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Cullman City Council recognizes service of outgoing CEDA Director Dale Greer, salutes achievements of others

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday honored multiple City staffers, including the outgoing head of Cullman's economic development for the last generation. In his remarks, Mayor Woody Jacobs presented a resolution to honor Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Director Dale Greer for his years of service. The council also passed a resolution to appoint Jamie Troutman as interim director of CEDA when Greer departs.

Council President and General Government Committee Chair Kim Hall presented the most » PAGE 5



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Mayor Woody Jacobs, left, and the Cullman City Council (including, left to right, Kim Hall, David Moss, Chuck Shikle, Paul Schaffer and Jason Willoughby) recognized the service of Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, second from left, at the Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, Cullman City Council meeting.

Compton, Haynes recognized for their service



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tim Compton and Darrel Haynes received Pins of Service from the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District on Jan. 13, 2026.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Supervisors were recognized at the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The supervisors were recognized for their long-standing commitment, highlighting the work they do to support environmental protection and agricultural sustainability across the county.

The CCSWCD is governed by a five-member board that guides local conservation programs. Two Cullman County supervisors were recognized with Pins of Service. Tim Compton was honored for 25 years of service, while Darrel Haynes received a pin recognizing five years on the board.

In addition to Compton and Haynes, the remaining supervisors were acknowledged during the presentation for their collective service to the district. Board members have served varying lengths of time, with several serving for more than a decade, demonstrating a long-term commitment to conservation efforts in Cullman County.

These supervisors regularly engage with the community, promote best conservation practices and work to ensure the county's soil and water resources remain protected and sustainable for Cullman's future generations. They also serve as public officials appointed through the state system and are expected to uphold high standards while representing local landowners and supporting the mission of Alabama's soil and water conservation program.

The CCSWCD credited its board members for their devotion, describing them as a fundamental element of local conservation efforts and an important element of the agricultural community.

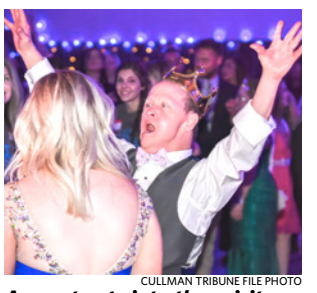
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Gov. Kay Ivey delivered the 2026 State of the State address Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, 2026. » PAGE 8

Night to Shine: Celebration for special needs community coming Feb. 13



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

A guest gets into the spirit at the Night to Shine Prom at Fairview: The Grace Place in Falkville on Feb 8, 2019. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 14

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 14, 2026. 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

Jan. 12

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $73; Hwy. 157
- harassing communications; person
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; wallet & contents

Jan. 13

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; person; backpack & contents; Hwy .157

ARRESTS

Jan. 12

Thoreson, Carmen N.; 55

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Willow (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Willow is a dilute calico, approximately 1-year-old, with a calm, gentle presence. She's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Willow enjoys the company of kittens and fellow cats and finds constant entertainment in her toys and the never-ending amusement of a cat tower.

Quiet and kind by nature, Willow is an unassuming girl who brings a sense of ease to any space she occupies.

She would be an ideal companion for someone looking for a therapy, reading or lap cat who enjoys closeness without demanding constant attention.

Willow is already spayed, which has allowed her adoption fee to be reduced to just $35, which covers age-appropriate vaccinations, microchipping and a basic health check.

For the right home, Willow offers the perfect balance of affection, tranquility and companionship.

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 Willow finds her forever home quickly, there are many other cats just like her who are still waiting for loving families.

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

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

The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
- If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
- Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
- 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Friday, Jan. 16 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups 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, Jan. 17 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
- Sunday, Jan. 18 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
- Families are joining the library for fun and programs! The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685.
- Tuesday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m.-noon Spanish class
- Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. Storytime with Pam Reid
- Wednesday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. Boxing class; dress for a workout
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. Spanish class
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. Storytime
- Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. Storytime with Julie Eslinger
- Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. Spanish class
- Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. North Alabama Agriplex storytime and book club
- Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hanceville Irish Festival and BOOK SALE

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Third Sunday Singing
Sunday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m. with the Lacy Family. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

CHS Class of 1969 Luncheon
Saturday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Casual dress. Spouse/significant other included. Please check your email and respond accordingly.

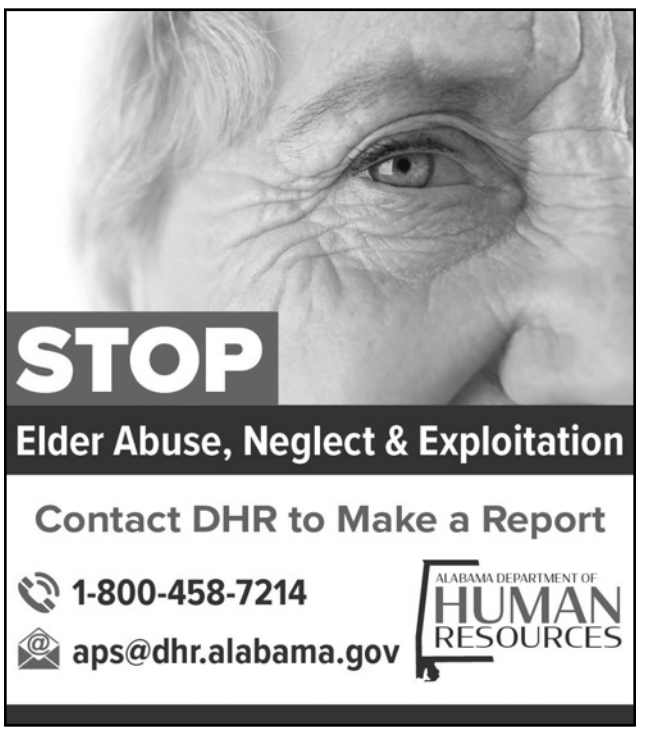
Cullman Eagle Forum Meeting
Monday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Hanceville Housing Authority, 819 Kiki Drive, Hanceville, AL 35077. We will be training local citizens on hand counting election ballots. Come see how fun and easy it is to perform this essential civic duty. All are invited to attend.

Cullman Women's Health Forum
- Saturday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Local nonprofit Lotus Health Inc. is hosting its inaugural Women's Health Forum with the generous support of our Gold Sponsors – Alabama Farmers Federation and First Federal Mortgage – along with other gracious sponsors/collaborators. Please join us as we connect with community/state leaders and health care professionals for a day focused on women's health, education, preventative screenings and local resources.
- We will open the Free Day Forum at 1p.m. with women's healthcare exhibitors hosted by The Venue at Cotton Creek (417 Third Ave. SW Cullman). We have a great itinerary of speakers on women's health and free women's health screenings.
- We are also honored to present Senate hopeful Jared Hudson (R), and Attorney General candidates Katherine Robertson (R) and Pamela Casey (R) for a live podcast. Topics will include trafficking and current legislation impacting women's health in Alabama. We are currently accepting exhibitors and welcome sponsors for this important day of education and dialog.
- Following our FREE day forum, we will gather for a Meet and Greet dinner.
- For more information and to purchase dinner tickets/sponsor or become an exhibitor please visit https://lotushealthinc.org/events/womens-health-forum. We look forward to meeting with you in our effort to improve women's health outcomes in the state of Alabama.

Cullman Area Chamber Foundation Mardi Gras Parade & Gumbo Cook-Off
Saturday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. in the Art District (Fourth Street Southwest and Cotton Creek area). This family friendly event will feature a colorful Mardi Gras parade, followed by a gumbo cook-off showcasing teams competing for best gumbo and community pride. Attendees can enjoy delicious gumbo tastings, festive décor, live music and the vibrant energy of Mardi Gras right here in Cullman! Grab your beads, bring your friends and family and join us in the Art District.

Casino Night Benefiting Hope Horses
Saturday, Feb. 28, from 6-10 p.m. at Cotton Creek, 417 Third Ave. SW in Cullman. Let's go all-in for a fun-filled casino night benefiting Hope Horses! Tickets are $100 and include dinner, drinks and starter chips! Hope Horses, Inc. is a nonprofit organization. All donations made payable to Hope Horses are tax deductible. For more information, please email us at krice@hopehorsesinc.com.







DHR: SNAP transactions for out-of-state and online automatically turned off Jan. 22

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Human Resources on Monday announced a new system enhancement that automatically defaults all EBT cards to block out-of-state and online transactions. This change will be effective Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026.

While these transaction blocks are in place, EBT cards will automatically be placed in a "Block High-Risk Transaction" card status and purchases cannot be made in stores outside of Alabama or online.

