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Safe surrender

Safe Haven Baby Box installed at Cullman Fire Rescue Station No. 3



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Local leaders and community members gathered Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, at Cullman Fire Rescue Station No. 3 to bless and officially open a Safe Haven Baby Box. The box is located at the fire station at 1920 Butler St. NW.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Local leaders and community members gathered Thursday, Jan. 15, at Cullman Fire Rescue Station No. 3 to bless and officially open a Safe Haven Baby Box, marking the city's newest resource for parents in crisis seeking a safe and anonymous way to surrender an infant.

The box is located at the fire station at 1920 Butler St. NW and is one of 407 Safe Haven Baby Boxes nationwide, the 19th in Alabama. The program is operated by Safe Haven Baby Boxes, a nonprofit founded to prevent infant abandonment and provide secure surrender options.

Jessi Getrost, representing Safe Haven Baby Boxes, said the Cullman location reflects the organization's continued expansion across the country. More than 70 infants have been safely surrendered nationwide through baby boxes, and the 24/7 National Crisis Hotline has assisted with more than 186 in-person hand-off surrenders. The organization currently operates in 23 states.

Officials said while they hope the box is never needed, it provides a critical safety net. Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Darren Peeples said the box gives mothers in crisis an alternative that prioritizes an infant's well-being. Once the exterior door is opened, an alarm is triggered, alerting first responders. The door locks after the infant is placed inside, preventing access from the outside. Firefighters and paramedics respond immediately, assess the infant and transport the baby to the emergency department for medical evaluation. Information provided to parents reassures them that their child has been safely received and cared for.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs thanked city leaders, first responders and advocates for bringing the project to completion.

In addition to the boxes, Safe Haven Baby Boxes operates a confidential 24/7 National Crisis Hotline at 1-866-99BABY1 that offers support and information to parents considering safe surrender options. The Cullman box is now available to serve the city and surrounding areas, providing a "no shame, no name and no blame" option designed to ensure every baby has the opportunity for a safe and healthy future.

Get more information about Safe Haven Baby Boxes at www.shbb.org.

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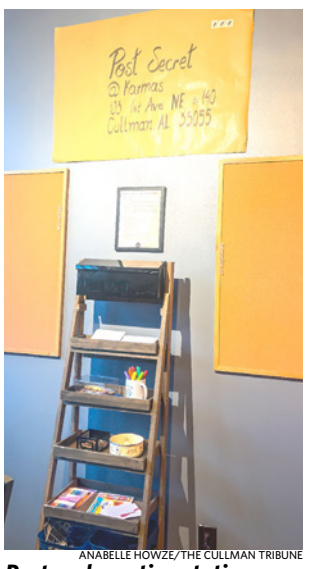
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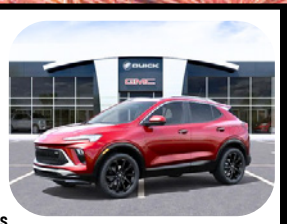


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 16

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 16, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jan. 12
- theft of property; CR 609
- assault; Good Hope School Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1497
- domestic violence; Meadow Dr.
- burglary; CR 730
- harassing communications; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- burglary; criminal mischief; CR 1564
- domestic violence; CR 222
- assault; CR 657
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 91

Jan. 13
- violation of protection order; CR 1763
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; theft of property; CR 1512
- theft of property; CR 437
- harassment; CR 1339

ARRESTS
Jan. 12-14

Adam, Jr., James A.; 46
- PROBATION VIOLATION – robbery-street-other weapon

Brown, James S.; 31
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Canizaro, Tracy D.; 53
- assault-harassment

Carnes, Reese I.; 24
- burglary-residence-no force
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- escape
- attempting to elude a police officer
- public intoxication

Clemons, Phillip W.; 52
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Duke, Tracy D.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Johnston, Kimberly P.; 59
- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Mann, Richard T.; 64
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- domestic violence protection order enforcement act

Olvera-Astrain, Angel I.; 23
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Pace, Hunter L.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft-from residence, $500-less than $1500

Santacruz, Josue A.; 22
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful breaking and entering vehicle
- PROBATION VIOLATION – criminal trespass
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unauthorized use of other vehicle-no force

Uselton, Dana M.; 36
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilson, Matthew D.; 32
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 14
- theft of property; Dollar General; miscellaneous; 3rd St. SE
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; car seat; $319; Hwy. 157

Jan. 15
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; phone, wallet & contents; Lee Ave. SW

ARRESTS
Jan. 14-15

Rhodes, Melissa K.; 59
- organized retail theft

Whalen, James P.; 40
- organized retail theft

Hinkle, April L.; 42
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – expired tag

Nixon, David G.; 62
- FTA – fail to register vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA – driving without license

Spivey, Andrew L.; 49
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)

Pace, Hunter L.; 27
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Bowling (from Front)

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BATTLEGROUND, Ala. — Cullman County's James R. (JR) Bowling has officially qualified to run for Alabama Senate, District 4.

Bowling announced his candidacy in December.

Bowling said his philosophy and platforms are simple: smaller government and lower taxes with a mindset of keeping the order: faith, family, freedom.

"My wife, Amanda, and I have been married for 26 years and have two teenage children," Bowling said. "I am a lifelong Alabamian, a manufacturing plant manager and a volunteer firefighter of over 20 years who believes in public service, accountability and standing up for people when it matters, not just when it's convenient."

Bowling said he has spent his career working directly with families, workers and small businesses.

"I try to help people navigate broken systems, advocating fairness and demanding accountability," he said.

"I have seen firsthand how rising costs, limited health care access, mental health gaps and family court failures impact real families across our district. I am a proud family man who understands that what happens in Montgomery directly affects our homes, our paychecks and our future."

Bowling said he stepped up in May 2025 because of SB322; he said the local government and the people's voices were ignored.

"Too many decisions are being made that ignore our voices and hurt our families while protecting insiders and special interests," he said.

"I have witnessed our district be ignored, costs rise, accountability disappear and real concerns go unheard. There came a point where waiting was no longer acceptable. I'm running because District 4 deserves a representative who answers to the people — not political insiders."

Per his platform, he said he will bring real-world leadership, hands-on service and a proven commitment to the local communities — not political ambition.

"As a manufacturing plant manager, I understand what it takes to keep people working, meet payroll, manage budgets and make tough decisions responsibly," Bowling said.

"I know firsthand how state policy affects local employers, families and the overall economy of our counties. I've also served as a volunteer firefighter for over 20 years. That means I've been in people's homes on their worst days. I've seen the real consequences of poor infrastructure, lack of access to health care and limited public safety resources. Those experiences shape how I will govern — with urgency, compassion and common sense."

Accessibility is one of Bowling's platforms.

"I won't be a career politician tied to Montgomery insiders or special interests," he said.

