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'One of the most rewarding experiences'

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office hosted over 1,700 kids at the special needs rodeo at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Thursday, Dec. 11.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said the special needs rodeo is one of the best ways to kick off the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo week each year.

"It's truly heartwarming to see the smiles and joy on the kids' faces," he said. "This event is special not » PAGE 5



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A young girl is seen practicing her roping skills at the special needs rodeo on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. »

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Cullman Christkindlmarkt's walk-on Christmas arch is world's largest



CITY OF CULLMAN

With the unveiling of the world's largest walk-on Christmas arch, Cullman is rapidly emerging as one of America's most dynamic and compelling holiday market destinations.

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman unveiled a record-breaking architectural landmark on Nov. 20, 2025, as part of the rapidly expanding Cullman Christkindlmarkt. Standing 20 feet, 4 inches tall and spanning an extraordinary 47 feet, 5 inches wide, the new walk-on Christmas arch surpasses the scale of Dresden's famed Schwibbogen — a marquee attraction in a city internationally recognized as the birthplace of Germany's Christmas-market traditions.

Commissioned by Mayor Woody Jacobs and the Cullman City Council, the arch was constructed by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) under the project leadership of John Caples, David Caples and Kyle Clark, with engineering led by Erica York.

The structural steel — which also forms the elevated walkway allowing guests panoramic views of the market — was fabricated by Apel Machine, while CPRST craftsmen built the wooden façade. The handcrafted figurines and candles adorning the arch were crafted and imported from Erzgebirgische Holzkunst Gahlenz, the same German artisans who produced Cullman's iconic Christmas pyramid.

"As a city founded by German settlers, Cullman has long embraced the traditions and symbols that define European Christmas markets. Leaders emphasized that this new structure honors those traditions while creating a uniquely American expression of them," said a media release from the City.

"Dresden's Schwibbogen is a beloved symbol of German Christmas culture," said Nathan Anderson, executive director of CPRST. "Creating an arch that pays tribute to that history while giving families here an experience that once required international travel is something our entire team is incredibly proud of. This piece reflects Cullman's ingenuity, pride, hard work and creativity, and it will serve our community for generations."

Placed at the south entrance of Depot Park, the arch serves as the signature feature of the market's newest expansion. Visitor growth continues to accelerate, said the City, with projections topping 400,000 attendees this season and an anticipated $35 million in direct economic impact.

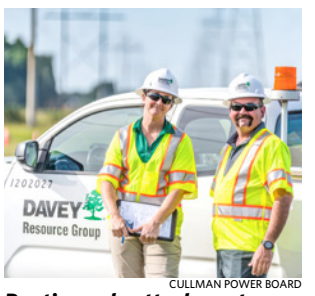
"It has been incredible to watch Cullman's Christkindlmarkt grow and evolve over the past few years," said City Councilman and Tourism Chair, David Moss Jr. "What began as a small event celebrating our German heritage has quickly become a major attraction for our community. With the addition of the new Christmas arch, we are seeing that excitement reach a whole new level. Families want their friends and relatives from out of town to experience it with them, and many are already planning their holiday visits around the market's schedule. I truly believe this will become an annual tradition for our community as families gather in Cullman each year to celebrate Christmas together, with the arch becoming a landmark they look forward to sharing."

Jacobs, highlighting the cultural importance of the project, said, "This arch is more than a structure — it's a symbol of who » PAGE 5

EMA: Be prepared for this weekend's cold weather

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DRG crews begin inspections across Cullman Power Board system



CULLMAN POWER BOARD

Routine pole attachment checks and equipment reviews will take place over the next several weeks, with brief visits in neighborhoods across the service area. » PAGE 8

CHS senior Madison Johnson receives full scholarship to Denison University



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 12, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 8

- domestic violence; CR 18
- shooting into occupied dwelling; CR 7201
- harassing communications; Ellsworth Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1720

Dec. 9

- theft of property; CR 1141
- criminal mischief; harassing communications; CR 1025
- assault; CR 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1043
- burglary; CR 52
- theft of property; CR 218
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 436

Dec. 10

- domestic violence-menacing; CR 1682
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1387
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1530

ARRESTS

Dec. 8-10

Barnett, Candi M.; 36
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Boyce, Cody L.; 39
- FTA – certain person forbidden possession pistol

Evans, Cameran A.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Flick, Jr., Ronald W.; 51
- FTA – sex offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old

Harris, Onis S.; 33
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Harvey, Caysun D.; 22
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Link, Adam C.; 34
- drug trafficking

Martin, Tabatha L.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence
- FTA – manufacture of a controlled substance

McCay, Tessa J.; 34
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Pace, Hunter L.; 27
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – DUI (controlled substance)
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – no plainly visible tag
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Phillips, Jr., Donald L.; 30
- GJ – criminal mischief-damaged property
- GJ – reckless driving
- GJ – lane change without proper signal
- GJ – improper passing
- GJ – failing to yield
- GJ – traffic-speeding – no workers – construction zone

Phillips, Jimmy C.; 63
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Preuitt, Joshua R.; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shear, Lauren M.; 45
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Simms, John A.; 46
- PROBATION VIOLATION – retail theft-2nd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – organized retail theft

Smith, April B.; 47
- possession of marijuana
- possession of opium or derivative

Smith, Mason C.; 25
- assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Stancil, David A.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – certain person forbidden possession pistol

Stephenson, Wanda F.; 62
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Williams, Jessie M.; 43
- possession of marijuana
- violation of court order

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 10

- criminal mischief; City of Cullman; damaged property; 3rd Ave. SW
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 10-11

Fuller, Cristan M.; 34
- doxing

Harris, Onis S.; 33
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – public intoxication

Spain, Dalton L.; 23
- criminal trespass

Parris, Ethan B.; 33
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)

Edge. Patrick T.; 31
- FTA – DUI
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – driving while suspended

Zapata, Teye M.; 25
- GJ – chemical endangerment of child (2 counts)

Nix, Kristen D.; 52
- harassment

Holmes, Gabriel R.; 23
- GJ – chemical endangerment of child (2 counts)