If a cardholder wishes to make a purchase outside of Alabama or online, they must first unlock their card via the ConnectEBT Mobile App, ConnectEBT website, or the EBT Customer Service phone number.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this new feature because it should curtail more of the electronic fraud that is stealing funds from eligible clients," said Commissioner Nancy Buckner.

"Over the past year we have implemented a number of new security features, with the assistance of our EBT card vendor, working to ensure SNAP benefits stay in the hands of Alabama families that need them."

All in-state purchases will continue to be processed as usual.

Steps on each of these options can be found on DHR's website under the Food Assistance Division at https://dhr.alabama.gov/connect-ebt-instructions.

For additional information or questions regarding this change, clients may contact the Food Assistance Division at 1-800-997-8888 or visit the local county DHR office.

Contact the Cullman County DHR office at 256-737-5300.


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PREP BASKETBALL

2026 Cullman County Basketball Tournament brackets revealed

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education released the complete brackets for the varsity boys', varsity girls', junior varsity boys' and junior varsity girls' county tournaments on Tuesday. The tournament games will take place from Jan. 17th-24th and all contests will be played at Tom Drake Coliseum at Wallace State Community College.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

- Game one: (4) West Point vs. (5) Holly Pond – Jan. 17 at 12:00 p.m.
- Game two: (3) Good Hope vs. (6) Vinemont – Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m.
- Game three: (2) Cold Springs vs. (7) Hanceville – Jan. 17 at 5:00 p.m.
- Game four: (1) Fairview vs. (4) West Point -OR- (5) Holly Pond – Jan. 19 at 12:00 p.m.
- Game five: (3) Good Hope -OR- (6) Vinemont vs. (2) Cold Springs -OR- (7) Hanceville – Jan 19 at 2:30 p.m.
- Game six (championship): Winners of games four and five – Jan. 24 at 2:00 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

- Game one: (4) Vinemont vs. (5) Cold Springs – Jan. 17 at 1:15 p.m.
- Game two: (3) Good Hope vs. (6) Holly Pond – Jan. 17 at 3:45 p.m.
- Game three: (2) Fairview vs. (7) Hanceville – Jan. 17 at 6:15 p.m.
- Game four: (1) West Point vs. (4) Vinemont -OR- (5) Cold Springs – Jan. 19 at 1:15 p.m.
- Game five: (3) Good Hope -OR- (6) Holly Pond vs. (2) Fairview -OR- (7) Hanceville – Jan. 19 at 3:45 p.m.
- Game six (championship): Winners of games four and five – Jan. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS

- Game one: (2) Vinemont vs. (7) Hanceville – Jan. 19 at 5:00 p.m.
- Game two: (3) Good Hope vs. (6) Holly Pond – Jan. 20 at 4:00 p.m.
- Game three: (4) Fairview vs. (5) Cold Springs – Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Game four: (1) West Point vs. (4) Fairview -OR- (5) Cold Springs – Jan. 23 at 4:00 p.m.
- Game five: (3) Good Hope -OR- (6) Holly Pond vs. (2) Vinemont -OR- (7) Hanceville – Jan. 23 at 5:15 p.m.
- Game six (championship): Winners of games four and five – Jan. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

VARSITY BOYS

- Game one: (4) Holly Pond vs. (5) Good Hope – Jan. 19 at 6:15 p.m.
- Game two: (3) Fairview vs. (6) Vinemont – Jan. 20 at 5:15 p.m.
- Game three: (2) West Point vs. (7) Hanceville – Jan. 20 at 8:00 p.m.
- Game four: (1) Cold Springs vs. (4) Holly Pond -OR- (5) Good Hope – Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Game five: (3) Fairview -OR- (6) Vinemont vs. (2) West Point -OR- (7) Hanceville – Jan. 23 at 8:00 p.m.
- Game six (championship): Winners of games four and five – Jan. 24 6:30 p.m.

PREP BASKETBALL

Miller's late basket puts Vinemont over Good Hope, 61-59

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VINEMONT, Ala. — A pair of top ten teams took the court at Vinemont on Monday night, as the no. 6-ranked Lady Eagles hosted the no. 2-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders. The winner of this game was set to take home the no. 2 seed in this year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament. It was an exciting back-and-forth affair from start to finish, as Good Hope held the lead at the half, but Vinemont rallied to tie the game up at 44 going into the fourth quarter. In what ended up being a thrilling final period, Caroline Miller provided the heroics for the Lady Eagles, as her late basket gave Vinemont the 61-59 win over the Lady Raiders.

Reagan Robinson dropped in a floater to give the Lady Eagles the early lead, but Sophie Konrad and Ella Gossett each drained a three on the other end to give Good Hope a 6-3 lead. A trey by Miller and a layup by Robinson gave Vinemont the lead right back at 8-6. Later in the quarter, Miller and Robinson hit back-to-back baskets to put the Lady Eagles ahead, 14-10 late in the first period. Lexi Marshall knocked down a short jumper, and Konrad dropped in a floater to tie the game up at 14. Haley Millwood banked in a trey from the right wing to break the tie and give Vinemont a 17-14 lead going into the second period.

A rebound and putback by Addison Holcomb and a basket down low by Vayda Yarbrough widened the Lady Eagle lead to 21-16 early in the second. Gossett buried a short jumper, and Marshall ended up hitting a pair of threes from the left corner to put the Lady Raiders up, 24-23. Konrad got red-hot from behind the three-point line, as she drained a trio of treys to give Good Hope a 33-25 lead late in the first half. Both teams traded baskets to end the first half, and the Lady Raiders would take a 35-27 lead into the locker room.

Vinemont went on a huge run to start out the second half. Holcomb drove to the basket and laid it in to cut it to 35-29, then Robinson and Miller each knocked down a three to make it a 37-36 game. Ella Davis drained a pair from the free throw line to give the Lady Raiders a three-point lead, but Holcomb's three from the right corner knotted it up at 39 with a little over four minutes to go in the third period. Both teams each hit a pair of baskets to close out the third, and it was a 44-all game going into the fourth quarter.

A pair of rebounds and putbacks by Lucie Adams and Molly Johnson gave Good Hope a 48-46 lead early in the fourth. Miller knocked down yet another three, and Arleigh Thomason drained a short jumper to put Vinemont ahead, 51-49. A driving layup by Marshall and a reverse layup by Gossett gave the Lady Raiders the lead right back at 53-51. Both teams hit clutch shots late. Robinson knocked down a huge three to put the Lady Eagles up, 54-53 with a little over two minutes to go in the contest. Robinson and Holcomb each added a free throw to make it a three-point game, but Adams drilled a three from the right wing to tie the game up at 56 with 1:19 remaining in the game.

After Robinson's jumper gave Vinemont a two-point lead, Adams buried her second straight trey from the exact same spot to put Good Hope ahead, 59-58, with 38 seconds remaining. That set the stage for Miller's heroics. She drove to the lane and hit a huge layup to give the Lady Eagles a 60-59 lead, then Robinson added a free throw to make it a 61-59 game. A last-second heave by Good Hope fell just short at the end, and the Lady Eagles ended up holding off the Lady Raiders, 61-59. With the win. Vinemont (14-8) will be the no. 2 seed in this year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament.



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Vinemont's Reagan Robinson, who scored 22 points vs. Good Hope on Monday night.

Robinson led the way for the Lady Eagles with 22 points. Miller added 17 points, Holcomb ended up with eight points, and Thomason posted seven points. For Good Hope (16-4), Konrad finished with 19 points. Marshall posted 17 points. Gossett ended up with nine points, and Adams added eight points.

Vinemont will host Holly Pond, and Good Hope will head home to take on East Lawrence in a pair of area games on Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Roberts leads Addison boys to a win, but Lady Bulldogs fall to Curry

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ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted the 4A Curry basketball teams for a pair of matchups and came away with another split on Monday night. The Addison girls played hard but came out on the short end to the ladies from Curry by the score of 45-32. The Bulldog men, however, won the nightcap 74-55 over the men from Curry.

Curry 45 – Addison 32
(Varsity Girls)

The young ladies from Addison are basically learning on the job this year, due to their youth, but are improving each and every week. They hosted the Lady Jackets from Curry and the game got off to a very quick start for both teams. The Lady Bulldogs started out with a Saibre Dover putback and a Morgan Lee trey for a quick 5-0 lead. Ralee Dunagan from Curry hit a free throw but then Lee hit another bomb and Addison was up 8-1 with two minutes gone in the first period. The Lady Jackets toughened up their defense and got their offense clicking as they scored fourteen of the next eighteen points to take a 15-12 lead.