"I will be an accessible, transparent senator who listens to our counties, works across party lines when needed and puts local families, first responders, small businesses and rural communities ahead of political games.

"Our counties deserve practical solutions, honest leadership and someone who shows up — not just during election season, but every day. Transparency, accountability and action. You will know where I stand. You will be heard. And you will see the results. I will hold public town halls, maintain open communication and bring local voices directly into the legislative process. Our district will no longer be an afterthought — we will be active participants in Montgomery."

Bowling said his campaign focuses on real, achievable reform through mental health access and crisis response; family court reform and parental rights, medical cannabis and safer alternatives to opioids, including CBD and hemp products, accountability and transparency in government, fixing the "infamous" 2019 gas tax and bringing that revenue back to the counties it is generated in, for road repairs.

"Additional things include: animal welfare reform, permanent funding for volunteer fire departments and abolish the ABC board as a business (the government has no business competing with small businesses)," Bowling said.

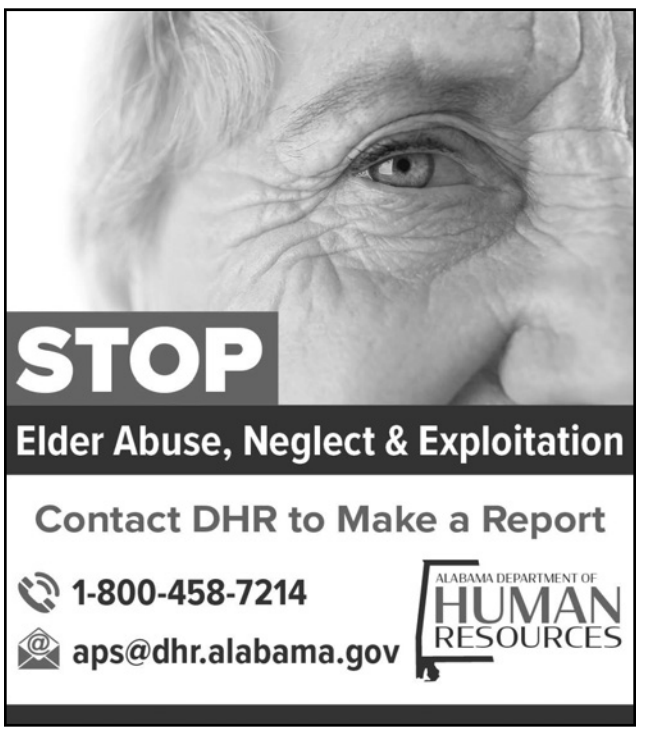
"Eliminate wasteful spending, such as the $400 million State House, when $50 million over 10 years in remodeling would have been the more conservative solution. Eliminating flock cameras and speed enforcement cameras, which I feel are unconstitutional. And last but not least, education reform and putting more money into the classroom."

Bowling said his campaign is about restoring trust in the government and amplifying the people's voice, bringing them to the table.

"People are tired of empty promises and closed-door politics," Bowling said. "They want leadership that listens, shows up and delivers. I'm running to give our district its voice back — and to fight for real change. We have had enough of political theatrics and rhetoric. It is a shame when we only get to vote on our representation, but not on the things that impact our lives."

Key dates
- Primary Election: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Primary Runoff Election: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026







Creel (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Law enforcement veteran Tim Creel this week officially qualified to run for Cullman County sheriff.

Creel announced his candidacy back in July 2025.

In a statement to The Tribune, dated Jan 14, 2026, Creel said:
Last night, I officially qualified to run for Sheriff of Cullman County.

This decision is deeply personal and rooted in a lifetime of service.

Protecting our children is one of the most serious responsibilities in law enforcement. I have firsthand experience investigating crimes against children, including online exploitation and predators, and I have seen the devastating impact these crimes have on families. As Sheriff, I am committed to bringing an ICAC team back to Cullman County, strengthening proactive investigations, and ensuring offenders are relentlessly pursued.

The fight against illegal drugs must also be addressed with real strategy and leadership. Arresting those struggling with addiction alone is not enough.

We must aggressively target traffickers and criminal networks that profit from bringing drugs into our community. My focus will be on disrupting those pipelines and holding the true criminals accountable.

I am grateful for the unwavering support of my family and the encouragement of fellow law enforcement officers, past and present, who believe in this mission.

Cullman County is my home. I am running for Sheriff to serve with integrity, experience, and an unwavering commitment to protect our community and the next generation.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
• 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

Bob Sellers at Garden City First Baptist Church
• Sunday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 a.m. Bob Sellers (The Kingsmen Quartet) will be at Garden City First Baptist Church in the new sanctuary.
• No ticket is required. Come worship with us; we have saved you a seat. We will take up a love offering for Bob. Our new sanctuary is across the street from our current location.

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.

Bill (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Legislation repealing the Smith Lake annexation law (SB322) cleared the Alabama Senate Thursday morning with unanimous support.

Senate Bill 12, sponsored by Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, passed on a 34-0 vote with no abstentions, according to the official Senate roll call. The bill repeals a 2025 act tied to the Smith Lake development framework.

The repeal follows months of local debate over SB322, a 2025 measure tied to a proposed Smith Lake development that drew criticism from county officials and residents over annexation authority and local control.

Gudger told The Tribune, "Smith Lake repeal bill passes the Senate. Now headed to the House next week. First bill to pass just as I promised."

The vote occurred during the third legislative day of the 2026 Regular Session. All senators present voted in favor of the measure.

With Senate approval secured, SB12 now moves to the Alabama House of Representatives, where it is expected to be taken up next week. If approved by the House, the bill would be sent to the governor for consideration.



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PREP BASKETBALL

No. 4-ranked Good Hope knocks off no. 8-ranked West Morgan in area finale, 53-38

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The no. 4-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders will host their respective area tournament after defeating East Lawrence on Tuesday, and they looked to finish off their area schedule undefeated at home against no. 8-ranked West Morgan on Thursday night. Good Hope jumped out to an early lead, and then stretched it to double-digits at the half. They widened it to 20 to start out the third quarter, and the Lady Raiders would go on to defeat West Morgan, 53-38.

Neither team scored a point for almost two minutes before Ella Davis broke that up with a free throw. Lucie Adams hit a reverse layup, then a steal by Ella Gossett turned into a layup by Lexi Marshall to give Good Hope a 5-0 lead. Sophie Konrad took over after that, as she scored the next 11 points for the Lady Raiders to make it a 16-4 game late in the first quarter. The Lady Rebels went on a mini 5-0 run to end the first quarter, as that cut it to 16-9 going into the second quarter.

