly at his home in South Carolina Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sellers (Gladys Fuller) and little son, Jack, of South Bend, Ind., are guests of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Herfurth announce the birth of a little son.

Hubert Mayo, student at Howard College, was one of the two students of that institution who gave a pint of blood to save the life of one of the college faculty, Prof. Pulliam.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin and Mrs. Marion Robertson entertained at bridge Friday honoring Mrs. M. L. Robertson's house guest, Mrs. Morrison of Springfield, Tenn., and Mrs. G. W. Bledsoe's guest, Mrs. W. B. Mason of Corinth, Miss.

Miss Pearl Young and Herbert Mize were married on Nov. 5 with Rev. S. J. Calvert officiating at the ceremony. The wedding dinner which followed was attended by 94.

20 YEARS AGO
Mary Keller and Fred Basenburg were married on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Page (Esther Meyer) announce the birth of a son, in St. Louis, Mo., whom they have named Richard.

Cullman will play Rison High of Huntsville in the Thanksgiving game here on Nov. 26.

Miss Lowela Hanlin presented some of her piano pupils in a recital on Saturday morning. Playing were Carmela Bria, Bobbie Faye Morgan, Ann Leeth, Carolyn Hughes, Betty Jo Leeth, Verdie Carroll Cooper and Evelyn Cooper.

A service flag honoring "25 men in service" from that church was dedicated at St. John's Evangelical Church on Sunday.

Peyton Splaine, in charge of soil conservation in this county, was guest speaker at the Rotary meeting Tuesday.

The Junior II Class at Good Hope will present a play "An Old Fashioned Mother," at the school auditorium on Nov. 24. The cast includes Marjorie Kelley, Sim Calvert, Kenneth Clupp, Melva Hancock, Ozell Hinkle, Virginia Rae Cranford, Albert Briscoe, Evelyn Reid, Veneda Young, Onie Mae Mize, E. J. Cordes and Fred Quattlebaum.

Claude Wood attended an REA convention in Memphis, Tenn., this week.

In Decatur Wednesday for a district pharmaceutical meeting were Phil Hartung, Chas. Bishop, T. A. Robinson, Barney Chandler and Charlie Burkart.

The sugar rationing book is now good for coffee rationing, too.

Miss Hazel Karter, who has been quite ill at Cullman Hospital is improving.



HANCEVILLE NEWS
Hanceville Garden Club
The Hanceville Garden Club met on Friday, November 9, with the Cullman Daffodil Club at the Holiday Inn. Mrs. Gladys Bright gave a very interesting and practical demonstration on Christmas arrangements. She demonstrated the use of clear florist spray to keep live flowers and to make permanent flowers fresh. After this program, the Hanceville Club held their business meeting. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames W. T. Jackson, W. W. Ballard, Clint Warren, Minnie Bonner, Homer Thigpen, Grady Wiggins, M. G. Ashwander, David B. Lamont, Harold Brigham, W. C. Quattlebaum, John Alexander, Clyde Sapp, Alfred Akins, J. N. McNutt, Pearl Eady, E. R. Taylor and ten members of the Daffodil Club.

POET'S CORNER

Thanksgiving | By: Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 1850-1919

I would love to hear from you if you enjoy Poet's Corner. randyhale62@yahoo.com

We ought to make the moments notes
Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;
The hours and days a silent phrase
Of music we are living.

And so the theme should swell and grow
As weeks and months pass o'er us,
And rise sublime at this good time,
A grand Thanksgiving chorus.

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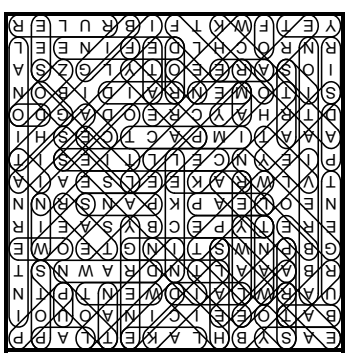
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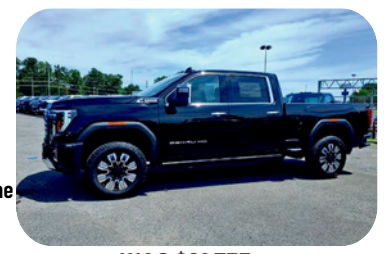
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