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Cullman graduate Christina Chambers found dead in Hoover home

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HOOVER, Ala. — Former WBRC Sports Reporter and 2006 Cullman High School graduate Christina Chambers was tragically found dead in her home in Hoover Tuesday morning, Dec. 16.

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WBRC

Christina Chambers »

Cullman City Council closes out 2025 with marathon meeting



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Surrounded by teachers and students, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff receives a $600,000 check from Cullman City Council President Kim Hall on Monday, Dec. 16, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday took on a huge slate of business and recognitions packed into its last meeting of 2025.

ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED

Councilman and Public Safety Committee Chair Chuck Shikle recognized:

• Cullman Police Department School Resource Officer of the Year Daniel Palisay

• CPD Patrol Officer of the Year Olivia Corder

• CPD Investigator of the Year Max Bartlett

• Cullman Fire Rescue Alabama Fire Academy graduates Emerson Schaeffer (Valedictorian), Cory Shadden (720 Award – Most Outstanding), Ace Taylor, Steven Prologo, L.J. Turner and Andrew Durhan

Councilman and Utilities Committee Chair Paul Schaffer offered a resolution to honor TImmy Denson for almost 19 years of service, since 2007, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council President Kim Hall offered three resolutions to:

• Recognize Cullman High School's Junior Varsity Gameday and Traditional Cheerleading Teams for taking the 6A state championship at the AHSAA State Competition. Team members: Alexis Nearen, Aaliyah Taylor, Anna Claire Kallhoff, Brooklyn Eddy, Cailyn Harland, Charlee Chambers, Elizabeth Hunt, Emma Parker, Jillian Key, Jocie Robertson, Jordyn Black, Josie Miller, Kennedi Bonds, Kinley Grimes, Laci Butts, Lexi Brannon, Maci Smith, Macie McAlpin, Reese Stinson, Sarah Cofield, Ava Brewer, Dinah Langley, Gracie Foxx, Harper Robertson, Kamryn Sanderson, and Marlie McAlpin, plus coaches Ashley Wilbanks, Elizabeth Pylant, Kristy Patterson and Savanna Ball.

• Recognize Cullman High School's Traditional Cheerleading Team for taking the 6A state championship at the AHSAA State Competition, and the Varsity Gameday Cheerleading Team for a third-place state finish. Traditional team members: Adalynn Joiner, Aynsley Pylant, Bentlie Bullard, Brilee Carter, Brindley Cooper, Brittlee Hopper, Brooklyn Cooper, Cailey Cammack, Camden Grobe, Darcy Hall, Ella Flanigan, Emma Jacobson, EmmaKaragan Tokar, Emmaline Richter, Jada Flanigan, KiAhna Coronado, Kinslee Harbison, Kylee Brooks, Logan Schuman, Samantha Miller, Sloan Nobinger and Wakely Bush. Varsity Gameday Team members include all Traditional Team members plus Ava Brewer, Dinah Langley, » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 17, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 9

• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,096; Olive St. SW

Dec. 11

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $197; Olive St. SW

Dec. 12

• harassment; person

Dec. 13

• retail theft of property-3rd degree; Monograms Plus; general merchandise; $300; 2nd Ave. NE

Dec. 15

• theft of property-3rd degree; Bill Smith Buick GMC; tires; $1,300; 2nd Ave. NW

• organized retail theft; Dollar General; general merchandise; $20; 3rd St. SE

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $82; Olive St. SW

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $436; Hwy. 157

• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Mobil; 2nd Ave. NW

• unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; theft of property-3rd degree; Sunburst Construction; drill; $883; Hayes Dr. NW

• unlawful breaking and entering motor; HNR Plumbing; miscellaneous; St. Joseph Dr. NW

ARRESTS

Dec. 15-16

Fields, Bethany J.; 21

• theft of property-4th degree

Fields, William S.; 18

• theft of property-4th degree

Helring, Michael A.; 36

• criminal trespass-3rd degree

Fletcher, Amos C.; 42

• retail theft of property-2nd degree

• theft of property-4th degree

Sanders, Ross C.; 34

• DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE FROM CULLMAN CARING FOR KIDS

The new "Spirit of Christmas" book is available for a $20 donation to Cullman Caring for Kids. This is the newest "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book with a story by local writer Tanya Shearer. They make great Christmas gifts! Your donation will also help provide meals for those in need in our community. Contact Cullman Caring for Kids at 256-739-1111 or Tanya Shearer for delivery.

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 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.

Celebrate Recovery

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.

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• 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.

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Dec. 18-23 | 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

23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park

Dec. 18-23, 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

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CALVARY BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church, Cullman recently held a "Collect Pennies" contest for First Source for Women. The winner was Reagan Duke. They brought in a total of $21.36. Left to right are Elijah Ross, Bodie Pugh, Xavier Duke, Reagan Duke and Mary White.

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Superintendent (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The superintendent of the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Shannon "Jake" Calloway, 38, is charged with two counts of aggravated criminal surveillance.

The Cullman Police Department said Calloway was arrested "at the Cullman County Jail (Detention Center) on outstanding warrants."

Court records for the case are not available in Alacourt at press time.

The City of Cullman said in a statement, "We are aware of the arrest of Shannon 'Jake' Calloway, Superintendent of the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City is cooperating with the City of Cullman Police Department & the Cullman County District Attorney as they conduct their investigation."

According to Alabama Code, "A person commits the crime of aggravated criminal surveillance if he or she intentionally engages in surveillance of an individual in any place where the individual being observed has a reasonable expectation of privacy, without the prior express or implied consent of the individual being observed, for the purpose of sexual gratification." It is a Class C felony.

Back in September, the Cullman City Council recognized the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant for achieving top ranking in the state among facilities using bio-filter/trickling filter systems. It presented a plaque to Calloway for the achievement.

LEGALS

Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s) WJC

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PRISCILLA ANN STEWART, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Bruce Turner and Marsha Fallin as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Priscilla Ann Stewart, Deceased, on the 16th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

Bruce Turner
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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs collects road sweep of Vinemont

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VINEMONT, Ala. - It was senior night at Vinemont High School, where they hosted the Cold Springs Eagles in a county matchup on Tuesday night. Cold Springs would leave Vinemont with a pair of wins.

In the varsity girls' game, it was a tight contest through three periods, but Cold Springs dominated the fourth quarter, outscoring Vinemont 14-4 en route to a 56-43 win over Vinemont.

In the varsity boys' game, Cold Springs held a double-digit lead early in the third quarter and held off some runs by Vinemont, and they would go on to knock off Vinemont 60-51.

Cold Springs 56 – Vinemont 43 (Varsity Girls)

Caroline Miller scored the first five points of the game for Vinemont, and gave them the early lead. Cold Springs countered with a run of their own, as Kaydance Williams hit a basket down low, Paizley Whitlow drilled a trey from the right wing, and Hollyn Bruer knocked down a pair of free throws to give them a 7-6 lead.

Bruer and Ella Dickerson each drained a trey from the right corner to stretch Cold Springs' lead to 13-8. A rebound and putback by Dickerson was later followed by a three by Kotie Calvert and put Cold Springs ahead 18-8. Vinemont, though, finished the quarter out strong. Arleigh Thomason put in a basket down low, then Miller and Thomason each hit a pair from the charity stripe, and Reagan Robinson collected a steal and a layup to cut it to 18-15 going into the second period.

Dickerson's basket down low made it 20-15 early in the second, but Addison Holcomb knocked down a basket in the paint, and Miller drained a trey to tie the game up at 20.

Later in the quarter, Bruer buried a three from the right corner to give Cold Springs a 27-22 lead. Another three by Dickerson put Cold Springs ahead, 30-24. Robinson and Williams each added a late basket to make it a 32-27 game at the half.

Thomason drained a pair of threes to cut it to 35-33, and Robinson knocked down a long-range shot from the right wing to give Vinemont a 36-35 lead. Aleah Addison and Miller each traded threes, as Vinemont held a slim 39-38 lead. Late baskets by Dickerson and Williams gave Cold Springs the lead right back at 42-39 going into the final period.

Bruer knocked down a pair of free throws, then four straight points by Addison widened Cold Springs' lead to 48-39. Robinson put in a floater to cut it to 48-41, but that's as close as Vinemont would get the rest of the game. Dickerson scored six straight points, and Williams added a basket down low to make it a 56-41 game.