Nettles, Rebecca J.; 34
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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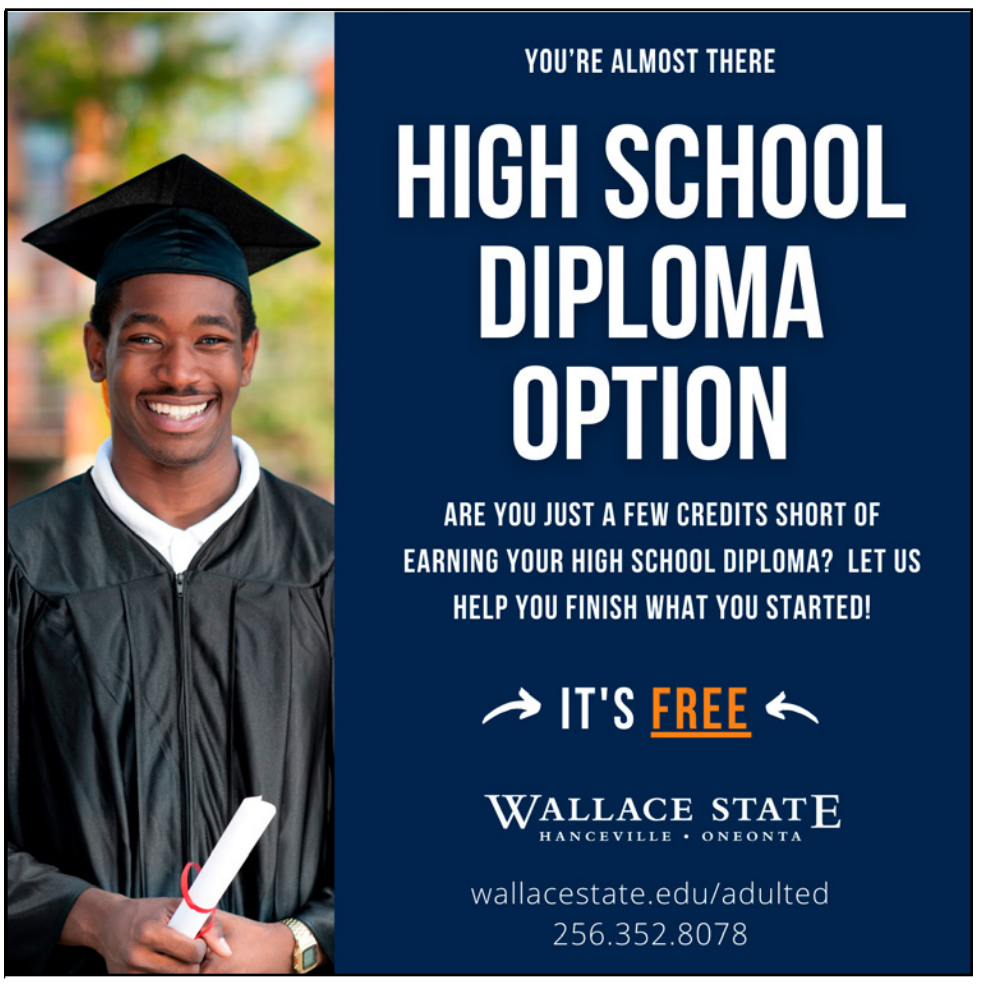
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

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
• Sunday, Dec. 14 – 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. 2 p.m. prayer service
• Wednesday, Dec. 17 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Dec. 19 – 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, Dec. 20 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Dec. 21 – 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.

Cullman County Public Library – Main Branch
• The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman.
• Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Claus will lead storytime

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. 17, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Claus and author Dorenda Doyle ("The Kid and the Dog"). Take your picture with Mrs. Claus. Dorenda Doyle is an literacy advocate and writes an award-winning children's book series. She is an energetic, entertaining and enthusiastic author who goes the extra mile. Dorenda brings books to life through her engaging and interactive presentations. She has 30-plus years as an educator and curriculum writer. She motivates children to love to read and write!
• Wednesday, Dec. 24. The library will be closed. The staff wishes you all a Merry, Peaceful Christmas.
• Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 1. The library will be closed.
• Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 20 and Feb. 3, 17, from 11 a.m.-noon New! Want to learn Spanish? This language has become the second language in America. Add this very easy language to your skills. Ms. Alejandra Pena has been teaching Spanish for over 16 years. She can teach to all ages. If you want to brush up on this language before college, sign up for the class, too. Call 256-352-0685 to sign up. This is a free class.

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
• www.agriplex.org
• 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
Through 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
Dec. 13-23 | 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. 12-13 only) $5. Don't miss the Grotto's BIG weekend Dec. 12-13! Live music, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa!

23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park
Dec. 13-23, 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!

Pancakes with Santa at Winston County Rescue
Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8-10 a.m. at the Winston County Rescue, 236 County Road 77, Arley. Bring the whole family out for a morning of holiday cheer, delicious pancakes and photos with Santa! $5 donation per plate — all proceeds support our EMS operations. Enjoy a hot breakfast, meet our crews and let the kids share their Christmas wishes with Santa himself. We can't wait to see you there!

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. Route: Good Hope High School to Municipal Park. Admission: Free. Christmas in the Park will follow immediately after the parade. This year's theme is "Country Christmas."

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Christmas Singing
Sunday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. with The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1863 or 256-590-1501. Everyone is invited.

Vinemont Community Lunch for Seniors
Monday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. 55 and older. Come join us! We will be having a pie/cake contest; bring your best holiday pie/cake for a chance to win a $25 Walmart gift card. Hope to see you all there, and Happy Holidays.

Weather (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) said residents should be prepared for dangerously cold weather this weekend. EMA Director Tim Sartin said a significant drop in temperatures is expected across the region beginning Saturday night and continuing through Monday morning.

"Forecasts indicate that temperatures will remain below freezing for an extended period, with wind chills plunging into the single digits on Sunday and Monday mornings," Sartin said. "These conditions pose serious risks to health, infrastructure and animals, so it's important to take proactive steps now to stay safe and minimize disruptions."

Sartin said for this weekend and other weather weekends like it, safety is first, and protecting yourself and your loved ones is the priority.

"Limit your time outdoors during this cold snap, especially during early morning hours when wind chills are at their lowest," he said. "Dress in layers to retain body heat, and ensure that vulnerable individuals — such as newborns, the elderly, those with chronic illnesses, outdoor workers and individuals experiencing homelessness — have access to warm shelter and appropriate clothing. Everyone is at risk during extreme cold, but these groups are particularly susceptible to cold-related health issues."

Prevention and preparedness in your home is key during cold weather conditions, Sartin added.

"To reduce the risk of power outages, prepare backup heating options and ensure flashlights and batteries are readily available," he said. "Insulate exposed pipes, open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around the plumbing and disconnect outdoor hoses and sprinkler systems to prevent freezing. If you use space heaters, keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable materials and never leave them unattended."

Sartin reminded community members not to forgot outdoor companions, and to monitor the weather.

"Pets should be kept indoors as much as possible during this cold spell," Sartin said. "Make sure they have access to warm, dry shelter and that their food and water sources are not frozen. For outdoor plants, cover them with breathable materials to help retain warmth and protect them from frost damage. Knowing the temperature thresholds of your plants can help you decide which ones need extra protection. Monitor local weather updates and advisories throughout the weekend. Taking these precautions now can help prevent emergencies and ensure the safety of your household and community. If you have neighbors who may need assistance, especially the elderly or those with limited mobility, consider checking in on them to ensure they are prepared."

Sartin said the Cullman County EMA will continue to closely monitor weather conditions and provide timely updates.

"Information will be shared across our official social media channels, through our mobile app and via Everbridge alerts," he said. "If you haven't already downloaded our app, it is available for free on both iOS and Android platforms. We encourage all residents to install it to stay informed and receive critical notifications directly to their devices."Find the Cullman County EMA online at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyEMA.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Addison boys and girls pick up wins over Sumiton Christian

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

Addison hosted the Sumiton Christian Eagles in a boys/girl's matchup and the home folks came away happy with two wins. The girls opened up with a nail-biting 45-39 win while the boys overcame a slow start to cruise to a 90-42 victory.