West Morgan scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to make it a 16-12 game early in the second. Layups by Konrad and Gossett put Good Hope ahead, 20-12. The Lady Rebels would cut it to 21-15 with 3:49 remaining in the first half. Konrad drilled a pair of free throws and later added a layup to give the Lady Raiders a 25-16 lead. Gossett drained a three from the left corner, and Gabby Richter added a basket down low to make it a 30-18 game at the half.

Good Hope carried that momentum over into the third period. Marshall scored seven of the first nine points for the Lady Raiders, and Davis put in a basket of her own in the paint to widen their lead to 39-18. West Morgan, though, went on a 7-0 run to make it a 39-25 game. Konrad knocked down a basket down low, and Gossett dropped in a floater to put Good Hope on top, 43-27. The Lady Raiders would take a 43-29 lead into the final quarter.

Gossett knocked down another floater, and Konrad put in two more free throws to increase Good Hope's lead to 47-29. Adams buried a three from the left wing to make it a 50-29 game. Another 7-0 run by the Lady Rebels cut it to 50-36, but Konrad stopped their run with a three from the left wing, as that gave the Lady Raiders a 53-36 lead. Good Hope (18-4) would go on to knock off West Morgan, 53-38, as they finish off their area schedule with a perfect 6-0 record.

Konrad finished with a game-high 24 points for the Lady Raiders. Gossett added 10 points, and Marshall ended up with nine points.

Good Hope will now turn their attention to next week's Cullman County Basketball Tournament. They are the no. 3 seed in this year's tournament, and they will take on the no. 6 seed, the Holly Pond Lady Broncos, next Tuesday at 4 p.m.



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Good Hope's Ella Gossett on a shot attempt

Rocket City Trash Pandas announce Global Baseball Series at Toyota Field this spring

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MADISON, Ala. — The Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels, the Rocket City Trash Pandas, held a press conference earlier this week to announce a one-of-a-kind international baseball series this spring. Through their partnership with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama, the Toyota Red Cruisers, an amateur Japanese baseball team that participates in the Japanese industrial league, will come to Huntsville this spring to take part in the series that will also involve UAH and Alabama A&M.

The series will comprise of three games, all to be played from March 30 to April 1 at Toyota Field. The first game will see the Red Cruisers face off against Alabama A&M on Monday, March 30. A&M is coming off a season that saw them go 10-40 overall, and will enter 2026 with newly promoted head coach Louis Whitlow.

"Thinking of the opportunities that we always expose our student-athletes to is the ultimate goal, and there is no greater goal than this one, to provide an international opportunity for our student-athletes.

"So, to be in front of you all to say that is an honor and a pleasure, no other words that can describe what we're doing for our student-athletes," Whitlow said.

The second game, on March 31, will feature the Rocket City Trash Pandas facing off against the University of Alabama in Huntsville. The Chargers are looking to improve upon a 20-28 campaign in 2025.

The Trash Pandas will be hitting the field under new leadership, with Joe Kruzel recently being announced as the team's manager.

"First of all, I want to thank Garrett and everybody involved with the Trash Pandas.

"This is a very big deal for our players. They're going to be very excited, to say the least, to have the opportunity to come here and play, to play against possibly future big leaguers.

"I know they're going to be in awe a little bit, as well as I will, and our staff. But it's good for the community, and we're hoping to get a good turnout, and hoping to put on a good show for everybody," UAH head coach Hunter Royer said.

Finally, on April 1, the Trash Pandas will face off against the Red Cruisers. The game will feature future Major League Baseball players facing off against future professional players from Japan to finish off an event that won't only be a competition, but an exchange of culture between players.

"Before coming to Alabama, our players heard we would be playing the trash pandas, and they asked me, 'Hey, Kotoshi, are we really playing against pandas?' Yes, and they are very fast, smart, and very good at baseball," Red Cruisers Vice GM Kotoshi Satake said.

He added, "At Toyota Red Cruisers, we have always valued connecting people, communities, and sports. We hope that this game in Alabama will not only promote the exchange of the baseball culture between Japan and the United States, but also serve as an opportunity to share the power of sports once again Although our stay is going to be short, we will do our best to deliver a memorable game for the fans here in Alabama. Thank you very much."

Tickets for the series are available through the Trash Pandas website, giving sports fans and residents of northern Alabama the chance to attend the unique international series.

Oden (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

EVA, Ala. — Jeremy Oden officially qualified Jan. 14, as a candidate for re-election to the Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 1.

Oden announced his re-election campaign back in September 2025.

Below is Oden's announcement from Jan. 14:

"It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve the great State of Alabama on the Public Service Commission," Oden said. "During my time as Commissioner, Alabama's PSC has been recognized as one of the most conservative public utility regulatory commissions in America. I am proud of that record, and I will work diligently every day to ensure our conservative PSC maintains that distinction."

Oden qualified alongside his wife of more than 23 years, Samantha, his daughter Anika, his goddaughter Tayler, and his god-granddaughter Ellie.

"I am proud to be a candidate for re-election as Public Service Commissioner, Place 1, because I truly believe I am the best-qualified candidate for this job," Oden said. "I love the people of Alabama, and I have been humbled by their continued support. I look forward to earning the opportunity to serve them again."

Commissioner Oden is a nationally recognized expert in public utility regulation and energy policy. He has been selected for numerous leadership roles at the national level, including President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Board Member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Chairman of NARUC's Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management, Chair of the Department of Energy Fossil Fuel Partnership, a presidential appointee to the National Coal Council, and a member of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition. He is frequently called upon across the country as a national spokesman on utility regulation and energy policy.

A lifelong Republican, Oden served as a state co-chair for President Donald Trump's 2020 presidential campaign.

He has been elected statewide multiple times as Alabama Public Service Commissioner, Place 1, and previously served in the Alabama House of Representatives from Cullman, Blount, and Morgan counties from 1998 to 2012.

Throughout his career, he has been recognized by numerous associations, advocacy groups, and fellow legislators for excellence in leadership, including multiple "Legislator of the Year" awards.

Jeremy H. Oden and his family reside in the Vinemont/Eva area of Cullman County, where his family has lived for generations as farmers and small business owners.

Key dates

- Primary Election: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Primary Runoff Election: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026





‘Everyone has secrets’: PostSecret at Karma’s

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Karma's Coffee House is inviting the community to anonymously share their secrets this January through an interactive art installation inspired by the community mail art project, PostSecret.

The installation, which runs through the end of January, encourages people to decorate a postcard and write an anonymous secret on it, then submit it for display in the coffee shop.

Craft supplies and postcards are provided in the shop, and participants may also take postcards home to complete before returning them.

PostSecret was created by Frank Warren, who began the project by distributing blank postcards and inviting people to mail back a secret.

Over the years, millions of postcards from around the world have been submitted, ranging from humorous confessions to deeply personal reflections.

Selected submissions are shared weekly on the PostSecret website.

Karma's Manager Magan Bartlett said she first discovered PostSecret more than a decade ago and has been following the project ever since. She said the installation felt like a meaningful way to bring people together during a quieter time of year.