Cold Springs is now 7-6 after their 56-43 win over Vinemont.

Dickerson led the way for Cold Springs with 20 points. Bruer added 12 points. Williams ended up with eight points. Addison put in seven points, and Calvert collected six points. For Vinemont (9-5), Robinson finished with 16 points. Miller ended up with 12 points, and Thomason posted 10 points.

Cold Springs 60 – Vinemont 51 (Varsity Boys)

A floater by Ayden Black, plus four straight points by Breydon Hallmon, gave Cold Springs the early 6-0 lead. Vinemont went on a 6-0 run of their own, as a trey by Sam Marsh tied the game up at six. Cold Springs and Vinemont each traded 6-0 runs to keep the game tied at 12. Lindan Hill banked in a floater, and Cash Dickerson's trey from the left wing gave Cold Springs a 17-12 lead going into the second period.

Dickerson drained a trey from the left wing, and Hill knocked down a short jumper to put Cold Springs ahead 22-14. Marsh buried a pair of treys to make it a 24-20 game, but Dickerson and Hallmon scored the final seven points of the first half for Cold Springs, as they would take a 31-20 lead into the locker room.

Cold Springs didn't waste any time adding onto their lead to start out the second half. A pair of baskets by Hill and a free throw by Hallmon gave them a 36-20 lead. Marsh's hot shooting kept Vinemont in the game, as he buried a trio of treys to cut it to 41-29.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Hollyn Bruer fights through a pair of Vinemont defenders.

Gavin Parr drove to the basket and laid it up and in, then Bush knocked down a trey of his own to make it a 41-34 game late in the third. A rebound and putback by Hallmon put Cold Springs ahead, 43-34 going into the fourth quarter.

Parr's trey cut it to 43-37, and later on that quarter, a rebound and putback by Bush made it a 47-41 game. Hill slammed it in off the inbounds pass to give Cold Springs a 50-43 lead, but Marsh's eighth trey of the game trimmed the deficit to just four at 50-46 with 2:59 remaining in the contest.

Black hit a pair of free throws, then Ethan Day added one of his own from the charity stripe to make it a 53-46 game. Day's layup off of a steal stretched Cold Springs' lead to 55-46, but Bush's trey made it a six-point game. Black ended up hitting five of his final six free throws to put the finishing touches on a 60-51 win for Cold Springs.

Hill finished with 18 points for Cold Springs (10-1). Dickerson ended up with 14 points. Hallmon posted 12 points, and Black collected nine points. For Vinemont (9-5), Marsh led all scorers with a game-high 24 points. Parr added 10 points, and Bush ended up with nine points.

Cold Springs will travel to take on Winston County Thursday night, and Vinemont will go to Holly Pond on Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison girls fall 55-27, boys win 60-48 at Lynn

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

LYNN, Ala. — Addison traveled to Lynn to play the county-rival Bears in a boy/girls matchup. The Addison girls came away with a 55-27 loss while the boys came out on top 60-48 in a game that was closer than the score would indicate.

Lynn 55 – Addison 27 (Varsity Girls)

The young Bulldogs got off to a good start with an Emma Cleghorn putback for a quick 2-0 lead. It was all downhill from there, though, as Lynn scored 15 straight points and held the Lady Bulldogs scoreless for the remainder of the period. The Lady Bears dominated in every aspect of the game. They doubled the 'Dawgs in rebounds and dominated on defense. Cleghorn scored the only bucket and grabbed 3 rebounds. Lady Bears' Alli Dutton owned the period, and scored 11 of Lynn's 15 points. Lynn's Allie Stewart and Allie Beth King both snagged 3 rebounds a piece.

The second period was a little better for the Lady 'Dawgs, but the Bears' pressure defense rattled Addison, causing countless mistakes. Lynn took the period 15-7 and carried a halftime lead of 30-9. Addison's Ava Bartlett led Addison with three points and two blocks. Lynn had Dutton add seven more points while King had five points and four rebounds.

The second half was fairly even, as Addison dropped the third period 14-10 to go into the final period down 44-19. Kabri Dyson and Morgan Lee each hit a three-pointer, while Bartlett had three rebounds and two blocks for the Lady Bulldogs. Lynn was led by Maddie Brooke Rutledge with six points. Four other Lady Bears tallied a bucket a piece in the period. Derrecka Bryan had three boards in the period for Lynn.

The fourth period was the same as each before it. Lynn won the frame 11-8 and the game 55-27. Addison had Dyson and Saibre Dover with three points each. Cleghorn had four rebounds and two more blocks. Lynn had King with four points and Dutton with three.

If the young Bulldogs can cut their turnovers both forced and unforced down, then an improvement in the season could be on the horizon.

Unofficial stats:

Addison was led in scoring by Cleghorn, who had seven points, 11 rebounds and three blocks. Bartlett had six points, five rebounds, two steals and four blocks. Dyson had six points and four boards. Dover had five points and three rebounds. Hadley Welch had seven rebounds and two steals. Lee had three points, three rebounds and two assists.

Lynn was led by Dutton with 24 points and two rebounds. King had 11 points and nine rebounds. Jayden Thompson had six points and four rebounds. Rutledge had six points. Joleigh Alexander had four points and Stewart had five boards.

Addison 60 – Lynn 48 (Varsity Boys)

With Addison seemingly the better team on paper, this was a shockingly close game. Someone didn't tell the Lynn Bears that they were supposed to roll over and let the Bulldogs win in the Bear's Lair, however, and obviously the Bears don't care about "on paper". The first period, the Bears didn't miss- well, let me say Mr. Coby Sherer didn't miss, as he had 8 of the Bears 11 points.

Addison dominated the paint out-rebounding the Bears 12-5, and had numerous shots within five feet of the basket but the Bulldogs couldn't hit water if they fell out of a boat. Addison survived on pressure defense, getting layups and second-chance points. Connor Lane and Kiah Lake each had four points while Elijah Roberts hit a trey. Lake and Scout Flynn had four rebounds a piece. Lynn was led by Sherer who hit a couple threes for the Bears. Addison led 15-11 after the first.

The second period wasn't much better for the Bulldogs. Lynn won the period 9-6 to go into the half down 21-20. Addison still couldn't hit a shot, and Lynn took advantage of their few chances to score as Addison out-rebounded the Bears again. Addison was led by Flynn with four points and three rebounds. Addison's leading scorer Roberts didn't score in the second, but helped out with three rebounds and an assist. Sherer had eight of the Bears' nine points.

In the third period, things got interesting. Addison played much better on both ends, and held the Bears to only two made field goals for the entire period. Addison made seven shots, but the main difference was fouls. Addison, according to the officials, committed numerous calls and had several players pick up multiple fouls in the period. At one point, Lynn had shot 26 foul shots to Addison's 7. With Addison leading 39-29 with 3:25 to go in the period, Lynn scored 10 straight points on foul shots to tie the game. Lynn outscored the Dawgs 19-18 in the period with 13 of those points coming from the charity stripe. The game was tied at 39 going into the fourth. Sherer was brilliant again, and scored 13 points in the period. Crowe had four points and six boards for the Bears. Addison's Lane had a fine period with 10 points, two rebounds and two steals. Roberts heated up with six points, three rebounds and two steals.

The crowd got into the game in the fourth as, on top of it being a rivalry matchup, neither side was pleased with the officiating. The game was back and forth as a Bear would score and Addison would answer. With Addison holding a slim 47-46 lead at the 3:30 mark, Sherer drove to the lane and banked in a seven foot shot to give the home team their first lead at 48-47 and the Bears' side went bananas.

Addison didn't fold and answered right back, a sign of a good team. Lane drove into the lane for a lay up and the Bulldogs lead 49-48 with 2:24 to go. Roberts then drilled a NBA-three to give Addison a little breathing room at 52-48 with 1:54 to go. The Addison's defense was outstanding in the final two minutes of the game as they held the Bears scoreless. Addison finished off the game at the free throw line, hitting eight out of nine. The game got little chippy, with a Bear ejected for a flagrant foul, and then his emotions got the better of him. He was assessed another technical, and he was gone. Addison came away with a gritty 60-48 win.

All in all, it was a good win for Addison. They didn't play their best but found a way to win. Lynn, especially Sherer played a good game and will certainly improve from here on out, as they gave Addison all they had and more.