Addison 45 – Sumiton Christian 39
(Varsity Girls)

These two teams were fairly evenly matched, and it showed throughout the game. The youthful Lady 'Dawgs and the Lady Eagles swapped baskets back and forth in the first with the score tied at 10 at the end of the period. The main difference between the two teams was Addison's six-foot junior center Ava Bartlett, who dominated the paint. Bartlett had four blocks in the first period and no Eagle shot inside that went up got anywhere near the basket. The Lady Eagles had to settle for three three-point baskets for the majority of their points. Addison's Kabri Dyson nailed two three-point baskets while Emma Cleghorn put in four points to go with her four rebounds. The Lady Eagles had three young ladies drain a three-pointer to keep them close.

The second period had Addison's defense step it up a notch, and the Eagles went cold from outside. Addison went on a 6-0 run with a Cleghorn four-foot putback, a Bartlett free throw and a Dyson three. With Addison up 8 it looked good for the Lady 'Dawgs. A Lady Eagle three stopped the run but Addison was able to win the period 13-6. Addison went into the half with a 23-16 lead. Addison dominated the glass in the second period and finished with 11-5 advantage in the period, and also made eight out of 10 free throws to grab the lead.

The Lady Dawgs are notoriously slow starters in the second half but tonight was a little better. With Addison's lead cut to two, the Lady 'Dawgs went on another 6-0 run to put the lead back at eight. Morgan Lee, Saibre Dover and Bartlett each put in buckets for the Lady 'Dawgs. The Lady Eagles actually won the period 11-10, but Addison still led 33-27 going into the final frame.

The final period was exciting as the lead was cut to two with only 3:15 to go in the game. With Addison clinging to a 38-36 lead, Dover took a pass in the paint and put in the layup with a foul to boot. Dover calmly drained the free throw and Addison's lead was back up to 41-36. A Lady Eagle three cut the lead to two and that is when young Hadley Welch, an eighth grader, calmly nailed four out of five free throws in the final minute and a half to give the Lady Bulldogs a 45-29 victory. A big shout out to Addison's Cleghorn as her four fourth-period rebounds nearly matched what the Eagles team got for the entire period.

Unofficial stats:
Addison's Cleghorn had 12 points, 12 rebounds with two assists. Dyson had 12 points, three rebounds and two assists. Bartlett had eight points, eight boards, two assists, four steals and six blocks. Dover had six points and five rebounds. Welch had four points and four rebounds with two steals. Morgan Lee had three points, two boards and two steals.

Addison's girls host West Point Friday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Addison 90 – Sumiton Christian 42
(Varsity Boys)

Addison came out sleepwalking against the Eagles, and it appeared that the Bulldogs were overlooking the Eagles because of a big game on Frida where they'll host West Point. The Bulldogs were clearly the better team, but missed shots and threw the ball away. Still, the Bulldogs won the first period by dominating the glass. Addison outscored the Eagles 11-9 and it was mainly due to Elijah Roberts who had six rebounds and Scout Flynn who had four points, four rebounds and a block.

The second period wasn't much better, and at the 6:52 mark of the second period, the Eagles actually grabbed the lead at 16-15. After a spirited timeout the young men from Addison woke up and plucked the Eagles the rest of the period.

Addison went on an impressive 27-6 run to carry a 42-22 lead at the half. Addison pressured the Eagle ball-handlers into numerous turnovers and the Bulldogs dominated the glass 11-2 in the period. Seven different Bulldogs scored in the second. Roberts had 11 points, Connor Lane had six and Joey Wilson had five. Six different Bulldogs grabbed rebounds in the period. It was utter domination.

The third period wasn't any better than the first for the Eagles, as Addison came out inspired. After an Eagle bucket, Addison went on a 22-2 run as Addison was led this time by Flynn who was a one man wrecking crew as he scored 13 points with four rebounds. Roberts was dominant as well, and had six points and four rebounds. Addison's big man Kiah Lake had a solid night as he had three points, three rebounds and a block in the third. Addison led 68-31 going into the final period.

The fourth period had everyone wearing a uniform get in for the Bulldogs, with 10 'Dawgs getting in the stat book. Addison took the period 22-11 for the 90-42 win. Addison's Major Snoddy, who is built like a linebacker, scored six points with two rebounds. Lane had six as well.

Unofficial stats:
Addison was led by Flynn who had a game high 25 points, 10 rebounds, two assists, two steals and a block. Roberts had 19 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and two steals. Lane had 16 points, two rebounds and four steals. Wilson had 13 points, two boards, two assists and two steals. Lake had seven points, eight rebounds and two blocks. Snoddy had six points and three rebounds. Joe Hacker had four points and a block. Canaan Speegle had two points, four boards and two assists. Judah Wilkins had four boards and two assists. Silas Frazier had two assists.

Addison's boys will host West Point on Friday at 6:00 pm.

10-0 Wallace St. Lady Lions still 'nowhere near our ceiling' despite 79-41 win over Motlow

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Lady Lions, ranked 13th in the NJCAA, continued their hot start to the season with a 79-41 thrashing of the Motlow State Bucks on Thursday night. Leading Wallace State was guard Leah Childress, who scored all of her team-high 15 points on three-pointers off the bench.

Childress was one of four to record double digit points, with forward Sinaya Gibson scoring 14 and recording seven rebounds and an assist. Kameron Sanders and Idaysa Mercer both dropped also 12 points on the night. The win boosted their record to 10-0, keeping them undefeated over a third of the way into the regular season.

The first quarter ended with Wallace State leading 12-7 and by halftime, the game felt out of reach for the Bucks. Wallace State's defense is suffocating, playing a tight half-court press no matter the score or time. It's an extremely frustrating style of basketball for opposing offenses, and one that Motlow State couldn't handle. There were three instances in the first half alone of the Bucks committing shot clock violations due to the defensive pressure. Causing a couple of those was the erratic defense of Lions' guard Bailey Tetro, who had a cold shooting night but still recorded three points, six assists, a block and a steal.

The second half saw Wallace State pull away further, with Gibson scoring 12 of her 14 points down low against a tired Bucks defense. Then, a 14-4 run closed out a 38 point victory.

"We did some good, did some bad, got a long way to go. These are all kind of like quizzes getting us ready for the test, which is coming up in January when conference play starts on the 15th. So, we use these non-conference games to help prepare you and figure out a rotation – figure out who you're gonna start, who's on the bench, figure out what lineup works well, who fits well together," Lady Lions' head coach Joseph Simmons said on the win.

They've passed with flying colors thus far, with an average margin of victory of 33 points, a 41-percent team field goal percentage and 45 rebounds a game on average. It's domination, which is nothing new to the Lady Lions who won the Alabama Community College Conference last season for the first time in 14 years in Simmons' first season as head coach. After that, they made it to the NJCAA D1 championship tournament in Wyoming, where they would ultimately lose in the second round.

"It's been fun getting to see this older group of girls get to mesh together, the seven returners from last year and the new players we brought in to go with them. That's the fun part of coaching is bringing those people together and getting them to buy into the team concept, because it doesn't matter how good you are individually, we all need each other. This team could accomplish some special things this year, but we're nowhere near our ceiling and that's a good thing, we don't want to be playing our best basketball in December," Simmons said.

Team building and sustained success are becoming a rarity in lower levels of college sports in the age of NIL and the portal. It's an area Simmons has excelled in, though, with players like Childress and forward Taylor Smith outside of his starting five.

In limited action, Smith recorded six points, six rebounds and an assist. On building as deep a roster as he has, Simmons actually credited the transfer portal, saying now that universities are focusing on the portal, he's been able to land higher quality high school players.