Their period would end with both teams basically swapping baskets with Curry taking the period 20-14. Lee led the Lady Dawgs with eight points while Ava Bartlett had three points, four rebounds and three blocks.

Dunigan dominated for the Lady Jackets as she had nine points, while Jacey Page had five.

The second period was just the opposite of the first as both teams had a hard time scoring, with each team scoring just six points each, but Curry led 26-20 at the half. Addison's Bartlett had a monster period as she scored four points, eight boards and two more blocks. Dunigan hit another trey while Shileigh Williams hit a pair of free throws for the Lady Jackets. The Lady Bulldogs crashed the boards in the first half and won the rebounding battle 24-8 for the first half.

The second half started out pretty good for Addison, and they held their own for the most part, which is a marked improvement from the majority of their games this season as they usually struggle in the third.

Curry won the period, but only by a mark of 12-8. Emma Cleghorn and Bartlett each chipped in three points for Addison while Bartlett had three more boards and Lee snagged two.

Curry's Kenzi Daniel did her best Caitlin Clark impression as she drained three long bombs to give her nine points in the frame. Curry went into the fourth period owning a 38-28 lead.

There would be no great comeback for the Lady Bulldogs in the fourth, as even though their effort didn't fail them, their jumpers did. Curry won the period 7-4 and the game 45-32. Lee hit another three while Hadley Welch had two steals for Addison. Curry's seven points were distributed among four Lady Jackets.

The Addison ladies have shown marked improvement since the beginning of the year but they must cut down on silly turnovers and not taking advantage of their opponents mistakes. Over all their effort was commendable as was their spirit. Keep it up ladies and the wins will come. Just a side note, Ava Bartlett had as many rebounds by herself, with 17, as the entire Curry team combined for the game.

Addison 74 – Curry 55
(Varsity Boys)

Addison came out shooting the ball against Curry like they were playing hot potato, as they basically shot the ball as soon as they got it. The results were a mixed bag in the first period as Addison got down 5-0 to Curry. Addison responded with a 9-0 run of their own. Elijah Roberts had two layups while Kiah Lake got a put back and Connor Lane hit a trey to give Addison the 9-5 lead.

It then came down to Addison trying to slow down Curry point guard Drew Evans as he scorched the 'Dawgs for nine points in the first period, most of them layups. Curry's Ayden Baxter added a three. J.D. Sickles and Evans each had three boards for the Jackets. Addison's Roberts and Major Snoddy each had five points to lead Addison. Addison's Scout Flynn and young pup Judah Wilkins led the team with three rebounds each.

The second period had neither team being able to hit anything consistently, and a ton of fouls called. Addison won the period 9-7 to go into the half with a 26-22 lead, even though by the pace of the game you would have thought Addison was up big. Carson Dunagan led the Jackets with three points while Brayden McNeal had four rebounds to lead Curry. Flynn led Addison with four while Roberts chipped in three of his own, and Joey Wilson had four rebounds to lead the 'Dawgs.

The third period Addison came out and basically ran the boys from Curry off the court. Addison rolled Curry 29-11 to go into the fourth period with a 55-33 lead. It was a total team effort, as Addison's defensive pressure caused numerous turnovers and bad shots by the Jackets and Addison controlled the glass, 11-5.

Roberts did basically anything he wanted in the third as he had 14 points, two steals and two assists. Joey Wilson had five points and three boards. Kiah Lake had only had two points but he came up big with four boards, two assists and one block and steal each. Curry's Evans tried to keep pace but he managed five points, which is saying something with how the Bulldogs were playing defense in that period.

Most of the crowd and probably the Bulldog players thought the game was over as they led by 22 and were dominating the men from Curry, but hopefully they learned not to take their foot off the gas until the game is over, as Curry came out strong in the beginning of the final frame.

Curry scored 14 of the first 16 points in the period to cut the lead down to 10 with 4:24 to go in the game. Curry was led by Evans with eight, Sickles with a putback and Dunagan with four.

With the 'Dawg lead down to 57-47, Addison restarted the engine and ran off nine straight, with Flynn having a big six points and Roberts with a trey. Addison led 66-47 and the game was basically over. Addison would take the win with the final score of 74-55.

PREP BASKETBALL

Jasper's block party leads Vikings to a 43-40 win over Cullman

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JASPER, Ala. — The 19-3 Cullman Bearcats traveled to Jasper on Tuesday night to take on their rival Vikings, who were 15-4 before tonight's game. Cullman, who was without their three-level scoring forward Sam Dorough, struggled to settle into the game at any point. Further disrupting the Bearcats was Jasper's duo of 6-4 Jarrell Johnson and 6-5 Braylen Johnson, who combined for eight blocks on the night. Without one of their leading scorers and a lack of offensive rhythm, and in front of a hostile crowd that gave the game a playoff feel, the Bearcats fell 43-40.

Dorough's absence was felt from the first possession. The Bearcats started a lineup that, 6-7 Brooks Loftin aside, lacked size and slashing ability. On the offensive end, Jasper's defense was impenetrable. Both of the Vikings' Johnsons are erratic defenders, with quick feet and active hands in addition to freakish athleticism. With a guard that plays as sticky of defense as Brodey Garrett in the mix, the Vikings' defense was a brick wall on the perimeter.

It forced the Bearcats into uncomfortable shots in low shot-clock situations often, and they'd only hit three the entire first quarter, with two deep balls and a layup. Cullman's Emory Bonds scored five of the Bearcats eight first quarter points. On the other end, those size issues were inverted. Jasper scored with ease, often, in the first period.

Backdoor passes led to up-and-under layups, and Jarrell Johnson got the crowd roaring early with a one-handed slam. The Vikings took a 13-8 lead into the second.

Being forced to shoot from outside for much of the first, Cullman continued to try and find their way to paint points. After a three by Everett Swindall pulled them closer to the Vikings, down 17-11, they grabbed a steal on the other end and it felt like the tides were turning. Swindall drove to the baseline and made a sweet pass to Loftin, who was coming downhill on a backdoor cut, but Braylen Johnson met him at the rim, smacking the ball into the crowd. It was the first of the game for Braylen, who finished the night with six blocks in addition to eight points and a pair of steals.

Loftin stepped up soon after, however, drilling a three-pointer from the top of the key to quiet the crowd after another emphatic jam from Jarrell Johnson. The momentum then became real for Cullman after Max Brooks hit a deep-ball to bring them within four at the half, only down 21-17.

Opening the second half was a Loftin putback that he had to fight hard for, grabbing two of his own rebounds before the shot would fall.

The Vikings struck back quickly though, answering Cullman's momentum with an eight point run, all scored on layups, that put them up 29-19. After a Bonds layup and a pair of free throws from Brooks, the Vikings would tack on seven more. Scratching and clawing for every basket, the Bearcats put in a pair of putbacks to close out the third down 37-28.

The fourth quarter saw Cullman come to life. Loftin, who'd been working the boards all night, starting coming down with 50-50 rebounds more often, but the Bearcats still had trouble scoring inside the arc. After a Loftin putback made it 37-30, Cullman's Owen Graves hit a huge three to bring the team within four. On the next possession, however, Jasper's Keegan Keeton would hit a corner three to extend the lead back to seven.

Graves sunk a pair of free throws to make it 40-35, then a three from Gray Hopper brought Cullman within two. Then, the comeback was complete, Loftin sunk a hook shot to tie the game up at 40 with just under a minute and a half to go. Braylen Johnson would get behind the defense for an and-one on a layup to make it 43-40, but there was still 1:22 on the clock.

After a missed Cullman three, the Vikings would go on to turn the ball over three times in the final 82 seconds. They stepped out of bounds, committed an over-and-back violation and coughed the ball up. That suffocating defense that gave them the lead in the first place returned to seal a 43-40 Viking win, however.

Loftin led Cullman with 11 points, 13 rebounds and a pair of blocks. He had two of the Bearcats' three total blocks, compared to Jasper's 11. The steal count wasn't much better for Cullman, as Jasper racked up 12 steals compared to their two. The Vikings' interior defense was the difference in the game, which ended with a fiery celebration from Jarrell Johnson who finished with a game-high 16 points, two rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals. The 19-4 Bearcats won't have to wait long to potentially avenge tonight's loss, as they'll host Jasper on the 22nd in what's sure to be another raucous environment.

USDA's 2025–2030 dietary guidelines include new inverted food pyramid

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Food Guide Pyramid was introduced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1992. The pyramid was updated in 2005, then changed to MyPlate in 2011. This month, the USDA released Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025–2030, with a new, inverted food pyramid.