Unofficial stats:

Addison was led in scoring by Roberts with 20 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and four steals. Lane stepped up with 19 points, five boards and two steals. Flynn had seven points, eight rebounds, two steals and three blocks. Lake had six points and eight boards. Joey Wilson had four points, four boards and three assists. Canaan Speegle and Joe Hacker had two points a piece. Judah Wilkins had two rebounds and three steals.

Lynn was led by Sherer, with a game high 33 points and two rebounds. Tanner Torres had five points and five rebounds. Crowe had four points and 12 rebounds. Connor Tittle had three points and three rebounds. Cade Key had three points and Carson Odom grabbed two rebounds.

Priceville's Langlois drops 31 as Vinemont goes down 62-45

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The 9-3 Vinemont Lady Eagles and their high-powered offense hosted an 8-2 Priceville Bulldogs team with a strong frontcourt on Monday night.

One crucial mismatch proved to be the difference, and Priceville came away with a convincing 62-45 victory. The loss dropped Vinemont's girls to 9-4 on the season.

From the jump, Bulldogs' senior Abby Langlois was a problem for Vinemont. The 6-1 senior is a multi-sport athlete committed to the University of West Florida to play volleyball, and that background was evident. Within just the first four minutes she'd blocked a shot, grabbed a couple rebounds, dished out an assist and made three trips to the free throw line, sinking all six attempts.

Vinemont struggled to score in the first quarter, especially from outside. The Bulldogs' perimeter defense was stout, and nearly every time the ball made it inside, Langlois or power forward Amidy Wilder wound up with a block and/or a rebound. A few layups did fall for the Lady Eagles, though, one of them belonging to guard Arleigh Thomason who also hit a three to close the first quarter for Vinemont down 19-9.

In the second quarter, the size differential between the two teams became even more glaring. After she'd end up fouled on all her attempts in the first, Langlois got the ball fed to her in the paint on most Bulldog possessions in the second period.

She made nearly all of her attempts this time, though. Despite multiple lineup changes by Vinemont head coach Emme Willoughby, Langlois went on to score 14 in the second quarter.

The interior was still off-limits in the second, but Vinemont finally got some shots to start falling from deep.

The Lady Eagles had four three-pointers scored by four different players in the period, with Reagan Robinson, Caroline Miller, Vayda Yarbrough and Thomason all hitting from beyond the arc. Despite that, the offense still lacked rhythm and they went into halftime down 40-23.

Opening the second half, Vinemont went on a tear to make things interesting. Back-to-back buckets put Priceville up 45-23, but it was the last time they'd score for nearly four minutes. The Lady Eagles, behind some scrappy defense leading to breakaways, a seven point stretch from Robinson and some missed free throws on the other end, went on a 15-0 run to bring them within seven.

Priceville's frontcourt got shots to begin falling, though, and answered with a 9-2 stretch to put the lead back at 54-40 heading into the final quarter.

After an inspired effort in the third, the game closed out in similar fashion to how it opened, with efficiency in the paint on both ends from the Bulldogs. Priceville went on to cap off a 62-45 victory behind a game-high 31-point performance from Langlois. Leading Vinemont was Robinson, whose big third quarter fed into a 17-point game from the senior.

Vinemont gets a chance to bounce back tomorrow night, as they host 6-6 Cold Springs at 6:15 p.m.

WSCC Christmas Spectacular thrills

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College hosted its annual Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, Dec. 11, celebrating the holiday season through music, dance and performances that left audience members cheering and applauding.

The variety-style showcase featuring all of Wallace State's artistic ensembles, including the Concert Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Pride Line Dancers and the Wallace State Singers.

Tiffany Richter, music instructor at Wallace State, said the Christmas Spectacular is the department's annual gift to the community. "It's a performance where all of our ensembles come together in a celebration of music and the season," she said.

The showcase has been a campus tradition since 2016 and continues to grow. Richter said the production has become a unifying experience for students, faculty, staff and the community.

"It's the one performance that brings all of our ensembles into one show," she said. "Families get to see the full range of talent on our campus, and it truly brings our community together."

Richter also praised the dedication of Wallace State students, many of whom are new to performing in large ensembles.

"Learning to work as an ensemble can be challenging, but seeing their success on stage and the audience's response fills me with holiday spirit," she said. "I hope everyone left with an appreciation for our students' hard work and a little Christmas cheer to carry them through the season."



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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School Board (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board held its final regular board meeting of the year Tuesday evening at Cullman High School, recognizing award-winning educators, celebrating state champions and approving key financial and calendar items.

The board reported that Cullman High School was named an A+ School of Excellence by the Alabama State Department of Education, an honor awarded to schools demonstrating strong academic performance, rigorous instruction and a commitment to serving diverse student bodies.

The designation was supported by qualifying scores on spring Advanced Placement exams, highlighting student readiness for college-level coursework.

A post from Cullman High School said, "Cullman High School is honored to announce its recognition as an A+ School of Excellence by ALSDE, a testament to the collaborative efforts of our teachers and students in achieving our AP goal.

"We are proud to be one of only four high schools in the state to receive this distinction."

Several Cullman High School educators were recognized for their contributions to the A+ designation, including AP instructors in art, computer science, history, psychology, seminar, literature, language, math and science.

The board also honored Teachers of the Year from across the district:

- Caroline Tidmore of Cullman City Primary School
- Lacy Cameron of East Elementary School
- Kristy White of West Elementary School
- Morgan Johnston of Cullman Middle School
- Michelle Greenlee of Cullman High School

The board celebrated CHS cheerleaders for two Alabama High School Athletic Association state championships.

Varsity Traditional and JV Game Day teams both earned Class 6A state titles. The program also posted strong finishes at multiple regional competitions throughout the season.

Board members approved the October 2025 financial report. Revenues and expenditures were within expected ranges for the first month of the fiscal year.

The district reported $2.2 million in assets and a fund balance of $10.2 million.

The 2026–2027 academic calendar was approved, with the first day of school on Aug. 11 and the last day on May 27. Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff noted multiple long weekends, holiday breaks and a full spring break designed to minimize missed instructional time and give families plenty of vacation time.

Superintendent updates included progress on construction projects across the district, including middle school renovations, athletic field improvements and high school classroom expansions scheduled for completion before the next school year. Cafeterias across all five schools also received high health inspection scores, with the high school earning a perfect 100.

The meeting concluded with recognition of the City of Cullman's continued partnership, including a $600,000 contribution toward the district's capital improvement plan, marking the fifth installment of a $6 million commitment.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. at the central office.

Council (from Front)

Gracie Foxx, Harper Robertson, Kamryn Sanderson, and Marlie McAlpin. Coaches: Ashley Wilbanks, Elizabeth Pylant, Kristy Patterson and Savanna Ball.

- Honor City Treasurer Sherry Compton for almost 20 years of service, since 2006, to the City of Cullman

Mayor Woody Jacobs took time to recognize CPD officers Chad Ashworth and Aaron Brolsma for their rapid apprehension of a shoplifter at the Christkindlmarkt.

In unfinished business from the last meeting, the council passed:

- Ordinance No. 2026-14 to update Chapter 2 Administration: Section 342 Meetings. The ordinance will now read, "The planning commission shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the city hall unless otherwise provided by the commission or the city council from time to time."

- Ordinance No. 2026-15 to update Chapter 46 Solid Waste. The updating changes read:

o Sec. 46-2. – Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Garbage means putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, including wastes from markets, storage facilities, handling and sale of produce and other food products, and the wrappings and containers thereof; excepting such materials that may be serviced by garbage grinders and handled as household sewage, and excepting sewage and livestock and poultry waste. Garbage and trash containers mean watertight containers which hold not less than sixty-five (65) gallons nor more than ninety-six (96) gallons, with tightfitting lids or tops, not to be fastened in such a manner that the containers may not be easily emptied, and with two handles. Garbage shall be placed in plastic bags and is required in all containers. Landfill means the place designated by the city for dumping and disposing of garbage and trash. Rubbish means nonputrescible solid wastes, consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, except such wastes as are included within the term "garbage."

- (1) The term "combustible rubbish" includes: a) Paper; b) Rags; c) Cartons; d) Wood; e) Furniture; f) Rubber; g) Plastics; h) Yard trimmings; i) Leaves; j) Similar materials; and k) Construction and demolition debris.