With the bulk of his roster graduating after this season, Simmons acknowledged there would be new challenges in the team building aspect. The Lady Lions began their reloading process on signing day this past week, however, landing six high school recruits.

Three came from inside the state of Alabama, with Hazel Green's Jurnee Moore, Bob Jones' Jael Robinson and Hillcrest's Blakely Nixon signing alongside three out-of-state signees.

Whether he's winning on the recruiting trail or on the court, Simmons has a hallmark trait of a great coach, never being satisfied. Up nearly 20 points in the third quarter during a timeout, the coach was animated, upset at his team for seemingly taking their foot off the gas.

"You can't let them relax, you can't let them get complacent and let them be satisfied with the win. Like yes, we win, that's great, but the win is a byproduct of hard work and doing things day in and day out over and over until it becomes a habit," Simmons said. He added, "We don't want to get bored with the process, you know? We have to enjoy the process and let the results take care of themselves. Gotta put our hard hat on and come to work."





EDITORIAL

The cost of chaos, blogs, livestreams and the erosion of local news

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There is a growing sickness in our information culture. It is not new, but it is getting bolder, louder and far more destructive.

It is the rise of local social media blogs that trade in trauma, chase emergencies and exploit other people's worst moments for views, likes and algorithm clicks.

This week our community saw one of the worst examples yet. A local blog livestreamed the aftermath of a car crash while the vehicle was still on fire.

A young woman had died in that car. Her 7-month-old child, rescued by bystanders minutes earlier, was inches away from losing both mother and life.

Yet the camera kept rolling.

There was no hesitation. No pause. No dignity extended to the victim or her family.

No respect for first responders who were working to control a chaotic and dangerous scene.

Just a phone pointed toward tragedy and a steady stream of comments pouring in from viewers who had no business witnessing something so raw, so personal so devastating.

At The Tribune, we have long refused to go to crash scenes for this exact reason. Not because we lack interest or access, but because we respect human life.

We respect families who deserve privacy in the worst moments imaginable.

We respect fire, EMS and law enforcement personnel who need room to work without cameras shoved in their way.

That is a baseline standard in real journalism.

Blogs are not bound by that standard. Most are not accredited media. They do not operate under ethical codes recognized by the profession.

They are not trained in public safety, crisis reporting or victim protection. They simply show up, turn on a livestream and hope tragedy performs well online.

This is not news. This is voyeurism.

And it is time for it to stop.

County officials and law enforcement leaders must take this seriously. Deputies and officers have the right and responsibility to maintain safe working perimeters at crash scenes, especially when a vehicle is actively burning, when lifesaving operations are underway or when a deceased individual is present.

Accreditation matters. Training matters. Professionalism matters.

When unaccredited blogs push themselves into these scenes, they are not just being irresponsible. They are endangering themselves, interfering with emergency operations and inflicting unnecessary trauma on families who will forever know that their loved one's last moments were broadcast on Facebook for entertainment.

This should outrage every elected official who claims to care about community standards. It should outrage every agency head who believes in professionalism. It should outrage every resident who understands the difference between journalism and chaos.

We need accountability, and we need it now.

A countywide protocol is overdue. Real boundaries, real enforcement, real clarity about who belongs inside an emergency perimeter and who does not.

Respectable news outlets will follow those guidelines because we always have. Blogs will fight them because guidelines stand in the way of views.

But the truth is simple. A community cannot claim to value human life while allowing people with cell phones to livestream death.

The families who suffer these tragedies deserve more. Our first responders deserve more. Cullman County deserves more.

It is time to rebuild the foundation of local news and shut the door on exploitation. It is time for leaders to step up. It is time for a higher standard.

And it is time for this era of reckless, sensational livestreaming to end.

Arch (from Front)

we are. It honors our founding heritage, strengthens our downtown and creates a sense of wonder for every family who visits the Christkindlmarkt.

"I'm grateful for the extraordinary work of our CPRST team and the shared vision that made this possible."

To emphasize the national significance of Cullman's achievement, Anderson added, "Across the country, communities are rediscovering the joy of European-style Christmas markets.

"Cullman is not only participating in that movement — we're helping define what it can look like in the United States."

Schwibbogen arches have been central to German Christmas celebrations since the 1700s, representing light, hope and community during winter months.

By creating the world's largest walk-on interpretation of this tradition, Cullman offers American audiences a rare cultural experience previously available only in Europe.

The arch will return annually as a permanent feature of the Christkindlmarkt, joining the 40-foot Christmas pyramid, life-sized advent calendar, ice rink and a robust marketplace of international vendors.

The market is open throughout the holiday season, offering authentic food, artisan goods, live entertainment and cultural experiences for visitors of all ages. For schedules, vendor lists and travel information, visit www.CullmanChristkindlmarkt.com.

Experiences (from Front)

only for them, but for every one of us here at the sheriff's office.

"We're grateful for the incredible support from our citizens, volunteers and sponsors who help make this day possible. It remains one of the highlights of our entire year."

Gentry said he'll always believe children are the greatest blessing.

"The special needs rodeo holds a very special place in my heart," he said. "Each year, our team looks forward to this day because it reminds us why we do what we do. Watching the pure joy and excitement on the kids' faces — and seeing that same joy spread to the adults around them — is one of the most rewarding experiences we could ever have. It truly fills us with gratitude and pride to be part of something so meaningful."

The CCSO provided lunch for all attendees. Also, Chick-fil-A donated gift cards.

"Thank you to everyone who helps us celebrate and support these amazing kids," Gentry said. "We look forward to another great rodeo week."

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo continues Saturday. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the kids' scramble at 7, and the rodeo performance at 7:30.

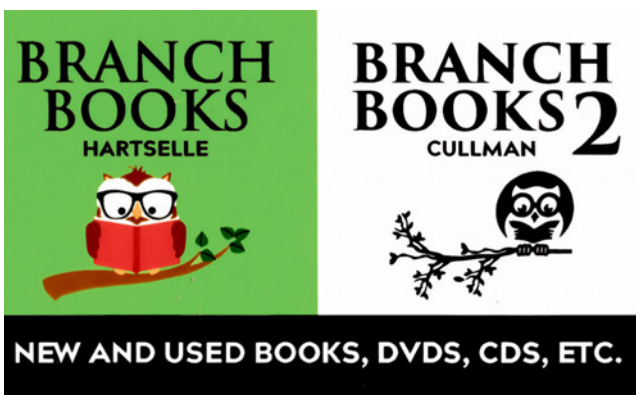
Tickets are cash only at the door. Adults are $10; children/students $8; kids 6 and younger get in free. An ATM will be available on-site.

The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center is located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31.

















Johnson (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School senior Madison Johnson was recently admitted to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, with a full, four-year QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship. This year, QuestBridge's 55 college partners matched with only 2,550 finalists, who are recognized as Match Scholarship Recipients, across the nation.

"I was shocked. This truly is a life-changing opportunity, and I am so thankful for everyone who has been a part of this process," Johnson said of receiving the news. "It would especially not have been possible without my dad's support. He has been an example, giving me the encouragement I need."