"This is something interactive and creative that gives people space to express themselves," she said.

"Everyone has secrets, and you never really know what someone else is going through."

Once the installation concludes, all collected postcards will be mailed to Warren in California.

Participants may later see their submissions featured in a future Sunday PostSecret post, though inclusion is never guaranteed.

Bartlett said she hopes the experience reminds visitors that they are not alone in their struggles and encourages empathy within the community.

"It shows that we all carry things with us, and often, we're not the only ones."

The installation is open to the public during regular business hours at Karma's Coffee House through Jan. 31. To view some of the project's secrets and art pieces, visit www.postsecret.com.

Karma's Coffee House is located at 103 First Ave. NE #140, Cullman.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Postcard creation station in Karma's Coffee House

CHA: Public housing waitlist pre-applications available

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Pre-applications for the Cullman Housing Authority's public housing waitlist are available now. CHA Executive Director Marquisha Griffin advised all people interesting in housing should apply.

When it comes to wait times and what to expect as far as the status of applications, she explained, timing is contingent on available housing and the waitlist, which can vary.

"As far as internal processing, we address them really quickly," Griffin said. "We do pre-applications so that individuals don't have to submit all their vital documents up front."

Pre-applications allow quicker processing and allow applicants to be sorted through at a more efficient pace. If someone has found housing elsewhere this allows for the next applicant to be informed and to move on with the next process.

When asked about applying regardless of circumstances and preconceived expectations of wait times, Griffin advised to apply as soon as you can. "Things change and circumstances change. We may have availability in one bedroom quicker than other sizes."

She continued, "A person can be on as many waitlists as they want. We have two waitlists – the public housing waitlist and then we have the voucher waitlist. They can be on our waitlist or a housing authority in another state. Even Birmingham, Decatur, Athens – anywhere. The more waitlists they are on may increase their chances of being housed sooner. I would certainly recommend it, if you feel like you need housing, to apply."

You can find the applications at cullmanha.com. Paper copies of the pre-applications are available to pick up at the CHA Administrative Building at 408 Cleveland Ave. SW, in Cullman. It is open Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Applications will be open through Thursday, April 23, 2026, and must be turned in before 5 p.m. that afternoon.

If you have any questions about qualifying for housing, contact the Cullman Housing Authority office at 256-734-6171.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program applications now open in Cullman County

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Applications are now open for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), offering eligible low-income seniors in Cullman County and throughout Alabama a $50 benefit card to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from certified farmers at local farmers markets and farm stands.

The program helps seniors access locally grown produce while supporting area farmers.

Funding is limited and benefits are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are committed. To qualify, applicants must be 60 years of age or older on the day they apply and meet the federal income eligibility guidelines.

SFMNP generally uses the USDA standard that household income cannot exceed 185% of the federal poverty level, meaning a single senior's household income must fall at or below that threshold to qualify.

If a senior lives with others, combined household income must also meet the guidelines.

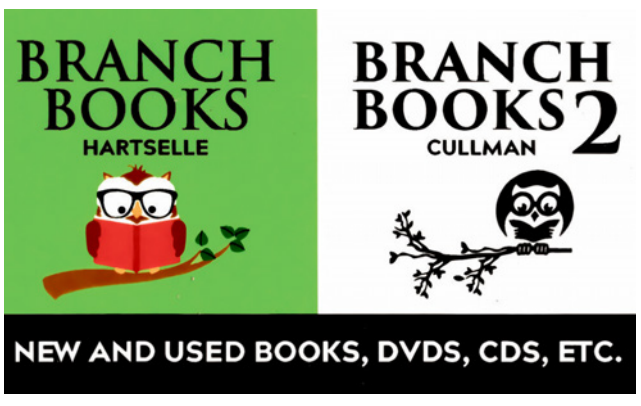
Applications are available online at www.agi.alabama.gov/farmersmarket.

Seniors who need assistance completing the application may call the North Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG) at 256-355-4515 for help by phone.

Seniors who received this benefit in a previous year must have their card from last year in order to reapply.











LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Doug Legg will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on:

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 5:00 A.M.

Location: 110 Co Rd 525 Hanceville, AL 35077

1976 Ford Mustang-White VIN#6F04Y231009

1978 Ford Mustang-Black VIN#8F03F240847

1969 Ford Bronco-Blue VIN#K9169F881666

1946 Chevrolet Truck-Black VIN# NONE

Pursuit to Alabama Code 32-13-1 Mullins Body Shop LLC, will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on March 3, 2026 at 9:00 am at 11042 US Hwy 31 S.,Cullman

VIN #	Year	Make	Model
1G4AG55M2T6431011	1996	BUICK	CENTURY
2G1WD58C589100583	2008	CHEVY	IMPALA
1GNCS13W4Y2246313	2000	CHEVY	BLAZER
1G1ZJ57709F194536	2009	CHEVY	MALIBU
189XV05V04A25Z040	UNKNOWN	C.HAULER/TRAILER	23 FT
1D7HA16D24J102311	2004	DODGE	1500
1D4GP45RX6B609346	2006	DODGE	CARAVAN
3FAHP07ZX7R135313	2007	FORD	FUSION
1FMYU031X5KB55786	2005	FORD	ESCAPE
1FTYR10D08PA78041	2008	FORD	RANGER
1GKS2GKCXHR328718	2017	GMC	YUKON
1GKEC13V22J290432	2002	GMC	YUKON
KM8SB12B24U613786	2004	HYUNDAI	SANTA FE
KMHDU4AD4AU982684	2010	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA
1J4FT68S3XL617504	1999	JEEP	CHEROKEE
KNAFU6A2XC5529154	2012	KIA	FORTE
1N4AL3AP7GN310254	2016	NISSAN	ALTIMA
3N8AP6DA0SL381221	2025	NISSAN	KICKS
5N1AT2MTXFC872720	2015	NISSAN	ROGUE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	TRAVEL TRAILER	30 FT.
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UTILITY TRAILER	10 FT.
3VWRM71K68M070421	2008	VOLKSWAGON	JETTA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-012

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EMILY VIRGINIA FARR, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to RITA TUCKER 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.