The top of the new pyramid, representing the largest portion, includes protein, dairy and healthy fats, along with vegetables and fruits.

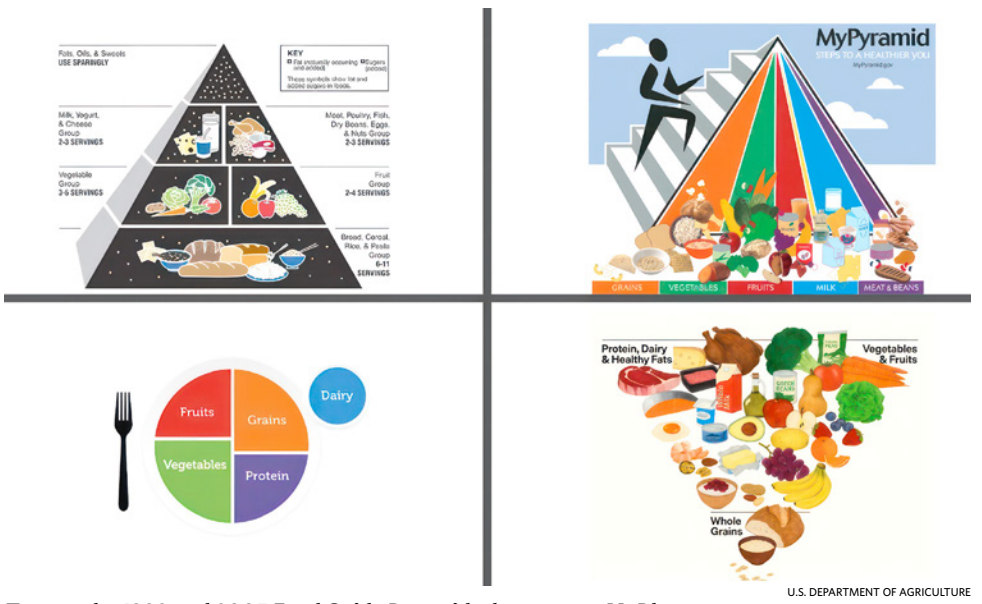
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said, "These Guidelines return us to the basics. American households must prioritize whole, nutrient-dense foods — protein, dairy, vegetables, fruits, healthy fats and whole grains — and dramatically reduce highly processed foods. This is how we Make America Healthy Again."

According to the USDA:
The Guidelines emphasize simple, flexible guidance rooted in modern nutrition science:

- Prioritize protein at every meal
- Consume full-fat dairy with no added sugars
- Eat vegetables and fruits throughout the day, focusing on whole forms
- Incorporate healthy fats from whole foods such as meats, seafood, eggs, nuts, seeds, olives and avocados
- Focus on whole grains, while sharply reducing refined carbohydrates
- Limit highly processed foods, added sugars, and artificial additives
- Eat the right amount for you, based on age, sex, size and activity level
- Choose water and unsweetened beverages to support hydration
- Limit alcohol consumption for better overall health

The Guidelines also provide tailored recommendations for infants and children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, older adults, individuals with chronic disease and vegetarians and vegans, ensuring nutritional adequacy across every stage of life.

Read the Guidelines at https://cdn.realfood.gov/DGA.pdf.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Top are the 1992 and 2005 Food Guide Pyramids; bottom are MyPlate (2011) and the new, inverted food pyramid (2026).

Council (from Front)

recent 2025 statistics for CEDA, including:

- Local labor force increase of 770 people
- 863 new jobs
- Unemployment decreased to 2.4%
- Three new companies
- 21 expanding companies
- $142 million in capital investment

Hall also noted that other counties' economic development agencies have begun coming to Cullman to learn how the local agency does its job.

During committee reports, Hall presented a resolution recognizing Cullman High School Theater for winning the state championship at the State Trumbauer Festival and representing the state at the upcoming regional competition.

Councilman and Public Safety Committee Chair Chuck Shikle recognized Cullman Fire Rescue Engineer Matt Harris for passing his paramedic registry, and CFR Firefighter Tyler McSwain for achieving EMT basic certification. Shikle also noted that Fire Station 3 will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Safe Haven Baby Box on Jan. 15, 2026.

Councilman and Utilities Committee Chair Paul Schaffer recognized wastewater plant staffer Adam Brown for receiving his Grade IV Wastewater Operator Certification.

During his remarks, Mayor Jacobs recognized Human Resources Director Michelle Bates for completion of both Human Resources and Risk Management certifications.

Jacobs also issued a proclamation designating January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Cullman.

Council business
The council held a public hearing for an ordinance to rezone property located at 1803 Beech Ave. SE from a manufacturing district to a business district, which received a favorable recommendation from the Cullman Planning Commission. The council also held a first reading for the ordinance, which can be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

The council passed an ordinance to annex property located on County Road 1466 as a manufacturing and agricultural district, which received a favorable recommendation from the planning commission.

The council passed resolutions to:

- Declare and surplus inventory, equipment and other assets not needed by the City of Cullman
- Enter into a contract with Docusign for advanced e-signature document services
- Enter into a contract with QT Petroleum on Demand, LLC for fuel management software including data hosting and technical support for the self-service pump at the Cullman Regional Airport
- Enter into a facility encroachment agreement with CSX
- Enter into a contract with LBYD, Inc., for potential engineering services, as needed

The council set a public hearing on Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. for an ordinance to create a Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

The next Cullman City Council meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Celebration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Life Church - Hanceville, in partnership with the Hanceville Civitans and the Tim Tebow Foundation, will host Night to Shine of Cullman County on Friday, Feb. 13, from 6-8 p.m. The event will take place at the Hanceville Civic Center, where guests living with disabilities, ages 14 and older, will be welcomed for an evening designed to celebrate and honor them.

"Night to Shine is a complimentary event for people with special needs hosted by local churches around the world," according to the Tim Tebow Foundation. "Each event is unique to its location, but cornerstone elements include a red carpet entrance complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi, hair and makeup stations, shoeshines, limousine rides, karaoke, gifts, a catered dinner, a Sensory Room, a Respite Room for parents and caregivers, dancing and a crowning ceremony where every guest is honored as a King or a Queen — the way God sees them each and every day."

Madison Lee, a certified occupational therapy assistant and one of the local organizers, shared why the mission behind Night to Shine is deeply personal to her.

"I would say I am representing the special needs/neurodivergent community itself," Lee said. "I have been working with the special needs community for six-and-a-half years now. I have a passion for understanding and working with this community. They bring so much light to our world."

Lee first experienced Night to Shine while volunteering in another county and quickly fell in love with its mission. After sharing that experience with her mother, a member of the Hanceville Civitans, the idea to bring the event to Cullman County began to take shape. From there, the group reached out to Life Church - Hanceville, which eagerly agreed to partner.

"Night to Shine is an unforgettable worldwide celebration event, centered on God's love, honoring and valuing people with special needs," Lee said.

"This event is meant to display God's love, everyone's place in His kingdom and provide an experience that every person deserves to have."

Throughout the evening, guests will dance, take photos and share a meal in an atmosphere designed to feel like a traditional prom night. Lee said her hope is that each participant leaves with lasting memories.

"My goal is to give each individual an experience that will last a lifetime, an experience that makes them smile and feel included," she said.

Organizers are currently seeking community support through donations and volunteers to help elevate the experience even further. Contributions help cover decorations, music, photography and crowns and additional support could allow organizers to offer meals for participants and their families, formal wear rentals, limousine rides and more.

"It's a great way for the community to get involved in events that mean something more," she said.

"I would love for all those impacted by this event to see more in these individuals, the beauty of community, the light and love of Christ and the simplicity of being kind and inclusive," she added.

"We are all creations of God who are unique, beautiful and here for a purpose. It's a night of equality and fun."

Night to Shine is an official program of the Tim Tebow Foundation. Registration is currently open for guests/participants at https://tinyurl.com/5emwt6jf. All donations made toward the event are tax-deductible.

Those interested in volunteering or donating may contact Madison Lee at 256-338-9421 or maddibrooke.ml@gmail.com. Contributions may also be coordinated through the Hanceville Civitans at hancevillecivitan22@gmail.com. Additional information about Night to Shine is available at www.timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine.

The Hanceville Civic Center is located at 902 Commercial St., Hanceville.





LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-23 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 23

TO CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

Section I. Purpose.

1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide guidelines for the removal of blighted and/or dangerous structures and reconstruction of high-quality residential homes in the City of Cullman, Alabama, promoting the public good and general welfare of our citizens through promoting economic development, trade, commerce, housing, industry, and employment opportunities in the City of Cullman, Alabama.