Johnson credited her teachers for their support and investment in her future as one factor that helped her reach this point. "Teachers like Mrs. Lunsford and Mrs. Nix have been great mentors, helping me believe in my potential. Mrs. Brumley and Mrs. Tankersley have fostered my interest in the health sciences, and I am now ready to apply what I have learned from them in the future," she said. "I am very excited to attend Denison University, and I look forward to meeting people who have a range of life experiences. The close-knit campus culture and small class size intrigue me. I think more people need to take advantage of opportunities like this because they will never know if they don't apply."

Each Match Scholarship Recipient receives early admission and a full four-year scholarship to a QuestBridge college partner, ensuring for these students and their families that an education at a top college is affordable. The Match Scholarship — provided by the school — is made up of a generous financial aid package that covers the full cost of attendance, including tuition, housing and food, books and supplies, and travel expenses. The Match Scholarship does not include loans or a parental contribution.

QuestBridge is a national nonprofit organization that connects high-achieving students from low-resource backgrounds with a thriving community and transformative educational, career and life opportunities that help propel them to lives of fulfillment, meaning and purpose. From QuestBridge's founding over 30 years ago, the organization has always focused on creating opportunities for students from low-resource backgrounds, regardless of race, geography or academic interest.

In the fall, Johnson plans to enter the pre-med track at Denison University with a concentration in neuroscience, aspiring to become an anesthesiologist. Her dedication to the health sciences is demonstrated by her fourth-place finish in the state for HOSA Bowl last year and her participation in the Cullman High School Medical Academy program. She earned AP Scholar with Distinction after completing six AP classes in her junior year. She also serves as Vice President of the National Honor Society and as a Citizen Promise Ambassador for the Liberty Learning Foundation.

LEGALS

Notice of sale under self-storage lien
Tenant: Alexis Lindsey, last known address: 52 B county road 1579 Cullman, AL 35058
Storage Facility: 4 Way Mini Storage, 14045 AL HWY 69 N Baileyton, AL 35019. Unit # A-06
Contents: Household goods and personal property believed to be furniture and boxes
Sale Date: 12/22/25 –12/26/25
Sale Location: Storageauctions.com
Terms: Public online auction
This property is being sold to satisfy the operator's lien for unpaid rent and related charges pursuant to Alabama code 8-15-34. The sale will not occur sooner than 15 days after first notice.

Notice of sale under self-storage lien
Tenant: Jennifer Medley, last known address: 602 Lookout Dr Lot: 8 Arab, AL 35016
Storage Facility: 4 Way Mini Storage, 14045 AL HWY 69 North Baileyton, AL 35019. Unit # A-08
Contents: Household goods and personal property believed to be furniture and boxes
Sale Date: 12/22/25 – 12/26/25
Sale Location: Storageauctions.com
Terms: Public online auction
This property is being sold to satisfy the operator's lien for unpaid rent and related charges pursuant to Alabama code 8-15-34. The sale will not occur sooner than 15 days after first notice.

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOYCE ELIZABETH MOORE, DECEASED CASE NO PC 2025-422

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF JOYCE ELIZABETH MOORE, DECEASED

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Schella M Cross on the 11th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable 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

Schella M Cross, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO Publisher of *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 PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SUSAN CHRISTENSEN, * CASE NO.:PC2025-124
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Successor Letters of Administration having been granted to AMANDA SCHOPPE, as Successor Administrator of the Estate of SUSAN CHRISTENSEN deceased, on the 26th 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 be barred.

Successor Administrator
Amanda Schoppe

Atty for Success Administrator
Shelbie G. Hankey
409 Second Ave SW
Cullman Al. 35055
256-736-8744

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of publication.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
)
William R. Tankersley,) Case No. PC 2025- 288
)
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Larry Bagwell as Personal Representative of the Estate of William R. Tankersley, deceased, on the 26th day of November, 20 25, 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.

Personal Representative
Larry Bagwell

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.

Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 432

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA KATHERINE BUCHANAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jason Brian Pair on the 26th day of November, 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.

Jason Brian Pair
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
WANDA DENISE TUCKER, * **CASE NO PC 2025-** 404
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Sarah Elizabeth Tucker, Personal Representative, on the 10th day of December, 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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

To The Editor and Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate

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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 James Beckman, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns dated February 19, 2015; said mortgage being recorded on March 9, 2015 in Deed Book 1755, Page 483 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 339, Page 901 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., 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 January 29, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Land Situated in the Town of Hanceville in the County of Cullman in the State of AL. The east half of lots No. 20 and 21 in Comb's Third Addition to the Town of Hanceville, Alabama, as shown by plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama. Said east half of lots 20 and 21 being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said lot 21 and go South along East line of lot 21 and lot 20 a distance of 200 feet to Southeast corner of lot 20; Then go West along South line of lot 20 a distance of 100 feet; Thence go at right angles North 200 feet to South edge of Estelle Street; Thence go East a distance of 100 feet along the South edge of Estelle Street to the point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **1003 Stadium St Se, Hanceville, AL 35077**.

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.

December 10, 2025

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.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
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FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 22-02545AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

22-02545AL

STATE OF ALABAMA,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **BBJ Property, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,** to **First National Bank**, dated August 19, 2024, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2094, Page 327; and the undersigned **First National Bank**, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on December 30, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract of land containing 1.08 acres, more or less, lying in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of NE ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 11 having an Alabama state plane west zone coordinate of N:1494143.53, E:2141672.34; thence North 89°11'29" West along the northerly boundary of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ for 125.46 feet to a set capped rebar: thence South 17°42'12" East, passing a set capped reference rebar at 276.61 feet, for a total distance of 281.63 feet to the centerline of an existing ditch; thence along the centerline of said ditch the following bearings and distances: North 41°34'24" East for 53.77 feet, North 42°41'47" East for 72.52 feet, North 42°07'46" East for 20.18 feet, North 47°43'25" East for 132.74 feet, North 65°00'56" East for 24.37 feet, North 68°06'03" East for 20.88 feet, North 60°53'25" East for 39.87 feet, North 34°04'02" East 17.90 feet, North 22°06'43" East for 13.89 feet to the intersection of said ditch and the northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼; thence North 89°10'49" West along the northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, passing a set capped reference rebar at 2.09 feet, for a total distance of 248.31 feet back to the point of beginning. All capped rebars are ½" rebars stamped "Wilhite PLS 21785" unless noted otherwise.
ALSO AND SUBJECT TO an ingress/egress easement being 30 feet in width and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11 having an Alabama state plane west zone coordinate value of N:1494143.53, E:2141672.34; thence South 89°10'49" East along the northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ for 248.31 feet to the intersection of said northerly boundary and the centerline of an existing ditch, said point being the point of beginning; thence continue South 89°10'49" East along the northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ for 293.80 feet to the intersection of said northerly boundary and the westerly right of way margin of County Road 222; thence South 44°10'39" West along the westerly right of way margin of said road for 41.26 feet; thence North 89°10°49" West, parallel with the northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, for 283.96 feet to the centerline of an existing ditch; thence North 60°53'25" East along the centerline of said ditch for 4.19 feet; thence North 34°04'02" E along the centerline of said ditch for 17.90 feet; thence North 22°06'43" East along the centerline of said ditch for 13.89 feet back to the point of beginning.