RITA TUCKER
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,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **BBJ Property, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,** to **First National Bank**, dated May 31, 2023, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2051, Page 636; and a second mortgage executed by **BBJ Property, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,** to **First National Bank**, dated May 2, 2024, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2083, Page 108; and the undersigned **First National Bank**, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on January 27, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract or parcel of land containing 3.0 acres of land, more or less and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1l, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD83 coordinate value of N.1494143.59', E.
2141672.39, and run North 89 Degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds West (bearing based on AL State Plane, West Zone, NAD83, Grid), and run along the North Section line, a distance of 125.46 feet to a set rebar; thence South 17 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds East, a distance of 323.42 feet to a found pipe marking the Northeast corner of the Cullman Electric Co-Op Tract as recorded in Deed Book 399, Page 263 in the Office of the Judge of Probate Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 46 degrees 09 minutes 06 seconds East, a distance of 200.18 feet to a found pipe marking the Southeast corner of said tract, same being on the Northerly right of way line of County Road No. 222; thence North 44 degrees 09 minutes 43 seconds East, and run along said right of way line, a distance of 400.46 feet to a set rebar marking the Southeast corner of that certain tract as recorded in Deed book 580, Page 918; thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 38 seconds West, a distance of 210.00 feet to a set rebar marking the Southwest corner of said tract; thence North 44 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds east, a distance of 210.00 feet to a set rebar marking the Northwest corner of said tract and being on the North line of Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds West, a distance of 333.17 feet to a point of beginning. Subject to any rights of way and / or easements of record.

Less and Except:

A tract of land containing 1.08 acres, more or less, lying in the NE¼ of the NW¼ and the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: beginning at the Northeast corner of NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11 having an Alabama State Plane West Zone Coordinate of N:1494143.53, E:2141672.34, thence North 89 Degrees 11 minutes 27 seconds West along the Northerly boundary of the NE ¼ of the NW¼ for 125.46 feet to a set capped rebar; thence South 17 Degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds East passing a set capped reference rebar 276.61 feet for a total distance of 281.63 feet to the centerline of an existing ditch; thence along the centerline of said ditch the following bearings and distances, North 41 Degrees 34 minutes 24 seconds East for 53.77 feet, North 42 Degrees 41 minutes 47 seconds East for 72.52 feet, North 42 Degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East for 20.18 feet, North 47 Degrees 43 minutes 25 seconds East for 132.74 feet, North 65 Degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds East for 24.37 feet, North 68 Degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds East for 20.88 feet, North 60 Degrees 53 minutes 25 seconds East for 39.87 feet, North 34 Degrees 04 minutes 02 seconds East for 17.90 feet, North 22 Degrees 06 minutes 43 seconds East for 13.89 feet to the intersection of said ditch and the Northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE¼; thence North 89 Degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West along the Northerly boundary of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ passing a set capped reference rebar at 2.09 feet for a total distance of 248.31 feet back to the point of beginning, said tract of land being subject to any existing easements or rights of way, both recorded and unrecorded. All capped rebars are ½" rebars stamped Wilhite PLS 21785 unless noted otherwise.

Also and subject to an ingress/egress easement being 30 feet in width and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NE ¼ of the NW¼ of Section 11 having an Alabama State Plane West Zone Coordinate of N: 1494143.53, E:2141672.34, thence South 89 Degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds East along the Northerly boundary of the NW¼ of the NE ¼ for 248.31 feet to the intersection of said Northerly boundary and the centerline of an existing ditch said point being the point of beginning; thence continue South 89 Degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds East along the Northerly boundary of the NW 1/4 of the NE ¼ for 293.80 feet to the intersection of said Northerly boundary and the Westerly right of way margin of County Road 222; thence South 44 Degrees 10 minutes 39 seconds West along the Westerly right of way margin of said road for 41.26 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West parallel with the Northerly boundary of the NW¼ of the NE ¼ for 283.96 feet to the centerline of an existing ditch; thence North 60 Degrees 53 minutes 25 seconds East along the centerline of said ditch for 4.19 feet; thence North 34 Degrees 04 minutes 02 seconds East along the centerline of said ditch for 17.90 feet; thence North 22 Degrees 06 minutes 43 seconds East along the centerline of said ditch for 13.89 feet back to the point of beginning, Said tract of land being subject to any existing easements or rights of way, both recorded and unrecorded.

Property Address: 4944 County Road 222, Cullman, AL 35057

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
By: Nancy F. McClellan, Attorney for First National Bank
401 Second Avenue, SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (256) 734-4040

Notice of Public Meeting

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicants listed: Prem Deep Corporation, 2100 Main Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055 – Beer Off Premises; Sipsey Vineyard and Winery, LLC, 112 Clark Street NE, Cullman, AL 35055 – Restaurant Alcohol On Premises, Wine Off Premises.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELMA JOYCE VANMETRE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2025-450

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of January, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

TYLER ANDREW LINDSEY

Annette Irons-Parker
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To: Publisher of **THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-044

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOHN WESLEY GEORGE and TAYLOR DUDLEY GEORGE.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER of T.S.G., DOB 12/09/2025

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of T.S.G., a minor child born December 9, 2025, to Tracy Leann Spurgeon was filed on the 9th day of December, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners John Wesley George and Taylor Dudley George. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 29th day of December, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:
LYNNE G. BATES,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC-2025-451

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to **LYNN BROCKMAN ELLIS** on the 29th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur or the same will be barred.

/s/Lynn Brockman Ellis
Lynn Brockman Ellis, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lynne G. Bates

Seth B. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner Lynn Brockman Ellis

Of Counsel:

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TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELEANOR VEIGL BOIKE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2025-356

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to **ROSE BOIKE SMITH**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ELEANOR VEIGL BOIKE**, deceased, on the 29th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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.

ROSE BOIKE SMITH
Personal Representative

Annette Irons-Parker
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Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
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TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate Cullman County

Legal Notice

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on July 2, 2021 by Wesley Dunn, spouse of Jaime Dunn and Jaime Dunn spouse of Wesley Dunn, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1971, Page 656 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 January 23, 2026:

Lot 11, in Muscadine Point Subdivision, as shown by the recorded plat thereof in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Map Book 3, Page 225.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A parcel of land located in Lot 11 of Muscadine Point Subdivision (Map Book 3, Page 225) recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and located in part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 11 South, Range 05 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the SE corner of Lot 11 thence N 6°53'19" W for a distance of 19.55 feet; thence S 59°22'34" W 229.74 feet to a point on the 510 contour of Lewis Smith Lake; thence along the meanderings of said 510 contour line in a southerly direction 19 feet, more or less, to a appoint 110.17 feet from the NW corner of Lot 11; thence northeasterly 229 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Including a 1989 Cavalier mobile home located thereon.

Property Address: County Road 855, Cullman, AL 35059

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
The Cullman Tribune-January 3, 10, 17, 2026

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF LIMESTONE)

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO.: AD2025-040

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
SHANIKA SHANTEL FARRIS
FOR THE ADOPTION OF J.G.T., A MINOR

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: Any unknown legal, natural, and/or putative father of J.G.T., whose whereabouts are unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of J.G.T. who was born to Amanda Mae McCurry on or about the 29th day of September, 2024, in Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, has been filed in said Court by SHANIKA SHANTEL FARRIS, Petitioner, and that the 12th day of March, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A .m. has been set for a hearing on the same at the Limestone County Probate Judge's Office on the Second Floor of the Limestone County Courthouse-Annex in Athens, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response no later than (30) days of the last date of publication with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court, whose address is 100 S. Clinton Street, Suite D, Athens, Alabama 35611.