Section II. Development Area.

1. Development Area is the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, Alabama.

Section III. Qualifying Structure.

1. A qualifying structure, as determined by the Chief Building Official, is a blighted or dangerous "residential" structure that needs to be demolished and removed, which is located within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama.

Section IV. Residential Enhancement.

1. Residential Enhancement, subject to approval by the Chief Building Official, is the construction of a new residential structure with all exterior walls, including exposed foundation walls, being clad with the approved masonry materials. Smooth-faced standard concrete block is prohibited. Masonry cladding shall extend from grade to roof eaves. Gable end walls and dormers may be clad with any material permitted by the International Residential Code.

Section V. Non-Conforming Lots.

1. A Non-Conforming Lot is a property located in the city limits of Cullman that does not comply with the current zoning regulations due to subsequent changes in zoning laws.

Section VI. Neighbor Enhancement Incentive Program.

1. Residential Enhancements on a non-conforming lot will qualify for reimbursement up to ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00).
2. The removal of a qualifying structure and replacing with a residential enhancement will qualify for reimbursement up to twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00).

Section VII. Legal Authority.

A. Amendment No. 772 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.
B. Compliance with Amendment No. 772:
1. Any proposed action under Amendment No. 772 must be taken at a public meeting.
2. Notice describing the proposed action and those individuals and/or businesses to benefit therefrom must be published at least seven days in advance.

Section VIII. Process.

A. Applications to and approval by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, upon recommendation by the Chief Building Official.
B. The Applications shall be in written format to Chief Building Official.

Section IX. Program Requirements.

A. Improvements made in accordance with conditions and standards shall be approved by the City in advance.
B. Improvements made by licensed/bonded contractor(s).
C. Building permit obtained from the City prior to start of work.
D. Containers for debris removal and construction waste must be obtained from the City of Cullman.

Section X. Amount; Payment Aid.

A. (i) Up to $10,000.00 for residential enhancement on a non-conforming lot;
B. (ii) Up to $20,000.00 for the removal of a qualifying structure and replacing with a residential enhancement;

C. Paid upon written request with invoices of approved work after inspection by the City Building Department.

Section XI. Unlawful Acts.

It shall be unlawful for any property owner covered by this Ordinance to fail to comply with each and every requirement hereunder, and it shall be deemed a nuisance.

Section XII. Penalties.

A. Each of the unlawful acts defined in this Section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and in the event the owner or person in charge of any premises upon which conditions or such other unsanitary conditions exist, fails to make such premises completely safe and sanitary or to remove the cause of such nuisances within ten days after written notice by the building inspector, fire marshal or their designee, or the health officer to do so, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in Section 1-19 and Section 32-128.
B. Each day the owner or person in charge of any premises shall allow such condition or nuisance to continue, after having received ten days written notice to abate same, shall constitute a separate offense and, upon conviction thereof, such owner or person in charge shall be punished as herein provided. Section 32-129.
C. Should the owner or such person in charge of premises subject to conditions described in this Section fail or refuse to abate such nuisance upon being notified to do so, then the City is authorized to do such work at the expense of the owner of such property, the cost thereof to be a lien upon the property and to be collected as any other debts are collected or liens enforced. Section 32-130.
D. The amount of the cost of abatement of a nuisance by the City, including all court costs, appraisal fees, administrative costs, attorney's fees, and all other costs necessarily associated with the abatement action, shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which such costs were incurred. The lien provided for in this section shall be perfected and foreclosed as provided by state law.
E. Any judge of the municipal court of the City shall have the power to order the removal, abatement, demolition, fine or other appropriate judicial remedy of those things which are declared either by this article, state law or federal law to be nuisances, or which are nuisances per se, and from their nature indisputably are so.
F. Summary abatement, without notice to the owner thereof, shall only occur where the nuisance is of imminent and serious danger to the health, safety, or general welfare of the citizens of the City and the owner or occupant cannot be notified.

Section XIII. Subject to Law-Imposed Requirement.

The amounts provided by the City under this program are, in accordance with Johnson v. Sheffield, 183 So. 265 (Ala. 1938), subject to the law-imposed requirement that, if necessary, there must first be paid from all funds and revenues of the City the legitimate and necessary governmental expenses of operating the City.

Section XIV. Severability Clause.

Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void or invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provisions which might have been invalid.

Section XV. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval, and publication as required by law. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **CHASE MALLARD, and wife, GEORGIA MALLARD,** to **RICKY MYREX and CINDY MYREX**, dated October 29, 2024, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2102, Page 10; and the undersigned Ricky Myrex and Cindy Myrex as Mortgagees, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on January 29, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of her right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit: **Property 1:** A parcel in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 12, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of said forty; thence West along the south forty line to the east right of way of Whitson Road; thence Northerly along the east right of way of Whitson Road to the north line of said forty; thence East along the forty line to the northeast corner of said forty; thence South along the east forty line to the point of beginning. Less that certain parcel in the Northeast corner deeded by Deed Book 713, Page 485, being 3.79 acres, more or less. Also described as:The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, lying East of Lewis Smith Lake. **LESS & EXCEPT:** Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Fowler & Garrison Smith Lake Subdivision as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Map Book 4, Page 15. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the Salay-Smith Subdivision, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Map Book 4, Page 25. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence West along the South line of said forty a distance of 566 feet, more or less, to the West right of way of Whitson Road; thence Northwesterly along said right of way a distance of 327 feet to the point of beginning; thence meandering along the right of way of Whitson Road a distance of 490 feet to a point; thence S 72°30'W a distance of 200 feet to a point on the 510 elevation of Lewis Smith Lake; thence Southeasterly along the 510 elevation of Smith Lake a distance of 324.0 feet to a point in the center of a hollow; thence N 54°15'E a distance of 365 feet, more or less, to a point on the Westerly right of way of Whitson Road and the point of beginning. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less. Lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence West along the South line of said forty a distance of 566 feet, more or less, to the West right of way of Whitson Road; thence Northwesterly along said right of way a distance of 34 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue Northwesterly along said right of way a distance of 293 feet to a point; thence S 54°15'W along a hollow a distance of 365 feet, more or less, to a point on the 510 elevation of Lewis Smith Lake; thence Southwesterly and thence Southeasterly along said 510 elevation a distance of 261.3 feet, more or less, to a point; thence N 80°05'E a distance of 391 feet to the point of beginning. Lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 9, and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, all in Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and containing 2.3 acres, more or less. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence South along the east line of said forty a distance of 328 feet, more or less, to a point on the North right of way of County Road 109; thence Northwesterly along said county road a distance of 370 feet to a point on the westerly edge of Whitson Road for the point of beginning; thence continue along right of way of County Road 109 a distance of 598.4 feet to a point on the edge of a slough of Smith Lake; thence Northwesterly along the 510 elevation of Smith Lake a distance of 154 feet to a point; thence North 80 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 391 feet to a point on the West side of Whitson Public Road; thence along the Westerly side of said road a distance of 392 feet to the point of beginning. Lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 9, and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West and containing 2.0 acres, more or less. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** A TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH RANGE 4 WEST CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #1 OF FOWLER AND GARRISON SUBDIVISION MAP BOOK 4 PAGE 15 AS RECORDED IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. THENCE N88°17'29"E 64 FEET. THENCE N00°30'51"E 164.75 FEET. THENCE S88°17'29"W 101 FEET. THENCE N68°16'10"W 149 FEET TO THE FLOOD ELEVATION OF 510 OF LEWIS SMITH LAKE. THENCE ALONG SAID FLOOD ELEVATION THE FOLLOWING CHORD BEARINGS AND DISTANCES: S2°44'37"E 125.29 FEET, S3°06'51W 82.62 FEET AND S59°55'25"W 34.31 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT #1 OF FOWLER AND GARRISON SUBDIVISION. THENCE N88°17'29"E 202.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING 1 ACRE MORE OR LESS. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD. LESS AND EXCEPT AN EGRESS INGRESS EASEMENT 20 FEET MORE OR LESS IN WIDTH THE CENTER OF WHICH BEGINS N88°17'29"E 13 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #1 OF FOWLER AND GARRISON SUBDIVISION. THENCE N22°17'52"W 71.93 FEET. THENCE N21°48'49"E 31.67 FEET. THENCE N21°48'49"E 36.46 FEET. THENCE N1°46'36"E 30.17 FEET. THENCE N35°39'31"W 5.67 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** Commence at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being a 1 ½ inch pipe; thence South a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue along last course a distance of 180.00 feet; thence with an interior angle 90°00'00" right, run in an Easterly direction a distance of 210.00 feet to a ½" capped rebar; thence with an interior angle of 90°00'00"right, run in a Northerly direction a distance of 20.00 feet to a ½" capped rebar; thence with an interior angle of 142°40'52"right, run in a Northwesterly direction a distance of 201.20 feet; thence with an interior angle of 127°19'09"right, run in a Westerly direction a distance of 88.03 feet back to the point of beginning. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 04' 35" East, 210.00 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 01 degree 18' 12" West, 207.30 feet to an existing capped iron; thence North 36 degrees 51' 42" West, 194.09 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 89 degrees 04' 35" West, 88.03 feet to a point; thence N 00 degrees 55' 25" West, 50.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama. Less & except all that portion of the above described property that lies below the 510 foot elevation of Smith Lake. **ALSO LESS & EXCEPT:** BEGIN AT A 2-INCH IRON BAR BEING THE NE CORNER OF THE SE QUARTER OF THE SW QUARTER OF SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP 12S RANGE 4W CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND RUN S00º20'40"W FOR 309.27 FEET TO A REBAR CAPPED 31148, THENCE N89º39'20"W FOR 529.76 FEET TO A REBAR CAPPED 31148, THENCE N00º21'28"E FOR 314.72 FEET TO A REBAR CAPPED 31148, THENCE S89º03'56"E FOR 529.72 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 3.79 ACRES+-. SUBJECT TO a 20-foot wide ingress-egress easement being the same easement as described in a deed to Timothy S. Thomas and Sharon Thomas by deed recorded in Deed Book 647 page 223, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the purported Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama and run South 89 degrees 15 minutes 04 seconds East (bearing based on Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, grid) and run along the accepted North line, a distance of 210.00 feet to a found capped corner (CA-0259) marking the Northeast corner of said Thomas tract; thence run South 02 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds West and run along the East line of said Thomas tract, a distance of 125.74 feet to a set rebar having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, coordinate value of N. 1463851.36', E. 2130121.55', same being the point of beginning; thence South 02 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 20.49 feet; thence South 74 degrees 27 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of 47.84 feet; thence South 56 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 50.86 feet; thence South 42 degrees 44 minutes 23 seconds East, a distance of 43.61 feet; thence South 36 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 40.95 feet; thence South 31 degrees 13 minutes 52 seconds East, a distance of 21.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 26.66 feet; thence South 53 degrees 00 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance of 18.38 feet; thence South 78 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 28.45 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 49 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 36.81 feet to a point on the East line of the Calhoun Tract as recorded in Deed Book 477 page 140, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 02 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds West and run along said East line, a distance of 29.65 feet; thence North 78 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 76.11 feet; thence North 53 degrees 00 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 32.84 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 42.22 feet; thence North 31 degrees 13 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 28.44 feet; thence North 36 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 42.97 feet; thence North 42 degrees 44 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 47.07 feet; thence North 56 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds West, a distance of 56.44 feet; thence North 74 degrees 27 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 55.44 feet to the point of beginning. ALSO SUBJECT TO A 20-FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS & UTILITIES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A 2-INCH IRON BAR BEING THE NE CORNER OF THE SE QUARTER OF THE SW QUARTER OF SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP 12S RANGE 4W CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND RUN N89º03'56"W FOR 529.72 FEET, THENCE S00º21'28"W FOR 44.47 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE POINT OF BEGINNING OF A 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE S88º07'35"W FOR 76.43 FEET, THENCE S47º26'19"W FOR 555.02 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 220 BEING THE CENTERLINE POINT OF ENDING OF SAID 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT. LEGAL DESCRIPTION ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF RANDALL C. PHILLIPS, PLS # 31148, DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2021, PROJECT NUMBER 21042. **Property 2:** All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, lying North of County Road 109 and East of Whitson Road (County Road 220).