Subject to the following:

1. Underground easement conveyed to Cullman Electric Cooperative recorded in Deed Book 725, Page 99 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
2. Ingress-egress easement shown as existing gravel drive on the survey plat prepared by Ricky Wilhite, AL Lic. No. 21785, dated June 2, 2022, which is recorded as Exhibit A to warranty deed recorded in Deed Book 729, Page 601 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
3. Easement and Joint Use Agreement recorded in Deed Book 729, Page 660 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Property Address: 4480 County Road 222, Cullman, AL 35057

This property will be sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
By: Nancy F. McClellan, Attorney for First National Bank
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BRIAN GREGORY EUBANKS, * **CASE NO. PC2025-445**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Christy Eubanks on December 3, 2025.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 10th day of December, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO PUBLISHER: ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Done this the 10th day of December, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Attorney for Petitioner
Rhonda D. Bruner
1312 12th Street, SE
Cullman, AL 35055

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 12
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Unconquered Homes, LLC, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PIN: 27491. Parcel Number: 22-01-11-0-000-010.000. Property Address: 0 County Road 490, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.
Legal Description: A part of the North ½ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a ½" rebar in place accepted as the Northeast corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, said point also being the point of beginning. From this beginning point proceed S00°08'58" E a distance of 657.92 feet to a ½" open top pipe in place; thence N 88°26'02" W a distance of 1300.58 feet to a point on the east right of way of Cullman County Road No. 490, said point being referenced by an axle in place which lies N 88°26'02" W a distance of 17.46 feet; thence proceed along said right of way N 00°07'18" E a distance of 119.38 feet to a ½" capped rebar set (29409); thence N21°35'08" E a distance of 107.45 feet to a 6"x 6" concrete right of way monument in place (245+50 80'); thence N 03°09'23" W a distance of 152.29 feet to a 6"x 6" concrete right of way monument in place (246+90.78PT80'); thence N 08°12'01" W a distance of 211.44 feet to a ½" capped rebar set (29409); thence N 00°07'18" E a distance of 77.21 feet to a ½" capped rebar set (29409); thence, leaving said right of way, proceed S 88°26'02" E a distance of 1297.46 feet, back to the point of beginning, containing 19.37 acres, more or less. Description according to survey of Kelvin L Harris, Licensed Land Survey #29409, dated September 12, 2024.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 8th day of December, 2025. ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 8th day of December, 2025. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 8th day of December, 2025. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 13
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Eric Goodrich, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PIN: 45645. Parcel Number: 17-01-01-3-005-015.000. Property Address: 0 Loch Ave, Cullman, AL 35055.
Legal Description: Lot No. Fifteen (15) of Loch Landing Subdivision as shown and known on the recorded plat thereof in Map Book 8, Page 38 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 8th day of December, 2025. ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 8th day of December, 2025. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 8th day of December, 2025. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Our first Christmas together

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



We have spent 50 of them together. Jean and I spent our first Christmas together as husband and wife in 1975. We were still newlyweds. We were still broke newlyweds. We had been married for six months. We didn't have much and we didn't get or give much that first Christmas, but it didn't matter. We had each other and a bright future stretching out on front of us. Did I mention that we were newlyweds? We were young and much in love. Now we are not so young but still much in love...even more so than way back then.

I was in my third year of college, but my first at Samford University. I was majoring in religion and planning to become a pastor. I actually became a pastor before I finished my degree. Jean put her college education on hold and got a job doing clerical work in the School of Pharmacy at Samford.

Just like this year, Christmas Day back in 1975 fell on a Thursday, but Jean and I had already celebrated a couple of days before that. Earlier that week, she and I exchanged our gifts with one another... both of them. It wasn't on Christmas Day, but it didn't matter. One of the gifts Jean gave me was a blue 1955 Thunderbird. What I would I give for a '55 Thunderbird now! What I wouldn't give if the one she gave me had been real! It was, instead, one of those glass models filled with cologne sold by Avon. They are considered vintage now, but certainly not worth the tens of thousands the real thing might bring. After we opened our gifts, we loaded up my Thunderbird, excuse me, my Malibu, and made the 100-mile trek back to our families in Rainsville. There, we celebrated Christmas again with our parents.

For $75 a month, we lived in a small three-room apartment on campus. If you count the kitchen, it had four rooms. I didn't include the kitchen, because it was about the same size as that bottle of cologne. Our walls were made of cinder blocks with a red-brick façade on the exterior walls. Our dining room was one corner of our living room. Our living room had a large picture window on the back wall. We could look out at a fence. We placed our first Christmas tree in front of that window. That was the first time in my life I had ever bought a Christmas tree. It was not a blue spruce but a blue light special from K-Mart. We managed to buy a string or two of lights, but we made most of the decorations. We crafted cardboard stars from McDonald's cups. We painted them and put glitter on them while the paint was still wet. A couple have survived the years and each year since back then at least one hangs on our family tree.

Two-thousand years ago, some wise men made the trek from their far away home to the abode of the newly born messiah. There they found him and his parents in arrangements much cruder, and possibly even smaller, than our little student apartment. Because there was no room for them in the inn, the only begotten Son of God was born in a stable. His crib was a manger used to feed the livestock. Those wise men brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the Christ child. The Christ child brought them, as well as the world, his gift of salvation. Whenever, wherever and however you celebrate, may you have a blessed Christmas!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Dec. 13, 1945

From the files of Dec. 13, 1945

To and Fro
By EAGLE EYE

Only a short distance makes a lot of difference in the depth of snow. This was the finding of Prof. E. L. Patrick who visited his parents, the Frank Patricks, last week. At the Patrick farm, located a few miles north of Cullman on the Eva Road, the white winter coverage reached a depth of seven inches. This was more than twice the depth of the snow in Cullman.

Each meeting of the Post No. 4, American Legion, finds it growing into one of the largest and most important organizations in Cullman County. At the regular meeting on Sunday, December 9, the Rev. Henry Meyer, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was guest speaker. He chose for his subject, "Experiences With German Prisoners in the United States."

Next Saturday night will be a night of fun for teachers. At least for the teachers who are members of Delta Kappa Gamma. That teachers' sorority will hold its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ted Whitaker on that evening.

When a citizen does some outstanding job well, it is a source of pride to those in the county, from whence he came. The record that Mary Ruth Graham has made as Research Assistant at the University of Alabama and more recently with the State Pardon and Parole Board is one worthy of note. An article by Mary Ruth on "Education and Crime in Alabama" was featured on the editorial page of the Birmingham News last Friday.

For several days after the number for the RCA Radio, given as a prize in the Victory Bond Buying Campaign was drawn, the holder of the ticket could not be located. However, Carl Stiefelmeyer finally checked the stubs of his bond tickets and found he was the lucky winner. He was presented a certificate and as soon as the radio is available will receive it from the Home Improvement Company.

HANCEVILLE HAPPENINGS
By HAZEL CARSTENSEN

The W. S. C. S. met at the home of Mrs. J. R. Edmondson on Tuesday, December 11th for the Harvest Day and Christmas program.

The Hanceville P. T. A. will meet at the Hanceville Auditorium on Tuesday night, December 18th. The Glee Club will be under the direction of Miss Betty Dunn. Everyone is invited to come and get the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Archie Kinney and Mrs. Frances Bond spent Monday in Birmingham.

Rev. Don Hill of Decatur delivered the sermon at the Baptist Church, Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Hargrove, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cagle, Mrs. Emmie Smith, Miss Dorothy Jackson and Woody Jackson attended the Training Union Service at the North Side Baptist Church in Cullman, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Linton spent Monday in Birmingham.