- (2) The term "noncombustible rubbish" includes: a) Glass; b) Crockery; c) Metal cans; d) Metal furniture; and e) Like materials which will not burn at ordinary incinerator temperatures, not less than 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit (excluding hazardous waste and ashes). Sanitation department means the city sanitation department and includes all officers and employees engaged in solid waste pickup for the city. Solid wastes means all putrescible and nonputrescible discarded materials, except household sewage and livestock and poultry wastes including, but not limited to: (1) Garbage; (2) Rubbish; (3) Ashes; (4) Street and highway cleanings; (5) Abandoned vehicles; and (6) Such industrial wastes as are not controlled by other departments or agencies. Trash includes garbage and rubbish.

o Sec. 46-23. – Proper rubbish placement; fee for additional removal. Rubbish, which shall include trash (other than garbage), limbs, brush, and leaves, shall be placed within five (5) feet of the curbline or in an accessible place approved by the sanitation division. All such waste shall be placed in an orderly, neat manner adjacent to that portion of the street right-of-way, and as nearly as practicable to the property line of the parcel of property in question where said line intersects the right-of-way line of the public street or roadway, but not in the street, ditches or gutters for removal by the city without additional charge. However, not more than three (3) cubic yards per cycle shall be moved without charge in any one month. Amounts over three cubic yards per cycle will be subject to a fee as provided in the city fee schedule.

o Sec. 46-25. Preparation and collection rules. a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h) i) All garbage, before deposit in the container as provided in this article, shall be drained free of water and bagged in such manner as to prevent moisture, as nearly as possible, from such garbage from coming in contact with the sides or bottom of the container. It shall be the duty of every person in possession, charge or control of any premises where paper cartons, shipping cases, cardboard, newspapers, or other like combustible material accumulates as wastes for disposal, to bundle and securely tie the bundle, and place such material in a location accessible for collection. Scrap lumber, plaster, roofing, brick, sawdust and other building debris will be picked up by the city through roll-off services for fees established by the city council. Rocks and dirt will not be picked up by the city. Tree limbs shall not exceed six feet in length or seventy-five (75) pounds in weight. Tree stumps shall not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) pounds in weight. Leaves and grass clippings shall be separated from all other material and placed along the curbline or street line, where they can be collected by the sanitation department. Fireplace ashes must be separated and cooled properly before placing for collection. Cat litter must be bagged before placing for collection. Needles, knives, broken glass, or other sharp objects shall be placed in a sealed hard plastic container before placing in a receptacle.

o Sec. 46-56. Residential. Each householder in the city shall utilize the trash containers supplied by the City to dispose of garbage and trash to be taken up from time to time by the city. Such containers shall be kept on the premises of the householder at a place that will be accessible to the sanitation employees. Such householder(s) shall place in containers all garbage and trash, except as otherwise provided in this article, from the residence and premises connected therewith so that the same may be taken up by the city. All containers should be placed within three (3) feet of the curbline but not in the street.

o Sec. 46-57. Commercial. The owner, operator or manager of each store, hotel, boardinghouse or rooming house or any other place of business shall provide garbage and trash containers, except as otherwise provided in this article, arising from the operation of such store, hotel, rooming house or boardinghouse or other place of business, and shall place in such containers that are supplied by the City for the garbage and trash, except as otherwise provided in this article, arising from the premises, so that the same may be taken up and carried away by the city.

o Sec. 46-81. Violations; procedure. a) Upon discovery of a violation of this section, the designated city official shall cause to be served upon the violator and, if the violator is not the owner or occupant of the property, upon the owner and the occupant, a notice of violation. The notice shall include a description of the violation and an order to remove the violation in not less than seven days from the date of the notice. b) The notice provided for in this section shall be given by either personal delivery, U.S. mail or electronic mail and also by posting a copy of the notice on the container found to be in violation of this article. c) If the container found to be in violation of this article is not removed within one (1) day from the date of the notice of violation and order to remove, the container shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be removed by the designated city official and stored at an appropriate facility. d) The container owner, the property owner, and the property occupant shall be jointly and severally liable for costs of removal and storage of the container. The costs of abatement, including removal and storage costs, shall be enforceable and collectible by the city in the same manner as other nuisance abatement costs. e) The penalties and costs provided in this section shall be in addition to all applicable penalties for violation of this article as provided in section 1-19. f) Containers impounded pursuant to this section may be disposed of by the city in the same manner as provided for confiscated and abandoned property.

In new business, the council passed resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2026-45 to enter into a contract with ClearGov for transparency and budgeting software, in an amount not to exceed $15,995 with a one-time implementation fee of $6,885

- Resolution No. 2026-46 to amend position control to remove a community relations officer and add one investigator for police, changing the position due to a recent increase in crimes of fraud in the area

- Resolution No. 2026-47 to continue supporting the Cullman City Schools capital improvement plan with its typical $600,000 contribution

- Resolution No. 2026-48 recognizing Cullman High School as an A+ College Ready School of Excellence, saying in the resolution that "the A+ College Ready program – in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education – enhances academic rigor across Alabama by expanding access to advanced coursework and providing high-quality professional development for teachers," and that "Cullman High School has demonstrated exceptional commitment to these goals by increasing participation in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, strengthening instructional practices, and fostering a culture that encourages students to excel."

- Resolution No. 2026-49 to enter into a contract with Warren Averett for an IT security audit, in an amount not to exceed $30,600

- Resolution No. 2026-50 to award the bid for two Police Pursuit 4WD Crew Trucks to low bidder Long Lewis of Cullman in the amount of $95,881.12

- Resolution No. 2026-51 to award the bid for a lowboy equipment trailer to Equipment Logistics, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $112,975.22

- Resolution No. 2026-52 to approve change orders no. 1 and 2 for the Wildwater Lazy River reducing the contract amount by $303,889.79. The order increases the amount for survey, but includes a larger deduction for hardware.

- Resolution No. 2026-53 to appoint Kayla Johnson as the City Treasurer effective Jan. 1, 2026

- Resolution No. 2026-54 to enter into contract with The Lollar Group for public relations and communications support, at a cost of $3,800 per month

The council held a first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-17 to annex property located on County Road 1466 as M-1 Manufacturing and AG-1 Agricultural District, and set public meetings at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026, for:

- Ordinance No. 2026-18 to rezone property located at 2211 Second Avenue NW from R-1 Residential to B-3 Business District

- Ordinance No. 2026-19 to rezone property located on Ellsworth Drive SW from AG-1 Agricultural to R-3 Residential District

- Ordinance No. 2026-20 to update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 32 - "Lots, yards and open spaces"

- Ordinance No. 2026-21update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 163 - "Nonconforming Lots"

The council reappointed J. Morgan to the Tree Commission for a term that will expire on Nov. 9, 2028.

The Cullman City Council will meet next on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 14
TO UPDATE CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to update Section 342 in Chapter 2 Administration in the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

SECTION II. The following section of the City of Cullman's Municipal Code, Chapter 2, "Administration," Section 342, "Meetings" of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Sec. 2-342. Meetings.

The planning commission shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the city hall unless otherwise provided by the commission or the city council from time to time.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15th day of December, 2025. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 15th day of December, 2025. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
HELEN MUSTANTE CARY,
Deceased. CASE NUMBER: 2025-430

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to PAUL MARSHALL CARY, as the Executor on this 9th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and 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.

Sara Doty
SARA DOTY,
Attorney for The Estate of Helen Mustante Cary

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
BENNIE DALE STRONG * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
*
DECEASED. * CASE NO.: PC2025-324

NOTICE TO CREDITOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Phyllis Marshall Simmons, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bennie Dale Strong, Deceased, on the 11 day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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

Phyllis Marshall Simmons
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Bennie Dale Strong, deceased

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3342

TO: The 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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
FRANKIE DALE KILGO, * CASE NO.: PC2025-389
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to WESLEY DALE KILGO, as Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANKIE DALE KILGO, deceased, on the 9th day of December, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

WESLEY DALE KILGO
Personal Representative

Wesley Dale Kilgo
Personal Representative
700 Edmondson Road NE
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the forgoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

DONE this 9th day of December, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CYRUS MITCHELL LEETH, * CASE NO.: PC2025-443
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Juanesta J. Green, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CYRUS MITCHELL LEETH, deceased, on the 15th day of December, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

Juanesta J. Green
Personal Representative

Kalif R. Green, Esq.
Kalif R. Green, Attorney at Law, LLC
107 Bangor Ave. NE
Hanceville, AL 35077

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 15th day of December, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC 2025-410
EMMA L. HATHCOAT, *
Deceased. *

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS WJC

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JoAnn Persall and Constance D. Hunkeapillar, as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Emma L. Hathcoat deceased, on the 8th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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.