Property 3: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West; thence West along the South line of said forty a distance of 566 feet, more or less, to the West right of way of Whitson Road; thence Northwesterly along said right of way a distance of 327 feet to the point of beginning; thence meandering along the right of way of Whitson Road a distance of 490 feet to a point; thence S 72°30'W a distance of 200 feet to a point on the 510 elevation of Lewis Smith Lake; thence Southeasterly along the 510 elevation of Smith Lake a distance of 324.0 feet to a point in the center of a hollow; thence N 54°15'E a distance of 365 feet, more or less, to a point on the Westerly right of way of Whitson Road and the point of beginning. Containing 2.0 acres, more or less. Lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

This property will be sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

RICKY MYREX and CINDY MYREX

By: Nancy F. McClellan, Attorney 401 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, Alabama 35055 (256) 734-4040

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 13-14

Jacki Marie Jacobs, 49
Funeral services for Jacki Marie Jacobs, 49, of Vinemont will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Jacobs was born on Dec. 4, 1976, in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away on Jan. 9, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. Ms. Jacobs is survived by her children, Kattie Bryant (BJ), Briana Yarbrough (James Costner), and Lauren Yarbrough; her mother, Geneva Jacobs; grandchildren, Easten Jacobs, Braxten Bryant, Kaylen Bryant, Emerson Costner, Madilyn Costner, Avrianna Salinas, Zirayah Salinas, Jameson Yarbrough; siblings, Harlen Jacobs (Candy), Martha Chappel (Lecil), Beverly Netherton (Chris), Debbie Lovejoy; and a host of family and friends. Ms. Jacobs was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Wayne Jacobs; and siblings, Kenneith Mary Smith, and Jeanie Wayne Parker. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jacobs family.

June Evelyn Jones, 85
June Evelyn (Johnston) Jones of Hanceville, Alabama, died Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, 2026. She was born May 21, 1940, to F. Rozell and Evelyn (Nuss) Johnston, and married Donald Wayne Jones (1938-2015) on June 4, 1960. June began her professional career in 1960 with the U.S. Army Command and NASA, working under Wernher von Braun during the height of the Cold War. Though this work placed her at the center of a historic era, she found her true calling in education. In 1966, she accepted a teaching position at Hanceville High School, where Donald had also begun his career as an educator. Reflecting on this historic period of school integration at Hanceville, she praised the work of the Cullman County Schools superintendent and Colony leaders in upholding high standards and peaceful conduct during a time of profound change. Over the next three and a half decades, June devoted herself primarily to public education. She left K-12 from 1967 to 1970 to teach history at St. Bernard College, and returned to teach English at Fairview High School in 1970, where Donald was then principal. In 1977, she moved to the Cullman Child Development Center to develop the gifted education program as Donald transitioned to school system administration. June spent 23 fulfilling years at CDC, serving as the gifted education teacher for Cullman County Schools until her retirement in May 2000. A gifted student herself, June graduated from Cullman High School two years early in 1957 and was admitted to Birmingham-Southern College. There, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, earned her bachelor's degree in three years, and received the prestigious English Department Award. She went on to earn a master's degree, Ed.S., and additional certifications and postgraduate studies at The University of Alabama. A lifelong student of English, history, literature, politics, government, and religious writings, June delighted in research, critique, reading, writing, and the exchange of ideas. Her intellectual curiosity and love of learning remained with her throughout her life. June and her husband Donald adopted two children—Kristen, through Catholic Social Services, and Kevin, through Holt International from Vietnam—and raised their children at St. Paul's School and Church. They introduced their children early to travel and diverse cultures through a wide network of friends from around the world and meaningful relationships with refugee families, fostering in them a deep appreciation for global perspectives and shared humanity. Her personal interests reflected her wide-ranging intellect and refined taste. She enjoyed British mysteries and comedies, public radio, The New Yorker, Pogo, and M*A*S*H*. She admired President Harry Truman and considered him the most underrated of presidents. She loved Mediterranean and Shabby Chic design, White Flowers Gallery, and the art of Van Gogh. Her favorite religious readings included such works as The Book of Common Prayer, Luther's Small Catechism, and the writings of Thomas Merton and Dietrich Bonhoffer. She adored The Little Prince, the poems of E.E. Cummings, and The Great Gatsby, and maintained a thorough knowledge and thoughtful—if complicated—relationship with the works of William Faulkner. She enjoyed classic films such as High Noon and The Greatest Show on Earth as well as Raiders of the Lost Ark, and was a fan of musicals like Fiddler on the Roof, all of which became favorites of her children on rare sick days. June was a longtime member of Grace Episcopal Church and the Friday Study Club, Cullman's oldest active book club, founded in 1956. She was also a supporter of animal charities, food banks, and educational and cultural institutions. An only child, June was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Wayne Jones, and her parents, F. Rozell and Evelyn Johnston. She is survived by her children, Kristen (Paul) Holmes and Kevin (Kim) Jones; her grandchildren, Walker and Kamden Jones; her beloved dog, Beau; a host of extended family members; and generations of students and friends whose lives were enriched by her teaching, curiosity, and unassuming brilliance. A memorial service in celebration of June's life will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 305 Arnold Street NE in Cullman. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Grace Episcopal of Cullman or the Humane Society of the United States.