Mrs. C. Burkart is improving in the Jefferson Hospital.

Little Sandra Decker of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting her aunt, Miss Maymie Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Grund visited Miss Carrie Grund who is ill at St. Vincent Hospital.

Mr. Lorenzo Interbitzen of Memphis, Tenn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashwander last week.

A. P. Blackersby of Guntersville was the Thursday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ashwander.

Mrs. Mary Millican of Bangor is visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie Freeman, who is quite ill.

Misses Lorene and Era Ann Gray and Miss Ruthelle Ashwander spent Saturday in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Reid of Black Creek spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Casey.

Mrs. Albert Burkart, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Jackson spent Monday afternoon in Birmingham.

Wally Green is quite ill with flu this week.

Pvt. Robert E. Formby, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Formby is now in Nagasaki, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Quattlebaum of California are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Quattlebaum.

Pfc. Jimmie Thomas has just spent a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thomas of Alexander City. He is to return to Columbia, S. C., for assignment for overseas duty.

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POET'S CORNER

Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes | By: Randy C. Hale

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

In a little town called Bethlehem,
God chose for His son to be born.
And in a stable where animals were kept,
the sound of the holy infant wept.

His mother and father,
the only ones there,
until some lowly shepherds appeared.
The angels of God had sent them
to find baby Jesus to behold.

And they went everywhere telling
the news of His birth.
And Mary pondered in her heart
the things of her son proclaimed,
and she held Him a little closer,
I think, that day.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

DEC. 13

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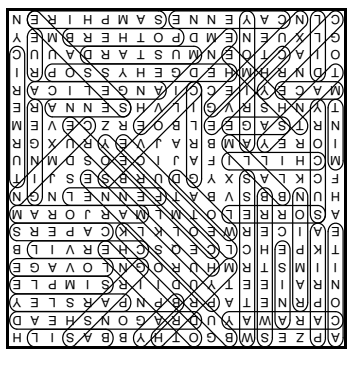
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Inspections (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Power Board customers may see crews from Davey Resource Group (DRG) in neighborhoods over the next several weeks as part of an inspection and verification project tied to the utility's pole attachment agreement and ongoing system planning. The work will continue through winter as crews move across different parts of the service area.

The Power Board announced earlier that DRG vehicles will be marked and workers will carry an official Authorization to Work letter. Electric service will not be affected while the inspections take place.

To help explain the project, Cullman Utilities Water and Power CEO Allison Bright described what residents should expect from DRG's work and how the inspections support long-term system reliability.

Bright said the primary purpose of the project is to verify attachments among companies who share the poles.

"DRG will be verifying pole attachments among AT&T, Spectrum and Cullman Power Board, ensuring accuracy and compliance," she said. "While in the field, they will also note any visible issues such as damaged crossarms, bent insulators or loose guy wires. This work supports our long-term goal of maintaining a safe, reliable infrastructure for the community."

She said the partnership with DRG was selected after evaluating cost and performance among similar utilities.

"DRG is an AT&T-approved vendor, which allows Cullman Power Board to share costs and reduce expenses," she said. "We also consulted other utilities using similar GIS systems who reported excellent results with DRG. Their proven expertise, strong safety record and experience with public power utilities made them the right choice for this phase of our system planning."

Bright said most work is brief and often completed without crews entering private yards.

"Most work will be done using digital maps, so crews may not need to enter every property," she said. "When necessary, customers might see DRG teams walking or driving along utility rights-of-way. Their visits are brief, typically just a few minutes per location."

She emphasized that DRG contractors will be clearly identified and do not have access to customer information.

"DRG does not have access customer information," Bright said. "All DRG crews will drive marked vehicles and carry an official Authorization to Work letter from Cullman Power Board. We have also notified the Cullman Police Department of this work. If you would like to confirm a worker's identity, please call us at 256-734-2343."

Bright said the inspection work is also a valuable opportunity to assess assets across the system.

"This inspection is part of our pole attachment agreement and accounting process, but it also gives us a valuable opportunity to check the condition of our assets on our system," she said. "Knowing the condition of our poles, crossarms, insulators, and guy wires is something that is increasingly important as Cullman grows."

She said catching system issues early reduces the risk of outages, especially during severe weather.

"While the primary intention of this work is to verify what companies are attached to our poles, the secondary purpose helps identify potential asset issues so we can plan and address those issues as soon as reasonably possible, reducing the risk of outages," she said.

Bright said the project is expected to take six to eight weeks, allowing for holidays or weather delays.

"We expect the project to take 6–8 weeks, allowing for holidays and weather delays," she said. "Updates will be shared through our Facebook page and other customer notifications as needed."

She encouraged customers to call if they have concerns about workers or activity near their property.

"If you have any concerns, call us at 256-734-2343," she said. "Crews should only be on-site for a few minutes and may not need to enter your property unless there is an issue to document."

Bright said the findings will help guide future maintenance and upgrade decisions.

"If recurring issues are found, we will investigate whether they indicate a larger problem, equipment aging, or normal wear," she said. "This helps us prioritize maintenance and plan for future improvements."

She acknowledged that unfamiliar crews can make some residents uneasy.

"We understand there could be concerns, which is why we are sharing this information proactively," she said. "DRG crews are authorized professionals working on behalf of Cullman Power Board. They will only be on-site briefly, and anyone is welcome to call us at 256-734-2343 to verify their identity."

Bright said the inspections also support storm readiness.

"By identifying potential problems now, we can plan and address those problems to try to prevent outages before they happen," she said. "Every issue avoided during storms or winter weather benefits the entire community."

She said more work is planned in the coming year.

"Yes," she said. "We have several projects scheduled to increase system capacity and perform routine maintenance on aging infrastructure. These improvements are part of our long-term strategy to meet the growing needs of our community. Work will begin next year and, due to the size of these projects, will continue over several months. We will keep customers informed through our usual communication channels as these projects progress."

What customers should expect during DRG field work

- DRG vehicles will be clearly marked
- Workers will carry a Cullman Power Board Authorization to Work letter
- Electric service will not be affected
- Most visits last only a few minutes
- Crews may not need to enter private property
- Call 256-734-2343 with any questions or to verify a worker

How to verify DRG crews working near your home

Residents may verify any worker by calling 256-734-2343. DRG crews will be in marked vehicles and carry official documentation. The Cullman Police Department has been notified about the project.

DRG contractors do not have access to customer information and are limited to inspecting poles, attachments and visible equipment issues.



Obituary Announcements: Dec. 11-12

Doris Utah White, 97
Funeral Service for Doris Utah White, age 97 of Falkville, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. White passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at her residence. She was born December 20, 1927, to Ephrim Phillips and Hazel Phillips. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Charles D. White; daughter, Judy Echols; granddaughter, Tannis McCombs and great granddaughter, Madison Yeager. Survivors include her, son, Charles M White; daughters, Brenda Link (William), daughter, Janet Oden (D.H.); Grandchildren, Heath White, Gina Williams, Steve Link, Brian Link, Jason Elrod, Amy Watwood, Eddie Elrod; 18 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren and a host of brothers, sisters, nieces & nephews.