DONE THIS THE 30th day of December, 2025.

ANNE G. BURROWS, SAR007
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC
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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 **BB Jones Properties, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,** to **First National Bank**, dated May 31, 2023, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2051, Page 632; and the undersigned **First National Bank**, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on January 27, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the point of intersection of the West right-of-way line of Cullman-Trimble Road with North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 11, Range 4 West and go West along the Quarter Quarter Section line 210 feet then go South (on line parallel to road right-of-way) 210 feet; then go East (on line parallel to North line of Quarter Quarter section) 210 feet; to point on right-of-way and then go North 210 feet to the point of beginning containing 1 acre.

Property Address: 4896 County Road 222, Cullman, AL 35057

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

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
By: Nancy F. McClellan, Attorney for First National Bank
401 Second Avenue, SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (256) 734-4040

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Christopher W Wilks and Ariel L Wilks, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for FirstBank, its successors and assigns dated August 6, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on August 9, 2019 in Deed Book 1886, Page 129 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to FirstBank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2105, Page 232 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, FirstBank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on February 5, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 23; thence N 0°36'57" E 180 feet; thence S 89°00' E 938.58 feet to an iron set at an existing agreed fence corner, which is the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence N 9°12'46" W 165.08 feet to an existing nail; thence N 84°34'38" E 200.74 feet to the West right of way of County Road 1718; thence S 4°52'02" E along said right of way to an existing agreed upon 3" iron; thence N 89°31'55" W along an agreed line 189.04 feet to the true point of beginning.

Subject to right of way for County Road 1718, including that certain right of way for public road recorded in Deed Book 480, Page 245.

Said property is commonly known as **4515 County Road 1718, Holly Pond, AL 35083**.

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

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

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

December 29, 2025

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

FIRSTBANK
as holder of said mortgage
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Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-07753AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A case of hit and run

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I had never experienced anything quite like it. To say I was shocked would probably be an overstatement, but I certainly didn't see it coming. I wouldn't necessarily call what happened an accident, because I believe, quite frankly, that he did it on purpose. I'm not saying it was premeditated, but I sincerely believe his actions were intentional. At best, it was a case of negligence, perhaps out of a fit of anger, and no doubt, a prime example of rudeness demonstrated by a fully-grown individual... but perhaps not fully mature. Now before your imagination goes too far, I'm not speaking about a person being hit, hurt or killed. There was; however, a mess to clean up, but we had plenty of tissue paper, if needed.

My day had begun well. As I left to go play pickleball, Jean asked me to stop by the store on my way home to see if our favorite coffee was on sale. I will confess we are coffee snobs. The brand we love most is not the cheapest, so we usually stock up when it's on sale. I already knew that my nearby supermarket was planning to go out of business soon. I did not know that they had already marked almost everything in the store down by 30%. I not only loaded up my shopping cart (known as a buggy in Alabama) with cheap-priced expensive coffee, I also filled it with everything else I could squeeze in. I had grabbed a small cart when I entered the store, because I didn't know about the sale. By the time I reached the third aisle, my buggy needed sideboards. Since I didn't have space inside the basket for that large case of bathroom tissue, I wedged it onto the wire shelf on the back.

As I approached the crosswalk to head into the parking lot, I saw his car rapidly approaching. I didn't think he was going to stop for me, so I stopped for him. Yes, I do know pedestrians have the right-of-way, but that doesn't stop some drivers who don't want to stop from running over said pedestrians.

Finally, he slammed on brakes and angrily motioned me across as he muttered something about my pedigree. I figured I had better hurry across before he changed his mind.

I was so preoccupied with his car that I didn't even notice that my case of tissue had fallen off in the middle of the crosswalk. The lady behind hollered, "Sir, you've lost your toilet paper!" When I abandoned my buggy to retrieve my TP, I then lost my buggy, too. I had stopped, but my cart raced on, on its own, toward a parked car as I ran toward my case of Scott tissue. I helplessly watched as the frustrated and impatient driver sped forward and right over my case of tissue. I shouted "Great Scott tissue! Stop!" He never slowed down. That's when I heard the other lady shouting, "Sir, your buggy is rolling away!" Since the damage was already done to my tissue, I sprinted toward my racing buggy. The kind lady beat me to it before it slammed into a car.

I have now been witness to a case of hit and roll, I mean run, but I am also the proud owner of a case of flattened rolls of toilet paper with tire marks on it.

The Bible says, "Blessed are those who wait upon the Lord." It's also a good thing to wait upon the pedestrian in the crosswalk, especially when he has lost his case of tissue paper.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Jan. 17, 1935

From the files of Jan. 17, 1935

CULLMAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Klaxograms

The Debating Club

The officers of the debating club are: President, Ruth Kaple; vice-president, Leldon Singleton; secretary-treasurer, Doris Turner. The roll includes the names of: Welton Bailey, Spright Baker, Helen Bright, Erma Burns, Ova Calvert, Melvin Eddleman, Earl Howse, Pauline Howard, Woodrow James, Ruth Kaple, Lee Kilgo, Alice Marie Loyd, Esther Meyer, Edsel Monroe, Ezma Nixon, Lois Osborne, Sarah Robinson, Leldon Singleton, Harold Singleton, Edderd Smith, Marlin Styles, Doris Turner, John Weigand, Gilbert Yeager, J. C. Yeager. Faculty advisors: Misses Robertson and Atkins.

The following members were recently elected in the "try-out" to represent the local organization in the state debate at the University of Alabama in March: Helen Bright, Melvin Eddleman, Ruth Kaple, Doris Turner, Alice Marie Loyd, Esther Meyer, Marlin Styles and Welton Bailey. A faculty committee served as judges.

Basketball

The returns from the basketball games played during the past week are as follows: Saturday night, here, boys: Hanceville 26, Cullman, 29. Girls: Garden City, 9, Cullman, 12. Monday afternoon, there. Girls: S. H. A., 45; Cullman, 30.

The boys go to Morris, Ala., on Wednesday to play Mortimer Jordan high. On Friday night at the local opera house, a double-header is scheduled with Hartselle.

Assembly

On Wednesday two local ministers visited the school. Rev. Theo. Mehl, pastor of the St. John's Lutheran church, addressed the student body on the subject, "The Old and the New." Rev. T. M. Bailey, pastor of the West Cullman Methodist church, also a member of the local board of trustees, visited the school at this time, added his word of greeting to the assembly.