James Cecil 'Jimmy' Jones, 87
James Cecil "Jimmy" Jones, age 87 of Cullman, passed away Jan. 11, 2026, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 23, 1938, to Cecil and Myrtle Jones. Jimmy worked for the Texaco company for 47 years. He took great pride in being a hard worker. He could repair anything from vehicles to gas pumps. Jimmy was a 'salt of the earth' kind of man. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Jimmy will be missed by all who knew him. Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be at White Oak Cemetery. Randall Edmondson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Jeff Rainwater, Colby Jones, Jimmy Jones, Sean Jones, Rylan Jones, and Ethan Robert. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Joanner Jones; children, Frankie Jones (Cim Taylor), Sheila (Ricky) Meigs, Lisa Woods, Sherry (Jeff) Rainwater, and Michelle (Cheryl) Beeler; and grandchildren, Colby Jones, Amber Jones, Rachael King, Hannah Couch, Evan Seymore, Erin Seymore, and Shelby Rainwater. He is preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Myrtle Jones; and son, Ronald Jones. Memories and condolences may be shared at nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 7, 2006 by Max Wayne Starnes, Sr. and Barbara Ann Starnes, husband and wife, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1468, Page 114 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on February 9, 2026:

Part of the SE 1/3 of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County Alabama described as follows: Begin at the DE corner of said ¼ - ¼ section; thence run northerly along the ¼ - ¼ section line, 160.04 feet to the south line of a 30 foot right of way; thence 89 degrees 54' left along said line, 600.00 feet; thence 90 degrees 06' left, 160.21 feet; thence 89 degrees 55' left, along the south line of said Section 34 a distance of 600.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together:
One (1) 2002 Fleetwood Manufactured Home, VIN #TNFL126A59076SS12

Address of the property (for identification purposes only)
1900 County Road 532, Hanceville, AL 35077

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-013

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEBRA KAY MORTON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to DAVID ALLAN MORTON on the 12th day of January, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DAVID ALLAN MORTON
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-016

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONALD PATRICK CREEL, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Wanda Jo Creel on the 13th day of January, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Wanda Jo Creel
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JASON CHARLES JOHNSON, * CASE NO.: PC2026-005
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to MATTHEW JOHNSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JASON CHARLES JOHNSON, deceased, on the 12th day of January, 2026, 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.

MATTHEW JOHNSON
Personal Representative

Norma M. Wells
Attorney for the Estate of Jason Charles Johnson
Journey Law Firm
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Guntersville, AL 35976

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 12th day of January, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
PAMELA DAUN BEARD SHADDRIX, * CASE NO.: PC2025-421
AKA PAM SHADDRIX *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to MATTHEW DAVID SHADDRIX, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **PAMELA DAUN BEARD SHADDRIX, AKA PAM SHADDRIX**, deceased, on the 29th 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.

MATTHEW DAVID SHADDRIX
Personal Representative

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Birmingham, AL 35253

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 29th day of December, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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JANUARY 15, 2026

Happy 80th birthday!



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"Shirley Rhodes of Cullman enjoyed her 80th birthday celebration this weekend with family and friends. We love her so much." -Sharlotte Rhodes



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Address (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, delivered the 2026 State of the State address.

Watch the video on WVTM13's website at www.wvtm13.com/article/alabama-governor-ivey-state-address-2026/69981637.

Below is the full transcript of Ivey's remarks:

Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth, President Pro Tem Gudger, Speaker Ledbetter, Speaker Pro Tem Pringle, members of the Alabama Legislature, Chief Justice Stewart, justices of the Alabama Supreme Court, distinguished guests – and my fellow Alabamians!

The momentum is in our sails in Alabama – and we are not done yet!

Today marks my 10th Regular Session as governor.

And y'all, I'd say...we haven't aged a day! Right, Jabo?

Our state, however, looks different today than it did when I was sworn in April 10, 2017.

I told the people of Alabama: Despite the challenges we faced, we could view the transition as a positive opportunity.

Being a former economic developer, I knew our first opportunity was to recruit and support businesses.

Since then, we have seen investments totaling $69 billion which has created 100,000 jobs – and counting!

Alabama consistently ranks among the top 10 states for doing business. We are prioritizing workforce development, guaranteeing site readiness and remaining steady and reliable for economic growth.

Existing businesses are thriving. Legacy sectors are growing. And still...our economic landscape is transforming with new partners like Lilly Medicine.

...And we are aggressively working towards future projects that will benefit our state for generations.

In 2019, we saw another opportunity when President Trump officially formed Space Command.We immediately got to work promoting Huntsville to become its home. Now, finally, it's official: Space Command Headquarters is coming to Sweet Home Alabama!

But y'all, you can't have Lilly Medicine, Mazda Toyota Manufacturing, First Solar, Meta, Novelis or even Space Command without a strong plan...one that includes reliable infrastructure.

Since 2019, Alabama generated more than $2 billion, paving the way for 500 vital road and bridge projects in all 67 counties. None of these projects would have happened without the passage of Rebuild Alabama.

Now, for those of you who were here, you remember: It was hard. And yes! I still have my white board!

...But, y'all, in my experience, making the hard decisions often pays off for our state. ...Like when we first decided to invest in high-speed internet.

Alabama ranked near the bottom when it came to broadband connectivity. Today, we are 24th. And with our state plan, 100% of Alabama will soon have access through an internet service provider.

When we were projected to lose a seat in Congress, I worked to ensure more than 5 million Alabamians successfully completed their 2020 Census to prove our growing population.

In 2017, I told the people of Alabama I would work to make their government more effective.

We consolidated our new Department of Workforce, and in only its first year, we have taken 25,000 workers off the sidelines.

We gave veterans a stronger voice and moved the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs into the Governor's Cabinet.

And yes: Whether it be Pardons and Paroles, Veterans Affairs OR the Department of Transportation, there is effectiveness that comes with being part of the Governor's Cabinet.

We are supporting Alabama families: From our record 6,000 plus foster care adoptions...to our CHOOSE Act education savings accounts...to paid parental leave for teachers.

We are making Alabama the best state to live, work, raise a family AND visit: From our historic investments in outdoor recreation to the millions more tourists we see traveling to our state.

We are solidifying Alabama as the defense capital of the United States: F-35 fighter jets roar through our Montgomery skies. Black Hawk helicopters fly above Fort Rucker. And robust ships are being built at Austal. Y'all, freedom rings all the way from the Rocket City to the Port City.

We are tackling long-neglected challenges head on. We are nearing the completion of construction on the new men's prison in Elmore County and are pressing forward with work on the Escambia facility, all while recruiting a record number of corrections officers.

And with much help from the Legislature, we have conservatively budgeted and avoided proration.

When I took office in 2017, Alabama's education system needed immediate attention. In fourth-grade math, we ranked dead last at 52nd. In fourth-grade reading, we were 49th.

As a former teacher...I knew there was no greater opportunity than to improve our students' education. I introduced my first policy as governor, an education initiative, Strong Start, Strong Finish. And we got to work.

We are now 32nd in math and 34th in reading. We ranked first in the nation in math recovery and third in reading.

We significantly increased our Pre-K classrooms. We are a top five state for computer science. We doubled the specialty schools with the addition of the Cyber Technology and Engineering School and the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences. We have our highest ever College and Career Readiness rate. We are tied for the lowest percentage of chronic absenteeism. Our teachers are earning high marks. And we added 500,000 more credentialed men and women to our workforce.

Truly, the tides are turning when it comes to education in Alabama.

In these next 12 months, we will also be celebrating our country's 250th birthday. In Alabama, we love America. We respect our military and honor our veterans.

Look no further than Alabama's own Rodney Smith.

In 2015 he was studying computer science at Alabama A&M, when he offered to help an elderly man mow his lawn. That one kind gesture turned into a 50-state mission to mow lawns across our country with a focus on helping the men and women who served our nation...our veterans.

It should come as no surprise that Rodney shares a birthday with America on July 4th.