Hollena Faye Rosen, 64
Holly was born to Hollis W Byrd and Nellie Faye Miller on Nov 24, 1961, in Cullman, Alabama. She flew to heaven on Dec 10, 2025. She will have a Wonderful Christmas. She is preceded in death by both her parents and Grandparents Eddie and Eulla Miller, Hollis And Irene Byrd. survivors Include her spouse Daniel "Dan" Rosen, Her Son Benjamín (Rebecca) Rosen, Sarah Rosen, And Elizabeth (Cameron) Carlisle, and her very intelligent and wonderful Twin Grandchildren, Ryker Carlisle and Charli Carlisle, Brother Sgt. Ret. Jonathan (Jen) Byrd, Charity (Randy) Anderson, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, Aunts and Uncles whom she cared for deeply. Holly obtained a Wallace State Associates in Business Administration. She had employment With Wal- Mart Distribution, Wallace State, Rehau, Big Lots, and most recently Copy And Print Manager at Office Depot. Holly was a very hard, dependable worker. Like her father, she never met a stranger. She is a Child and believer in Christ. She was known by all her loved her as an exceptionally kind, thoughtful, and selfless woman. Her real adventures began with a blind date in March of 1986 when she met Her future Spouse and husband of 38 years. Together their adventures took them to many different places and adventures, from camping in the Smokies, to family picnics with their Twin girls and " Little Britches ". Whether it be helping her adventurous spouse with Tilapia Fish Aquaponics and hydroponics, or her children and grandchildren's projects; she put her all into it. She loved reading, watching game shows or yelling at the tv with her "Crimson Tide Football Team". But most of all, she loved her children, Grandchildren, Husband and her family members very much. She always put others before herself. She found joy in making people feel seen and loved. Holly was very proud of her children's accomplishments. She poured her heart into her work and adored her customers she served at Big Lots and Office Depot. Holly will be remembered for her warmth, her compassion, and her unwavering love for her family. She will be very deeply missed by many. There will be a celebration of life planned in the future.

Francis Geraldine Snow, 82
Francis Geraldine Snow age 82 of Cullman, Alabama passed away December 10, 2025. She was born September 7, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama. Francis loved baking. She was known for her frozen peanut butter pie and brownies. She was known to bake for her family and friends often. She loved to sit and watch the hummingbirds and loved to spoil her fur grandbabies. She was married to her husband Hearl for many years. Francis did anything she could for anyone although her family always came first. Francis is preceded in death by her parents Lottie Bell and Raymond Brock, husband Lewis Hearl Snow and brothers James and Ronald Henry. Francis is survived by her daughters Janice (John) Chaney, Samantha (Kenneth) Coggins, and Shirley (Dennis) Williams; step-sister Helen Sharp, brother Tony Henry, grandchildren Tiffany Duke, Taylor Chaney, Kimberly Coggins, Chris Coggins, Jacob Williams and Holli Potts; and eleven great-grandchildren. Francis was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and so much more. She will be missed by all who knew her. The family will receive friends for a visitation Sunday December 14, 2025, from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home chapel 1901 2nd Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Burial will follow at a later date in Bethlehem West Cemetery in Battleground, Alabama. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Steven Dean Ozment, 63
Steven Dean Ozment, age 63, passed away on December 9, 2025, at Hospice House in Birmingham, Alabama. Born on September 9, 1962, in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Steven was the son of Phyllis Ozment and the late David Ozment. Steven is survived by his wife, Deanna Ozment, his partner in life for many memorable years. He is also survived by his mother, Phyllis Ozment; sisters Karen (Fred) Preiss and Sandra Ozment Hofmann; sisters-in-law Debbie Gudenkauf and Donna Powers; and brother-in-law Greg (Kristi) Powers. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Known to friends simply as Ozzo, Steven lived life on his own terms. He spent many years in Cullman, Alabama, before moving to Pennsylvania in the 1980s. After experiencing a record snow winter, he realized the Northeast wasn't for him and headed west to Lawrence, Kansas. In the lively university town, he found lasting friendships and met the love of his life, Deanna. After a classic Las Vegas wedding, Steven and Deanna made their home in Lawrence until the pull of warmer weather led them south. In 2004, they moved to Punta Gorda, Florida, where Steven embraced everything the coastal life had to offer. He especially loved boating and fishing, spending countless hours on the water—his favorite place to unwind, explore, and simply be himself. In recent years, Steven and Deanna returned to Birmingham, Alabama, to be closer to family and longtime friends, reconnecting with the roots and relationships that had shaped so much of his life. Steven will be remembered for his sharp sense of humor, his independent spirit, and his readiness to chase the next adventure. His stories and the imprint he left on those who knew him will endure. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Foundry Farm in Cullman, Alabama https://foundryministries.com/the-foundry-farm/.

Justin Bailey Hall, 22
Funeral services for Justin Bailey Hall, 22, of Hayden will be 1 p.m. Sunday December 14th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Hall was born July 9, 2003, in Cullman, Alabama to Jason Hall & Brandy Patterson. He passed away December 11, 2025, in Birmingham, Alabama. Justin Bailey Hall, a loving son, devoted husband, and beloved grandson, passed away leaving behind a legacy defined by kindness, loyalty, and a heart that touched everyone who knew him. Justin was an amazing husband whose love and strength made him a true partner in every sense. To those around him, he was a role model, someone who led by quiet example, with sincerity, generosity, and a spirit that lifted others up. Justin had a warm, playful nature and was known for his talent for good-natured aggravating, always bringing laughter and light to family gatherings and everyday moments. He was a kind soul, gentle yet strong, and he carried that compassion into every relationship he cherished. He found joy in the simple things he loved most, playing his guitar, casting a fishing line on a peaceful day, and spending time surrounded by the people who mattered to him. As a grandson, he was deeply loved and treasured, forming bonds that will be remembered forever. Justin's life, though far too short, was filled with love, laughter, and meaningful moments. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, a lasting reminder of the beautiful impact one kind soul can make on the world Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Hannah Hall; mother, Brandy Patterson; father, Jason Hall; sisters, Savannah Hall, Shayanna Hall, Ada Crumpton; mother and father-in-law, Joey & Windy Bradford; grandparents, Jeff & Kim Hall, Bobby & Glenda Criddle, Carol Patterson, Alice Fay Duke; brothers-in-law, Zachary Bradford, Derrick Bradford; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mr. Hall was preceded in death by his grandfather, Keith Patterson. Serving as pallbearers will be Trent Thompson, Kane Leggett, Damion Jones, Bailey Gore, Lanon Crumley, Colby Marcey. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hall family.

Sara Elizabeth Wilson, 27
Sara Elizabeth Wilson, born on September 16, 1998, in Cullman, Alabama, passed away on December 10, 2025, at the age of 27. A resident of Florence, Alabama, Sara was cherished by all who knew her. Known affectionately as Boo Boo, she was one of a kind, bringing humor and love to everyone she knew. Sara is survived by her loving parents, Kevin and Kasey Wilson, and her dear sister, Emma-Claire Wilson. She will also be fondly remembered by her grandmother, Carolyn Likes, her grandparents, Glenn and Barbara Wilson, and her aunt, Deedra Likes. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Calvin Likes. A Celebration of Life will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, located at 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on December 14, 2025, from 3 p.m. Sara's loving and humorous spirit will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

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