JoAnn Persall and
Constance D. Hunkeapillar
Co-Personal Representatives

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioners
412 4th Ave SW Ste 2270
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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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

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Plaintiffs,
v.
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF E. HOMER DAVIS; DOLLY R. DAVIS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARTHUR WAYNE VINTSON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MATTIE L., VINTSON; CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE; BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER; ANY UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID: 23-01-11-0-001-017.003 ON HIGHWAY 91 IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA;
Defendants.
CASE NO PC 2025-308

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION, AMENDED PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION and AMENDED PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF E. HOMER DAVIS, DOLLY R. DAVIS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARTHUR WAYNE VINTSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MATTIE L. VINTSON, CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE, BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER, OR ANY UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL IS: 23-01-11-1-001-017-003 ON HIGHWAY 91 IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation, Amended Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation and Amended Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation filed by the State of Alabama Ex Rel John R. Cooper, Director of the of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Plaintiff, through Attorney, John E. Rollins. A hearing is re-scheduled on this matter for the **7th day of January, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within 30 days from the date of the last publication notice.

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

Done this the 24th day of November, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ROBERT MATTHEW LEWIS, * **CASE NO. PC2025-272**
An Alleged Incapacitated Person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
EMERGENCY PETITION For PROTECTIVE SERVICES and/or PLACEMENT and APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR GUARDIAN (and a CONSERVATOR if NECESSARY), AMENDED PETITION for PROTECTIVE SERVICES and/or PLACEMENT and APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR GUARDIAN (and a CONSERVATOR if NECESSARY), NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF SERVICE

TO: GWENNA DILBECK AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that an *Emergency Petition for Protective Services and/or Placement and Appointment of a Successor Guardian (and a Conservator if Necessary), Amended Petition for Protective Services and/or Placement and Appointment of a Successor Guardian (and a Conservator if Necessary)* has been filed by Susan Cupps, Cullman County Department of Human Resources through Attorney Diane. L. Dunning. A hearing on said *Emergency Petition for Protective Services and/or Placement and Appointment of a Successor Guardian (and a Conservator if Necessary), Amended Petition for Protective Services and/or Placement and Appointment of a Successor Guardian (and a Conservator if Necessary)* has been **rescheduled for the 21st day of January 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 2nd day of December, 2025.

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

Dianne L. Dunning
Assistant Attorney General
State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 15
TO UPDATE CHAPTER 46 SOLID WASTE IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to update sections in Chapter 46 Solid Waste.

SECTION II. The following section of the City of Cullman Solid Ordinance, Chapter 46, "Solid Waste," Section 46-2, "Definitions," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 46-2. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Garbage means putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, including wastes from markets, storage facilities, handling and sale of produce and other food products, and the wrappings and containers thereof; excepting such materials that may be serviced by garbage grinders and handled as household sewage, and excepting sewage and livestock and poultry waste.

Garbage and trash containers mean watertight containers which hold not less than sixty-five (65) gallons nor more than ninety-six (96) gallons, with tightfitting lids or tops, not to be fastened in such a manner that the containers may not be easily emptied, and with two handles. Garbage shall be placed in plastic bags and is required in all containers.

Landfill means the place designated by the city for dumping and disposing of garbage and trash.

Rubbish means nonputrescible solid wastes, consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, except such wastes as are included within the term "garbage."

(1) The term "combustible rubbish" includes:
- a) Paper;
- b) Rags;
- c) Cartons;
- d) Wood;
- e) Furniture;
- f) Rubber;
- g) Plastics;
- h) Yard trimmings;
- i) Leaves;
- j) Similar materials; and
- k) Construction and demolition debris.

(2) The term "noncombustible rubbish" includes:
- a) Glass;
- b) Crockery;
- c) Metal cans;
- d) Metal furniture; and
- e) Like materials which will not burn at ordinary incinerator temperatures, not less than 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit (excluding hazardous waste and ashes).

Sanitation department means the city sanitation department and includes all officers and employees engaged in solid waste pickup for the city.

Solid wastes means all putrescible and nonputrescible discarded materials, except household sewage and livestock and poultry wastes including, but not limited to:
(1) Garbage;
(2) Rubbish;
(3) Ashes;
(4) Street and highway cleanings;
(5) Abandoned vehicles; and
(6) Such industrial wastes as are not controlled by other departments or agencies.

Trash includes garbage and rubbish.

SECTION III. The following section of the City of Cullman Solid Ordinance, Chapter 46, "Solid Waste," Section 46-23, "Proper rubbish placement; fee for additional removal," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 46-23. - Proper rubbish placement; fee for additional removal.

Rubbish, which shall include trash (other than garbage), limbs, brush, and leaves, shall be placed within five (5) feet of the curbline or in an accessible place approved by the sanitation division. All such waste shall be placed in an orderly, neat manner adjacent to that portion of the street right-of-way, and as nearly as practicable to the property line of the parcel of property in question where said line intersects the right-of-way line of the public street or roadway, but not in the street, ditches or gutters for removal by the city without additional charge. However, not more than three (3) cubic yards per cycle shall be moved without charge in any one month. Amounts over three cubic yards per cycle will be subject to a fee as provided in the city fee schedule.

SECTION IV. The following section of the City of Cullman Solid Ordinance, Chapter 46, "Solid Waste," Section 46-25, "Preparation and collection rules," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 46-25. Preparation and collection rules.

a) All garbage, before deposit in the container as provided in this article, shall be drained free of water and bagged in such manner as to prevent moisture, as nearly as possible, from such garbage from coming in contact with the sides or bottom of the container.

It shall be the duty of every person in possession, charge or control of any premises where paper cartons, shipping cases, cardboard, newspapers, or other like combustible material accumulates as wastes for disposal, to bundle and securely tie the bundle, and place such material in a location accessible for collection.

b) Scrap lumber, plaster, roofing, brick, sawdust and other building debris will be picked up by the city through roll-off services for fees established by the city council.

c) Rocks and dirt will not be picked up by the city.

d) Tree limbs shall not exceed six feet in length or seventy-five (75) pounds in weight. Tree stumps shall not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) pounds in weight.

e) Leaves and grass clippings shall be separated from all other material and placed along the curbline or street line, where they can be collected by the sanitation department.

f) Fireplace ashes must be separated and cooled properly before placing for collection.

g) Cat litter must be bagged before placing for collection.

h) Needles, knives, broken glass, or other sharp objects shall be placed in a sealed hard plastic container before placing in a receptacle.

SECTION V. The following section of the City of Cullman Solid Ordinance, Chapter 46, "Solid Waste," Section 46-56, "Residential," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 46-56. Residential.

Each householder in the city shall utilize the trash containers supplied by the City to dispose of garbage and trash to be taken up from time to time by the city. Such containers shall be kept on the premises of the householder at a place that will be accessible to the sanitation employees. Such householder(s) shall place in containers all garbage and trash, except as otherwise provided in this article, from the residence and premises connected therewith so that the same may be taken up by the city. All containers should be placed within three (3) feet of the curbline but not in the street.

SECTION VI. The following section of the City of Cullman Solid Ordinance, Chapter 46, "Solid Waste," Section 46-57, "Commercial," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 46-57. Commercial.

The owner, operator or manager of each store, hotel, boardinghouse or rooming house or any other place of business shall provide garbage and trash containers, except as otherwise provided in this article, arising from the operation of such store, hotel, rooming house or boardinghouse or other place of business, and shall place in such containers that are supplied by the City for the garbage and trash, except as otherwise provided in this article, arising from the premises, so that the same may be taken up and carried away by the city.

SECTION VII. The following section of the City of Cullman Solid Ordinance, Chapter 46, "Solid Waste," Section 46-81, "Violations; procedure," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 46-81. Violations; procedure.

a) Upon discovery of a violation of this section, the designated city official shall cause to be served upon the violator and, if the violator is not the owner or occupant of the property, upon the owner and the occupant, a notice of violation. The notice shall include a description of the violation and an order to remove the violation in not less than seven days from the date of the notice.

b) The notice provided for in this section shall be given by either personal delivery, U.S. mail or electronic mail and also by posting a copy of the notice on the container found to be in violation of this article.

c) If the container found to be in violation of this article is not removed within two (2) business days from the date of the notice of violation and order to remove, the container shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be removed by the designated city official and stored at an appropriate facility.

d) The container owner, the property owner, and the property occupant shall be jointly and severally liable for costs of removal and storage of the container. The costs of abatement, including removal and storage costs, shall be enforceable and collectible by the city in the same manner as other nuisance abatement costs.

e) The penalties and costs provided in this section shall be in addition to all applicable penalties for violation of this article as provided in section 1-19.

f) Containers impounded pursuant to this section may be disposed of by the city in the same manner as provided for confiscated and abandoned property.