Rodney's movement has inspired some 6,000 kids across the country to serve their own communities through the 50 Yard Challenge. Rodney is teaching our young people valuable lessons while providing free help to our veterans, military families and first responders.

I am excited to share that Rodney will be mowing some of the grass here at the Capitol this spring...but his real dream is to provide his services at the White House. So, here tonight, I am encouraging President Trump to invite Rodney to our nation's capital. Goodness knows, Washington, D.C. could use a little more Alabama!

Rodney, thank you for showing the rest of America that Alabama patriotic spirit. Please stand and let us recognize you.

Ahead of tonight's speech, we also enjoyed a performance by the incredibly talented Montgomery Academy Chamber Chorus led by Dr. Damion Womack. Y'all, please stand and be recognized.

Just as we look forward to celebrating our nation's 250th, I am excited Alabama's best days are still ahead of us.

Ladies and gentlemen, the state of our state is strong, and our future is even stronger!

Last year, public safety was my number one priority. Together, we accomplished a great deal through my Safe Alabama package, but our work is never done when it comes to protecting our citizens.

Representative Matt Simpson and Senator April Weaver will carry a bill to impose the death penalty for those who rape or sodomize a child. I was proud to quickly offer my full and total support.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am urging you to pass this legislation so I can sign it into law.

Government at all levels should always prioritize public safety. And we can thank the men and women in blue for enforcing our laws.

Unfortunately, some criminals attempt to elude their authority. There are repeat offenders and in the worst cases, there has even been loss of life.

It is time we crack down on that reckless, criminal behavior and pass a bill led by Representative Reed Ingram and Senator Lance Bell. In Alabama, we enforce the law, and I look forward to this bill reaching my desk.

Y'all, public safety begins and ends with the capital – whether that be Washington, D.C. or Montgomery, Alabama.

We supported President Trump's mission to Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful Again by deploying more than 400 Alabama National Guardsmen.

And here at home in Montgomery, I directed the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to increase trooper presence. Between our specialized Metro Area Crime Suppression Unit and this larger law enforcement footprint, we are adding to our efforts in Montgomery.

Our state troopers deserve our thanks. That is why I am proud to propose a 2% pay raise for all our state employees like our troopers, mental health workers and those who protect our cybersecurity.

And whether it be our troopers' efforts to make it safe, teachers' steps to improve schools or our attempts to ensure healthcare options in our Capital City, I urge our local leaders to work with us over the next 12 months to put Montgomery on its strongest footing yet.

We recently learned Alabama will receive more than $203 million in first-year funding from the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Made possible by the One Big Beautiful Bill, this program, over five years, will kickstart efforts to improve health care in rural America. Our plan approved by the Trump Administration lists 11 initiatives to boost rural healthcare delivery.

We have laid the groundwork for success, and I urge you, our legislators, to help develop needed policy and to fully implement this program.

And to our healthcare leaders in the state: I challenge you to work with us in thinking outside-the-box and identifying new partners as we strive to improve health care in Alabama.

As we continue addressing longstanding challenges, we must also prepare for the unknown.

The Alabama Resilience Council evaluates our state's ability to prepare for both natural and manmade disasters. Representative Chip Brown and Senator Steve Livingston will carry legislation to ensure we have a statewide resilience plan. Every Alabamian is worthy of a resilient community when disaster strikes.

Looking only at last year, our country experienced devastating weather events, including the horrific flooding in Texas that claimed the lives of fellow Alabamians, the youngest being Sarah Marsh, who was away at summer camp.

Unfortunately, Alabama is no stranger to the wrath of Mother Nature. We are also home to many of our own camps. And y'all, as a former counselor myself, ensuring safety in these spaces is very personal to me.

For that reason, I am launching a statewide flood notification system that will be in place for this summer. I am also calling on the Legislature to fund this notification system moving forward. We cannot put our young people at risk!

We must also protect our young Alabamians in school. That is why I am proposing an additional $50 million for K-12 safety efforts.

Y'all, our students are why I chose to run for a second full term. Our efforts are paying off, but as with anything else, our work is not done.

Senator Matt Woods and Representative Rick Rehm are putting forward a bill to create a temporary teaching certificate pathway for qualified veterans. I fully endorse this measure and look forward to this bill reaching my desk.

In Alabama, we are proud to support our veterans. And we are proud to support our families. That includes making Alabama the most school choice friendly state in the nation.

Our education savings account program, the CHOOSE Act, is already supporting more than 23,000 students. That number will only grow as more folks learn about the program, as student athletes feel more confident in the rules and when it becomes fully universal in year three.

For the 27-28 Academic Year, I am proposing we increase funding for the CHOOSE Act to $250 million. This will help even more families receive the education that best suits their child.

Unfortunately, we have seen circumstances where the Alabama High School Athletic Association tried sidelining our CHOOSE Act recipients. Speaker Ledbetter and I even took them to court.

This session, Representative Danny Garrett and Senator Clyde Chambliss will carry "The Let the Kids Play Act" to make sure no family benefitting from the CHOOSE Act is unfairly benched again.

Y'all, we are ALSO making HISTORIC investments in ALL our public schools.

As I mentioned, from day one, we put a hard focus on education. Now, I could not be prouder that my final Education Trust Fund proposal will be the LARGEST EVER in our state's history.

Our teachers are certainly key to our success. So, I am excited to announce that budget includes another 2% pay increase for these teachers preparing our next generation.

We are making wise investments in policies that work like the Literacy and Numeracy Acts. We also have good policies that don't cost us a dime.

The FOCUS Act, which limits phone use during instructional time, has brought great results in only its first few months. Seems like a no brainer, right? Even a Tuscaloosa teacher went viral for asking: Was it really that easy all along?

And to that I say: Yes, it was just that easy!

Technology has incredible benefits, but too much of anything can be harmful.

My first Early Childhood Education Secretary, now Representative Jeana Ross, is putting forward a bill with Senator Donnie Chesteen to limit screen time for children five and younger in publicly funded early learning centers. House Bill 78 will help our youngest Alabamians in their key developmental days. Let's get this bill passed so I can sign it into law.

On this occasion a couple years ago, I declared we would have no more failing elementary schools in Alabama. The Turnaround Schools initiative is making that a reality by producing accelerated growth in the state's most challenged classrooms.

Y'all...these schools are improving at twice the statewide rate. Now, we will work towards graduating these successful schools to make room for a new cohort. We must keep funding this proven initiative.

Here with us this evening are students from one of those successful Turnaround Schools. Washington K-8 School in Birmingham moved from a "D" on the state's report card all the way to a "B." That's because of these students here! Boys and girls, please stand and let us recognize you!

Ladies and gentlemen, these young people...future generations...they are why we serve.

To our legislators: All that we have accomplished and all that we will accomplish would not be possible without your partnership. So, thank you. Thank you.

You started this term strong. Let's finish strong and work together to ensure Alabama's best days are still ahead.

And to our leaders...

Pro Tem Gudger, having you on my team has allowed us to get good work done for the people of Alabama in just a short time. Your support means a lot to me, and I know you will be serving for many more years to come.

Leader Daniels, you have been with me for the long haul. Since you assumed your own leadership role in 2017, we have always agreed to listen to each other and work together to help the people of Alabama.

Bobby Singleton...my brother from another mother! Truly... there is not another like you. It's no secret we don't agree on every issue. But what is aligned are our hearts and passion for this state. You are more than a friend to me...Bobby, you are family.

And Mr. Speaker! Just one month before I was sworn in as governor, you assumed a leadership role and have been a strong, steady and decisive partner. You are very special to me. You are an outstanding Speaker of the House, and no doubt, Alabama is better thanks to your service.

I could single out so many of you – both past and present – who have been a friend to my Administration. Just know how grateful I am to each of you. We have an exciting 12 months ahead and lots more to accomplish.

To members of Team Ivey: As people often tell me what a good job my Administration is doing, I always remind them these positive results are because of your loyalty and the responsible ways you have served on my Cabinet and staff. Alabamians respect you and the manner in which you serve. Your integrity, thoroughness, competency and responsiveness are a model for success.

And to our young people across the state: I encourage you to consider preparing yourself for a career in public service. Attend Boys State or Girls State, if you can. Alabama deserves a generation of young people willing to pick up the mantle and continue our legacy to serve the people of our state responsibly.

Y'all, I am proud of Alabama. I am proud of our citizens. I am proud to continue leading our state forward. And I am humbled to be a governor of ALL THE PEOPLE.

The people of Alabama deserve our very best. Future generations of Alabamians deserve our hardest work today.

This is our opportunity. So, let's not waste a moment.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless each of you and the great state of Alabama!