Vivian Gibbs, president of the senior class, spoke a few words in recognition of Mr. Killingsworth's excellent services as principal of the school for the past six and one-half years and presented him with a Gladstone traveling bag as a token of remembrance from the student body and faculty.

Science Club

Officers of the science club are: President, George Stiefelmeyer; secretary, Freda Crow; faculty advisor, Mr. Wilkes. The club members are: Chester Berry, Gilbert Burks, Freida Crow, Vivian Gibbs, Willis Hancock, Luther Hinds, Margaret Heitmueller, Esther Meyer, Lola Mae Ivan, Edna Speegle, George Stiefelmeyer and Edward Weeks.

ETHA NEWS

Cullman R. 2, Jan. 14.—Prayer meeting was not so well attended last Wednesday night on account of so much flu.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Veal and children are confined to their beds with flu.

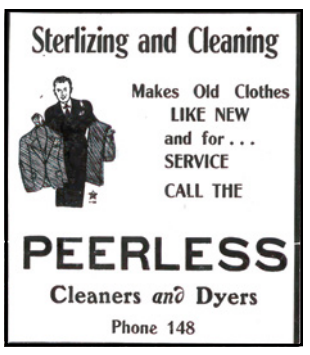
Mr. and Mrs. Jeston Holloway spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williams, who are confined to their rooms with flu.

Mrs. D. H. Phillips and son, Troy are ill at this writing.

Rev. E. M. White of Addison, spent Saturday night here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnston spent Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Panter are suffering with the flu.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eddleman have moved on Glen Johnston's place.

Mrs. Coye Johnston, Mrs. Cober Thompson and children, Mrs. J. B. Williams and Miss Jewel Eddleman spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Leslie Williams.

Remember next Saturday and Sunday are regular meeting days at Cross Roads.

POET'S CORNER

Allen | By: Randy C. Hale

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

Allen gets in trouble lots,
The director says he's gone.

He's in his room, and he must stay
for things that Allen does.

I went to check, it was my job,
He was staring out his window.

He was crying, for he disliked
corrections.

But Allen gets in trouble lots
for things that Allen does.

Without his shirt, I saw great scars,
I asked him what had happened.

"It was on purpose by my mother."
I asked him no more questions.

He won't be here long,
The director said,
for Allen gets in trouble
lots -

For the things
that life has done.

(Based on my first job with troubled teenage boys in 1982)

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

JAN. 17

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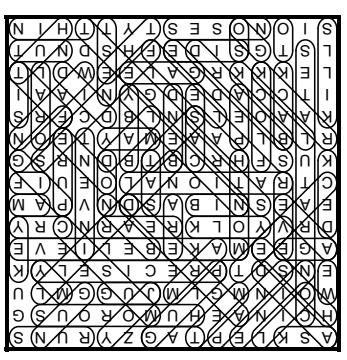
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Bosom Buddies warns community about unauthorized use of name

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc. is warning the public about fraudulent and unauthorized use of its name following reports of misleading fundraising activity circulating in the community.

In a public service announcement released by the organization, Bosom Buddies stated that no individual, business, group or organization is permitted to use the names Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc., CCBBF or Bosom Buddies for any fundraising activity, promotion, event or solicitation of donations without prior written authorization from the foundation's board of directors.

According to the organization, any fundraising or promotional activity claiming to benefit Bosom Buddies without written board approval is not affiliated with, endorsed by or authorized by the foundation and may be misleading to the public.

"This notice is issued to protect our supporters, donors and the integrity of our mission," the foundation stated in the announcement.

Bosom Buddies encouraged anyone with questions about authorized fundraisers or those seeking approval to host an event to contact the organization directly.

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation is a local nonprofit that provides need-based assistance to Cullman County residents undergoing cancer treatment.

The organization helps cover everyday living expenses such as utility bills, food cards and transportation costs, with payments made directly on behalf of patients.

Assistance is available regardless of cancer type or where treatment is received, provided the patient resides in Cullman County.

Bosom Buddies is funded through community donations and approved fundraising events held throughout the year.

The organization said protecting its name and ensuring transparency in fundraising efforts is critical to maintaining public trust and ensuring donations reach those they are intended to help.

The foundation advised community members to verify any fundraising activity claiming to benefit Bosom Buddies through its official communication channels before donating. You can contact the Bosom Buddies at 256-737-2588 or ccbbfinc@gmail.com.



Alabama Conservation District Employees Association announces 6 $1K scholarships for 2026 graduating seniors

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama Conservation District Employees Association is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program, offering six $1,000 scholarships to high school seniors across the state who plan to enter college in the summer or fall of 2026.

One scholarship will be awarded in each of ACDEA's six designated areas. Cullman County is part of a 12 county area from which one outstanding student will be selected. Scholarships may be used at any accredited college of the student's choice.

The program is designed to recognize students who demonstrate leadership, involvement in school or community activities and a commitment to conservation, agriculture or environmental stewardship.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, Alabama residents and current high school seniors. Financial need will also be considered.

"Supporting the next generation of leaders — especially those who value conservation and responsible land stewardship — is central to our mission," said Kathy Holmes, district administrative coordinator for the Cullman County Conservation District. "We encourage all eligible seniors to apply."

Application requirements

- Completed ACDEA scholarship application
- A photo (school photo or ID copy accepted)
- Two recommendation forms (one suggested from a teacher)
- Counselor verified GPA and ACT score

Students are encouraged to highlight academic honors, extracurricular involvement, volunteer work and any agriculture or conservation related activities such as 4 H, FFA, livestock shows or community environmental events.

Deadline

All completed applications must be received by Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Applications may be submitted by email or mail:

Cullman County Conservation District
501 B Fourth St. SW
Cullman, AL 35055 4020
Email: cullman@alconservationdistricts.org

Late applications cannot be accepted due to the statewide judging schedule.

For questions, applicants may contact the Cullman County Conservation District at 256 734 1431 or cullman@alconservationdistricts.org.