SECTION VIII. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

SECTION IX. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 15th day of December, 2025. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 15th day of December, 2025. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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Cullman County Commission - Financial Statement
As Of September 30, 2025 - Unaudited
Excludes Sheriff's, Revenue Commissioner and Probate Judge's Discretionary Funds

Governmental Fund Types And Expendible Trust

Revenues	General Fund Funds 0 - 99	Special Revenu Including Other Gov't	Debt Service Funds 300	Trust & Agency Funds 700's	Total
Taxes	$30,516,756	$8,170,794	$0	$46,344	$38,733,894
Licenses And Permits	101,579	0	0	0	$101,579
Intergovernmental	2,489,269	9,693,291	0	443,030	$12,625,590
Charges For Services	3,872,299	1,528,749	0	66,794	$5,467,842
Miscellaneous	2,500,690	355,308	0	13,335	$2,869,333
Total Revenues	39,480,593	19,748,142	0	569,503	59,798,238
Expenditures					
General Government	8,816,194	2,830,120	0	464,964	$12,111,278
Public Safety	19,261,105	637,033	0	0	$19,898,138
Highways And Roads	2,157,743	18,812,202	0	0	$20,969,945
Health	857,296	0	0	0	$857,296
Welfare	499,253	2,972,973	0	0	$3,472,226
Culture And Recreation	372,852	99,195	0	0	$472,047
Education	151,003	0	0	0	$151,003
Debt Service(incl's prin.& int.)	0	0	840,844	0	$840,844
Total Expenditures	32,115,446	25,351,523	840,844	464,964	58,772,777
Excess Of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	7,365,147	(5,603,381)	(840,844)	104,539	1,025,461
Net Operating Transfers	(5,752,801.00)	3,921,313.00	850,202	0	(981,286)
		0	0	0	0
Sale of Assets	57,516	1,423,250	0	0	1,480,766
Total Other Financing	(5,695,285)	5,344,563	850,202	0	499,480
Excess Of Revenues And Other Financing Sources Financing Sources Over/(Under) Expenditures And Other Financing	1,669,862	(258,818)	9,358	104,539	1,524,941

Business Type Activities

Sanitation , Water,& Parks & Other	Total
Operating Revenues	
Charges For Services	
Water	$19,953,485
Sanitation	9,427,145
Parks incl's trf in from General (a)	1,744,950
Total Operating Revenues	31,125,580
Operating Expenses	
Water Department	18,187,010
Sanitation Department	7,953,075
Parks Department	2,669,162
Total Expenses(Excludes Cap. Outlay)	28,809,247
Non-Operating Rev/(Exp's)	
Interest Income	8,657
Bond Admin Fee & Amorit.of Debt Cost	0
Interest Expense(warrants)	(751,650)
Other-grant and reimbursements	2,116,888
Total Non-Operating Rev/(Exp's)	1,373,895
Change In Net Position(Net Income)	3,690,228

Capital Outlay Business Type	
Sanitation	938,914.00
Water	2,397,869.00
Total Capital Outlay	3,336,783.00

Current Assets at September 30, 2025

	Governmental Trust/Types	Business Types	Total
Cash-Other Than Sinking Fund - All Funds	$23,869,665	$2,183,670	$26,053,335
Investments -Regular - All Funds	3,600,857	0	3,600,857
Total Cash and Investments	$27,470,522	$2,183,670	$29,654,192

Outstanding Indebtedness at 9/30/2025

Governmental Activities

Governmental Due In Fiscal Year September 30	Series 2023 G.O. Bonds Sept 2023 Matures 9/27/2053 Int 4.42% Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total Gov't Prin +Int
2023-2053	13,342,495	577,412	0	0	13,919,907
Total Governmental	13,342,495	577,412	0	0	13,919,907

Otherer Notes /WarrantsPayable Established in FY 13 To Local Banks At 9/30	Principa	Interest
2020-2028	0	0
	0	0

Business Type Activities

Water Department Due In Fiscal Year September 30	Series 2021 A Warran Matures 06/01/2031 Int.1.79%-1.8 Principal	Interest	Series 2021 B Warran Matures 12/01/2031 1.79%-1.88 Principal	Interest	Tot Bus-Prin Interest Req. To Maturity Tot Business
2020-2030	2,617,493	496,250	3,349,929	232,500	6,696,172
					0
Total Water Dept	2,617,493	496,250	3,349,929	232,500	6,696,172

Report prepared from 09/30/25 unaudited data and excludes other component units in the Governmental funds that are not financially recorded on the Commission's books. The financial data for these entities was unavailable at time of reporting and considered immaterial to the overall financial statement.
The financial information presented is in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 11-3-21 . Generally accepted accounting standards are followed. Fair presentation of the County's financial condition and operating results require additional schedules and disclosures. This additional information is included in the audit prepared annually by the State of Alabama/Examiners of Public Accounts.
Detailed financial records are available to the general public at the County Commission office during regular working hours.

Prepared by John Bullard - Chief Administrative Officer

Jeff Clemons, Chairman -Cullman County Commission

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 16-17

Joe Elwin Brown, 89
Joe Elwin Brown, age 89, of Crane Hill, Alabama, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2025. Born on February 6, 1936, Joe lived a remarkable life defined by faith, service, family and deep ties to his community. Joe was raised in Crane Hill, Alabama, and graduated from Cullman High School in 1954. He went on to attend the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and later a master's degree in education administration. Following his education, Joe started a career in education that spanned more than a decade. He taught wood shop, history, and drafting at Cullman Middle School, where his patience and passion for learning left a lasting impact on countless students. His unwavering dedication to education eventually led him to serve as assistant principal at Cullman Middle School, a role in which he mentored both students and fellow educators. In 1956, Joe married Wynelle Parker, and together they raised three children: Rhonda, Cindy, and Roger. In 1970, Joe entered a new professional chapter when he joined State Farm Insurance. He built a successful career spanning more than 30 years, becoming a trusted advisor, loyal friend, and respected member of the community. He was admired for his integrity, strong work ethic, and compassion toward all he met. Joe married Connie Killian in 1989 and gained four stepdaughters, Teresa, Kelly, Mimi, and Michele, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and family devotion. A proud Alabama alumnus, Joe loved all things Crimson Tide. He traveled across the country in his RV to cheer on his alma mater and cherished every moment of the adventures along the way. He also enjoyed rebuilding vintage cars, working in his shop after work most evenings, and boating on the Gulf, Smith Lake, and Guntersville Lake. Joe was a devoted member of First Church of the Nazarene and Cornerstone Nazarene Church. His deep faith in God guided his life and shaped his kindness, generosity, and enduring love for family and friends. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Ethel Brown. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Connie Brown; his children Roger Brown, Cindy Brown, and Rhonda Dennison (Frank); his stepchildren Teresa Carden (Forrest), Kelly Kahle (Steve), Mimi Rasche (David), and Michele Gray (John); along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched with quiet humility, generosity, and leadership. A celebration of life will be held on December 20 at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama, at 2 p.m., with visitation beginning at 12 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cullman Caring for Kids or Cornerstone Nazarene Church. https://www.cullmancaringforkids.com/. http://Cullmancornerstone.com/give Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Roy Williamson Williams Jr., 78
Roy Williamson Williams Jr., longtime attorney for the City of Cullman, died Saturday, Dec. 13, at his home after a long battle with cancer. He was 78. Williams was born on Dec. 8, 1947, in Birmingham, to Dr. Roy and Lucile Gentry Williams. A member of Cullman High School's Class of 1966, Williams attended Auburn University and St. Bernard College where he earned a degree in business. He continued his education at the University of Alabama and the Birmingham School of Law earning his law degree in 1976. A civic-minded resident of the City of Cullman, Williams established himself early as an attorney with a desire to serve his community when, in 1976, he was appointed prosecutor for the City of Cullman where he also served as Assistant City Attorney, until 1981. During the next 40-plus years, Williams, with law partner Billy Jackson built a thriving law practice in Cullman, but he always remained a dedicated public servant. Williams held positions on numerous public works boards and he worked with organizations that sought to care for those in need and to protect children. He was a founding member of Pilot Light Home, a residence for abused and neglected children, he served on the Christmas Love Board of Directors, and Brooks Place, the Child Advocacy Center. Williams also served as attorney for the Cullman County Commission, Industrial Board, Housing Authority, E-911 Board, VAW Water System, Mayor Council Association of Cullman County and several municipalities including: Fairview, Garden City, South Vinemont and Holly Pond. He also served as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama. But it was his work with the City of Cullman that held a special place in his heart. From his tireless efforts advocating for city utility customers in the courts, to his continuous presence at council meetings ready to clarify government policy and procedures, Williams was a constant source of knowledge and guidance for the City of Cullman for the last 25 years, until his retirement in October 2025, saying it had been the best part of his practice... working with the council and serving the "fine people of Cullman." Williams was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Nina Williams. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Carole Richter Williams; children, Kristina (Pat) Kelly of Pearl, Mississippi, Jess Williams of Urbana, Illinois and Marie Williams of Cullman; siblings, The Honorable (retired) Martha (Bill McCartney) Williams and Dr. Dan (Tammie) Williams of Cullman; grandchildren, Lieutenant Lilian (Staff Sergeant Austin Boucher, U.S. Army) Kelly Boucher, U.S. Navy of Honolulu, Hawaii, and William Colc Kelly of Pearl, Mississippi; nephew, Bain (Kandice) Adams; and nieces, Katie (Mike) Clemmons, Lucy (Rich Desruisseau) Lavender, Evan Williams, Hanna Williams, Amanda Shavers, Megan Shavers and Kallista Shavers. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, at Moss Service Funeral Home, from 11 a.m. until funeral services at 1 p.m. with James Fields officiating. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org/donate). Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Brian Edwin Lee, Sr., 64
Brian Edwin Lee, Sr., age 64, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 11, 2025, at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey. He was born on Oct. 27, 1961, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Lee is preceded in death by his: parents, Harold Loyd Lee, Sr. and Lenore Irene (Machulis) Lee; and brother, Harold Loyd Lee, Jr. He is survived by his: wife, Catherine Elizabeth (Larsen) Lee; son, Brian Edwin Lee Jr. and Ananda Van den Steen; son, Justin Tyler Lee; daughter, Nicole Marie (Caruso) and James Anasto; grandchildren, Aidan James and Ava Marie Anasto among many extended family members throughout the United States. Brian grew up in Vinemont, Cullman County, Alabama, where he worked throughout his youth and early adulthood at Lee Ice Company, his family's ice production and distribution business. He played varsity football for the Warriors and graduated from West Point High School, Class of 1980. That summer he enrolled at Auburn University and started the animal science degree track with aspirations of becoming a veterinarian. During his years at Auburn, Brian created lifelong memories on campus, especially during the college football season at Jordan-Hare stadium. Whether he was watching from the stadium or viewing the games from the sideline as a member of Auburn's student scout team or scrimmage line, he was always a diehard Tiger's fan. In the mid-1980s, Brian relocated to Pass Christian, Mississippi with his father and brother. Together, the three built a beautiful design-build residential home on Bluelake Cove, just three blocks from the Gulf Coast. During this period, and following in his father's footsteps, Brian initiated with IBEW Local 903 in 1984 and completed his apprenticeship program in 1998. Brian worked as a Journeyman Inside Wireman alongside his father for many years. Their work took them across the country, contributing to major projects including shipbuilding at Ingalls Dockyard and construction of multiple power plants. In 2024, Brian was honored with his 40-year IBEW membership pin in Mississippi. While traveling for work, Brian was able to support initiatives at Saint Barnabas Hospital as an electrical contractor with his Dad in the early 1990's. It was during this chapter of his life that he met his future wife, Cathy Larsen. Several years later, the couple returned to the south with Cathy's daughter, Nicole, and they were married in Mobile, Alabama. They welcomed their first son, Brian Jr. in 1992 and soon returned to New Jersey to raise their family. In 1994, their second son, Justin was born and the family resided in West Orange, NJ for many years. In 1992, Brian initiated with IUOE Local 68 and began working at Saint Barnabas Hospital as a Lead Electrician in the Engineering Department. Known affectionately as "Bubba" for his strong Southern accent, Brian served the hospital faithfully for over 30 years of employment. He was also an active union leader, serving as an Executive Board Member from 2014 to 2021. Brian's favorite pastimes included: hunting deer & birds, fishing, swimming, playing golf, camping, bush hogging, and watching NASCAR after church on Sundays. He was also a devoted adult leader for Cub Scout Pack 106 and Boy Scout Troop 6 NNJC, organizations in which both of his sons were members of. Above all, he loved cheering on Auburn football on Saturday nights wherever his travels took him throughout life. Brian will be remembered for his warmth, his long stories, and his unforgettable personality. As a dedicated Born-Again Christian, Brian attended and belonged to several churches throughout his lifetime, including: First Baptist Church in Pass Christian, MS; West Essex Baptist Church (now, The Crossing Church) in Livingston, NJ; and several in establishments in Cullman, AL including: 7th Street Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church and Panama Missionary Baptist Church where he will be laid to rest.

Anthony Brandon Harbison, 78
Anthony Brandon Harbison, born on June 13, 1947, passed away on Dec. 14, 2025, at the age of 78. He was a resident of Birmingham, Alabama. A visitation will be held at Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1612 County Road 201, Crane Hill, AL 35053, on Dec. 19, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Following the visitation, a Celebration of Life will take place at the same location from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The committal will occur at Bethany Cemetery, also at 1612 County Road 201, Crane Hill, AL 35053, from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, 2025.

Pamela "Pam" Jinkens Rimes, 75
Pamela "Pam" Jinkens Rimes, lovingly known as Nonni, passed away on Dec. 14, 2025, after a brief illness, surrounded by the love of her family. She was born on March 12, 1950, in Keokuk, Iowa, to Chubbs Frazier and the late Winnie Jinkens. Pam was the beloved wife of Brady Rimes, whom she married in 1976. Together they built a life centered on family, faith, and hospitality. She was a devoted mother to her sons, Toby and Tyson, and warmly welcomed their wives, Shelli and Jen, into the family. Pam was a proud grandmother to Braden (16), Cora (14), Quinn (3), and Palmer (2). Her grandchildren were her greatest joy, and she was their biggest fan—faithfully attending games, meets, recitals, and competitions, and joyfully sharing in everyday moments with the younger two through overnight visits, playdates, lake days, and birthday celebrations. At age 34, Pam returned to school to earn her degree in physical therapy, a profession that perfectly reflected her lifelong compassion and desire to help others. Pam found her greatest fulfillment caring for patients and ensuring they received excellent, personal care. Pam cherished time at her dream home that she and Brady built on Smith Lake, especially sitting on the back porch listening to the waterfall and enjoying God's creation. She is survived by her husband Brady; sons Toby (Shelli) and Tyson (Jen); grandchildren Braden, Cora, Quinn, and Palmer; siblings Shirley Otte and Neil Jinkens; her mother, Chubbs Frazier, and many nieces and nephews whom she loved so much. Pam's legacy of love, service, and faith will live on in the many lives she touched. A celebration of Pam's life will be held on December 17, 2025, at Bethany Baptist Church in Crane Hill, Alabama. The family will receive friends and family beginning at 11 a.m. for visitation, with the service to follow at 12:30 p.m., and a graveside service immediately afterwards.

Tommie Wehunt, 88
Tommie Wehunt, age 88 of Guntersville, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at Marshall Manor Nursing Home. She was born March 16, 1937, in Cumming, Georgia, to Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Gayton. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Mullinax; husband, Ralph Wehunt; daughters, Joyce Mullinax and Brenda Bennefield; son, David Mullinax, great grandchild, Addyson Winston and 11 Siblings. Survivors include her sons, Bobby Mullinax (Vikki Latta) and John Mullinax (Kelley) and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. A memorial service will be planned for a later date in Georgia.