St. Bernard Preparatory School Honor and Merit Rolls

Staff Reports
Contributor

HONOR ROLL
Fall Semester 2025
Semester average
95.0 and above

Grade 7
- Ryan Keough
- Helena Perkins

Grade 8
- Kade Chamblee
- Eleanor Franklin
- Vivian Gargan
- Jesus Sanchez Andrade
- Murphy Thomas

Grade 9
- Brooklynn Agnello
- Payton Becker
- Chloe Brewer
- Aaron Cortes-Villegas
- Silas Krische
- Josie Lamote
- Saleen Mata
- Andrew Nguyen
- Zikora Obiora-Akubue
- Murielle Pittet
- Caroline Sanders
- Grayson Stewart

Grade 10
- Maria Agnello
- Norah Bissot
- Caterina Botta
- Josue Chavez
- Ella Cron
- Anastasia Hazard
- Avery Hines
- Merry Pichardo
- Anthony Ranelli
- Jacob Tombo

Grade 11
- Ruth Adams
- Karly Arndt
- Charlotte Boykin
- Alexis Cron
- Sean Daly
- Vanesa Francisco
- Emilie Gutowski
- Rafi Guevara
- Aiden Hays
- Joy Lamote
- Caroline McBride
- Sage McDowell
- Sam Myers
- Tessa Sanders
- Lily Tillitski
- Liseli Uriarte
- Yulissa Wang

Grade 12
- Anna Agnello
- Katie Chamblee
- Parker Guthery
- Gavitt Lewis
- Kimberly McCormick
- Josh Marks
- Emma Osborne
- Charli Roberson
- Sarah Woods

MERIT ROLL
Fall Semester 2025

Semester average 90.0 to 94.9

Grade 7
- Krislyn Contreras
- Wyatt Cron
- Anamari Alonzo Gonzalez
- Lily Kerber
- Brady Thomas

Grade 8
- Nataly Chavez
- Azlynn Florence
- Rosalinda Silva

Grade 9
- Ingrid Ramirez Quintero

Grade 10
- Alexa Chavez
- Elsie Aguilar-Contreras
- Victoria Becerra
- Analia Lajara
- Kimmie McCormick
- Johnathan McBride
- Kimberly Pantoja
- Mia Reznichenko

Grade 11
- Karime Dagnino-Villegas
- Kieran Gargan
- Logan Kretzschmar
- Julia Yohe

Grade 12
- Alex Chavez
- Benedict Gil
- Daniel Pichardo
- Ella Tombo

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 15-16

Ralph Ethridge Rogers, 92
Funeral services for Ralph Ethridge Rogers, 92, of Knoxville, Tennessee (formerly of Garden City, Alabama) will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Rogers was born Jan. 25, 1933, in Bangor, Alabama to the late Robert "Fred" Rogers & Vella Boren Rogers. He passed away Jan. 13, 2026, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Mr. Rogers is survived by his siblings, Tommie Rogers, and Laura Beavers; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Rogers was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Rogers; daughter, Belinda Jane Rogers; parents, Robert "Fred" and Vella Boren Rogers; and his siblings, William Rogers, Raymond Rogers, Carrol Rogers, Kathaleen Roper Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rogers family.

Edgar Lee Martens, 85
Edgar Lee Martens was born March 10, 1940, in the family home at Conway Springs, Kansas. He was the second of five children born to Isaac and Lavina Martens. As a boy, Edgar learned to work hard and to be strong as he grew up on a farm, milking cows, feeding chickens, and working the wheat fields. These two traits of working hard and being strong would follow Edgar throughout his life. As a young man, he graduated from Anthony High School in Anthony, Kansas, where he was the starting center on the basketball team. He played two more years at Kansas State Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas. At this point, he realized that love was more important than basketball and he married Gloria Ann Esters on August 19, 1961. He immediately moved to Louisiana, finishing his teaching degree at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Upon graduation, he moved to Shreveport, Louisiana and took employment with the Caddo Parish school system, eventually spending many years teaching printing at the Caddo Career Center. It was in Shreveport that Edgar and Gloria raised their three children, Joan Darlene, Sharla Ann, and Brandon Lee. Edgar spent nearly 65 years together caring for each other. The moments right before he passed away, found him once again doing this same thing. Edgar went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his Heavenly Father on the evening of Jan. 13, 2026, at the age of 85, more than 67 years after he chose to turn from himself and his own way of living and follow Jesus. Edgar believed in reading his bible and he believed in doing what it said. In seeking the Lord for his calling in life, he believed strongly that God had called him to be a helper. And that is what he did. Right up to his last days, Edgar was taking the opportunities God sent his way and fulfilling the call to help that God had put on his life. Edgar was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac and Lavina Martens, his brothers Clarence Martens and Everett Martens, and one of his granddaughters, Lauren Rachelle Cresswell. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Ann Martens, his daughters, Joan (Rick) Rodgers and Sharla Martens, and his son, Brandon (Amber) Martens, and two sisters, Karyn Woodward and Wanda Martens. He is also leaving behind a host of grandchildren [Sarah (Aaron), Katelyn (Mike), Zachary, Emylee Grace, Whit (Aubrey), Isaac, Laurie Paige, Drew, HannahKate, and Bethanny] and great grandchildren (Harper, Sampson, Esther, Evie, Lilly) whom he loved dearly. He was a wonderful man who will be sorely missed by all of his family and those who knew him. Services honoring Edgar will be held Saturday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home in Hanceville, Alabama. Graveside to follow at Sulphur Springs Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 16, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wade Harden McKee, 80
Wade Harden McKee, age 80, of Blountsville, passed away peacefully at home Jan. 14, 2026. He was born in Pinson, Alabama, on Feb. 5, 1945, to Onas Sumpter McKee and Jessie Lou Harden McKee. He was the sixth of seven boys. Wade is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Onas Jr. and Harold. Mr. McKee is survived by his wife of almost sixty-one years, Patricia Morrow McKee; children, Rhonda, Brian (Angela), and Daniel (Angel); his brothers, Bobby (Jo), Neal, Charles (Gwen), and Joel; and father-in-law, William Morrow. He was blessed with ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. A faithful southern Baptist that grew up in Pinson, Alabama, Wade attended Pinson Rock School and graduated from Hewitt Trussville High School. He was a mechanical engineer who worked for Crysler Corporation Space division, went on to work for Connor Steel, then SMI. After retiring from the steel industry, he then went on to work for Austin Powder. Wade enjoyed many hobbies including being a pilot, metal fabrication, woodworking and farming. Friends are invited to join the McKee family for a time of visitation on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. Funeral services for Mr. McKee will follow visitation, beginning at 2 p.m., with Pastor Randy Hale officiating. Wade will be laid to rest in Austin Creek Cemetery where his grandsons will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, Wade's wishes were that donations be made in his memory to the Blount County Animal Shelter or to The Big Oak Ranch. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16 Obituary provided by the McKee family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the McKee family.

Larry 'Red' Eugene Gamble, 80
Funeral services for Larry "Red" Gamble, 80, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Sunday, January 18th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Garden City Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Gamble was born Jan. 3, 1946, in Cullman County, Alabama to the late Vester & Pernie Gamble. He passed away Jan. 15, 2026, in Hanceville, Alabama. Mr. Gamble is survived by his wife of 57 years, Brenda Gamble; children, Brandon Gamble (Brandy); grandchildren, Nate Gable (Mary Claire), Greyson Gamble, Chandler West; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Gamble was preceded in death by his parents, Vester and Pernie Gamble; and his brothers, Bob Gamble, and Allen Gamble. Serving as pallbearers will be Josh Gaines, Dewayne Gaines, Joe Walker, Phillip Holmes, Nathan Pope, Chanse Pope. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gamble family.

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