Linda Marie Phillips, 79
Funeral service for Linda Marie Phillips, age 79, of Albertville, will be Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home chapel, prior to the service. Interment will be at Ebenezer Cemetery in West Point. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Phillips passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at Marshall Medical Center North. She was born on July 9, 1946, to Buford and Claudia Rodgers. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronnie Phillips; brother, Dave Rodgers; sisters, Polly Knopp, Jane Day and husband, Benny, Wedia Louallen; sister-in-law, Reda Rodgers. Survivors include daughter, Lachelle Tankersley (Jerry); sister, Sharon Stanley (Allen); brother, Donald Rodgers; sister-in-law, June Rodgers; nieces, Tesha Vega, Shannon Baty, Rhonda Kretzschmar, Amanda Rodgers, Kerry Rodgers; great-nieces, Katelyn Vega (Christian Slusher), Taylor Baty, Bailey Baty; great-nephews, Austin Garnett (Makayla Benefield), Jordan Vega; great-great nieces, Madlynn Garnett, Evalynn Baty; great-great nephews, Brayden Slusher, Mason Slusher.

Jerita Fay Elrod-Cobbs, 85
Funeral Service for Jerita Fay Cobbs, age 85 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, 2025, at Daniel's Chapel Baptist Church with Jeremy Calloway and Dean Elrod officiating; she will lie in state at Daniel's Chapel Baptist Church from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.; burial at Daniel's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Cobbs passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born Jan. 3, 1940, to Charlie Elrod and Mary Elrod. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Bates, husband, James Vincent, husband, J. P. Cobbs; brothers, Howard Elrod, P. D. Elrod, Terry Elrod, Larry Elrod; sisters, Nell Woodruff and Carolyn Jones. Survivors include her daughters, Rhonda Davis (Michael), Debra Fogle (Dewayne), Cindy Harris (Jackie), Teresa Kreps and Angie Green (Timmy); grandchildren, Natasha Sanders, Malcolm Fogle, Misty Nunnely, Jack Harris, Kristy Reed, Ricky Kreps, Daniel Green, Devon Green; 9 Great Grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; brothers, Jerry Elrod and Dean Elrod.

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JACLYN BAILEY

Welcome Homestead, a locally owned regenerative farm and health store in Baileyton, is hosting classes for the community.

Welcome Homestead hosting classes

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Welcome Homestead, a locally owned regenerative farm and health store in Baileyton, is hosting classes for the community.

Owners Michael and Jaclyn Bailey said they have grown most of their own food for a while, but God called them to grow it into something more a few years ago.

"It took a little while for us to learn and start growing," Jaclyn Bailey said. "Now we produce raw milk for pet consumption only, forest raised pork and pastured chicken. All our animals are rotationally grazed and fed a non-GMO grain. In our farm store, we love to support all of our local friends who are makers and other farms. We have a wide variety to choose from with more being added regularly."

Bailey shared that having a bunch of milk cows doesn't leave much time to go and travel.

"We milk twice a day, but I missed the community," she said. "So about four years ago some friends and I started meeting regularly to do things together. It's grown and changed through this time. We now do different types of projects together, but also focus on teaching those who want to learn. We have done everything from inoculated logs that grew mushrooms, to teaching other women to can to basic sewing."

Bailey said they meet every other Thursday from 10 a.m.-noon.

"For this week's meeting we are going to have a soup tasting where everyone brings a soup to share," she said.

"Plus, we are going to demonstrate how to make your own cranberry juice at home with just two ingredients. We meet every other week year-round. Hardly ever have we had to cancel, thankfully. We are starting to plan new group topics for next year now and plan to do many more hands-on projects together as well."

Bailey said attendees only need to bring a chair.

"Kids are welcome," she said. "The yard is fenced to keep all the feral ones contained, including my own. We post the events on our farm Facebook page with any updates or reminders for things to bring if it's anything extra."

Bailey said they teach a lot of other adult and kids' classes on the farm as the seasons allow.

"We offer themed field trips for different seasons, too," she said. "Once a month we have a preschool story time. We also have a sit and stitch. We work on any hand projects we are doing together. Sometimes someone needs help learning what's going wrong in their knitting project or how to spin their own yarn. This group meets at 6 p.m. one Tuesday night a month. For December we will meet on the 30th."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/BlueMasonFarm25. Welcome Homestead is located at 622 Holcomb Road in Baileyton. Store hours are Monday and Thursday, 3-6 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-noon; and weekends by appointment.





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Holly Klaus (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Holly Klaus is a domestic shorthair tabby, approximately 1 year old, with a gentle presence that quietly draws you in. She's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Amiable and humble, Holly is happiest simply being near you. Whether she is following you from room to room or settling in close by, she seems content just to share the space. When toys come out, her eyes grow even bigger, revealing a playful spark beneath her calm exterior.

Despite the many challenges placed in her path, Holly has remained steady and composed. She carries herself with a sense of quiet confidence and grace, approaching each day calmly, like the lady she is.

That level-headed, common-sense demeanor makes Holly an excellent candidate for a therapy, companion or reading cat.

She is the kind of feline who offers comfort without demanding it, content to sit nearby and provide companionship in her own understated way.

"I just love her quiet personality," her caretaker said.

Holly's adoption fee is $100, which covers her spay procedure, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchipping and a basic health check

Visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Holly has already found her forever home, there are many other cats and dogs still waiting at the shelter, each with a story of their own and plenty of love to give.

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

Chambers (from Front)

wounds, and when medics arrived to the home, they pronounced both of them dead." The news station called it "an apparent murder-suicide."

A 3-year-old child was also in the home, but was unharmed, the station said. Hoover Police were called to the home after Chambers and her husband were found unresponsive by a family member around 9 a.m.

"Christina joined WBRC in 2015 and quickly became a key part of WBRC's sports coverage.

"She appeared on Sideline every Friday night and frequently stepped in to help anchor coverage of the Mercedes Marathon, even while running the race herself. After leaving her full-time role in July 2021, she continued to freelance for WBRC's Sideline during the 2025 football season," WBRC reported.

"Christina was a beloved coworker and mom to a 3-year-old son who she adored. She known for her quick wit, smile, warmth, care, and love for her UAB Blazers and high school sports."

"She was one of the sweetest, most loving people that I know. She was relentless with running, loving her son, and loving life. I am glad I got a chance to hug and tell her I love her a week ago at the Super 7. I am so sorry for her family, the Chambers and Thompson Families, and her WBRC Family," said Jeh Jeh Pruitt, WBRC 6 News anchor.

"Prior to joining the WBRC 6 News sports team, Christina served as a sports reporter/anchor at WAKA in Montgomery, Alabama.

"She began her broadcast career as a sports and news reporter at WLTZ NBC38 in Columbus, Georgia, before joining the regional sports network Comcast Sports Southeast in Atlanta.

"At CSS, she served as the Auburn University beat reporter and sideline reporter for Friday night high school football games.

"In 2014, Christina also did freelance work as a sideline reporter and halftime host for Raycom Media and the AHSAA during broadcasts of the Super 7 high school football playoffs, and high school basketball finals," reported WBRC. "Christina most recently worked in the Corporate Communications department at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama."

Reaction was swift and heartfelt online:

"We are just numbingly shocked and enormously saddened by the horrific loss of our former WBRC colleague Christina Chambers. She was such a light in this world, who loved running and doting on her 3-year-old son. Her young life was taken in her home in Hoover (sic). Right now, we ask for prayers for her surviving son, her family and our WBRC family as we grieve this heartbreaking tragedy," said WBRC's Mike Dubberly.

Former colleague Rick Karle posted, in part:

I'm sitting alone trying to come to grips with the loss.

It's not only my loss, but your loss, too.

Because my friend who loved to love died this morning.

And she made the world a better place.

She joined the WBRC Channel 6 (Birmingham) sports team in 2015.

From the moment she joined us, she had a great motor to go with her kind soul.

She never griped, only loved.

Whatever task I put before her, she tackled it with glee.

She was so driven, yet so kind.

She loved the warmth of a hug and a breeze through her hair.

She was a world class runner.

Running brought her joy and energy.

As if she needed more energy.

She had a deep relationship with Jesus.

She never missed church and never missed living in her faith.

Her love for her family-including her 3-year-old son-ran deep.

She loved the feeling loving others brought her.

She loved her friends from UAB.

She loved her co-horts at Fox6.

She loved her running partners.

She loved her students at Thompson High School.

She loved her co-workers at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

Chambers' family owns Chambers Farm and Garden Supply in southwest Cullman.